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Since my last report, Goulburn High continues to be actively involved in a range of activities that have brought great credit to our school. **These achievements are listed below:**

Our Stage 6 Science students came second in the Science Fair organised by the University of Wollongong.

The Junior Girls Basketball Team were placed 4th in the state across all schools.

The SRC launched the recycling project that is being sponsored by the Goulburn Mulwaree Council.

Our Robotics Team will be travelling to Melbourne to participate in the Australian finals.

Students in Y11/12 Construction class have been extending the stairs on the oval.

Two prefects represented the school at the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Rocky Hill War Memorial.

As well, approximately 20 students took part in the 24hr Relay for Life Challenge held recently in Goulburn and were successful in winning the Inter-schools Challenge Jigsaw Cup by completing 400 laps during the time. This equated to approximately 150kms walked during the event. A special thanks and acknowledgement must go to Will Hargan (Y12) for organising and coordinating this activity. Also I would like to thank Mrs Randall, Mr Mackay and other staff for their support.

The last P&C meeting for the year was last week and I would like to thank the members of the P&C for their continued efforts throughout the year in assisting the school with policy development and fund raising.

The school is currently organising for online payments to be made available for parents commencing from the start of 2015. This will make payments for excursions and subject fees easier for parents.

Peter Browne

A sea of yellow and red dressed student and staff supporters welcomed the new recycling program introduced by our SRC and Mr Chamberlain, with help from our local council. The yellow and red bins were introduced last week and students are trying their utmost to 'do the right thing'.
Our Under 15 Girls’ Basketball Team recently travelled to the State Finals (Final 8) in Gosford.

Our team consisted of Samantha Fitzgerald, Anneke Noack, Georgia Noack, Emilee Battiste, Ashleigh McIntyre, Amy McClelland, Rebecca Torrance and Jessica Rice.

We began the two day carnival with a 15 point win against Bathurst High School. Our next game against the eventual competition winner, Westfield Sports High School, was hard fought, with our team going down by 30. We needed a win in our third game to be able to progress into Day 2 and we were motivated and disciplined to be able to triumph over local favourites Terrigal High.

Day 2 of the carnival saw Goulburn High meet Alstonville to see who progressed to the Gold Medal game. Although we led into the third quarter, we were unable to finish the job with Alstonville winning by 8. In the Bronze Medal game against Tumut High School (Mr Browne and Mr Russell’s previous school), we worked consistently and entered extra time. However, Tumut were just too strong and edged us out of medal contention.

4th in the State is still a massive achievement and I know the girls have set their sights on bigger and better next year.

Thank you to the parents who provided transport to our various games. Special thanks to our “super” coaches, Mr Lucas and Mrs Stephenson, for their work with the girls.

Mr Teague
Year 10 Visual Arts Projects

... and the artists are, clockwise from left:
Asia Stelzig, Shantelle Ramadge, Claudia Tyce, Brian Guo, Emily Geyer and Ryan Tuckwell.
Tara Edworthy, Jemma White, Adele Webb, Gemma Frost, Josh Albon and Jake Donney.
Deputy Principal’s Report

Recycling at Goulburn High School

On Monday the 10th of November, our SRC launched the recycling program at our school assembly. It was a great day with music and activities and students wearing red and yellow clothes representing the colours of our new bins. The best way for the recycling message to be enforced at Goulburn High School is to model the same values at home – know what can be recycled and ensure that your child is participating in recycling. Thank you to the SRC led by Mr Chamberlain, as well as Teena from Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Margaret from Endeavour Industries and Ally from the Bournda Environment Education Centre.

Energy Drinks

A reminder that students are not to bring energy drinks to school as they are too high in caffeine which can disrupt learning. Students found with these drinks will have them confiscated. Students can pick up their drinks at the end of the school day.

Lunch dropped off to school

From time to time, students may forget to bring their lunch and a parent may wish to drop off something for their children to eat. Please ensure that this is done by taking the lunch to the front office where it will be sent to your child. The school will always provide a credit note so that a student can purchase their lunch from the canteen and pay back as soon as possible afterwards. Students can pick up a credit note from the Deputy Principal’s office.

Recess and Lunch times

The school is currently trialling a change to the length of recess and lunch time, going from a shorter recess and longer lunch, to two equal breaks. The length of each period will not change, but school will now start at 9.06am and conclude at 3.18pm. The times for buses will not be affected. A note explaining the rationale behind the trial was sent home with each student. Spare notes can be picked up from the front office. The trial will be evaluated and we welcome feedback from our school community.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

In this newsletter, a specification sheet for BYOD is included. This sheet highlights the minimum requirements for a device brought to school. A policy and contract of use is also being developed and will be available soon on the school website. Students in years 9 and 10 in 2015 will all be expected to complete a contract of use at the start of term 1. The school is currently looking at suppliers that may assist with bulk buying discounts. Please contact me with any questions regarding BYOD.
Some Important Dates:

- Year 7 2015 orientation day and parent evening 19th November
- Year 12 formal 20th November
- Bronze Duke of Edinburgh hike 20th and 21st November
- Presentation evening 11th December
- Great Barrier Reef trip 12th – 17th December
- Activities week 15th – 17th December
- Staff Development Days 18th and 19th December
- Staff return to school 28th January 2015
- Years 7, 11 and 12 (2015 classes) return to school 29th January
- Years 7 – 12 at school 30th January
- School Photo Day 12th February
- School Swimming Carnival 13th February

GHS BYOD Specifications

For a student to gain school permission at Goulburn High School to participate in BYOD, the device chosen must satisfy the following specifications:

- Wireless internet connection—The DEC wireless network installed in high schools now operates on both 802.11n 5 GHz standard and 2.4 GHz standard.
- A facility for backup: USB stick, Micro/SD Card/ cloud/ Google drive.
- The ability to accommodate office applications (such programs could be but are not restricted to Microsoft Office, Google Docs, open office etc).
- Support a keyboard (must be portable).
- Memory: minimum of 2Gb preferred 4Gb.
- Have a minimum storage capacity of 16Gb.
- Battery life of at least 4 hours.
- It is preferred that the device does not come with 3/4G capability as the school Wi-Fi network filters unwanted, potentially dangerous content. 3/4G access will be only permitted with specific permission from a teacher under very special circumstances.
- Up to the value of $750 (suggested maximum).
- Screen size must be no smaller than 7”, as less than this is difficult to view. No more than 15” recommended.

Protective case to reduce risk of damage. Smart Phones will not be allowed as BYOD devices.
Remembrance Day Ceremony 1914-2014

Ryan Grice was the Master of Ceremonies for the Goulburn High ceremony. Emmot Falconer spoke about Goulburn’s role in World War One. The Goulburn High School 1914-1918 Honour Roll was read by GHS captains and vice captains. Bree Joseph read “The Ode”. Will Hargan acted to coordinate the captains and integrate with the Australian Air Force Cadets.

The Air Force Cadets were trained and led by Cadet Sergeant Dylan Chapman and Cadet Corporal Tyler Furniss. What was probably not known by the rest of the school was that the other cadets had never marched in public before. The catafalque party honoured those fallen with well-disciplined marching. These fresh cadets were Bagas Ariza, Nathan Ezzy, Dean Bannister and Dominic Cohrt.

The Goulburn High School community showed their respect and honour of the fallen with their silence and respect.
SBAT’s – School Based Apprenticeships & Traineeships

Congratulations Jordan Gann

The sign-up process has been completed this week for Jordan Gann’s School Based Apprenticeship. Jordan is in Year 10 and has commenced his training in Certificate III Flooring Technology with employer Carpet Court. In order to complete his apprenticeship Jordan will need to complete 100 days paid work during Years 10, 11 & 12 (some industries require as many as 180 days during the same period). When Jordan has finished Year 12 he will commence full-time work as a second year apprentice and will be a qualified tradesman soon after he completes his third year. Jordan will also complete the training component of the course which, in his case, will be delivered in the workplace by the South West Sydney Institute of TAFE. Jordan must also meet his commitments to his school studies, and though he could use one school day per week to attend work has chosen to work on weekends and holidays to ensure that he is able to maintain his academic studies as he has chosen subjects which will provide him with both an HSC and an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Assessment Rank). Congratulations to Jordan for undertaking such a wonderful career step and thankyou to employer Carpet Court for providing Jordan with this fabulous opportunity.

Don’t forget to visit http://www.sbatinnsw.info/ or contact Mrs Kennedy for further information.

YEAR 10 – Work Experience

Congratulations to the following students who have completed Work Experience. Thank you to the host employers for supporting our students with this invaluable program.

Adele Webb Carpet Court
Laura Ellis HMAS Albatross, Nowra
Lachlan Parrotte Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Parks & Gardens

Time is running out for Year 10 to complete Work Experience. Please ensure that all paperwork is completed and submitted to Mrs Kennedy for authorisation – at least 3 school days before commencement.
The innovative classroom

MineCraft is not "just a game". It can be adapted for educational purposes as well. Year 7 and year 8 Technology mandatory classes this year have been using MineCraft to design their “Sustainable Living World”. It allows students to describe and apply problem-solving processes while creating solutions. It helps students design, produce and evaluate appropriate solutions to a range of challenging problems. It also helps students to critically analyse decision-making processes in a range of information and software solutions.

Goulburn Schools succeed at UOW Science Fair

The University of Wollongong held its annual Science Fair on Wednesday November 5th. A group of over 30 students from Goulburn High School, Goulburn West Public and Wollondilly Public travelled to Wollongong to participate in the competition. On the day, over 850 students from 70 schools presented a total of 567 projects and impressed the judges with their vast scientific knowledge. Students had to speak to over 5 judges including the Dean of Science and representatives from the major sponsors, Illawarra Coal and ANSTO. In the afternoon students participated in an educational presentation by ANSTO called Fact or Fiction, which gave students an insight into current scientific innovations and research. To end the day, awards were given to the top three projects in each stage.

Congratulations to Ashley Hind, Mitchell Webster and Will Hargan who were awarded second place in Stage 6 (Year 11 and 12). A number of Highly Commended Awards will be presented to the other students at their school assemblies later this term.
Exams are over ... stress gone??? Perhaps ... but for some people the stress will remain. Did you get the results you wanted? Have you taken the time to reflect and re-set your goals?

Goals are good things to make – providing they follow the SMART principle:

- **Specific**
- **Measurable**
- **Accurate**
- **Realistic**
- **Timeframe**

So, say I set myself the goal of eating healthily. If I just say I want to eat healthily, chances are I won’t achieve my goal. If I say I am going to have a salad every school day for the remainder of term and arrange for Ann in the canteen to make it for me – I might just get there!

With the change in weather, there are some great fruit bowls and salads available from the canteen – and don’t forget the breakfast program every Monday-Thursday morning. Also with the change in weather, don’t forget a hat and water for PE and Sport lessons.

Have a great week!  

Mrs Randall

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**Marulan Christmas Family Fun Day 2014**

**When:** **Saturday 13th December 2014** from 4pm and concludes at 9pm

**Where:** Marulan Soccer Fields, Corner of Portland Ave and Goulburn Street Marulan

- Mechanical Bull Rides $4
- Sideshow games
- Steve Ruddell & Corby Lea
- Dunking Machine
- Loads of food
- Christmas Carols with a visit from Santa (7:30pm-9pm)
- Juggling acrobat & Fire twirling
- Performance by The Marulan Public School
- Mechanical Bull Rides $4
- Jumping Castles unlimited for $10
- Santa photos $5
- Market stalls
- FIREWORKS (9pm)

AND LOADS MORE!! Gold Coin Donation on entry

All Proceeds go to the Marulan Fire Brigade. For more information please contact Tegan on 0429 960 005

Please come along and have a fun and affordable family arvo.
Essential Employment and Training (EET) offer the following services for people with disability, illness and injury:

- Disability Employment Services (DES)
- Youth Employment Program (YEP)
- Transition to Work (TTW)
- Community Participation (CP)
- Individual Funding Packages (IF)

EET’s Individual Funding packages:

- We use person centred approaches to respond to your needs
- We are experts at linking people with social networks in the broader community
- We offer a flexible service delivery
- We offer a range of activities, including: social, sporting, recreational and employment
- We also MANAGE your Individual Funding Package for you
- If we don’t offer an activity, we will arrange it for you
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