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Emmot Falconer and Jennifer Geyer attended the Illawara Coal Regional Science Fair in Wollongong this term.

GHS’s MC class would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the Goulburn Workers Club for lending them the courtesy bus on Mondays to allow them to attend valuable outdoors excursions.
Welcome to the last newsletter for 2012. We have had a very busy year and I cannot believe that Christmas is only weeks away. Currently we are planning for our Presentation Night held on the 12th of December. I love the opportunity to congratulate so many of our students for their achievements throughout the year. This Presentation Night will be extra special as it is our 100th presentation evening.

We are already planning our final 100th birthday event, taking place on Friday the 16th of March 2013. This will be our Goulburn High School fair and concert. We will be asking for feedback from students and staff for the activities and competitions that will be undertaken on the day. We are hoping to include a trash and treasure area, allowing families and friends of the school to book a space and sell unwanted treasures. The concert performers will include past and present students and teachers. It is shaping up to be a great afternoon and evening.

We had a very successful Year 6 orientation day and evening in week 7, welcoming many new and existing families to our school. Special thanks to Mrs Sharon Porter, our Year 7 Advisor for 2013, and Mrs Michelle Randall, Student Welfare Coordinator, as well as all the staff who supported the team on the day. We are looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 students next year.

The end of the year also heralds changes to our staff. Mrs Antonia McMahon retires at the end of the year after a long and successful teaching career. Mrs McMahon has had a long association with Goulburn High School and will be very much missed by students and staff alike. We wish Mrs McMahon a very happy retirement and hope she enjoys touring Australia and visiting her family. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to public education.

We also have a number of new permanent staff members joining us next year. Ms Kristy Hayes joins us in English, Mrs Anju Mani in English and HSIE, Ms Ashley Kara in Mathematics, and Mr John Paopeng in Computer Studies. Welcome to all our new staff – you have joined a quality public school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our temporary staff who have been with us this year filling various roles, including Mr Rion McClure, Mrs Gina Handley, Ms Callie Heath, Ms Alicia Jordan, Ms Mandy Cupitt, Mrs Maria Young, Ms Amy Campton-Smith and Mr John Steel, who also ran our Duke of Edinburgh program. These staff have held long term temporary positions within the school, and without their hard work, and that of our many other day to day casual staff, the school could not continue to deliver such a high quality education.

This year has been one of many challenges and exciting changes to our school. The hard work of our teaching and SASS staff has enabled us to meet the challenges successfully and continue to give our students a diverse, engaging and high quality education. Our executive and student support team have been innovative and supportive in ensuring Goulburn High School students are very well cared for. I would like to say thank you to every member of staff for their commitment and support this year – our success is due to each and every one of you.

Our parent body and P and C have also been very supportive and generous with their time and efforts. Working with parents so focussed on seeing the best outcomes for their children makes this job so much more rewarding. Finally, I would like to thank Mr Allan Wybrow who has been the relieving Deputy Principal whilst I have filled Mr Browne’s position as relieving Principal. Mr Wybrow has been a great source of support for myself and the school and was, among many other things, the brains behind our flash mob for our PBS launch earlier in the year. I hope that when Mr Browne returns from leave for the new year he will know that the school was left in capable hands. A very happy Christmas break to all, and I look forward to working with you in 2013. School starts on the 30th January for Years 7, 11 and 12, and 31st January for Years 8, 9 and 10. Have a safe and happy holiday.

Vero Joseph

**YEAR 12 STUDENT LUKE CHARNOCK’S INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY PROJECT SELECTED TO BE SHOWN AT ‘WORKING WITH WOOD’ SHOW AT OLYMPIC PARK IN 2013 AS PART OF THE BEST HSC PROJECTS**

For his major project in Industrial Technology, Luke produced a stylish desk constructed from Australian Red Cedar and Fiddleback Bluegum. Although Luke designed the desk on his own, he stated that his influences were both contemporary and traditional furniture design. The desk itself comprises of rail and stile doors, a feature drawer with curved front and a stunning Fiddleback Bluegum top with a moulded Australian Red Cedar border. Some of the other design features include six individually hand-cut half lap dovetail joints in the carcass and six hand-turned feet for the legs of the desk. A layer of clear coat gave it a deep lustre that will protect it for years. Congratulations, Luke.
On the 16th November, 100 Goulburn High Students attended the 150 year celebration of the Goulburn Police Force. It was a remarkable celebration with a number of exciting activities for the students to engage in after the official march and presentation. From dancing police horses, to abseiling demonstrations and bomb disposal robots, the students and staff were given an insight into the various police units. 

Kara Stephenson
Dear parents, friends and students,

Term 4 is rapidly coming to an end, but there are still many things planned for these remaining few weeks. As always the school maintains high expectations for student attendance, behaviour and effort during lessons. Semester 2 student reports are currently being finalised and these will be mailed home to parents in the coming weeks.

End of year activities commence on Monday 17th December. It is the expectation of the school that all students are involved in an activity each and every day. Students not coming to school must provide written advice to the school for each day not attended over the three activity days. The final day for student attendance this year is **Wednesday 19th December**.

A strong focus throughout the year has been on student attendance and this will continue into 2013. It has been pleasing to see that this focus has seen a growth in daily student attendance which has had a significant impact on student learning and engagement.

Over the past year the school has provided numerous opportunities for student involvement in extra-curricular activities. The dedication and commitment of all staff here at Goulburn High is just one of the things that makes this a great school to work in and for students to attend. From excursions to Canberra, Sydney, Korea, the Great Barrier Reef, field trips, movie trips, sporting events, and the list goes on, students have been able to enjoy a rich variety of activities this year and these have furthered their life experiences.

Congratulations to all students who participated in our annual sporting events such as the Smith Cup, swimming carnival, cross-country and athletics carnival. The tremendous sporting spirit shown both by competitors and spectators was just outstanding and further promotion of our school values that we work with every day at school; **aim high, be positive, be responsible, be considerate and respect yourself, others and the environment**.

The annual school presentation night is on Wednesday 12th December, starting at 7 pm in the school hall. I encourage all parents, extended family and friends to be in attendance to celebrate student achievement and success, both academic and sporting.

Finally, on a sad note, this will be my last message in the capacity of Deputy Principal. It has been a learning experience for me this year in the this role. I must thank all staff here at Goulburn High for the support they have given me throughout the year. To Mr Joseph for the guidance and wisdom he has offered me on those difficult days, to all parents who have worked in partnership with the school to support students and particularly to all students at Goulburn High: you are the most important aspect that makes it such a pleasure and privilege to work at this school.

Best wishes, and have a safe and happy Christmas break.

Mr Allan Wybrow
Deputy Principal

Note: 2013, Years 7, 11 and 12 return on Wednesday 30th January, ALL REMAINING YEARS return on Thursday 31st January.

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**POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR SUCCESS**

We have once again thanked students for their positive contribution to GHS and for their persistent demonstration of our school values. Keep up the great work, GHS!

The persistent effort of four teachers, Mr Stoevelaar, Mr Chamberlain, Mr McClure and Mr O’Connor, to cultivate hair above their upper lip grew into the MOVEMBER charity event. Mr Stoevelaar saw success as the forerunner with a beautiful specimen we all called ‘Magnum’ behind his back, and the final sum handed over to the Prostate Cancer Foundation totalled $385.70. Well done.
GHS Year 12 of 2012 Formal
Science Fair Success

A small team from Goulburn High School took on the best and brightest scientific minds from across the state at the Illawarra Coal Regional Science Fair. Students were selected to be part of the Goulburn High team after finishing in the top two for their category at the Goulburn High School Science Fair held earlier this year.

The students competed against more than 500 students at the University of Wollongong. Students had to present their research for four hours to a variety of judges including leaders in scientific research, heads of faculty at the university and other scientifically minded people.

Congratulations to the following students who achieved a Highly Commended Award: Jennifer Geyer, Emmot Falconer, Mitchell Webster, Jemma Frost. This award was presented to the students who finished in the top 5% of the Illawarra Coal Regional Science Fair. Thank you to the rest of the team for participating: Otto Kemmis, Sean Kelly, Renae Robinson, Margaret Grice and Mikayla Baines. The students have strong ambitions for 2013 and are already planning their science projects.

Katherine Hyland

THANK YOU TO THE WORKERS CLUB

The Workers Club have generously allowed our MC class to use their bus on Mondays. This has led to many varied learning experiences. Students have experienced rainforests, gorges, real-time geology and historical sites as well as natural areas. This has been a wonderful way of encouraging learning and appreciation of our natural and historical landscape.

Many thanks to the Workers Club from the students and staff of the MC class.

Penny Ackery
SPORTS REPORT

2012 has been a busy year in sport at Goulburn High School. We had three highly successful carnivals and a win in the longest running sporting exchange in the state. Our sporting teams have represented the school with pride and we have had a number of athletes move through representative levels in various sports. The PDHPE staff would like to take this opportunity to thank all students who participated in carnivals and sporting competitions throughout the year, parents who have taken time off work or out of their busy day-to-day lives to transport our teams across our region, and the staff who have coached/managed these sporting teams. A special thanks must go to our PDHPE staff, in particular Mrs Curry and Mr Lucas who have dedicated many hours to sports organisation at Goulburn High School. We look forward to 2013. Have a happy and safe holiday!

Michelle Randall

Year 6 into 7 Orientation Night

On Thursday the 22\textsuperscript{nd} November, Year 6 students and their parents visited Goulburn High School for an orientation evening. After the orientation, parents and children were invited to stay and enjoy some canapés and fresh punch. Seven Goulburn High students from our Year 10 Food Technology and Year 11 Hospitality classes volunteered their time to ensure this event was successful. The students prepared, presented and served the food and punch to the guests. All students did a fantastic job, working after school late into the night to pull off this event. They should be very proud of their efforts. A big thank you goes to: Madelaine Apps, Keira Luff-McLean, Jessica Allport, Tegan Granger, Matthew Brown, Jarrod Green, and Kaitlyn Shiel.

Jordan Newton

Goulburn High would like to introduce Corina Robson to the 2013 Prefect Body. Congratulations on your appointment.

K. Stephenson

Vibe 3 on 3 was another successful experience for our students this year. Juggling and basketball were the favourites for our Aboriginal students and their friends. We thank the organisers for making this such a valuable day for our students, allowing them to connect with their roots in a fun and interesting, yet educational way. It was also a privilege to listen to Casey Donovan, the Aboriginal winner of ‘Australian Idol’ in 2004 and to watch Matty Shields perform his now famous pole dancing routine from ‘Australia’s Got Talent’ in 2011.
Our thanks to everyone who came to cook sausages and onions at Bunnings on the 2nd December. Mr Joseph, Mr Wybrow, Mr and Mrs Bladwell, Zac, Mrs Chinnery, Courtney and Sarah, Mrs Falconer, Mrs Finch, Mikayla Smith, Mrs Rakete, Mrs Byrne and James all cooked up a storm. We were most fortunate to have all our supplies donated by our P&C members and raised $512.50. Thanks everyone.

Last Thursday, it was wonderful to see so many enthusiastic young Year 6 students visiting GHS on their Orientation Day. In the evening there was a positive response from their parents who enjoyed hearing lots of information about the coming year from their Year Adviser, Mrs Porter, and Mr Joseph. The senior Hospitality students treated them to a delicious array of finger food and refreshments. Well done to all involved. Three of our present Year 7 students, Otto Kemmis, Heather Davey and James Byrne, spoke of their experiences during their first year of attending GHS. Common to each of their accounts was the school spirit that they witnessed and were part of, and the competition for the Smith Cup. Goulburn High School defeated Bowral High School, and they had never heard such a loud cheer when the winner was announced. Their speeches were a credit to them … even more proud mums and dads!

Our next P&C meeting will not be until February 13th 2013, so may I take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support during 2012 and wish all our school community a safe and happy holiday, Merry Christmas and exciting New Year celebrations.

Paula Geary GHS P&C President

English Advanced Study Day in Sydney
Ten Year 12 students attended the recent HSC Study Day in Sydney at the Wesley Centre. They experienced university-style lectures on creative writing, English Extension units and most of all, had the opportunity to meet two authors of prescribed texts: the poet Peter Skrzynecki and the historian Mark Baker. It was a very educational and exciting experience for all. — H. Maltan

10th December - Year 11 Chemistry ANSTO excursion
12th December - Presentation Evening 7pm
13th December - Year 11 Barrier Reef Trip (6 days)
17th December - End of Year Activities (3 days)
20th December - School Development Days (2 days)

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