

Goul Burn High School Newsletter



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A Visit from the Minister of Education

Earlier in the term, Goulburn High School opened its doors to their Excellencies, the Governor General Sir Peter Gosgrove and Lady Cosgrove. A few weeks later, the Minister of Education, the Honourable Adrian Piccoli, and the Member for Goulburn, the Honourable Pru Goward, also decided to come and look at our fantastic programs we offer to our students. The Aboriginal garden, our fantastic DUNNIT program and the junior Robotics Team had important visitors for the day.





Principal's Report

Last week, Goulburn High School had the pleasure in hosting the Minister of Education, The Honourable Adrian Piccoli and our local member, The Honourable Pru Goward. The main purpose of the visit was for the Minister to have a better understanding of what was happening in schools as a result of the additional funding that RAM (Gonski) has provide schools. The Minister was greeted by our school leaders and then spoke to our executive and selective staff. The staff talked about a range of programs and initiatives that

have been implemented in our school. He also spoke about the changes he has made together with his government and outlined what the future of education would look like over the coming years. During his visit he met 7E Science and the Robotics Team and spoke to the students about their experiences at the school. He then visited the Automotive Studies areas and again spoke to a number of students about the programs they were involved with.

Approximately 50 students from Goulburn High participated in the Relay for Life community event. Most of the students were from Year 7 who were greatly supported by our school leaders. Thank you to Mr Mackay, Mrs Kelly and Ms Handley for helping to support this event and for staying overnight supervising the students. Goulburn High won the Jig Saw cup for the second year which is conducted between the three local high schools.

Congratulations to Jemma Frost on being selected for the Victor Chan Award for Science. Jemma received her award in Wollongong last week in front of her proud family.

Reports will be going out shortly and will be available initially online. Once printed, students will receive their hard copy to take home.

Thankyou to Ms Hayes and her team on a very successful Year 6 to 7 Transition program. The students in Year 6 visited the school for the day and during the evening parents were invited to learn more about what Goulburn High has to offer. It was very well attended by both students and parents.

Peter Browne





Minister Piccoli and Pru Goward were inspecting our successful alternative 'DUNNIT' program in E-Block and spent time with the Science students to witness Robotics in the classroom.

All photos by Jemma White, Y11

While you were away ...

This term you may have noticed we've had a big focus on attendance - whether it's the late line in the mornings, truancy or absences from school.

At this point in time, our biggest worry as a school is the number of unexplained absences - that is absences that aren't explained with a note. That note from home - whether you are late or away for the whole day is vital and very much appreciated.

For a lot of you I have spoken with it comes down to an issue of organisation - if you know you have a habit of sleeping in, get an alarm or get someone to wake you in plenty of time for school.

Positive attendance - being on time and at school reflects our school value of being responsible, something that future employers will value very highly.

We have a number of students who have 100% attendance for Term 4 so far and some extra special students who are at 100% for the entire school year - super effort!

Mrs Randall
HT Administration



Relay for life

On the weekend of the 24th-25th October, 45 year 7 students and 7 prefects participated in the Cancer Council Relay for Life at Eastgrove Park. The students completed a cumulative total of 5508 laps which equates to approximately 1930km or the equivalent of walking from Newcastle to Melbourne and back. The 'relayers' participated in a variety of activities at the park with the Jumping Carnival being a particular favourite. It was also pleasing (?) to see a large group of students still lapping at 3am, in the dark and cold. The students have raised a total of \$2500 so far. An excellent effort and all the students who participated are to be congratulated.

Ross Mackay
Year 7 Year Adviser



Thank you to all Goulburn High School students and staff that attended RELAY FOR LIFE.



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.

Year 10 Commerce – Running a small business

On October 20th the year 10 Commerce class organised a tuck shop to learn how to run a small business and the processes and challenges that are involved in running such financial operations. The day was extremely successful with the business making around \$400.00 in profit and donating \$100.00 dollars from the profit to the Little Valley English Medium School in Nepal for toothpaste and toothbrushes to help with the programme. We would like to thank all the students and staff who purchased items from our store with special thanks to Mrs Porter and the D-Block and canteen staff for letting us store food and use the coffee machine and finally we would like to thank Mrs Mani for helping with the organising and planning of the day.

Cory Roberts



GOULBURN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMITTEE

This year the Goulburn Domestic Violence Committee is intending on holding a march through the streets of Goulburn to mark White Ribbon Day 2015.

The march is to be held on Wednesday 25th November (White Ribbon Day) and will commence at 11.30am, from Verner Street down Auburn Street into Montague Street where it will finish at the Goulburn Local Court House.

The event will also see the opening of a White Ribbon Memorial garden at the Goulburn Court House where there will be four standard roses planted, one each to pay tribute to the women in the local area who have lost their lives to domestic violence. There will be speakers available at the event along with a community barbeque. It is anticipated that there will be up to 100 people marching on the day.

We would like to extend an invitation to you to walk with us to help promote White Ribbon Day and enjoy a BBQ lunch on completion of the walk and planting of the memorial garden.

Goulburn Connects Sustainability Festival 2015

Free Entry

Join in with your family, and 'make a switch' to a more sustainable lifestyle.

Giant snakes and ladders, art and recycling workshops, story tellers, games, food, drinks, picnicking and entertainment.

A business EXPO/festival for all the family. Fun, informative and interactive event, where all aspects of sustainable living will be showcased: energy, waste, water, transport, building, gardening and agriculture, home-wares, education, entertainment, arts and community. Guests include Julie Goodwin, (1st **Masterchef winner**), **solar and hydrogen cars**, "cycle cinema", "bike and blend" and many local and regional businesses community groups and ideas.

Join in on Sunday 15th November at the Veolia Arena/ Recreation area,

Braidwood Rd, Goulburn from 10am to 4pm. I invite your family and friends share on facebook. <https://www.facebook.com/events/532118873605453/>



Deputy Principal's Report 6th November 2015

Doing your best

With the HSC over for our year 12 students and end of year examinations completed for our year 7 to 10 students, it may be tempting for students to become complacent about their learning and attendance at school. It is important to remind ourselves that there are almost 6 weeks left until school finishes for the year and much quality learning can take place during that time. As such, students and teachers will continue to work hard and take advantage of the time we have available to get the best educational outcomes for our students. The work they will do will continue to build their skills and knowledge so they can

grow to be successful life-long learners who contribute positively to the community. Please ensure that your child's attendance and attitude to learning continues to be at a high level. We will be doing the same at school.

Korean Exchange

We are still looking for families to host our Korean students next February. They arrive on the 12th of February and depart on the 22nd of February. We are very keen to meet the students and teachers from our new school and are looking forward to giving them a taste of Australian life. If you are interested in hosting or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me at school on 48214022.

Vero Joseph

Some Important Dates:

- Year 8 Anti-Bullying workshop 12th November
- Year 12 Formal – 13th November
- A-League trip to Sydney – 14th November
- Silver Duke of Edinburgh walk – 16th to 18th 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
- Senior Great Barrier Reef Trip 11th to 16th December

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Goulburn High Farm Update

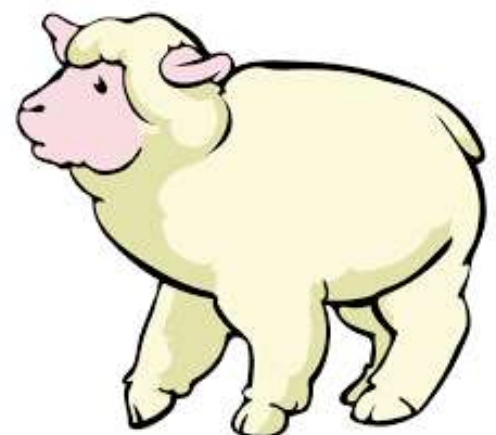
The year 7 Tech Mandatory class have begun their thirteen week Agriculture rotation with great enthusiasm! They have met the farm residents – the cows, the sheep and the chickens, and of course Kev the kangaroo! They have been working busily propagating plants – both ornamental and vegetable, and are gaining great insight to plant production systems. So far they have planted onions, potatoes, squash and cucumber, with some more seeds in the green house to be planted out soon.

Collection of the eggs is a daily ritual at the farm. The pullets have only started laying so every egg is always a joy to get! Students in year 8 will be incubating chicken eggs to increase our egg production.

What is the incubation period of chicken eggs? First correct answer to Mr Dobb or Mrs Croker will receive a prize!

Meanwhile, stage 5 Agriculture received a visit from local Landmark agronomists Mr Julian Minehan and Mr Andrew Robertson, bringing with them examples of crops that are grown around the district such as wheat, canola, clover, Lucerne, and new varieties that are being trialled. They explained to the students about the challenges facing farmers around Goulburn such as acid soils, pests and diseases and changing weather patterns. The students were particularly interested in what agronomists do and the pathways to careers in the growing agricultural industry.

Mrs Crocker



Essential Employment and Training offer:

- Disability Employment Services (DES)
- Youth Employment Program (YEP)
- Transition to Work (TTW)
- Community Participation (CP)
- Individual Funding Packages (IF)
- Cert I in Employability: Becoming a Worker
- Cert III in Disability



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7D Egyptian Feast

7D had been studying ancient Egypt over term 3 and 4 and following the conclusion of this subject the students were asked to research an ancient Egyptian recipe and prepare and bring the dish in to share with the class. There was a large variety of food brought in such as pancakes, lentil soup, panne (chicken) with most of the students participating in this activity. The purpose of this activity was to learn about the lifestyle in ancient Egyptian times. This activity was a good experience for the students to see how life in ancient Egypt was different to life now.

Emma Kitching





SPORTS REPORT

Goulburn High School and Bowral High School both enjoyed the longest running school competition in New South Wales on Friday the 23rd of October. Thanks to the PD/H/PE faculty and all the staff who organised and assisted on the day because without them, Smith Cup wouldn't have run as well as it did. And thank you to all the students who participated on the day, whether that be participating in a sport or spectating, because everyone displayed the school spirit.

Although Bowral won this year with Goulburn High winning three games, it was an enjoyable day. The three teams which won from Goulburn High included junior and senior girls' basketball and open girls' hockey. Despite Goulburn's loss, students and staff members should remain proud because they performed their best and represented their high school to the best of their ability.

The soccer teams were organised by Mrs Eagles and Mr Stoevelaar and the coaches consisted of Miss Slater and Mrs Eagles coaching the girls' teams and Mr Stoevelaar and Mr Stephenson coaching the boys' teams. Thank you too these staff members for doing a fantastic job with coaching the soccer teams. Although none of the soccer teams won, everyone had a good time and played great soccer. Focusing on the girls' soccer, there was only one goal scored in both the girls' games and the goal came from the junior girls' team. After a penalty against Bowral was committed in their goal box, Rheannah Webb scored the girls' only goal and then went on to assist the senior girls' team. And a thank you is needed to Kayla Webb as she was goal keeper for both girls' teams and played extremely well.

Thank you for all who organised the Smith Cup and to those who assisted, participated and spectated. Thank you for a great day.

Adele Webb, Y12





FAMILY FUN CAR TRIAL

FOLLOW THE CLUES TO DISCOVER THE ROUTE
WITHIN GOULBURN CITY LIMITS

Date: **Sunday 22nd November 2015**

Start Time and Location: **10:00am School Gates off Clifford St** (between GHS and Victoria Park)

Early entry: \$20 per car, On the day entry: \$30 per car

You will need a Smart Phone or Digital Camera

To register go to the school within school hours, fill in a form and pay your money. Or turn up on the day.

There will be a BBQ and other Games held at the school.



All proceeds to Goulburn High Robotics Program

Careers Desk

CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE: HSC students can access online (www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au) or call (1300300687) for free advice – 18th-23rd December.

HSC & RoSA results and e-records available at <https://studentsonline.bostes.nsw.edu.au/>

HSC results will be delivered via email and text message from 6.00am on Wednesday, 16 December 2015. If you wish to opt out of receiving your results by email or SMS, go to My Details. Students can also access their results that day in My Details. On Wednesday, 30 December 2015, students can download all their BOSTES credentials from My Details as a PDF. Credentials may include a HSC Testamur, Record of Achievement, and personalised course reports. You can save or print your credentials directly from your Students Online account. Your Students Online account will remain open until 30 June, 2016. A HSC testamur will be posted to eligible students on 20 January 2016. Year 11 students can access their grades from 11th November, and Year 10 (from a date to be confirmed) in December.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE: Students who wish to have Work Education on their RoSA have only 2 weeks to finalise the details of their Work Experience placements. The final weeks of term are an excellent opportunity for Work Experience placements to be completed, and provide students with the chance to explore career options. Congratulations to the following students who have completed Work Experience. A big thank you to the employers for supporting the students and providing them with such a valuable opportunity.

Kieren Edworthy

Layne Ison

Josie Herman-Meylan

Corey Roberts

Georgia Downs

Otto Kemmis

Heather Davey

Hannah Greaves

Justin Taylor

Samantha Kulig

Romella Burke

Chloe Rattenbury and Grace Lord

Hema Pa Aung and Leai Unasa

Goulburn Courthouse

Goulburn West Public

Galland Elder Lulham

L J Hooker

Peter Mylonas Property Solutions

Johnson & Sendall Solicitors

Lollypotz

Taronga Zoo

Defence Force

Angus Taylor's office

Goulburn Mulwaree Council –Library

Target Goulburn

Goulburn Base Hospital

YEAR 9 FINANCIAL LITERACY:

Congratulations to the following students who have taken the initiative to enrol in the Financial Services Course that is being offered by the Smith Family Learning for Life initiative. Commencing this week students will work with a trainer each Thursday Periods 5&6 for 5 weeks, gaining invaluable skills in financial management and also completing the requirements for the award of Certificate I Financial Services.

Krystal Allport

Michael Delessert

Nathan Ezzy

Emma Fleming

Indy'Rai Herrett

Lachlan Murray

Brock Phillips

Zachery St Vincent

Brett Stevenson

Ebony Warburton

Ana Davis

Ryan Eather

Nicholas Fitzgerald

Stacy Gibbons

Jayden Mercer

Lachlan Navybox

Sharzae Scott

Johanna Staples

Kayla Steward



Is it a safe place for our kids?

A guide for parents.

As a parent or carer you play an important role in making sure your kids are spending time in places that are safe. This guide will help you look out for 'child safe' places.

What is a 'child safe' place?

Child safe means making sure the place where our kids spend time is safe from neglect, physical, sexual or emotional harm or abuse. A child safe place will have rules that are set up to make sure our kids are kept safe.

Parents have a right to know who is working with their children.

It is your business to know who is working with your children. Every day kids around NSW spend time with adults outside of their home. This can be at places like a sports club, youth group centre, or a drama studio. As a parent or guardian you need to understand what organisations should be doing to keep your child safe.

It is the law that people who work with your children including many tutors, nannies, coaches and counsellors have a current Working With Children Check. However, there is much more an organisation can do to keep kids safe.

Understanding the Working With Children Check.

In NSW all people who are working with your children (as well as a number of volunteers) need to have a current NSW Working With Children Check clearance number.

Some people don't have to get a Working With Children Check number, such as a parent that volunteers in an activity that involves their own child e.g. a sports coach. The Check provides either a clearance or a bar to work with children. **It is a crime for a person with a bar to work or volunteer with children.**

How do you know they have a Check?

Parents and guardians are now able to 'verify' if the person working with their child (under 18) has a Working With Children Check. When we say 'verify', we mean parents can check online.

By checking online you will instantly see if the person is allowed to work with your child. Also, if they become a 'barred' person we will let you know. You will however need to know their details, including their name, birth date, application or clearance number.

What parents can do.

Employers and organisations can check or verify online that their workers or volunteers have a current Working With Children Check clearance number. So you don't need to check a person who is employed but if your child has a coach or tutor that you pay directly you can go online to verify a Working With Children Check.



How to verify a WWC online

To verify, follow these simple steps:

- STEP 1** Ask the person who works with your child for their surname, date of birth and WWC or APF number.
- STEP 2** Go to www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check and click on this blue button:
- STEP 3** Under Verify, click the Individuals (e.g. parents) Verify button.
- STEP 4** Complete the form, including the reason why you are checking the person (e.g. sports coach, dance teacher etc)
- STEP 5** Click **Submit**.
- STEP 5** You will receive the outcome by email.



What should I look for when choosing a safe program for my child?

It's always good to become familiar with the places where your children spend time. A Working With Children Check is important but its only one part of what should be done to make a place 'child safe'. When choosing a service or program for your child it's important to ask questions of those in charge so they can tell you what they do to keep kids safe.

For example, do staff have the right qualifications and training? What type of training, ongoing support and advice do workers receive about creating a child safe environment? Does the organisation involve the parents and children in the decisions that affect them? How does the organisation respond if there is a complaint or allegation?

It's also important to ask your children about their experiences and let them know you are interested in what they do. Talk about safe behaviours and teach them to talk to you so they can tell you if they ever feel scared, worried, upset or uncomfortable.

Some questions that may help to start the conversation include:

- ◆ What do you like most about the service?
- ◆ What don't you like?
- ◆ Does anybody make you feel happy?
- ◆ Does anybody make you feel sad?
- ◆ What makes you feel safe?
- ◆ What makes you feel scared?

To find out more about child safe organisations go to:

www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/childsafes
or contact us on (02) 8219 3600