



Goulburn
High
School
Newsletter



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Merry Christmas 2016





Principal's Report

This is our final newsletter for 2016 and as you can see, it is a bumper Christmas edition. This is an opportune time to thank Ms Heidi Maltan for the outstanding job she does in compiling and editing this publication. The hours she puts into this newsletter are evident as you read through the many articles and features.

We had an outstanding Goulburn High School Showcase this term, and many thanks need to go to the Showcase committee.

We had many members of our community visit, and they were entertained by singing, dancing, drama, music, great food, sideshow attractions, robotics – this list goes on. This will be a regular event at the same time each year, offering an insight into the talents and diversity of our staff and students. Congratulations to all who participated.

Our Presentation Night went off without a hitch. This is due to the unbelievable amount of work that goes on behind the scenes to enable this event to take place. A big thank you to all the teaching and office staff involved in making it such a worthy event to finish our school year.

Mrs Jean Meng has been instrumental in the organisation of Presentation Night for a number of years, as well as the efficient running of our school from our front office. This will be Jean's final year at Goulburn High School as she will officially retire at the end of December. I would like to personally, and on behalf of the school, extend a very warm and heartfelt thank you to Jean, for the many years of hard work and dedication to our school and its students. We hope you have a relaxing and wonderful retirement – we will miss you and all you have done to support us.

Recently, one of our senior students, Shayley Woodgate, shaved her head in support of Shave for a Cure raising money for research into Leukaemia. She raised over \$2000 and much needed publicity into this very worthwhile cause. I am very proud of Shayley and what she has sacrificed and achieved, in order to make the lives of others a little brighter. Well done Shayley – you are a credit to yourself, your family and our school.

Over the last couple of weeks, I have been working closely with our new Principal, Mr Paul Hogan, to ensure a smooth transition into the new year under his leadership. I am very impressed with his knowledge, ethos and positive personality, and believe the selection team has made an outstanding choice of a leader who will take this school onto greater achievements and positive outcomes for students.

I would like to thank my senior executive team made up of Mr Mani and Mrs Reece for their outstanding support and commitment to the school, and for the assistance they have given me over the past three terms. I would also like to extend that thanks to Mrs Kennedy, our relieving Head Teacher Administration, for the highly efficient and effective way in which she managed all aspects of her (and sometimes others') responsibilities. Mrs Kennedy has decided to return to the classroom and her role as Careers Advisor for 2017. Thank you to the executive team, teaching and non-teaching staff, and parents for the support you have given over this year. For the first eight months of 2017, I will be working away from Goulburn High School helping lead the implementation of a Department of Education initiative. I'd like to wish you all a wonderful festive season and safe return to 2017. I look forward to being back at school in early August next year.

Mr Vero Joseph





Robotics Nationals in Wangaratta

Goulburn is becoming a force to be reckoned with in VEX Robotics. This year there were five teams from Goulburn High School, 2 VEX IQ (junior plastic robots) and 3 VEX EDR (metal robots). The teams competed for over eight hours against the top schools from across Australia with all the teams performing well. Students needed to design their robot to play the Star Struck game and record their design process in an engineering book. Teams also had to go through an interview process, and explain what they had done during the season. The 3 EDR teams made it through to the finals with all teams ranking 7th or above.

The competition is getting harder every year because of the growing interest in robotics so this is an outstanding effort. The teams were Byron Strickland, Kynan Cooper, Josh Swift, Jacob Maizey, Tiffany Ezzy, Charlotte Hargan, Will Battiste, Logan Dial and Izack McDonald.

In the VEX IQ competition, Bailey Dyer and Bradley McGoogan won the Teamwork Challenge for the game Crossover with Trinity College. The Judges Award and overall second place was awarded to Hayley Meredith and Emily Hunter. Congratulations to all students that participated. Having the motivation and enthusiasm to be involved and complete the problem is half way to success.





The University Of Wollongong Science Fair

As part of Goulburn High School's transition program, a team of students from Goulburn West Public School, Goulburn High School and Wollondilly Public School participated in the Science Fair at the University of Wollongong. There were over 550 projects and 1000 students participating. Students are required to present their scientific research to judges and answer questions. The team performed on an outstanding level and should all be very proud of the standard of work presented. This year, Goulburn High School had their most successful year ever with three projects receiving one of the top 12 awards: **Stage 6, 3rd Place** James Byrne, Genesis Octaviano and Sean Kelly, **Stage 6, 2nd Place** Josie Herman-Meylan, Anysia Oberg and Margaret Hargan, and **Stage 5, 2nd Place** Kimberley Laider.





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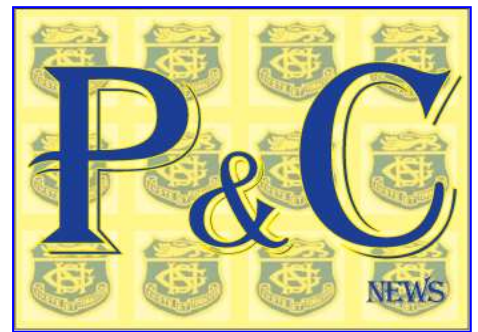
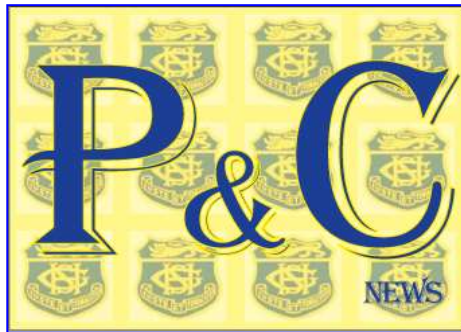
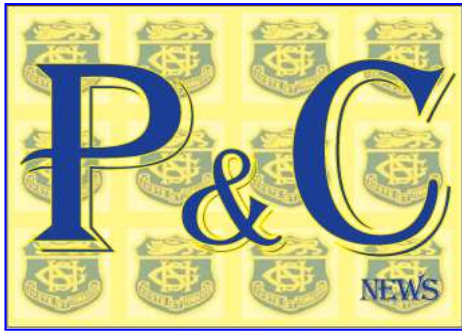
Adobe Excursion 2016

On 16th of November 2016, Mr Paopeng's students from Information Software and Technology in year 9 and 10 caught a train early in the morning for a long three hour trip to Adobe HQ in Sydney. There we learned how to use different tools and ways to manipulate images and multimedia on Adobe Photoshop. The tricks and tips that Jason Carthew from Adobe taught us were very interesting, and we learnt how do animated images and gifs, as well as a CinemaGraph. After Adobe we walked back to Town Hall Station where we all had lunch and spent the last hour shopping.

Overall, after a long day at Adobe HQ, we caught the train home again. It was a great learning experience for anyone who is interested in computing. Thank you to Mr Paopeng for taking us there.

Emily Reid and Jessica Rice, Year 10





Here we are at the end of another successful year at Goulburn High. I would like to briefly give you a run-down of the achievements of our P&C for 2016, fundraising through various BBQs, Pie Drives and raffles.

- Supported our year 11 and year 12 with their fundraising.
- Held our Easter Hotrod Shakedown.
- Applied for various grants with the help of Mrs Hyland.
- Sourced bricks for our construction team.
- The opening of our P&C Uniform Shop.
- Supported our school community.
- Working on an upgrade to our cricket nets on the oval.
- Instigated proposed upgrades to our school PE change rooms.
- Petitioned our State government on our current heating system.
- We have had our School Director attend a P&C meeting to be involved in our decision making.



Our meetings are very informative and friendly. I would encourage any new families to come along and be a part of this decision making with us. No-one is pressured into talking on any jobs and we are happy to have new faces along.

Thank you for your support during 2016.

Renee Woodberry
P&C President
Goulburn High School

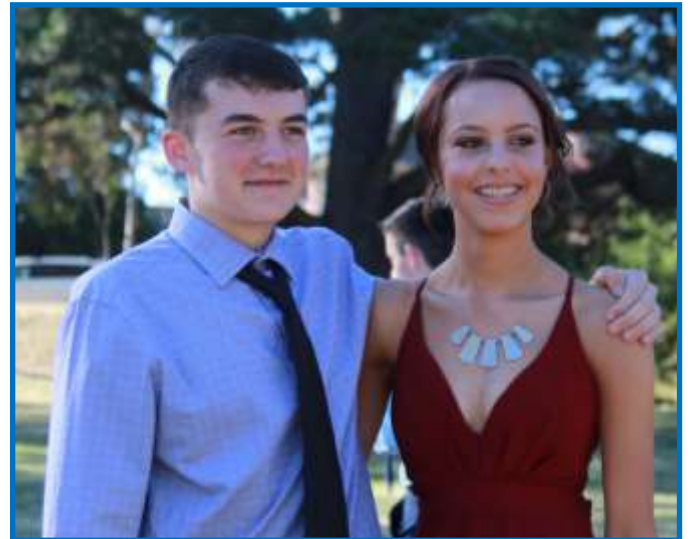


Yup, that's a real Reindeer on its way to the Saami's far northern grounds of inland Norway, Sweden and Finland in the Arctic Circle around Kautokeino. They are the size of cows, much bigger than I thought. Merry Christmas.

Ms Maltan

Goulburn High School Canteen will be open during the school holidays for the purchase of book packs, calculators etc.:

TUESDAY 24th January	9am to 2pm
WEDNESDAY 25th January	9am to 2pm





**Year 10
2016
Finale**



Goulburn High School

Uniform Shop Special Opening Hours
2017

January 2017

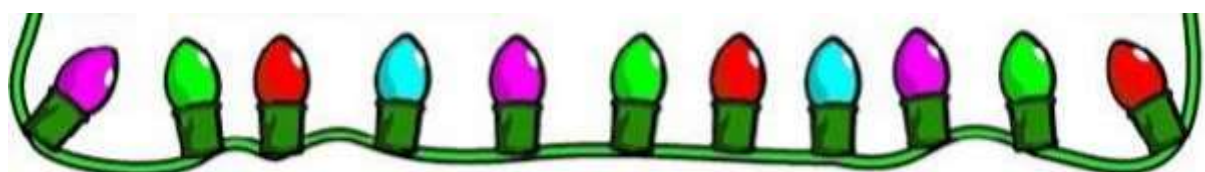


Monday	16th January	09:00AM- 02:00PM
Tuesday	17th January	09:00AM- 02:00PM
Wednesday	18th January	09:00AM- 02:00PM
Monday	23rd January	09:00AM- 02:00PM
Tuesday	24th January	09:00AM- 02:00PM
Wednesday	25th January	09:00AM- 02:00PM
Friday	27th January	09:00AM- 1:00PM
Monday	30th January	08:30AM- 12:30PM

THEN EVERY MONDAY: 08:30am - 12:30pm

THURSDAY: 08:30am - 12:30pm

MASTERCARD VISA EFTPOS NOW AVAILABLE, CHEQUES NOT ACCEPTED. NO LAYBY.







Deputy Principals' Report

The school year is rapidly drawing to a close and we would like to wish our students and their families a very happy Christmas and holiday. Thank you to parents and carers for your ongoing support throughout the year.

We welcomed Mr Paul Hogan, GHS Principal 2017, to the school this week. We look forward to working with him in his new role. We would like to thank Mr Vero Joseph for his hard work and support in his role as Acting Principal 2016.

We would like to thank Mrs Jean Meng for her work at GHS. Mrs Meng has been a member of our office staff for several years and will be retiring at the end of the year. Mrs Meng has been dedicated in her support of GHS and will be greatly missed. We wish her all the best in her retirement.

Last week we held our annual Awards Evening, where we recognised several students who have achieved in academic, sporting and extra-curricular areas. Congratulations to these students on their excellent effort.

We officially relaunched our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) program last week, with a whole school assembly which was organised and led by our prefects. Our values of *respect, responsibility and resilience* reflect the values of our society and are important values for life.

Students will receive their reports this week. Don't forget the reports and other important information, including school attendance, are available on the Parent Portal. Please contact the school if you need help accessing the Parent Portal.

Parents and carers should ensure they purchase the necessary books, stationery and uniform items to allow students to be well-prepared for the first day of school next year. Students are reminded that they need to wear the correct uniform, which includes black polishable leather shoes and white socks.

Have a safe and relaxing holiday,

Jayne Reece and Yogesh Mani



Important Dates – Term 1 2017:

Start of school term for students (7, 11, 12)
30/01/2017

Start of school term for students (8, 9, 10)
31/01/2017

Photo Day - 09/02/2017

Swimming Carnival - 10/02/2017







Presentation Night 2016



"You're probably one of the best hackers who isn't hiding out in an embassy in London."

Little more than a day after the national election, convicted cyber-criminal Dennis Fitzroy finds himself approached by disgraced MP Wenda Brewer on behalf of ASIO. What she asks is risky—breathtakingly so. To challenge the company globally acknowledged as the dominant force behind the internet would be playing with fire in the most dangerous way. How could he resist?

Dark Web was written by James Caulfield (Year 10) for the 2016 Spyfest short story contest in Goulburn.

It will be available on Kindle, Itunes & Smashwords by January 2017.
<https://www.smashwords.com/profile/view/jamescaulfield>

Blak Douglas Artist Workshop

Students were invigorated by an excursion to the Goulburn Regional Art Gallery where they participated in a workshop with an exciting and challenging auditory drawing exercise conducted by Blak Douglas (Adam Hill).

Blak Douglas explained the origin of the Yidaki (didgeridoo) and the complex playing styles of its traditional custodians. The students then translated the sounds onto paper, thus creating a quick and colourful abstract artwork.

Adam then presented a comprehensive presentation outlining his stance in the world of urban Aboriginal art and what constitutes being an artist today.

Finally, the students produced a depiction of their 'place' through referencing the familiar styles of the central-western desert Anangu art. Adam explained concepts as revealed to him by his mentors from Papunya and students created their own interpretation of landscape familiar to them.

For more information about Blak Douglas and to view his artworks visit <http://www.blakdouglas.com.au/about/>



VI Fossil

Careers Desk

CONGRATULATIONS HUDSON DEWSBURY – Year 10

Hudson had been successful in gaining a School Based Apprenticeship in Electrotechnology. During the school holidays Hudson will commence working towards the 180 days payed employment which must completed during the first 2 years of his apprenticeship. During school terms he will be attending Moss Vale TAFE one day per week to complete the training component of the apprenticeship. He will also attend work for one day per week with his employer Jonathon Hutchins, a former Goulburn High School student. Electrotechnology will count towards the accumulation of his HSC as a Board Developed Course, and should he wish to use the subject in the calculation of his ATAR he can elect to complete the optional HSC exam. Following the completion of Year 12 Hudson will continue with his apprenticeship as a 2nd Year apprentice and by 2021 will become a qualified tradesman.

Yr 12 : CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE – available for careers advice and support from 19th – 21st December, after the HSC and ATAR results are released. Online advice from www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au or call 1300300687. Also remember that Mrs Kennedy is available to support you even next year if you need it!

SKILLS & THRILLS CAREER SHOWCASE –Thursday 1st December. Year 9 & 10 students attended an excursion to the Lilac City Cinema.

The Skills and Thrills showcase was an exhilarating film packed with music, video and animation. Students learnt the latest information on jobs of the future, industry trends and how to connect their passions to a successful career outcome.

YEAR 9 & 10 University of Canberra Excursion – Tuesday 29th November

Students travelled to Canberra to participate in the Aspire program run by the Aspiration Agents of the university. Students were able to tour the university campus, including to see the campus and find out about what is on offer at the university.

Year 10,11,12 : Have you checked your students online account recently ?

<http://studentonline.bos.nsw.edu.au/>

This is where you will access your RoSA and HSC results, Key Dates

16th November: Year 11 – Preliminary RoSA grades

7th December: Year 10 – Stage 5 RoSA grades

15th December: Year 12 HSC Results

(16th Dec. ATARs released to students by UAC)

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.

Lauren Kelly	Schute Bell	Cameron Marks	Absolute Fitness
Brittany Ford	Goulburn Preschool	Michael Delessert	Boral Cement
Tahlia Roche	GoulburnWest Primary	Ryan Goad	A Stroke Ahead
Ben Norton	Fireside Inn	Hudson Dewsbury	Murrays Meats
Meg Kelly	Goulburn Post		



World Greatest Shave

Shayley Woodgate shaved off her lovely locks, and Mr Joseph parted with his beard of 14 years, for this great cause to collect money for Leukaemia research.





International Disability Day

Students participated in a basketball competition at the Goulburn stadium to celebrate the day. Two teams represented Goulburn High, displaying a high level of sportsmanship and resilience against local schools and community groups.

Our school also provided volunteers to assist with the running of the event. A range of fun activities including Zumba dancing, face painting, a drumming circle, as well as live music and a barbeque was enjoyed by all.

Ms Lee Gray



Interview with Mr Hogan

Q Could you first tell us more about your previous schools?

A This will be my sixth school. I first started teaching in 1983, in a school in Fairfield West, which is a suburb of Western Sydney, at a school called Westfields High School. It was not a sports high school at that stage but, since then, some great sportsmen like Harry Kewell and Tim Cahill have come out of that school. I went from Westfields High School to Jannali Boys, and from Jannali Boys to Bomaderry High School. I was a science teacher at those three schools. Then from Bomaderry I went as Head Teacher Science/Agriculture, to Moss Vale High, and from there, to Vincentia High School as Head Teacher Welfare. Whilst at Vincentia High School I went from Head Teacher Welfare to Deputy Principal Special Programs. Then from there to here [Goulburn High School].

Q What are your first impressions of Goulburn High School?

A The main building is a classically old educational building, obviously steeped in history because it's been around for a long time. There is an aura of pride from the school. Walking amongst the playground, the students gave me a very warm and welcoming feeling. I think that this, Goulburn High School, is a very good school.

Q What is your vision for the future of Goulburn High School?

A My vision for the future will be that it becomes a vibrant place of learning. A place where students feel safe and happy to come to school. A place where teachers strive for excellence, and a place where parents, students, and teachers all realise that I'm about high expectations, for the range of students we have here. Really, all I want from students is that they achieve their personal bests and that teachers, by their own practices, are still learning themselves and so encourage learning in their students.

Q What message would you like to send to the students of Goulburn High School?

A My message is that we've got our three new core values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. A lot of those things, if they [the students] take them on board, will develop them into model Goulburn High students, as well as Goulburn community citizens. These are the sorts of qualities that, if the students were to look at who they respect and who they think are good people in their own communities, that's what we want them to be like through those three core values. Also, that within that, they are to take pride in a great school. They'll show that they are taking pride in themselves and in Goulburn High School by turning up in uniform, by treating each other and their teachers with respect, and by being responsible for their learning, for their uniform and for their equipment. Resilience, tied in with all that, is about them doing their personal best as well.

Otto Kemmis, Year 12





Sports Report

2016 has been a big year for sport at Goulburn High. Last Thursday the school held its Annual Presentation Night and the following students were awarded Sporting Awards:

Goulburn High School Sporting Blue

Evan Goad (NSW All Schools Pole Vault)

Ryan Goad (Australian All Schools Pole Vault, NSW All Schools High Jump)

Joseph Moloney-Kremer (Australian All Schools Javelin)

Shakira Reeve (NSWCHS Touch Refereeing)

Ryan Wake (NSWCHS Touch Refereeing)

Major Sporting Awards

Junior Contribution to Sport – Meg Woodberry

Jeff Huggett Trophy for Boy's All Rounder in Sport – Brandyn Law

Olive Smith Bat for Girl's All Rounder in Sport—Georgia Noack

Helen Fuller/Mal Mow Sporting Awards – Renae Robinson

Timothy Dylan Hartnett (BMHS) Memorial Award for ACHIEVEMENT and ENCOURAGEMENT – Jack Elder

A massive thank you to all students for their outstanding participation and achievements in all areas of school sport. A special thankyou to all the teachers who took on coaching roles within school sport!

Important dates for 2017: GHS Swimming Carnival (10th February)





**Evan and Ryan Goad -
Medallists All Schools
Championships**

**Joey Kremer—
Medallist All Schools
Championships**



In January I went to NSW Country Championships for high jump and pole vault. I won gold in pole vault with a height of 2.08m. I placed 4th in the high jump with a height of 1.80m. The following month I attended the ACT Junior Championships (individual age group Nationals), held in Perth, where I jumped 2.80m in the pole vault and placed 7th which qualified me for the State Targeted Talent Program. This program includes three days of training and information with State coaches spread across the end of the year. I also competed in the high jump with a personal best of 1.82m. Then I participated in the ACT Little Athletics Championships where I won gold in the high jump with a height of 1.83m.

Later that year I went to the NSW Combined High Schools Championships. I jumped 1.80m and placed fifth.

In October, I attended the NSW All Schools Championships (State combined age groups). I won gold in the pole vault with a height of 3m which qualified me to go to the Australian All School Championships. I came fifth in the high jump at 1.80m. I then applied through ACT with my best height and was accepted for both high jump and pole vault for the Australian All Schools Competition (Nationals combined age groups). When I went there in December, I competed in the pole vault and high jump as a 15 year old in the Under 18s. I came 8th in the pole vault and jumped 3m. I reached 1.80m in the high jump.

Ryan Goad, Year 10.



Rhys Rakete—Medallist CHS Athletics





Students v Teachers

Slap Hockey Game

The Year 12 2017 students challenged the mainly PE teachers to a game of hockey in week 8 in the school hall.



WELLBEING AT GOULBURN HIGH

As yet another year comes to a close, there are many people I would like to thank for putting the wellbeing of the staff, students and community at the forefront of their thinking and actions.

The Learning and Support Team: Mrs. Handley our Learning and Support Teacher works incredibly hard as she is responsible for our National Data Collection, NAPLAN testing and results, special considerations for exams for all year levels as well as developing student support plans for students requiring additional assistance and support with accessing our curriculum. We are also developing resources to assist classroom teachers as well as providing strategies on differentiation and engagement. It's a huge work load and luckily we have been able to appoint an additional LaST in 2017 and we are really looking forward to welcoming Ms Hayes to the team. Our School Counsellors are an invaluable asset to the team; their expertise and highly professional support of our students has been an integral part of being able to focus and support student wellbeing.

The Student Learning and Support Officers are a constant support to both individual students and groups within different classes. They work to support both the classroom teacher and individual students so that difficulties and challenges are better addressed. We are so lucky to have their dedication and hard work both in and out of class; assisting with Pathways support, Girl Force and our intensive reading program. They also help out as readers and writers for those students requiring special provisions for exams.

The Wellbeing Team of the Year Advisors and the Girls' and Boys' Advisors has done a tremendous job supporting the students in their care this year. They are to be highly commended for always putting the needs of the students as their highest priority. They are a reliable constant in the lives of our students and are always ready to take the time to ensure students feel supported, listened to, and reminded to get to class. The major milestones of the Year 6 into 7 transition, the Year 10 Finale and the Year 12 Graduation have all been undertaken with hard work and flair ensuring these important dates have been moments to always remember.

The **White Ribbon Action Team** has done a remarkable job in such a short time bringing the topic of family and domestic violence to the forefront of people's conversations and even debates. It has been nothing short of inspiring watching how this dedicated and enthusiastic group of students has embraced responsibility and risen to the challenge of speaking out and presenting and performing, and contributing to the school and local community's stand against violence.

The MindMatters Action Team has been tireless in leading the gradual cultural shift to embrace positive language, positive relationships and the core values of our school. This walks hand in hand with our PBL program and through committed classroom programs, has been presented to each student in Years 7 and 8. The program rewrite for 2017 is driven by student feedback, our school values and the 8 ways of Aboriginal learning. The team is very excited about some of the changes we have made and hope we can have an even greater impact next year.

The festive season can sometimes be a very unhappy, lonely and distressing time for individuals and families. I sincerely wish and hope that all of you have someone to smile with over the next few weeks and that a hand of friendship is always placed in yours.

I look forward to walking with you all in 2017.

*Ms Catherine Baker
Head Teacher Wellbeing*





**GOULBURN
HIGH SCHOOL**

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

RESILIENCE

PBL relaunched to introduce our revamped school values of [Respect](#), [Responsibility](#) and [Resilience](#). Year 12 students danced, teachers rocked out, staff cooked a BBQ for all students and we all had lots of fun to welcome our new and improved signs for next year.

