Growing up with a soccer mad father and brother taught me a thing or two about the game. Watching our boys play former champions last week, attacking and defending over and over and not giving up was truly remarkable and a delight to watch. Despite the fact that our team lost, it was a fantastic game. Fast and skilful athletes on both sides made me tired just watching them. The Goulburn High team deserves recognition for their fantastic defence, two brave goalies and the fact that ‘giving up’ was not part of the day. Congratulations for making it this far, boys. A team with a big heart indeed.

H. Maltan
Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice

It was on the 4\textsuperscript{th} of last month that our expedition set off from Goulburn to Namadgi National Park, where our twenty km hike would begin. Upon reaching the starting point, at approximately 10am, we were told what to expect, and began our way. The first leg of the journey consisted of several ups and downs, through a low-lying plains terrain. Lunch was then eaten by a stream, as we entered the bush briefly. After a visit to a historical Aboriginal rock painting site that featured depictions of the local flora and fauna, our expedition took to a fire trail and made the half-way camp at about three. Throughout the journey, we passed through incredible open vistas and navigated dense bush. It was a great experience, and I speak on behalf of the group in thanking our organiser and teacher, Mr White.

Otto Kemmis

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Last week the school held the second of our Parent /Teacher Evenings for Years 7, 11 and 12. Once again there was a large number of parents who attended.

Students in years 7 to 12 recently completed the mid course exams. Staff are currently in the process of writing reports which will be handed out later this term.

This term a number of major sporting events have occurred or will take place. We have recently held our Cross Country Carnival and next week we will conduct our Athletics Carnival on Friday 13\textsuperscript{th} June. As well, a number of our sporting teams have been playing in the CHS Knockout Competition.

A reminder to parents and students that our Homework Centre operates every Monday from 3.30 to 5.00pm in the library.

Thank you to our students who supported the Variety Bash at Wollondilly Public School’s fund raising activity held recently. The students assisted with the BBQ and were cooking by 6.00am.

Students who are undertaking an elective course that requires a fee are reminded to pay as soon as possible. If you are having issues paying the fee, please contact the school for assistance.

Students in years 7 and 9 recently completed their NAPLAN Tests. These results will be available to parents and the school later this year. The results of these tests are vital to schools as they enable us to identify the student’s strengths and weaknesses in numeracy and literacy. As a result, programs can be tailored to meet the learning needs of our students.

Peter Browne
Big Air Bassingthwaigthe

What’s that up there in the Goulburn sky? Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No – it’s Matt Bassingthwaigthe – the latest official addition to Big Air School’s team of talented riders.

Matt was competing in a session run by Big Air School’s workshop at the skate park earlier this year. Some of their pro-team riders thought they saw some potential in Matt’s BMX riding, so they invited him down to Kangaroo Valley for a tryout at a show they were putting on.

“They had ramps and jumps set up. There was a crowd and everything. I just had to ride my best.”

Matt smashed the tryout and was offered a job as a Big Air School Rider.

Matt has recently returned from a three-day tour of Kandos, Orange and West Wyalong, where he spent three days riding at live shows, giving demonstrations and teaching anyone who wants to learn how to ride BMX. Sounds like a dream job, but three days on the road is hard work.

“It’s exhausting! It was really busy and tiring. It was three days of hard work without much sleep. I was the youngest rider in the group and they didn’t think I’d make it.” But he did.

Big Air School recently held two workshops here in Goulburn in April and May – at the skate park and the BMX track respectively. Matt was the lead rider on the day, alongside some other seriously qualified and experienced riders. Despite some nerves, he rode really well throughout the day and had an awesome time.

“It was a great experience. I’m working with great people, getting paid a bit and it’s a step towards a career in riding.”

Next time you see him around, check with Matt how his Big Air Show in Sydney went.

Dennis Carroll
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The P&C have had a quiet month after our busy Hot Rod Shakedown weekend. We have filled all positions this year with one generous member taking on two positions.

**FUNDRAISING**

Goulburn High School is a wonderful school and there is always something happening within our school community. We have the option of taking on the Easter Hot Rod Shakedown again in 2016. After the fabulous feedback we received this year, we are all keen to go again in 2016!

We are now calling for fundraising proposals from our parents and students. The money raised by the P&C goes back directly into the school for the benefit of all students. This may be in the form of school grounds improvements, end of year presentation night awards or resources for students. Please take this opportunity to put your fundraising ideas forward, as small or big as they may be!

******** SCHOOL PHOTOS ********

We have received some negative feedback regarding the school photos taken this year. The P&C are currently negotiating with the new school photographers on a solution. The school photographers have offered to reprint the photographs of students who are unhappy with their photos. If you are unhappy with the current photos please email me with your child’s full name and year and they will be reprinted. I would need your reply ASAP, please. I would also appreciate your feedback regarding these photos, if you have any.

Our P&C meets the second Wednesday of every month in the staff common room. We are a very friendly, small group of parents and always welcome new members. Our next meeting is the 11th June 7pm. Please forward any enquiries, issues or information you may have for our P&C to my details below. We are always here to help our parents and students.

Renee Woodberry
GHS P&C President ren.ghspandc@hotmail.com

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**Tiana Saxby is representing Australia in squash**

Tiana flew to Penang, Malaysia last week to play squash on the international circuit against the Malaysian team for one week. She then will compete in the prestigious Penang Open as an individual player for another week. Tiana represented Australia last year against New Zealand in Queensland, where Australia fought to the very last match to win the Oceania competition. This time she is off to Asia. Tiana trains twice a week for a few hours and has competed in squash competitions since she was eleven years old. We wish her all the best for the next two weeks and I will keep you informed on how she performed in the team competition and her individual matches.
From the Careers Desk

**YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE**

Students are reminded that Work Experience is a compulsory component of Work Education should they wish to be awarded a grade for this course on their RoSA. Now is a great time to start planning for a placement.

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

- **Shanay Little**: Emllie, Goulburn
- **Zachary Perrin**: Club Taree (Kitchen)
- **Rylan McDonald**: Boral Construction Materials & Cement, Marulan

Year 7 students will be attending the Gibber Street Theatre production “Onwards & Upwards” as part of the Theatre in Schools program on the 12th June. The Theatre in Schools program is funded by the Bridges to Higher Education Consortium through the Commonwealth of Australia.

**Parent Forum:**

- **Wednesday 11th June**
- 6.00 till 8.00pm (arrive from 5.30pm)
- Goulburn Soldiers Club – Belmore Room 15 Market Street Goulburn

Want to know more about supporting your child through secondary school and helping with their career decisions?

This free workshop will provide you with up-to-date information about educational pathways and aims to help you support your children effectively when they’re making career transition decisions within the secondary school system and beyond.

- Get tips on how to communicate with young people about careers and encourage them to explore their interests.
- Learn to navigate your way around the careers services and resources available.
- Help your children start thinking and planning.

This workshop is aimed at parents, guardians, grandparents and carers of Year 6 and 7 students to complement the Gibber Street Theatre production “Onwards & Upwards”, and all interested parents are invited to attend.

This event is sponsored by ‘Bridges to Higher Education’, a partnership between The Australian Catholic University, Macquarie University, University of Western Sydney, University of Sydney and the University of Technology, Sydney.

Enquiries: Frances Moore  phone – 6209 1137  email: frances.moore@acu.edu.au

**Up2now** – is an important pilot project which enables students to create an on-line portfolio that links to their RoSA (Record of School Achievement). Students in Year 11 & 12 were registered last year and Year 10 students received their login credentials through their DET e-mail in the last few weeks. All students are encouraged to visit the site and enter their achievements so that their RoSA provides a comprehensive picture of their schooling achievements.

**HSC TIMETABLES** are now available to all students enrolled in HSC exams. Access is through the BOS Students Online accounts. Students who did not receive an e-mail notifying them of this should see Mrs Kennedy.
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Korean Exchange
Unfortunately our sister school will not be coming out to Australia this year. Thank you very much to all those families who offered to host a Korean student. Hopefully next year things will be back on track. Our GHS students and staff will still be travelling to Korea during the term 3 holidays.

Skateboards and scooters
Just a reminder that students are not to bring skateboards and scooters to school. They are a theft risk as we have no secure place to store them. Bicycles are still permitted and may be left at the bike racks inside the Deccan Street gates. Bicycle riders are reminded to always wear their helmets when riding.

Bus Zone
Students catching buses leave from the Albert Street gate where the bus zone operates. If you are picking your child up from school, please use one of the other three gates (Deccan Street, Goldsmith Street or Clifford Street). This will minimise any risk of accidents with students running across the road in an area where buses are blocking vision.

Vero Joseph

Some Important Dates:
Queen’s Birthday public holiday Monday 9th June
Vaccinations all year 7 and year 9 boys 12th June
Goulburn High School Athletics Carnival Friday 13th June
Year 11 U-Turn the Wheel 24th June (some students on 23rd June)
Zone Athletics 24th June
TAFE Taster Day 25th June
Recognition and leadership assembly 26th June (time TBC)
Last day of term 27th June
Staff development day (no students) 14th July
Students return to school Term 3 Tuesday 15th July
Regional Athletics 1st August

Our herb garden has suffered greatly from the machines repairing D block over the last few months. The year 7 Agriculture class showed they were up to the task of fixing up the beds to repair the damage and plant anew. Miss Hope supplied a box of garlic and an area was dug over with much gusto by Dylan Hunt and Caleb Somerville. The tarragon had a bit of a trim and several bins of weeds were pulled out. This class did an awesome job. Well done.

Stephen Boyd
The senior boys soccer team travelled to Figtree on the 29th of May, to play for a place in the South Coast finals. On a picturesque day in Figtree, both teams started strongly with attacking chances coming at both ends of the field. Half an hour into the game, Goulburn, after valiantly defending their goal, came under fire from several shots from Figtree. The defence was beaten by pace on the wing and Goulburn was down 1-0. Almost straight after the goal was scored, Goulburn went on the attack. Through quick counter-attacking play, the GHS boys pulled one back, through Friday Kerbahl who calmly finished after beating several players. Goulburn was back in the game. Half time, 1-1. The half time break provided much needed relief to the players in the hotly contested game. The message from Coach Stoeevalaar was to "keep defending and catch them on the break. It's about who wants it more from here, boys. We can do this!" However, the fast play from Figtree was too much for the GHS defence as they went 2-1 up. This seemed to demoralise the Goulburn boys and heads dropped for a short time, however, the boys continued to run hard and contest, but were outplayed by a strong Figtree team. The final score finished 6-1 to Figtree, but the score in no way reflected the effort put in by Goulburn.

Mentions to Joel Baird, Paul Edwards, Lachlan Scott, Friday Kerbahl, as well as Emmot Falconer and Nathan Ramadge, who played brilliant games and really kept us in the contest.

On behalf of the team, I'd like to thank Mr Stoeevalaar for getting us this far. Thanks to everyone involved in supporting the team (and Ms Maltan for driving us there) and the rest of the boys.

Nice work boys. We'll get them next year!

Luke Hayward
After a successful school Cross Country Carnival, we had 70 students head across to Mulwaree High School on Friday the 16th of May. All Goulburn High students displayed excellent behaviour and sportsmanship on the day and it was very pleasing to see our students on the course giving 100%.

We had 22 students heading to Cambewarra Mountain for the Regional Cross Country on Friday the 30th of May. Jayden Finn and Caleb Croker 12yr boys, Regan Ruffles 12yr girls, Jess Rice 13yr girls, Bailey Stewart 13yr boys, Hannah Smith, Tiffany Edwardson, Georgia Noack and Josie Herman-Meylan 14yr girls, Brayden Boyt and Ryan Haynes 14yr boys, Ally Andrews 15yr girls, Jordan Gann, Jaden Apps, Ben Rudd and Jack Elder 15yr boys, Renee Robinson and Kate Reid 16yr girls, Lachlan Lewin, Ben Staines and Emmot Falconer 17yr boys, and Tiana Saxby 17yr girls are competing for a place in the Zone Cross Country Carnival.

In other sports news, our boys hockey team successfully beat Crookwell convincingly last Thursday the 22nd of May. The final score was 7-3.

Our senior girls soccer team lost to Crookwell (2-1) in a close match on Tuesday the 27th of May. The girls played extremely well and were unlucky not to come away with a win on the day.

Reminder to all students that the School Athletics Carnival is on in week 7, Friday the 13th of June. We hope to see everyone there supporting and having a go.

K. Mitchell
**Microsoft Surface Tablet Donation**

A friend of mine, Cassy Gavenlock, and I won a Microsoft Surface Tablet during an Anzac Day Celebration event in Newcastle. Every year we go to an Anzac Dawn Service together. We both have family members who have been and are heavily involved with the Australian Defence Force.

The competition to win the tablet required us to post a picture on Facebook, with the highest amount of ‘likes’ to win. We accumulated a total of 80 and after we won, decided to donate our prize to the PBS auction at GHS later this term. I would like to thank Cassy, a very passionate primary school teacher, for agreeing to donate this tablet to the GHS PBS scheme. We hope to see GHS students follow the school values and work well in class so they can collect their dollars for the auction. Good luck!!!

Kristy Hayes
What's on this term

June 4th - PSSA Soccer refereeing 10 Year 9 students
June 5th - Year 9 International Studies excursion to the Australian Islamic College at Mr Druitt
June 10th - Touch South Coast Final
June 11th - Year 7 University Presentation (hall—period 1/2)
June 12th - Year 11/12 Retail Services, Economics and Business Studies Excursion to Sydney
June 13th - School Athletics Carnival
June 16th - Author visit Year 7 students
June 17th - Middle School Science Day
June 20th - Year 9 and 10 Science and Engineering Challenge at Goulburn Soldiers Club
June 24th - Zone Athletics
June 25th - TAFE Taster Day
June 26th - Recognition and leadership assembly

July 15th - TUESDAY - Term 3 begins for students

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