



Student Absences

If your child will be absent from school for any reason, please let Student Services know.

You can call Student Services from 8:40am on (08) 7505 4027 and selecting 'Student Services'.



Contact Us

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Department for Education

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Winter is well and truly upon us, but a bit of wind and rain does not dampen the Goolwa Secondary College spirit of optimism and determination!

Our Tumbelin students and staff have just returned from a very wet Flinders Ranges camping trip. They slept in tents, went hiking, caving and rock climbing and throughout it all, became increasingly resilient and independent, achieving beyond their personal expectations. We are so proud of their grit and their demonstration of the College pillars.

Our Operation Flinders students and staff also braved the wild and woolly weather. On the weekend, they held the first community fundraising event at Kies Home Timber and Hardware. We thank our families and staff who supported the BBQ in some way. Operation Flinders will, no doubt, be an amazing experience of growth and transformation for those attending later in the year.

Tumbelin and Operation Flinders aren't the only camps occurring this year. The year 7 and 8 camp information was recently emailed home, and the year 9 camp information will be sent home early next term. Late in term 3, our year 7 and 8 students are going to Mylor Adventure Camp - in the beautiful Adelaide Hills. This campsite is famous for its supervised adrenaline-packed activities that gets kids outside in the fresh air and idyllic surrounds to connect with nature, themselves and each other - it is an adventure our students won't forget! In term 4, our year 9 students will be celebrating the end of middle school and preparing for their senior secondary experience at Willow Creek Adventure Camp. Our year 9 students will be participating in bushwalks, adventure activities and on the last day, an Amazing Race around Victor Harbor.

Throughout this term, in HASS lessons and across multiple Studios, students have been out and about in our beautiful local community, making the most of what Goolwa has to offer us. We have a rich natural environment, as well as a wealth of knowledge and skill in the people of Goolwa; as a College that has a foundation belief in the power and value of local connections, we are so grateful for the generosity of our community who share their passions and expertise with our students and staff.

Our students have been kicking goals in school sport too! Most recently, our students participated in indoor cricket and cross country, as well as netball earlier in the term.

So much going on...outside but also inside our learning spaces. We have students working mathematically and scientifically on mind-blowing concepts, including the dissection of brains. In humanities students have been creatively and critically unpacking concepts foundational to the way we live our lives, including putting governance under the microscope. In the arts and technologies, students have been transforming the conceptual into concrete.... AMAZING! If you are not following us on Facebook, I encourage you to do so to get an insight into these engaging teaching and learning experiences.

Looking ahead Semester 1 Academic Reports will be sent home next week, in the final week of the term. Last year there were a number of IT issues (beyond our control) which meant that reports were not always delivered to inboxes at the time they were scheduled to be sent. We are hopeful that this year, reports will be delivered as planned.



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If you have any issues accessing reports, please let the College know – we are leading the way across the state with the implementation of EMS, so any feedback is appreciated and will be beneficial to not only us, but also other all other schools across the state who will be required to be on EMS before too long.

The semester 1 grade for subjects is based on the assessment of student work throughout the semester (for semester long subjects) or across one term (for those subjects running for one term only). If you are regularly accessing Frog, you will see these assessment results as they are uploaded by teachers. If you attended the three-way learning conference earlier this term you would have also had a chance to check in with your child's Connect teacher. If you have any questions or wish to discuss the progress of your child in any subject, please do not hesitate to reach out to their subject or Connect teacher. Emails are a great way to do this.

Looking forward, midway through next term, you will have another opportunity to visit the College and meet with teachers face-to-face to discuss your child's learning in one or a number of subject areas. This will be held on an alternative program day, where students attend school just for their learning conversations. For parents of year 9 students, you will also be invited to attend Course Counselling at this time. Course Counselling is an important step in supporting the planning and development of student learning pathways as they enter senior secondary – not only an exciting time for your young person, but for the College too – as we continue to grow!

Between now and then, of course, is the school holiday break. I hope that the two weeks brings you an opportunity to slow down, break free from school routines, and enjoy family time.

Safe and happy holidays!

Rebecca Moore
Principal

OPERATION FLINDERS FUNDRAISING SUCCESS: RAIN DIDN'T PUT A DAMPENER ON FIRST SAUSAGE SIZZLE!

The first-ever Goolwa Secondary College Operation Flinders Team have been excitedly planning and preparing for the fundraising events they will facilitate next term in a quest to fundraise for their adventurous experience in the Northern Flinders Ranges.

There's a fundraising event for everyone - including Friday popcorn sales at school, a Movie Night and also a Quiz night all in the works. Please stay tuned for more information about these events next term; we're very much looking forward to sharing them with you.

Despite the wintery weather last Sunday, the girls hosted a very successful BBQ at Kies Home Timber and Hardware, Goolwa, to begin their fundraising journey. Proving the rain put no dampening drizzle on our sausage sizzle, the Operation Flinders team were kept busy on the tongs for much of the day. Thank you so much to all the parents, staff and community members who came out to support the BBQ and purchase a snag!

Thank you so much to Goolwa Central Meats for generously donating the delicious BBQ sausages, and to Kies Home Timber and Hardware for generously hosting us inside their big shed so that we didn't have to brace the rainy and cold weather outside. Your support in helping us reach our goals is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to sharing more community BBQs around Goolwa with you in the coming weeks - keep an eye on our Facebook page so you don't miss the details for where we will be popping up with our BBQ and tongs in hand next, as well as our future fundraising events.



CARTER'S CORNER

The Resilience Project – Issue #3

Students are well underway on their journey with The Resilience Project. Students have experienced a range of activities and lessons focussing on gratitude, empathy and mindfulness. In our last issue, we introduced Hugh from The Resilience Project and the first pillar of gratitude. In this issue, we dive into the remaining two pillars of **Empathy and Mindfulness**.



Empathy

Research shows that practising empathy, such as performing acts of kindness, taps into our brain's 'mirror neurons', builds compassion and our behaviour becomes more social and community-based.

"Empathy is our ability to put ourselves in the shoes of others to feel and see what they do. We practice this through being kind and compassionate towards other people."

Take a look at this [empathy video](#) for further insight, or you and your family could try practising empathy and kindness:

1. Reflect on someone in your life who could benefit from an act of kindness today. It could be a friend who would love some affirmation about their work, your pet who deserves an extra treat, or a family member who would love a phone call or text message.
2. Make a plan for who you are going to give an act of kindness to, and what you are going to do.
3. If you want to add accountability to your plan, share it with someone else and encourage them to do the same thing.
4. Follow up with each other in a few days time, to ask how it went!

Mindfulness

The final practice from the Resilience Project is the skill of Mindfulness. It is important to take a minute for ourselves to appreciate our surroundings and slow down for a moment.

"Mindfulness is our ability to be present at any given moment. We practice this by using intentional awareness and concentrating on what you are doing when you are doing it".

Examples of Mindfulness include meditation, concentrated breathing, cooking, activities concentrating on our senses, and yoga. The benefits of regularly practising these activities include reduced stress, increased memory, increased cognitive function and physical health benefits through improved immunity.

Click the link here to access the digital presentation on [mindfulness](#).

ACTS OF KINDNESS

- Hold a door open for someone else
- Smile nicely at someone
- Help a friend with their work
- Ask someone how their day is going
- Write a note of appreciation to someone
- Let someone have a turn before you

Andrew Carter
Assistant Principal
Inclusion, Engagement & Wellbeing

EXCITING GOVERNING COUNCIL NEWS

As of term 3 2023, the Goolwa Secondary College Governing Council will be hosting on school community event per term. These events will be a combination of social and fundraising events and will have the intent of generating community spirit, raising funds for specific items or events for the students, supporting local families and businesses and are generally just a good excuse to get together with existing friends and create new connections and friendships.

In week 10 of term 3 on Saturday 30th of September from 9am-1pm we will be having a GIANT GARAGE SALE!! It will be held outside on the beautiful school grounds with some 'sites' available undercover. Sites can be booked for selling pre-loved items (clothing, toys, books, bric-a-brac etc) or new items (small businesses welcome).

At the Giant Garage Sale, students/entrepreneurs are welcome to book their own site. We would love to see some handmade items (art, crafts, anything handcrafted), cakes/cookies/slices/bliss balls or maybe even services such as hair braiding or henna tattoos. We would also love to have a coffee van and possibly even a food truck or two so if you or someone you know has either, please let us know. The cost to have a site at the Giant Garage Sale will be \$20 and can be booked via emailing dl.1915.govcouncil@schools.sa.edu.au.

We would also like to invite students to busk at the Giant Garage Sale. We will have a microphone and amp set up for students who wish to sing, play an instrument or perform in any way. Buskers will be charged \$5 and given a 20-minute time slot - any money thrown in their hat is theirs to keep!

Governing Council is also supporting the Year 9 girls who are raising funds for their Operation Flinders expedition in October this year. The girls will be hosting a Quiz Night on Friday 8th of September at the school, more details and a link for ticket purchase will be shared soon regarding this event.

At this stage, we are seeking donations for Quiz Night and ask that you might consider making a donation on behalf of your own business or a local business that you have contact with for the silent auction on the night. Donations can be in the form of physical items or gift vouchers for goods or services. Donors will have their business shared via the school's social media accounts and also on the night in the form of signage or promotional material (supplied by you/the business). What a great opportunity for the promotion of your business/employer to the local community, while also supporting this event for our Year 9 girls.

Please get in contact with Amy Mackenzie (our school Pastoral Care Worker who is coordinating the Quiz Night) by emailing her directly at Amy.Mackenzie60@schools.sa.edu.au. Alternatively, feel free to contact me, Jess Rogers, at the Governing Council regarding donations at dl.1915.govcouncil@schools.sa.edu.au.

Jess Rogers
Chairperson

Goolwa Secondary College Governing Council



Goolwa Secondary College
Principal Tours

TERM 3: Friday 25 August, 9:30 AM
TERM 4: Tuesday 17 October, 5:30 PM

Please join us for a guided tour and to learn more about our school and experience our vibrant facilities. We can't wait to welcome you!

BOOK NOW

STUDENT MEDICATIONS



We wish to remind parents of students who require taking medication during school hours, that their medication needs to be safely held at Student Services.

All medication (paracetamol included) is required to be in its original packaging and have a chemist-printed label with your child's name, and the frequency at which the medication needs to be taken (even if it is 'as required'). These labels can be printed for free by your local chemist. A *Medication Agreement form* also needs to be filled out by parents at Student Services. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to speak to Midi in Student Services. When calling the College, press 1, to speak with Midi.

STUDENT ABSENTEEISM

We want to thank our parents for being outstanding in utilising the *Student Services* call redirection option (extension 1), when ringing the College. From **8:40am**, parents can let us know of any planned early departures or if their children will be absent. For added convenience, parents can also use the Community Portal to notify the College!

TUMBELIN SNAPSHOTS

You might've heard our students talking about Tumbelin and we're not surprised – it's an awesome Outdoor Education program for our young people, taking them through an identity and leadership course, and having a whole lot of adventurous fun along the way, as they reach for their own goals. Take a look at these photos from our Tumbelin album.



TERM 2 STUDIOS AND MORE!

Our Goolwa Secondary College students have been treated to a huge variety of Studio sessions and fun learning opportunities this term. From Sporting Excellence, where students were able to try their hand at sports they might not have otherwise had a go at, to Serving the Community where students put their culinary skills to the test. There was also Cittaslow Art, Armfield Wooden Boats, Sew Amazing and Sustainable Farming; it's all been there for the taking!

Take a look at just how busy the students have been below:



GOOLWA SECONDARY COLLEGE NOTICE BOARD...

Finance and School Payments

Goolwa Secondary College offers various payment options for payment of school fees, student device (Lenovo Laptop), device insurance, camps and excursions.

QkrApp

Click [here](#) for instructions.

Direct bank transfer to the school's bank account

B5B: 065-511

Account: 10222764

Please use the invoice number and surname as a reference.

Direct Debit

Parents/caregivers are able to authorise our school to process ongoing payments to pay for school fees, invoices and other payments as agreed under a signed payment plan. These payment plans may be scheduled weekly, fortnightly, monthly or per term depending on the payment type and circumstance.

To arrange a Direct Debit, please download the form (located at Goolwa Secondary College website) and return it to the front office or email it to dl_1915.finance@schools.sa.edu.au

Cash, EFTPOS, credit card (Visa or Mastercard)

The front office is open between 8:30-9:30am for payments via cash, EFTPOS, or credit card (Visa or Mastercard) in person or over the phone.



EARLY DISMISSAL



Term two concludes at
2:10pm on Friday,
7th of July.



**GOOLWA SECONDARY COLLEGE
UNIFORM ITEMS**
SHOP ONLINE AT
DEVON CLOTHING FOR HOME OR COLLEGE
DELIVERY.



RUGBY TOP
\$79



WINDCHEATER
\$50



SOFT SHELL JACKET
\$60

GSC - BREAKFAST CLUB



EVERY MORNING FROM 8:30-8:45 A FREE BREAKFAST IS OFFERED TO HELP ENERGISE OUR STUDENTS FOR THEIR DAY AHEAD!

TOASTIES, MILO, PANCAKES, & SMOOTHIES ARE OFFERED ACROSS THE WEEK.

SEE YOU THERE!

WE ARE NUT AWARE



Please note GSC is 'NUT AWARE'. For the safety of staff and students, please **DO NOT** pack nuts or nut butter in lunch boxes!



Dates To Remember

- Monday, 3rd July - MacqLIT Graduation Morning Tea
- Tuesday, 4th July - New MacqLIT Families Morning Tea
- Friday, 7th July - Last day of Term 2 (early dismissal)
- Monday, 24th July - First day of Term 3
- Tuesday, 8th August - Transition: Culture-Building Day
- Friday, 25th August - Goolwa Secondary College Principal Tours 9:30AM
- Monday, 28th August - Transition: Innovation Day 1
- Friday, 8th September - School Closure Day
- Friday, 8th September - GSC Fundraiser: Quiz Night
- Monday - Friday, 11-15th September - Year 7 & 8 Mylor Adventure Camp
- Friday, 22nd September - Year 7 & 8 Immunisations
- Friday, 29th September - Last day of Term 3 (early dismissal)
- Saturday 30th September - GSC Fundraiser: Giant Garage Sale

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