Our new Year 7 students are taking life at high school very seriously, wearing spick and span uniforms, equipped with covered workbooks and equipment such as calculators, and bringing an open mind towards all learning opportunities offered at Goulburn High School. It is impressive to see our students looking forward to being part of a fun and educational environment.

The novelty race at our swimming carnival on Friday had spectators and participant in stitches. Thank you to the PE faculty for their organisation and to all teachers and students who participated in the swimming events and other activities. What a wonderful day!
Welcome to the start of Term One 2013. I would like to especially welcome all our new Year 7 and new students and their families to our school. Goulburn High is a great place to work and study and during the year students will have an opportunity to participate in a range of exciting activities.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Vero Joseph (Relieving Principal), Mr Allan Wybrow (Relieving DP) and Mrs Anna Robinson (Relieving HT Maths) for all their effort and commitment to their positions during my extended leave in 2012. This is a great opportunity for these young executive to experience new roles in the school.

This year we have a number of new staff join us for the first time. Ms A. Kara joins the Maths Faculty, Mr J. Paopeng will teach IT, Mrs M. James will teach Science and Ms K. Hayes will teach English. I wish them well during their time at Goulburn High.

This year will see a number of faculties working towards the development of new programs which will be implemented in 2014 in English, Mathematics, Science and HSIE. This is part of the new National Curriculum initiative.

This year we will continue with a number of initiatives that commenced in 2012. The Homework Centre will again operate on Monday afternoons. The Australian National University will be involved in the Homework Centre on a regular basis assisting our senior students. This program allows students to complete homework or assessment tasks with the support of a number of teachers. As well we are implementing a strategy known as A.L.A.R.M. to help our senior students better understand how to answer “longer” response questions. Our Breakfast Club is operating again on Monday to Thursday mornings to offer a free and nutritious breakfast to all students.

The second year of the PBS program will be implemented with a focus on developing a more effective reward system for our students.

Students who attend a government school will be covered for ambulance service whilst at school or on excursions. This will also apply when students go on excursions interstate (except QLD & SA). Parents are reminded that they should investigate their personal insurance to cover any accidents that may happen at school.

The office staff would appreciate that you update any changes to your child’s personal details (new address, phone numbers etc.). Forms to assist with these changes are available from the office.

Goulburn High School is surrounded by three major roads which can become very congested immediately before and after school. It would be appreciated if you could drop off or collect your child from the Clifford Street side. This would eliminate double parking and make it safer for your child.

To conclude I hope all students have a very rewarding and productive year.

Peter Browne
Principal
YEAR 7 ARE HERE TO LEARN

All year 7 are settling in well, enjoying the different classes and the more mature learning dynamic of high school. Each new student has become involved in year 10 Peer Group activities and are finding their way around Goulburn High School more easily. Here’s what they have to say about high school so far:

Lachlan Navybox says, “It’s a great experience.”
Ben Norton says, “I made some great new friends.”
Madison Baines says, “It’s awesome.”
Krystal Allport says, “Awesome new teachers.”
Jessica Rice says, “Better than primary.”
Zac St Vincent says, “You get to do heaps of stuff.”
Ryan Murphy says, “Awesome experience.”
Bailey Bove says, “It’s a great place for our next stage of life.”
Lachlan Murray says, “It’s really interesting.”
Michael Delessert says, “I like the classes.”
James Caulfield says, “History lessons are awesome.”
A group that call themselves “awesome new friends” said “new friends are awesome” and “our favourite subjects are Science and Tech.”

I am so lucky to be involved with this great group of students and I’m looking forward to getting to know them all better and seeing what they ‘CAN DO’.

Mrs Porter, year 7 advisor
A Message from the Deputy Principal

Welcome and welcome back to our new and returning students and families.

**Uniform:** It was great to see so many of our students start the year with excellent uniform and I hope this will continue. A reminder that enclosed, black leather shoes are the only shoes that should be worn to school. Canvas or suede shoes are not acceptable nor are shoes that are very open at the top. This is to protect students’ feet during practical subjects as well as being our agreed school uniform. Wearing correct school uniform is very important to our school’s standing in the community as well as being important in gaining and keeping employment in many sectors. I appreciate the support of parents and students in this matter. If the purchase of uniforms could cause financial hardship, please do not hesitate to contact the school. If your child does not have the correct uniform for a particular day, please provide them with a note.

**Scooters and skateboards:** In 2011, the school took the decision to ban scooters and skateboards. This was to do with issues of safety, as many students ride without any protective gear on hard surfaces including roads, and also security, as the school does not have adequate facilities to lock these items securely. It is timely at the start of this year to remind students that scooters and skateboards, including scooter and skateboard parts, are not to be brought to school. Students risk having these items confiscated, to be returned only to their parents, if they persist in bringing them to school. Riders of bicycles are not affected, as long as they wear helmets whilst riding.

**Korean exchange:** Our Korean exchange is set to take place again this year, with twenty students from Jeju Dong Girls’ Middle School arriving on approximately the 10th of August, staying for 10 days. We are looking for host families for these students so please contact me on 48214022 if you are interested. We have the opportunity to return to Korea in the term 3 holidays, leaving on the 23rd of September and returning the 2nd of October. Again, please contact me for more information.

**GHS 100 Years Celebrations:** I look forward to a great year at Goulburn High School, and am especially looking forward to our 100th Birthday Fair and Concert, which will take place on the 15th of March. More information will be forwarded to you soon about this celebration.

Vero Joseph
Deputy Principal

**PBS - Positive Behaviour for Success**

We are continuing to focus on our school values and promoting positive behaviours. This week our focus is on “Being Responsible”. Students are encouraged to always take responsibility for their actions, and to consider how they can ensure they are being responsible rather than sometimes making excuses.

We are also continuing our focus on the playground and thanking students for their great efforts in making sure our school is a pleasant place to be, with a chance to win a canteen voucher in our weekly tickets draw.
GOULBURN CLUBS’ SCHOLARSHIP FUND

STUDENTS CONTINUING TO YEARS 11 AND 12 IN 2013

Goulburn Service Clubs’ Scholarship Committee will be offering a number of scholarships to assist students in necessitous circumstances to continue their education in Year 11 or 12 in 2013.

Information can be obtained by contacting the convenor on 4821 1467. Application forms are available from the main office of your school and from the convenor. Applications will be received until the end of February in term 1, 2013.

Applications should be sent to the address on the application form.

A F Milne, Convenor

GOULBURN HIGH SCHOOL WELFARE
‘where we take care of each other’

Welcome back to another exciting year at Goulburn High School. For some of you a nice, restful break is now a distant memory but remember what made the holidays great – rest, relaxation and doing things you enjoy. You may think these three elements are only for weekends and holidays, but you are wrong! Incorporating these elements into your daily school routine will help you to be successful - in the right amounts. The current research tells us that teenagers need at least 9 to 10 hours sleep a night – are you getting enough? That doesn’t mean watching TV in bed or Facebooking: it means quality sleep. Relaxation and stress management techniques are extremely important, especially as you head into exams in the various subject areas. The important thing to note with relaxation and stress management techniques is that what works for one person may not work for you. It’s all about finding what works for you. Finally, doing something you enjoy – again a very individual thing. Give yourself a reward after completing a good day at school, finishing an assignment, completing a study session or getting an excellent result in a test. It could be a small reward like being able to watch an extra half hour of TV or you could save up your small rewards to make a big one. These rewards will hopefully keep you motivated and allow you to be at your best.
CAREERS DESK

A small group of Year 12 students travelled to Wollongong University on Thursday 7th February for “Discovery Day”. The day commenced with an inspiring address from a charismatic 4th year Communications and Media student. Students spent the rest of the day attending lectures as if they were university students. A DJ provided lunch-time entertainment as students explored the beautiful grounds of the university. I must say that I was very impressed by the many initiatives being introduced by the university to ensure the health and welfare of its students and to provide them with a high quality and up-to-date educational facility.

It is also important to note that some changes have been made to their early entry schemes and new processes will be involved for students applying for 2014.

Opportunities like this provide students with valuable insight into their options for the future and I hope that more students will take advantage of this and further opportunities in the year to come.

Work Education: All students in Year 10 have now commenced their studies in Work Education, attending one lesson per week in the Careers Room. Work Experience is a major component of the course and there are some changes to its operation this year. An information package will be heading out to parents and guardians in the next week, so please look out for it in your student’s bag.

Tax File Numbers: Just a reminder that all students over the age of 13 are eligible to apply for a Tax File Number through the school. Students can collect a form from the Careers Office. Please don’t wait until you have a part-time job to fill in the form, as it takes 4-6 weeks to process.

Mrs Kennedy
Join in the Celebrations

Goulburn High School is celebrating 100 years of Education with a Fair

FRIDAY 15 MARCH, 4-8pm

- Zorb
- Concert
- Laser Skirmish
- Jumping Castle
- Raffle
- Auction of a signed Raiders Jersey
- Trash and Treasure
- Petting Zoo
- Curries, BBQ and more
- Visit our website for a full list of activities

Free Entry

Entry via Clifford Street only
LEARNING MATHS IS FUN

On Tuesday, February 12th, a Mathematics Roadshow came to Goulburn High School bringing puzzles to get students thinking about maths and problem solving. In small teams, Year 8 and 9 students were asked to build fences to help out a farmer, find someone’s letter box, plant trees, turn gears and build bridges.

Mrs Robinson
Welcome back everyone and a very warm welcome to our new parents joining GHS for the first time. We trust you are all energised after the holidays and ready for a great 2013 at Goulburn High School.

We had our first meeting for the year last Wednesday 13\(^{th}\) February, where we welcomed back our principal, Mr Peter Browne. There is an exciting year in store for our students and they will need our support to take full advantage of all that is planned.

Our first major event will be the school’s celebration of 100 Years of Education in the form of a Fair/Concert on Friday 15\(^{th}\) March from 4pm. This event is also part of Goulburn’s 150\(^{th}\) celebrations. There will be lots for the students to participate in and be entertained by, and your support will be much appreciated. We will have stalls, entertainment and fun activities. If your child comes home and asks for your help with an activity which has been planned, it would be great to have your assistance. We will be most grateful.

We encourage everyone to come along to our informative and friendly meetings on the 2\(^{nd}\) Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Common Room in the school’s main building. See you there.

Paula Geary
P&C President
Goulburn High School

A WORD FROM THE SRC

I would like to welcome all students back to school and hope they enjoyed their Christmas break. The SRC would like to thank 2012 members, and welcome new members for an exciting year at Goulburn High School. We would like to give a warm welcome to the new members: Laura Fletcher in year 10 and Shaannon Caldwell in year 11. We look forward to selecting year 7 members in the next few weeks.

Mr Chamberlain
What's on this term

20th February  -  Year 12 Retail work placement (all week)
                 Canberra Show (all week)

22nd February  -  Girls basketball
                 Zone swimming carnival
                 Support student excursion to Canberra Show

25th February  -  U/16 Regional Touch Trials at Fairy Meadow

28th February  -  University of Canberra Aspire

**School Photo Day**

Boys basketball

1st March  -  Zone golf trials

4th March  -  Year 8 Financial Literacy class to CBD periods 3/4

6th March  -  MC class to Archery Goulburn

7th March  -  Regional swimming carnival

8th March  -  Year 7 vaccinations

11th March  -  Year 11 Biology and Senior Science Excursion to the Goulburn Wetlands

12th March  -  MC class to Tidbinbilla

13th March  -  Year 7 Kidney Week study tests

15th March  -  Girls hockey zone carnival

18th March  -  Year 9 boys vaccinations

8th March  -  Year 11 Biology and Senior Science Excursion to the Goulburn Wetlands

11th March  -  Year 9 boys vaccinations

12th March  -  Year 7 Kidney Week study tests

13th March  -  P & C meeting at 7pm in common room AGM

15th March  -  Year 8 Financial Literacy class to CBD periods 3/4

18th March  -  Boys hockey zone carnival

20th March  -  Year 12 TVET work placement (all week) for IT, metals, automotive

25th March  -  MC class to Oallen Ford

26th March  -  Year 12 Half Yearly Exams (two weeks)

27th March  -  Boys tennis zone carnival

2nd April  -  Year 12 Half Yearly Exams (two weeks)

8th April  -  Boys tennis zone carnival

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