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Principal's Report



Department of Education Service Certificates

It is with pleasure that we recognise staff who have spent their working life making a difference to students and giving so much to public education. Congratulations to Ms Karen Vitale, Ms Carolyn Marshall and Ms Flora Rossides for 30 years of Service to

Public Education in NSW.



ACEL Leadership Award

In the last newsletter, I announced that Diana Repole was nominated and won one of the 2018 ACEL Leadership Awards. The award ceremony was held on Thursday 9th August at the Sydney Hilton Hotel and was attended by myself and Grant Kennedy (HT English). It is always great to sit in an audience where the great and inspiring work of teachers at GRC Oatley is recognised in the community. Diana was recognised alongside Laureate Professor Jenny Gore (University of Newcastle), Principals and other outstanding teachers in our public education system. Congratulations Diana – you are a worthy recipient of this award. Diana is pictured below with The Hon Rob Stokes (Minister for Education) and Ann McIntyre (ACEL NSW President).



Vocational Education and Training Awards

Last week I had the pleasure of attending the 2018 VET Awards. It was a night to celebrate the dedication of students, parents, schools and community partners who contribute to the Vocational Education and Training of over 10,000 students.

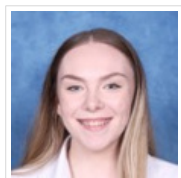
Vocational Education and Training courses:

- are designed for all students
- are offered to students in Years 9 – 12
- are dual-accredited and lead towards Certificate I, II or III qualification
- contribute to further studies at TAFENSW, Private Colleges and University
- allow students to acquire work related skills and hands on experiences.

Congratulations to the five students from GRC Oatley who were recognised for their excellence, commitment and passion in their chosen area of study. Well done to the two teachers who were acknowledged for their significant expertise and commitment to excellence in VET Delivery. A big thank you to our Head Teacher VET, Rebecca Jamieson and their teachers who work tirelessly and go above and beyond to ensure students meet competencies and work placement hours.

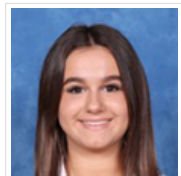
Entertainment Industry – Excellence Award

Erica O'Brien
Teacher: Ms Cardillo



Hospitality Food and Beverage – Excellence Award

Julia Tsiamis
Teacher: Mrs Jamieson



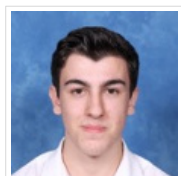
Hospitality Kitchen Operations – Excellence Award

Angela Wu
Teacher: Ms Hook



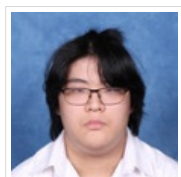
Retail Services – Excellence Award

Jayden Cook
Teacher: Mr Smith



Hospitality Food and Beverage – Diligence Award

Andrew Zhang
Teacher: Mrs Jamieson / Mrs Wille



Teacher Awards - Commitment to Excellence in VET Delivery

- **Hospitality Kitchen Operations**
Ms Karen Hook
- **Entertainment Industry**
Ms Anastasia Cardillo



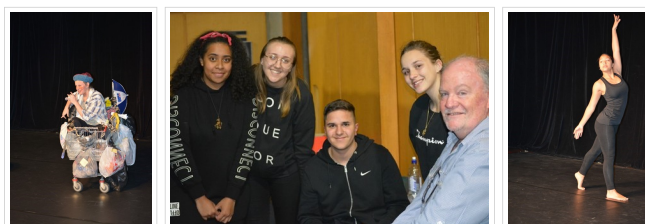
CAPA Showcase

What an outstanding display of GRC Oatley talent. Our CAPA Showcase was a wonderful success on all 3 nights – Monday 6th August, Tuesday 7th August and Wednesday 8th August. There was a great vibe in the audience and, for that matter, on stage. Student performances were sensational. It is hard to pick a favourite. Year 11 and 12 Entertainment students were hard at work behind the scenes keeping the show running smoothly.

Congratulations go to all of the performing students and their dedicated teachers, who gave up so much of their time. It

takes an enormous amount of organisation, time and energy to co-ordinate more than 60 performances over 3 nights. The annual showcase tradition would not be possible without the hard work of the CAPA staff. A big thank you must go to Angela Pryce, Annette Lynch, James Worner, Rob Jeffers, Fiona Sedgers and Anastasia Cardillo.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uPpR4pNQv5I>



Year 12 Trial HSC Exams

The HSC trial examination period will conclude next week. Year 12 classes will be running as normal from Wednesday 29th August until the end of term. A number of courses still have topic work to complete and attendance is essential. In addition to this, all classes will be undertaking a revision program to help consolidate the learning that has taken place over the last 12 months.

It is imperative that students attend all classes to maximise their performance in the fast approaching HSC examinations. We will continue to support our students in their pursuit of achieving their personal best.

Year 12 Graduation

Our Year 12 Graduation will be held on Friday 28th September at the Sydney Town Hall. The prime focus of this event is for students to have the opportunity to celebrate with their parents, teachers and year group, the successful completion of six years of secondary schooling graduating from Georges River College Oatley Senior Campus.

The event starts at 10.30am. Year 12 are required to be at the venue by 9:45am. We look forward to seeing you at this event. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased from our front office from Monday 1 September until Thursday 22 September.

Year 12 Formal

Our Year 12 Formal will be held on Wednesday 26th September from 6.00pm -11.00pm (arrivals from 6.00pm) at Doltone House Sylvania Waters. This is a school event. Staff will be in attendance and students will be required to stay for the duration of the function. Parents are welcome to watch the arrivals at the beginning of the event.

Earthwatch Student Challenge

Congratulations to Rosemary Bergin and Claire Larkin in Year 11 who have been chosen to participate in Earthwatch Student Challenge. They will be joining other students from across Australia to conduct field work into Australia's disappearing frogs. The students were selected from a large number of applicants, and were commended on the quality of their application by the organisers. Both Rosemary and Claire are excited about the prospect of contributing to the preservation of the diminishing frog species of Australia and to working with other passionate conservationists. The field study will be

conducted on the New South Wales north coast and will involve a week of making field observations and running population surveys. Congratulations and well deserved!



Jennifer Edwards

Expression of interest for Assisted Travel Support Officer (ATSO) position

The Assisted School Travel Program (ASTP) often provides additional support to students with disabilities on transport. Assisted Travel Support Officers (ATSOs) support students with complex health or behaviour needs to ensure their safe travel to and from school. If you are interested in temporary part-time work as an ATSO the following website contains information on how to apply for the position.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/astp/atso>

For further information please contact ASTP on 1300 338 278 or email ASTP at atso.astp@det.nsw.edu.au.

Anna Girginis
Principal

TAS Faculty

STEM at OATLEY

STEM education is the learning of science, technology, engineering and mathematics in an interdisciplinary or integrated approach.



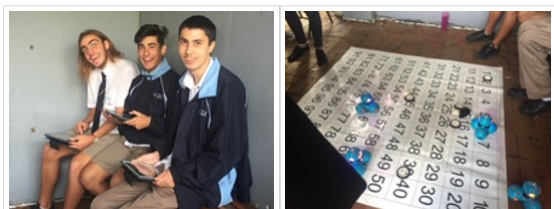
Students gain and apply knowledge, deepen their understanding and develop creative and critical thinking skills within an authentic context.

STEM Share is a new initiative being implemented by the Information Technologies Directorate. STEM Share is a \$23 million project allowing students to access the latest technologies in their classroom. The program will see the introduction of STEM Share kits to each principal network in NSW.

The STEM Share kits arrived at GRC Oatley in week 8 of term 2. This was for a showcase presentation to the network of Information and Technology Coordinators.

The onsite presentation also involved TAS students studying; Industrial Technology, Design Technology and Textile Technology.

Students mixed with the teacher coordinators to explore the kits; virtual reality, 3D printing, filmmaking and robotics experiences.



Be Connected at Mortdale Community Centre – Year 11 Software Design and Development

During the recent July school holidays, students from Year 11 Software Design and Development volunteered to help train older Australians in using the *Be Connected* website. The program was organised through the Mortdale Community Centre with small groups of older Australians attending. The older Australians registered to attend on either a Tuesday or a Thursday and returned the following week to continue the program and ask any questions they may have when trying to apply what they learnt at home.

Be Connected, is an Australian government initiative to increase the confidence, skills and online safety of older Australians and aims to empower everyone to use the internet and technology in this digital world. The program consisted of written lessons, videos and online quizzes that participants needed to complete. The content ranged from strategies to being safer while online, how tablets and smart phone work, to how to use social media and online shopping using services including PayPal.

<https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/>

While social and ethical issues are studied in class, it allowed the students to experience how people in the community can be disengaged with digital technology. Students were encouraged to act as mentors in supporting the participants. Students often helped setup social media accounts including Facebook and Instagram on the participant's smart phones and helped send out friend requests to family and friends.

The students did an amazing job engaging with the older Australians and the program. After speaking with both the participants and Mortdale Community Centre, the feedback was really positive with the students having made a real impact on their lives. One of the participants will be travelling to China later this year and is excited about posting photos of her trip to Instagram so that friends and family can share in her experience, something she said she wouldn't have tried without doing the program and the encouragement of the students.

The following students volunteered:

- Trilok Bista
- Jorell Tanusaputra
- Bryan Hartono
- Zhaoming Liang
- Nicholas Wenas
- Mikashen Pillay
- Prakesh Joshi
- Sandesh Aryal
- Chanel Su
- Mihika Pande

Ira Baloloy
Cynthia Huang
Jennifer Kho

The students and their families should be proud for both giving up their school holidays to be involved and for their personal conduct, the respect they displayed and the motivation to empower the older Australians to be confident when using digital devices and the internet.

A. Bates

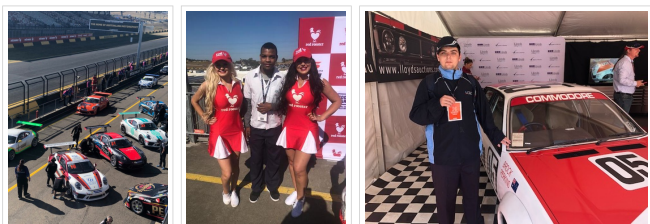
Special Education Faculty

Friday 3rd August 2018 – V8 Supercars

The Support Unit students were treated to a wonderful day out at Eastern Creek on Friday the 3rd of August. We hired a bus and took the students out to Eastern Creek to watch Porsche race. The students also got to see lots of the vehicles up close and personal. The speed and precision of the teams in the pits were a real stand out.

Students and staff enjoyed the day and we were fortunate enough to get our hands on Peter Brock's trophy and many students had the opportunity to be photographed with it.

We initially thought that the noise may have been an issue for students – but we provided the students who required them with noise cancelling headphones and they worked a treat!!!!

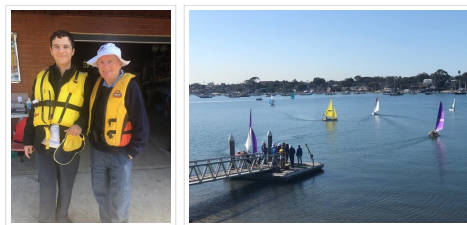


Sailability

Over the first 5 weeks of this term we had the opportunity to attend Sailability at Kogarah sailing club with the students from the support unit. Retired sailors donate their time to take the students out on the bay. It is relaxing and calming and very serene. We have even had some students fall asleep with the motion of the boat. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the lovely people at Sailability who always make us feel so welcome and who are fantastic with the students. We also have been attending with some students from Bates Drive so it has been wonderful to make some new friends along the way.

Sailability runs on Saturday's for families who have young people with disabilities. If you are interested in attending, please access their website below or contact Kogarah Bay Sailing Club (on sailing days) Ph. 95467370 Dover park Princes Hwy Blakehurst. The remaining winter sailing day is September 15th for spring and summer dates you can contact the Sailing Club.

<http://www.sailabilitynsw.org/>



Priscilla Wille
Head Teacher Special Education

CAPA Faculty

Congratulations GRC STAGE BAND!

On Sunday 29/7/18, the GRC Stage Band competed in the NSW School Band Festival. The festival is held over several weeks at various locations in Sydney.

They were awarded SILVER in the Don Burrows Event – Open Big Band.



Front row: Nicholas Solomos (sax), Anna Finos (piano), Conor Cassidy (vocals), Daniel Rispler (drums), Ashleigh James (vocals).

Middle Row: Siena Bhuiyan (trumpet), Sherine Indraputri (sax), Daniel Ko (bass), Angela Pryce (Director).

Back row: Nathan Auprince (sax), Jeremy Hocking (guitar)

Visual Arts Exhibition opening night, 6th September School Gallery from 6pm-8pm.

Refreshments available.

Gallery open Friday 7th, Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th September.

Save the Date

Works exhibited from the Year 12 Visual Arts and Ceramics students, as well as the wrapped animals from the students in the Learning Students class. Their animals are inspired by the Tjanpi Desert weavers from Central Australia.

Head Teacher Wellbeing

TRIAL HSC

During Weeks 4-6 Year 12 completed their Trial HSC Examinations. This was a busy time for many students as not only were they studying for exams, but many also had to submit their major works for a variety of subjects including Industrial Technology: Furniture and Timber Technologies, and Textiles

and Design. Furthermore, our Year 12 Dance class sat their HSC examination for the practical component of the course.

Prior to the Trial Examinations Year 12 contributed motivational messages to a display that was placed outside the Gym. These messages were visible to the students as they entered their examinations, and hopefully they provided some reassurance and inspiration before they commenced exams.

We would just like to take this opportunity to congratulate our students on applying themselves and making it that one step closer to the HSC. GRC Oatley would also like to thank our parents and caregivers for all the support you have provided over this stressful time of schooling.

Well done Year 12 – keep up the motivation!



MS Davies
Head Teacher Wellbeing (rel.)

Sport Report

Puma Cup Football Round of 16

Our elite band of footballers entered the NSW last 16 with confidence after the impressive win against Menai High in the Sydney East Final. We were drawn to play the Riverina Champions Wade HS, and our team faced their toughest challenge, with an 8 hour road trip to Griffith.

Arriving at the salubrious Acacia Motel in the late afternoon, the pre-game BBQ was a welcome treat led by Matua James Munroe, the tour manager, who orchestrated a Lebanese/Kiwi/Aussie inspired smorgasbord that was well received by our ravenous team, whose hunger could only be satisfied by a victory against the country boys.

The match was played the following morning on a beautiful winter's day, at Wade High, with a vocal and partisan crowd attempting to intimidate our calm and focussed team.

The start could not have been worse, as a defensive lapse led to the opening Wade goal within five minutes. However, our boys were unfazed by this minor blemish and began to control the play with precision passing and skilful dribbling. The Wade High goal keeper was outstanding and made a string of high class saves, and frustrations began to mount. That was until the Macedonian Magician, Peter Tufevski, pounced on a loose ball, and thundered the well-deserved equaliser into the old onion bag.

This took the game into extra time and renewed our confidence of finding the golden goal early. With only three minutes played in extra time, our inspirational captain, Abdulraman Kamara attempted a spectacular overhead kick which found its way to the Oatley hard man, Billy Adams, who finished with aplomb, to send the crowd into stunned silence, and our 14 brave players into wild celebrations.

A big thankyou to James Munroe for managing the boys on a very long and tiring overnight trip.



The quarter Finals

The quarter final match was a home game at Kareela against the South Coast champions, Karabar High, who had cruised to this stage with five big wins and a demolition of Liverpool Boys'.

This was a very even contest, as our skilful attack was met by a physical Karabar defence. Goal scoring opportunities were at a premium, and the Karabar team were able to capitalise on a quick free-kick to deliver an inch perfect cross and goal to beat the outstanding Anurodh Ojho, who had already made two great saves.

Once again our team's response was to remain calm in the confidence that we had the potential to score, and following the now familiar mantra "we have been here before, we will come back". These words proved prophetic, as the super-sub Hassan Baydoun capitalised on Karabar's defensive indecision, ghosting in between goal keeper and defender to level the score 1-1.

The ascendancy was ours as we headed to extra time, however, this time there would be no fairy tale ending. Our defence was caught out by a long ball, and their predatory striker finished brilliantly, sealing our fate and ending the campaign for 2018.

Well done boys, on a fantastic season. The performances were even more impressive when considering the squad was made up entirely of year 11 boys, with the exception of our midfield general, Bojan Srbnovski. 2018 was a learning year, and 2019 is when this group could go all the way to the championship. Watch this space.

Rob Buttler
PDHPE Teacher