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## Principal's Report



### Congratulations

- **Ms Patricia Kenny** (Science Teacher) was awarded a certificate from the Department of Education to mark 30 years of service to Public Education in NSW. Thank you for making a difference.
- **Mr. Jason Wong** (English Teacher), **Ms Laila Naser** (English Teacher) and **Ms Mallory Flavell** (English Teacher) were notified by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) that they have achieved accreditation at Proficient Teacher.



### Top 10% Assembly – Year 11

At GRC Oatley, we believe that recognition of student achievement plays a vital role in the development of an effective learning environment. One of our core values is EXCELLENCE. The emphasis here is for students to participate actively, aim high and always strive for success and improvement.

In term 2, 154 Year 11 students were recognised for achieving in the top 10% of their course cohort. This is a wonderful achievement and one they should be extremely proud of.

ANIMUS	FORTIS	MIRABILIS	VIRTUS
Nadine Abbas	Muhammad Farhansyah	Lixian Benjamin Mak	Shahnila Sadruddin
Joshua Ahn	Jamie Farr	Ali Makki	Evangelia Sakarelou
Sophie Ainsworth	Mya Federico	Lewis Mallard	Rebekah Samiakos
Christina Alavanos	Anna Finos	Alyanna Mendoza	Nirun Sangswang
Hassan Alawieh	Olivia Frost	Jacob Merlino	Kassem Semhat
Carmen Antonaz	Marianna Gallifuoco	Timothy Minny	Kristian Semmelweis
Jack Dreu Argent	Anastasia Gaskell	Elena Miovski	Rebecca Silver
Bryce Arthur	Samriddhi Ghimire	Annaleise Mitreska	Samantha Sivasubramaniam
Holly Auciello	Rozz Godly	Alisha Mitrevski	Kiahne Snellgrove
Hadi Bazzi	Hadi Hammoud	Hayley Molloy	Adnan Softic
Malcolm Bilimoria	Curtis Hardie	Mohamed Morad	Justin Stamios
Kylie Borders	Brennan Head	Jordan Moro	Gabrielle Stathes
Niana Boyd-Hawe	Louchelle Heloui	Jaunita Morutare	Xiao Ting Jessica Sun
Kate Bricknell	Mackenzie Henderson	Ali Moussa	Charlotte Sutton
Mikaela Burrows	Amy Henry	Mochamad Muharamsyah	Melissa Talevski
Murray Bushby	Jasmin Hossain	Deborah Murray	Eric Tao
Conor Cassidy	Hena Huseinspahic	Jacinta Murray	Wenxuan Amy Tian
Jack Chalhoub	Kulin	Julius Nesevski	Ashley Totten
Toi Wing Arina Chan	Chelsea Huynh	Kevin Ng	Gua Hung Kevin Tran
Connie Chen	Sherine Indraputri	Menae Niotis	Amy Trieu
Phyllis Jin Chen	Ashleigh James	Erica O'Brien	John Trovas
Zhuoyan Ada Chen	Shauna Jasper	Nathan Osborne	Joanne Truong
Fangling Ruby Chen	Jason Jia Jun Jiang	Efthimios Papadopoulos	Julia Tsiamis
Yanling Tony Chen	Blake Johnson	Eleftheria Papadopoulou	Throssoula Tsounias
Yuhao Henry Chen	Antony Joleski	Hui Amy Peng	Mariah Vergoulis
Zihao Chen	Samantha Karzon	Yuehui Karolia Qiu	Caitlin Vines
Xinhui Vicky Chen	Irene Katsadima	Zehua Qiu	Yuhang Emily Wang
Ho Ming Chen	Wonseok Kim	Amelia Raffo	Zhi Qian Linda Wang
Cheung	Sung In Daniel Ko	Ali Rajab	Ruowen Rachel Wang
Peter Christoulakis	Andrea Kociski	Tamara Reynolds	Daniel Widders
Pamela Cuaresma	Renee Kollias		Annaliese Wong
Sashwat Dahal	Yasmin Kostoglou		
Punmile	Alenna Lailu		
Damrongsakunchai	Anna Lay		
Helena Dimitriou			

ANIMUS	FORTIS	MIRABILIS	VIRTUS
	Kristy Le	Caleb Round	Audrey Wood
	Emily Lenz		Angela Wu
	Alistair Leong		Etta Wu
	Elissia		Aaron
	Leventis-Leventof		Wunderlich
	Teresa Li		Karam Yagan
	Li Jia Jennifer Lin		Chantal Yu
	Samantha Liu		Hanbin Yu
	Laura Lopez		Emily Yuen
	Zuniga		Jing Zeng
	Candy Lui		Yuting Zhan
	Vincent Luo		Andrew Zhang
			Hui Yu Eva Zhang
			Jingwen Jannie Zhang
			Yandan Coco Zhang
			Kevin Zhao
			Kelly Zhu

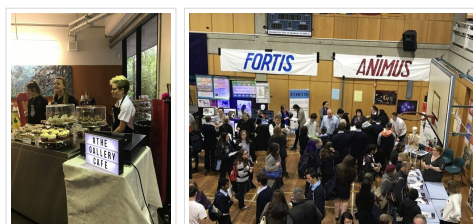
## Subject Information Nights / Curriculum Expo

This term we opened our doors to both students and parents from our GRC middle campuses and from other public and private schools. There was a positive vibe from our visitors as we embarked on the important process of Year 10 Subject Selections for Year 11 next year.

I would like to thank head teachers and teachers of each of the faculties for the information they provided to parents as we prepare to transition GRC Year 10 students into our senior campus.

We would love feedback on any aspect and want the opportunity to clarify or assist, so please do not hesitate to contact us if there are any queries that haven't been addressed at our forums.

Year 11 2018 enrolments are now open. Please tell neighbours or family who are seeking enrolment, to get their applications in as soon as possible.

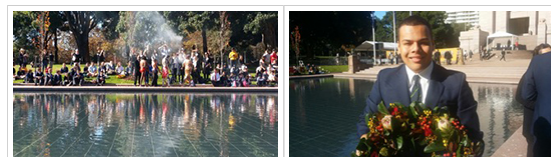


## Commemoration Service

On Friday 26th May 2017, Mr James Munroe and Jacob Stewart (Year 12) represented GRC Oatley Senior Campus at the 11TH ANNUAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SERVICEMEN AND SERVICEWOMEN Commemoration Service.

The commemoration ceremony was held to recognise the contribution that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service men and service women have made and continue to make for our nation. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander veterans and their families, the wider veteran community and the general public were invited to take part in the ceremony.

The ceremony was held at Anzac Memorial Hyde Park South, commencing with a smoking ceremony. Jacob laid a wreath on behalf of the GRC Oatley community. It was an emotional experience for Jacob to reconnect with his cultural heritage and share this experience with other students.



## School Development Day Term 3

Term 3 will see us begin with our College School Development Day. We are fortunate enough to have secured Dr Andrew Fuller for the day to work with all staff across the Georges River College. Andrew Fuller, a clinical psychologist, has worked with many schools and communities around Australia, specialising in the wellbeing of young people and their families. He is a Fellow of the Department of Psychiatry and the Department of Learning and Educational Development at the University of Melbourne.



### Topics presented will include:

- Motivating learners by getting their brains into states, which help them to learn.
- Increasing sensory inputs to make learning richer, stronger and more interesting.
- Ways of optimising the level of attention in learners
- Designing learning in ways which make sense to different learners

## School Holidays

Term 2 is always a big term in schools due to half yearly examinations, parent teacher nights and reports. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their ongoing support of both the staff and the school and for your feedback on various aspects of your son / daughter's schooling. Parent feedback is something we value. We are all looking forward to a restful break and some down time to re-energise ready for Term 3.

## From the TAS faculty

During our Textiles support class, students were able to participate in a spinning lesson from accomplished guest speaker Mrs Brenda O'Meara. A hands on discussion of raw wool "it's smelly, with grass prickles", the carding and combing process with the dangerous "flicker" combs and the rhythm required to treadle an Asford spinning wheel was greatly enjoyed by all. Brenda explained the plying process and that even though coloured sheep have a variety of shades of fleece,

they are either white or black. Craft spinners love black fleece. Students were also given the opportunity to feel raw silk, alpaca and superfine merino, suitable for hand spinning.



## GRC Stage Band – Port Macquarie Tour 2017

The GRC Stage Band has returned from another successful tour to the Big Band Blast in Port Macquarie. This 3 day tour included activities such as:

- Performing a 45-minute set to a packed out room at Port Panthers with Australian jazz legend and composer, Ed Wilson
- Participating in the “Friday Night Jam” - a concert where students sight read all the music and have a lot of fun.
- Workshops on improvisation, vocals and big band development
- Concerts featuring Ross Irwin (The Cat Empire), Dennis DiBlasio (USA), John Morrisson, Jacki Cooper and Ed Wilson
- A New Orleans style parade involving over 300 players.

There was lots of fun to be had in between activities, mixing with other schools, epic UNO games and jam sessions by the water, as well a gourmet BBQ night.

We got to travel with Australind Senior High School, who had flown over all the way from Bunbury, WA. It was great to see the students mixing, making new friends and enjoying making music together.

Congratulations Stage Band members on a fantastic and memorable tour.



*The two schools combined*



*On the steps of the Glasshouse, Port Macquarie*



*Standing room only for GRC's set!*



*Parade shenanigans*

## Surf Aware Support Unit

Being aware of both the dangers and benefits of visiting the beach is an important life skill for all of us to learn. Luckily for the students in the Georges River College Oatley Support Unit, Sutherland Shire Council Lifeguards offer a fabulous program that teaches students that very thing.

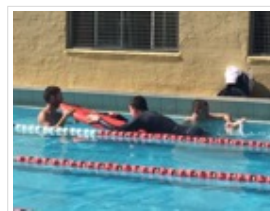
During an eight week program students learn basic water survival skills including how to handle surf craft, how to recognise a dangerous rip, where to swim safely and how to ask for help. The hands on expert approach from these lifeguards help to build the confidence of our students in both still water and the open ocean environments.

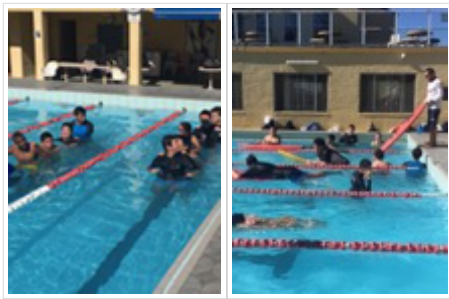
It has been a great experience to witness our budding surfers embrace the beachside lifestyle with joy and confidence.

### Student comments about surf awareness:

*“We enjoyed surf awareness with Bluey, Cameron and Nathan got pushed in by Mrs Sanders” – **Tadros***

*“I enjoyed swimming practice and also practising to paddle on surf boards” – **Nathan***





## Job Support Expo

The Support Unit students recently attended a Job Support Expo at GyMEA Trade Union Club. The purpose of the Expo is to provide students and their family with a wide variety of opportunities available for people with disabilities in a post school environment.

With full attendance from our students and a number of parents, the Expo was a great success. Being able to individualise each student's transition to post school options is of great benefit for each family at what is always an uncertain time. Students looked at options from Community Participation, working in a sheltered environment, part time supported and full time independent employment as well as TAFE.

We couldn't be prouder of our students for their determined and enthusiastic approach to work and their local community.



There is another EXPO for School leavers with disabilities on the 16th August at Club Sentral Hurstville. This is a must if your child has a disability and is ready to embark on the next chapter of their lives. Outside agencies will assist in supporting the students' needs into work or study. The expo is a great opportunity to have all those agencies in one place at the one time.

***Thankyou from the Support Unit***