



## Girrawheen SHS April 2014 Newsletter



### From the Principal

Term one has been an extremely busy, positive and productive start to this year. To end this term, Year 11 and 12 students will be enjoying the school Ball at the Duxton Hotel on **Friday 11 April**. This is always a night to remember and enjoy. This year's theme is Masquerade. It will be a great night and I certainly look forward to seeing our students in their glamorous gowns and suits.

### Harmony Day

On the **21 March** we celebrated Harmony Day with a full program of events including best dressed for each year group, African music, Haka, Aboriginal tradition dance and kung-fu. Food from different countries was served at lunch time and everyone enjoyed fried rice, spring rolls, chicken ragout, curry puffs, a hangi prepared by **Mr Joe White** and his family, and TTC students. We also ate traditional African food of curried chicken and eggs. Within this newsletter there are some fabulous photos of this special day. Special thanks to our Vietnamese community who played traditional Vietnamese music. **Mrs Heather Cargill** and the Unity dance troupe, who were also accompanied by our Clontarf boys performed a traditional dance, in a contemporary routine. Our Harmony Assembly accentuated and highlighted the diversity, warmth and friendships within and across our school community. A huge thankyou to **Mrs Loan Tran** for her support and that of our staff who worked together to make this day happen

### Hospitality students

**Mrs Hales** and her Product Development class opened the Sweet Treats café this week. This was a fabulous success and has assisted students in their course. In our last week of school we were all lucky enough to taste their delicious cinnamon and caramel/chocolate hot cross buns - mouth-watering and delicious food. Well done.

**TERM 2: Students start on TUESDAY 29 APRIL as Monday 28 April is a School**

**Development Day and students are not required to attend school that day.**



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### SCHOOL VALUES

✓ Respect ✓ Responsibility ✓ Doing your best

### SCHOOL PRIORITIES

✓ Numeracy/Literacy ✓ Positive Behaviour

### Vietnam School Trip

During the second week of the school holidays, **Ms Bolt**, supervising staff and 18 students will be travelling to Vietnam (5 days) and Singapore (2 days) to commemorate ANZAC Day and to reignite relationships with our Vietnamese schools. Students attending are involved in an endorsed program, learning about ANZAC day.

### 40<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary

Our school is turning 40 this year and we are planning a celebration. Our fabulous P & C, with the support of new parents, are planning a big day on **Saturday 18 October between 10:00am and 2:00pm**. Meetings are being held to plan the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary so if anyone would like to be involved or would like any further information please contact **Mrs Cassie Bowyer** on **0439 964 433**.

### Board Meeting

The first Board meeting of the year was held on **Wednesday 26 March**. Board members continue to discuss and promote the ongoing success of Girrawheen Senior High School. Board members are impressed with the increased number of enrolments this year and are working together to provide strategic advice.

### Staff changes

A retirement farewell took place on Thursday 3 April for **Mrs Maryla Wilczynski**. Mrs Wilczynski has worked in education for over 27 years and at Girrawheen SHS for 19 years. The decision to retire was heartfelt based on spending special quality time with her family, in particular her lovely mother. While we wish Mrs Wilczynski a wonderful retirement life we know that she will visit and help us support our students. All the best to you, Mrs Wilczynski and we wish you ongoing happiness. We also bid goodbye, good luck and congratulations to **Maria Dzubiel** who will be leaving us to take up a position at Perth Modern School. Thank you for your contribution to Girrawheen and we wish you well at your new position.

### Basketball/Football

**Clontarf Girrawheen Academy** played their first game against Clontarf Seven Oaks Academy at Girrawheen in front of some family members, Girrawheen staff and students. This game was played in terrific spirit and sportsmanship. The game finished in a draw. The second game against Warwick SHS was a tough encounter with hot conditions and a strong team from Warwick SHS. The boys stayed on task and finished the game well. Well done to Warwick SHS. The third game against Clontarf Northam Academy played at Girrawheen SHS resulted in our first win for the year. Again all the boys displayed excellent sportsmanship and team work. Well done to all students who participated in our games.

The Senior School Champions Basketball boys have played 6 games so far this year, winning three and losing three. The boys will be looking to bounce back against Ashdale this week at Girrawheen SHS and then 2 games against Churchlands and Wanneroo in term 2. The boys expect to finish the year with more wins and losses and given the number of Year 10's and 11's in the squad – look out next year! We look forward to watching future games in term 2.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy and restful holiday.

*Kind regards*

*Rosalba Butterworth*

PRINCIPAL

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### April 11

School Ball/Term 1 ends

#### April 12 – April 27

School holidays

#### April 28

School Development Day

#### April 29

Term 2 starts

#### May 2

Whole School assembly @ 2:00pm – all welcome.

#### May 13

Year 8 Carnival

#### May 13 – 15

NAPLAN testing

#### May 19

P & C meeting @ 6:30pm – all welcome

### TERM DATES FOR TERM

Tuesday 29 April – Friday 4 July 2014

# HARMONY DAY



Pictured above: **Mr White** and TTC students.



Above: Clontarf Academy students performing a traditional dance.



## CHESS CLUB

The Chess Club has started.

If anyone would like to join please see **Mrs Crowhurst**.

## APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR

In the previous newsletter, school dress code and appropriate footwear (shoes) were highlighted as important. For occupational health and safety reasons it is important that students wear shoes that are enclosed and sturdy. It is essential that students wear shoes that have thick soles and strong coverage in the areas of Design & Technology, Trade Training Centre, Home Economics, Sports and Science. Teachers will be enforcing appropriate footwear. Please assist us by ensuring your son or daughter is wearing this type of footwear.



**NOT A SAFE SHOE**

An example of a shoe with a very thin sole. This shoe is prone to an object penetrating through the sole into a student's foot.



This example meets the minimum shoe standard students are expected to wear. This shoe has laces and a sturdy sole that will help to protect student's feet. A standard sandshoe or running style shoe also offers good foot protection and support.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**April WACE revision with Academic Task Force** – 6 hour subject revision at Rossmoyne SHS, Churchlands and Perth Modern School. enrol now online at [www.academictaskforce.com.au](http://www.academictaskforce.com.au) or call 9314 9500 or email [learn@academictaskforce.com](mailto:learn@academictaskforce.com).

**BOUNCER SPORTS CENTRE** in Joondalup is currently accepting registrations for their new Winter Junior Competition for Indoor Cricket. They also run Ladies Netball, Soccer competitions on weekdays for any mothers looking for fun, fitness and friendship in a social environment. A crèche is available and all levels of competition are catered for. For all enquires please call Bouncer Sports on 9300 1600 or email [enquiries@bouncersports.com.au](mailto:enquiries@bouncersports.com.au) or visit [www.bouncersports.com.au](http://www.bouncersports.com.au).



### BALGA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB – PLAYERS WANTED

The Balga Junior Football Club is seeking players interested in playing junior football this year in Years 4 - 8. Parents or guardians of interested boys or girls in these age groups should contact Gwenda Wilmott (President) on 0411 564 811.