

Goulburn
High
School
Newsletter



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**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
from all staff at Goulburn High School**



Our heartfelt 'thank you' to Robert and Jayne of **Fletchers Ark**, for providing us with the serene setting, Curly the camel and Katarina the donkey, giving us another GHS Christmas edition newsletter photo opportunity.

Principal's Report

This year has been very productive and rewarding for Goulburn High School. This is reflective of the commitment of both our students and our staff. Some of the achievements and activities include:

Five students representing Australia and travelling to the USA for the World VEX Robotics Championships, and also winning a Community Award for the above competition, which reflected the support the Goulburn community gave our school to enable the students to participate.

The Senior Boys Hockey Team winning the CHS State Competition.

Ellen Ryan winning the Australian Open Women's Lawn Bowls Championship.



The Governor General of Australia visiting our school this term.

The Minister of Education visiting the school in relation to how we use RAM funding.

A number of students gaining high level awards in both the National Computer and Mathematics Competitions.

Our participation in a range of community events and activities.

Having one of our students in Year 7 attend Aurora College for their English, Mathematics and Science courses.

Recently, our outgoing Year 12 students celebrated the completion of their schooling with a formal at the Goulburn Soldiers Club. It was a great evening with the students being magnificently dressed for the occasion.

Thank you to Ms Smith and her organising committee for a wonderful evening.

Last week, Mrs Mclean (nee Bailey) organised a celebration for Year 10, to help celebrate the completion of their junior school. It was held in the hall and was well supported by both students and parents.

Our school participated in the march to support the White Ribbon Foundation with approximately 50 students involved. This was the first time this event was held in Goulburn and our school will continue to march in future years.

The new uniform shop will be opening soon, after being built by Mr White and the Year 11/12 construction classes. Thank you to Mrs Renee Woodberry (P&C President) for painting the shop. The paint and other materials were supplied by Bunnings (Goulburn).

To conclude I would like to again thank all students for their efforts during the year and acknowledge the fine work of my staff in providing a range of quality learning opportunities for the students.

To the Goulburn High School community, I would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday season and we will see you next year.

Peter Browne



PACIFIC SCHOOL GAMES 2015 - ADELAIDE

I was selected to represent NSW as a touch referee at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide. There were a number of sports, different nationalities and ages ranging from under 12 to under 18. We arrived Friday the 20th November with the games starting Sunday for touch football. On Sunday we started at 8am and I refereed 4 games. We finished by lunchtime so we could all attend the opening ceremony at Adelaide show-ground.

At the opening ceremony, there were approximately 3500 children from all over Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Macau, China, India, Pakistan and Cambodia. It was a great experience and I met a lot of people.

Monday we started at 8am and I refereed 3 games, 2 under 15 girls and an under 15 boys.

Tuesday we started at 10am with a NSW referee photo and then I refereed 3 games of under 15 girls.

Wednesday started at 8am and I refereed 2 under 15 girls and an under 12 girls game.

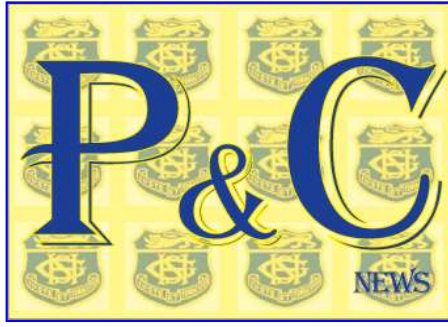
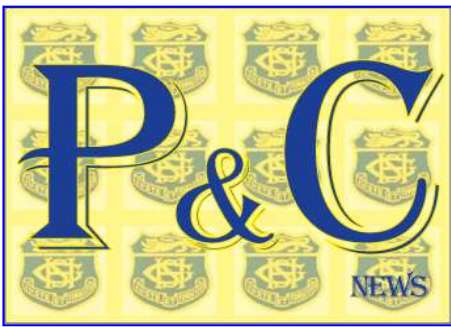
Thursday was our rest day where we attended an educational excursion, visiting Adelaide University for a lecture and then walking to the zoo and spending the rest of the afternoon with our team mates.

Friday was an early start with the finals for under 12's, where I refereed 3 games including the under 12 girls grand final, in which QLD beat NSW.

Saturday was a lunchtime start with the finals for under 15's. I only had one game which was the under 15 boys bronze medal game between WA and ACT which went into extra time with WA winning. It was a great game. Once all of the finals had finished we had the closing ceremony for touch football.

It was a very long and tiring week but very enjoyable and I met a lot of people. I would like to thank Mr Gregory for his assistance in the last 2 years so I could achieve my dream to attend the school games and my parents for taking me. The whole experience left me with some great memories that will stay with me for the rest of my life.





It is hard to believe how quickly 2015 has gone! The P&C held a Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 14th November and we raised over \$600. Thank you to John Connor, the Byrne family, Julianne Strickland and Michaela Smith for helping out.

Last weekend, Julianne Strickland and I painted the uniform shop with the help of Ashleigh Deaton, Emily-Mae Strickland and Meg Woodberry. The shop still has a few bits to tidy up but is looking fantastic already. The shop will be fitted out this week with all the shelving and POS systems.

Bunnings Warehouse Goulburn kindly donated all the paint, rollers, brushes and kits to complete the job. Thank you BUNNINGS. Your support is amazing!!

Congratulations to Bronwyn Malone on being successful in gaining the position of Uniform Shop Coordinator. We wish you well.

The school uniform shop will be open for business the week before school starts back in 2016. There will be a notification in the Goulburn Post and hopefully I will be able to place some ads on the radio. Lowes and Worklocker still have plenty of stock of Goulburn High uniforms on SALE. Please take advantage of this opportunity. The only major change is the PE shirt and the girls' senior blouse which will have piping. All the boys' shirts remain the same style as does the girls' skirt. Girls will have shorts introduced as an option.



GIRLS' SENIOR BLOUSE



SPORTS SHIRT



GIRLS' SHORTS

On behalf of Goulburn High School P&C I would like to wish all Goulburn High families a fantastic break and safe holiday. See you all back in 2016!

Renee Woodberry

P&C President

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The Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience is a free, traveling exhibition that tells the story of Australia's involvement in World War One and our subsequent century of service.

This once-in-a-lifetime event will be staged at the University of Wollongong Sports Hub from 11 – 20 January 2016. It's an ideal summer holiday activity for families in the Illawarra region.

Over 40,000 Australians have already been through the Experience in Albury-Wodonga, Tasmania and Ballarat and the response has been overwhelmingly positive with locals saying it is "brilliant", "amazing", "a must see" and a "mammoth task executed perfectly".

Visitors can walk through recreated First World War environments, featuring innovative displays and interactive elements which showcase over 200 artefacts from the Australian War Memorial, the majority never before seen by the public.

Entry to the Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience is free, but booking is essential as places are limited. Find out dates, locations and booking details at www.spiritofanzac.gov.au.

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This truly remarkable event will tell the story of Australia's proud history of courage, service and sacrifice from the First World War to the present day.

The Birth of the Anzacs

The Spirit of the Anzac Centenary Experience will provide a new insight into what life was like on the frontlines of the First World War. Visitors will be able to explore recreated scenes of Gallipoli, the Western Front, Sinai and Palestine, and discover the incredible acts of bravery of our service men and women.

This commemorative exhibition combines genuine First World War artefacts and stories with cutting-edge technology to bring the Anzac legacy to life in a never-before-seen experience.

Visiting 23 Locations

The Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience is touring nationally, visiting Wollongong from 11 – 20 January 2016.

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Deputy Principal's Report

Uniform update

As previously mentioned in past bulletins, we are opening a uniform shop at the school which should be in operation by January next year. In the interim, The Country Outfitters (formerly Goulburn Country and Workwear) have many uniform items on sale at reduced prices in preparation for the transition to our own uniform shop. Whilst a small number of our uniform items have some slight changes, the current uniform is still acceptable and will be for a number of years to come.

Summer break

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank staff, students and parents/carers for a fantastic year at Goulburn High School. We have had many student achievements and success, due mainly to the efforts of our whole school community. I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer break and I look forward to seeing you back in 2016.

Vero Joseph

Some Important Dates

Presentation evening – 10th December

Senior Great Barrier Reef Trip 11th to 16th December

Last school day for students 16th December

1st day for teachers next year 27th January 2016

Years 7, 11 and 12 return 28th January 2016

Years 8, 9, and 10 return 29th January 2016

School photo day 11th February

Korean Exchange 12th – 22nd February

Swimming Carnival 17th February

Zone swimming carnival 19th February



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Mayoral Reception

On Wednesday the 25th of November our school leaders were invited to attend a reception at the council chambers, in recognition of their leadership and service to the school and the community. It was a lovely afternoon and as always, the girls did GHS proud. Gemma Frost spoke very well on the day. Thank you to Miss Lynam and Mr Browne for attending the event with us.



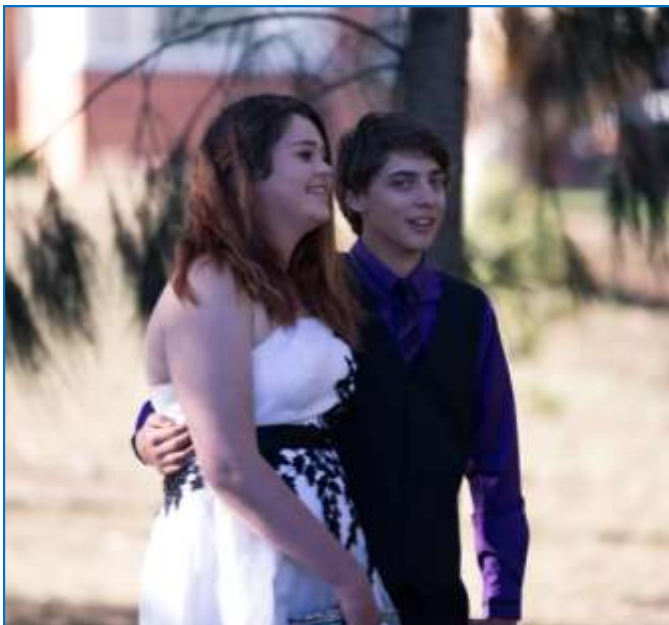
Mrs Stephenson

Prefect Coordinator





On Thursday 26th November, Goulburn High held its first Year 10 Junior Finale. The purpose of the Finale was for Year 10 students to celebrate the completion of Stage 5. Students and parents dressed to impress, participated in a group photo in front of the school, danced the night away with DJ Jeff Gray, placed their fingerprints on a memorial board and posed for numerous selfies in the photo booth. The evening was catered with delicious canapes and mocktails made by Ms Porter, Miss Friend and their team of Year 11 and junior students. How could we forget the delicious cupcakes - all 200 made by Mrs Villanueva? Overall, it was a successful night and a huge thank you to Mrs McLean and her committee.





Debating Camp at Batemans Bay

On the 27th and 28th of August, five debaters, Charlotte Hargan, Evan Goad, Tiffany Ezzy, Mackewin Strachan and Matilda Lasker, accompanied by Miss Hayes, attended the Secondary Debating and Public Speaking Camp in Batemans Bay. Here, we learnt how to improve our public speaking and writing skills.

We all made several friends and saw old school mates, but nevertheless we had to debate against them afterwards.

We were one hour early, so we waited by taking a walk down to the seaside and visited Woolworths to buy all the chocolates and sweets we needed to have energy for the rest of the hard day. We were selected to go into the novice group and we learnt about the skills needed to 'ace' debating. I don't think any of us has come out worse than we started. After learning about some useful skills about debating, we went out to have lunch.

That night we got to watch a senior team debate. The debate's purpose was to allow The Arts Unit to select a senior team to compete for NSW. They were absolutely AMAZING!!! We were all writing notes on how they were debating, but obviously Charlotte had the most. At the end of the debate, the adjudicators came up and told us the winner. The team from Ulladulla were the winners. Everyone was clapping and cheering, but the people who were cheering the most were the teachers from their school.

When the debate finished, we all got our room keys. Charlotte, Tiffany and Matilda were given the key to room 14 and Evan and Mackewin were sent to room 24. When we finally got to our rooms with our suitcases, we picked our beds, unpacked, watched TV and had a little snack, and then it was time for dinner. After dinner we played a game of spotlight, watched a debate and went to our cabins.

The next morning we woke up and played table tennis and ate breakfast. When we finished, we got back into our groups and had a mini debate. Evan, Charlotte and Tiffany debated against Mackewin and Matilda.

After we had lunch, we played a game of 44 homes and went to the final debate. We only got to watch half of it as we had to go early. We hopped in the car and drove off, only stopping for a 4 scoop ice cream and chocolate. When we got to Goulburn, I don't think that any one of us could say that was not the most awesome adventure of our lives.

Tiffany Ezzy and Charlotte Hargan, year 7





Year 12 2015
Formal

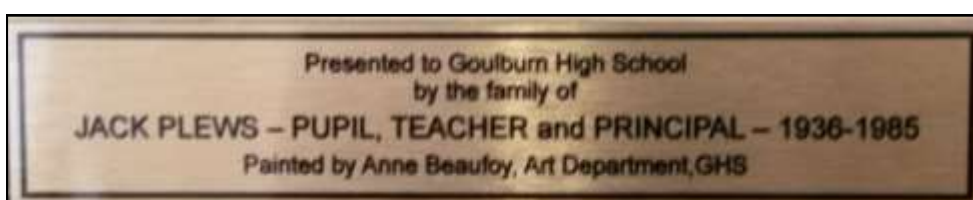




On Friday 4th December, Mrs Jenny Isbel and Mrs Ann Kearney returned to Goulburn High School to present to the school a painting that was originally gifted to their father, Mr Jack Plews, on his retirement.

Mr Plews was a former pupil, teacher and principal at Goulburn High School.

The painting is the work of Miss Anne Beaufoy, a teacher at GHS at the time.



Sports Report

It has been a very exciting year in sport at Goulburn High School. This year has proven to be one of our best and some of our students have achieved outstanding results. Not only have students achieved success at school, zone and regional events, we have also seen students achieve at state, national and international levels in varying sports. This makes for some very proud staff, students and parents.

The PDHPE department would like to thank all of those students who were committed to participation in carnivals and sporting competitions this year. We would also like to thank all of the parents who have dedicated days to driving their children (and other children) to sporting events, helping to manage and coach teams. Without your support we simply could not provide these opportunities for our students and for that we THANK YOU!!

A special mention must be made to all of the staff at GHS for all of the support we are given for carnivals and the Smith Cup, and to those staff who take time out of their own busy schedule to coach teams. It means a lot to both the PE department and the students as we can provide them with so many opportunities to succeed.

Enjoy the summer break, stay safe and active. We look very forward to what the new year will bring for our students at GHS!!!

GHS PDHPE DEPT



ROBOTICS still going strong at Goulburn High School

After the success of last year's VEX Robotics Nationals, no one knew how well the current, much younger team would succeed. Throughout the event the three teams represented Goulburn High School with professionalism, enthusiasm and integrity. At the end of all qualifying matches, Jacob Maizey's robot was ranked 3rd, Kynan Cooper, Brandon Matasin, Josh Swift and Byron Strickland's robot was ranked 4th and Charlotte Hargan, Evan Goad and Mackewin Strachan's robot was ranked 10th. This allowed them to participate in the finals with two of the teams making it through to the semi-finals. The teams' performance was outstanding during the tournament and they will be strong contenders next year.

The VEX Robotics program is about more than building a robot. As a result, the teams work with local primary schools and because of their ongoing commitment to learn, the Goulburn High School team was awarded the Judges Award. This is an excellent achievement for such a young team.

Katherine Hyland, Science Head Teacher





Mr Ross Mackay's Year 9 and 10 International Studies students achieved highly commendable awards in the top percentages in the Asiawise Competition. A special mention must go to James Caulfield and Margaret Hagan who both received distinctions in the 80 to 90% range. Well done!

Towrang Stockade

A group of senior students recently visited this historic site as part of their HSIE studies. After learning about Goulburn's early history, students were able to explore the remains of the site where convicts were involved in the construction of the Great South Road linking Sydney to Goulburn in the 1830s. Entering the powder keg was one of the highlights of the site.





Celebration of Abilities Day 2015

A number of lucky students participated in an action packed day at Goulburn's Basketball Stadium this week. Our students played in the tournament involving school and community groups from around town. Great sportsmanship and skill were displayed by our teams. The day began with a welcome ceremony followed by a Zumba class, which was a great warm up activity. Other fun activities on offer included temporary tattoos, face painting, African drumming, karaoke and other art events. Several students entered some very fine works in the Art Competition displayed during the day. A BBQ lunch was enjoyed by all.



Mrs Gray



Marulan Christmas Family Fun Day



Where: The Marulan Soccer Fields (Goulburn Street, Marulan)

What: Entertainment by Corbey-Lea Hunt, Market Stalls, Santa Photos, Amusement Rides, Mechanical Bull, Wood fired Pizza, Christmas Carols & FIREWORKS

All proceeds go to the Marulan Volunteer Fire Brigade



**Saturday 12th December 2015
from 3pm**