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From the Principal



U Turn the Wheel. It's your Choice!- Road safety- Driver Education Program

After many years of negotiations to deliver this Rotary sponsored program, we have finally worked out the logistics of offering this program to 450 students in one day.

The program involves presentations by NSW Police, NSW Ambulance, NRMA motoring, Youth Safe, Trent Driving School and St George Services.

The program will be presented on Wednesday 13th November at a cost of \$5 per student payable on the day.

The program presented is excellent and the hours contribute to the mandatory 25 Hour Crossroads Program. Students who are unable to attend will need to make up the mandatory hours with alternative road safe activities.

LMBR (Learning Management Business Reform)

GRC Oatley is one of the 229 schools trialling LMBR before the roll out to the remaining 2400 NSW schools at the end of 2014. This is without doubt the largest change in education since I began teaching. LMBR is an integrated model of finance and a student management system of student wellbeing. Training has been intensive with the Senior Executive attending 3 training days in the last week and our SAM, Mrs Leanne Roberts attending 4 training days on the new finance module.

There may be some slight hiccups as new systems are introduced. Our focus will remain on teaching and learning of our students.

Our New Year 12

A reminder the Year 12 courses have already begun. I am disappointed that some students have already received 'N' Warnings mostly for non-attendance. The Board sets 240 hour courses and as a guide, an attendance level of at least 85% is required to adequately cover course outcomes.

Year 11 Presentation Day

Tuesday 17th December – 9am

St George Community Award

Congratulations to our White Ribbon Group for their recognition at the St George Community Award. The award was accepted by Mr Kevin Wright, Head Teacher Welfare and Tapa Paulo.

GRC Oatley is committed to the message of "No Violence Against Women".

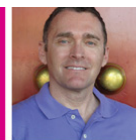


We congratulate Year 12 on the completion of their HSC and wish them all the best in the future.

Deidrei Bedwell
Principal

Teenagers, Alcohol & Drugs

- Presented by Paul Dillon



On Monday, 11 November 2013 you are invited to a free parenting seminar featuring a presentation by Paul Dillon, best-selling author of the book 'Teenagers, Alcohol and Drugs' (2009).

Paul has extensive experience presenting drug information to parents and young people both in Australia and internationally. He is a highly regarded social commentator and has appeared on Sunrise, The 7PM Project and Today.

This seminar follows on from the hugely popular Michael McQueen presentation 'Engaging Gen Y' which was held in May 2013. The presentation will highlight a number of issues that are of increasing concern to parents including:

- Current trends in alcohol and drug use amongst young people.
- How to hold safe parties for teenagers.
- Secondary supply of alcohol laws.

Free event



Date
Monday, 11 November 2013

Time
6.00pm to 8.00pm

Where
Monk Auditorium, Georges River College -
Oatley Senior Campus, Oatley Avenue
and Hurstville Road, Oatley

Bookings Essential
Phone 9330 9551 or visit
stgeorgeparents.eventbrite.com.au

A light dinner will be provided



National Chemical Analysis Competition (titration competition)

Following our school's success at the state level of the Titration Competition, our year 11 team was invited to compete at the National level of the competition.

Consequently Mahan Ghobadi, Gloria Lee and Joyce Mann began training for the event at the end of term two and worked every spare minute throughout term three until the big day on 14th September.

We set off for UNSW Chemistry Department early on the morning of the 14th with a large bag of equipment, three nervous, but excited students and three Science teachers as support.

Teachers were allowed to help with the setting up, but at the beginning of the competition at 9am, we had to leave for the three hours during which the students worked hard to carry out the complete analysis of three unknown solid acids. They were incredible.

After a short break at 12.30pm, to compile the results, a presentation was held in one of the chemistry lecture theatres and students were presented with medals according to their results. All three students received gold medals for results within 1% of the analytical lab result. Then it was announced that Mahan had achieved a perfect score of zero and is the top student in the state. We are awaiting confirmation that he will receive the Miklouho-Maclay trophy for the best individual score in NSW.

As a team, Gloria, Joyce and Mahan came third from 26 teams competing at NSW Uni with results in the excellence range. We now await National results.

Heartiest congratulations to these wonderful students.

Margaret Hogan
Science Teacher

Australian Mathematics Competition 2013

Once again Georges River College Oatley Senior High School has achieved outstanding results in Year 12 and Year 11. This year we received two Proficiency awards, 10 Credits and 11 Distinction awards.

The following students received the award of:

Distinction:

Yaosheng Hu, Qing An Liu, Weinan Lin, Yingxin Cai, Weipeng Fang, Kelly Zhang, Yumeng Wang, Serena Wang, Cyndi Zhao, Jerry Hsieh and Kevin Son Tran.

Credit:

Yuzxing Huang, Suleigh Huang, Belinda Yang, Bohan Shao, Petros Laloukiototis, Jiajun Zhang, Jiale Zhang, Mahan Ghobadi, Jackie Pan, Ali Jebeile and Steven Bailey.

Congratulations to all our award winners and participants.

Mr Russell Kenny
Maths Competition Co-ordinator

Sporting Success

At GRC Oatley we recognise the talent, dedication and sportsmanship of our students who represent at school sport. Our 2013 rugby league/union team has excelled in a number of competitions this year.

After last year's success in the Sydney East Competitions our Rugby League team took on the challenge of the School Boy Trophy with zeal. Wins against James Cook High and South Sydney High School qualified the team for the final round of the district competition match versing Oak Hill College. GRC started strong with a 16 point lead, but Oak Hill proved to be a resilient team winning the game in the second-half 32-22, with our final result at top 16 of the state.



The University Shield Competition began in early in March with an easy win over Rose Bay High School to start the season. In May the team took on James Cook. With a couple of key players sidelined for the match, the team had a challenge ahead of them and were down by 10 points. In true GRC spirit the team rallied and came away with a strong win.

Round 4 of the competition put our team up against local rivals Kingsgrove High School. A terrific try in the second half by Kane Campbell was the highlight of the match sealing the win and progressing the team to the final round vs Tumut HS.

One of the toughest matches of the season was played against Tumut HS. The teams were closely matched, with Tumut HS scoring in the final seconds of the game 12-10. It was a devastating loss for the boys but they can be proud of their success in the competition, reaching the final 16 in the state.

Rae Williams
PDHPE Teacher

RUGBY SEVENS



Even though rugby sevens is not a traditional code of football at GRC, expert coaching from Alex Suter saw the team adapt quickly to the Sevens game defeating Endeavour Sport High,

Picnic Point High and Port Hacking High Schools to take out the Southern Districts Tournament.

Our Rugby Sevens journey continued with the team going on to represent Sydney South at the regional competition where we saw notable performances in defence from Joshua Maea and creative attacking plays from Nicholas Pappas and the Richardson twins. A close match in the final against Matraville Sports High set the team up to qualify for the NSW State Schoolboys Sevens Championships.



Our qualification into the Hong Kong NSW Schoolboys Rugby Sevens Championship was an impressive feat for a bunch of 'leaguies', but their commitment to the team and training with Alex put them in good stead for the next level of competition



Five games were played in the state championship with ALL players giving their best and putting their bodies on the line to represent GRC.

Outstanding performances from Nick Pappas, scoring all points in game 2 and Khaled Alfass with three tries in game 4 were highlights of the day.



The Sevens Team

In all events our players have demonstrated skill, sportsmanship and leadership that GRC can be proud of.

Rugby Sevens Squad

Adam Jniedi
Ahmed Elbatoory
Aidan Richardson
Alban Richardson
Ali Yassine
Joshua Maea
Khaled Alfass
Leroy Henare
Michael Roche
Nathan McIlveen
Nephi Kapinga
Nick Pappas
Sione Tuiono
Tapa Paulo

Rugby League Squad

Abed Nasser
Adam Jniedi
Aidan Richardson
Alban Richardson
Anthony Malouf
Anthony Tomasian
Chris Kirolos
James Madden
Joel Bruce-Clarke
Joshua Maea
Kane Campbell
Khaled Alfass
Leon Chen (assistant)
Leroy Henare
Michael Roche
Nathan McIlveen
Nephi Kapinga
Nick Pappas
Tapa Paulo
Tristan King
Adam Aitoa

Rae Williams **PDHPE Teacher**

\$10,000 scholarship Open night for digital media, animation and IT College

Students interested in a career in digital media, IT programming, mobile apps or game design are invited to apply for a \$10,000 scholarship to study at the Academy of Information Technology. AIT is hosting an info night on Nov 20 for students or parents interested in learning about careers and study options in the IT and creative fields. All ages welcome. Register at <http://www.ait.nsw.edu.au/events/>

Jordan answers the NCSS Challenge

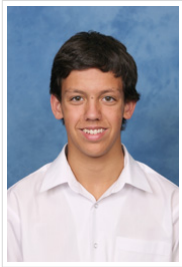
Year 11 Software Design student, Jordan Henry, has shown that GRC Oatley Campus is a force to be reckoned with in the field of software programming.

Jordan achieved this through his superb performance in the NCSS Challenge - an international software programming competition for secondary school students that has been conducted by Sydney University over the past 20 years. Jordan's performance has been recognised by his inclusion in the competition leader board.

Jordan's rank of 31 is an outstanding effort – especially considering that 7345 students and teachers from around the world participated in the challenge this year.

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NCSS Challenge (Beginners)				Leaderboards
Senior (ages 16 - 18)				
Rank	Name	Institution	Grade	Points
1st	Adam Wareing	Waimoa College	11	320
2nd	Min Bel	Killara High School	11	320
3rd	Caydin Griffin	Singleton High School	11	320
4th	Karina Schotte	Brisbane Girls Grammar School	12	320
5th	Stephanie Huynh	St George Girls High School	12	310
6th	Joanne Deng	Strathfield Girls High School	11	310
7th	Sam Kim	The Peninsula School	11	310
8th	Jordan HENRY	Georges River College - Oatley Senior High School	11	310

Awards were also earned by the following SDD students:



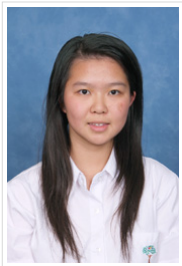
High Distinction: Jordan Henry



Distinction: Calvin HOANG



Credit: Tiffany CHENG



Merit: Felicia QUE

Congratulations to Jordan and all who participated in the Challenge.

By Anthony Allison
(Head Teacher – Computing Studies)

School Reports

Students should keep school reports in a safe place as they may be required for future employment and scholarships. The cost to reprint is \$5 for a report for the current year and \$10 for a report from previous years.