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*Goulburn High School
would like to wish all students, parents
and caregivers a Merry Christmas
and a
Happy Holiday Season.*



Principal's Report



This is my final report for 2013 and I would like to personally thank both staff and students for their efforts and commitment throughout the year. This year has been a very positive year for our school with a range of successes across a variety of areas, including, sporting, community, academic and cultural.

During the year many parents have assisted and supported the school and I would like to thank you for this. You play a valuable role in helping your child succeed in their educational endeavours.

I am looking forward to acknowledging our students' achievements during our Presentation Evening this week. Students have worked hard during the year and I look forward to this continuing next year.

The package you received today contains a range of information and I encourage you to read the information carefully. As well, it would be appreciated if you could complete any forms and send them back to school so that our records can be updated.

To conclude, I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable break over Christmas and I look forward to seeing our students in the new year.

Peter Browne

Early this month I travelled to Wagga Wagga for the 2013 ITF (International Taekwondo Federation) National Championships and World Championship selection.

On Saturday the 30th of November, I fought a 17 year old black belt who had already fought in the World Championships. I won and was selected to fight for Australia in the 2014 ITF World Championship in Tajikistan.

I also received

- a Bronze Medal in Senior Male Patters
- a Bronze Medal in Senior Male Team Sparring
- a Silver Medal in Senior Male Self-Defence
- a Gold Medal in Male Individual Sparring

which makes me the Australian Champion in my division.

The World Championships are in Russia in August 2014 and I was also selected to compete at the World Championship for the Special Technique Event.

Joel Downey



FROM THE CAREERS DESK

WORK EXPERIENCE

The final group of Year 10 students have successfully completed their placements. I am very pleased to report that 71% of students in Year 10 have participated in Work Experience this year, with several students completing up to three placements.

THANK YOU to all the employers who have supported our Work Experience program in 2013, particularly to the following group who have hosted our students during the final weeks of this semester.

Students	Employers	Students	Employers
Hayden Becker	Ryan Harvison Tiling	Hayden Becker	RH & AL Adamson Landscaping
Lachlan Becker	Ian Cumming Building	Nathan Charnock	Ian Cumming Building
Lauren Charnock	Kids Choice Goulburn	Trent Eather	Pearsons Engineering
Harrison Noack	Goulburn Mulwaree Council	Joel Downey	Subxtreme
Joseph Muscarella	Green Grocer	Amar El-Mohamad	2GN Radio
Marlee Day	Goulburn Library	Luke Hayward	EB Games
Aaron Mercer	Tom Moss Auto's	Ryan Grice	Grandma's Little Bakery
Kate Reid	Scott Reid Plumbing	Khea-Shan Weston	Scott Reid Plumbing
Rory Heffernan	MG Building & Maintenance	Aaron Skelly	Chris Rowlands & Ass.
Michaela Barrett	Defence Force – Duntroon	Laura Fletcher	Absolute Fitness
Mikayla Evans	Absolute Fitness	Pearl Rakete	Inspired Hair
Sarah Chinnery	Hair Talk on Clifford	Emmot Falconer	Goulburn Base Hospital
Jamie McLaughlin	Kylcross PtyLtd	Hayden Ellis	Clinton St.Vet Clinic
Ebony Bacht	Clifford St.Vet Clinic	Jordan Borman	Crazy Clarks
Jameson Snell	Bunnings	Micaela Battiste	Woolaringa Meats

CONGRATULATIONS

Jacob Baldock has secured a School Based Apprenticeship following a very successful placement with Gavin Rowley Constructions. This means that Jacob will complete his HSC with a combination of schooling, TAFE studies and paid employment and will then continue with his full-time apprenticeship.

In this issue of the **Careers Desk Newsletter** Topics include: Fantastic Traineeship opportunities with National Parks & Wildlife; Information sessions at ANU & Sydney University; holiday opportunities in Digital Media Training; Reminders about Free Careers Advisory Service for HSC students; Scholarship opportunities; and RoSA & BOS Students Online.

Find it in the newsletter folder on the schools website www.goulburn-h.schools.nsw.edu.au



Happy
Holidays!

Goulburn High School's TAS students have produced many outstanding HSC woodwork projects, and Corben Strettles, Year 9 Project Wood student, is also refining his skills in carpentry in order to achieve his best in three years. Well done, Corben.



Deputy Principal's Report

This newsletter has been delivered to you in a package containing a number of items from the school. The first item most will have noticed is the student report for Semester 2. This report sums up your child's progress, achievements and areas for improvement as determined through the teaching and learning process over the past two terms. Please read carefully, discuss it with your child and keep it in a safe place for future reference or use in a job application etc.

Also included is a medical information form and a permission to photograph form, both of which need to be completed and returned to the school at the start of term 1 2014. The 2014 term start dates are included for your information. Please note that your child has moved up a year, so year 8 2014 was year 7 in 2013.

A note explaining uniform requirements is added for your information. The school requires students to wear enclosed black leather shoes. Shoes with other colours, including white on the edge of the soles, are not permitted under our uniform code. Students wearing canvas shoes will not be permitted to undertake practical work in a number of subjects. Steel-capped shoes/boots are not permitted as school shoes. Please ensure that you read the requirements carefully – if there are any uncertainties with regards to uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff, students, parents and community members for a great year at Goulburn High School, and wish you a wonderful break and start to 2014.

Vero Joseph



VIBE 3on3

The National Indigenous 3on3 Basketball and Hip Hop Challenge – the Vibe 3on3 – is a traveling sport and music festival that brings together Indigenous and non-Indigenous

people for a fun day of basketball, dancing and music. The event encourages sportsmanship, teaches new skills and builds self-esteem, as well as promoting reconciliation at a grassroots level, featuring a 3on3 basketball round-robin, rapping and break dancing lessons, art workshops, a dance competition and a health expo, all accompanied by a backing track of the latest RnB, hip hop and Indigenous music.

Goulburn High School students participated in the event by competing in the 3on3 basketball competition and in the various workshops, as well as volunteering at the various workshops and information stalls. Their behaviour was impeccable and they were excellent ambassadors for Goulburn High School.

Jeff Chin

Special mention goes to:

GHS Celtics for winning the High School Boys Basketball Competition
(Sam Ross, Dylan Knight, Callum Daly, Douglas Unasa)

GHS All Stars for winning the High School Girls Basketball Competition
(Marlee Day, Ebony Hargrave, Natalie Patterson, Ellen Ryan)

Isaac Bennet for winning the dance competition



Red Cross Blood Donations

Thank you and congratulations to Hannah Cotton and Chloe Gardner, our Red Cross School Ambassadors and to all GHS students who have participated in Club Red in 2013. In 2012, Goulburn High students made 17 donations, helping 51 people in need. As of the end of October 2013, 51 donations were made, with more blood donations given in November and December. This means we more than tripled last year's total and helped over 150 patients.

The following students registered with Club Red for Goulburn High:

Bethany Cosgrove , Caitlin Young, Chelsey Orr, Chloe Gardner, Courtney Saebisch, Ebony Hogan, Elana Moulakas, Hannah Cotton, Jake Staines, Imogen Saebisch, Jackson Kofod, Jacob Baker, Jacob Winters, Jamie Rankin, Jessika Allport, Joanne Foxton, Katrina Hewitt, Kayla Granger, Kiah Joseph, Kimberley McFarlane, Kimberley Sykes, Kyra Killin, Maddin Kay-Woods, Mayka Worldon, Mikayla Baines, Nartiah Hodgkinson, Stephanie Warden, Taylar Chapman, Taylor Dudley, Teneille Green, Tiana Peden, Tom Rampling and Zachery Bladwell.

Well done to all of you. You have certainly actively demonstrated our school values of aiming high, being positive, considerate and respecting yourself and others. Hopefully we will see a similar response to the call for blood donations in 2014.

Mrs Anable.



Debating at Breadalbane

On the 26th of November Sean Kelly and I attended the Combined Debating Competition involving three primary schools in the local area. The competing teams were made up of students from Dalton, Breadalbane and Tiranna Primary Schools. All three schools participated in informal coaching and a debating competition and, in response to a request from Breadalbane Primary School, Sean and I acted as adjudicators for the event.

To begin, a prepared debate was conducted between Dalton and Breadalbane schools. Both teams showed a clear understanding of the topic: 'That computers are good for us', and delivered detailed and varied arguments in their speeches. Sean and I awarded this debate to Breadalbane on the grounds that this team's arguments were slightly superior.

The second debate staged was between older students from Dalton and Tiranna Primary Schools. Teams had time to prepare before the debate and during this time they were coached by Sean and me. We assisted the teams to produce ideas, include a variety of techniques, gain confidence, and structure speeches accurately. We saw an increase in proficiency and speech length in this debate and the result was difficult to judge. Sean and I awarded the debate to

Dalton Primary School on the grounds that this team's arguments and rebuttals were more convincing.

Overall, I believe that both the primary and high school students involved had an deal opportunity to enhance their debating skills and benefitted greatly from attending this event.

Otto Kemmis – Year 8



BLOCK AND BRICKLAYING COURSE ADDS STEPS

Recently Goulburn High School participated in a Block & Bricklaying course conducted by the ABBTF (Australian Block & Bricklaying Foundation Ltd). The course involved 10 students undertaking 3 days of intensive training in bricklaying. The course included OH&S, measurements and calculations, plan interpretation, work requirements, use of hand tools and practical bricklaying. The students who participated in the course included boys from years 9, 10 and 11 with a range of abilities and interests. The year 11 students are currently undertaking a 2 year VET course at school, which when complete will allow entry to the building trades as a second year apprentice. This experience will be invaluable to them as budding tradesmen. A number of the junior students have a desire to leave school to enter a trade as soon as possible. This training is giving them a real interest and skills toward seeking employment in bricklaying. Many of these students will most likely become tradesmen within the Goulburn area.



Students congregate in this area at all breaks but there is nowhere to sit other than on the ground.

The Goulburn High School sports oval is open to all students as a place to sit to eat their recess and lunch every school day. It is also used to play active sporting games and as an area suitable for spectators. It is also used by all PE classes. As the oval has no seating, students are required to sit on the grass, which can be uncomfortable and at times dusty, cold or wet.

The proposed project has four main aims:

- to extend this year's successful bricklaying program to more students in 2014. The program could be extended for as long as funding is available to enhance the funds the school is able to commit
- to provide training which is not done in other schools in Goulburn
- to produce bricklaying tradesmen in the future to work in the Goulburn area
- to provide seating for students along the school oval. The next stage of the project could provide training for a large number of boys (possibly 40) to create seating for the entire school.

The school is seeking donations to enable the extension of the program into 2014.

Jim Henry



Brickwork complete, awaiting pouring of concrete.



The completed seating. Further raised seating to be erected at the far end.



The Block & Bricklaying students working on brick wall.



The Trade Training Program Team in action laying concrete.



PE students sit on the ground.



Duke of Edinburgh Walk

On the 24th, 25th and 26th of November, 24 students volunteered to trek in the wilderness of South Durras for their Silver and Bronze Test Walk. They were accompanied by Miss Kara, Mr White and Mrs Ros Slater.

The trek went for a gruelling 36km over a period of 3 days. We experienced extreme exhaustion when we climbed Mt Agony and we all had to cross many sections of jagged rocks. Many smiles were shared after a swim at the beach which was located not far from our first camp site. That night we were ambushed by possums, kookaburras and numerous kangaroos.

The next day, we were surprised to be walking up the coast line with rain accompanying our every step. With the rain and waves washing up over our feet, we were definitely soaked by the time we hit our second camp site. There were countless incidents when people fell over head-over-heels, making this trip much more enjoyable. They gave us a laugh even if the victim didn't always laugh with us.

The last day only consisted of 4 km and was by far the easiest day of the whole trip. This journey was only made possible because of the organisation and effort of Mr White and Miss Kara. Thank you also to Mrs Slater for her support. Thank you to all for all your hard work.

Renae Robinson and Emily Reynolds-Woods, Year 9.



Ability Day

This week students from Goulburn High School helped celebrate Ability Day at the Basketball Stadium. Some participated in the basketball competition while others volunteered on the day.



Presentation Assembly December 2013





Awards were presented to all Year 10 students in recognition of the completion of their junior schooling and also to students who have participated in extracurricular activities such as debating, the Legacy team, the Block and Brick program, and positive classroom effort and achievement amongst other activities.



Positive Behaviour for Success Auction



Over the past two terms, students at Goulburn High School have been busy earning GHS Dollars by demonstrating our school values as part of the Positive Behaviour for Success (PBS) Student Positive Achievement Rewards System (SPARS). During week 9, students had the opportunity to spend their dollars during open and closed auctions for a number of great prizes. The closed auctions ran on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, with students placing a secret bid into the bid box. The highest bidder won the item being auctioned on that day.

The item on auction on Tuesday was a GoPro Hero 3 camera, kindly donated by Topshot Photographics in Clifford Street. The winner of the GoPro was Tim Chalker in Year 11. The Wednesday item was a Nikon J1 Digital SLR camera, kindly donated by Harvey Norman Goulburn. The Nikon camera was won by Hayden Norton in Year 9. Thursday saw the auction of a boom box donated by our canteen milk suppliers, Dairy Farmers. Doug Unasa in Year 10 was the highest bidder on that item.



Friday saw the open auction in the school hall, with Jim Brewer from Jim Brewer Real Estate donating his time as auctioneer extraordinaire. Students bid for a variety of items including sports equipment kindly donated by Sportspower Goulburn, toys kindly donated by Morton Brothers Toys, gift cards, access to computer rooms and tennis courts, bags of bird seed and buying a teacher for a period to do the classwork!



It has been a great end to the year and the PBS team would like to thank the staff and students who have worked very hard to ensure that our rewards program is a success.



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A LEAGUE TRIP TO SYDNEY

On Saturday the 9th November, 20 students, one slightly crazy teacher and one very brave mum travelled to Sydney to watch the great clash between Sydney FC and Melbourne Victory (they're soccer teams!). After arriving at the venue, it took us about an hour to make the



300 metres to the Sydney Cricket Ground where the game was happening. We waited another hour to buy our tickets and THEN we made our way to our seats. We sat right up near the edge of the ground and after Mr Mackay and my mum had an in-depth conversation about how much each individual player earns per year in comparison to teachers at Goulburn High, the game began!

The first two goals went to Sydney FC (naturally), then there was a small incident involving a certain Sydney player and a red card. This won Melbourne a direct penalty from just outside the box. It was slotted in and the game was back on! 3 minutes later Melbourne scored another goal and we were back to a 2-2 draw. 15 minutes before the half time whistle, Del Pierro was granted a penalty from outside the box, which put Sydney back in front.

By half time, there had been 5 goals, 5 yellow cards and 1 red card. The players thought this was enough and the score remained the same. There were a lot of very close calls and the way Sydney adjusted their play in this game was incredible. After the game ended we were all quite excited... none of us as much as Mr Mackay who was jumping up and down on seats and flailing his scarf everywhere. We stayed to scream victorious remarks at the victorious Sydney FC, lost half the group, found them again, ate a delicious meal at McDonalds at 11:30pm and made our way back to Goulburn.

We wish to extend our thanks to Mr Mackay, Ash Mahoney and the bus driver for allowing us to have a great evening and lots of fun.

Steph Warden & Courtney Finn



ROBOGAL VISIT

On the 27th of November we had the pleasure of receiving a visit from a group of students from the ANU. This group was part of an organisation named Robogals, who aim to get girls interested in engineering. To do this, they brought along several robots, which the students

programmed to manoeuvre around a course which simulated the rubble of a fallen building (a situation in which robots are used today). The visitors then went on to explain and talk about engineering, and spoke with students who were interested in their particular field, such as program engineering or civic engineering. Overall, it was a fantastic experience, and certainly one which piqued the interest of many students there.









As the end of the school year is rapidly approaching, we thank our teachers for all their fine efforts through the year and wish staff and students a safe and happy holiday.

Goulburn High's 101st Presentation Night will be a celebration and recognition of all the hard work of students. The school has afforded our students many opportunities to shine. We thank the staff for "going that extra mile" to organise a variety of excursions and learning experiences.

Goulburn High will be hosting the NSW Street Rods State Titles over the 2014 Easter weekend. We will need support from our families to be able to provide all the fundraising facilities for the crowds who will come to view the vehicles on our oval. We welcome and need your help and participation.

Academy Photography was chosen by the parents to be our school photographer for 2014 and photos will be taken on the 18th February. We need all our students in full school uniform. There will be a photo taken of each Year group together. Thank you in anticipation.

Well done, and heartfelt appreciation to all the teaching staff, the Learning Support team, the dedicated Canteen staff and the ever reliable Administration staff for all their work in their various roles. A very big thank you to all the parents who have supported our school and P&C through 2013. We look forward to yet another rewarding and successful year for GHS in 2014 and will welcome new and enthusiastic parents who join our P&C.

Our first P&C meeting will be Wednesday 12th February 7pm in our Common Room, and all are most welcome. Merry Christmas to everyone.

Paula Geary

President of GHS P&C Association.



8M's trip to Chinatown

On the 26th of November 8M travelled to Chinatown as a part of our Cultural Studies. We got up early in the morning and travelled to Sydney by train at around 7:30. Once in Sydney we met our tour guide George and he took us through the sights of Chinatown. We went to Haymarket and then we went for lunch. Some of us had trouble using chopsticks and we also tried some unusual foods, e.g. chicken feet. After an awesome lunch we walked to the Chinese Gardens where some of us dressed in traditional Chinese dress. It was a good experience to see the culture and traditions of the Chinese people. Once we had finished in the gardens we walked back to the train station where Dallas bought 12 Krispy Kreme doughnuts. After that we got back on the train to go home, talking about what had happened that day. A big thanks to Mr Mackay for planning the trip - it was awesome!!!!

By Justin Taylor and Selby Malone



Dallas Strettles eating fried chicken claws and loving it ;)



REWARDS AFTERNOON

On Tuesday week 6 this term, GHS had its first Rewards Afternoon for students who had earned enough Goulburn Dollars throughout the year.

Much fun was had by all those who participated in activities, including pizza lunches, movies, Wii, Xbox and tennis. Thank you to all involved.

A. Jordan



Year 9 'Party Safe' lectures

In mid-November, all year 9 students attended two separate 'Party Safe' talks. The first talk was presented by the school district's Police Liaison Officer, Gary Mutton, who explained the legal rights and obligations of learner drivers, the legalities of going to

parties where alcohol is served and the repercussions of taking illegal drugs. The second talk was presented by Community and Health's Rosemary Cosgrove, who spoke about the physical effects of alcohol and drugs. This was a hands-on experience where some students wore 'beer goggles' to see what it was like to be under the influence of alcohol.



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