Year 8 Cultural Studies
Mr Mackay’s year 8 Cultural Studies class is learning about Japan and its healthy rice and soy product based cuisine. Otto Kemmis sampled Nori rolls containing tuna fish, carrots, celery and short grain rice, wrapped expertly in dried seaweed sheets by the students. Oishii.

CANBERRA ROYAL SHOW
Another successful year for Goulburn High School students showing cows and heifers at the Canberra Show. Three days of hard work paid off, with some students placing very well in their respective age groups. Congratulations to Ms Hope, who guides our students as they achieve such positive results.
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

As we enter the half point of the term our final numbers for 2013 have been submitted to the department. Our total school population is 625, which is made up of 104 (Y7), 114 (Y8), 90 (Y9), 115 (Y10), 117 (Y11), 55 (Y12) and 32 support students. This number gives us a staff of 55.2. This is a slight reduction on last year.

As a result of the numbers, Year 7 has had to have a reduction from 5 classes to 4 in mainstream and from 7 classes to 6 in the D/T line. This also means that a new timetable will be constructed and will commence in Week 9.

Two important initiatives that are continuing this year are the Breakfast Club and the Homework Centre. The Breakfast Club operates from Monday to Thursday each week, 8.20am to 8.45am, with the Homework Centre operating on Mondays from 3.30 till 5.00pm.

Next year will see the implementation of the Australian Curriculum in the areas of English, Mathematics, Science and History. Each of these faculties will be engaged with a range of professional development activities throughout the year in preparation for the implementation. In 2014, Years 7 and 9 will be the first to be taught the new syllabuses. An extra school development day has been scheduled for April 30th (Term 2) to incorporate the new curriculum into lesson program planning.

Numeracy and literacy will be again a major focus for this area across all years. The numeracy and literacy team is working closely with all staff, developing new strategies to assist them in their teaching and learning programs.

Goulburn City is celebrating 150 years this year and in conjunction with this, our school is celebrating its 100 year anniversary. On Friday 15th March the school will be organising a musical concert and fair to help celebrate. I would like to encourage you all to attend as this is the final activity for the school in relation to the 100 year anniversary. More details are on the flyer insert and on our website.

Mr Peter Browne

PBS - Positive Behaviour for Success
PBS focuses on reinforcing and rewarding positive behaviours. Thankyou to our students who continue to aim high and demonstrate the school values of respect, responsibility and being positive and considerate.

Woolworths Earn and Learn
Our books and games earned last year through the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program have arrived. We would like to say a big thankyou to parents and students for your fantastic support. Our students will certainly enjoy using these
From the 19th to the 24th of February, 11 students representing Goulburn High School took part in the Canberra Royal Show. All of the 11 students participated very well. On the Wednesday, Laura Fletcher and Emilee Battiste participated in School Paraders Under 14’s. Laura qualified for the final and Emilee placed 4th. On Thursday Holly Beard, Natalie Patterson and Steven Shaw participated in the School Paraders in the 15 and under age group. Natalie and Steven were unlucky on the day but Holly qualified for the final and placed 3rd.

On Friday, Chelsea Clune, Rhys Hedges, Zachery Bladwell, Emma Caldow, Jessica Allport and Kimberley Sykes competed in the Open Paraders. Chelsea received an encouragement award for the Under 14’s class, but Rhys and Zac were unlucky not to place in the 15’s and over age group. Emma, Jessica and Kim received an encouragement award for the 16’s and under age group. On Friday at lunch time all of the students participated in the Junior Judging (this is when students judge 4 heifer or bulls and some students get chosen to speak on the microphone). Unfortunately, none of the students from Goulburn High School were chosen to speak this year.

On Saturday, GHS Jade, led by Steven Shaw, received a 2nd place in the Led Heifer. On Saturday afternoon, a few students participated in the Calf Capers which is when you dress yourself and the calf or heifer up to present in the ring and compete against other participants to see what calf or heifer is dressed up the best. Chelsea led Sapphire and dressed herself in a cow costume (sponsored by Miss Bailey) and dressed the cow up as a cowgirl. She received an encouragement award in the Heifer Class. Emilee and Natalie dressed their square metre calf (sponsored by Fiona Battiste) and led with two students from Elizabeth Macarthur High School. Zeke Simons and Ashlee Janic, leading a Limousin, dressed their calves up as husband and wife and received 1st place in the Calf Class.

All of the students had the privilege of participating in the 100 Hereford Heifers Grand Parade, celebrating 100 years of Canberra. The Governor General gave a terrific speech and read a poem written especially for the occasion. Rawson Homes was the major sponsor and we all received a polo shirt and cap as a keepsake.

Throughout the time of being at the show, all of the students participated in the Herdsman Award which is where you get judged on how much work you do around the show, so that you’re never sitting down and always doing something. Steven was awarded 1st place, and Chelsea placed 2nd.

All of the students had a great time and enjoyed themselves. We would all like to thank Miss Hope for putting up with us and putting in the effort to get us organised. Thankyou to Michelle Caldow for cooking us wonderful food, to Sandra Roberts for transporting students to and from the venue and to Wynella for letting Goulburn High students use their heifers.

Natalie Patterson and Holly Beard
In 2013 the Science faculty would like to invite students to participate in a number of competitions. Entries for all competitions need to be completed by the 9th April 2013.

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) have run for the past 30 years and are sponsored by the University of New South Wales. The ICAS provides an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. The entry fee is $8.80 per student. The ICAS for Science is held on the 5th June.

The Big Science Competition, sponsored by Rio Tinto, is for students of all abilities from year 7-12. The competition is designed to test critical thinking, problem solving and scientific knowledge. The Big Science Competition costs $7.00 and is held between the 22nd and 29th May.

The Australian National Chemistry Quiz aims to promote interest in chemistry and the role of chemists in our society. The Quiz consists of 30 multiple choice questions to be answered in 60 minutes. The entry fee is $5.50 per student. The quiz is held on the 25th July. The age divisions are: Junior Years 7-8, Junior Years 9-10, Senior Year 11, Senior Year 12.

If you are interested in participating in any or all of these competitions, please complete a permission note and return it with payment by the 9th April 2013. Katherine Hyland HT Science

CANBERRA SHOW VISIT
30 students from the Support Unit spent a day at the Canberra Show on Friday, 22nd February. While the animals, stalls and exhibits were interesting, the most fun was had on rides and the side-show alley.

Many thanks to Ms Devlin, Mrs Ford, Mr Dunn, Mrs Saul, Mrs Ford and Mrs Meylan.

Mrs Ackery
By the time this newsletter goes to print, students will have received a mini-reward for 100% attendance for weeks 1-6. Congratulations to all students who received this recognition.

Mr Joseph spoke on Monday of the importance of getting to school on time. A number of students are reporting late and are giving the reason that they ‘slept in’. Students who reflect the school value of ‘Being Responsible’ ensure they are at school on time and ready for the school day. Get organised for school the night before and set an alarm for the morning – ensure you give yourself enough time to do what is needed before the bus arrives or the car leaves the driveway.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Year 11 Peer Support Leaders on the fabulous effort they are putting into our Peer Support Program. They have reached the half way mark and are amongst some of the best leaders we have seen. Congratulations to all of our Peer Support Leaders.

Mrs Randall

FROM THE CAREERS DESK

IMPORTANT MEETING: YEAR 11 & 12 PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND STUDENTS

On Thursday 14th March, Goulburn High School will be hosting a family information night for the Goulburn community. Lindy Billings from the Board of Studies – the people who issue the HSC – will speak about HSC success, ATARs (Australian Tertiary Admissions Ranks), university and how they connect. Representatives from the Australian National University and University of Canberra will then speak about university life in general, with some interesting stories from current students. Centrelink will give current information about dependent and independent students and how best to take advantage of the financial support available. Any student considering continuing with their education at university, either straight from school or after a gap year or longer, should take full advantage of this valuable opportunity to gain up-to-date information and guidance. It is never too early to start the preparation for post-school life – be informed to ensure that you are taking full advantage of all of the opportunities available.

Where: Goulburn High School Hall
When: 14th March - nibbles and drinks will be served at 5.30 for a 6.00pm start – finishing at 8.00 pm
Who: Year 11 & Year 12 students and parents/guardians

Lindy Billings will also speak with Year 11 & Year 12 students on Friday morning. Parents/guardians who are unable to attend the evening talk are invited to join them. Please contact Mrs Kennedy for times.

WORKCOVER ACCREDITED GENERAL CONSTRUCTION INDUCTION TRAINING

The WorkCover issued WHS General Induction for Construction Card (the “white card”) is required for any work on a construction site in NSW. Students undertaking workplace learning and work experience are also required to hold this qualification if working on a construction site. All students over the age of 14 years on the day of the training are eligible to participate in the training. WorkCover inspectors can demand to inspect the cards of all persons working on a construction site anywhere in NSW and impose a penalty on those who are unable to prove their qualification. It is necessary for people wishing to gain that qualification to undertake a WorkCover accredited training program.

Goulburn High School will be running two General Induction for Construction Work in NSW Training Courses in 2013. The first will be on 10th & 11th April, the second will be early Term 2. The cost of the course for students is $60, which must be paid at the office to secure a position in the course. Course class size is limited to 20 students. The first 20 students to pay will be offered positions in the first training course, and the remainder will complete their training in Term 2.

Courses such as these which are run commercially generally cost $135, so this is a very valuable opportunity for Goulburn High School students. With only 40 places available, ensure you secure your place in the class by returning your note and making your payment to the office as soon as possible. Notes are available from Mrs Kennedy in Careers.

Date to remember:
Wednesday 27th March - Year 9 excursion to University of Canberra – Mrs Kennedy has notes.
Deputy Principal’s report

First term seems to be flying by and the cooler weather is certainly more welcome. Year 7 have settled well into school and have certainly got the hang of high school. In order to allow students in year 7 to have a smooth transition into high school, we provide an optional ‘year 7 only’ playground area for the first half of the term. This area was heavily patronised by year 7 students at the start of the term, but they have quickly merged into the general playground. This week will see the year 7 playground come to an end and the bus shelter area reopened as a general playground space.

The cooler and wetter weather has also caused a slight deterioration in the standard of our uniform. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform, which includes enclosed black polishable leather shoes. If they cannot wear the correct uniform, please ensure they come to school with an explanatory note. School is a training ground for students to be successful and employable members of their community. Any employer will cite lateness as being a significant factor in an unsuccessful employee. Similarly, students who are continually late to school cause extra work for our front office, disrupt learning when they enter the room and miss out on the vital information at the start of the lesson. Whilst there are sometimes unavoidable circumstances where a student is late, sleeping in is not one of them. Please make sure that your child is on time to school and brings a note if they are late.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GHS!

This week sees our fair and concert as the last of our 100th birthday celebrations. Entry is free and most purchases are through a token system. Tokens can be purchased from a number of booths staffed by our Commerce students, and exchanged for food, Trash and Treasure, Zorb Ball rides and a host of other activities. There will be face painting, market stalls and a jumping castle. The concert will showcase past and present students and teachers and will take place on the school oval along with the other activities. We have two signed Raiders Jerseys to auction and a raffle with a host of fantastic prizes including a Samsung 4G Galaxy Note worth almost $800. We hope to see you there supporting our great school and having a wonderful time. Please see the enclosed flyer or our web page for more information. A reminder that our school will be on the night, as always, an alcohol and smoke free zone.

YEAR 8 CULTURAL STUDIES

In week 3 we volunteered to try on the hijab. We had to watch a video for instructions on how to put it on. There were two types of fabric that we had to wear. The fabric was pinned together so it would stay on our heads. The layer of fabric that went on top is used to make the hijab look more fashionable. In some countries it is not compulsory to wear the hijab but a lot of women wear it for respect to their religion and because other people around them wear it.

Maggie Downs and Shayley Woodgate

RETAIL SERVICES CLASSES

Retail Services now has a shop. As part of the school’s push to continually expand student amenities to improve the quality of their educational experiences, a space for conducting practical tasks for Retail Services has been constructed. Year 11 and Year 12 students in 2012 worked hard to clean and paint the shop and we are now using it for assessments and practicals. If any parents involved in the retail industry have access to unwanted shop fittings and so on, we would be grateful for any donations that can be made.

Mr Ross Mackay
Our 100 Year Celebration Fair and Concert arrangements are in full swing. We invite everyone to come along and enjoy all the fun of the fair on Friday 15th March between 4pm and 8pm. The P&C will be holding a cake stall, and if any parents are able to contribute by making some cakes/ slices/ biscuits and bringing them in to the school on the day, it would be much appreciated. All food items need a label with ingredients listed, due to allergies and sensitivities experienced by some people. If you have Trash and Treasure items to donate, they would be gratefully received as well. Goods can be brought to the school office.

The teachers and students have put lots of effort into providing this fun occasion for our school community and your attendance is most important. There will be something for everyone, young and not so young, so come and enjoy the many and varied stalls, activities, a silent auction of a signed Raiders jersey, a raffle with a great 1st prize of a Samsung Galaxy Tablet RRP $799 and many, many other prizes to win and yummy foods. Hope to see you all there! Next meeting is the AGM 7pm Wednesday 13th March, GHS Common Room.

Paula Geary, GHS P&C President

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**SPORTS REPORT**

It has been a very busy and exciting start to the year for sport at GHS. It is only week six and already we have had a number of students doing our school proud.

Below is a list of the school’s most recent sporting achievements:

From the 11th – 16th of February, **Jordan Lees** represented the South Coast Cricket Team at the state finals. His team won three games and then went on to win in the final match. Jordan took three wickets in the final and was a very valuable member of the team.

During the Christmas holidays, **Ben and Jake Staines** travelled to Tasmania to represent NSW in the Australian U15 State Indoor Hockey tournament. A great deal of time and effort was put in by the boys to make it into this side and the team took out the overall tournament which was an outstanding result.

**Mark Gibson** recently came first in the school’s Ironman competition which was held at the GHS Swimming Carnival. He competed against a number of very talented athletes, including a few teachers and his win was very well deserved.

The GHS Girl’s Basketball Team played very hard in the most recent school based tournament that saw them come runner-up in the grand final.

**Courtney Finn, Stephanie Warden and Jessica Rowe** were recently selected in the Girls Tablelands Soccer side and we wish them all the best when they play in the zone trial match.

**Regan Handley and Warren Davey** recently competed and placed at the Zone Swimming Carnival. Regan will be competing in the 12yrs 100m Freestyle and Warren in the 16yr 100m Backstroke in the Regional Swimming Carnival in Dapto. We wish them all the very best.

We also wish the best to the 13yr boys and girls, 16yr boys and open relay teams who have also successfully made it to the Zone Swimming Carnival.

Congratulations to the above mentioned students for the effort they have put in to achieve such outstanding results. We would also like to acknowledge and extend our thanks to the parents/guardians and coaches for the time they dedicate to assist these students to achieve their goals.

Mrs Kara Stephenson
What's on this term

13th March  - Year 10 Start Smart periods 3-6
14th March  - Years 7/8/9/10 UC Aspire
             Parent/students evening BOS, L Billings
             6-8pm in GHS hall
15th March  - Year 8 Financial Literacy class to CBD
             periods 3/4
             Boys hockey zone carnival
             Year 11/12 BOS talk
             GHS 100 Year Fair and Concert from
             4pm to 8pm
18th March  - Year 12 TVET work placement (all week)
             for IT, metals, automotive
             MC class to Oallen Ford
20th March  - Year 11 Red Cross Blood Service
             Ambassadors Course
             - Year 6 into 7 night
             Harmony Day Lunch and Soccer Game
22nd March  - Year 8A Cultural Studies Excursion to
             Sydney
25th March  - MC class to Wombeyan Caves
26th March  - Year 9 UC for Yourself excursion (2 days)
             Year 7 Informal Parent/Teacher night
27th March  - Boys rugby league zone carnival
             Year 10 Commerce local court visit
2nd April   - Year 12 Half Yearly Exams (two weeks)
             Boys tennis zone carnival
3rd April   - Year 11 Geography Excursion to Jarvis
             Bay (3 days)
5th April   - Bronze Duke of Edinburgh test walk at
             Narrabeen

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