



Girrawheen SHS February 2014 Newsletter

From the Principal



WELCOME

On behalf of our staff I wish to welcome current and new students and families to our school.

This newsletter serves as a brief introduction to our 2014 school year as a more detailed newsletter will be produced week 5.

Last year ended on a very positive note with number of student achievements, as well as the introduction of some new initiatives for students at Girrawheen Senior High School. We celebrate a new beginning as we focus on building on the good work to develop our school into a "Great School", offering students excellent opportunities such as the Clontarf Foundation Academy. We welcome mentors **Andrew McGovern, Wayne Young and Jake Foley**. We also welcome current and new students who have enrolled in the Academy and wish them every success.

YEAR 12 RESULTS

During the holidays there has been significant media coverage based on the overall improvement of public school student achievement, we can proudly congratulate **Phuoc Nguyen** who achieved positive results in his ATAR exams and remains the school's Dux. **Rakim Kaldas** is also to be congratulated for achieved Dux in VET. Both young men will receive \$1,000 from the Minister for Education.

Overall our Year 12 students maintained their ATAR scores. Twelve students achieved direct admission into University and three students an alternate pathway therefore, 88% of our students who applied for University gained admission. Congratulations to the students for their efforts. I especially thank the staff for their dedication in supporting our students.

YEAR 8 STUDENTS AND NEW ENROLMENTS

Our school is also happy to welcome our new Year 8 students who have settled in well. We also wish new students and their families to our school an excellent year.

Please note that it has been a frenetic start to the year with so many additional enrolments. This has resulted in having to produce more classes in Year 8 and in Year 11. Your patience and support is valued and appreciated.

Due to this unexpected increase in student enrolments we will be hosting an **orientation session** on **February 11** for all new students from Years 9 – 12. **Ms Drpich**, Head of Year 8 and Year 8 form teachers have been working together on familiarizing Year 8 students with their new school.

STAFF PROFILE

Contained within this newsletter is an overview of our Staff profile, with staff teaching areas and year leaders. Should you wish to make contact with any member of staff to enquire about your child's progress please call the school to make an appointment. We welcome our partnerships to improve student learning with parents.

VISITING THE SCHOOL

When visiting the school a reminder that parents and visitors are required to sign in at the Administration Office with our School Officers.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Contained within this newsletter are dates of special events. Please take note of these dates.

YEAR 8 PARENT NIGHT

A Year 8 parent night will be held on **Wednesday 12 March**, commencing at **6:30pm**. This is a chance for all parents (current and new) to meet staff and P & C members. We look forward to meeting parents.

ASPIRE SUMMER SCHOOL

I would like to thank our Maths team and volunteers, **Mr Miln, Ms Hutchings, Ms Woods, Mr Nguyen, Mr Hocking, Ms Bye**, and former students **Sara Pasic and Monica Amaya** who spent a week at UWA with more than 40 students providing support and giving our students an excellent opportunity to prepare and develop in their mathematic endeavours.

I look forward to the exciting year ahead and encourage our ongoing partnerships to achieve the best for our students.

Kind regards

Rosalba Butterworth

PRINCIPAL



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SCHOOL VALUES

✓ Respect ✓ Responsibility ✓ Doing your best

SCHOOL PRIORITIES

✓ Numeracy/Literacy ✓ Positive Behaviour ✓ Attendance

TERM DATES FOR 2014

Semester 1

Term 1

Monday 3 February – Friday 11 April

Term 2:

Tuesday 29 April – Friday 4 July

Semester 2

Term 3:

Tuesday 22 July – Friday 26 September

Term 4:

Tuesday 14 October – Thursday 18 December

DATES TO REMEMBER

7 February

- Clontarf Academy opening

11 February

- Year 9-12 Orientation day

13 – 14 February

- Year 8 Clontarf camp.

19 February

- Girrawheen SHS Clontarf vs Warwick SHS Footy Period 3 – 5.

24 February

- P & C Meeting @ 6:30pm followed by 40th Birthday celebrations meeting – all welcome.

27 February

- Year 8 Immunisation.

28 February

- ABCN Career Choices Day Year 10.
- Clontarf Year 10 vs Warwick SHS @ Warwick.

3 March

- Labour Day Holiday

6 – 7 March

- Year 10 – 12 Media Camp

7 March

- Year 9 – 12 Interim Reports posted home.

10 – 21 March

- O.L.N.A. Year 10 testing.

12 March

- Year 8 Parent Night – Interim Reports issued.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

Many thanks to all those parents who have already visited the bookshop to complete payments for this year.

As a reminder:

If you hold a current Centrelink Family Health Care Card/Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card or Veteran's Affairs Pensioner Concession Card, you must complete an application form at school which will result in fees of \$235-00 being paid by the Government and \$115-00 Clothing Allowance. **APPLICATIONS CLOSE FOR THIS FORM ON FRIDAY 28 MARCH 2014.**

You will be receiving a letter shortly outlining your current financial situation if you have yet to finalise payments for 2014.

STAFF PROFILE

EXECUTIVE:

Principal
Senior School Deputy
Lower School Deputy
Business Manager

HEAD OF LEARNING AREAS:

Mathematics/Science
The Arts/English

TEACHERS IN CHARGE:

Design and Technology
Health and Physical Education
Studies of Society & Environment

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES:

Head of Year 8
Head of Year 9
Dean of Studies Years 10 – 12
AEIO
Community Nurse
Chaplain:
School Psychologists
Diversity Officer/International
Student Co-ordinator
Workplace Learning Support Officer
Youth Worker

TEACHING STAFF

Art
Dance
Design & Technology
Education Support
English/EALD

Health & Physical Education
History/SOSE
Home Economics
Mathematics

Media

Science

Technology & Enterprise

SUPPORT STAFF

Canteen staff

Education Assistants

Gardener
Head Cleaner
Home Economic Assistant
Library Officer
Office Staff

Science Technician
Study Centre

CLONTARF FOUNDATION

Director
Operations

Rosalba Butterworth
Barbara Newton
Anna Italiano
Daniel Slavich

Russell Miln
Alan Hughes

Dean Cantwell
Carlo Passera
Maryla Wilczynski

Jenny Drpich
Andrew King
Melinda Allen
Retz Oddy & Maria Dzubiel
Christine Sanderson
Jonathon Bughui
Cara D'Raine & Philomena Rourke
Loan Tran

Alana Hutchings
Sam Eaton

Shelley Green
Heather Cargill
Dean Cox
Carol Gould & Emma Bainbridge
Jamila Faisal, Dee Karman & Caroline Crowhurst
Adam Clarke & Megan Shadbolt
Jackie Bolt
Amanda Hales
Chandra Moravineni, Hieu Nguyen & Tracey Wood
Mike Sims & Thomas Norman (relief)
Joan Orr, Charan Pabla & Geoff Ruhen
Martha Williams

Donna Walmsley, Maria Cooper
Diane Cross, Allison Ford, Ashley Cross, Debbie Grubelich
Adelle Browne, Anna Criddle
James Iskander, Sue Nicotra, Janine Raszakawajski, Adele Riley, Paula Wearing, Louisa Wilson, Travis Walling
Tan Van Le
Amelia Livingston
Hilda Levett & Mary Della Franca
Annette Atkinson
Kris Davids, Kathleen Drennan, Yvonne Kerns & Karen Meyer
Elaine Snow
Connie Walker

Andrew McGovern
Wayne Young and Jake Foley



2014

SUMMER MENU

MONDAY:

Hot Dogs	\$3.00
Chicken Burger	\$4.00
Pizza (Plain)	\$2.50
Pizza (Hawaiian)	\$2.50
Pizza (Ham & Bacon)	\$2.50

TUESDAY:

Bacon & Egg Roll	\$3.00
Hot Chicken Roll	\$4.00
Hashbrown	\$1.00
Sweet Chilli Tender	\$1.80

WEDNESDAY:

Cheeseburger	\$4.00
Sausage Roll	\$2.50
Pies	\$3.50
Wedges & Sour Cream	\$4.00

THURSDAY:

Wing Dings & Gems	\$5.00
Zinger Burgers	\$4.00
Chicken Rolls	\$4.00
Nuggets	\$2.50

FRIDAY:

Fish & Chips	\$5.00
Fish Burgers	\$4.00
Nacho's	\$4.00
Chicken Nacho's	\$5.00

EVERYDAY SNACKS

Fruit Kebabs	2 for \$3.00
Fruit Salad	\$4.00
Rice Crisps	\$1.50
Assorted Chips	\$1.50
Assorted Cookies	\$1.00
Assorted Fruit	80cents

DRINKS

Water	\$2.00
NU Water	\$3.60
Assorted Ice Tea	\$3.60
Nippy's Milk	\$2.50
Assorted V8	\$2.50
Assorted Milk lge	\$3.60
sml	\$2.50
Orange C lge	\$3.60
sml	\$2.50
Assorted Up & Go	\$2.50

SUSHI & RICE PAPER ROLLS AVAILABLE

Must be ordered a day in advance. Assorted Prices Monday and Thursday.

FRESH ROLLS WRAPS AND SANDWICHES AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

Rolls	\$4.00	Wraps	\$3.00	Sandwiches	\$3.50
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Salad Trays

Just salad \$4.00

Meat and Salad \$5.00

All Rolls and Burgers available in Meal Deals

Large	\$6.50	Small	\$5.50
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ORDER YOUR LUNCHES SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT

O. L. N. A. TESTING – YEAR 10

The on-line literacy and numeracy test will be run at the school between the **10 – 21 March 2014**. This test is very **important** for **all students**. Passing this test is a **requirement** for **Western Australian Certificate of Education**. Consequently, the school will assist all students by running a **trial of the tests** during **February**.

The test has three components; **writing, reading** and **numeracy**.

It must be stressed that it is extremely important for all students to try their best. Students **must pass** the test to achieve WACE (Year 12). Students who do not pass will have another opportunity to sit the test later in the year.

Thank you.

*Alan Hughes and Russell Miln
O.L.N.A. Co-ordinators*

COMUNITY NEWS

P & C Meeting

Please note that the next **P & C meeting** will be held on **Monday 24 February @ 6:30pm** in the **staffroom**. We welcome any parents and guardians that would like to come along to the meetings.

40th Birthday Celebrations

This year we will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of the opening of Girrawheen Senior High School. A meeting will be held directly after the P & C meeting to discuss how these birthday celebrations will take place. Everyone is welcome.

If you require any further information about the P & C Committee or the 40th Birthday Celebrations, please do not hesitate to contact the P & C President, **Mrs Cassie Bowyer** on **0439 964 433**.



Extra Support during the year WACE Help Weekend Classes, Year 11 – 12 Master Classes & Yr 7 -10 Saturday classes for more details: Enrol Now: www.academictaskforce.com.au Email: learn@academictaskforce.com.au Phone: (08) 9314 9500

Would \$500 assist you with education costs?



Join Saver Plus and match your savings dollar for dollar, **up to \$500**, for education costs including school uniforms and text books, laptops, sports equipment and music tuition!

To be eligible you must:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
AND
- have some form of household income, for example, you or your partner may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.

Call or SMS Meagan your local Saver Plus Coordinator at The Smith Family on 9440 4147 or 0438 518 603.

Saver Plus is an initiative of Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, with ANZ providing matched savings for participants.