A sea of orange and rainbow colours took over Goulburn High School on Harmony Day March 19th. The celebrations lasted all day, with activities ranging from Batik classes, refugee sports and Bollywood Zumba, to our annual Harmony Day teachers vs students soccer game. At lunch, Mrs Porter and her hospitality students cooked up a storm, serving international dishes to all.

A week prior to this eventful day, Year 11 and 12 Geography students did it tough during a three day excursion to Jarvis Bay. Watching baby dolphins swim next to their mothers was one of the highlights. Students also cared for an injured possum while camping until WIRES asked the students and teachers to drop it off at the local vet. Well done :)}
Principal’s Report

Recently we held an introductory evening for Year 6 and their parents. It was a great opportunity to showcase our school with tours, a BBQ and information being presented to parents. Approximately 200 people attended. I would like to thank those parents and students who came and also Ms Handley and Ms Hayes for their efforts in organising the event. As well, I would like to thank staff, our leaders and the SRC for participating in the evening.

Last week we held an informal Parent/Teaching evening for Year 7. It was a great opportunity to meet our new parents and provide them with feedback in relation to how their child was settling into Goulburn High School.

The Year 7 camp was conducted last week with 96 attending the camp. The camp was held at Tallong and during the camp the students participated in a range of activities. Thank you to Mr Mackay and staff who attended the camp.

Congratulations to Mrs Randall from the PE faculty on her selection to work with the DEC next term. Mrs Randall will be involved with the development of PE resources that will be used in schools across the state. As well, congratulations to Mr Joseph (DP) on being selected to relieve as Principal at Crookwell HS in Term 2. Mr Joseph will be relieving for around 4 weeks.

Year 12 commence their mid-course exams this week and these will conclude next week. I am looking forward to students achieving their personal best.

Congratulations to Mrs Woodberry on being re-elected as the P&C President for 2015. This will be her second year and she will be well supported by her committee. I am looking forward to working closely with the P&C this year and encourage new members to join.

Peter Browne

PBL - Positive Behaviour for Learning

Thank you to our many students who are continuing to demonstrate GHS values in all they do: being positive, considerate, respectful, responsible and consistently aiming high.

Students are awarded points each term for regular attendance, wearing full correct uniform and positive behaviour and effort, as well as participation in extra-curricular activities such as swimming and athletic carnivals, subject competitions, ANZAC Day march and agricultural shows. Students are also given GHS “Dollars” by teachers as they demonstrate our values in the classroom. The Dollars, along with points earned for uniform, attendance, etc, count toward our positive levels: Merit, Bronze, Silver and Gold. Students can hand in their GHS Dollars at our regular Dollar Dumps or they can take them to Mr Paopeng in the Maths staffroom at recess or lunchtime. This will ensure that students are considered for the PBL Merit Level Award this term.
Canberra Show 2015

On February 28th, four students, Steven Shaw, Natalie Patterson, Emilee Battiste and Tahnee Porter-Browne, exhibited at Canberra Royal Show. Steven exhibited with great professionalism but was unlucky not to place with a Wynella Pastoral Company Heifer. Natalie exhibited GHS Quartz and placed 1st in the lead bull class, 8 and under 12 months. She then exhibited GHS Amber and placed first in lead heifer, 12 and under 15 months.

Emilee lead very well placing 1st in her lead class and won her U/15’s paraders class. She then exhibited in the championship class. She lead extremely well but was unlucky not to place.

Tahnee exhibited GHS Diamond in the lead heifer, 8 and 12 months and achieved a 2nd place.

All students had a fun week and achieved impressive results. Thank you to Miss Hope for staying the week and cooking meals. Also, thank you to Mrs Roberts, Mrs Shaw and Mrs Porter for preparing meals for us. A big thank you to Wynella for their support once again.

Natalie Patterson

Year 12 Modern History students taking their study of Josef Stalin seriously!
**Election Day Cake Stall and Raffle**

Goulburn High School’s P&C would appreciate the donation of cakes for our cake stall to be held on Election Day 28th March at the school. Cakes will need a list of ingredients with them and can be dropped into the school on the day.

We would also appreciate volunteer helpers on the day.

We are also very pleased to have been able to donate $500 towards the Robotic Team’s trip to the USA and wish them all the very best in Kentucky, competing against the brightest students in the world in this field.

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**Careers Desk**

**School Based Trainees – Congratulations Aleisha Crawford and Louisa Jones.**

I have had the pleasure of attending two successful sign-ups for School Based Trainees for Year 11 students over the past month. As part of her HSC studies, Aleisha will be completing a traineeship with Family and Community Services, attending work every Wednesday and completing a total of 100 days paid work. She will also be completing a Certificate II in Business Services, studied as one of her subjects at school.

While studying for her HSC, Louisa will also be completing a “Djiingi” traineeship with The Department of Education, working at Wollondilly Primary School three days a fortnight. Louisa is studying for a Certificate III in Education Support through Nowra TAFE which involves camps, workbooks and Video Conferences.

Congratulations to both girls on securing these traineeships which will be an excellent start towards successful careers.

**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. Please support your student by reading this guide.

Students interested in Work Experience at Goulburn Base Hospital have already attended their first information session. Anyone who did not attend must see Mrs Kennedy to obtain the hospital forms and register for the next compulsory orientation.

Students interested in Work Experience at Goulburn Mulwaree Council must collect an Expression of Interest form which must be submitted to the council by the school.

Further information and support available from Mrs Kennedy.

**REMINDER: TAX FILE NUMBERS – VERY IMPORTANT CHANGES**

The Secondary Schools Tax File Number Program has changed and the school is no longer to process applications. All students aged 13 and over are able to apply for a TFN.

**How students can apply for a TFN from 1 January 2015:**

Students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post Office.

Applying online is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for 'QC27248'
Harmony Day 2015

GHS celebrated Harmony Day 2015 on Thursday, 19th March. Students made a great effort and joined in the celebrations by dressing in orange, the colour of harmony. A number of students and teachers went that extra step further and wore awesome wigs and costumes to celebrate this special day.

Living in harmony is extremely important in a school that is home to many people from many cultures from all over the world. Students, teachers and all of our staff come from a wide range of backgrounds and Harmony Day 2015 was a great way to celebrate this diversity.

Using last year’s workshop model as the basis for this year’s festivities, Mr Stoevelaar managed to bring together local and regional artists and agencies to deliver a day of fun-filled, hands-on activities. A big shout out needs to go to Mr Stoevelaar’s Year 10 International Studies class who ran a number of workshops on the day, including:

- **Refugee Sports Experience** run by Eric Badodo, Tom Woods and Blake Babic
- **A Place to Call Home** run by Heather Davey, Travis Morton and Rebecca Torrance
- **Food for Thought** run by Xanthe Britton and Dahnisha-Lee Lacey
- **Beadwork & Bodywork** run by Samantha Kulig and Elise Thornthwaite
- **Indian Embroidery** run by Alysse Granger, Dallas Strettles and Bethany McGoogan
- **Batik Dyeing** run by Kieren Edworthy and Sarah Wilson.

Ex-student, Alphonso Karbehl, travelled from Melbourne to share his emotionally-charged experience of becoming a refugee and his journey from Liberia to Australia. Canberra-based entertainer, Charles from Sierra Leone, wowed students with his energetic outfit and drumming workshops. Manager of the locally based Goulburn Multicultural Centre, Heni Jones, led the students through a fusion of Zumba and Bollywood dancing.

Mrs Porter and the Hospitality students served up a delicious lunch of san choi bow, dumplings and spicy African soup. DELICIOUS!!! And then the teachers mercilessly flogged the students 2-0 in the friendly soccer match.

It was a great day with some fantastic moments. Special thanks must go to Mr Stoevelaar and his Year 10 International Studies class, Mrs Porter and the Hospitality students and all of our special guests who joined us on the day. Also, we would like to thank all of the students and teachers who made an effort to embody the school’s values on the day so everybody could have a happy Harmony Day 2015.

Mr Carroll
Goulburn High School’s first International Women’s Day Assembly

The regular Monday assembly on March 9th turned into a full assembly celebrating International Women’s Day with talks from Aboriginal elder, Veronica Ford, PE and Maths teacher Ashley Kara, head teachers Catherine Baker and Catherine Hyland, Girls’ Advisor Heidi Maltan and our Deputy Principal, Vero Joseph. We were also fortunate to have former student, Lartaye Dennis, give a speech about her experience as a girl in Africa and as a female refugee in Australia, and Southern Highland’s Diann Benson recounted her travels as an Australian representative in archery in the World Championships.

Students also watched three videos regarding the lack of equality between women and men in our society, a short clip about gender based language and the ramifications of ‘talking down’ to girls, as well as a male perspective on the word ‘feminism’ and its general meaning.
Goulburn’s 152nd Birthday

On Saturday the 14th of March, Goulburn celebrated its 152nd birthday. A student representative was invited from each school to make a speech on what Goulburn means to them. Our school Vice-Captain Bree Joseph made GHS very proud and spoke very well on the day. I would like to thank Bree for taking the time to represent our school.

Special mention must also be made to our other Vice-Captain Will Hargan and year 10 student Margaret Hargan, for their involvement in the celebrations as they represented the Goulburn Youth Council on the day.

Family Holidays & Travel

From the beginning of 2015, families can no longer apply for an exemption from school for family holidays and travel. Parents/carers are asked to consult with the school about travel during term time and complete an Application for Extended Leave-Travel. The application must be completed before departure for travel. If the application is approved you will be provided with a Certificate of Leave-Travel.

An application form can be collected from the school office.

Application for Exemption from School

Parents and caregivers may still apply for exemption from school attendance due to exceptional circumstances, eg health of child, employment in the entertainment industry and participation in elite arts or sporting events.

An exemption form can be collected from the school office.
Deputy Principal’s Report

Thank you Lions Club of Goulburn City

On the 17th of March, our robotics team was hosted for dinner by the Lions Club of Goulburn City. We had a lovely dinner and afterwards had the chance to show off Frisky and answer questions. We are so grateful for the support of the Lions Club, as they were the first organisation to support us after we won the Australian Championships. Their very kind donation of $5000 started the ball rolling in terms of donations. In just over two weeks from now the team departs for Kentucky and the reality of the trip is just starting to sink in. At the end of the school term, the team will be hosted by Goulburn Mulwaree Council with a Mayoral reception. We feel extremely honoured to have the privilege to represent Goulburn and Australia in this competition.

BYOD

The BYOD surveys were sent home to all students in year 7 – 10. Please make sure these are filled in and returned to the school as soon as possible. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about the survey.

Playground time trial

Over the last 4 school months, we have been trialling equal length recess and lunchtimes. After surveying students and staff, we have evaluated the trial and have decided to return to the original break times of a shorter recess and longer lunch. This will mean that the school will start 3 minutes earlier and finish 3 minutes later than it currently does. We will return to the shorter recess and longer lunch times at the start of term 2.

Some Important Dates :

- Year 12 Half Yearly Examinations from week 9, from 25th March
- Year 12 Photography exhibition 26th March
- Recognition Assembly – Postponed until term 2 (Date TBA)
- VEX robotics trip to World Championships in Kentucky USA 12th – 21st April
- Staff development day term 2, 20th April
- ANZAC Assembly 24th April
- School Cross Country 1st May
- Year 7 Questacon Excursion 1st April
- Last day of term 1, 2nd April
- All students return for term 2, 21st April
- Year 8, 9, 10 parent teacher night 30th April
- NAPLAN years 7 and 9, 12-14 May
Geography Excursion to Jarvis Bay

Accompanied by Mr Russell, Mr Stoevelaar and Ms Hayes, Year 11 and 12 Geography students went on a three day excursion to do field work at Jarvis Bay. The students set out to study the coastal environment with an array of activities: going on a two hour dolphin cruise, conducting soil experiments and collecting specimens, air and water tests at the mangroves in the Lady Denman intertidal wetlands and snorkelling around Sailors’ Beach. They also learned about the sub-tidal reefs and enjoyed the opportunity to swim at Caves Beach.

Later on, the students also had a look at the fallen down lighthouse.

The Geography trip was fun, educational and positive, even though some students forgot to pack some things, such as tent poles, jumpers and a few other items. Thanks to Mr Stoevelaar for organising this wonderful excursion.

Michael Rumph (including most photos)
2015 Hospitality Excursion to Sydney

A thoroughly enjoyable day was had by the Hospitality students recently when they travelled to Sydney to experience fine dining, view commercial training facilities and a quick visit to Paddy’s markets.

Sports Report

Goulburn High School has been represented by a number of students at zone and regional sporting competitions and trials. Last Monday, the Opens boys’ and girls’ touch teams contested the Zone Carnival. Throughout the day Goulburn High School displayed excellent skills and determination with both teams qualifying for the finals. In the finals, the Open boys’ team was defeated in an excellent game by Mulwaree. The girls were successful in qualifying for the regional carnival.

Goulburn High School was also well represented at the Regional Swimming Carnival. Students competed in their respective events with strong performances by all students. Although Emily Mae Strickland was unable to attend due to injury, she was successful in qualifying for the State Carnival with the fastest time in the 100m Breaststroke. Well done to all students and best of luck to Emily Mae at the State Carnival.

Last Wednesday, a number of boys trialled for the zone rugby league team. The day was well contested by all students and each of the boys showcased their talent on the rugby league field. Congratulations to James Finch, Brayden Boyt, Daniel Waters and Nathan Price on gaining selection. Goulburn High School would like to wish them the best of luck at the Regional Carnival this Wednesday.

A reminder to all students that your Swimming Assessment Task will be completed in sport in the coming weeks. Do your best, AIM HIGH and enjoy the rest of term. PE Faculty