



GIRRAWHEEN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL

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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

2015

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YEAR 12 CO-PRESIDENT AND STUDENT COUNCILLOR RESULTS

Co-President – Jet-rik Bernal

Co-President – Van Tha Ceu Rahtin

Student Councillor – Rebecca Bodle

Student Councillor – Aaron Lerngo



Jet-rik Bernal



Van Tha Ceu Rahtin



Rebecca Bodle



Aaron Lerngo



Principal Rosalba Butterworth with Co-Presidents
Van Tha Ceu Rahtin and Jet-rik Bernal

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is with pleasure I announce our Year 12 Student Council leaders for 2016. Our Co-Presidents are Jet-rik Bernal and Van Tha Ceu Rahtin. Student Councillors are Rebecca Bodle and Aaron Lerngo. Our leaders will be performing their initial duties by attending the final School Board meeting. Our team will also be working closely with Student Council and teachers to plan and prepare specific whole school activities. This is mostly to fundraise in order to give back to specific organisations. I congratulate and welcome our Year 12 leaders to their new role and look forward to working closely with them.



Peter Collier, Minister for Education
with students from Girrawheen on a visit
to Morley Senior High School

Our New North Education students in Politics and Law at Morley Senior High School had the opportunity to participate in a lesson delivered by the Minister for Education, the Honourable Peter Collier. The students especially enjoyed this lesson. They were made to feel welcome by the Principal of Morley Senior High School who spent some quality time with our students.

Unity continues to perform with quality. Recently the team attended the AASCF National Cheer and Dance Championships in Melbourne. Again they were successful with a third place in Cheer and first place in High School Hip Hop. Congratulations to Heather Cargill and Hannah Mohammed who have worked hard all year to prepare our students. A special thank you to Ms Drpich and Mr Passera who accompanied and supported Unity while in Melbourne.

A variety of excursions and incursions have occurred this term with many being conducted by our Clontarf Academy. Executive and

leadership staff were provided a chance to attend the Wadjemup Cup at Rottne. We watched boys from across the State play football, as well as meet with Clontarf partners. Our boys were exemplary role models for our school.

Many classes have been provided with an opportunity to experience some science and media courses at ECU. Our Year 11 students have been given a chance to complete a Media unit which can be accredited to them when they arrive at ECU University. This is an extremely exciting opportunity. We thank ECU for their support to our school as they have provided free courses and assisted with bus travel for whole class events.

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

As we conclude this year we also farewell some of our staff. We thank and say goodbye to teachers, Mrs Alexander and Ms Siew. We value their roles throughout 2015 and wish them every success in the future. Gary Heldt will be taking leave in 2016. We also say goodbye to our Home Economics assistant Mary Della France and Head Cleaner Amelia Livingstone who have been with us for many years. Suzie Browne is also leaving us for a full time position at Cyril Jackson. We wish you all the best. To staff and students may your holidays be restful and safe. I look forward to seeing you in 2016 for another great year ahead.

CLONTARF FOUNDATION

We remember a very special person....

Our school wishes to remember a very special member of the Clontarf Foundation and Clontarf Girrawheen Academy, Mr Brad Puls. Brad passed away suddenly in November. We remember Brad as a kind, supportive and caring man who visited our school weekly. He developed strong and great relationships with our students and staff. Brad was an advocate and true believer in our boys.... We will miss Brad. We extend our sincerest condolences to Brad Puls' family and to the members of the Clontarf Foundation.



Rosalba Butterworth

PRINCIPAL

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; Mike O'Hanlon; Pascal Felix; Allan McLean; Duncan Ord; Tracey Roberts; Dr Anh Nguyen; Dylan Gould; AJ Galloway; Russell Miln; Barb Newton; Rosalba Butterworth; Emma Bainbridge; Carol Gould; Daniel Slavich.

P & C

Andrew Locke - President; Cassie Bowyer - Vice President; Karen Bush - Treasurer; Melanie Gould - Secretary; Rosalba Butterworth; John Bowyer; Stuart Mackenzie; Donna Walmsley; Ashley Stout; Veronica Mudra; Jan Bigwood; Jenny Naylor.

CANTEEN STAFF

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

PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS



Ms Margaret Quirk MLA - State Member
Mr Luke Simpkins MLA - Federal Member
City of Wanneroo - Mayor Tracey Roberts

Dr Anh Nguyen - Vietnamese Community in Australia/WA Chapter Inc.

Clontarf Foundation Subiaco Football Club Development Office

Mission Australia Mercy Care

University of WA, UWA ASPIRE

Edith Cowan University - Practicum Teacher Program

Edith Cowan - ECU Mentor Mates Edith Cowan - ECU AIME

Fogarty EDvance BJJ Connecting Communities

Young Australian League (YAL) Youthlink

Notre Dame University - Practicum Teacher Program

Youth Care - Chaplaincy Program - Sue Dutton

Girrawheen Lions Club Balga Soccer Club

Australian Business Network Community (ABCN)

Girrawheen/Koondoola Senior Citizens Association

City of Wanneroo Derbil Yerrigan

Heirisson Rotary Holyoake

Victory Life Centre Dale Alcock

Smith Family Strong Families

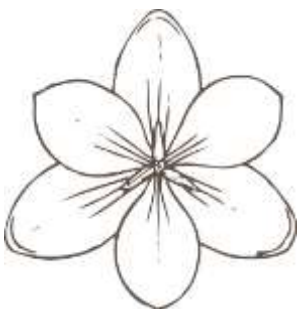
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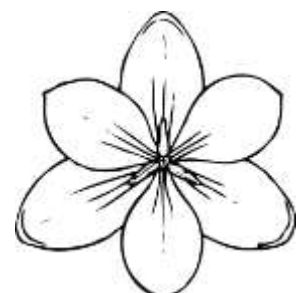
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West Coast Institute of TAFE

Thank You



Thank You



Unity 2015 Nationals Cheer and Dance Tour

What an amazing experience for the Unity team this year. The team got the opportunity to perform at the largest National Cheer and Dance competition in the country. With thousands of athletes and teams from all over Australia, our wonderfully talented Unity team took to the stage to perform like professionals.

They represented our school with such professionalism and pride and earned the respect of the other teams competing with their high spirits and compassion towards others. Their performance on stage was nothing other than brilliant (Goose bumps and tears is how I would describe it).

Our Cheer team won 3rd place National Champions and our Hip Hop won 1st place National Champions in their division.

It has been a wonderful experience for both our students and staff and I would sincerely like to thank Hannah Mohammed for her work in preparing our cheer team for this event. Thanks also to Jenny Drpich and Carlo Passera who both gave up their time to travel with Unity.

I am very much looking forward to what Unity will achieve in 2016.

Unity Unite

Mrs Cargill xx



MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENTS

On the 27th November to the 1st December the Unity dance team travelled over to Melbourne and competed in a highly competitive cheer and dance competition called 'AASCF' (Australian All Stars Cheerleading Federation). It was both a challenging and rewarding experience for all the students. We competed against many professional dance teams and despite the difficulties the students rose above the challenge and we had a lot of enjoyment.

We were also privileged to attend two workshops at the Ministry of Dance, a professional dance company founded by Jason Coleman that helps amateur dancers to become working professionals. This inspired our students to pursue a career as a dancer or performer in the future. One memorable moment about the National's tour was when we pulled a prank on our teachers.

"It was great. An amazing experience" – Kenny

"Glad I could be a part of this great opportunity. I am very blessed." – Salina

"It was a very enjoyable and memorable moment in my life" – Aaron

"It was fun and I loved performing on the stage" – Peter

"An experience that will take your breath away" – Awdo

"This is my family" – World

"This was the time of my life" – Faith

Unity 2015



Unity 2015 Nationals Cheer and Dance Tour - Melbourne



HASS Team Report

This has been a very busy term for the HASS teachers having to meet the new state requirements to adjust the National Curriculum to include History, Geography, Politics and Economics in all year groups from Year 7- 10. We are currently writing the entire lower school courses again so we are ready to go in 2016. We are also writing the new courses for Year 12 in Modern History, and Career and Enterprise while tweaking this year's new Year 11 courses. Lucky for all students to whom we are delivering, we are ensuring continuity and skill building across the spectrum while maintaining a blend of theory and practice. We are excited by the new courses and hope they are interesting and informative to all. Winners are grinners!!!! (Don't forget participation is also character building!!)



Over the summer holidays we wait to see if Fatma Sehic in Year 10 wins a spot in the Simpson Prize essay competition run nationally. This will be an immense accreditation for Fatma and the school. Also Eveline Nshimirimana has won second place in the Pulford Labour Historians' essay competition and will be presented with her cash prize in the New Year at a school assembly. Again well done to all Year 10s in the extension group for entering the various essay competitions and I look forward to the Great Debate to be held Friday, Week 9.

In Week 8 the Year 10 extension class were treated to an informal Turkey (tied in with Ancient Roman ruins) event - consuming breads, dips and Turkish delight. Well done to the student presenters. Thanks to Mrs Faisal, Mrs Gould and Ms Newton for helping with this event.

Last week five Year 10 students attended the UN Youth (WA) Leadership Conference at UWA. These volunteers were Brandon R, Aira G, My N, Jenny N and Elaine B. They all said it was hard work and the question of sustainability was overwhelming. I reminded them they needed to save the planet sooner rather than later. Thanks to you for representing the school so admirably.

Also next year ATAR Modern History will once again be part of the NNEI which is good for all students in the course allowing greater competition and sharing of ideas. On behalf of the Girrawheen History students I welcome their Balga and Mirrabooka contemporaries.

Mr Noack wishes his students well and especially thanks those that extended themselves and entered the available essay competitions. From all the HASS teachers including myself thanks to all the classes we taught. We look forward to the New Year.

Ms Bolt, Mr Noack, Ms Alexander and others.



IMPORTANT DATES

DAY	DATE	EVENT
Monday	25 January 2016	Office staff return to school
Wednesday to Friday	27 – 29 January 2016	Bookshop & Uniform Shop open 9am – 2pm
Monday	1 February 2016	Term 1 starts for all students
Monday	7 March 2016	Labour Day Holiday
Friday	25 March 2016	Good Friday Public Holiday
Monday & Tuesday	28 – 29 March 2016	Easter Monday and Tuesday holiday



Inaugural Gaelic Football High School Competition in Australia Girrawheen SHS v John XX111



The inaugural High School Gaelic Football Competition in Australia was held at Girrawheen Senior High School on Thursday 12th November. In a highly entertaining game John XX111 drew with Girrawheen SHS on a score line of 5-6 to 5-6.

From the beginning of the game it was clear the contrasting style of the two teams. John XX111 possibly were a more balanced city slickers type using much of the short passing game from a soccer background while Girrawheen were much more of a country parish team with strong individual players in key positions with their footy skills shining through.

Indeed it is interesting to note that four Aboriginal families made up nine of the starting fifteen players for Girrawheen. It was a special day in particular for the Lyndon's, with 12 year old Edward scoring the first point of the game, Reggie receiving the Most Valuable Player award for his midfield dominance and their older brother Claude captaining the side.

The game was always a tight affair with never more than 4 points between the teams. With the searing 34 degree heat both teams gave it their best but in the end a draw was a fair result.

Some players on view are exciting prospects for the future of Gaelic Football in WA. Rhys Mac Farlane who is on Perth Glory's books, Joshua McPhee, Cameron Riley and Khyle Ugle will be pivotal for Girrawheen in next year's competition. Girrawheen Gaelic is an eager and enthusiastic bunch so hopefully more high school teams will become involved in next year's competition which will be held at John XX111 SHS on May 12th 2016.



Girrawheen SHS: Rhys Mc Farlane, Jacob McPhee, Claude Lyndon, Travis Ruffin, Justin Arbuckle, Dylan Sparkman, Mason Farmer, Cameron Riley, Eric Riley, Kyle Ugle, Jamison Ugle, Philip Talbot, Reginald Lyndon, Edward Lyndon, Chris Ryder, Jacob Berney, Christian Dickenson, David Jones, Aivielle Vital, Clinton Dann, Martin Isaacs, Joshua McPhee, Joseph Kitto, Kelvin Taylor, John Kickett.

Managers: Eimear Beattie, Andrew McGovern, Wayne Young

Please go to the Facebook page below to view photos:

<https://www.facebook.com/gaelicfootball.westernaustralia/?pnref=story>
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Wadjemup Cup

In Week 4 the Girrawheen Clontarf boys had the opportunity to venture over to Rottnest Island for the 8th annual running of the Wadjemup Cup. A total of 18 Clontarf Academies travelled from as far north as Karratha and as far south as Esperance.

On the Friday we departed Rouse Head in North Fremantle and for many boys this would be their first trip on a boat. While many had brave faces and were full of excitement some 30 minutes later those same faces had turned green after a trip that produced seas that could sink the Titanic.

Once all had recovered the boys spent some time in the Aqua Fun Park before a terrific feed was waiting for them cooked up by the fantastic staff at Kingston Barracks. The next part of the evening was the 2nd running of the "Amazing Race". Girrawheen Boomerangs were out to defend their title after winning the inaugural cup in 2014. This event was brilliantly put together by the staff from Clontarf's Seven Oaks Academy, who once again produced a sensational course full of challenging activities. Despite the Girrawheen boys best efforts, this year we could only manage 3rd placing out of 18. This performance once again gives a great indication on how well the boys work together as a team.



Saturday was an early rise to make sure all got a hearty breakfast before a full day of football. Many partners of Clontarf were in force as well as Girrawheen senior staff, to witness some great footy that was played in true Clontarf spirit. The highlight was when Clontarf partners joined in for "Long Bomb" and 100m sprint competitions. After a long day the boys were greeted by some cool calm water to relax the legs. We then headed back to the barracks for a great feed which was followed by a night at the movies. A lot of the boys got 10 minutes in and then were throwing zzzzzzz's at the roof.

After a good night's rest we all hopped back onto the boat for a much calmer road home. Thanks to all involved on a very enjoyable trip.

Wayne Young
Clontarf

ECU / Perth Glory Excursion

On Monday the 9 November the annual "Study Hard Play Hard" excursion took place at Edith Cowan University in Joondalup. Presentations by ECU recruitment staff, Toby Horak (Perth Glory strength and conditioning coach) and Perth Glory players Jerrad Tyson and Ruben Zadkovich had our students thinking about their current schooling and sporting commitments as well as preparing for life after school. Topics discussed included: maintaining a high standard of achievement and establishing good learning habits, awareness of personal goals and steps to achieve them and pathways into higher education and sporting opportunities. After the lectures we treated to healthy wraps, muffins and drinks for morning tea and were given the opportunity to chat with some of the Perth Glory players. Thanks to Jonathon Bughiu for coming along and assisting.

Mr. Passera
Physical Education



GOLD MEDAL WIN FOR STUDENT AT GIRRAWHEEN SHS

On Tuesday the 1 December 2015 Keith Hill was presented with a Gold Medal at the World Skills Australia Medal Presentation Breakfast at the Crown Convention Centre. Keith participated in the VETiS Bricklaying competition earlier this year and won the competition. Keith now has the opportunity to join the World Skills Australia squad in 2016 and compete in the national Competition in Melbourne. Congratulations Keith on this great achievement.



*Carol Gould
VET Co-ordinator*



Vietnamese Language and Cultural School Awards Ceremony

The Vietnamese Language and Cultural School had their end of year presentation award ceremony on Saturday 5 December. We congratulate all students from all years on achieving their goals.

With almost 200 students participating we were treated to a number of songs, plays and quizzes. We extend our congratulations to Mrs Tran, Principal of the school and her staff, Dr Anh Nguyen and Mrs Nguyen on their work throughout 2015. Students enrolled at this school come from far and wide, many from south of the river.

We wish the Vietnamese Language and Cultural School a restful and peaceful holiday break and look forward to our positive partnership in 2016.



BOOK and UNIFORM SHOP:

Will be open from **Wednesday 27 JANUARY 2016** 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 2016**

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.

HEALTHY FOOD AND DRINK CHOICES IN SCHOOLS

Schools and their canteen or food service are well placed to support healthy eating and in fact have a vital role to play in helping to reduce the worldwide epidemic of childhood obesity.

Children should eat a wide range of foods so that they have the energy for learning and growing. A 'traffic light' system is in place to help public schools plan menus full of healthy, nutritious and affordable food and drinks. The new standards require that foods in the:



GREEN category is encouraged. Schools should aim to fill their menus with these healthy foods.



AMBER foods should be selected carefully and eaten in moderation.



RED food and drinks should be limited on the school menu.

Nutrition and physical activity messages are being taught in the classroom to promote healthy lifestyles. Parents are encouraged to use the GREEN AMBER RED system at home too.



CITY OF WANNEROO MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2015



Each year the City of Wanneroo conducts the Mayor's Christmas Appeal to assist members of our community who are facing hardship. All donations received are distributed to those less fortunate within our Community.

There will also be a free Christmas Day lunch being held at the Wanneroo Showgrounds for those members of the Community who are facing hardship or will be on their own on Christmas Day. The event is organised by the Combined Churches of the City of Wanneroo and serviced with the invaluable assistance of volunteers.

This event embraces the spirit of Christmas. Further information can be found at www.wanneroochristmaslunch.com

SCHOOL WATCH

School Watch encourages the school community to report any suspicious activity in and around school grounds, after hours and on weekends, as well as during school holidays. If you see anything please phone 1800 177 777 (free call) or 13 14 44 (WA Police)

