Our Year 12 Construction class is beautifying the E Block garden area this term. Low growing plant donations are most welcome.

Former Goulburn High School Biology teacher, Mr Rodney Falconer, introduced the Year 8 Environmental Studies students to the Goulburn Wetlands Project earlier in the term. The students learnt about its abundant wildlife and viewed a variety of water birds.

PBS - acknowledging positive behaviour and effort

SPARS is Goulburn High’s “Student Positive Reward System” and focuses on acknowledging and rewarding positive behaviour in the playground and classroom.

At GHS we believe very strongly in demonstrating our school values and always doing our best: in our behaviour, effort and attitude in the playground and classroom. Our Merit System is a way of recognising students who consistently demonstrate our school values. (cont page 2)
**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

The AGM of the P&C was held recently and I would like to thank the outgoing committee for their efforts during the past year. As well, I would like to congratulate the new committee and look forward to working with you during the coming year.

Last week we increased the number of Year 7 classes from 4 to 5 due to an increase in numbers. Our new structure includes an academic class, two mixed ability classes and two learning support classes.

An Information Evening is going to be held today for Year 6 and their parents to highlight the range of opportunities that Goulburn High School can offer.

Thank you to Mr Ross Mackay (Year 7 Adviser 2015) and Mrs Gina Handley (Transition Coordinator) for organising this event.

Over the past few weeks a number of our students have been assisting with the local primary schools’ swimming carnivals. As well, a number of students have been helping with the Crescent School in their Learn to Swim program.

A reminder that there will be an informal Parent Teacher Evening for Year 7 parents on 26th March, commencing at 5.00pm.

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**PBS and SPARS (continued from page 1)**

Students who consistently demonstrate the school values will earn tickets and Dollars. Students who receive tickets have the chance to win a canteen voucher. GHS Dollars (which have no monetary value) should be given to Roll Teachers. As students accumulate Dollars, they become eligible to apply to attend various activities and excursions. This week several students were able to participate in a sports and games afternoon run by the PE faculty. The Dollars, along with other important criteria, also allow students to achieve the levels of Merit, Bronze, Silver and Gold each year. To do this, students also need to ensure they are in correct uniform including shoes, and consistently demonstrate appropriate behaviour and attendance. Recently a number of students have also received GHS Postcards, congratulating them on their effort, attitude and achievement in the classroom. Well done!

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**The Goulburn High School Homework Centre is up and running again this year**

**WHEN:**

Monday afternoons from 3.30 – 5.00 pm

**WHERE:**

Students are provided with afternoon tea in M1 and then move up to the school library

**WHY:**

The Homework Centre gives students an opportunity to get assistance from teachers while they complete homework and assessment tasks. Students from the Australian National University also assist us one afternoon a fortnight which gives students the opportunity to talk to people who are studying specialised subjects.

Please encourage your children to attend the Homework Centre and take advantage of the assistance being offered to them. They do not have to attend every week, although they are welcome to if they wish.

If a student needs to leave before 5.00 pm please provide a note stating what time they are to leave the Homework Centre.
BYOD @ Goulburn High School

What is BYOD?

BYOD (bring your own device) refers to a personally owned device students will bring to school for the purpose of learning.

From 2014, year 8 and 9 students will be asked to bring their own devices to school. GHS recognises the need to prepare students for a rapidly changing world where technology plays an increasing role in students’ everyday lives. Consultation with students, parents and teachers along with a BYOD trial in 2013, showed BYOD brings many benefits to student learning.

What devices can students bring to school?

Students can bring a laptop to school. The laptop or tablet must follow the required specification. Students currently bringing their own devices to school find iPads, MacBooks and Chromebooks are the easiest to work with.

Device specifications

- **Wireless connectivity** devices must support 5GHz dual band 802.11. A/b/g/n wireless android devices must be able to connect to all channels in the 5GHz range.
- **Battery life** devices must last at least 5 hours without charge.
- **Memory and RAM** devices must have a minimum 16GB.
- **Operating system** devices must have the current or the previous version of any operating system.
- **Hardware features.** Devices must have a camera and a microphone.

Software and apps

Devices must have software or apps that allow for:
- internet browsing
- note taking
- word processing
- creating spreadsheets
- creating presentations

Students can download free Windows and Adobe software for laptops at bit.ly/byodsoftware.

Student responsibility

Students must:
- sign the BYOD student agreement with their parent/carer before bringing their own devices to school.
- ensure their devices are safe and secure at all times.
- keep their devices safe using carry cases, screen guards and etc.
- use devices according to school and NSWDEC policies.
**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**Recycling**

Goulburn High School has been in negotiations with Bournda Environment Centre, Goulburn-Mulwaree Council and Endeavour Industries to introduce recycling of plastics, paper and other products at the school. The school already recycles cardboard and paper from the classrooms and offices. This program will expand recycling to the playground, especially in terms of containers, bottles, etc. related to lunch and recess. Students will be educated on the types of materials that can be recycled and signage and posters will be used to reinforce the message. The program will start soon after some logistical issues are resolved. I am very excited at the positive impact this will have on our school and students.

**Bournda Education Centre** has a competition that students may be interested in participating in called “The Pitch”. See the attached flyer for more information. Students should see me if interested.

**Korean Exchange**

Thank you to those families who have already offered to host a Korean student in August. If there are others who are interested or if you would like some more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Bring Your Own Device**

Last year we conducted a survey to gauge parent support of the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program that replaced the laptops in schools program in place over the last four years. BYOD involves students bringing their own devices to school instead of having devices supplied by the NSW Government. The school is still developing the plan for BYOD, including device specifications, and will release the policy once more information is available about the release date of software supplied by the Department of Education and Communities that will allow all students to work on the same core software regardless of the operating system of their device. The school will release an agreement to be signed by students and parents about the responsible use of technology brought from home whilst at school. This will take place in the very near future.

Vero Joseph

**Great Aussie BBQ**

Year 9 International Studies participated in the Great Aussie BBQ this week. They are studying the nature and aspects of Australian culture and what it means to be an Aussie. The students enthusiastically involved themselves in the running of the BBQ. In a change from social norms, the girls cooked the BBQ, not the boys. After the BBQ, the class had a go at thong throwing with Thomas Taylor winning the boys and Kerry Enright winning the girls.

**Woolworths Earn and Learn**

A big thank you to parents and students for helping us to again take part in Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion last year. As a result, GHS Art Department has been able to stock up on art resources which will be gratefully used by students in their Visual Art lessons.
Year 8 Environmental Studies Wetlands Excursion

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The Wetlands water was looking good after two lots of rain in the last two weeks. Daniel felt the water looked good enough to drink as the tests indicated it was healthy.

Brittany and Jasmine wondered how many plague minnow could be in the water. There were still plenty of insects to be found in the water. The royal spoonbills could not eat them all surely. When you wanted a distraction, Biscuit the dog (I know that dog! Such a little rascal - the editor) could always be seen hunting rabbits. On the way out, Jacinta pointed out the masked lapwings which everyone else now recognised.

Mr Boyd

From the Careers Desk

Year 11 & 12 SCHOLARSHIPS: The Goulburn Service Club’s Scholarship Committee will be offering a number of scholarships to assist students in special circumstances to continue their education in Year 11 or 12 in 2014. Scholarship funds can be used for the purchase of text books, uniforms, sports gear or to fund excursions relevant to subjects being studied. Information can be obtained from Mrs Kennedy or the convenor Mr Milne, ph.48211467. Applications will be received until Friday 11th April.

WHITE CARD COURSE: The school is offering a White Card course to students over the age of 14. It will be run at school on 1st & 2nd April and will cost $45. (This course normally costs $130+.) Any student wishing to do Work Experience or part-time work in any industry that enters a construction site must have a White Card. Only an April Fool would miss this fabulous opportunity! There are only 20 places available. Payment must be made at the office to secure your position in the course. Notes are available from Mr White.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 10 students have taken home parent/carer guides to assist with the planning of Work Experience. Work Experience is a compulsory component of Work Education. Students wishing to do Work Experience with the Goulburn Base Hospital or Goulburn Mulwaree Council should already have registered their names with Mrs Kennedy.

Aleisha Crawford has been the first student to complete Work Experience this year. Thank you to Starshine Childcare Centre for supporting our Work Experience program.


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Sports Report

We have had a busy few weeks in the GHS sporting field with a number of students out representing our school.

On Friday the 21st of February the Zone Swimming Carnival was held at Yass Aquatic Centre with 45 students going along to represent GHS and compete against swimmers from around the district. Congratulations to all of those students who attended on the day and gave it their best. Thankyou to Mr Chamberlain and Ms Chadwick who helped organise the day and all the parents who came to support and assist. A special mention must go to Emily Strickland of year 7, Jamison Snell of year 11 and Natasha Dawson of year 9 who are all off to participate in the Regional Swimming Carnival this Friday - good luck!

Now onto other sporting areas…

The girls’ senior basketball team was successful in winning the Zone Carnival held at Goulburn Basketball Stadium on Wednesday the 19th of February. The team consists of Georgia Noack year 9, Aneka Noack year 9, Samantha Fitzgerald year 9, Ashley McIntyre year 9, Amy McClelland year 9, Ebony Hargraves year 11 and Marley Day year 11. The girls played exceptionally well on the day, with a big win over Moss Vale and a nice close win over Karabar High in the final. The girls now progress to the Regional Carnival that will be held later in the term, and we wish them all the best. A special mention must go to Marley Day who was successful in making the Open Girls South Coast Basketball Team. The team will compete at the CHS carnival later in the season. Congratulations, Marley.

The South Coast touch football trials were also held last week at Fairy Meadow in Wollongong. Well done to Jessica Zammit of year 10 and Jaden Apps of year 10 who were successful in being selected for the South Coast team and a special thanks to Ryan Wake, Keiran Brennan-Walsh and Jacob Bamford for going along to assist with umpiring.

- Ms Mitchell

GHS supports local primary schools

GHS Leadership students have gained their first practical experience of the year assisting at local primary school swimming carnivals in recent weeks. Our students were on hand to help with various aspects of the carnivals, including time keeping and recording. Perhaps their most important contribution was being in the pool to assist the younger students to complete their 25m races. GHS students were able to ensure the primary students were both safe and confident to try their best. Primary school staff said that the GHS Leadership students were “amazing with the kids” and “a fantastic help on the day”. Congratulations and well done to all involved.
We need your help! Goulburn High School is hosting the “Hot Rod Shakedown” over the 2014 Easter weekend, 18th to 20th April. This is the middle weekend of the school holidays. We will need support from our families to be able to provide all the fundraising facilities for the crowds who will come to view the vehicles on our oval. We welcome and need your help and participation. It’s shaping up to be a great fundraising opportunity for our school. There will be fun, fabulous vehicles to see, a street parade, food and entertainment. If you can volunteer your services to assist with raffle ticket sales, help run a stall, cook, donate goods for sale, or assist with food preparation, please contact the school on 48 21 4022 and ask for Paula.

Thank you to those who supported our Pizza Fundraiser with Dominos on Wednesday 5th March. It is much appreciated.

Our P&C AGM will be Wednesday 12th March 7pm in our Common Room, and all are most welcome.

Paula Geary, President of GHS P&C Association.

Canberra Show

On Tuesday the 18th of February, Miss Hope took six students to the Canberra Royal Show. These students were Kylie Patterson-Sloss, Emilee Battiste, Laura Fletcher, Holly Beard, Natalie Patterson and Steven Shaw. On Wednesday the 19th, Emilee paraded with her square metre heifer Bonnie but was unlucky on the day. On Thursday the 20th, Laura and Holly paraded. Laura paraded with Opal and was unlucky on the day and Holly paraded with Sapphire and received a 2nd place.

On Friday the 21st, Kylie, Natalie and Steven paraded. Kylie paraded with Opal, Natalie paraded with Sapphire and Steven paraded with Spruce, a heifer with Wynella, but all were unlucky on the day.

Later that Friday it was junior judging. All the students except Steven were trying to get out of it, but it didn’t work with Miss Hope. After walking around the ring writing down what they thought the animals placed, it was time for six people from each age group to speak over the microphone. Steven was the only one who was chosen to speak and received a 5th place for his judging.

On Saturday the 22nd it was Opal and Sapphire’s turn to be judged. Opal received a 2nd and Sapphire received a 1st place. Bonnie received a 1st and Maree received a 1st and Grand Champion Female with her calf (big mumma and little mumma).

We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Roberts for taking the trailer down and back and also to Miss Hope for putting her own time into taking the cattle down and back, looking after us and feeding us.

Holly and Emilee
What's on this term

12th March - Year 6 to 7 Information Night 5.30pm BBQ
               6-7pm Presentation in the school hall
14th March - School photos for SRC, captains, house captains and prefects
17th March - UC Aspire—various students in junior years
19th March - Zone Touch at Bowral
               Red Cross Blood Service Ambassadors course (4 senior students)
21st March - Harmony Day
24th March - Cyber Stunts program (all Year 9) - period 1 & 2
               UC Aspire—various students in junior years
               Aboriginal Camp (3 days) - 10 students
26th March - Year 7 Information Evening 5-6.30pm
28th March - PBS Luna Park Excursion
31st March - Year 12 Half Yearly Exams (two weeks)
               Year 10 Health Talk
1st April - White Card training—various students from all years
3rd April - Year 7 and Year 9 boys vaccinations
7th April - Year 10 (10 students) hospital orientation
10th April - Year 7 Questacon Excursion
               Year 11 Sydney Aquarium Excursion

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