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DIARY DATES

Tuesday 19th February

- Brainstorm Production DRMC

Thursday 21st February

- Advantage SA Parent/Teacher STEM Career EXPO 6.30-8pm

Monday 25th February

- Year 8 Camp 2

Wednesday 27th February

- Year 8 Camp 3
- Governing Council meeting 7.00pm

Monday 4th March

- Year 8 Immunisation Info Assembly 9.00am DRMC

Friday 8th March

- Sports Day

Monday 11th March

- Adelaide Cup Public Holiday



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Principal's Column

Paul Wilson | Principal

WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome to the new school year. In particular, I would like to welcome all those who are joining our school community for the first time this year, especially, our Year 8 students and their families. We had the Year 8 Acquaintance Evening and Governing Council AGM last week and the staff really valued meeting families at these forums. It is fantastic to have over 20 parents and community members willing to serve on Governing Council and its committees. It is important that there are strong connections between school and family as this enables us to work together to provide in the best possible way for every student.

I am excited about continuing to work with you all to enact the vision and plans we have to continue improving our school. Our school is a high achieving learning community and we want all of our students to achieve their personal best. Our school priorities this year are:

- High Quality Teaching and Learning
- High Achievement and Success
- Optimum Student and Staff Well Being
- Continuous Improvement

All of our work will be dedicated to these priorities. We will also continue to highlight the behaviours and attitudes we expect our school community to demonstrate in their interactions. These behaviours and attitudes are represented by our school's values - **iCARE – identity, care, achievement, respect, excellence.**

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF 2013

I would also like to welcome the new staff who have joined our school community this year:

Angela Koehler – Coordinator Vocational Learning & Student Pathways; Adam Fitzgerald – Teacher, Librarian; Marissa Giacomelli – Teacher, Home Economics & Health; Buddy Dawson – Teacher, English & Performing Arts; Vanessa Tonkins – Teacher, English & Humanities; Barbara Kwiatak – Teacher, Special Education; Helen Joyce – Teacher, Special Education; Laura Carrington –

Teacher, Languages and English as a Second Language; Paul Graeber – Teacher, Physical Education & Technology; Luke Moore – Teacher, Science & Mathematics; Mary Li – Teacher, Maths & Science; Matt Sharpe – Teacher, PE & English; Kirrily Snibson – SSO, Learner Support; Janelle Pisani – SSO, Disability Unit; Darren Moyle – SSO, Disability Unit.

WELL DONE TO OUR YEAR 12 STUDENTS LAST YEAR

We are very proud of the results of our Year 12's in 2012. 88.1% of grades achieved were passing grades (A, B or C) and 83.52% of those students eligible to complete the SACE in 2012 achieved their certificate. Our Dux of the school was Kacy Ratta with an ATAR of 99.7 – an fantastic achievement. 23 students achieved an ATAR above 80 and 15 of these scored above 90. There were 10 Merits awarded to students who gained an A+ in subjects studied. 102 students were offered a tertiary entrance place to University or further training after the first round of offers.

COMMUNICATION

Please can I urge all parents and caregivers to contact us promptly and to communicate directly with us if there are concerns about your child's learning and well-being. We do also encourage the teachers to connect promptly with families if issues arise. We have included with this newsletter a list of home group teachers and other key staff who you can connect with to discuss concerns. We can always be contacted on email dl.1834_info@schools.sa.edu.au

Our school day starts at 8.35am with the bell to go to lockers. We expect all students to be at school by this time. We understand that things happen and that occasionally students can be late. If students are late and miss reporting to home group between 8.45am - 9.00am, we expect them to report to Student Services to sign in before heading to class. If a student is absent or late it also helps if we receive a call from the family to inform us about this.

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If we are not aware of any reason for a particular student's absence from school / class by recess time (10.30am), we are now using SMS to message parents of students in Years 8 & 9 about this absence. We are trialling this with Year 8 & 9 at present and we would welcome any feedback about this strategy. I hope that this is not causing unwanted intrusion to family life. We are sorting the 'bugs' out at present. Our intention is to use this strategy with students in Years 10 & 11 as well shortly. We are currently well down the road with our new school web-site and we are excited with its fresh new contemporary look. We expect the new web-site to be live by the end of this term.

I am looking forward to an exciting and productive year at the school. I urge all students to do their best at all times in all that they undertake. I look forward to sharing with you the learning achievement and excellence of our students this year. All the very best for 2013 everyone.

Kind regards
Paul Wilson
Principal

FROM THE MATHS DESK

GUIDELINES FOR PURCHASE OF CALCULATORS

It is a basic requirement that all students in Years 8 to 11 purchase a scientific calculator that has the full range of scientific functions. Students will require the scientific calculator for a range of topics covered in Mathematics and some topics cannot be completed successfully unless a student has access to such a calculator.

While numerous makes and models exist the school encourages students to purchase the CASIO fx-82AU PLUS. This is available at the school and can be purchased from the Cash Register before school or at recess time for \$22.00 (GST incl). Alternatively students may wish to shop around and purchase the recommended model commercially.

Year 12 students studying Maths Studies (and/or Specialist Maths) and Mathematical Applications are expected to have their own graphics calculator. The model used at our school, and approved for use by the SACE Board, is the CASIO fx-9860G AU PLUS.

FREE MATHS TUTORING

Free Maths tutoring is available on Tuesdays after school in the Golden Grove Resource Centre and Wednesday mornings from 8.00 to 8.35 am in the foyer of the Maths (F) Block.

I would advise any student requiring additional support to avail themselves of this excellent opportunity provided by Maths staff at our school.

Mali Naheswaran
Mathematics Coordinator

AMONGST THE BEST IN THE STATE

As has been the case now for 25 years, the Governor of South Australia invited all the SACE Merit recipients from the preceding year to a presentation ceremony in the gardens of Government House. This year, 7 students from our class of 2012 were invited to attend. These students, their families, their teachers and indeed our school community can be proud of their outstanding achievements.



Pictured left: Michele Fedornak, Daniel Sansome, Maruf Aziz, Kacy Ratta, Melina D'Agostini and Kate Rose.

Pictured right: Receiving her Merit award for Research Project: Helena Ruggerio



Greg Walkom
Senior Leader
Senior Schooling

2012 STAGE 2 SACE RESULTS

Year 12 is a defining year for students as it usually marks the ending of school life. Some of the results achieved by Golden Grove High School students in the December round of resulting by SACE Board are just cause for celebration and pride. The indicators of success we look to are SACE completion, the number of A grades attained and high ATAR scores.

Some Highlights:

Our highest ATAR of 99.7; an outstanding feat, was achieved by Kacy Ratta. 62 of our students received 125 A grades between them.

Three students achieved 5 A grades, 6 achieved 4 A grades and 9 achieved 3 A grades.

Ten Merit awards were awarded to students from our 2012 Year 12 cohort. A merit is typically awarded to students who achieve in the highest 2% of the group being assessed. Kacy Ratta was awarded 3 of them; for Psychology, Visual Arts-Art and English Studies. Daniel Sansome (as a year 11 doing Stage 2 subjects) was awarded two of them for Research Project and for Mathematical Studies. Maruf Aziz and Melina D'Agostini both received one for Biology,

Michelle Fedornack and Helena Ruggerio (another as a Year 11) for Research Project and Kate Rose for Drama.

There were 23 students with an ATAR above 80 and, of them, 19 scored higher than 85. These students worked conscientiously throughout the year and are to be congratulated on the consistency and strength of their efforts as well as their outstanding result.

77% of our students who applied for Tertiary entrance received offers of placement at either a University or TAFE.

STUDENTS ACHIEVING AN ATAR ABOVE 80



Kacy Ratta
DUX of GGHS 2012



Maruf Aziz



Kate Rose



Melina D'Agostini



Leanie Delport



Michelle Fedornack



Sean Buckley



Kym Miaco



Niamh Keller



Maddison Dick



Caitlin Palmer



Blake Mitchell



Brittany Sumpter



Brooke Dilmetz



Michael Tossell



Nicole Cunningham



Demi Heine



Jessica Narcisi



Jenna Harper



Nicole Faulbaum

These students have been accepted into their chosen course at University. These include Law, Engineering (double degree), Psychology, Medical Science - Masters in Optometry, Physiotherapy, Visual Arts, Science (Hons) Animal Behaviour, Media Arts, Psychological Science, Applied Science - Occupational Therapy, Engineering (Mechanical), Education and Health Services.



Matthew Sanderson



Rebecca Flanagan

Congratulations from the staff of Golden Grove High School go to all these students as well as best wishes to all our other graduates. We wish them every success in their future endeavors.

Greg Walkom
Senior Leader - Senior Schooling

Golden Grove Splash Carnival 2013



On Friday February 1st over 550 students attended our Splash carnival which was held at TTG Water World. The weather was fairly mild, but that did not put off our students and the heated pool helped take away the chill. The Splash carnival is an annual event and provides many positive benefits for all those involved. Students are able to consolidate friendships made early on in the school week and experience a fun whole school event which welcomes them into the Golden Grove High School Community.

Prior to the event, house meetings were held where our students are given the opportunity to nominate for a mixture of fun events and championship races. Students are then awarded points for their participation and for placing (1st – 4th) in all competitive events. These points are then allocated to the house that the student represents. The House groups are Milne, Robertson, Stevens and Tilley. The points that students are awarded at the carnival count toward an overall total that determines the House Shield winner for the school year.

The Splash Carnival winners for 2013 were Tilley House who scored over 700 points and won the swimming carnival shield comfortably. Congratulations to all students from Tilley house for getting involved on the day.

I hope all of our students have a great year at Golden Grove High School and I hope to see some of you in other sports teams during the year.

Mr Potter
Sports Coordinator



Full Results

- 1st Tilley (701)**
- 2nd Robertson (570)**
- 3rd Milne (563)**
- 4th Stevens (461)**

2013 JAPANESE EXCHANGE



In January, six students and two teachers travelled to Japan for three weeks on our Japanese Exchange Program. We stayed with homestay families from our sister school, Seto Junior High School. While in Japan, we attended classes and had many opportunities to learn about Japanese language and culture firsthand. We were involved in many activities, including classes such as Calligraphy and Art. We ate school lunches (which are prepared every day for the entire school community and eaten in the classroom) and participated in school cleaning and club activities. The local Seto community organised for us to wear a Kimono or Hakama and to participate in a traditional Tea ceremony. We visited many famous and beautiful places including Okayama Castle, Korakuen Garden, Hiroshima Peace Park and Memorial Museum, Miyajima and Itsukushima Shrine. We also had the opportunity to make Bizenyaki pottery which was a unique experience.

We spent three days in Kyoto, a very traditional and beautiful city. We visited Kinkakuji - the Golden Pavilion, Nijo Castle, Ginkakuji - the Silver Pavilion, Ryoanji Temple and Zen Garden, Kiyomizu Temple and more. We also went to Nara to see the famous Todaiji Temple and the many sacred deer wandering around Nara Park.

The last two days were spent in Tokyo, visiting the Imperial Palace where the Emperor lives, electronic marvels in Akihabara and at the Sunshine City 60th floor observatory we were able to look out at a stunning night view of Tokyo. Our last day was at Tokyo Disneyland.

We learned many skills whilst on this trip and made many friendships that will hopefully last a lifetime. The generosity of our Japanese families and friends was unbelievable and we will treasure our memories. We are all very grateful for the wonderful and unique experiences we enjoyed so much.



Hayley Moat
Languages



**Speakers in Schools | Parent Teacher Forum | February
2013**
Advantage SA Speakers In Schools
Thursday, February 21, 2013 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
(CST)
South Australia, Australia



Want to help the students in your life develop a successful career in an already thriving field in South Australia? Advantage SA's Speakers in Schools program is inviting you to attend an exclusive seminar for parents, teachers and students, to gain a better understanding of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) career tracks and to help guide students along this pathway to meet the growing needs of our local industries. The seminar will be facilitated by Associate Professor Brenton Dansie, Dean of Teaching and Learning in the Division of IT, Engineering and the Environment at the University of South Australia. Brenton has long worked with schools in the northern regions of Adelaide to provide opportunities for students to choose tertiary pathways. You will also hear from speakers working in the STEM industries and receive guidance in what skills and subjects are needed in order to pursue a career in these increasingly important fields.

Thursday 21 February
6.30pm to 8.30pm
Dame Roma Mitchell Centre 1 Adey Place
Golden Grove
No cost
Light refreshments and canapes provided

GOLDEN GROVE HIGH SCHOOL GOVERNING COUNCIL 2013

The Governing Council AGM was held on Tuesday 6th February at 7.00pm.

The following Parent Representatives were elected to the Governing Council for 2013:

Ron Barnes, Gina Brown, Tina Celeste, Paul Davis, Sandra Douglas, Sue Hogg, Juliet Kratzer, Martin Kusabs, David Lewis, Paula Luethen-Soper, David Parkin, Michael Penn, Bridget Tiley, Michelle Trimboli

The following Parent Representatives were elected for the Finance Advisory Committee for 2013:

David Lewis, Paul Sansome

The following Parent Representatives were elected for the Information & Communication Technology Reference Group for 2013:

Ron Barnes, Paul Davis, Kylie McPherson, David Parkin

The following Parent Representatives were elected for the Grounds, Facilities & Services Committee for 2013:

Ron Barnes, Sue Hogg, Wayne Ramsay

The following Parent Representatives were elected for the Marketing, Promotions & Communications Committee for 2013:

David Lewis, David Parkin

The Staff Representatives for the Governing Council 2013:

Paul Wilson, Sue Ruciack, Julie Baker, Anna Nihill, Vikki Walkom, Toni Carellas

The Student Representatives for the Governing Council 2013

Caleb Lavery-Brook, Shayal Lata

Thank you to parents and students for your support of our school.

Paul Wilson



GOLDEN GROVE HIGH SCHOOL

HOME GROUP TEACHERS 2013

HOME GROUP TEACHERS – provide a good first point of contact if there are matters or concerns you want to discuss in relation to your son or daughter. A listing of the home groups in each year level, with the teacher's name who manage the group, appears below. If you would like to contact your son/daughter's Home Group Teacher please ring 82826400 or email via dl.1834_info@schools.sa.edu.au

Home Group	Teacher
Student Voice	Ms Kelly Henderson / Mr Brian Palmer
Flexible Learning Options	Ms Caterina Maiorana

Home Group	Teacher
8A13	Mrs Schmocker / Ms Jo Boots
8A16	Ms Mary Li
8A17	Ms Zsahni Karagiannis
8A2	Mr Matt Sharpe
8A3	Mr Josh Davis
8A8	Mrs Julie Dawson
8A9	Ms Sarah Chelliah
8C7	Mr Michael Foot
8G2	Mr Tony Adams / Ms Raine Simioni
8G3	Ms Xavia Muzyka
8G8	Mr Gavin Hughes
8G9	Ms Laura Carrington

Home Group	Teacher
9D2	Ms Jana Hatchard
9D21	Ms Danni Yang
9D4	Mr John Risk
9D5	Mrs Kathy Hodgson / Mr Paul Graeber
9D6	Mr Stephen Moulds
9D9	Mr Ken Gregory
9J1	Mrs Fran Slater / Mr Terry Johninke
9J2	Ms Hayley Moat
9J3	Ms Wendy Davies
9J4	Mr David Palmer
9L2	Ms Anne Young / Ms Lynette Haines

Home Group	Teacher
10D15	Mrs Judi Hirst
10D18	Ms Ruth Cooper
10F13	Mr David Bailey
10F16	Mr Paul Gibbs / Ms Vicki Speranza
10F17	Mr John van Hees
10F2	Ms Marissa Giacomelli
10F3	Ms Terry Gouscos / Ms Katie Cullen
10F8	Mr Carlos Gallardo
10F9	Ms Toulia Panatsos
10L3	Ms Robyn Huzzell
10L4	Ms Vanessa Tonkins

Home Group	Teacher
11PS	Ms Belinda Noack / Mr David Larritt / Ms Angela Koehler
11C27	Mr Steve Hocking
11C30	Ms Mimi Cavuoto
11C31	Mr Shane Matei
11C32	Ms Linda Humphries
11C33	Mr Tim Cowgill
11C36	Mr Derek Jeffrey
11G13	Mr Adam Fitzgerald / Ms Vivien Muscardin
11G16	Mr Trevor Philp
11G17	Ms Sharyn Macdowell

Home Group	Teacher
12E10	Ms Ruth Burton
12E3	Ms Helen Christou
12E5	Ms Jo Cooper
12E7	Mr Robert (Tex) Wundke
12E1	Ms Val Hughes
12I2	Mr Andrew Rowberry
12I3	Mr Jason Hopkins
12I4	Ms Kimberly Teale
12C6	Ms Julie Dawson / Ms Anna Dunn



GOLDEN GROVE HIGH SCHOOL

KEY CONTACTS IN THE SCHOOL 2013

TO CONTACT ANY STAFF MEMBERS VIA THE SCHOOL

All staff can be contacted via this number
 Telephone: (08) 8282 6400 FAX: 82826499
 or via dl.1834_Info@schools.sa.edu.au

PRINCIPAL

Paul Wilson

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Toni Carellas (Director Learning & Curriculum)

SENIOR LEADERS

Meg Fay (Learning & Curriculum - STEM)

Oryst Tkacz (ICT & School Operations)

Mike Meredith (Learner Achievement & Well-being, Middle School)

Vicki Walkom (Learner Support)

Greg Walkom (Learner Achievement & Well-being Senior School)

STUDENT COUNSELLORS

Belinda Noack

David Larritt

BUSINESS MANAGER

Sue Ruciack

**SCHOOL FINANCE OFFICER
 SCHOOL CARD LIAISON
 AND FEES ENQUIRIES**

Melissa Ruciack

YEAR LEVEL LEADERS

Year 8

Sylvie McLaren

Year 9

Rosey Helmis

Year 10

Richard Thomas

Year 11

Anna Nihill

Year 12

Jo Moore

DEFENCE FORCE MENTOR

Linda DeBoer (Defence Force – Student / Family Support)

COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

Katherine Doyle

**VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
 AND WORK EXPERIENCE**

Angela Koehler

**GOLDEN GROVE HS DISABILITY
 UNIT COORDINATOR**

Julie Dawson