

18 September 2013

From the Principal



Thank you to our P&C

Thank you to our P & C for their support of \$2785 to purchase a defibrillator. With 950 students and over 100 staff, having a defibrillator on site may prove lifesaving in case of a cardiac arrest. We sincerely thank the P&C for their continued support.

Talented Students

Every year I am in awe of our talented students in the Performing Arts area. The performances we have seen during assemblies this year have been outstanding.

Congratulations to past students who made up the girl group "Element" who made it to the final 24 of 'X Factor' and Joanna Hadjia (Joelle) who is now in the final 10 of the same show.

Congratulations and we wish you continued success in your musical careers.

Graduation

Year 12 Graduation will be held at Sydney Town Hall on Friday 20th September starting at 10.30am. Students need to report to their Student Adviser and get their names marked off at 9.30am. Full school uniform is required. Tickets for parents and friends are \$12.00 each. Tickets should be purchased by Friday 13th September so numbers can be given to the Town Hall.

National Finals of Titration Competition

Congratulations to all our teams involved in the Chemistry Titration Competition. One team is through to the National Finals and another team just missed out by the smallest of margins.

HSC

The HSC begins Monday 14th October. Studying for the HSC should now be a priority. Part time work should be reduced and parents should be vigilant to turn off time wasters such as TV and Facebook. The weeks ahead will fly quickly but I want every student to give it their best. **Never** should a student leave an exam early. This is just throwing marks away.

I wish all the students best of luck for the HSC study hard.

The Benefits of Work Placement

Natalie Kulevski, has received a glowing letter of commendation from a State Manager of the St George Bank where Natalie

recently completed her 35 hours of Work Placement for her Year 11 VET Business Services course.

Work Placement is industry-based learning where a VET student attends for one week as a volunteer employee at a business or organisation associated with the VET course being undertaken.

Such placements work to the benefit of both the student and the employer. The student gains valuable on-the-job experience and the employer has an opportunity to see how potential employees perform.

In a number of cases, Oatley Campus VET students have been offered employment by the business where they undertook their work placement.

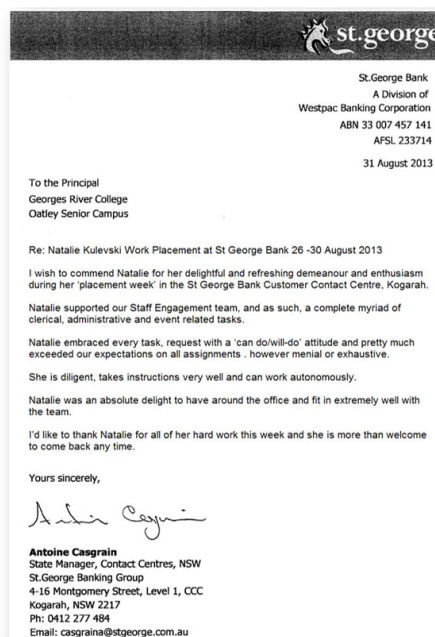
Our students are ambassadors for Oatley Campus when they are on their work placement. Their behaviour and performance reflects on all students at Oatley.

I congratulate Natalie on being a wonderful ambassador for her fellow students.

She has left a very positive impression with her host employer which, I hope, will encourage St George Bank to favourably consider future requests for Work Placement positions for students of Oatley Campus.

This letter will be a valuable addition to Natalie's portfolio for when she seeks employment or further education.

Anthony Allison
(Head Teacher VET Studies)



CAREERS FEATURE FOR PARENTS

TAFE and Training Expo

80 Year 12 students attended the TAFE this year at the St George College.

Many students spoke to NSW Police about entry requirements, study options, and the nature of the job.

Teachers talked to students about transition from the TVET course at school to the full time Children's Services Diploma at Loftus TAFE.

The weather was fine and sunny. Students could browse the stalls, speak to teachers about their courses, and enjoy a sausage sandwich provided by the TAFE Student Association.



have also developed strong friendships with the regular helpers. This has been a valuable experience for all.



During Community Access in term three, the students visited a variety of places including House of Chow Chinese Restaurant, Bondi Beach, Cataract Dam, Reverse Garbage, ABC Studios, Cronulla Beach for fish and chips, Stanwell Park, Camellia Gardens and Southgate for Bowling. These activities are designed to give the students opportunities to enhance their life skills and apply lessons from class in their community. The students all excelled in each of these outings.

An extra special 'well done' goes to Alfred Lee for finishing in equal first place in the solo section of the *BDA Dance Eisteddfod* recently. We are all very proud of both his and all the students achievements.



Life Support

Term three is usually a busy one in the Support Unit at GRC Oatley and this year has been no exception, with classes, work experience, community access and a variety of jobs to complete each week.



The students have been involved in work placement at Coles Kareela throughout the last two terms. This has involved them working at such jobs as facing up, stocking shelves, cleaning and crushing boxes. The students handle all of their responsibilities excellently and regularly receive compliments from the public. In addition, they have visited a variety of other potential worksites for people with disabilities and completed their recycling, delivery and gardening jobs around the campus.

Also on the agenda in Term three is *Sailability* every Wednesday morning. *Sailability* is a not for profit organisation run by volunteers that teaches people with disabilities how to sail. Our students have become quite enthusiastic sailors recently and

VET Excellence Awards

Seven GRC-Oatley students have been nominated to receive VET Excellence Awards.

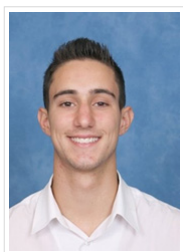
Each year, the VET teachers at GRC Oatley Campus are asked to nominate the student who has benefitted most from their work placement experiences. Their selection is made on the basis of the student's enthusiasm for their work placement, the feedback from the student's supervisors and the comments made by the host employer when the Teacher makes contact during the student's placement.

This year the achievements of seven Year 12 VET students will be celebrated at an Awards Breakfast in the Grange Room of the St Georges Leagues Club on Thursday, September 12.

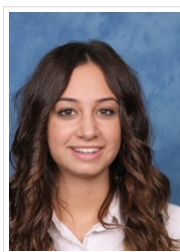
Year 11 VET students should strive to attain the VET Excellence Award next year. It reflects well on the school and the individuals to be publicly recognised in an audience of employers and community representatives. This recognition lifts the public image of GRC Oatley Campus and so adds prestige

and value to credentials from GRC Oatley. This is a direct benefit to every student who leaves Oatley Campus with a HSC.

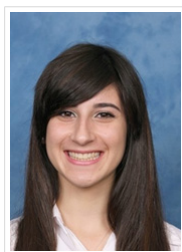
Congratulations to the following students for being wonderful ambassadors for Oatley students!



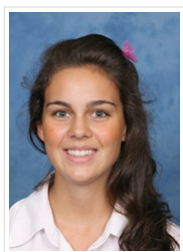
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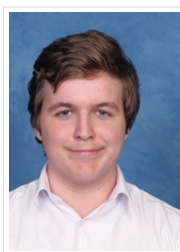
*Brittany
TREVITHICK*



*Rhonda
DOUROUKIS*



Natalie TELLIS



Joe LEGGE



Tayla HUPTON

Anthony Allison (HT - VET)

Letter from Lowes

Dear Principal & Parents,

We would firstly like to thank you for the support your school has provided for our all Australian owned and operated family company. We genuinely appreciate this association, and take great delight in now being able to return that support by way of our annual commission to your school.

As a reminder, our Lowes Retail stores provide the following benefits:

- 7 day convenience to buy uniforms, including, all school holidays
- "Ea\$y Dollar\$" annual commission returned on all uniform sales to the school
- Commission may include gift vouchers as an ideal fundraising vehicle for Parent Committees, or to assist with welfare
- Extra 5% Discount I Rewards for parents using their Lowes credit or loyalty cards
- A dedicated Lowes schoolwear coordinator to liaise with you on all uniform matters
- No security issues allowing adults to be on school grounds "looking for uniforms"

PLUS..... ON-LINE IS COMING SOON !!!

- We are pleased to advise that for added parent convenience, we are also working to progressively offer school uniforms on-line, with the option to CLICK

& COLLECT in store, or HOME DELIVERY. With 185 retail stores involved nationally, this is a huge project, however we believe it is also a very important one for our customers. Please feel free to discuss the proposed timing for your area with your local coordinator.

We sincerely hope that you will continue your association with us long into the future, remembering that the more we sell for your school, the more support we are able to return.

Would you kindly please acknowledge receipt of this commission by return letter, and please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of further assistance to your school.

Yours in appreciation

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Public Dental Services

Dental health is vital to your overall health. New research suggests that the health of your mouth mirrors the condition of your body as a whole. For example, when your mouth is healthy, chances are your overall health is good. Did you know that all children under 18 years of age and adults who hold a Centrelink concession card and a valid medicare card can access Free dental care. To see the details click on the below link to Public Dental Services:

Halloween Teen Horror Movie Marathon

20 YOUTH THING

HALLOWEEN TEEN HORROR MOVIE MARATHON

DEVIL (2010) Rated M
THE SIXTH SENSE (1999) Rated M

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY

Thursday 31 October
6.45 - 11.00pm
KOGARAH LIBRARY

Find out if the Library really is haunted at the after-hours creepy movie marathon! We have a jumbo screen and sound system to melt your faces off. Plus there will be popcorn, pizza and candy... all the Halloween cuisine. Be brave, bring a friend, dress up and DON'T GO INTO THE DARK CELLAR ALONE!!!

For this special after-hours event, pick up a parent permission form from the Library or download from:
www.kogarah.nsw.gov.au/library-services/for-youth

Get psyched for the Halloween scares with the craziest, wrongest, funniest, most gruesome game on the Nintendo Wii
Rated MA House of the Dead - Overkill >:D
Zombie blasting, pistol popping, non stop light-gun action

Thursday 31 October
5.30 - 7.00pm

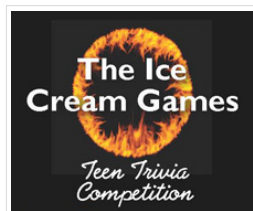
All library events are FREE. Book for all events at

The Ice Cream Games

Wednesday 2 October
12 noon - 2:00pm
SOUTH HURSTVILLE LIBRARY

Thursday 3 October
12 noon - 2:00pm
OATLEY LIBRARY

Friday 4 October
12 noon - 2:00pm
KOGARAH LIBRARY



Tired of being hungry? Battle for food at the ice-cream games!!

The ultimate teen trivia event is back. There's brain busting questions on sport; books; movies; music; and video games. Form a team or compete on your own. Everyone starts with plain ice-cream. The more questions you get right the more ice-cream and treats you get to eat. NOM NOM!!! The person or team that gets the most questions right wins a space flight to PLANET CANDY!

Are you crazy? There is no actual space flight. PLANET CANDY is a big ball of candy and you will win it if you do good.

Parenting Seminars in St George

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A regional initiative supporting families.

All events are **free**

How to Bully Proof Children

Date: Wednesday, 18 September 2013
Time: 6.45pm to 9.30pm
Where: Kogarah Library, Belgrave Street, Kogarah
Bookings: via kogarahlibrary.eventbrite.com.au or 9587 6622

Navigating Teen Depression

-Presented by the Black Dog Institute

Date: Thursday, 24 October 2013
Time: 6.15pm to 7.30pm
Where: Civic Theatre, Hurstville Entertainment Centre,
16 MacMahon Street, Hurstville
Bookings: amegarritty@hurstville.nsw.gov.au or 9330 6063



Teenagers, Alcohol & Drugs

-Presented by Paul Dillon

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: via stgeorgeparents.eventbrite.com.au or 9330 9551

