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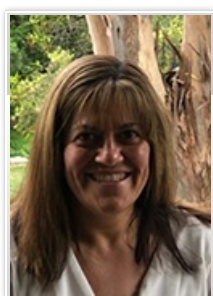
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22 September 2023

Principal Report



2024 Student Representative Council

Student leadership at GRC Oatley Senior truly reflects the quality of students we have in our school. At our school, student leadership is expected and practised on a daily

basis. The quality of this leadership, especially that demonstrated by the Captains, Vice Captains, SRC Presidents and the SRC, is a critical determinant in creating loyalty, pride and ethics within our school. Student leadership is about giving respect, not demanding respect. It's about respecting the human rights of everyone, of other people and your own. I am extremely confident that our incoming 2024 SRC will rise to the challenge and build on the strong legacy that last year's student leadership team have left. They will be charged with successfully implementing changes to structures within the school from a student perspective, as well as being the sounding board when students' views on issues relating to their school are required. I am delighted to announce the following executive of the student leaders:

2024 School Captains

Lofitu Finau and Aneesa Tannaz



2024 SRC Presidents

Chris Rakis and Hadiyah Aghaei Zanjani



2024 School Vice Captains

Ben Moody and Elektra Burgess



Year 12 Student Representative Council

Jabir Chalak	Eva Tjahjadi
Hanna Liu	Stephy Wu
Fatima Reda	Josiah Zong
Jude Selmi	



Lugarno Lions To Celebrate Spring With Another Community Fair

Following the success of their last Fair in March, Lugarno Lions will run another Community Fair on Sunday, 24 September 2023 to celebrate the arrival of Spring.

The event will be held again at Riverwood Park

(Off Coleridge Street) with a new start time of 10am.

Entry to the Ground is free and the Fair will feature two stages with free entertainment, over 100 vendor & food stalls plus lots of carnival rides and more.

Lugarno Lions are planning a great day and there is something for all tastes and age groups – please visit the links below for more information:

Facebook:

[Click here to visit the Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/lugarnolionsspringfestival)

<https://www.facebook.com/lugarnolionsspringfestival>

Instagram:

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Farewell Year 12

What a year group they have been. I will remember them so fondly and wish them well in their new careers, educational opportunities and unknown ventures. It's always such a pleasure to work with, see growth, and maturity and watch the progression from youth to adult. They are truly a credit to both their parents and the school. I would like to thank Year 12 for their service to the school, their goodwill and their humour. This is a special group of students who have a great deal of potential. More than that, they have endeared themselves to the GRC Oatley family.

The completion of Year 12 marks an important milestone for Year 12. Some have triumphed over particularly difficult personal challenges to reach this point. Their life will be very different from now on – now is a time for them to take a few moments to reflect on the things they have done to this point and celebrate the great things that they have accomplished. Not all year groups are described by their teachers as determined, resilient, compassionate, motivated and intelligent. These words were used because, through their actions, they have demonstrated these qualities. Whether it be as part of the Creative and Performing Arts, the Industrial Arts, technology or computing sphere, linguistic ambassadors, authors, researchers, budding titration experts, the sporting arena or the magnificent service given by the leadership team.

Collectively they have built the school spirit

which makes it such a pleasure to be a part of GRC Oatley Senior Campus. The GRC community helped Year 12, together with their families and teachers celebrate the success and achievements marking the end of their high school journey. Congratulations to the class of 2023 and they are wished all the best with their future endeavours.

Stay Healthy HSC Hub

Be kind to your mind and focus on your wellbeing needs during the HSC with resources from our partner ReachOut Australia and others.

[Click here to download the Stay Healthy HSC flyer](#)

Facebook and Instagram

A reminder to follow us on social media. Please like both our Facebook and Instagram pages. Links are below.

[Click here to follow us on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/grcoatleyseniorcampus/)

<https://www.facebook.com/grcoatleyseniorcampus/>

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School Website

Please take them time to look at the information available to parents.

[Click here to visit our school's website](https://oatleysnr-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/)

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Special Education Faculty

The students from the Special Education Faculty have been working hard this Semester in preparation for their transition from school.

As part of our transition program, the students are given the opportunity to attend a variety of workplaces and complete work experience in a safe and structured way. The work experience provides them with new learning opportunities in real-life situations. They not only learn new skills in the workplace but also practice travelling to and from the workplace using public transport and applying the skills learned in the classroom. Some of these skills include reading timetables, using opal cards, and interacting with the public.

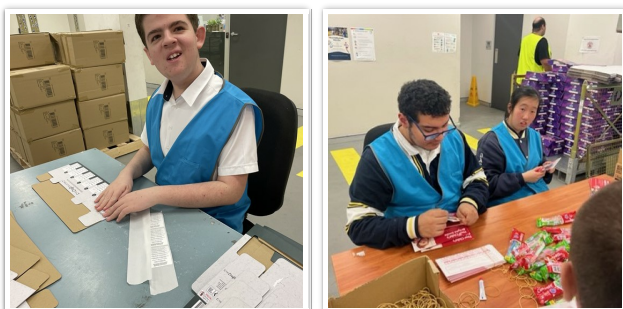
The Intellectual Disability Foundation of St George

Students from the Blue class have been attending work experience at IDF every Tuesday this term. They are learning how to work safely in the workplace and work as a team to complete a task.



Scope

Students from the Support Unit have been attending Scope on a Friday. They are enjoying completing a variety of packaging jobs and meeting new people.



South Hurstville Preschool Council Centre

Adam attends the South Hurstville Preschool Council Centre every Tuesday and Friday and is completing a TAFE course in Early Childhood. Adam is following his aspirations to work in the Early Childhood industry.



Coles

Jake has enjoyed his experience working at Coles at Miranda. He is learning new skills and enjoys his interactions with the public.

Smartone Hurstville and Signature Scents Roselands

Adam is continuing to do work experience at Smartone Hurstville and building on his knowledge and skills. He has also completed work experience at Signature Scents at Roseland, diversifying his skills and building on others.

Oatley Library and Hurstville Library

Matthew has just completed work experience at Oatley Library and is moving onto Hurstville Library. Ryan has just completed work experience at Hurstville Library and will start work experience at Reliable Computers at Oatley. Ashton is now completing his work experience at Oatley Library.



Altra Nursery

Michael has enjoyed learning and completing work experience at Altra Nursery Mortdale. He has learnt many new skills and what it is like to be part of a local small business.



Auto Mechanic

Jason has started work experience in an auto mechanic business. He hopes to work in the motor vehicle industry when he finishes school.

Thank you to all the businesses that have welcomed our students into their business and taught them many valuable skills.

All our students are eager to learn new skills in real-life workplaces. If anyone has a business that would be willing take on a student for work experience, please contact Priscilla Wille, Head Teacher Special Education – priscilla.wille@det.nsw.edu.au. We would be grateful of your involvement.

Badgerys Creek

On Friday 15

th August the Department of Education took the GRC Oatley Senior Campus Support Unit students on a field trip to Badgerys Creek. There we explored the site and heard talks about the Construction of Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) airport, which is on track to begin operations in 2026.

The students and staff really enjoyed the tour of the Construction site and the talks given by the Western Sydney Airport staff about this exciting project in Western Sydney. By 2060, the airport will be expanded to accommodate over 50 million visitors a year!



Science Faculty

Year 11 Earth and Environmental Science Excursion

On a brilliant winter's day, forty keen Earth and Environmental Science students conducted a field study in Oatley Park.

Students sampled soil conditions and identified the biotic and abiotic factors that determine the occurrence of the amazing number of species present in the park.

At the end of the day, the students were able to identify important ecosystems and species present in the park and assess future risks that will require ongoing management.

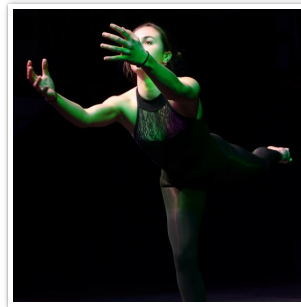


CAPA Faculty

Term 3 is the most busy and exciting time of year for the CAPA department, as all the HSC major works are completed and practical examinations take place.

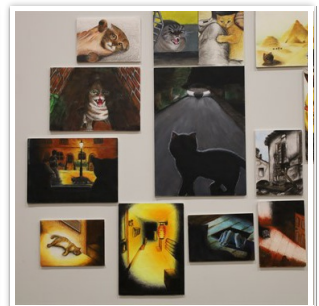
HSC SHOWCASE

We kicked off the term with the annual CAPA Showcase, featuring major works from Dance, Drama and Music HSC classes. The students presented over 40 works across two nights, demonstrating the depth and variety of talent we have here at GRC Oatley. We even celebrated an 18th birthday on stage! The Year 11 Entertainment class were hard at work behind the scenes, building the whole set up in two days and managing all the technical requirements.



HSC ART EXHIBITION

In week 7, HSC Visual Arts students exhibited their final Body of Work practical pieces. Parents and friends were amazed by the creative talents of our students across a range of expressive forms.



GRC Ensembles success

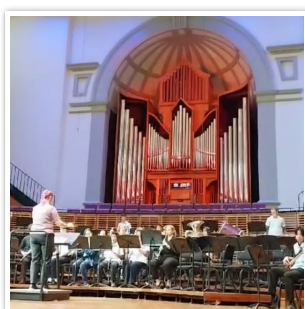
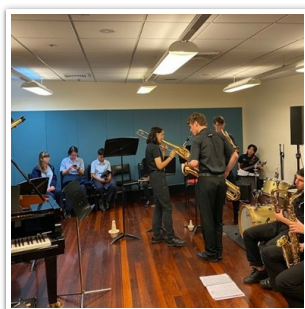
On 23rd July, the GRC Stage and Concert Bands competed

in the Australian School Band and Orchestra Festival. The students performed very well, achieving great results:

GRC Combined Concert Band: Silver Award Raymond Hanson Event – Secondary Concert Bands

GRC Stage Band: Bronze Award Don Burrows Event – Open Big Bands

The GRC Stage Band also recently performed at the Cronulla Spring Fair, drawing a large crowd to enjoy the music in the sunshine.



Learning Hub Report

NAIDOC Week 2023

Our NAIDOC celebrations took place in Week 2 this term, they included a Yarning circle, Trivia, Oztag game and various fundraising events. The week culminated in a massive bake sale that had been put together by our NAIDOC committee. Many people contributed to the yummy treats that were sold, including staff, students and a team of bakers who took over the school kitchens the day before. We were able to raise \$1200 for our chosen organisation – Arlparra school in the Northern Territory.

A poster competition was also held with the theme "For Our Elders", we had many wonderful entries. The winner was Phoebe Hinde in Year 11, congratulations.

It was a wonderful week that allowed our students to gain a greater understanding of our rich First Nations history and culture. Thankyou to the NAIDOC committee who worked hard to create and run such a successful event.

VET Faculty

Our Year 11 Hospitality Cookery students have participated in the Hunter Belle Dairy baked cheese competition. We are currently a finalist in the competition. Please cook along with one of their recipes for a Halloween inspired baked camembert.

[Click here to download the Mummy Camembert flyer](#)



[Click here to download the Last Minute Study flyer](#)

Sport Report

On the 4th and 5th of September, Miss Williams and Miss Good took a girls and a boys Oz tag team to represent GRC Oatley in the NSW Secondary Schools Champion of Champions tournament. Over the two-day tournament, each team had to play six games in their pool. Both the boys and girls had to face some tough competition as expected at state level. Over the two days we had a mix of draws, wins and losses. Both Oatley teams showed off their skills, abilities, teamwork and strategic game play and made it through to the quarter finals. There the girls team came up against Hills Sports High while the boys faced Patrician Brothers Blacktown. Both teams gave it everything they had and fought to the very end but couldn't take the victory. All players displayed sportsmanship, teamwork and played so well on the day and should be proud of their performance.