



GALSTON GRAPEVINE

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Term 1, Week 1

Weekly Newsletter from Galston High School

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School News

Welcome Back

We would like to warmly welcome back all our students and, in particular, Yr 7 and their parents/caregivers to the Galston High School community. Yr 7 are enjoying a two day camp this week as part of their introduction to high school – hopefully there will be occasional breaks in the rain for them! It was lovely to meet many of the Yr 7 students and their parents/caregivers at the Welcome BBQ that the P & C provided on the first day and we look forward to seeing as many of them as possible at the "Chatter over a Platter" function on Saturday 24th March.

Achieving Academic Excellence at Galston High

Galston High School once again achieved outstanding success in the 2011 Higher School Certificate. Individual results were exceptional with Jodie Ward gaining 4th in the state for Community and Family Studies and Emma Henry achieving an ATAR of 97.20. These results were well deserved and reflect the consistent hard work and focus that both girls showed towards their studies throughout their time at Galston High.



Emma Henry & Jodi Ward—Yr 2011

Overall, 18% of Yr 12 gained at least one band 6 placing them on the High Achievers List and 56% of students gained a band 5 or higher. Fifteen courses scored above the state average, with 19 subjects boast-

ing individual student results over 90% and 29 subjects boasting students gaining individual results exceeding 80%.

Congratulations to all our Yr 12 students as they move into the next stage of their life, whether it be further education or as they set forth on their career path. They have been a lovely group of young people and their teachers have been honoured to help guide and mentor them over the last six years as they have developed and matured. We wish them every success in the future and hope that they enjoyed their outstanding first class education at Galston High School.

GHS P & C News

Hello and welcome to everybody in our school community. I trust you all had a great Christmas break. On behalf of the P & C, I would like to welcome all the new families to the school. We had a great time meeting both new students and parents/caregivers at the Yr 7 welcome breakfast on Monday morning. Thanks to all the helpers who came along to help feed to hungry hoards.

Coming up on March 24, the P & C will be hosting "Chatter over a Platter". This is an annual social event for parents/caregivers only and is held in the main quad commencing at 6.30pm. It is a great way of getting to know other parents/caregivers and has always been a really enjoyable evening. Can I encourage you to mark it in your diaries now and plan to be there. A handout was provided in the Yr 7 packages and more information will follow in Grapevine.

The first P & C meeting for the year will be held at the Galston Club on Tuesday 21 February commencing at 7.30pm. These meetings are held on a regular basis on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The Annual General Meeting is to be held on March 20.

The P & C meetings are usually well attended and is an easy way of meeting with the Principal and Deputies and also for being able to have an active voice in what happens at the school.

Dave Byrne
President

Important News

- ◆ Friday 10 February—Yr 12 High Achievers Assembly

Excursions

- ◆ Wednesday 8 February—Yr 11 & 12 Drama Excursion—Seymour Centre

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Monday 13 February—Yr 12 Study Day—Mr Limbers/Mr Gibbs
- ◆ Monday 13 February—Band Information Night 7—8pm Music Room
- ◆ Tuesday 14 February—P&C Meeting Galston Club 7.30pm
- ◆ Friday 17 February—Yr 7 Vaccinations
- ◆ Friday 17 February—Opera by the Lake rehearsal 12.00—2.30pm

A Little Less Paper!

Please note that in the very near future Grapevine will be emailed to all parents/caregivers and will no longer be sent home with your child as a hard copy.

To ensure that we have your correct email address, please go to our school website www.galston-h.schools.nsw.edu.au and go to mailing list and enter your details.

If for any reason you still require a hard copy, your child can come to the front office and collect one - thank you.

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Homework Club

We will re-open with a brand new program, Wednesday February 15—week 3 of Term 1 and will operate every week thereafter.

The centre will be open in the Library every Wednesday from 3.15pm—4.15pm

Ms Pieper, Mrs Anderson, Mrs Sandhu, Mrs Lees and Ms Badgery-Parker will be there to help.

This year, as well as assisting students with homework & assignments, we will be running subject specific tutorials.

Watch this space for the tutorials to be offered this term!

Everyone is welcome

Galston High Social Committee proudly presents
the infamous

Chatter Over a Platter

Welcome to year 7 parents and carers
social get together



Come and meet:

- our Principal, Jillian Tourlas
- our 2 new Deputy Principals
- other parents and friends
- the new President of our P and C for 2012.

Galston High School quadrangle - Saturday night, 24th March 2012 - from 6:30

Bring a platter to share and your own drinks
(responsible consumption of alcohol is permitted)

Rain or shine! **Music!**

Adults only



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