World’s Greatest Shave Highlights...
On Wednesday the 25th of March the SRC held its annual World's Greatest Shave event to support the Leukaemia Foundation. This year we had 18 brave students and 1 teacher shave their heads (or beard) and 8 students dye their hair.

The SRC would like to congratulate everyone who was brave enough to be part of the 2015 GHS Brave and Shave team:

Alan McArdle, Alistair Brown, Cameron Morris, Damian Shahfazli, Dan Munro, Georgia Harrold, Grace Waters, Isaak Koorey, James Redknap, Karla Salmon, Keenan Vale, Lachlan Carpenter, Laura Cook, Mei Lin Meyers, Parmida Zendehdel, Rhiannon Grooms, Robert Barker, Sasha Smallwood, Sean McCauley, Stephen Dudley, Tony Mouyat, Vanessa Elkhazaen, Willow Summer-Murphy, Zac Kral and Mr Pulo.

To date we have $14,497 in online donations alone and we still have hundreds of dollars in cash donations coming in. This is a huge effort and the SRC are incredibly proud and thankful to the GHS community support for this worthy cause. All of the money raised goes towards providing practical and emotional support to people facing the challenge of blood cancer, as well as investing in vital research to find better treatments and cures.

The SRC would like to mention a few students who have done an amazing job of individual fundraising, Laura Cook ($3,796), Sasha Smallwood ($3,631.50), Mei Lin Meyers ($1,679.10), Keenan Vale ($1,309) and Isaak Koorey ($829).

We would also like to thank our amazing volunteer hairdressers from the local community who kindly donated their time and expertise to be part of this amazing event. This year hairdressers joined us from Scissor & Comb Connection (Galston Village), Rodney’s Hair Designers (Galston) and Clara Bow Hair (Dural). This event could not exist without their support so please support our local hairdressers who support GHS. We also had a representative from the Leukaemia Foundation join our celebrations, Sarah helped by shaving some heads and speaking to students about the work of the Foundation.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the World’s Greatest Shave at Galston High School in 2015 and a huge congratulations to the brave students and staff who were involved this year!!
Upcoming Events

Week 1, Term 2

Monday 20 April
Staff Development Day

Tuesday 21 April
Students return to school
P&C Meeting

Wednesday 22 April
Meet the Music Concert

Thursday 23 April
Nan Tien Temple Visit

Friday 24 April
Nan Tien Temple Visit

Saturday 25 April
ANZAC Day

Sunday 26 April
School Musical Camp

Week 2

Monday 27 April
School Musical Camp
Year 12 Standard English Incursion
- Boland

Tuesday 28 April
ANZAC Day Ceremony
Year 9 Police talk
Year 11 Earth & Environmental Science Excursion

Wednesday 29 April
Year 8 Dolcettini Incursion
Year 11 Mental Health Forum -
Dural Rotary Club

Thursday 30 April
Open Boys & Girls Touch Trials

Sunday 3 May
Bronze D of E

Still to Come

Monday 4 May
Bronze D of E

Wednesday 6 May
Year 11 Longneck Lagoon Excursion (mandatory)

Friday 8 May
Year 7 Taronga Zoo Excursion

Homework Club

Students are welcome to attend Homework Club from 3.15pm until 4.15pm in the Library.

In the event that supervision is unavailable and homework club is cancelled, students should check the Library window each Wednesday. 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 SRC had a fantastic planning camp at Galston Gorge Crusader camp from Friday 20th March – Sunday 22nd March. We worked in our teams of service, social, communications and finance to continue planning events for 2015 and discuss the role of the SRC at Galston High.

The SRC has some very exciting events planned for the next two terms and we are looking forward to sharing them with the school community.

Our annual Battle of the Buskers week will return to GHS in 2015 and we are excited to welcome even more students performers of all types not just musical performances as part of this street performers event.

The SRC would like to thank Mr Wells, Ms Petrulis and Ms Koufos who joined us with Mrs Andrus over the weekend and thank you to the GHS community for your ongoing support of the SRC.

A reminder to students:
if you have any ideas for the SRC please talk to one of your year SRC representatives.

Year 7 – Brooke Milojevic, Isaak Koorey, Maggie Clifton, Trent Dalton
Year 8 – James Redknap, Jess Eltis, Monique Holden, Ryan Stevens, Sean Bowry, Tia Clissold
Year 9 – Chris Naude, Lucy Quaken, Maxime Boutet, Paige Dowd, Tyla Howard
Year 10 – Chloe Morrisby, Fiona Macpherson, Hamish Vaughan, Jo Naude
Year 11 – Annabelle Pearce, Tom Fraser
Year 12 – Alana Perrett, Casey Moise, Jayden Tant, Jess Vaughan, Kellie Ostavich
This year the SRC celebrated Harmony Day with an assembly on Tuesday 17th of March and a mufti day with lunchtime multicultural food sales on Monday 23rd of March. Harmony Day celebrates Australia's cultural diversity. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

At the assembly we welcomed two guest speakers from our school community. Mr Limbers shared his experiences growing up in a small village in Greece and how after moving to Australia he was welcomed by new friends at high school and Jo Naude (year 10) shared his experiences growing up in South Africa with lion cubs and how he now cannot imagine living in any country other than Australia. The SRC were able to share the message of Harmony Day with the GHS community at this assembly.

On Monday we decorated the quad with flags from around the world and orange streamers to support the inclusiveness of Harmony Day. Students enjoyed an orange themed mufti day and at lunch were treated to foods from around the world including boerewors rolls, spring rolls, garlic bread, meat pies, pastizzis and much more. The SRC would like to thank the students of GHS for their support of our Harmony Day celebrations; we were able to raise an amazing $895, which will go towards the bus bay shade shelter.
In our Local Community – Prefect Leadership Team

Invitation

The Galston High School Prefect Team is privileged to take part with all student leadership teams in community ANZAC Commemorative Services. A wreath will be laid at both ceremonies on behalf of the school.

The Prefect Team invites all students and their families of the Galston High School Community to join them at these commemorative services.

Program details for Event 1 – Sunday 19th April 2015

Where:
Galston Cenotaph
next to the History Cottage on Galston Road

Inclement weather:
If weather is unsuitable for an outdoor ceremony, the event will be moved to the Galston Club

When:
2.25pm arrival

After the event:
light refreshments will be served at the Galston Club following the ceremony.

Program details for Event 2 – Saturday 25th April 2015

Where:
Glenorie Cenotaph

When:
3.00pm
Meet in Woolworths Car park at Glenorie

School Uniform
It is mandatory for students to wear school uniform to both of these occasions at the request of the convenors.

Travel arrangements
Please note that it is the responsibility of parents/ care providers to ensure the safe passage of students to and from these events.

We look forward to you seeing you at these community events and thank you for your support of our Student Leadership Program.

Robert Barker and Eliza Florian – 2015 School Captain
Cameron’s Nursery Arcadia has donated to the school - four Rosemary Bushes in commemoration of the 100 Years since Gallipoli.

In 1915 a wounded digger from Adelaide was repatriated to the Army Hospital at Keswick. He brought back with him a small rosemary bush dug up from the slopes and ravines of the Anzac Cove and it was planted in the hospital grounds.

The Rosemary bushes we received are from this cutting and are part of the Avenues of Honour Project, which anticipates thousands of these trees would be planted across Australia in the decades ahead.

You can purchase your own Gallipoli Rosemary from nurseries.

Our SMARTLink class during their Landscaping lessons have planted the Rosemary in the Waddell Cottage’s garden.

We look forward to in future years, being able to proudly wear this Rosemary at our ANZAC Day and Rememberance Day Ceremonies.

Thank You once again to Cameron’s Nursery.

Mrs Lamont
Head Teacher Humanities.
The Business Studies class has been able to visit McDonalds Head Quarters at Pennant Hills and Offset Alpine Printing over the last six months through 2Realise.

The students when visiting were given an amazing insight into functioning and operations of these large businesses. Students were given tours of the facilities, including McDonalds Test Kitchens and at Offset Alpine Printing we saw Donna Hay’s latest magazine being put on to the printing press.

During the tours, students met a wide range of employees of these companies and were given insights into the variety of career options and paths they can choose. These included engineering apprenticeships, retail traineeships, business cadetships and customer service.

We are looking forward to our next industry visit to Woolworth’s Head Quarters at Bella Vista.
Last week SRC continued the tradition of celebrating Harmony Day at Galston High School with a diverse range of international foods available at lunch time. This complimented with the whole school wearing orange, which symbolises diversity and equity within society. Congratulations to the SRC for highlighting this community event.

SRC is also to be congratulated on the remarkable job they did on holding the World’s Greatest Shave. Many students, both male and female were involved.

A significant amount of money was raised and we all got to witness Mr Pulo with no facial hair. Four out of the five male prefects this year shaved their heads, truly an interesting sight at the Monday prefect meeting.

The Prefect team congratulate the SRC on a fantastic few weeks. Your leadership has been exemplary. Thank you also to Mrs Andrus who has been a great support to the SRC.

Again this year Galston High School participated in the Castle Hill Show. Like previous years a various range of show bags and rides to enjoy.

Our school again put an enormous effort into many of the exhibitions with participation and entries. Many thanks to the staff, parents and the students who made this event such a great success. This success was celebrated at this week’s assembly.

A reminder as well to be informed and stay in contact with all matters related to our school, do not forget to visit our school website:

www.galston-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/.

Prefects also have a Facebook page where we highlight student achievements and post reminders for school events that are coming up. Please note, that in joining our community on Facebook, Galston High School follows both the DEC Code of Conduct and Facebook terms and conditions. So please, Like us on Facebook!
Boys Knockout Water Polo

On Monday March 16, Galston played in the open regional round 2, 3, 4 knockout water polo competition. Our first game was played against the formidable combination of 3 schools, collectively named Northern Beaches College.

Our main striker Callum Trethowan, scored an outstanding 4 goals despite being double marked most of the time, allowing him to just get the goals in. The crowd certainly adopted Callum as their favourite, cheering enthusiastically. The other goal scorer Cameron Morris, on his last game for Galston, scored an outstanding halfway goal despite the attention of 4 big defenders.

For Isaak, Trent, Will and Sam this was their first game and still they held off the more experienced opposition in defence and worked tirelessly. The remainder of the team Ronan, Michael and Ben who had played briefly the previous year, contributed very well both in defence and attack managing to help set up Callum and Cameron's goals.

The team learnt new tactics - staying goal side when defending, to be moving at all times when attacking and the smothering tactic which Michael perfected in his position as centre back. The importance of teamwork was also shown when Balgowlah Boys defeated Northern Beaches in the Grand Final. Thanks to all the mums who helped to take the boys to the pool and back and for the poolside support.

All the team players included:

Cameron Morris Year 12, Callum Trethowan Year 9, Michael Ferlauto Year 8, Will Galea Year 8, Ben O’Leary Year 8, Ronan Randall Quaid Year 8, Isaak Koorey Year 7, Trent Dalton Year 7 and Sam Loria Year 7.

All Schools Triathlon Championships

The 2015 NSW All Schools Triathlon Championships was on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th February. The triathlon was at the Sydney International Regatta Centre Penrith Lakes. There was around 2 ½ thousand competitors, with schools coming from all over NSW to compete. It was a very early start to the morning with registrations commencing at 7:00 am. There were hundreds of bikes making their way to transition.

For the junior event you had to swim 400m and then run to the bike ride who then rode 10km and then tags the runner who ran 3km to finish the race.

Galston High School was represented by 2 junior teams, 2 junior boy teams, 2 intermediate boy teams and 4 individual competitors who were Callum Trethowan, Cameron Luksich, Ryan Hogan and Nathan Mepstead. It was a bright sunny day and every one had a great time competing. The two junior girl teams were made up of Victoria Cullen, Laura Cook and Courtney Bowd (placing 24th) and the other team Keira Brown, Bucky Skewes-Weir and Sarah Cairns (placing 28th). The two junior boy teams were made up of, Aaron Hogan, Isaak Koorey Trent Dalton, (placing 24th) and the other team Sam Loria, Christiaan Mills and Will Galea (placing 31st). And our 2 intermediate boy teams were made up of Callum Trethowan, Cameron Luksich and Nicholas Luksich (placing 5th) and the other team Ryan Hogan, Nathan Mepstead and Oliver Clarkel (placing 18th).

Keira Brown got off to a brilliant start in the swim, leading the pack until she came upon a kayak which ran into her, and stopping her and losing first position.( relegating her back to the rest of the pack).On the ride Laura saw a girl lose her pedal as the girl went to overtake another competitor.

Our best performed team was Callum, Cameron and Nick, they got 5th place over all in the intermediate boys. At the start Callum got 4th for the swim leg. Cameron maintained the top 4th placing on the bike ride and then Nick finished it all off with a great run getting the overall 5th place for their team. Well done boys!!!!

All in all, it was an excellent day and everyone did well!!!!!!!!!!!!

It was a great experience for everyone even those who have never done it before, and I encourage future participants.

By Laura Cook and Victoria Cullen
Chatter over a Platter...

In the School Common Room much chatter and laughter was had around our delicious platters......a favourable change of venue when compared to the unfavourable weather outside!

The word WOW comes to mind when I think back to the fabulous turn out of attendees. A big thank you to those that came along to Chatter from our school community. It was so great seeing so many new faces and the continued support of the more familiar faces. Your attendance was much appreciated. We hope you all had a great time and we see you next time.

A night like this would not be possible without the assistance of a merry band of helpers from your P&C. To those that helped with the set up, pack up and clean up, I sincerely say thank you.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to the School Executive and Office staff for their help in the promotion of and preparation for this social event.

Paula Squires
On behalf of Galston High School P&C