During week 5 the SRC held our annual Battle of the Buskers festival. We held heats for the Battle of the Buskers at lunchtimes on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and the finals were held on Friday. Each day was accompanied by a different event including Milkshake Monday, Taco Tuesday, Wear What you Want Wednesday and Finals Friday with a BBQ.

The SRC would like to thank the students of Galston High for their support of this event. During the week we raised $1283.50, of this $524.35 was raised on the mufti day and will go towards the library.

Congratulations to the winners of Battle of the Buskers:
1st place - Emily Byrne
2nd place - Eliza Florian
3rd place - Ruby French
Upcoming Events

This Week
Monday 23 June
Trial HSC
GCoS Combined Choir Workshop
8.30am - 2.30pm

Tuesday 24 June
Trial HSC
Vaccinations - Koufos

Wednesday 25 June
Trial HSC
Year 11 Biology Excursion - Tucker

Thursday 26 June
Trial HSC

Friday 27 June
Trial HSC
LAST DAY OF TERM

Next Week
Monday 14 July
School Development Day

Tuesday 15 July
Students Return
P&C Meeting
Prefect Leadership Training

Wednesday 16 July
Meet the Music Series 2/4
3.10pm - 10.00pm

Friday 18 July
CHS Cross Country
Prefect Interviews

Still to Come
Monday 21 July
Sydney North Athletics

Tuesday 22 July
Years 7 & 8 Parent/Teacher Night
Sydney North Athletics

Friday 25 July
Beyond Blue Beanie Mufti Day - Andrus

New Vaccination dates...

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Due to the recent fire the date for vaccinations had to be rescheduled. The new date for Vaccinations will be - Tuesday 24th of June. Students will be receiving their second dose of the Human Papillomavirus Vaccine and first dose of the Diphtheria - Tetanus- Pertussis.

Year 7 Girls
Human Papillomavirus Vaccine and first dose of the Diphtheria - Tetanus- Pertussis.

Year 7 Boys
Human Papillomavirus Vaccine and first dose of the Diphtheria - Tetanus- Pertussis.

Year 9 Boys
Human Papillomavirus Vaccine only.

If your child:
Is in Year 7 or a Year 9 boy and has not had their first shot, it is possible to start the program this year. However, you must ring the Public Health Unit on 9477 9019 to have the vaccination forms sent to you.

Has started the program at their GP, it is not possible to join the school program. Parents must continue with their GP.

Is new to Galston High School but has started the program at their previous school then you must ring the Public Health Unit to have your record of this transferred - before they can enter the program at Galston High School.

Parents who have any concerns or questions can ring the Public Health Unit on 9477 9019 or Ms Koufos Head Teacher Welfare on 9651 2222.

Homework Club

Homework Club will be held every Wednesday in Room 2 from 3.15 - 4.15pm

Come along for help with homework and assignments.

Afternoon tea will be served!

Teachers from Maths and English will be available to assist you. All students and staff welcome.

We look forward to seeing you all there.
The TAS faculty is extremely proud of our students’ achievement at the 2014 Castle Hill show. Our award recipients were from both Food Technology and Industrial Technology classes.

14 yrs Textiles – Machine made article
Lucy Quaken – 3rd, Kaitlan Saunders - 1st, Hannah West – 2nd,

14 yrs Home baking – Patty Cakes
Olivia Sheppard – 1st, Cassidy White – 2nd, Jordan Pryke – 3rd, Natashja Sultana – Highly commended

16 yrs Jams
Jonathon Brennan – 1st & Reserve Champion (Youth Preserves, Jams, Sauces, Pickles, Chutney, Jam), Emily Lambert – Third

16 & 17 yrs Small Furniture/woodwork
Joshua Fox – 2nd, Ben Constable – 4th, Timmy Sen - Commendable,

14 yrs Woodwork – Encouragement Award
Adam Perram, Felicia Russell, Kaitlan Saunders, Jarrod Harber, Emily McKaughan

Honey cakes- Apiculture
Hamish Vaughan -1st, Kari Fontanel – 2nd, Kala Millican – 3rd

Sydney Working with Wood Show 2014 (Intech - Homebush Exhibition)
Once again our students were amongst the top performers in NSW with regard to Industrial Technology Major Projects 2013. From approximately 4000 students studying the course only 20 projects were selected for exhibition at the 2014 annual show. Galston High School had 3 students requested to display their work later this month (27th-29th June) at this prestigious event. Amanda Moody, Nicholas Mule and Harrison Brown were exceptional students and have been rewarded accordingly for their outstanding commitment to Industrial Technology. Their projects demonstrated exceptional design and craftsmanship.

Nic Mule – Roll Top Desk
Harrison Brown – Turtle Dining Table
Amanda Moody – Grandfather Clock
Term 2 has been a busy term in regard to our VET Students undertaking Work Placement for both Construction and Hospitality courses. Year 11 students have undertaken at least 35 hours of “on the job” experience in a variety of industry settings all over Sydney. Construction placements have included Langs Tiling and Concreting, Master Landscaping, Companion Homes, and Dyldam Developments. Meanwhile Hospitality students have been engaged in work at both local and city based businesses. Some of these have included Cafe Sydney, Radisson Blu Hotel Sydney, Holiday Inn Darling Harbour, Galston Club, The Wild Pear, Woodlands Nursing Home, Coffee Club Norwest, and Crowne Plaza Norwest.

Mrs Sandhu, Mr Graice and Mrs Gray have received wonderful feedback from employers stating the professionalism of our students.

Currently our students are actively engaged in a variety of learning experiences across the faculty. Stage 4 students have recently submitted their design projects and portfolios for their Half Yearly assessment. Study of Timber and Textile Technologies has resulted in students manufacturing quality Treasure Chests and Tote Bags. A creative flair and superb attention to detail is evident amongst many of our students. Impressive student ICT skills have been noticed by our Technology Mandatory teachers as DIY brochures and project management folios are being marked. Year 8 students studying Food Technologies have enjoyed the many practical tasks assigned to them this term. Cakes and Cake decorating, BBQ’s, Spicy Meatballs, and Fish & Chips are just some of the recent practicals enjoyed by our students.

Year 9 Industrial Technology students have produced some quality work in the workshops. Timber Serving Trays incorporating traditional joint work are nearing completion. Fabrication of garden trowels and coat hooks have also been completed by our enthusiastic metal classes. Recent weeks have seen students learning and interpreting workshop drawings associated with these projects. Meanwhile this term, Year 9 Food Technology students have created some impressive dishes in recent weeks including Stuffed Potatoes, Breakfast Muffins and Frittatas. Year 10 Industrial Technology Students are continuing their journey in constructing a Pendulum Wall Clock. Such a project encompasses an array of joinery skills. The safe use of the Band Saw, power routers and drills, finishers and a variety of hand tools in the construction of this project are being enjoyed by those concerned. Steak Sandwiches, Orange Walnut Cakes and Mini Spring Rolls are examples of the delicious recipes undertaken by our Year 10 Food Technology students recently. Mrs Gray and Miss Pickering have also enriched the knowledge of their Food Technology students by recently taking their classes on a Sydney Tower Excursion where kitchen operations and management was an area of investigation. Initial feedback from the excursion was extremely positive. We look forward to reporting in future publications, further details of student experiences during this event.

Stage 6 Industrial Technology Students have demonstrated outstanding craftsmanship during the completion of their Jewellery and Document Boxes. Many students have taken the initiative to source their own materials including both beautiful local and imported timbers. Many of these products will be on display during Galston High School’s upcoming Edfest. As the due date looms for our Year 12 Industrial Technology Major Works, our thoughts are with all concerned. We look forward to the completion of some wonderful pieces of furniture. A pool table, writing desk, guitar, bench seat and an entertainment unit are some of the projects we eagerly await completion.

The TAS faculty’s VET students continue to achieve course competencies in the commercial kitchen and Industrial Arts workshops. Construction students are currently undertaking floor and wall tiling tasks and soon will be assessed on carrying out concreting to simple forms. Tool boxes are also under construction allowing the interpretation of plans and measurement competencies to be assessed. Hospitality students in recent times have produced Minestrone Soup, Cinnamon Tea Cakes, Seafood Baskets, Grilled Pork & Duxells and Potato Soufflés. Competencies such as “Use Hygienic Practices for Food Safety” and “Participate in Safe Work Practices” have been assessed during these assigned tasks.

The TAS faculty has also welcomed Practice Teachers, Kirsty Hines and Natalie Younis from ACU (Australian Catholic University) during Term 2. Both are currently taking certain classes under the expert guidance of Mrs Gray and Mr Graice. Miss Hines is involved in teaching Industrial Technology Metal, Engineering Studies and Technology Mandatory. Miss Younis is involved in teaching Food Technology classes and Technology Mandatory classes, specialising in Textile Technology. The TAS faculty trusts that their experience is a positive one and will assist their
Band Workshop

On Monday 16 June the Galston High School Concert Band welcomed 64 students from our local primary to join us for the GCoS Band Workshop. The day was a huge success, the primary students worked in a combined band with their peers and also in small tutorial groups led by the Galston High students. At the end of the day the students performed 5 pieces for their families and friends. A great day was had by all and we look forward to welcoming the GCoS band students back to Galston next year!

IMAX Excursion

Year 8 travelled to the IMAX Theatre on Wednesday 18 June to support our film music unit.

We watched 'Antarctica' and 'Great White Shark in 3D' at the IMAX theatre in Darling Harbour.

Congratulations to Year 8 on their brilliant behaviour on the day, they were excellent representatives of Galston High School.
Good afternoon Jill,

We at West Pennant Hills have been thinking of ways in which we could support and help the students and staff at Galston High School - so we held a Crazy Sock or Tie Day. Students were able to wear either silly socks or ties in return for a gold coin donation. We raised a little over $500.00!!

Regards,
Donna Harris
Principal - West Pennant Hills P.S.

Dear Ms Tourlas,

My name is Loren Markham. I am a local and an ex-student, from long ago. I am writing to you to about one of your students- Georgia Medcalf.

You are probably aware of her achievements in softball but I just wanted to tell you about her as I know from personal experience that softball, not being an "out there" sport, is often overlooked and so are the amazing softballers.

Just recently Georgia was a part of the NSW All Schools Softball team for 2014. She and my daughter have been playing together, for Hills Hawks, since teeball.

At Nationals, held recently at BISP in Rooty Hill, the NSW team went down to Qld in the grand final 1-0. Quite a game!

At the end of the tournament Georgia was chosen as a member of the Aussie team. They will be going to Hawaii in September to compete. It’s a really exciting time for them.

She is quite impressive to watch. In January, she was also part of the NSW 2014 u17s Womens Softball Team who went through undefeated and are now the National Champions.

I don't know whether you acknowledge your sporting stars but I hope you do. I know how my daughter felt when athletes from other sports who had competed at a high level were acknowledged at a recent school assembly (not GHS), yet my daughter who had competed at the highest level was not mentioned. She wasn't looking for glory just the acknowledgement of her peers.

For a long time Galston High was a school to avoid and in 2006 I was dreading having to send my older daughter there.

On Open Day that year the then principal was at school but did not bother to put in an appearance in the Hall to speak to the prospective parents. I was very disappointed at the time but since you have been Principal I have heard only good things about the school and the students look respectable when they are out and about. It is a pleasure to see. Thank you.
Athletics Carnival Highlights...
Parent Forum Reminder: Monday June 23
Anxiety & Adolescence, with Sue Carlson

Next Monday’s parent forum focuses on generalised anxiety: the ways it affects teenagers, and strategies to help deal with exam anxiety, social anxiety and school pressure.

Presenter for the evening is Sue Carlson, registered Psychologist and School Counsellor. Sue has front line experience as a teacher, exam marker, HSC advisor, school counsellor and psychologist in private practice.

When: Monday June 23, 6.30 - 8.30 pm
Who: Parents, teenagers and interested members of the public are all welcome.

Bookings: youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au
More info: www.kyds.org.au

Western Sydney Careers Expo 2014
Thursday 19 and Friday 20 June, 9am-3pm
Saturday 21 June and Sunday 22 June, 10am-3pm
Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park

The Western Sydney Careers Expo brings together over 140 exhibitors providing information on tertiary and training courses, career and employment opportunities, HSC subjects, study skills and gap year programs. Exhibitors include Australia’s major universities. The Expo also features 115 seminars on HSC subjects including English and Maths, tertiary courses, career, employment and study advice. Admission is $10 or $25 for families of 3 or more (children 14 and under free) and is valid for all four days of The Expo. Admission includes all seminars.

For more details see The Expo Visitor Guide in your local Fairfax Community Newspaper in early June 2014 or westernsydneycareersexpo.com.au