As I sit here in my office and look out upon our beautiful school with our wonderful students playing so happily, with the staff in the staffroom enjoying each others company and busily planning for the day ahead, I am reflecting on the wonderful time I have had as Principal of this wonderful school. I can remember coming to Goulburn East Public School on my first day. It was a remarkably different school back then compared to what it is now. We have together built upon the strengths of our school and collaboratively created a positive atmosphere based on trust, respect and cooperation.

I thank the outstanding school community that have so warmly embraced me during my time. I am extremely lucky to have worked in a school where it’s parental community trust and value the work that my staff and I put in to our students. I have enjoyed working with the school P&C and thank those members who have supported me and trusted me as the leader of our school. The staff at our school are phenomenal and it is them that have made my experiences at Goulburn East so remarkably enjoyable. We are so fortunate to have a team of staff members who each day work to their very best striving to ensure the students at our school succeed. My many thanks to all members of staff. They know how much I am going to miss them!

It is the students of our beautiful school that have made it such a beautiful place for me to come each and every day. The students are a group of exceptionally polite, respectful and kind-hearted students whom look after one another and have certainly looked after me. I have so very much enjoyed working with all of them, getting to know them all. Throughout the school day I lose count of how many times students yell out with a big smile, “Hello Mr Darcey”. It is these small things that I will so often remember with fondness.

Good bye and best of wishes Goulburn East. I have loved my time here and look forward to hearing of your continued success.

Bede Darcey

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**GEPS Breakfast Club**
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday mornings  
8:15am-9:00am  
In the School Library  
A gold coin donation is greatly appreciated!

**GEPS Playgroup**
Monday Mornings  
9:25-11:00am  
In the School Hall  
Please phone Angela at Goulburn Art Gallery for further information on 4823 4494

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**Grandparent’s Day/Open Day**

**Friday 11th April, 2014**

10:30am – In the hall (Whole School Assembly)  
*Theme: Grandparents.*

11:40 – Open classrooms  
*Come and see the great work of our students!*

12:00 – Picnic Lunch & Play with the children  
*Enjoy a picnic lunch on the lawns and have a play with your grandchildren and their friends.*

The P&C will host a cake stall and have tea/coffee available for a gold coin donation.  
Parents and Family Friends are most welcome to attend our special day.  

*Come along and make our last day of Term 1 an exciting and enjoyable day for everyone.*

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**Calling all Bakers!**

Donations of cakes and other baked goods for the cake stall to be held on Grandparent’s Day would be appreciated. These can be left at the school office tomorrow afternoon (10.4.2014) or dropped in on the Friday morning. **Please identify if nuts are contained in your baked goods.**  
Many thanks in advance!
Year 6 Fundraiser- Easter Egg Guessing Competition

1 guess-50c
3 guesses- $1.00

Only 2 more days to make your guesses!

ANZAC Day March
Friday 25th April, 2014

If your child/ren is wishing to participate in the ANZAC march with the school, please ensure you fill out the note and return it to school so we can account for all participants. For information, please see the office.

2015 Goulburn High School Year Advisor visits GEPS

I would like to thank Mrs Anderson and the school for allowing me to speak to the students about the diverse and challenging opportunities that await them at Goulburn High School next year. The students are to be commended for being so welcoming and enthusiastic and asking about life at Goulburn High School. They all indicated a desire and capacity to aim high (one of our core values) in everything they do. The students proved particularly knowledgeable about Nelson Mandela which was very impressive. I am looking forward to getting back to Goulburn East in Term 2, to teach a lesson to the students to give them more of an insight into what life at high school is like. The students can be very proud of themselves.

Ross Mackay
Year 7 Year advisor 2015 Goulburn High School

Year 6 with Mr Mackay and previous GEPS students, Janice Barry & Nikita Jeffs
Yesterday our K-2 classes had a fun afternoon of Easter activities. They even had a special visitor and were able to go on an Easter Egg hunt!

Have a safe and happy break everyone!
Ladies you are invited to come play football for 

WORKERS EAST SOCCER CLUB

In the STFA Women’s 8-a-side competition.
The season will commence on the 3rd May at the same time as MiniRoos.
There will be 16 rounds plus semi, 25 minute halves.
Games will be played at 12, 1 and 2pm.
Fees are $100 under 18’s and $150 over 18’s.

Support our club which has been established for 50 years plus!

Register Now
Register online at myfootballclub.com.au
Click on Player Registration

Fees must be paid before you play, STFA rules, no exceptions.

For more information please contact workerseastsoccerclub@gmail.com
Michelle (Registrar) 0402537923

Goulburn Workers East Soccer Club

GEPS P&C Canteen

THANK YOU

No Canteen this week due to Grandparents Day celebration.

Many thanks to all of the wonderful volunteers from this term. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Our Term 2 roster will be sent out Week 1, Term 2.

Darren Harding – President

Goulburn East Public School

Fundraiser & Farewell

Friday 11 April 2014 - 7:00pm
Goulburn Soldiers Club
Food, Entertainment and Fun!
$20 per person paid in advance at the GEPS office
Cheques to be made out to Goulburn East Public School P&C Association
Childcare available $5 per child (bookings essential)

RSVP to Marianne Powles (0410 520 098 or marianne.powles@det.nsw.edu.au)
by Monday 7 April, 2014

Come along and help us raise funds for our school and to say goodbye to outgoing Principal, Bede Darcy!