Holiday Activities at Goulburn High School

Students and staff enjoyed a relaxing two weeks Easter holiday, and some gave up their time to help out at the amazing Hot Rod Shakedown over the long weekend. A huge crowd descended onto our sports oval to view vintage cars and custom paint jobs while snacking on baked goods and a sausage sizzle. Members of our P&C were also there to lend a helping hand. It was a most successful fundraiser and lots of fun.

Many students, led by our SRC and school captains, attended the Goulburn Anzac Day march. We held our school Anzac assembly on the first Thursday back at school. Dylan Chapman, Tyler Furniss and Natasha Halcrow paraded in their Air Cadets uniforms and raised the flags to remember and honour the fallen soldiers. Jacob Casey and Heather Davey performed very well on the Scottish bagpipes during our Anzac assembly.
Welcome back to the start of Term 2. This term will be only nine weeks, with a number of major activities planned including both our Cross Country and Athletic Carnivals. I would like to welcome our new families to our school with 12 new enrolments commencing this term. This brings our student population to 658 which is our largest in many years.

During the holidays, 58 students from Goulburn High marched on Anzac Day and we were by far the biggest school group marching. Our School Captains and Vice Captains, Zac, Courtney, Hannah and Maddy, lead the school during the march with Jackson Kofod (photo courtesy of Goulburn Post) delivering an outstanding speech to the community on what the spirit of Anzac meant to him. Jackson also gave an account of his experiences walking the Kokoda Track. Again, thank you to all students and staff who participated in the march.

During the first week back this term, the Science faculty organised the formal assembly to commemorate Anzac Day. The students are to be acknowledged on the way they participated and performed during the assembly. Thank you to our Scottish Pipers and our Air Cadets for their involvement in the assembly as well.

During the Easter long weekend, Goulburn High School, in conjunction with the NSW Hot Rod Association, hosted a very successful “Show and Shine” meeting over the three days. This was a great opportunity for our school’s P&C to raise funds for the school. A huge thank you to Renee Woodberry (P&C President) and her team for their commitment and effort over the three days. The P&C were responsible for the catering, manning the gate and marshalling duties. Thank you to Jo Facey (Hot Rod coordinator) for her outstanding organisation of the event. A special thank you to Matthew Brown (Year 12) who assisted on each day, making coffees for our visitors.

Last week our first Parent/Teacher Evening was held for students in Years 8 to 10. Thank you to all those parents who took the opportunity to meet and discuss their child’s progress with teachers during the first part of this year.

Approximately 15 students from Years 10 to 12 and some parents attended a very worthwhile evening last week, with speakers from the University of Canberra and the Australian National University providing a range of information in regards to students undertaking a university course. As well, Lindy Billings from the Board of Studies spoke about how students could improve their final results by interacting with the BOS website. Lindy highlighted a number of tips that would be useful for students to use in their preparation for their HSC exams.

This week students in Year 7 and 9 participate in the NAPLAN tests which measure performance in numeracy and literacy. The results of these tests will be available later this year.

Peter Browne
Easter long weekend saw the Hot Rod Shakedown come to Goulburn High School. For three days, many P&C members, school staff and parents at the school gave up their time to help make the Hot Rod Shakedown successful. Various jobs were taken on hand eagerly by volunteers. These jobs included cooking the BBQ, making tea and coffee, welcoming visitors, manning the entrance gate, directing traffic and browsing the fabulous Hot Rods.

The school was a wonderful sight with the oval full of spectacular Hot Rods. Many people travelled from interstate and there were also many local faces at Goulburn High supporting this event. Many of our visitors commented on the well kept school grounds and how magnificent the school looked. We are hoping this event will now become biennial and planning has already begun for 2016!

I would like to thank Jo Facey from Benny’s Speed Shop, our trusty chief organiser. Without Jo, this event would never have occurred. I would also like to thank WOOLARINGA MEATS, Kinghorne Street - the Batiste family made all the sausages for us and kindly donated half. We received plenty of comments on the best sausages our visitors had eaten, which was wonderful news. There are many more volunteers who dedicated their time to helping out. A big thank you to all of you. Your help was very much appreciated.

Jo has kindly donated the profits back to our P&C. This is an extremely generous gesture and Goulburn High will benefit enormously from this support. Funds like this go back into the school for various small works around the school and our end of year presentation night.

A quick reminder that our next P&C meeting will be Wednesday 14th May 7pm in our Common Room, and all are most welcome. Our meetings generally run between 1 to 1 ½ hours. We still have two positions to fill, Secretary and Treasurer. We understand that many parents are very busy, although these positions are quite easy and would not take up much of your time. It is a great way of knowing what is happening within your school community.

Thank you again for making the Hot Rod weekend so successful. Your support was overwhelming. I do hope you all had as great a time as I did! I would like to thank the following:

Susie Byrne and family
Hayden Becker
Sam Elder & family
Strickland family
Bronwyn McDonald and family
Michelle Hazelgrove
Sue Hope
Peter and Barbra Browne
Matthew Brown from Year 12 Hospitality – Big thanks for keeping all the volunteers full of caffeine!
Paula Geary – for organising all the home baked goodies. These were all a hit with our Hot Rodders!
Anne from the Goulburn High Canteen - thank you for letting us take over for 3 days!
If I have forgotten anyone, thank you also! There were so many volunteers!

Renee Woodberry
Goulburn High School P&C President
The SRC has been very busy working on school projects, fundraising and community events. During the holidays the SRC had many students involved in Goulburn’s Anzac Day march despite the cold weather. All students involved were very proud to represent Goulburn High School and show our respects, and remember the soldiers who fought for the freedom we have today.

During week 1 the SRC were also involved in a recycling workshop which will assist us in implementing a recycling program at Goulburn High School from the beginning of term 3. The day was fun and enjoyable and provided us with ideas on how to effectively implement the recycling program. We would like to thank Teena and Ally for running the day and giving us the opportunity to start the recycling program at our school.

R. Chamberlain
Deputy Principal’s Report

Thank you to all parents and students for working hard to ensure our students look their best in their uniforms. Whilst the majority are in perfect uniform, incorrect footwear and socks are starting to sneak back in with some students. A reminder that school shoes must be fully enclosed polishable black leather shoes (no steel caps). Shoes should not have any other prominent colours around the sole or upper. Socks should be white with no markings or very discreet logos/emblems. Thank you again for keeping our students looking great.

Korean Exchange

Thank you to those families who have already offered to host a Korean student. The students are expected to arrive on Friday 18th of July in the afternoon and depart on Monday 28th July in the morning. A more detailed itinerary will follow shortly to those families involved with hosting a student.

Anzac Day

A big thank you to the students and staff who were able to join us marching on Anzac Day. It makes me very proud to see the commitment shown by our school in commemorating such an important day. Could students who marched and borrowed school blazers please return them to Ms Spence as soon as possible if they have not already done so. Students who marched should make sure they pick up an activity participation card for their PBS merit system.

Hot Rod Shakedown

Whilst this is mentioned in many parts of this newsletter, I wanted to pass on my thanks and congratulations to all those who participated in and organised the Easter Hot Rod Shakedown at GHS. It was a fantastic school and community event and a testament to the great organisation by Jo Facey and our P&C and school canteen.

Some Important Dates

NAPLAN testing year 7 and 9 in week 3
Year 7/11/12 parent teacher evening 29th May
Queen’s Birthday public holiday Monday 9th June
Zone Athletics 24th June
Last day of term 27th June
Students return to school term 3 Tuesday 15th July

Examination period years 7-11 weeks 4 and 5
Zone Cross Country 16th May
GHS Athletics Carnival Friday 13th June
TAFE Taster Day 25th June
Staff Development Day (no students) 14th July

Former GHS student Andrew ‘Bones’ Sloane’s break in the international music industry

Andrew’s music teacher, Mrs Fleming, was close to tears of joy when she announced to the staff that the bassist had recently played at international festivals such as Coachella (photo below) and on the Jimmy Fallon Show (photo on the right with Steven Tyler) with talented singer/songwriter Courtney Barnett. Andrew initially played gigs around Goulburn with Visions and moved to Melbourne after finishing his HSC with a band 6 in Music.

Please watch Courtney Barnett on YouTube (Avant Gardener) and be dazzled by Andrew’s acting skills, honed to perfection in one of his other electives, Drama. Andrew (with cap and glasses) will play Splendour in the Grass and one of the biggest festivals in the world, Glastonbury, in the coming months. The band is are currently touring Europe.
**Dunnit Again**

On Sunday the 4th May, the small community of Tallong held its annual Apple Festival. As part of the festival, local schools were invited to participate in constructing a sculpture in reference to Tallong’s Apple History. During the official opening of the festival, Goulburn High was successful in winning the major award and received $500 for their efforts. The sculpture was made with the support of the Dunnit Program and Senior Support students. These students have developed a range of skills and experiences through the program which enabled them to produce a sculpture of high quality. Not only was it fun to construct, the students gained some very good skills throughout the whole exercise. Congratulations to those students involved and to Mr Dunn for his organisation of the project. Well done.

The photo shown below is a restoration job of a pedal car - however, we are not sure of the year. If you can help with information concerning this project, please contact Mr Dunn at Goulburn High School.

The Dunnit Program has finished another engineering section of our workshop and now can fabricate in light sheet metal. We are open for business and can take on any fabrication jobs that you might need done. As you can see from the photo of one of our finished tool boxes, we only do quality work.

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**News from the Careers Desk**

**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.

Amanda Barrett: Starshine Childcare Centre
Brooke Parsons and Tatum Lenane: Scalliwags Childcare Centre

**ASPIRE UC:** University of Canberra have conducted University Awareness Sessions with several classes in Years 7-10, helping students to start thinking about their future study choices. Year 9 students are invited to attend an excursion to the university on Tuesday 8th April. There is no cost, however there are only 50 places. See Mrs Kennedy for notes.

**Important Date:**

‘My day is your day’ at Charles Sturt University: Yr11 and 12 students interested in a career in **Advertising, Commercial Radio, Journalism, Public Relations, Sports Journalism and Theatre Media** are invited to attend the Bathurst Campus on Monday 14th April (school holidays) 9.30am-2.00pm. Parent/Carer Information Sessions also available. Register online at [www.csu.edu.au/contact/register-for-myday](http://www.csu.edu.au/contact/register-for-myday).
Sports Report

Touch Football

On Friday the 2nd of May three year 11 students, Luke Soley, James Finch and Natalie Paterson-Sloss represented Goulburn High School at the South Coast trials. Congratulations to Luke Solely who was successful in being selected in the 18s South Coast team. Well done to Keiran Brennan-Walshe who assisted with refereeing at the event.

On the weekend of the 3rd and 4th May, Jessica Zammit and Jaden Apps (both Year 10) represented Goulburn High in the under 15s South Coast teams. Both students played exceptionally well and were valuable members of their respective teams. Jessica and her fellow teammates finished 5th place at the carnival and Jaden and his teammates finished 3rd. Jessica and Jaden were accompanied by Keiran Brennan-Walshe (year 10) and Ryan Wake (year 7) at the carnival. Keiran and Ryan refereed at the carnival and have both been selected to move on to the NSW All Schools Carnival as state level officials – this is an exceptional achievement and we wish both boys the best of luck.

Basketball

The Goulburn High open girls basketball team came 3rd in the region after their carnival last week. The girls played two games on the day with a big win 93-23 over South Illawarra and a close loss 58-56 against North Illawarra. 3rd is an excellent achievement and all girls should be extremely proud of their efforts to get this far. K. Mitchell

Leadership Development

Goulburn High School students have continued to contribute to the local community, assisting with the running of local school Athletics Carnivals. This program is mutually beneficial, with the high school students gaining valuable leadership experience, while providing local schools with the resources and expertise to facilitate their carnivals. Around 20 Year 9 students have been involved recently, assisting with the Goulburn East and Crescent School Carnivals. The high praise received following these carnivals is well-deserved recognition for a fine group of Goulburn High students. Congratulations to all! A. Strode
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