



Goulburn
High
School
Newsletter



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5th Year Glory!
The Smith Cup is ours
again





Principal's Report

Welcome back to the start of Term 4. Year 12 are currently completing their HSC exams. Students in Years 7 to 11 are finalising their end of year activity selections and junior exams will commence shortly.

During the last school holidays, together with Ms Loveday, I accompanied 10 students to Jeju Island, South Korea, on our annual exchange program. The students were a pleasure to travel with and represented the school proudly. This is a great opportunity for students to experience another country's culture and I encourage students to consider travelling to Korea next year.

Last Friday Goulburn and Bowral High Schools competed in the Smith Cup. This is one of the oldest interschool competitions still in existence in NSW. We won for the fifth time in a row, an amazing achievement, and I would like to congratulate all the students who participated and helped on the day to make this a truly memorable experience. Thanks to Mr Chamberlain and the PE staff for organising this competition each year.

On Saturday the 11th of October, 32 students from year 2 to almost ex-year 12 and 5 adults made their way from Goulburn High to the Allianz Stadium to see the Sydney FC in their opening match of the season. We followed our pre-game ritual (as our beloved sky blues have never lost when we've attended the game), stopped for a toilet break and snacks at Pheasant's Nest and continued on our way to Sydney. Traffic was quite dense and we unfortunately missed kick-off... so we went as quickly as our legs would take us to hustle through the crowds and to our seats. This game was very exciting for a lot of us, not only because of the Sydney FC but because Melbourne City has the incredible David Villa on board for 10 games. Although Sydney came away with a 1-1 draw, we didn't mind, as we got to see this Spanish superstar score his first goal of the A-League. After the game we followed our post-game ritual of late night McDonalds and listening to Mr Mackay snoring on the way home. I would personally like to thank Mr Mackay for these trips over the last 4 years and also extend those thanks to Mr Joseph, as this could be my last trip. They've always been amazing and if you're a soccer fan or just want to go along for a fun ride and an incredible atmosphere, go along to these A-League trips. They're always a heap of fun!

Steph Warden





Year 12 2014 Farewell

Assembly

Each year advisor prepares for this assembly with mixed feelings, as they farewell their charges and send them off to the HSC exams and into the world. Mr Gregory gave a warm, funny and caring speech to his students and managed to avoid the expected tears.

Congratulations to all year 12 2014! You have been a fantastic group of students and wonderful role models to our younger students. We would like to thank the Year 12 Drama group, David McDonald and Zachery Bladwell for performing on the day and making this assembly a wonderful and entertaining occasion.

Good luck and all the best for the future.





SPARs Reward Excursion Tree Tops Adventure Park

The Tree Tops Adventure Park excursion was held on the 14th October. Everyone had fun and new friends were made. Every challenge required students to support and help the ones in front and behind, and many laughs were had. The challenges got more difficult as the course continued. With aching muscles and sore hands we all clipped on to the last flying fox and flew 170m to the end of the course.

Overall we had fun. Some of us faced our fears and conquered them, and others discovered fears they never knew they had. A big thank you to the teachers who went with us – Mr Wybrow, Mrs Hyland, Mr Boyd, Ms Loveday and Mrs Croker.

By Kevin Adamz





Deepavali Celebrations at Goulburn High School

Our year 9 International Studies class has been studying the annual Hindu festival Deepavali, which celebrates the struggle of good and evil. A big part of this festival is bright colours, decorations and light. In one of our lessons, our class made some of these decorations. One of these included the Rangoli, which is thought to bring good luck and is drawn on the floor and walls of people's homes. They can be created using coloured powder, rice flour, coloured sand and/or flowers.

Some students created Torans, which are door hangings used during Deepavali. Torans are also full of bright colours to decorate people's homes for the festival. These decorations are important because the main themes of Deepavali are the lights, the flowers, the decorations and the joy.

Shayley Woodgate and Anysia Oberg





Deputy Principal's Report

Recycling at Goulburn High School

On a recent assembly, SRC students introduced the details of Goulburn High School's recycling plan. Classroom and office paper and cardboard is already recycled at GHS. This program extends to recycling during lunch and recess for drink bottles, sandwich wraps etc. The project will be launched in week 5. Thank you to the SRC led by Mr Chamberlain

for all their work and effort.

Stars in the Skies

I had the pleasure of taking the year 12 Physics class to the Australian National University's Mount Stromlo astronomy facility. The visit was part of a workshop involving physics students from all around the district. The highlight of the workshop was working with Nobel Prize winner Professor Brian Schmidt. It is not every day that students have an opportunity to ask a Nobel Prize winner about the structure of the universe. This fantastic workshop was just one of many outstanding links with the universities that our students have the opportunity to make.



Stars in Their Eyes

Our school's Prefect and SRC students recently attended a fundraising event supporting the charity Tara.Ed. This charity supports schools in India by training teachers who would otherwise have no qualifications. What makes this charity even more special is that it is run by an outstanding young woman who started her journey as a student leader in a public high school. Jennifer Star has now been named one of Australia's 100 Women of Influence. Her presentation was very thought provoking and well received by our students.



Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Goulburn High School has been structuring its BYOD specifications and user agreements. Information about the types of acceptable devices will be available to parents by the publication of the next newsletter.

Some Important Dates

- Year 7 – 10 yearly examination period 27th October to 7th November
- Recycling program launch 3rd November
- Explore ANU – year 10 students 4th November
- University of Wollongong Science Fair 5th November
- Year 8 ESSA test 10th November
- Year 7 2015 orientation day and parent evening 19th November
- Year 12 formal 20th November
- Presentation evening 11th December
- Great Barrier Reef trip 12th – 17th December
- Activities week 15th – 17th December
- Staff Development Days 18th and 19th December

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Smith Cup 2014





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‘where we take
care of each
other’

Welcome back to Term 4 – I hope you are ready for all the term has to offer!

We are just about to head into our Examination Weeks for Years 7—10 – a time that for some students can create great stress and anxiety. Basics like being prepared, making time for revision each day, eating a balanced diet, making time for exercise and getting a good night’s sleep are all good starting points.

We will be starting a group for people who would like some strategies to deal with stress and anxiety. If you think you could benefit from being involved in this group, come and see me.

This term, we are having a major focus on attendance. A reminder that it is a legal requirement for most of you to be at school and a legal requirement to explain your absence, by form of a note from home or a phone call to the school. Our fantastic team of student advisors have been busy contacting home about a number of students who have a high rate of absenteeism and I thank them for the work they do in establishing effective relationships between the school and home.

Throughout the term we will be having ‘blitzes’ on attendance related issues such as not attending roll call, students out of class without a note, students reporting to school late and more. You won’t know when, you won’t know where – but they will happen!

A reminder about our ‘Be Seen Be Heard’ board in the Canteen – lots of great events are being organised for youth in Goulburn. Get out and get amongst it!

Student teacher Jennifer Robinson is using multi-media tools to engage students in their term 4 unit in English. She is teaching language techniques used by Taylor Swift in her chart topping song ‘Shake it Off’, to introduce strategies and develop resilience against bullying.



Careers Desk

SBAT's – School Based Apprenticeships & Traineeships

Students in Years 10 – 12 are able to undertake an SBAT – which means they can start or complete an industry qualification through a traineeship or apprenticeship – while completing their HSC. Students attend the workplace for one school day per week plus some days in the holidays as a paid employee. They also complete the training component of their qualification which may involve attending TAFE, studying by distance or with their employer, and attend the remaining time at school.

Students at GHS who are currently completing SBAT's are working in Construction, Warehousing, Financial Services, Aged Care and Retail, however a large range of industries have SBAT's available. The most challenging part is finding suitable employers. Year 10 students and parents/carers who are interested in this program should be making plans NOW.

Visit the SBAT in NSW website for a full list of traineeship and apprenticeship options and speak with Mrs Kennedy.

YR 12 – Scholarships

Gunning Wind Farm are offering 2 scholarships of \$5000 each to students from the local area wishing to enter further study in University or TAFE that will benefit the communities in which they live. Preference will be given to those studying engineering, science or agricultural based courses. Applications close Friday 28th November, 2014 – forms available from Mrs Kennedy.

Don't forget The Country Education Foundation (CEF) 2015 Guide to Scholarships for Rural and Regional Students which can be found at the following link: <https://cef.org.au/students/scholarships/>

YEAR 10 –Work Experience

Congratulations to the following students who have completed Work Experience. Thank you to the host employers for supporting our students with this invaluable program.

Hazel Lumantas	Waminda Aged Care
Jake Tierney	Denham Constructions, ACT
Ambrosia Moore	Wicked Ink
Patrick Delessert	Signage One
Khyesia Todkill	Hibernian Hotel
Ryan Tuckwell	Bi-Rite Electrical
Jessica Zammit	Suba Xtreme
Natasha Halcrow	2GN
Taylor Murphy	Taronga Zoo
Trent Cooper	Tronn Alstergren Real Estate
Callum Daly	Tarago Auto Repairs



Dear Parents, Guardians, Grandparents and Carers,

Bridges to Higher Education cordially invites you to a Parents' Forum – an interactive workshop to support your child through Secondary School and help with their career decisions.

Parent Forum

Date: Tuesday 11th November 2014 5.30 till 8.30pm (arrive from 5.00pm)

Venue: Goulburn Soldiers Club – Belmore Room

15 Market Street Goulburn

Light Refreshments provided

This free workshop will provide you with up-to-date information about educational pathways and aims to help you support your children effectively when they're making career transition decisions within the secondary school system and beyond.

Get tips on how to communicate with young people about careers and encourage them to explore their interests.

Learn to navigate your way around the careers services and resources available.

Help your children start thinking and planning.

To value add to one of the career resources: could you please bring along a **photo of you at work**.

For catering, please **RSVP** to Ian Martin email: ian.martin@acu.edu.au by **Tuesday 4th November**.

Kind Regards,

Ian Martin

Equity Pathways Officer, ACU

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SAFETY POINT

The school is very concerned about the safety of students when being dropped-off by vehicles.

Car drivers should note the following road rule:

Double parking

A driver must not stop on a road if to do so would put any part of their vehicle between a vehicle that is legally parked on the road and the centre of the road.

Goldsmith Street is a particularly busy street. The school has informed the local police of our safety concern and we have a commitment from them that they will assist the school with regular morning and afternoon patrols.