



# Girrawheen SHS June 2013 Newsletter



From the Principal

Last term, we concluded with a number of positive programs and activities that took place in Term 1. These were highlighted at the final assembly and celebrated through a powerpoint presentation. It was great to see the fabulous activities students are involved in. In addition, a number of our students were awarded "Student of the Term." Enclosed in this newsletter is an outline of all students who successfully attained the awards. Congratulations to these recipients. I continue to encourage our students to pursue excellence, commitment and to do their personal best.

This term we continue to offer some opportunities to our students. Excursions through various Learning Areas have occurred. Bushrangers has commenced at Girrawheen and students have been involved in investigating projects carried out by the Department of Environment and Conservation at Sorrento Beach and Trigg Island. They are preparing for a camp at Yanchep National Park and will be taking part in the Kings Park World Environment Day.

Our Drama students visited the State Theatre to view "Death of a Salesman". This is integral to their curriculum outcomes. Our Dance Troupe will be performing in Queensland at the Gold Coast National Cheerleading Championships in week 9 of this term. Ms Cargill and her support team are working with students after hours in rehearsals preparing them for this great event.

A positive mentoring opportunity for Aboriginal students took place on Wednesday. Students will now be involved in the AIME program once a term.

## NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing took place in the first few weeks of this term. The information from this testing will assist us to determine student progress across Literacy and Numeracy areas. It is envisaged that results will be available in September and will help establish foci and direction for 2014 and beyond.

## EXAMS

Exams begin in week 5 for our students. Staff are working with students to prepare them for these.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

On Friday 17 May the School Council met. Discussions were positive and direction based on our commitment to the development of our School Board as well as the endorsement and discussion of a number of policy and issues took place.

The most recent policy update is based on the schools Behaviour Management relating to "zero tolerance to violence and intimidation". If you have not received a letter based on this please contact the school office for a copy.

## P & C AGM

On Monday 20 May the P&C AGM was held. We congratulate our newly appointed Executive. P&C have a number of items on their agenda. The most prominent is Girrawheen Senior High School's 40th Birthday in 2014. Support is appreciated for this event. If you are willing to help and can contribute in any way please contact Mrs Cassie Bowyer through our school office staff.

On **Monday 17 June** the **P & C** will not be holding a meeting at the school. P&C executive and members will be attending a Speed Networking evening to learn how to access grants in order to support the school to enhance student opportunities. Should you wish to participate please make contact with Mrs Bowyer, P&C President via our school officers.

## YEAR 10 PARENT EVENING

A reminder that the Year 10 Parent Evening based on Year 11 course selections is on **Wednesday 19 June**. This is crucial to students having rigorous conversations with parents and staff about their course selection.

The term is a busy one and the school will be hosting ongoing activities.

We look forward to these events.

Rosalba Butterworth - PRINCIPAL

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### June 4 - 7

Year 11 and 12 Exams

### June 10

Semester 2 starts for Years 11 and 12

### June 13 - 18

Years 8 - 10 Exams

### June 14

School Council Meeting @ 7:00am

### June 19 - July 5

Careers Program

### June 19

Year 10 Parent Night

### June 20

Year 9 Lightning Carnival

### June 24

Semester 2 starts for Years 8 - 10

### June 25

Proposed Year 10 drama performance - to be confirmed

### June 26

Year 10 Society & Environment excursion to Fremantle

## TERM DATES FOR 2013

### Semester 1

#### Term 2:

Tuesday 7 May - Friday 5 July

### Semester 2

#### Term 3:

Tuesday 23 July - Friday 27 September

#### Term 4:

Tuesday 15 October - Thursday 19 December

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS FOR 2013

**Monday 22 July 2013**

**Monday 14 October 2013**



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## SCHOOL VALUES

✓ Respect ✓ Responsibility ✓ Doing your best

## SCHOOL PRIORITIES

✓ Numeracy/Literacy ✓ Positive Behaviour ✓ e-learning

# GIRRAWHEEN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY (PARTS)

The Performing Arts Academy of Girrawheen SHS aims to serve the community by providing a progressive performance course that strives for excellence. We have a team of highly experienced, qualified, committed and enthusiastic teachers. We believe in providing the highest standard of training for our students, in a caring and supportive environment. We also believe in excellence of attitude. This will be an important aspect of the training of our students.

We would love to see that creative gift in your child polished and brought to its full potential. Our wide range of lessons is designed to do just that. We offer classes in a variety of styles of Dance including Jazz, Ballet, Tap, Contemporary and Hip-hop. We also offer Drama lessons inclusive of Mime, Musical Theatre, Greek Theatre, Circus skills and singing. Our students are also privileged to participate in workshops with industry professionals to further enhance their performance skills and knowledge.

We pride our academy on being an enjoyable, friendly, passionate and professional one that promotes a sense of self esteem, cultural value and respect in our students. We are committed to making each class as fun and rewarding as possible so that every child will walk out of their class with a sense of achievement.

Our aim is to instil pride in the performance work and motivate the students to be the best they can be. We can help build confidence, social skills and give every student the opportunity to step onto the stage and shine!

Students will be selected through an audition process to enter the Academy in Year 8, 2014. Expression of interest forms can be obtained from the Administration of Girrawheen SHS.

Expressions of interest from current Year 7 students should be forwarded to Girrawheen SHS no later than **20th September 2013**. Audition dates for term 4 to be confirmed.

*Kind regards, Ms J Drpich (Drama Co-ordinator)*

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Girrawheen Senior High School believes every teenager deserves every opportunity to thrive, learn, and lead healthy lives. The Breakfast Program research findings indicate breakfast consumption contributes favourably to academic performance and improves the nutritional adequacy of the total daily intake of students. However, on average, twenty percent of teenagers skip breakfast on a regular basis for a variety of reasons. Breakfast is important for providing an immediate energy source at the busiest time in their day.

At Girrawheen Senior High, the Breakfast Club operates each **Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:00am until 8:35am**. At the moment around 10 – 20 students visit the kitchen in Home Economics 1. Some students sit and have their breakfast, while others choose to get some food and leave to socialise with their friends. The Breakfast program ensures that students eat at least one healthy meal a day. The Breakfast club is continuing to grow successfully.

**Jonathan Bughiu (Chaplain)**

## P & C NEWS

As a result of the Annual General Meeting of the P & C, we extend our congratulations to **Cassie Bowyer** who was elected as the new P & C President. Other appointees are: Stuart MacKenzie and Andrew Locke as Vice Presidents, Melanie Gould - Secretary, Alana Hutchings – Treasurer and committee members John Bowyer, Rosalba Butterworth, Loan Tran, Diane Cross, Donna Walmsley and Maria Cooper. Auditor - Jan Bigwood. A big thank you to the Balga Community Association for their kind donation. This group run the Balga Community Markets that are held at the Brian Burke Reserve on Princess Road Balga.

## CANTEEN

The P&C would like to welcome our new canteen manager **Maria Cooper** and team member **Donna Walmsley**. Together they have already made some great changes to the canteen and staff and students are enjoying it. Over the next few months they will be adding new menu items and generally updating the canteen. We are also offering Halal options. We would love to have some volunteers help out in the canteen if you can spare a few hours we would be happy to hear from you. Please contact the canteen on 9247 0545 to organise the time that suits you. **Please note that the Canteen is now open from 8:15am every day.** Come down and check out the daily specials. Get your orders in so you don't miss out.

As the new President of the P&C, I would like to issue an invitation to all the community to our next meeting. The P&C cannot run without parent representation and at the moment we only have 2 members whose students attend our school. All our other members are staff or parents of ex students, myself included. My youngest child finished Year 12 last year however, myself and my husband felt that the small amount of time that is required to be part of the P&C, and that we are proud of Girrawheen Senior High School that we would continue on the committee. Please come along and support your school. Everyone is welcome.

*Mrs C Bowyer (P & C President)*

## 2013 ROTTO HISTORY CAMP

Pictured right are students who went on the yearly Year 11 and 12 Rottneest History Camp in April. Special thanks to Ms Bolt, Mr Bennett and Ms Eaton.



## **HOMEWORK CENTRE TERM 2**

So far this year the Homework Centre has been very productive. Many students are gaining one on one tuition from staff members who volunteer their time after hours so that students can complete their work and get support where needed. To encourage students to do their best at school, we offer weekly prizes of two canteen vouchers worth \$5.00 each for students who show dedication and improvement in their work during the week.

Congratulations to the following winners:

Week 2: **Peter** - 9D and **Achia** - 9B

Week 3: **Linda** - 8C and **Zoey** - 9B



Peter



Linda



Zoey

Mrs Loan Tran and the Homework Centre Team

## **Drama News**

### **CALL FOR OLD CLOTHES AND PROPS**

The Performing Arts department is rapidly growing. As a result we are putting out a request to all parents and family members for any clothes, shoes and props you may have and are willing to donate in order to build up our costume and prop wardrobe.

Items we are looking for include:

Men's jackets, shirts, pants/trousers, suits, ties, shorts

Any fancy dress items

Spare material/fabric

Men's and Ladies shoes (dressy and casual)

Old telephones, radios, purses, handbags, wallets

Ladies dresses, suits, skirts, tops

Shawls

Hats

Glasses (sunnies, reading)

These items will need to be in reasonable condition so students can wear them during dance and drama performances. Please forward any donations to Administration and leave your name with one of our friendly receptionists.

### **STATE THEATRE EXCURSION**

On **Wednesday 15 May**, the Year 11 and 12 Drama students were privileged to visit the State Theatre of WA to watch the production of "Death of a Salesman" by Arthur Miller.

This production was staged by Black Swan Theatre company and delivered an exceptional standard of acting, lighting design and set design.

Watching a production of this calibre enabled students to see the work of real industry professionals in addition to watching a play of arguably one of the world's most famous playwrights.

The students were an absolute delight to take on this excursion. Their theatre etiquette was impeccable and made me proud to be their teacher.

### **UPCOMING PERFORMANCES**

The Year 10 Drama students are busy rehearsing for their upcoming performance of the play "X-Stacy" by Marjery Forde. This powerful play revolves around youth culture and the dangers of drug use. When a young girl dies from a combination of drugs and alcohol, those who loved her most are left to deal with their grief. This thought-provoking play will be performed for our Year 8 students in week 8 of this term. This provides the Year 10's with the opportunity to perform in front of a live audience whilst also enabling the Year 8's to see a relevant and eye-opening play.

In addition, our Year 8 Performing Arts Academy students are also in the midst of rehearsing for a play. The students will be staging a performance of the children's pantomime "Hansel and Gretel in the dark, creepy woods". This colourful and quirky play will provide the Year 8's with the opportunity to perform for others outside of their class. For many students, this will be the first time they have performed for a live audience. We hope to stage this Hansel and Gretel play for Years 1 - 3 students from our local primary schools in the near future.

Good luck to both the Year 8 and Year 10 Drama students as they work hard to polish their performances.

More news in our next newsletter.

*Kind regards, Ms J Drpich (Drama Co-ordinator)*

### **BUSH RANGER CADETS**

The Bush Ranger Cadets have been involved in investigating the conservation projects carried out by the Department of Environment and Conservation at Sorrento Beach and Trigg Island. They have also been active in Beach Clean Projects. The Bush Rangers are now developing skills in Outdoor Education in preparation for our camp in term 4 at Yanchep National Park. The students will be taking part in the Kings Park World Environment Day – Child vs Wild which will further enhance these skills. On the 13 June the students will be going to Yanchep National park to take part in a revegetation project. The Bush Ranger Cadets are learning about the key concepts that underpin conservation and land management as well as developing personal growth.

*Ms Gould – ESILC Co-ordinator*



# STUDENT OF THE TERM

**Congratulations to the following students for being awarded 'Student Of The Term' for Term 1:**

**YEAR 8:** Ali – Metalwork and Woodwork, Aira –Toymaking, Christopher – Woodwork, Brody - S & E, Shari – Mathematics, Neil – Science, Xuan-Vy – Media, Jasmine – Dance, Telisha - Visual Art, Michelle – Drama & Health Education, Jazley – Mathematics, Thomas – English, Louise – English, Christopher - Home Economics, Jason - Physical Education, Kate -Physical Education, Alicia - Physical Education

**YEAR 9:** Phillip - Art, Metal & Jewellery, Chudrie - Home Workshop & Computing, Jazley - S & E, Science and Mathematics, Jet-rik - Science & Drama, Monique - Media, Andrew – English, Juju – English, Peter - Home Economics, Daizy Mae - Visual Art

**YEAR 10:** Dylan - Science, Muhammed - Building and Construction & Metalwork, Jay – Science, Bianka - Art Metal Jewellery & English, Natalie – History, Cameron – Geography, Razel – Media, Kyle -Dance & Mathematics, Kristin - Visual Art, Khin – Mathematics, Jayasree – PA Food Science , Ngang - Physical Education

**YEAR 11:** Thomas - Manufacturing Industry Studies, Theraphee – History & English 2C, David – History, Loula - Chemistry, Allie - Media 2A & Psychology 1A, Tanya - Media Stage 1, Pal - Mathematics 2CD, Brayden - Mathematics 2AB, Anthony - Mathematics 1BC, Chantel - 1A EALD, Aberoul - English 2C, Pal - English 1A, Wai Moo Show - Workplace Learning & FST–Product Development 1C, Zandaleigh - Sport & Recreation, Matthew - Chemistry

**YEAR 12:** Ceu – History, Jaffar - Woodwork, Aiden – Metalwork, Phu - FST–Product Development 1C, Phuoc - Physics & Chemistry, Mathematics Specialist 3CD, Sara - Human Biology, Sevasi - Media 3A, Jamie -Media 1A, Tina - Dance 1A, Marickris - Visual Art, Luca - Drama 1A, Huu - Mathematics 3CD, Minh - Mathematics 3AB, Anna - Mathematics 1D, Jacob - Mathematics Specialist 3AB, Joshua - English 1C, Cody - English 1C, Diem - English 3A EALD, Emily - English 1C, Joshua - Integrated Science, Jimama – Psychology 3A, Michaela - Applied Information Technology 1C, Rochelle - Children Family & Community 1C, Jarrod - FST–Hospitality 1C, Sheldon - Sports Coaching.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT STUDENT SURNAMES HAVE BEEN REMOVED FOR THEIR PROTECTION  
AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.**

## Physical Education News

### YEAR 10 LIGHTNING CARNIVAL

**A TEAM:** On the 14 May the Year 10 boys had a Basketball Carnival at the State Basketball Centre. The division 1 team won their first game against Greenwood 24–9. We then versed Carine and won 17-10, followed by Warwick winning 17-4. Next up was Balcatta and again we won a close game, this time 11-8. In the final match against Shenton (to determine first place) Girrawheen put up a great fight to try and win but in the end Shenton used their height and rebounding skills to win the game 29-17.

The boys ended up finishing second in Division A – a fantastic effort – led by the skilful **Ngang** and a solid all round team performance. Thanks to **Bradley** and **Brayden** who umpired on the day. **Kyle W**

**B TEAM:** Girrawheen SHS's Year 10 Division 4 Basketball team (all aged 15 and in no particular order) **Tristan, Justin, Jimmy, William** and **CJ**, trained for two weeks prior to the carnival and were keen to show off their skills on May 14 at the State Basketball Centre.

The division 4 team had a small success rate in the 4 rounds of basketball with a winning percentage of 25% and sadly an 'American sized' losing rate of 75%. We lost against Carine by 6 points, Shenton by 10 points and Perth Modern by 8 points. However against Churchlands in round 3, the player's molecules changed and thanks to their defensive teamwork, effort and skills combined with excellent shooting, made them win by 8 points. Goals were scored by **Justin** (2 points), **Tristan** (2 points), **CJ** (4 points) and **Jimmy** (6 points) making a total of 14 points!

Congratulations to the students involved.

Thanks so much and keep it up boys.

**CJ**

### YEAR 10 SOCCER CARNIVAL

The Year 10 carnival was held in bright sunshine on the 14 May. Well done to our boys soccer team led by **Herman, Van** and **Juma**. The squad of 15 players worked well as a team; their attitude and behaviour towards each other and opposition players was first class. We finished the day in the top half of the A-Division competition with wins against Greenwood, Shenton College, Perth Modern and losses against Balga, Churchlands, Balcatta and Warwick. Thanks also to **Dylan** and **Jaffar** for umpiring on the day.

**Mr Passera**

