

# Goul Burn High School Newsletter



30th July

7/14

### **NAIDOC** Week Celebrations at Goulburn High School

On Thursday 17th of July GHS celebrated NAIDOC Week with a special assembly, flag raising and tastes of bush tucker food for all. During the assembly, all students who participated in the creation of the Aboriginal Garden over the past year, planting a variety of edible and medicinal plants, received awards. Mr White and year 12 student David McDonald opened and closed the assembly playing the didgeridoo.

Everyone was present at the flag raising ceremony and we all enjoyed a bush tucker lunch cooked by year 11 Hospitality students, assisted by Kayla Granger from Support and year 12 student, Matt Brown. The kangaroo pie with damper crust was a particular highlight, and we all tried the wattle seed tea and during lunch 2, were treated to lemon myrtle syrup ice cream. GHS students would like to thank the Equity Committee, Ms Whiley, Mr Boyd, Mr White, Mr Chamberlain, Mrs Ford, Mrs Grey and Mr Mani, for organising events on such an important day, and Mrs Porter for leading the Hospitality students and supplying us with a delicious lunch. Thank you very much.





### **Principal's Report**

Welcome back to the start of term 3. This will be the last term for our Yr 12 students as they prepare for their Trial and HSC examinations.

This term students in Years 8 and 10 will be involved with selecting their electives for 2015. A number of activities have been planned to assist students in choosing electives that will meet both their needs and

interests. More information regarding these activities will be sent home shortly.

During the last week of last term I had the pleasure of accompanying two of our school leaders, Hannah Cotton and Maddison Cranston, to meet the Governor of NSW, the Honourable Marie Bashir. This was held at Government House in Sydney. As well, the students undertook

a visit to the NSW Parliament
House and were met by our local
member, the Honourable Pru
Goward. Both Hannah and
Maddison are to be congratulated on
the way they represented the school
during this event.

Last week in preparation for their HSC Drama Performances, 5 students, Jack Bell, Zac Bladwell, Hannah Cotton, Brianna Southwell and Stephanie Warden performed their major works in front of an audience of parents and staff. Thank you to Ms Dana Spence for her work in preparing her students.



### Peter Browne



### Another poddy lamb from our school farm

One tiny little lamb was neglected by its mother last week and Makayla Bain offered to take it home, give it a name and take care of the bottle feeding. Simba now resides in Makayla's backyard and has already gained weight, looking healthy and happy. Georgia Faraday is also helping with the bottle feeding and we would like to thank both girls for doing such a tremendous job.

Simba is in good hands.





### **NAIDOC WEEK 2014**















We hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing break during the holidays. Term 3 brings us to the halfway mark of the school year and there is still lots happening!

The P&C have worked hard negotiating with our school photographers and have received a response. Soon every child at Goulburn High School will receive reprints of their school photos! Please look out for these in your child's bag. We would like to thank the parents who helped us with their feedback and the photographers for being co-operative with resolving our issues.

### **DOMINO'S DOUGHRAISER**

















**Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>** is our Domino's Doughraiser night. This P&C Doughraiser will be held in conjunction with Goulburn High's PBS reward system. \$1 raised from every pizza sold will go directly to the PBS reward system and will help offset costs associated with this, so please buy plenty of pizza! These fundraisers are of such a great benefit to our school.

Remember our school has a fantastic website, so if there is any information you need please check it out at www.goulburn-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/

### **P&C Meeting dates**

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm.

All our meetings are on the second Wednesday night of the month in the M Block Common Room. There are only 4 meetings left for this year and they are as follows:

### Term 3

13<sup>th</sup> August 10<sup>th</sup> September

### Term 4

8<sup>th</sup> October 12<sup>th</sup> November – Dinner Meeting

Renee Woodberry
GHS P&C President

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### **DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

### **Disability Discrimination Act**

Goulburn High School staff have been undertaking training in the implementation of the Department of Education and Communities' response to the Disability Discrimination Act. The Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) is a policy that ensures equity of access to all people, including in education. In schools, reasonable adjustments are made to allow students equal access to education on a regular basis. Teachers make these adjustments for students with an identified disability, as well as for students who might be experiencing difficulty despite no formal disability. Adjustments could range from the provision of ramps and lifts, enlarging work to make it easier to read, modifying lessons and assessment tasks, moving a student to the front of a room or

providing specific programs. The Department of Education and Communities is building a database of the adjustments made to support students as part of its commitment to supporting the DDA. The database allows the Department to ensure schools are making adjustments, as well as allowing quicker support for students when they need it.

Over the last few weeks forms have been sent home and will eventually be sent to all students. These permission forms allow the school to place information about adjustments made for students on the Department's database. Although the forms use the word 'disability', the Department requires us to record adjustments for a variety of students, with and without disabilities. I am aware that the forms have caused some confusion or angst for some and hope that this will help clear up any confusion. As the information is gathered about adjustments, parents will be contacted and informed about how their child is being supported and be given the opportunity to provide input and feedback to the process. I am looking forward to seeing access to education for our young people at Goulburn High School enhanced even further.

### **Shoes**

A reminder that all students should be wearing polishable plain black enclosed shoes as per our uniform code.

Canvas, suede, mesh or open shoes are not part of our school uniform code.

Vero Joseph

#### **Some Important Dates:**

Year 7 – 10 Student Research Projects due 1st August

Regional Athletics 1<sup>st</sup> August

Year 8 subject selection evening for year 9 2015 5.30-6.30pm school hall 5<sup>th</sup> August

Year 10 subject selection evening for year 11 2015 7.00-8.30pm school hall 5<sup>th</sup> August

Year 12 Trial HSC Examinations 7<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of August

Year 6 High School Taster Days 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> August

RSPCA Cupcake Day Against Animal Cruelty 18th August

Science Fair 19th August

University Admission year 12 parent information evening 19th August

Ski Trip 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> August

Year 11 final examination 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September

Year 12 farewell assembly 18<sup>th</sup> September (Time TBC)

Last day of term 3 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Korean trip 21st September to 1st October

Labour Day public holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October

School resumes for Term 4 Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October



## Goulburn High School Science Fair

When: Tuesday 19 August 2014

Where: Goulburn High School Hall

Time: 5:00pm-6:30pm People's Choice Awards,

**Voting and Interactive Science Activities** 

6:30pm Paper Aeroplane Competition

7:00pm Presentation of Awards

A BBQ and Science Shop will be available on the evening.

The 2014 Goulburn High School Science Fair is sponsored by the Gunning Wind Farm



### Sports Report

It was a great end to term 2 and has been a busy start to term 3 in the sporting arena with a lot of students representing Goulburn High School. Last term Goulburn High School students braved the cold conditions to participate in the annual Athletics Carnival. The day enabled many students to step out of their comfort zone, competing in a number of track and field events whilst displaying our school values. Well done to everyone on a very successful Athletics Carnival and congratulations to the following Age Champions and Sports Houses:

12 years - Liam Smith, Olivia Ottaway
13 years - Brandyn Law, Mackenzie Dodd
14 years - Daniel Waters, Samantha Estall
15 years - Jayden Apps, Anneke Noack
16 years - Friday Karbehl, Kate Reid
17 years - Emmot Falconer, Cassie Reid

 $1^{\text{st}}$  Lumsden — 1109  $2^{\text{nd}}$  Taylor — 966  $3^{\text{rd}}$  Southwell — 840  $4^{\text{th}}$  Knopp — 719

Good luck to all students competing at Regional Athletics on Friday.

Congratulations to the U/14 boys Buckley Shield Rugby League side, who made it to the final 20 in the state defeating Narooma High School in a hard fought out game. The boys showed plenty of courage and determination to defeat a well drilled Narooma side to take the win 18 - 14. Good games by Nathan Price, Mitchell Scott and Jacob Miller helped secure a spot in the final 20. We wish the boys luck when they take on their opponents in the coming weeks.

Good luck to all students and teams competing in the weeks to come.

Mr Chamberlain



Monday 18th August

@ Goul burn High School

### Fight Animal Cruelty with cupcakes

Goulburn High School is helping to raise money for the RSPCA on Monday 18th August . Would you like to bake cupcakes and sell them to our students to help the fight against animal cruelty?

If so, get in touch with Ms Maltan in the English faculty for further information. You can bake as many cupcakes as you like, however, we need a list of ingredients used included with the cupcakes. Thank you in advance:)



### Please support your local Can Assist Branch

### **Operation Dunderhead**

**Goulburn Workers Club** 

Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2014

Doors open 6.00 pm for 7.00 pm start

Teams for up to 8 players

\$15.00 per head, includes light supper

Even the biggest Dunderhead can win the way we play – come along and find out how!





### **Good company**

Lucky Door Prizes Good Prizes

Light Supper Lucky ticket numbers

Raffle Mini Auction

Essential criteria – a good sense of humour

### A great cause

With your help we can continue assisting local families affected by cancer, so please bring your friends and come along.

Tickets available at the Workers Club or phone Bonita 4844 5387 for further information.

For catering purposes book as soon as possible.

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'where we take care of each other'

### **Word on Welfare**

The Word on Welfare is back!

Term 3 is a busy term for our senior students in particular. Year 12 are rapidly approaching the end of 13 years of schooling, while Year 11 are concluding their preliminary studies. It is times like these where students can feel overwhelmed balancing all of their responsibilities. Students who require assistance developing a study plan or strategies to reduce stress should see their student advisor or Mrs Randall.

For the remainder of the school population, the hard work continues! End of year examinations are closer than they seem. Using your student diary to record homework, assessment tasks and important dates is a good start.

This term we will be focussing on the importance of student attendance. This will be incorporated in PBS lessons and students will be rewarded for regular and consistent attendance. A particular concern at this stage is the number of students coming to school late. In some circumstances, it can't be helped if the car breaks down but a lot of the time, it is caused by people not being organised in the morning. Pack your bag the night before, set an alarm and get to school on time.

In conclusion I would like to acknowledge the staff who have assisted with the current Breakfast Club Program – in particular Ms Maltan and Mrs Tomlinson, who dedicated many hours each week ensuring students received a hearty breakfast. Thank you so much, ladies! Breakfast Club will be back – so watch this space.

Mrs Randall

### Something to think about ...

"Happiness is the first principle of life. Happiness basically means well-being. It is always good and always a choice... We need to make the choice to be happy in a particular situation, just as it is, and at a given moment".

Alexandra Stoddard



The year 9/10 girls team played exceptionally well under terrible weather conditions last term. The girls won 1, drew 2 and lost 3 games. This was a fantastic opportunity to play against some high ranked teams in the state. The majority of the team were year 9 girls and even though they were a young team, they did their best on the day. With some more training in the next year, the girls will continue to improve on their skills and ball play. Thanks to Ryan Wake and Keiran Brennan-Walshe for refereeing on the day.

Ashleigh Kara









### **Careers Desk**

### YEAR 12 - IMPORTANT DATES

2015 UAC books have now arrived so Year 12 students should be preparing to submit their UAC applications. Applications open 6<sup>th</sup> August 2014 and close 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014. Students applying for Principal's Recommendation for UC, ANU and CSU must do so through UAC. Early Entry for UOW opens 1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> August – information booklets available from Mrs Kennedy.

UAC Information Evening will be held on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August** – time to be confirmed. Year 12 parents/ guardians and students are encouraged to attend to gain invaluable information and guidance into the preparation of UAC applications and the many other aspects of preparing to go to uni.

OPEN DAYS: Students from **Yrs 10-12** (and even younger) should be encouraged to attend tertiary institution open days to ensure that they are aware of the many options available to them upon completion of high school.

University of Wollongong Open Day – 16<sup>th</sup> August. Register at <u>www.go.uow.edu.au/openday</u> or call 1300367869

Open Day Canberra – 30<sup>th</sup> August (this includes all ACT tertiary institutions - ANU; UC; ACU; CIT (ACT TAFE); ADFA.

VIP Experience: students and parents/carers from GHS who would like to go to the Open Day at University of Canberra are invited to participate in their VIP program. Interested students must register by 8<sup>th</sup> August at <a href="http://www.canberra.edu.au/seasu/aspire-uc#900209">http://www.canberra.edu.au/seasu/aspire-uc#900209</a>. Brochures are available in C9.

### YEAR 10 - Subject Selections & Work Experience

During Weeks 3 & 4 Year 10 will undergo the subject selection process for 2015. This process will include an interview with Mrs Kennedy to discuss suitable subject and career options and pathways. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend these interviews with their student. Please ring Mrs Kennedy ASAP to arrange a meeting time as initial choices must be submitted by 10<sup>th</sup> August.

Students are reminded that Work Experience is a compulsory component of Work Education should they wish to be awarded a grade for this course on their RoSA. Now is a great time to start planning for a placement.

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

Jaden Apps – Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Parks & Gardens

Emily Geyer –The Park Café

Michael Rumph – Academy of Interactive Entertainment (Canberra)

### **UNSW Taste of Electrical Engineering 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Sept**

Year 10 & 11 students - three day exploration of electrical engineering. Visit <a href="www.ee.unsw.edu">www.ee.unsw.edu</a> - applications close 31st August.

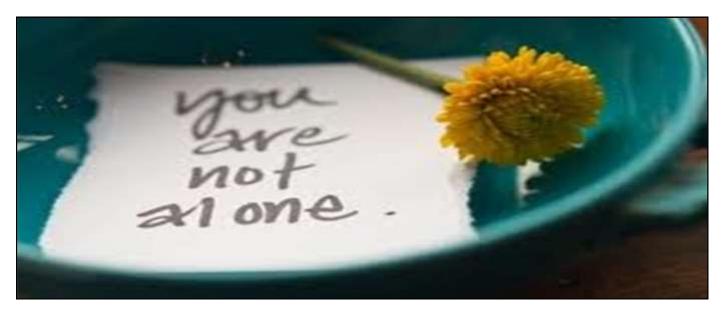
### UNSW Women in Engineering Camp 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Year 10 & 11 girls - 4 day residential course. Visit <a href="www.engineering.unsw.edu.au/wiec">www.engineering.unsw.edu.au/wiec</a> - applications close 28th Sept.

### UNSW Mineral Summer School 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015

Year 10 & 11 students interested in **Engineering** – 4 day residential course.

Visit www.unsw.to/summer-school - applications open in August.



# Carer Wellbeing Group Goulburn Mulwaree & Upper Lachlan Shire

Are you close to someone with depression, anxiety, bipolar, schizophrenia or a different mental illness?

The benefits of attending the Carer Wellbeing Group are:

Being with people who understand the pressures of caring

**Emotional support** 

Making new friends

Gathering information

Joining in on activities such as bush walking, bowling and many more

Come and join us on the second Tuesday of each month Dates and Activities Scheduled:

12th August - Lilac Cinema (Movie and time to be decided)

For more information or if you require assistance with transport or respite, please contact Teagan on 4822 1872