



# Goulburn High School Newsletter



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## [English Studies excursion to the Australian War Memorial](#)

The visit to the recently redeveloped War Memorial was the highlight of the term so far for some senior English students. We discovered many new dioramas and exhibitions, and our museum guide was a friendly and very knowledgeable volunteer who introduced us to many hidden gems and shared some interesting and educational information.

## **Introducing GHS leaders 2015/16**

Congratulations to our new school leaders. The 2015/16 GHS captains are Jemma Frost and Renee Robinson.

Vice captains are Margaret Grice and Sheridan Hazelgrove.

Prefects are Laura Ellis, Emily Geyer, Shantelle Ramadge, Johnathan Gegg, Samuel Ross, Michael Rumph and Trent Cooper.





## Principal's Report

Thank you to all those parents and students who attended the recent Elective Evening conducted for students in Years 8 and 10. I was pleased to see a large number attend on such a cold evening. Currently the Careers Adviser, Mrs Kennedy, is interviewing students in Year 10, together with parents, about subject selections for next year.

A reminder to all Year 12 students that after the conclusion of the Trial Examinations you are still required to attend all your lessons to help you prepare for the HSC exams. During week 10, a number of activities have been planned to help you celebrate your completion of high school.

All students in Years 7 to 11 have received their Semester 1 Reports. If parents would like to discuss any aspects of their child's report, please contact the relevant year adviser.

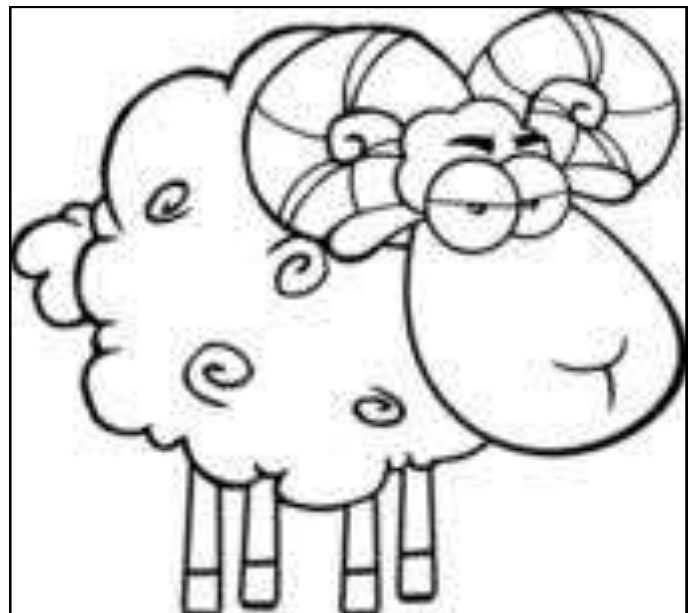
This week I attended the Year 12 Drama students' performance evening. Six students presented a range of performances. I was very impressed with the quality of work the students delivered. Thank you to Ms Lynam for the support she has given in helping these students prepare for their major work.

This term, a number of programs have been implemented to assist those students who are disengaging from school. A number of boys are participating in the Aspire program conducted by Allan Tongue (ex Canberra Raiders). As well, the Links to Learning program allows students the opportunity to participate in a range of "self esteem" activities three days per week in the community.

Peter Browne

## Good Retirement Home Needed!

**GHS's resident ram has finally hung up his hooves. If you can provide a good home for the ram, please contact the school on 48214022 and ask for Mr Dobb in the Science faculty.**





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## 2015 Big Science Competition

In term 2, 13 students from Goulburn High School participated in the Australian Science Innovations Big Science Competition, which is open to all Australian and international schools.

Test items in the Big Science Competition are aligned with the Australian Curriculum - Science.

**1. Science inquiry skills:** including identifying and formulating questions and hypotheses for testing, making predictions, collecting, analysing and evaluating data and drawing valid conclusions and interpreting and communicating information through appropriate representations and media.

**2. Science as a human endeavour:** including the development of science knowledge and processes across cultures and over time, its application in areas of human endeavour, its significance in informing personal and societal decisions and actions and the influence society has on science.

**3. Science understanding:** core concepts relating to Biological, Chemical, Earth and Space Sciences and Physical Sciences that are designated at each stage.

The senior paper is aligned with the Year 10 Science understanding strand and substrands but with increased emphasis on the Science Inquiry Skills and Science as a Human Endeavour strand.

Our students did very well in this competition.

**High Distinctions (top 5%)** were awarded to **Bailey Stewart, Henry McDonald** and **James Byrne**.

**Distinctions (approx. top 10-15%)** were awarded to **Angus Elder, Charlotte Hargan** and **Mackewin Strachan**.

**Credits (approx. top 25-30%)** were awarded to **Brandyn Law, Angus McDonald** and **Otto Kemmis**.

A big congratulations to those students who received awards. It is a great achievement.

Also well done to the following students who gained participation awards:

Margaret Hargan, Cory Roberts, Genesis Octaviano and Kevin Adamz.

Goulburn Country Outfitters no longer stock uniforms.

All uniforms are now for sale at WORKLOCKER 310 Auburn Street, next to Blooms Chemist.



### Wooglemai Field Study

In the dark on Wednesday morning two minibuses left Goulburn High 30 seconds apart, then spent two hours trying to find each other until meeting at Pheasants Nest. But that's another story. The bunks looked inviting on arrival at Wooglemai, but there was work to be done. The resident teacher talked us through the day's program and our investigations of the Sydney sandstone flora.

After counting 257 Banksia Spinulosa , Boronia, Lomandra and Eucalyptus, we interpreted the changing environment until we reached a creek. Traps were set to catch small wildlife overnight. Dinner on the BBQ in the stone dining room and a big fire made for a relaxing time, allowing us to recover from a long day. Toasted marshmallows were scooped in large quantities by some of the girls.

Returning to our traps we found some were heavier and moving of their own accord. The girls looked both proud and dubious holding their antechinus. Finally a high ropes course tested some students' courage, while others had to test how quickly they could get around with no hands.

Finally some junk food and back to catch a bus at Goulburn High.





## Deputy Principal's Report

### Uniform

Goulburn High School, like most public schools, has a uniform policy that sets down the requirements for student uniform. Students in years 10, 11 and 12 are expected to wear the correct school uniform if they are to have the privilege of sitting at the front of the school on the Goldsmith Street side. This is an area with a high exposure to the public and our senior students are regarded as role models to our younger students. Students must be wearing plain black enclosed polishable leather shoes, plain white socks (especially when wearing shorts/skirts), school pants/skirts and shirts, and the school jumper, polar fleece, blazer or a year 12 jersey (for year 12 students) if they are to be allowed at the front of the school. On cold days, students may wear a plain cover jacket (navy or black) over their uniform.

Students who are not in correct uniform will be required to sit in another playground area during recess and lunch time.

### Student details

As you are aware, Goulburn High School has been expanding our communications with parents and carers through our parent portal, school webpage, Facebook and Twitter feeds. An integral part of clear communications is that we have correct contact and emergency information. For some of our students, this information may be five or more years old. In some cases, students have only one contact number available for use. In an emergency, it is important to be able to call parents, carers or failing that, emergency contacts. A change of details form is available at the front office and will soon be available for download through the parent portal. Please let us know of any changes to your contact and emergency information.

### Some Important Dates:

Science Fair – 18<sup>th</sup> August

University application information session – 5.30pm 24<sup>th</sup> August

HSC Industrial Technology marking of major works – 27<sup>th</sup> August

Recognition Assembly – 8<sup>th</sup> September

Year 11 Yearly Examinations – 9<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September

Year 6 transition taster day 1 – 11<sup>th</sup> September

Year 12 Luna Park excursion – 14<sup>th</sup> September

Year 6 transition day 2 – 14<sup>th</sup> September

Year 6 transition day 3 – 15<sup>th</sup> September

Year 12 Graduation Assembly – 17<sup>th</sup> September

Canberra Youth Dance Festival – 18<sup>th</sup> September

Final day term 3 – 18<sup>th</sup> September

Public Holiday – 5<sup>th</sup> October

School resumes for Term 4 – 6<sup>th</sup> October

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## P&C NEWS



Thank you to our Goulburn High School families who ordered through our Pie Drive. Your ongoing support is fantastic. The Pie Drive was a very successful fundraiser for the P&C. We raised over \$300 which will go towards projects within the school. We will keep you posted on how we are utilising our fundraising money. A big thanks to the wonderful office staff who collected our orders.

The P&C uniform committee are working hard at the moment reviewing the uniform and investigating some new supplier options. *Please note there will be no major changes in our uniform.* We are hoping by early December there will be a shop in the school grounds. Online ordering will also become an option, with pick up at school. Please watch this space for more details. If you have any ideas or suggestions you wish to put forward please email me.

We are already starting to promote the Easter Hot Rod Shakedown for 2016. We had such a successful 2014 Shakedown we have now been given the opportunity to hold the 2016 Shakedown! Flyers will soon start going up, so keep an eye out. More details to follow on this and please check out the last page in this week's newsletter.

We now have only 3 meetings left for the year, still enough time for you to come along and join us!

### **Remaining P&C Dates for 2015**

9 September

14<sup>th</sup> October

11<sup>th</sup> November – Annual Christmas Dinner

Renee Woodberry

P&C President

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## VALID Science 10

The *Validation of Assessment 4 Learning & Individual Development* (VALID) test for Year 10 students will be held on **Monday 7 September**. The test takes approximately 80 minutes. The *VALID Science 10* test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer.

*VALID Science 10* contains multiple choice, short response and extended response tasks that are grouped around real-world issues, including scientific investigations. This is a diagnostic test, with tasks framed on Stage 5 outcomes and essential content in the *NSW Science Years K–10 Syllabus*.

Students will be tested on their:

- knowledge and understanding of science
- understanding and skills in the process of scientific investigation
- ability to evaluate evidence, make judgements and think critically
- ability to access information and communicate scientific ideas.

Students also complete a survey about their opinions, attitudes and values.

If your child has a disability that needs special consideration or has been educated in English for less than one year, please contact Miss Loveday in the Science Department to discuss special provisions or possible exemption from the test.

Results of the test will be available during Term 4 2015. A personal report for each student will be sent to parents/carers to describe the science knowledge and skills demonstrated by the student in the test.

Miss Loveday

# **HARD ROCK QUARRYING IN GOULBURN MULWAREE**

**Did you know Australian and international companies have already invested AU\$1.4 billion in hard rock quarrying in the region, creating over 280 jobs - and that's just the beginning.**

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**The local quarries have a 100 years of deposits in front of them providing a future for our children and our children's children.**

**The quarries have opportunities for many skills and interests - from LABOURING to TRADES, MANAGEMENT and THE SCIENCES. Start with WORK EXPERIENCE, an APPRENTICESHIP or CADETSHIP.**

**There is the opportunity to start your OWN BUSINESS to support the quarrying industry in TRANSPORT, TRADES, SERVICES and INNOVATION in many other fields.**

**Start in your own back yard and progress to working around AUSTRALIA or around the WORLD.**

**Talk to your Careers Advisor today !**

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# Careers Desk

## KEY DATES:

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August, 5.30 pm :**

### **Applying to University – Information Evening – C9 (Careers Room)**

Yr12 students, parents and carers are invited to a presentation about the “ins and outs” of the university application process. Included in the discussion will be the steps required to apply to UAC (Universities Admission Centre); selecting preferences; Early Admissions programs; scholarships and more. There will be plenty of chances to ask questions so I encourage all to attend, including Year 10 & 11 students, parents and carers who may be interested in preparing early.

**UAC On-time Applications close 30<sup>th</sup> September (in the school holidays)**

**ACT Open Day – All the tertiary institutions in Canberra will be open for inspection on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August.** This is an excellent opportunity to visit CIT (the TAFE equivalent in the ACT), ADFA, University of Canberra, Australian National University and the Australian Catholic University. Information is available from the websites of each of the institutions, so make sure you plan your day and have plenty of questions ready.

## YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE:

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.

Samantha Apps

Breadalbane Public School

Lochland Steward

Emak Communications & Civils

Tehlea Williams

Early Learning Academy

Sam Woodberry

Steve Woodberry Painting

Dahnisha Lacey

West Goulburn Public School

Ashleigh McIntyre

Wollondilly Public School

Samantha Apps

Breadalbane Public School





### NAIDOC Week Activities at GHS

For NAIDOC Week 2015 all year 7s gathered in the hall for the NAIDOC week activities.

We were greeted by Mr Chamberlain and Mr White. The girls went to learn about Aboriginal painting and culture which traditionally was women's business, while the boys stayed in the hall and learnt about hunting and Aboriginal culture. The boys were learning about the didgeridoo and how the Aboriginals used to make and use them. The boys also learnt about the traditional ways of hunting, how to throw a spear and how to play the didgeridoo. When we got to lunch we tried some amazing traditional Aboriginal food like emu, crocodile with chutney and sauces made with traditional herbs and spices. We also got to try some delicious wattle seed damper. But the best part was that it was all FREE! NAIDOC celebrations 2015 rocked! Can't wait until next year.

Joshua Porter



## Japanese Peace Day

Ms Malton's Year 8 class have been studying *Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* and commemorated the 70th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima on August 6th with a cultural culinary lesson including different Asian food. Jennifer Shangguan and her mother prepared Chinese rice balls for the class and everyone was delighted by this special treat. Thank you, Jennifer.



## English Studies Excursion to the Australian War Memorial

Last week, we left Goulburn to have a look at the redeveloped War Memorial, ready to explore the WWI and WWII exhibitions. Our kind and very knowledgeable guide, former History teacher Lucy, took us to all the important dioramas, paintings and memorabilia to give us a deep understanding about what it was like to be part of one on one combat in WWI, such as life in the trenches in Europe, or trying to scale the 'beach' in Gallipoli.

The WWII lecture was unfortunately cancelled, however, a self-guided tour around the planes, submarines, tanks and other machinery was thoroughly educational with the help of Will French and Ben Baker, who had very useful knowledge in regards to motors and weaponry. Thank you to Mr Browne and Mrs Julie Handley who made this excursion possible.





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If your child, or a child you know, has a loved one in the criminal justice system, please contact us to see how we can support them and their family.

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**The GHS Dance Festival troupe cake stall and GCOPS performance. Thank you to everyone who has supported the group in both of these activities.**

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