



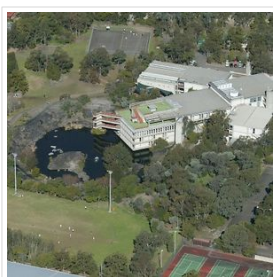
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GRC Oatley College Newsletter



Principals Report



Welcome to our first newsletter for 2016. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new teachers, parents and students.

I have greatly appreciated the warm welcome I have received from the staff, students and parents since my arrival. As the new principal, I look forward to working with our whole school community to ensure

our students are provided with every opportunity to be successful life long learners.

HSC Results

Congratulations to Year 12 (2015) for their outstanding HSC results. We are extremely proud of their efforts and wish them every success in their future endeavours.



HSC (2015) DUX

Anirudh Banerjee ATAR 99.7

HSC Dux History 2010 – 2015

99.9 98.9 99.5 98.7 99.8 99.7

ATAR >90

18 students achieved an ATAR result of 90 or greater

HSC All Rounders List

2 students were named on this list

Top Achievers List

8th in Mathematics Extension 1

HSC Distinguished Achievers List

115 Band 6's were awarded
63 students were named on the list

Major Works Excellence Nominations

- 2 students nominated for Callback (Dance)
- 1 student nominated ARTEXPRESS
- 1 student nominated for Art Rules
- 1 student nominated for ENCORE (Music)

94 students received TAFE credentials with six courses delivered on site at GRC Oatley Senior Campus.

180 students gained Australian Vocational Framework Qualifications

Georges River College Oatley Senior Campus is recognised by BOSTES as having the broadest curriculum offered in NSW.

We pride ourselves on offering an individually tailored curriculum to all students, catering for all abilities so all students experience success.

Open Night

Our 2016 Open Night was held on Thursday 25th February. We opened our doors to both current parents and members of the community who wanted to experience what GRC has to offer.

It was a pleasure to welcome over 500 students and parents from both our GRC Middle Schools and local primary schools. They experienced a range of activities in science labs, drama rooms, technology labs, hospitality kitchens and art rooms to gain a taste of some of the differences and similarities between senior school, middle school and primary. Students from our Student Representative Council escorted parents and students around the school.

This is the largest gathering of expectant locals we have had. It was a pleasure to talk about our school, meet new parents and students and be part of this community celebrating public education.



P&C AGM

Our P&C AGM was held on Thursday 25th February at 7:30pm in the Horseshoe Theatre. The meeting followed our Open Night. Parents, as partners in the education process, have a right and a responsibility to play an active role in the education of their children. The P&C enables parents and citizens to meet together to determine the needs and aspirations of the school community.

P & C meetings provide a forum for parents to learn about the activities at the school, raise concerns and have input into the decisions affecting their children.

Congratulations to Ms. Robynne Challinor who was appointed President.

3 POSITIONS REMAIN VACANT.

1. Vice President
2. Treasurer
3. Secretary

The Vice-President is responsible for:

- assisting the President and assumes the role in his/her absence
- taking on particular responsibilities in areas of interest

The Secretary is responsible for:

- preparing meeting agendas in consultation with the President
- issuing notice of all meetings
- taking minutes?
- maintaining incoming and outgoing correspondence
- assisting the President with the newsletter if required?
- maintaining the official documents of the P&C Association
- maintaining a register of members

The Treasurer is responsible for:

- all financial matters in accordance with P&C Federation procedures?
- overseeing banking procedures?
- preparing and presenting a monthly report at each general meeting?
- maintaining a ledger, recording all financial transactions of the P&C Association
- forwarding all P&C financial documents to the auditor
- presenting the audited statement to the AGM.

If you are interested in taking up one of these roles, please phone me at school on 8567 3700.

Uniform

GRC Oatley Senior Campus is a uniform school. The school uniform creates an identity for our school and is an important part of being a school student.

It is essential that all students are in correct school uniform everyday and wear the uniform correctly during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when engaged in school activities out of school hours.

Our school uniform reflects school community standards and expectations. It was developed in consultation with and agreed upon by the school community. It is based on a strong student and parent voice.

Please support us in ensuring that your child arrives to school in full school uniform. The school uniform requires all students to be in black leather shoes and white socks.

Diary dates

Important dates to put in your diaries:

- Term 1
 - Year 12 half yearly exams – 29/2/16 – 11/3/16
 - Year 12 reports distributed – 8/4/16
- Term 2
 - School resumes for students 27/4/16
 - Year 12 Parent Teacher Night – 3/5/16 4pm – 7pm
 - Year 11 Parent Teacher Night – 16/5/16 4pm – 7pm

GRC Oatley Senior Campus is focused on developing students who are not only academically successful

but who are thoughtful citizens who contribute to their local community in a positive manner. I look forward to working with you this year to achieve our goal.

Anna Girginis
Principal

Newsletter Coordinator Report

Welcome to our first GRC Oatley Newsletter for the 2016. My name is Dimitrios Polyzoidis and I am the current GRC Oatley School Newsletter Co-Ordinator for 2016. I would like to thank Alexander Gardiner for the great work he has done with the newsletter and wish him all the best in his new position as Head Teacher HSIE at James Edmondson High School. A school newsletter is not possible without the contributions of all staff and students throughout the school year and I would like to acknowledge this point in my first newsletter. In essence it's a TEAM effort.

A special **Thank You** to my team of Photographers and Videographers that capture the special moments at our school assemblies, sporting events and White Ribbon Day throughout the school year. The team are Cooper Liedkte, Jayden Geddes, Luke Le Valliant and Mr.Polyzoidis.



Throughout the school year I will be highlighting all the positive things that occur at GRC Oatley through the newsletter. Sporting Teams, Community Activities, Academic Achievements and so on.

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Our talented students playing acoustic guitar during our assemblies.

On the left we have Tim Myint. In the centre we have Ali Bazzi and on the right we have Andy Wu.

Mathematics Report

A warm welcome to our newest members of staff: Felicity Chua and Linda Qiu. Felicity has joined us from GRC Peakhurst and Linda has joined us from GRC Hurstville.

This year the Mathematics faculty will again be inviting students to participate in the Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) and The International Competitions and Assessments for

Schools (ICAS). The dates for this year will be Thursday 28th July and Tuesday 16th August respectively.

Congratulations to the Year 12 class of 2015 on their outstanding results in all of the Mathematics courses in the HSC.

A special commendation to Anuridh Banderjee who placed 8th in the state in Mathematics Extension 1.

Further congratulations to Joshua Round on attaining a mark of 99 in the Mathematics course.

Mathematics General 2 had some excellent results with 31 students achieving a Band 5 or 6. Mathematics (2 Unit) had 14 students achieve a Band 6 and 35 students achieve a Band 5. This result represents 5.87% above the state average in those bands.

Mathematics Extension 1 had 17 students achieve Band E4 and 25 students achieve Band E3. This result was above state average.

Mathematics Extension 2 had 5 students achieve Band E4 and 4 students achieve Band E3 with 100% of candidates achieving these top Bands. This result was 14% above state average and resulted in 100% of the class achieving a Notional Band 6.

Congratulations to the following students who were placed in the Distinguished Achievers list for Mathematics courses.

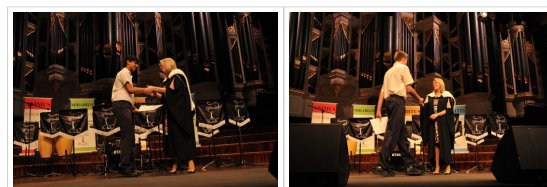
Mathematics General 2: Maria Magiros, Lachlan Roberts

Mathematics: Joshua Round, Yitao Chen, Issa Chokr, Wenling Wendy Deng, Joshua Glover, Jiahui Grace Huang, Shahneel Khan, Austin Lam, Jia Jie Li, Jiahui Li, Ryan Swift, Yuying May Wu, Guangliang Zhang, Meiyi Zhong

Mathematics Extension 1: Anuridh Banerjee, An Qi Chen, Yitao Chen, Wenling Wendy Deng, Joshua Glover, Xurui Guo, Jason Ha, Jiahui Grace Huang, Jimmy Huynh, Ying Winnie Li, Anugrah Noer, Joshua Round, Yuying May Wu, Weikeng Ye, Cooper You, Kai qi (Bill) Zhang, Siyue Zheng, Meiyi Zhong

Mathematics Extension 2: Anuridh Banerjee, An Qi Chen, Ying Winnie Li, Anugrah Noer, Kai qi (Bill) Zhang

BY MS SOPHIE VENTOURIS
HEAD TEACHER MATHEMATICS



SRC Report

The GRC Oatley 2016 SRC is an enthusiastic and dedicated group of students elected by their peers. It comprises of **34 Members** - 16 from Year 12 and 18 from Year 11. The team is led by Mr James Worner and Ms Catherine Rayward. As an SRC Member, students are expected to promote and uphold the core values of GRC Oatley values - Respect, Responsibility and Excellence.

Our Senior Executive includes:

School captains:

Clarence Villasista
Sasa Widjaja

Vice Captains:

Conner Ryan
Tully Brown

SRC President:

Remi George

SRC Vice President:

Jai Ghorpade

SRC Secretary:

Tiffany Li

SRC Treasurer:

Mathew Widders

Year 12 SRC:

Kanaan-Ada, Eletri, Azaria Rogers, Aron Hau, Carl Pfeil, Victoria Tan, Kelvin Liu, Lachlan Beccaris, Nuntawon Sathapanasethe

Year 11 SRC:

Patricia Brockbank, Sarah Bacich, Lauren Chappel, Eva Kwok, Porschia Peachy, Anna Peiffer, Cora Hinkley, Lucretia Ng, Daniel Pankhurst, Andrew Kapinga, Harrison Antanopoulos, Ansarr Baig, Paul Behman, Samuel Attard, Heavenly Suter, Raukawaiti Nuku-Ratana, Amber Brown, Adriana Madentzoglou



Welfare Report

Wellbeing and Engagement at GRC Oatley Senior Campus

We are lucky to have eight student advisers at GRC Oatley. They are responsible for the pastoral care of students. If

students encounter any personal or school-related issues they should speak to their adviser for assistance. Parents who are concerned about their child or would like information about their progress can contact the relevant adviser.

Student advisers support students in four house groups – Animus, Fortis, Mirabilis and Virtus. Students are placed in houses according to their last name. Below are the list of houses, last name letters, and their respective advisers.

The welfare teams for 2016 are:

Year 11 Margret Zauss, Head Teacher Welfare	Year 12 Kevin Wright, Head Teacher Welfare
Narelle Straney (Animus house) Mark Mordo (Fortis house) Nathan Compton (Mirabilis house) Wayne Lawton (Virtus house)	Andrew France (A-E) Voula Alexiou (E-Le) Dimitrios Polyzoidis (Li-Ri) Alison Good (S-Z)

This week the teams met to discuss aspects of wellbeing and engagement for our 910 year 11 and 12 students this year. Our year 11 wellbeing staff have been busy studying student records and trying to get to know as many of their new students as possible.

Two of our main wellbeing and engagement programs are Tutorials and Mentoring and it is imperative that students fulfill their attendance obligations and make the most of the help provided in these sessions.

Year 11 - Tutorials (Crossroads)	Year 12 - Mentoring
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 16 students per group● Wednesday, 8:40-9:40 (every fortnight, 2/3/16, 16/3/16 etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 8 students per group● Friday 10:00-10:20
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Department of Education Crossroads course● Mental health, positive relationships, identity as a senior student, drugs/alcohol, safe driving.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● academic study and coping skills● maintaining positive relationships● maintaining good physical and mental health

This week, year attended a presentation by Headspace, which included many tips on how to maintain good mental health by being well organised and planning the high workload demanded of senior students.

Year 12 students have had mentoring sessions on

1. Being a **responsible leader** and role model to year 11 students
2. Setting appropriate **goals** for each week and for the whole term

3. Being an **ethical bystander** - responding to bad behaviour in a safe and ethical manner
4. Good **physical health** - diet, exercise and sleep leading up to the exam period

Contact

If you have any concerns, or if you would like to provide us with information about your child, please contact the relevant student adviser or Head Teacher Welfare.

Kevin Wright
Head Teacher Welfare

White Ribbon

Our year 12 students formed a very strong committee of some 40 students last year. The committee took some time to attend the year 11 assembly last week to communicate the message that Oatley is a "White Ribbon" school. We have been active participants in educating students about the importance of the national White Ribbon program which aims to help people stand up again violence against women.

Our new Principal, Ms Girginis, attended a committee meeting in her first week. She congratulated the committee on its work in education and awareness. She invited the group to broaden their focus to stop violence in society and show respect towards all people.

Year 11 students for White Ribbon

After the assembly last week, there were so many students approaching me expressing a desire to get involved as soon as possible. Given this response, I am sure that the staff leadership team will gladly assist these young leaders to form their own committee well ahead of our normal Term 3 commencement. This will be an exciting year.

Any students or parents interested in White Ribbon should contact me or one of the leadership group consisting of Mr Xenikos (HT PDHPE), Mr Butler (PDHPE and Sport Coach), Mr Polyzoidis, (TAS/Mirabilis Y12 Advisor), or Mr James Munroe, our Community Engagement Officer.

Kevin Wright
Head Teacher Welfare



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Senior Studies Coordinator Report

Introducing the Senior Studies Coordinator

The Senior Studies Coordinator is a curriculum-focussed role that is part of GRC Oatley Executive team. I am responsible for managing our Saturday School and Open High School students, as well as managing the Platinum and Gifted and Talented programs for GRC Oatley (among other responsibilities). This includes managing the provision of a range of learning experiences to extend our GAT students as well managing the wellbeing of these students through their final year of schooling.

One opportunity for assistance for our students is the University of Sydney Union School Tutoring Program. This program offers free one-on-one tutoring services to Year 11 and Year 12 students undertaking their HSC studies that require academic assistance but who may not be able to access tutoring services for financial, social or family reasons. Applications for this program must be submitted before Friday 4 March 2016. Please see me by 1 March if you would like to access this service.

Mrs Narelle Straney
Senior Studies Coordinator

GRC Oatley Support Unit Report

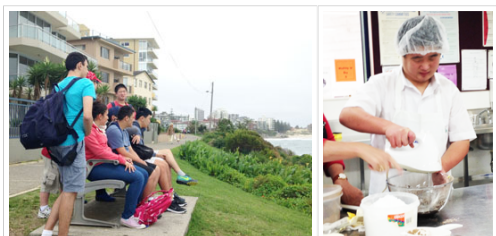
The students of the Support Unit at Georges River College Oatley have started the 2016 school year successfully, with our new Year 11 students settling in nicely.

Already the students have begun their Work Placement program at Coles Engadine. Whilst at Coles, they complete a variety of tasks including working at the registers, replacing stock, face up and cleaning duties. The students are all proving to be very capable and travel to work with minimal assistance. Well done everybody.

Community access is an opportunity for the students to apply their living skills in real life situations. Whilst on these trips, the students are required to manage their time, money and health concerns independently. This term has already included a trip to Cronulla for lunch, a ferry ride to Bundeena for morning tea and exercise where the students managed themselves excellently. Upcoming trips include:

- walking the Harbour Bridge

- shopping at Miranda
- visiting the Chinese Gardens
- a Barbeque.



The Learning Centre

News from *The Learning Centre*



The Learning Centre is situated in the Library on Level 2 and is available to all students for any learning issues as not all students find the HSC journey easy and may need assistance at some point. Students can make an appointment for support in a number of areas such as organization for senior study, study skills, study timetables and mentoring. The support may be given by one on one direct instruction, adjustments to learning programs and of course individual support in senior school organization. Organization is essential to success in senior school and ultimately the HSC.

Ms. V. Alexiou
The Learning Centre Coordinator
Learning and Support Teacher

Significant Programs and Initiatives

Aboriginal Education

GRC Oatley is committed to *Closing the Gap* between the educational outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and other students. To improve the educational outcomes of our ATSI students we work closely with parents and students to identify and support the individual needs of students. Personalised Learning Pathway plans are developed for all our ATSI students where specific goals are identified for each student including support in all key learning areas. Regular 'Campfire' meetings are also held both here onsite and across all our middle campuses. It gives students to catch up in an informal setting to celebrate culture and personal growth where community elders are invited to speak with students

directly. Student and parents will be receiving information for the development of student PLP's during Term 1 2016.

Ms. V Alexiou
ATSI Program Coordinator

Girls Education

Girls will be offered specific support through various programs and strategies to develop academically as well as personally. Focus will be on the building of resilience, healthy self -esteem and leadership qualities along with every day support here at Oatley.

Ms V. Alexiou
Supervisor of Girls

GRC Rugby League Squad 2016

The following students have been selected to represent GRC Oatley Senior College under the guidance of their coach Ms. Williams. We wish the team a successful season.

Aitoa	John
Chocker	Amjad
Choker	Kassam
Clift	Mitchell
Cox	Sioeli
Daizli	Adam
Elmir	Slieman
Eltri	Kanaan
Fakaosi	Stanley
Fayad	Reda
Ferreira	tyronne
Finau	Josaiah
Holmes	Yadi
Kapinga	Andrew
Martin	Tyson
McLean	Teahuru
Polutele	Nathan
Polutele	Pita
Ryan	Connor
Teritaiti	Harrison
Towell	Greg

GRC Basketball Squad 2016

For the first game of the basketball season GRC Oatley Basketball side had an outstanding win against Newtown High School 64 points to 50 points. I have never witness such a game before. I am a proud coach to have witnessed such team work and sportsmanship. Well done boys.

Mr.Polyzoidis
Basketball Coach



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