

2013

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DIARY DATES

Monday 12th August

- Biology Olympiad

Monday 12th - Friday 16th August

- Science Week

Tuesday 13th August

- ICAS Maths Competition
- Grounds, Facilities & Services Ctee
6.15pm

Wednesday 14th August

- Physics Olympiad

Thursday 15th August

- Y12 SATAC Info Session L3 DRMC

Friday 16th August

- Junior/Senior Boys Netball Carnival
- PICSE Awards

Tuesday 20th August

- Winter Concert

Wednesday 21st August

- SATAC Parent Info Night 6.30 DRMC
- Casual Day
- Governing Council 7.00pm

Monday 26th August

- L1 - Y9 Counselling Seminar DRMC

Monday 26th - Thursday 29th August

- Y12 Drama

Tuesday 27th August

- Y9 Counselling materials issued

Friday 30th August

- Y8 Book Cup Grand Final



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Principal's Column

Welcome to Term 3

It was great to return to school for the start of the term following a few weeks of leave during the second half of Term 2. At our Week 1 Achievement Assemblies I spoke briefly to the students about my leave and what I did, I showed a few photos about my travel to China and I talked about how I was fortunate to have an opportunity and capacity to travel. I talked about how I used this opportunity to learn. I talked to the students about how you are never too old to stop learning and about how you can seize opportunities when they arise and use them to learn.

We should always be learning from our experiences. I asked the students to look at the photos and to imagine they were there and to think about what they could say they might have learnt if they were there. We talked about how when you travel it is always interesting to reflect on what is similar and what is different to home.

Attending school, like travel, provides opportunities and by getting involved at school we are giving ourselves an opportunity to learn.

Our Week 1 assemblies reminded me about the enormous number of opportunities we provide to our students at Golden Grove. We used the assemblies to acknowledge those students who have taken their opportunities from school and have got involved and have learnt from these experiences.

Congratulations to all of the students who seize opportunities, get involved and translate this to learning. Our newsletter highlights significant recent student involvement, learning and achievement.

Learning for our Futures

This is the time of the year when we ask our students to think more about the future. Over the next few weeks our Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 students should be thinking more about life beyond school as they choose their senior school subjects for 2011. The subjects they choose will in large part help determine their pathway beyond school.

Our young people today can be referred to as the 'Options Generation'. By this we mean that the post-school world for our youth is no longer characterised by certainty, their world today and in the future presents many possibilities with enormous uncertainties in all aspects of life. We know that our young people give themselves the best chance to access their best options by attaining Year 12 or, over time, a vocational / training equivalent at Certificate 3 level or higher.

Our learning strategies at GGHS aspire to have every student engaged in full-time work or learning or a combination of these when they leave school. There is a rich variety of options, that are constantly changing, open to our young people.

Our challenge as a school is to help and support our students to develop the personal resources and flexibility to be able to take advantage of the options available to them and to achieve the goal of full-time work or learning.

To support our students in making wise choices about their futures, all of the teaching staff undertook some training related to student Career Development last Friday (August 2nd). We heard about how we can assist our students to make well informed decisions about their future, we learnt about the resources that are available to assist us in doing this and we learnt more about the labour market and where employment opportunities are at the moment. We visited some workplaces (ie Channel 9, the Convention Centre, TAFE, Adelaide Uni, Uni SA, Phoenix Industries, Wingfield Recycling Centre, Kwik Kopy) to hear and learn more about the opportunities available through employment and / or further study with these organisations / worksites.

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Our staff have also undertaken training to assist students and families in making their subject choices. We have conducted seminars for Year 10 and Year 11 students to help them understand the SACE and better understand the choices they can make.

We conducted a successful Career and Subject Information evening on August 7th. We are conducting a tertiary admissions information session on August 15th and August 21st to support our Year 11 and Year 12 students and their families make the difficult decisions about applying for University and TAFE / training courses.

The Year 10-12 course / subject confirmation day is September 4th. Our Year 8 & 9 students and families can receive information about subjects and making subject selections at evening information sessions on September 9th.

I would like to acknowledge Ms Toni Carellas who was Principal while I was away in the last part of last term. The school is vibrant, busy and engaging. The success highlighted at the recent assemblies and in the Term 2 student reports shows that the students are achieving well and that we are continuing to work hard to provide success for all.

Over recent time we have had a number of new staff join us. I would like to welcome Sherie Honner, Kyle Jenner, Ruth Bedford, Maria Provatos and Renee Sharkey to our staff.

Paul Wilson
Principal



Here are some pictures taken at Channel Nine. This is where the English Faculty visited on our last professional learning day.



CROSS CAMPUS CUP QUIZ



This year, the Golden Grove Schools Secondary Campus (comprising Pedare Christian College, Golden Grove High School and Gleeson College) celebrates 25 years of shared learning. On Wednesday 24th July, student leaders from the three schools came together to renew a student initiative - The Campus Cup. In the past, Year 12s have engaged in sporting competitions in an effort to take out the trophy. This year, the Student Voice leaders from the 3 schools decided to have an academic and social justice focus for the Cup. Teams from each school came together in the Thiele Library on Wednesday of week 1 of term. Hosted by Quiz Master-extraordinaire Mr Richard Milne (Gleeson College), students were challenged with 6 rounds of questions, with each round containing questions from all learning areas. Some games and audience participation challenges in between rounds were also contested. In an atmosphere of friendly competition, collaboration and goodwill, the recognition as champion team was closely contested. In the end Pedare narrowly won the quiz from Gleeson and GGHS. All monies raised as a result of the event will be donated to Burlendi Youth Centre, an initiative of the student leaders to support local youth. A formal presentation of the Campus Cup and cheque for Burlendi Youth Centre will be made at the Cross Campus Assembly to be held in Week 5 this term. All of the students who participated in the Campus Cup quiz thoroughly enjoyed answering the questions and it was great to witness the friendly banter and competition that existed between the teams.



Thanks to all staff and students involved in the organisation of this event, another example of our unique opportunity to collaborate and work together as a campus.

Amanda Price
Campus Director
Golden Grove Secondary Schools Campus



SEMESTER 1 YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM 2013

As an essential component and assessment task of Personal Learning Plan Semester 1 Year 10 students undertook Work Experience in Week 5 of Term 2. This program begins in the classroom where all students complete preparatory work including the 'Passport to Safety' and other topics ranging from how to find the work placement, appropriate workplace conduct, rights at work and other employability skills. In some cases this placement was the young person's first experience in a formal work place setting and in many cases students selected workplaces that reflected their career interests. Work places included cafes, engineering firms, and photographers, building sites, retail outlets, beauty therapists, schools, nursing homes, hospitals, offices, gyms, veterinary clinics and many more. During work experience students kept a journal and researched the workplace, collecting information about the industry, training/education, workplace organisation, OH&S requirements, extending industry and career interest knowledge. They also completed a reflection about what they learnt during the experience and how they can apply this.

PLP teachers conducted an evaluation of the PLP program and in all cases students found work experience to be highly valuable and insightful, albeit exhausting as they were not all accustomed to the long hours and in some cases hard physical work. In many cases the work experience confirmed the occupation as one they would like to pursue but in some cases students reflected that whilst the experience was enjoyable they found that they would need to re-evaluate their goals and career planning.

The majority of students conducted themselves well as highly motivated with good work ethic and as excellent representatives of Golden Grove High School based on employer and visiting teacher feedback. I would like to thank all students for their enthusiasm and effort, parents for their support, employers for engaging in the program and providing excellent experiences and all GGHS staff for supporting the program, organisation and visiting students.



Angela Koehler
Coordinator:
Vocational Learning

UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS REMINDER

University of Adelaide

The University of Adelaide will be holding their annual Open Day on **Sunday August 18th 2013 on their North Terrace Campus**. Further information about the University of Adelaide's Open Day can be found on their website www.adelaide.edu.au/openday

UniSA

Open Day will be held at UniSA also on **Sunday the 18th August at the City West Campus**. Further information will become available about the Open Day on their website <http://www.unisa.edu.au/openday/> closer to the date.

Flinders University

Open Day will be held at the Bedford Park Campus of Flinders University on **Friday 16 August and Saturday 17 August**. As with UniSA further information will be published on the website closer to the day: <http://www.flinders.edu.au/future-students/open-day/open-day.cfm>

**WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER
Y10-11 AND Y11-12
COURSE CONFIRMATION DAY
12.00 - 7.30PM**

VISTA NETBALL TERM 2

This Term we entered 4 teams into the Netball competition across 4 separate divisions.

Miss Muzyka and Mrs Walter coached the teams with the help of Year 11 students Jordyn, Shelby and Caitlin and past student Ashleigh.

The girls had some great results throughout the Term and our Division 2, 3 & 4 squads all made the finals which were held in Week 10 at Roma Mitchell School.

Unfortunately we did not win any silverware in the finals but all girls played well and deserve congratulations for their efforts over the term.

A big thank you also goes to Mrs Walter and Miss Muzyka and our senior students for giving up their time to take the girls.

Well done to all.

Tim Potter
Sports Coordinator

DEBATING NEWS

On Tuesday 6th August Golden Grove High School teams debated in the Interschool Debating Competition run by the S.A. Debating Association at Wilderness School, Medindie.

Congratulations to our Year 9 team - Nick Meinz, Thai McGill and Alexander Lai de Oliveira - who convinced the adjudicator "That the legal driving age should NOT be changed to 18", defeating St Dominic's College. Many thanks to their coach, Mrs Slater.

Congratulations too to our Year 8 team - Thalia Forster, Brianna Carter, Tylor Stoeckel - who managed to convince their adjudicator of this too, defeating Wilderness (Coach: Mrs Lyons). Many thanks to Matt Carter for acting as Time-keeper for this debate.

Many thanks too to all the team members' parents for driving their children to the debates and for being such a supportive audience.

Mrs Lyons
Debating Co-ordinator

YEAR 12 OUTDOOR EDUCATION BUSHWALK

Year 12 Outdoor Education students completed a very successful bushwalk in the Mt Crawford area during the last week of Term 2. Students were able to navigate their way about the very scenic forest locations carrying all belongings on their backs for three days. Overcoming discomfort, heavy packs and the inevitable rain students were rewarded with that sense of accomplishment that comes from completing a challenging task well. Students will now prepare for their self reliant trips where they are required to plan, organise and then conduct a bushwalk or kayaking journey with minimal teacher input.

Mike Meredith



WELCOME TOYO HIGH SCHOOL - STUDY TOUR 2013



Welcome to the nine students and two teachers from Toyo High School in Tokyo, Japan. We are very fortunate to have, for a second year, a group of six girls and three boys attending Golden Grove High School for nearly two weeks. They arrived on Saturday 17th July and will leave on Wednesday 7th August. During this time the students will be learning English with Mr Cooke and participating in all Japanese classes from Years 8 to 11. Also they will be able to enjoy a full day excursion to Gorge Wildlife Park, Rocking Horse and the Whispering Wall, an Aussie barbecue at Mrs Schmocker's farm, Port Adelaide Dolphin Cruise on Sunday and the farewell dinner on Tuesday night at the Rec. Centre. We thank all host families and teachers for making their experience memorable one and hope that they will remember Golden Grove High School for many years to come.



Carlos Gallardo
Coordinator Languages



**WILTA YERLO/ ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY
PATHWAYS TO UNIVERSITY FOR INDIGENOUS STUDENTS
WILTA YERLO IS THE GAURNA FOR SEA EAGLE**

Golden Grove High School has developed strong relationships with our leading Universities and was pleased to welcome Tanya Shearer from the University of South Australia to speak to all of our students about career pathways, opportunities and campus life.

The theme of Tanya's presentation, as for all students, was;

THINK BIG- DREAM BIG.

The students were surprised and interested in the diverse range of support for them from help with accommodation, free tutoring, counselling, clubs, leadership opportunities and career guidance through Foundation studies if their ATAR does not get them into the degree they hoped for.

All students left with course information and contact numbers. Mandy Kennett also has further copies for those interested.

We hope to work further with Tanya in the coming years especially in workshops at the university.

Tanya also has good partnerships with Flinders and University of South Australia to create similar contacts for students intending to study there.

Vikki Walkom
Senior Leader
Learner Support



DO YOU HAVE ANY UNWANTED ITEMS OF UNIFORM?

We have a Second hand Uniform register here at the Reception desk. Parents are able to complete 1 card per uniform item to on-sell to parents seeking Second hand uniform items. You place your details on the card enabling parents to contact you direct. This is a great way to reuse/recycle items that your child no longer needs. Come in and speak to our Reception staff and they will assist you to complete the cards.

REMINDER FOR STUDENTS

Students should bring their Student ID Cards to school each day. They are required for borrowing books from the Resource Centre, adding money to internet, printing and photocopying, as well as being used when arriving late and leaving early.



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