



GIRRAWHEEN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL



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RESPECT. RESPONSIBILITY. DOING YOUR BEST.
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our 2016 year ends with many reasons for celebration. A number of our students have been successful in numerous activities that include being recipients for a variety of awards and scholarships. We congratulate Brandon Rowe who has been selected to attend the Premier's ANZAC Tour in 2017. Brandon is the second student from Girrawheen SHS who has been selected to attend this very auspicious tour. The process requires students to write an essay and participate in an interview, competing against students across WA, from both Public and Independent Schools. We especially thank Ms Bolt for continuing to encourage all our History students to pursue these opportunities, often resulting in recognition for many. We are also proud of Brandon's achievement and wish him well.

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Meisje Galvin-Stil accepting her ABCN Scholarship along with Rosalba Butterworth (Principal) and Imogen Bartlett (West Australian Coordinator – ABCN)

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Meisje Galvin-Stil from Year 10 was recently awarded a three year scholarship from the Australian Business Community Network (ABCN). This is a substantial scholarship that supports Meisje access a variety of financial and careers support during Year 11 & 12 and in her first year of Tertiary education. She will be mentored by business delegates from various corporations and will also attend an event with other ABCN scholarship recipients in Sydney during 2017. Attaining this prestigious scholarship was a first for WA in several years. We are particularly proud of Meisje's presentation at the ABCN awards. We extend our thanks to our ABCN partners for their ongoing support to our school, in particular Imogen Bartlett who affords our students a variety of extension opportunities with many CBD Corporations.

We congratulate Keith Hill, one of our Year 12 leavers who won a gold medal certificate in the VETiS Bricklaying category. Keith was one of 500 competitors Australia wide, many of whom were older than 17 years. Keith has been recognised for his achievements by the Director General from the Department of Training and Workplace Development, Dr Ruth Shean. We continue to wish Keith every success as he pursues his Building and Construction career pathway.

We congratulate all students who achieved various awards in our final Year 12 school ceremony. We especially recognise our Year 12 Duxes. Congratulations to Daniel Abraham achieving ATAR Dux and Reece McFarlane as VET Dux. We wish all our leavers every success in their future.

It is with pleasure I announce our Year 12 Student Council leaders for 2017. Our Co-Presidents are Fatma Sehic and Yohanna Awdo. Student Councillors from our Year 12 cohort are Jeninna Cruz and Toan Le. I congratulate and welcome our Year 12 leaders to their new role and look forward to working closely with them.

Throughout the year we are supported by a variety of partners who provide students and staff with a variety of extension opportunities or who support our students enhancing career opportunities for them. We thank everyone for their contributions and commitment to our school. A special page of acknowledgement and thanks has been included in this newsletter.

As we conclude this year we also farewell some of our staff. We thank and say goodbye to: Ms Emily Birt, who has won a position at Jurien Bay DHS. We thank Emily for her contribution to our school for the last two years, especially for leading the School's Volunteer Program supporting students. We also farewell Mr Gary Heldt and congratulate him on his retirement. Mr Heldt has been a long standing, well respected and valued staff member of Girrawheen Senior High School for 34 years. Mr Heldt has been on long service leave this year. He will be missed by colleagues, friends and students. We also farewell Ms Elizabeth Kolodziejczak who has been teaching science this year and thank her for her contribution to our students. We also thank Miss Anh Le, a previous student (Leavers 2011) who has been relieving in Mathematics for an extended period this term. Anh has accepted a teaching position at Shenton College next year. Also thank you and farewell to Nicole Pearce who has accepted a position at Duncraig Senior High School, we appreciate your commitment to our school over the past two and a half years. We extend our sincere thanks to all our relief teachers who have supported our school this year – in particular Mrs Jan Bigwood and Mrs Margaret Orr, both of whom do many extra tasks for our school in their own time. As is usual at this busy time of the year there are some staff selection processes taking place. The outcome of these processes will be published in next year's first newsletter.

2016 has been a productive and positive year with many extensive activities and opportunities afforded to our students by staff, universities, our local MLA and business partners. I also take this opportunity to thank and congratulate our staff for their commitment to our students. Our staff support our students at every opportunity. They often do this before school, after school, on weekends and on their holidays. I thank everyone who has supported our school for their outstanding contribution.



Please note that in 2017 and beyond Girrawheen Senior High School will be producing one newsletter a term. This is in line with other Senior High Schools and as a result of the cost of producing and mailing out the newsletter to parents and business. This decision has been endorsed by the School Board. Please take some time to read the many activities that have been taking place with our staff and students from Girrawheen Senior High School. The stories and photos below display the successes achieved.

I wish all staff, students and families a happy and restful holiday break. I look forward to seeing you in 2017 for another great year ahead.

Rosalba Butterworth

PRINCIPAL

YEAR 6 TRANSITION PROGRAM



I would like to thank Marangaroo Primary School's wonderful Year 6 students for coming and being a great addition to Girrawheen Senior High School along with their teacher Mr Brett Cutting for 5 Fridays at the end of Term 3 and the beginning of Term 4. In their time at the school they were able to get the opportunity to engage with a range of subjects and

become familiar with the teachers here. In particular the Year 6's worked alongside Miss Slater, our Visual Art Teacher to create these unique ceramic wizards. They managed to design, construct and paint these wizards in just 3 hours, an incredible achievement by all students involved I'm sure you will agree. We look forward to welcoming more Marangaroo Primary School and other local primary school students to the school in the future.



ECU Outreach Excursion

On Thursday 24th of November, twenty-one students attended the ECU Outreach excursion at ECU's Joondalup campus, which aims to encourage current and aspiring ATAR Chemistry students to pursue chemistry as a course of study in university.

We were privileged to be able to watch a demonstration by Tim Harrison, the director of Outreach, who has been conducting these demonstrations for students for many years.

His demonstrations were both exciting and varied. Among the demonstrations were the ignition of balloons of hydrogen and helium gas and the effect of liquid nitrogen on different matter. They were very captivating as they were relevant to both what we had studied in our science classrooms as well as common real life occurrences.

We thank Mr Lee for his enthusiasm and excitement in organising the excursion, and Mr Miln and Mrs Keenan for accompanying us on this trip. We also thank ECU, Tim Harrison and Outreach for facilitating this excursion and giving us the chance to take part in this exciting event.

By Fatma Sehic (Year 12)





IMPORTANT DATES



DAY	DATE	EVENT
Wednesday	25 January 2017	Office staff return to school
Friday to Tuesday	27 - 31 January 2017	Book and uniform shop open 9am – 2pm
Wednesday	1 February 2017	Term 1 starts for all students
Wednesday - Friday	1 Mar – 3 Mar 2017	Year 11/12 History/HASS Camp
Monday	6 March 2017	Labour Day Holiday
Friday	7 April 2017	Term 1 Ends

**OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FROM WEDNESDAY 25 JANUARY 2017.
STUDENTS COMMENCE WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2017**

BOOK and UNIFORM SHOP:

*Will be open from Friday 27 January – Tuesday 31 January from
9:00am ~ 2:00pm daily.*

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME FORMS: (Available from the book and uniform shop)

To be eligible for assistance of **\$235-00** towards fees/charges and **\$115.00** clothing allowance, parents or legal guardians must hold one of the following cards and have students who are born after **1 January 1998**:

- › Centrelink Family Health Care Card
- › Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- › Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card (**Please note:** The only Veterans' Affairs card that meets the criteria is a blue card that is issued each year and expires in December each year. This card is income means tested.)

To receive the assistance, parents must complete their application before **1 APRIL 2017**

UNIFORMS:

All school polo shirts are **\$25-00** each. All jackets are **\$50-00** each. Red Physical Education t-shirts are **\$15.00** each.

PERSONAL EXPENSES: In addition to the above fees/charges other expenses could include:

Calculators, Stationery, Camps and Excursions. Specific information for particular courses and events will be forwarded to parents through newsletters and events handouts.

2016 World Skills Australia National Competition



Congratulations to Keith Hill on his recent performance at the 2016 World Skills Australia National Competition in Melbourne.

The event featured almost 500 competitors, nominated as the best in their skill area from across 30 regions in Australia and comprised of three tough days of Competition.

Keith performed exceptionally well to win a gold medal certificate in the VETiS Bricklaying category. To achieve such a result at this level required dedication and talent.

Dr Ruth Shean
Director General
Department of Training and Workplace Development

Success for former Girrawheen student

Ex Girrawheen student Duop Reath has made a sensational start to his NCAA basketball career in the USA. Duop was signed as a junior to LSU (Louisiana State University) this year - a division 1 south-eastern conference college basketball team. Last year's number 1 draft pick in the NBA, Ben Simmons attended LSU last year. Duop graduated from Girrawheen in 2013 with aspirations of playing in the NBA.

In his first game on the court Duop scored 23 points, had 14 rebounds, 3 blocks and 3 steals – an effort that saw him named the SEC college player of the week. Since then he has helped his team to 4 wins and just 2 losses. If you would like to follow his progress hit up LSU basketball twitter page for videos, scores and interviews.

In Term 3 Duop came back to Girra (on just a week-long visit to see his family) to run a basketball clinic and talk to our students about college life. He was extremely humble, grounded, and looks back on his time here with great fondness. Students attending the basketball clinic were in awe of his presence, dunking ability and 6ft 10inch frame.

We wish Duop all the best in his career and will be keeping a very close eye on his progress.



Meisje Galvin-Stil wins ABCN Scholarship

Meisje Galvin - Stil was the only West Australian winner of the 2016 ABCN Foundation Scholarship. This scholarship is available to exceptional students facing economic, family or social challenges which impact on their study or capacity to pursue their desired tertiary pathways.

Winners receive \$7,000 over Year 11, 12 and their first year of tertiary education, to spend on study resources and help alleviate financial hardship in their homes.

These unique scholarships also provide each scholar with their own dedicated mentor from our network of corporate partners who assist them in setting goals and developing valuable workplace skills.

Meisje was one of only 20 students in the whole of Australia to receive this amazing opportunity. We're so proud of you Meisje. You worked hard for it and fully deserve it!



HASS Report

Term 4 has continued as a very busy term for HASS. The HASS department is complemented in its vibrancy by the addition of Ms Hohnen. For 7 weeks, we also shared the very competent Student teacher, Ms Oudeh, who finished her last teaching practice last week. She has been a welcome addition in all classes and popular with the students. The Year 10 Extension class spent the last 6 weeks immersed in Ancient Rome - a fine reward for an excellent year's work of designated Curriculum. Most students were enthralled by the excesses and political manipulations of these classical leaders. The overall performance in the exam was commendable.

Year 10 Fremantle Excursion: On November 2, 2016, the Year 10s participated in an excursion to Fremantle where two hours were spent navigating the entire War Museum with an ex-serviceman guide for each group. This was extremely relevant to their Year 9 & 10 History courses.



Time was then spent at the Immigration Wall and the Maritime Museum, and then students walked across to Fishermen's Wharf for lunch. The behaviour and interest of the students at all times was brilliant and the staff at the Museum were very impressed with our students. Thanks to Mr Noack for organising it and for he, and Ms Allen for accompanying us. Thanks to Chantelle for the photo)

US Elections Day Visit- Five of our students Pavle Petkovic (Year 9), Chris Whitby (Year 10), Fatma Sehic, Jeninna Cruz and Brandon Rowe (Year 11s) and Ms Hohnen were lucky enough to attend this event (invited by the US Consulate) which followed the countdown of the Presidential elections. Our students were one group of only three schools and conducted themselves with aplomb and intelligence. It was a great opportunity afforded to them from the Consulate and school.



Year 11 History Indian lunch: In the last week of Year 11, the History students had an Indian lunch where the classroom was transformed to an Indian restaurant and some of the students came as familiar Indian political figures. It was a great meal and thanks must go to various teachers who helped provide different and delicious courses; Mr Hughes, Mrs Pabla, Mr Chandra, and Mr Noack and Ms Oudeh for helping set up. The students also contributed with set up and providing drinks. All looks good for the next unit focussing on China - more food!



Winners are gridders. Congratulations must go to:

- Year11 (2016) student, Lynda Nguyen who has won a spot to attend the National Constitutional Convention in Canberra in March next year where students from all states and territories gather to discuss constitutional matters and human rights.
- Year 11 (2016) student, Brandon Rowe, who has won one place of ten in the Premier's Anzac Student Tour to Singapore for Anzac Day 2017.
- Year 10 (2016) student, Sedin Hasanovic, who has been nominated to Heirisson Rotary Club to attend the Year 11 Rotary Adventure in Citizenship in Canberra in May 2017

These students are all brilliant ambassadors for our school and their dedication is shown in their hard work and perseverance. We wish them all well in their adventures.

Now the school has changed over to Year 2017 curriculum. Classes in HASS seem keen and ready to go. We wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday.

Thanks

Jackie Bolt, Garry Noack, Louisa Hohnen and Eimear Beattie.

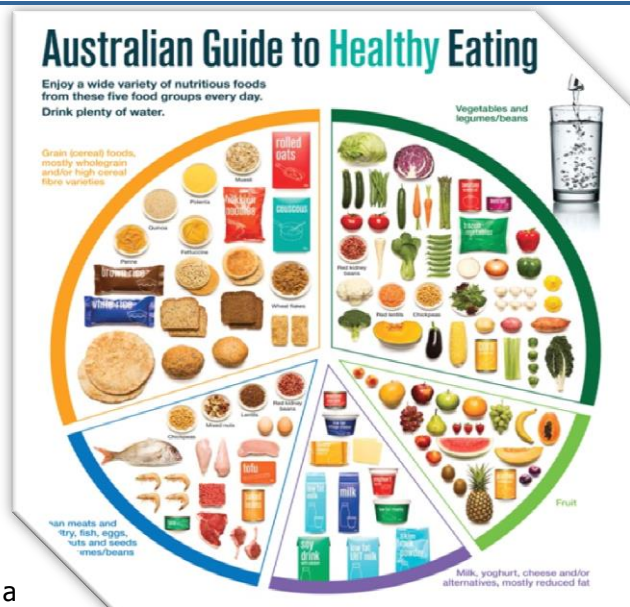
Unity 2017

Auditions for the 2017 Unity team will start the first week back at school. Auditions will take place at lunchtimes in the Dance Studio.

The 2017 Unity team will once again be travelling to National Championships. We are looking for parents and friends to assist with the fundraising and operations of the Unity team in 2017. If you are interested in becoming a member of the "**Friends of Unity**" please contact the school for further details.

Heather Cargill

Unity Team Coordinator



Girrawheen Senior High School Canteen has adopted the Healthy Food and Drinks Policy designed to improve the health of children in our schools. Our School Canteen is an integral part of the learning environment. Please watch this space in future newsletters for information on what our School Canteen offers.



A Note of Appreciation and Thanks

Our staff and school community wish to extend our thanks to the many organisations that have supported our school. Your contributions have assisted with enhancing opportunities for our students.

SCHOOL BOARD

Cassie Bowyer; Andrew Locke; Pascal Felix; Allan McLean; Duncan Ord (resigned); Tracey Roberts; Dr Anh Nguyen; Russell Miln; Barb Newton; Rosalba Butterworth; Emma Bainbridge (resigned); Carol Gould (resigned); Daniel Slavich; Jet-rik Bernal; Van Tha Ceu Rahtin; Dr Renu Blurr; Dr Julia Morris

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CANTEEN STAFF

Donna Walmsley; Di Cross; Alison Ford; Debbie Grubelich, Karen Bush

Thank You

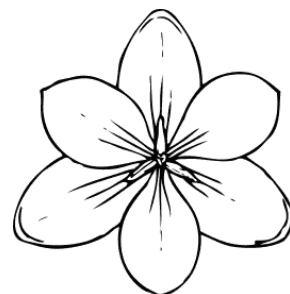
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Ms Margaret Quirk MLA - State Member
Dr Anne Aly MP - Member for Cowan
City of Wanneroo - Mayor Tracey Roberts
Dr Anh Nguyen - Vietnamese Community in Australia/WA Chapter Inc.
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Edith Cowan - ECU Mentor Mates Edith Cowan - ECU AIME
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City of Wanneroo - Julianne Mackay (Aboriginal Girls Art Program)
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Girrawheen Lions Club Youthlink
Australian Business Network Community (ABCN)
Girrawheen/Koondoola Senior Citizens Association
City of Wanneroo Derbil Yerrigan
Heirisson Rotary Holyoake
Victory Life Centre Landcorp Replant
Smith Family Strong Families
Foodbank DCPFS
Edmund Rice Centre Hainsworth Youth
South Metropolitan TAFE
North Metropolitan TAFE
Smith Family Sheldon Hayes and Shivani Vekaria



Thank You



Term 4 Girrawheen Clontarf Wrap.

Term 4 started with many exciting opportunities for the Clontarf boys. There was plenty of football played with some great results. Teams played were:

- Warwick SHS
- Wanneroo SHS
- Djinda Falcons
- Several Clontarf Academies
- Balga SHS

The term was also filled with camps to a number of places:

- Rottneest Island Wadjemup Cup
- Coral Bay Major Camp
- Activity camp , Adventure World, Penguin Island

Several incentive activities such as Weekly Reward Lunches, Supa Golf, Meals at Heights Restaurant, and Community Service activities like the Community Garden at Girrawheen SHS, Yanchep National Park, Cook Ups for Soup Kitchens.



The highlight for many was the Girrawheen Clontarf Awards Night held in week 8. A number of boys collected awards in various categories:

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

Clint Dann

LEADERSHIP AWARD

Reginald Lyndon

SENIOR FOOTBALL AWARD

Reginald Lyndon

MOST IMPROVED AWARD

Corey Smith & Devan Ninnette

COMMUNITY AWARD

Devan Ninnette

SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR

Khyle Ugle

PARTICIPATION AWARD

Koby Brown

EMPLOYMENT AWARD

Reginald Lyndon

VOLUNTEER AWARD

Andrew Locke

CLONTARF SPIRIT AWARD

Chris Ryder

PRINCIPALS AWARD

*Training Award
Billy Krakouer & Koby Brown*

APPRECIATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AWARDS

*Sam Eaton
Retz oddy
Jonathon Bughiu
Donna Garcia*

CLONTARF VALUES AWARD

Edward Lyndon

EDUCATION AWARD

Richard Farmer

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Koby Brown

JUNIOR FOOTBALL AWARD

Richard Farmer



All in all a very busy term was had and the same opportunities are available next year. Any Indigenous boy is eligible to join **Clontarf** once they are a member of Girrawheen SHS.

Remember boys – if you want to participate in everything you must

- Attend 85% or better
- Have good Standing within the school
- Respect the Clontarf Values



NOT much to ask at all so let's have a good Christmas and see you all next year.

Andrew McGovern and Wayne Young
Clontarf Academy

