



Goulburn High School Newsletter



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Important Visitors

Goulburn High School hosted two very important, and yet very different visitors over the past few months. Mr Mackay's Year 10 International Studies students welcomed a class from the Australian Islamic College in Sydney, a school his students were allowed to attend earlier in the year for one day. The Sydney students had a blast with all things rural 'Aussie' and had the best time on our school farm getting acquainted to the many cuddly lambs we are raising this Spring.

Last week, however, we were honoured to welcome the Governor General of Australia, Sir Peter Cosgrove and Lady Lynne to our school. Sir Peter met the staff during our morning muster, attended a Year 9 Geography class and inspected our Aboriginal garden.





Principal's Report

Welcome back to the start of Term 4 and what a great way to the start the term with a visit by the Governor General of Australia Sir Peter Cosgrove and Lady Cosgrove. This was an unique opportunity for our School Captains and Vice Captains to meet his Excellency and show him around the school.

This week we welcomed our new Year 7 students for 2016 and their parents. The students participated in an orientation day and information evening was held for parents. Thank you to Miss Kristy Hayes (Year 7 Adviser) for organising the program.

Preparation in well underway for our 2016 timetable with students in years 8 and 10 being informed of their electives for next year.

During the last week of Term 3, we said farewell to Y12 and conducted a Graduation Assembly. Approximately 180 parents and friends attended the assembly with Ms Smith (Year 12 Adviser) delivering a moving speech as she said farewell to her students after six years in her care.

As mentioned in early newsletters, a new uniform shop will be operating later this term. The uniform committee have made some minor changes to the uniform and have added some extra sports options as well. More information will be available shortly on how the uniform shop will operate.

Preparation is well under well for Smiths Cup, which will be held Friday this week. This is one of the oldest interschool competitions still in existence in NSW and is still going strong after 84 years.

Robotics continues to grow in our school with a number of students attending both lunchtime and afterschool programs. Our school competes in matches against Canberra Schools and is aiming to compete in the Nationals later this year in Victoria.

Peter Browne

Celebrating Divali

Over the past week, Year 9 International Studies students have been studying the Hindu festival of Diwali (or Deepavali). As well as learning about the mythology, we went on to create some Diwali style greeting cards and Rangoli's, chalk patterns which will be on display outside E10 until it rains and washes them away. We painted them on October 16th, which was a casual clothes day, raising money for Mental Health Awareness.

Diwali is celebrated this year on the 11th of November, marking the return and triumph of the god Rama over the forces of eternal darkness after fourteen years of exile.

Everyone had much fun doing graffiti in the walkways.

James Caulfield, year 9





His Excellency the Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove and Lady Cosgrove visited Goulburn High School

Thursday the 8th of October proved itself to be a very important morning for students and staff at Goulburn High School. The Governor-General, General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) and Lady Cosgrove attended the morning meeting with all staff, Deputy Principal Vero Joseph and Principal Peter Browne. Mr Browne introduced the student leaders and informed the Governor-General and Lady Cosgrove about the daily structure of Goulburn High School. The meeting was held in the heritage listed main building of the school, and Mr Browne was able to share the success of two outstanding senior students, Emmot Faulkner for excellence in Music and Ellen Ryan, who is expected to represent Australia at the 2018 Commonwealth Games in single and mixed pair's bowling, with staff and guests.

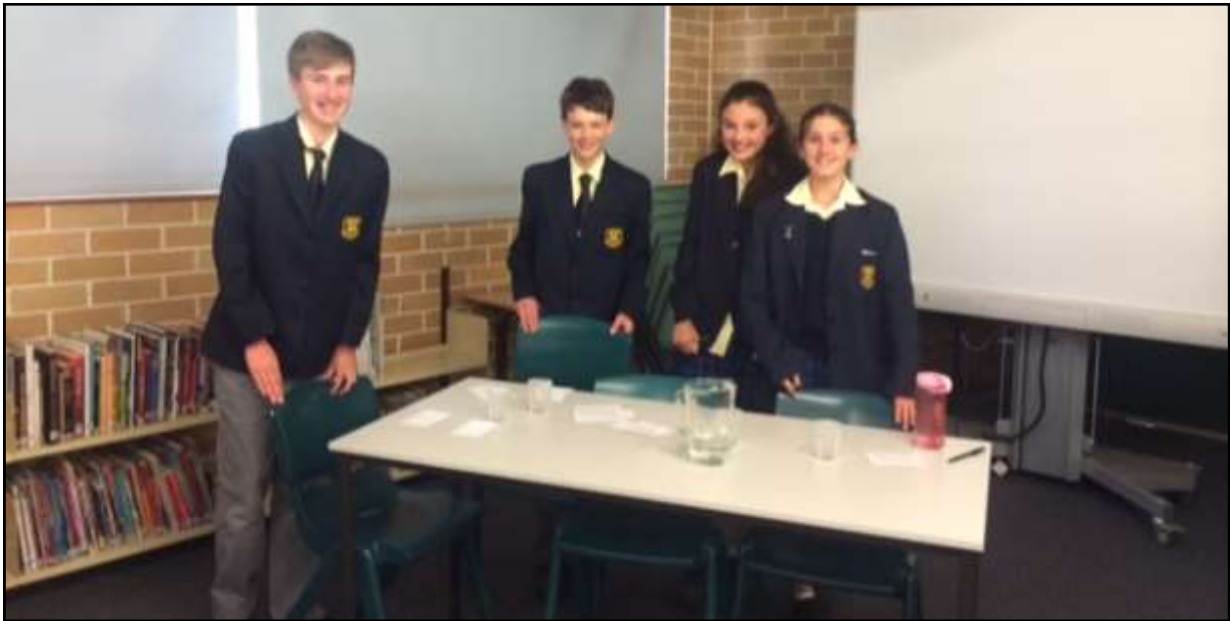
Afterwards Sir Peter addressed the staff, thanking them for the opportunity to 'be part of' the regular morning muster and told of his passion for education and its importance in a warm and sincere speech. He then took the opportunity to visit a Year 9 Geography class who were studying a topographic map of New Guinea, and was able to speak about his involvement with the Australian Army to help and support this nation after a natural disaster.

He was later introduced to year 10 student, Dallas Stretches, and year 8 student, Vida Macintosh, who invited the guests to view a separate learning and display space decorated with Aboriginal dot paintings and Aboriginal instruments, all created by GHS students. The Governor-General and Lady Cosgrove continued to inspect the recently designed 'Bush Tucker' Aboriginal garden on the corner of Goldsmith and Deccan Street, planted with native flora by the Anti-Racism Contact Officer, Mr Stephen Boyd, and students.

Sir Peter chatted with Par Cer Thi Hlum, an ESL student originally from Myanmar (Burma) and her teacher, Mr Dennis Carroll, and was very interested to hear about GHS's educational program supporting students from various countries such as China, Indonesia, Liberia and Uganda.

The students and staff of Goulburn High School were honoured to host such an important member of Australia's political and social connections to Britain.





Debating Update

During week 1, the Year 7 debating team won their debate against Bowral High School. The topic was 'We should ban all animals from zoos'. Our team, the affirmative, posed a model for change. This decision set up the debate and did not include 'endangered animals'. The team posed many persuasive arguments, including ideas related to cruelty and freedom. Tiffany Ezzy did a fantastic job rebutting the negative team's first speaker and 3rd speaker, Mackewin Strachen, did an excellent job refuting the negative team's argument. As a result, GHS won the debate. We are now waiting on final results to see if GHS moves through to the second round.

Miss Kristy Hayes



CANTEEN STAFF URGENTLY NEEDED

Our school canteen is in urgent need of volunteers. The canteen is operated by paid and volunteer staff.

The volunteer work could lead to paid casual employment.

Do you know of anyone who could be available? Grandparents could join us or someone on Newstart Allowance could apply as part of that program.

A Working with Children check is required.

All applications /enquiries to Mireen Swadling at Goulburn High School

Phone 4821 4022 **OR**

email mireen.swadling@det.nsw.edu.au.

Goulburn High School canteen operates as a school managed canteen. The main aim of the canteen is to provide an affordable recess/lunch to our students. The canteen also aims to maintain a reasonable profit to enhance our learning resources.

Ban Thai restaurant visit

On Wednesday the 2nd of September, Mr Mackay's Year 10 International Studies students walked to the Ban Thai Restaurant in Bourke Street, Goulburn. It was a BLAST! The purpose of this exercise was to experience the cultural significance of food and to participate in eating food from one of the countries we studied in class. Some of the common dishes we order included Pad Thai noodles, multiple forms of curries and of course, deep fried ice cream. We also had very traditional Thai soft drinks including the exclusive "Solo", "Coke" and "Lemon Lime and Bitters". WOW! Afterwards we walked back to school and participated in a very educational lesson out the front of the school. Thanks to Mr Mackay and the restaurant for putting up with an interesting group of students.

Margaret, Graeme and Stuart, Year 10



A visit from the Australian Islamic College of Sydney

On Monday the 7th of September our school had a visit from the Australian Islamic College of Sydney. Our day began with a brief introduction to our schools history and curricular activities. We then went out in small groups on a 'treasure hunt' to show off areas of our school to demonstrate what types of activities we offer. We then proceeded to do a trust exercise with each of the students from the college.

Afterwards we ventured by bus down to the agricultural farm where Mr Dobb told the students about the sheep and the students were allowed to hold and pat different animals including lambs and chicken.

Year 10 International Studies classes arranged various activities based on Goulburn culture. We split into 3 groups where we participated in sheep building, Aboriginal dot artwork and puzzles on significant landmarks of Goulburn.

We had an Aussie BBQ where we hung out with our west side homies. Afterwards Islamic students invited us to watch their praying ritual which was very interesting.

Thanks for the organising and coordination of the day by Mr Mackay and Mr Stoevelaar.





Deputy Principal's Report

Korean Exchange

After cancellation of this year's Korean exchange, I am pleased to say that the exchange will resume next year, with a new school from Jeju Island. Our new sister school is Jeju University Middle School. This is a co-ed school which means that we will have girls and boys visiting next year. The other change is the time the exchange will take place. Next year, our sister school will visit in February rather than August. We will travel to Korea in the term 3 holidays as usual. We are very keen to meet the students and teachers from our new school and are looking for families to host our visiting students in February. If you are interested in hosting or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me at school on 48214022.

Some Important Dates:

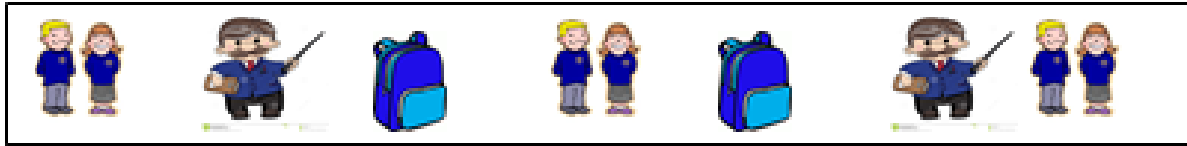
- Smith Cup – 23rd October
- Relay for Life for year 7 – 24th October
- Year 7 and 8 Examination Period – 26th to 30th October
- Year 9 and 10 Examination Period – 2nd to 6th November
- University of Wollongong Science Fair – 4th November
- Boys year 7/8 Touch Finals in Bathurst – 5th November
- VALID national science assessment year 8 – 9th November
- Silver Duke of Edinburgh walk – 9th to 11th November
- Year 12 Formal – 13th November
- A-League trip to Sydney – 14th November
- Bronze Duke of Edinburgh walk – 16th to 17th November
- SRC White Ribbon walk – 25th November
- End of year 10 event in the school hall – 26th November
- Indigenous youth camp – 1st to 2nd December
- VEX Robotics nationals in Victoria – 4th to 6th December
- Presentation evening – 10th December

Earn and Learn

Goulburn High School students would like to thank all parents and community members who contributed to Earn and Learn. This year we raised just over 9400 points. This is a fantastic effort. With the points, we have purchased a number of resources that will contribute significantly to our Early Childhood and Leadership programs. Once all of our supplies have arrived we will take a picture and put it in our end of year newsletter.



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The P&C have been busy organising the new **Goulburn High Uniform Shop** which will be situated in the canteen area within the school. The shop will be constructed by the school construction team and Mr White. The P&C and the school uniform committee have decided on the same uniform with the following minor changes:

- 1) Navy fleecy jacket will replace the current polar fleecy jumper.
- 2) Girls tartan shorts will be introduced.
- 3) New style sports shirt (different collar colours and gold replacing yellow in the panelling).
- 4) Sports shorts and tracksuits will become available.
- 5) Senior girls white shirts now have a much more flattering ladies cut with navy piping on the collar and sleeves.
- 6) Junior Girls shirt remain the same colour with a more flattering ladies style cut.

The cost of our uniform should not change. There may be a small difference in price and this can go either way. Please be aware there will be no dramatic price increases. We are hoping to make this an improved and much easier option for families. Our shop will be up and running in January 2016 at the latest, the week before school starts back. We would like to ask that parents support our uniform. The profits from our uniform sales will be returned to the P&C which in turn will go directly back into the school for our students.

There will also be a position made available as a Uniform Shop Co-Ordinator. Applications are now open and can be picked up from the school office and returned back to the school office, Attention to P&C Secretary.

Shop opening hours are yet to be made definite. It will be approximately 6-8 hours per week for purchasing. We will be aiming for the shop to open for the full week before school starts back. Volunteers will also be required to help out within the shop at times. If you feel like this is something you can help with, please leave your name and contact details in an envelope at the school office Attention to P&C Secretary.

Online ordering and payments will be made available through our shop and then pick up from the school. This will save students carrying larger amounts of money to school.



BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER



On Saturday 14th November (same day as Convoy for Kids) the P&C will be holding a Bunnings BBQ. We are calling on volunteers to help on this day between 8:30am and 4pm. Half an hour of your time would be appreciated. We will also be having a cake stall and donations of slices or cakes would be appreciated. If you feel you may not be able help out this time but would like to do something, a donation of \$5 would be helpful and this can go toward the ingredients for the cakes etc. Please place your donation in an envelope and leave at the school office.

Thank you again to all our school families. We look forward to your support with our new shop. We need you to make this a successful venture. For all contact please leave a message at the school or you may email me direct.

Remaining P&C Dates for 2015

11th November – Annual Christmas Dinner
Renee Woodberry
P&C President – philwbc@biepond.com



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National Maritime Museum

On Tuesday the 15th of September, the Year 9 Marine and Aquaculture Technology class hopped on the train at 7am to travel to Sydney. We arrived at Central and hopped on the light rail to Pyrmont Bay. From there we walked for about 5 minutes before we reached the museum. We met the tour guide and went and explored the destroyer HMAS Vampire and a submarine. After that, we went to the lighthouse and climbed up 76 steps to reach the top. From the top, it was a perfect view of the Harbour. After we came down from the lighthouse, we went to the mall/ food court for lunch. After lunch we strolled back to the museum to look at the exhibitions and the displays. After about 1-2 hours of looking around we were able to stop at the gift store for some goodies. We thanked the museum guide, collected our bags and then headed towards where the ferries were leaving. We got on a ferry that took us to Circular Quay. On the ferry we went past Luna Park and went under the Harbour Bridge. We got to Circular Quay, caught a train to Central where we ate some donuts before we hopped aboard another train to go home.





Environmental Study Field Trip

On a great spring morning, seventeen students explored the Goulburn Wetlands. They investigated aspects of the wetland ecology. They were able to use the new binoculars to view visiting birds as they flew in. Several tests were undertaken with the water. Students were able to collect a number of different species.



Transitioning Year 6 students into high school

Once again, Goulburn High School hosted Year 6 students from various public schools from Goulburn and surrounds, as part of the 2016 transition program from primary to high school. It was pleasing to meet so many enthusiastic students.

The transition program is a very important and exciting time at GHS, for both students and staff. Transition from primary to secondary schools involves changes that can be both exciting and worrying to students and their families. Our program aims to familiarise students with our learning environment, peers and staff. Successful transition is vital to the development of student's wellbeing and learning outcomes.

Students were introduced to Principal Peter Browne, Deputy Principal Vero Joseph, Head Teacher of Wellbeing, Catherine Baker and their Year Advisor Kristy Hayes. GHS leadership students were a valuable asset to the day, helping with preparations and navigating our visitors around the school. After introductions, students were dispersed to enjoy various lessons to get a 'taste' for high school. On offer was Cooking, Woodwork, Debating, Drama, English, Maths and PE. It was great to see students involving themselves in all aspects of high school. The day concluded with a sausage sizzle, cooked by our dedicated leadership students, and a parent meet and greet.

The transition program will continue until the end of this year.

Miss Kristy Hayes

CHS Boy's Hockey State Champions

The Open Boy's Hockey Team have been crowned NSW State Champions after a successful 2 days at the Top 8 carnival.

The team had successfully qualified for the carnival after recording comprehensive victories against Mulwaree, Crookwell, Moss Vale and Kirrawee High Schools. This qualified the boys for the Top 8 carnival which was held over 2 days in Liverpool on the 9th and 10th of September.

The quarter final game was against a strong Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School side. The Goulburn team came out strong in the first half, linking well and dominating possession and territory. This led to numerous scoring opportunities with the boys taking a 3 nil lead into half time. After half time it was a different story. The Farrer side were completing more passes and had Goulburn pinned in their own half. Farrer were pressuring Goulburn into mistakes and they scored 2 goals to make the score 3-2. The last 5 minutes were tense as Farrer threw everything at Goulburn, however the boys were able to hold on to progress in the Semi Final game.

The Semi Final was against Lithgow who were coming off a strong victory against their quarter final opponent. Both teams started sluggishly, finding their rhythm and passing. Goulburn were first to score through Jake Staines, however Lithgow hit back to score the next 2 goals to put them 2-1 up. This spurred the GHS side into action and the boys lifted a gear, linking well and creating plenty of chances. GHS were able to score three goals before half time to give themselves a 4-2 lead. Determined to not let their previous games second half repeat, GHS came out strong limiting Lithgow's possession and hemming them in their own half. GHS scored the next 2 goals to put the game beyond doubt, taking the win 7-3 and putting them into the Final for the second consecutive year.





The final was against Grafton High School the next day. The boys turned up refreshed and determined to go one result better than last year. A surprise visit from super coach, Peter Lucas, had the boys fired up and with some inspiring words Luco sent the boys out.

GHS started strongly with the Staines boys creating plenty of havoc. Ryan Grice and Nic Patton were solid in the midfield supplying plenty of ball to the forwards. Goulburn were first to score through Jake Staines, however Grafton replied immediately through a short corner. The game ebbed and flowed at both ends before Goulburn scored 3 quick goals to Grafton's one to lead 4-2 at half time.

The boys took advantage of the break to refresh before a final 30 minutes to try and claim the win. The boys continued to work well as a team and they were able to score the next goal which proved decisive. This lifted the boys confidence and with time winding down, they cruised to a 7-3 victory making Goulburn High the CHS State Champions for the first time since 1971.

The boys are to be congratulated on a fantastic achievement. They have been fantastic ambassadors for the school. A particular thankyou to all the Year 12 boys who have played in this side for numerous years. A fitting way to go out. Also, the boys would like to thank Mr Lucas for all his hard work and dedication over the years to the school hockey.

H. Russell





Pole Vault and High Jump athlete Ryan Goad

Last Saturday and Sunday I had the opportunity to travel up to the Olympic Park in Sydney to compete in the Pole Vault and High Jump at the All Schools Carnival. The Pole Vault competition was combined with all the age groups in one competition. I equalled my PB of 2.40m which meant I won the silver medal and qualified to represent NSW in Melbourne in December for National All Schools competition. This also qualified me for the NSW team at the National Junior Athletics Championships in Perth in March 2016. The High Jump competition was on Sunday morning where I equalled my PB of 1.70m and only barely knocked the bar off at 1.75m. I was happy with how both competitions went and I'm looking forward to the next one.

(Congratulations, Ryan—the editor)

Ryan Goad, Year 9



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