Principal's Report

It’s Education Week - the time when we celebrate public education and the opportunities it brings to all students in their local community. This week has a lot of excitement for our community:

This morning (Monday) we were fortunate to have the well known author Aaron Blabey visit the school and speak to all students about his writing. Library funds supported this great session.

Our junior and GCOPS dance groups and recorder group performed at Centro today. They were just wonderful. Get along and see the great display celebrating education in all Goulburn public schools. It will be up all week.

WEDNESDAY sees two great events:

- The first is the 12th Annual Goulburn Community of Public Schools Music Festival where our GCOPS Dance Group, GCOPS Choir and Instrumental Group will perform. Best wishes to our students. 7:00 p.m. Goulburn Workers Club.
- The second is our hosting of the Tour of Honour for the Australian of the Year awards. We welcome Deborah Lee Furness (NSW Australian of the Year 2015); Genevieve Clay-Smith (Young Australian of the Year); Rev Graham Long (Local Hero, Wayside Chapel); Corey Payne (2013 Young Australian of the Year). 2:20 seated for a 2:30 start. Parents and community members are most welcome. Years 4, 5 and 6 will attend with invitations sent to all public schools in the area to send their student leaders along.

P and C News

Thank you to the P and C who, last Monday night, voted to support our efforts to make the K-2 COLA warmer and brighter for our young students. We are investigating several options. We missed out on a dollar for dollar grant from the department which would have been used to create a better outdoor space with rubber pour coating.

Room is still available in limited spaces for sponsorship of our 2015 Yearbook. A great opportunity for local businesses and organisations. For a very small amount, your details can reach 400 plus students and their families. Contact the office if interested.

See the information later in the newsletter about Book Week - great fun ahead!

Mrs Annette Broadbent
Principal
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Week 3

27th Jul  
Author visit - Aaron Blabey  
School Performances at Centro  
12.30pm to 1pm

28th Jul  
GCOPS Strings Performance at Goulburn Workers Club from 7pm. Limited tickets available through the school.

29th Jul  
Young Australians of the Year visit. Years 4, 5 & 6 to attend in the hall 2.15pm.  
GCOPS Choir, Dance and Recorder Performance at Goulburn Workers Club from 7pm. Limited tickets available through the school.

30th Jul  
Science Fair

31st Jul  
BOOK WEEK

Week 4

3rd Aug  
Debating in Hall—all day

4th Aug  
Touch PSSA Knockout Gala Day

5th Aug  
Dance and Choir groups to visit Aged Care

6th Aug  
Recorder and String Performance at the Sydney Opera House. Tickets will be available online via the Opera House website.

Week 5

11th Aug  
ICAS Mathematics Test

12th Aug  
Kindergarten Interviews

14th Aug  
Mulwaree High School Workshop for Year 6 students.  
Raiders Backyard Footy K-2

Week 6

18th Aug  
Book Parade—All Welcome

19th Aug  
Homework Club 3.30pm to 4.30pm

20th Aug  
Book Week Performance K-6

21st Aug  
K to 6 Assembly - Item by 1P  
Raiders Backyard Footy K-2  
Regional Athletics—AIS Canberra

Week 7

25th Aug  
ROSTRUM Speeches

26th Aug  
Homework Club 3.30pm to 4.30pm

27th Aug  
Touch Gala Day

28th Aug  
MILO Cricket for Years K to 4  
Raiders Backyard Footy K-2

Week 8

2nd Sept  
Homework Club 3.30pm to 4.30pm

4th Sept  
MILO Cricket for Years K to 4

Week 9

8th Sept  
SpacExpo—Carr Confoy Park

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Homework Club 3.30pm to 4.30pm

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**Book Week Colouring Competition**

The annual Book Week Colouring Competition is underway again with some great prizes for students to win.

They are:
- **1st Prize**: $25 Book Club voucher
- **2nd Prize**: Book
- **3rd Prize**: $5 canteen voucher

The competition is open to all students and there are two categories; one for Infants and one for Primary.

Winners will be announced at the Book Week parades in Week 6.

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**Basketball News**

**FANTASTIC EFFORT**

West Goulburn girls and boys Basketball Teams played last Thursday.

Our girls’ team put in a mighty effort against a stronger and more experienced side losing to Queanbeyan in the finals of the South Coast B section of the State PSSA Knockout. All girls played exceedingly well and are to be commended for their efforts in making it so far in this tough competition.

Girls: Samantha McKellar, Tilly Stewart, Tahnee McGregor, Chelsea Croker, Elizabeth Norton, Danielle Carr, Emily Kent, Maggie Williams.

The boys’ team proved too strong for Jerrambomberra Public School winning their encounter 62 - 35. Although possessing many individually talented basketballers, it is their team effort that makes them such an exciting side to watch.

This places the boys in the final of the South Coast Region against the winners of South Coast A.

Boys: Jai Carney, Ben Hargrave, Rhys Hargrave, Sam Neate, Callum Smith, Keenan French, Mathew Rutherford.

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**A QUIET AND SINCERE REMINDER**

Parents who misuse the pick up and drop off zone in Combermere St for their own benefit are putting our students and other parents at risk. This zone is for a quick drop off and pick up, not for parking. The sign states NO STANDING. You may wait in your car for a short time to collect your child and must not exit your car.

Last week a driver stopped in the NO STANDING zone, parked and exited their car, leaving the parent stranded halfway into the street. This parent was following the rules and was soundly abused. This is very concerning behaviour and was not setting a positive example to the students who witnessed the incident.

For the sake of our children:
- ✅ Park in the cross streets of Edward and Francis and walk up to collect your child.
- ✅ Make sure you are here at 3:20 which is end of school.
- ✅ Use the pick up and drop off zone properly. If it is slow, drive up and walk back.

Be prepared to lose points and pay the fine if you continue unsafe driving behaviour. There will be regular patrols and the school will contact the local police and request patrols should we believe this is necessary.

DO put the safety of your child and others over and above your own comfort.

Annette Broadbent
Principal

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**Premier Reading Challenge**

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) finishes next month and Primary students should have already begun recording their books on the PRC website. If they need assistance in doing this, they need to see Mrs Neville in the library.

A large majority of the 20 required books have been read with the Teacher Librarian in the library and a copy of this reading list is available upon request from Mrs Neville.

Infants students have been sharing books in both class and the library and their records will be updated for them.

Certificates will be handed out at the end of the year.
Piano Lessons

If you are interested in piano lessons - both during school hours OR after school - please contact Bec on 0438571329

Come to Dinner

On Wednesday 12 August 2015
From 5.30pm to 9pm
At Canberra Southern Cross Club
92-96 Coriniva Street, Phillip ACT
Dress: Smart Casual

This is a free event - Dinner is provided.

Can you please RSVP to your school or Frances Moore by Wednesday 5th August.
Frances.Moore@acu.edu.au or (02) 6236 1137

This is a special event for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from Years 5 to Year 12 from school on Coriniva, Yes, Ysbylim and surrounding areas.

The dinner will give you, your family and your teachers an opportunity to speak individually with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and staff from the ACU.

Because of limited seating we will not be able to cater for children younger than Year 5.

University is an opportunity that is available to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students that do well in school, and this dinner is an opportunity that will allow students to hear people about what university is like, and what you need to do to get there.

This does not lead you to study the Australian College of Uluru. If you decide to go to uni, the future studies but shows there are many paths to all universities.

This event is supported by the ACU, your school and the Department of Education and Communities.

Education Week Information Session
for Parents and Teachers
Goulburn Mulwaree Library
Wednesday 29 July at 5.30pm

Come along to an information session to find out how YourTutor and Britannica Library can benefit every Goulburn Mulwaree Council child’s education. These services are available at home or in the Library for all Library members. Bookings essential. Limited to 20 spaces. Telephone 4823 4435 for further information or to make a booking.

YourTutor – On-line, on-demand homework help by qualified tutors:
If your child needs extra help with assignments or school work, YourTutor is of great assistance with proven benefits to your child’s education.

- Expert tutoring in all core subjects (Maths, English, Science) for students in Year 4 to Year 12;
- Assignment help for all subjects such as essay and report writing, assignment research, referencing and citation;
- Available anywhere with internet for Goulburn Mulwaree Library card holders;
- No appointments needed;
- Contact a qualified tutor every Sunday to Friday between 3pm - 10pm.

Britannica Library – Reliable, Peer-Reviewed Information
Unlike Google and other Internet resources you can be confident the information your child accesses through Britannica Library is reliable and accurate. Britannica Library is:

- Easy to use;
- Easy to find information;
- Safe;
- Up-to-date;
- Age specific;
- Replaces the traditional printed Encyclopaedia Britannica.

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