



Girrawheen SHS March 2015 Newsletter

From the Principal



It has been a pleasing start to the year with all students settling into their course work. Our Year 7 and 8 students have been welcomed to our school and have settled positively into high school. Our senior students are also very busy with their academic schedules and extra-curricular events. We are half way through the term and our school planner is filled with many more activities. The newsletter sets out information of what is taking place and has an array of information that may be of interest to parents. Please read about our school achievements and what your child may be involved in. If you have any queries or wish to meet with any of your child's teachers you are welcome to call the school to make an appointment.

EXCURSIONS AND CAMPS

To date a variety of excursions and camps have taken place. Our Clontarf boys have participated in some football programs with other schools within the metropolitan and rural areas. Two weeks ago they travelled to Lancelin and played an away game. To prepare for these games the boys are training twice a week at school at 7.00am. I commend them for their commitment to these training sessions. The Year 7/8 Clontarf boys also went on a 3 day induction camp to Port Kennedy where they learnt about Clontarf values and expectations. They also took part in team building activities, leadership skills and a football carnival. This was a successful and productive opportunity for them.

Several students from Year 7 and 8 will also be attending a special day at SciTech later this term. We thank the coordinators from SciTech

who have invited our school. Ms Karman and Ms Drpich will be sending out information to parents about this shortly.

A variety of other excursions will be taking place bringing additional value to student learning opportunities. Please note that as these are extra-curricular, special events and opportunities any student attending must have a positive "good standing" status as they are representing our school.

YEAR 7/8 PARENT NIGHT

On Tuesday 17 February an information night took place for parents of Year 7 and 8 students. The purpose of this event was to provide parents with an opportunity to participate in the school's direction in supporting their child and to meet with staff and ask questions about anything they want to know more about.

With over 40 parents attending, along with many students and 20 staff, the evening was a success. Various topics covered included the use of the Homework Diary, home expectations; the school's zero tolerance to violence and bullying policy and strategies being undertaken by the school to support students. Thank you to all parents who were able to attend. I extend my thanks to the school's Co-President Dylan Gould, who was available to meet parents.

If you were unable to attend and have any queries based on supporting your child please do not hesitate to call the school and speak with Ms Italiano (Deputy responsible for Years 7-9),

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL TERM 1
THURSDAY 2 APRIL**

**STUDENTS RETURN TO
SCHOOL TERM 2
TUESDAY 21 April**

Ms Karman (Positive Behaviour Coordinator Year 7-9) or myself. We welcome your calls.

AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK CLASSES, MATHS ACADEMY AND SPORTING EVENTS

Our staff provides additional time to students to support them in their learning. Some of our staff make themselves available for afterschool classes such as the Maths Academy, Homework classes, drama, dance and sporting activities. We encourage students to be involved in as many programs as possible that will help them academically or in an area of interest. If your child is involved in any of these activities please ensure that you have signed a permission form for your child to attend.

If you wish to enquire further about what is available for your child please direct queries through our Administration Team. The ladies will be able to connect you with the lead teacher running the program.

Over the past few weeks I have spent some time at some of our after school activities. I have noted that there are large numbers of students at Homework classes and at the Maths Academy. This is extremely positive. In addition our Basketball team, led by Mr Clarke, have begun not only their training for the year but their first match with incredibly improved results. Unity has also been meeting before and after school to rehearse for their upcoming events. I would like to thank all staff for their time and commitment to these programs.

TERM DATES FOR 2015

SEMESTER 1

Term 1:

Monday 2 February – Thursday 2 April

Term 2:

Tuesday 21 April – Friday 3 July

SEMESTER 2

Term 3:

Tuesday 21 July – Friday 25 Sept

Term 4:

Monday 12 October – Thursday 17 December



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SCHOOL VALUES

SCHOOL PRIORITIES

✓ Respect ✓ Responsibility ✓ Doing your best ✓ Numeracy/Literacy ✓ Positive Behaviour ✓ Attendance

OLNA TESTING

To achieve a WACE from 2016, students will need to demonstrate a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy. OLNA (Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment) testing for Year 10 and 11 students begins on Monday 9 March and continues for 2 weeks. Students are reminded that they need to pass OLNA to obtain their WACE.

INTERIM REPORTS

In week 5 of term one of every year our school ensures that parents receive an Interim Report providing you with an overview of your child's progress across all learning areas. Enclosed with this newsletter is your child's Interim report. I read all these reports to gauge how students are going early in the year, following this I engage in conversations with the Executive about the positives and concerns I have with some of our students' progress. These conversations are shared with the leadership team and leaders work with their staff to ascertain what they can do to further support and/or extend our students. Please review your child's Interim Report. Teachers will have ticked a box indicating concern, if any. Teachers welcome conversations and would be pleased to speak or meet with you. Should you wish to do so an appointment can be made by contacting the school.

SCHOOL BALL

Preparation for this year's school ball is underway. The Ball will be held on Thursday 26 March at Under Water World and the theme is a "Starry Night". Invitations are now available. Mrs Allen is the lead coordinator and will be working with senior school students on this event.

HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS

Harmony Day across Australia is on March 21, however due to a significant number of activities taking place across the school we will be celebrating Harmony Day on Friday 27 March. Harmony Day celebrates Australia's Cultural Diversity. Similar to that of our school values Harmony day is based on respect, inclusiveness and a sense of belonging. An assembly with special dances and guest speakers is planned. In addition preparations have begun for students to taste delicious food from many cultures at Lunch 2.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PERMISSION REMINDER

I wish to remind parents and students that Unless your son or daughter is involved in a before or afternoon program, they are not required to be at school. Students on school site must comply with school rules and are required to follow staff instructions. Any students wishing to spectate at after school

events can only do so if they have permission through the specific teacher/s in charge of the event. Students who do not have permission are asked to leave the school. If they do not follow instructions they will be in jeopardy of losing their good standing and undertaking the behaviour consequences as they are on school site.

Teachers undertaking these before and after hour's activities do so out of good will and respect for students, they also have a duty of care and cannot take responsibility for students who do not have permission to be on school grounds. Teachers will instruct students to go home or offer permission forms to be involved in the various programs. Your support with this is appreciated.

CELEBRATING THE CHINESE/VIETNAMESE NEW YEAR

On a yearly basis some of our students participate in the Chinese New Year celebrations (Tết New Year Festival 2015). Once again our Unity dance troupe performed at this event at the Wanneroo Showgrounds which was held on 20 February. The dance team performed at the opening of the Chinese New Year festivities. As a special guest at this event I enjoyed meeting with numerous people who have a strong association with the school and community.

I congratulate our students on their fabulous performance and thank Mrs Cargill for preparing students for this event and to Ms Drpich, Ms Litten and Mrs Tran for assisting on the night.

Rosalba Butterworth
PRINCIPAL



Pictured: Rosalba Butterworth and Loan Tran

DATES TO REMEMBER

Labour Day Holiday
Monday 2 March

Year 8 Immunisation
Tuesday 3 March

OLNA Testing Year 10
Monday 9 March – Friday 20 March

P & C Meeting
Monday 16 March @6:30pm

Clontarf Year 7-12 Goldfields Cup
Friday 20 March

School Ball
Thursday 26 March

Harmony Day
Friday 27 March

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL for Term 1
Thursday 2 April 2015

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS TERM 2
TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2015



Pictured: Dr Anh Nguyen and Rosalba Butterworth



Pictured: Margaret Quirk, Mark McGowan and Rosalba Butterworth

MATH SUMMER SCHOOL

Would you voluntarily come to a math summer school over the summer holidays? For the seventh year I sat with a group of over 50 people - students from Girrawheen SHS year 9 to 12, volunteer teachers, university volunteers and ex-students doing just that. Five straight days of just math in January. For fun!

I can see you cringe as you read the last statement. The words geometry, algebra, statistics, calculus for many brings out a cold sweat. This inherited fear is part of what many students have to overcome. Students need to understand that if you are well supported, know how to seek help and are on top of your learning, math can be your friend rather than the bogeyman.

Our summer school helps students make that connection and develops the ability to tackle mathematics head on. Run in conjunction with UWA Aspire, it is in its seventh year, an integral part of our Believe, Achieve, and Inspire philosophy. We aim to help our students grow into local community leaders and productive citizens over their time at our school. Student aspirations to gain university entrance are nurtured and then the skills needed to succeed at university are developed, with groups of past students now completing degrees in engineering, medical sciences, teaching and business across all four universities.

Together with our students (and the community spirit at the school that each year brings out our merry band of volunteers and supporters) the summer school has become something that can and does make a real difference.

Russell Miln (Head of Mathematics and Science)



Warhammer 40K club

There has been interest expressed from students to start a Warhammer 40K club after school on Thursdays. Mr Miln has offered to run the club and use his collection until a school collection can be assembled and designed by students. It is intended to run the club fortnightly after school starting week 6.

The cost of each session is \$5 payable during Wednesday form time (e.g. the day before). This is to allow for occasions where fewer than six students indicate that they wish to attend and allow for the session to be cancelled. The cost permits the club to purchase a small amount of food, paint and miniatures for use during the sessions (which will remain the property of the club itself). If students wish to be involved please see Mr Miln for a permission slip.



KIDSPORT
Because every WA kid deserves a fair go



www.dsr.wa.gov.au/kidsport

Winter registration isn't far away! If you're a KidSport kid, then it's time for your parents to make sure your local government validates your voucher before registration day. Don't miss out because we want to see you on the field this winter!

Just in case you haven't heard of KidSport, it's a partnership between the Department of Sport and Recreation and local governments. The voucher scheme gives eligible youth aged 5-18 years up to \$200 a year per child towards club fees. So far, more than 36,000 Western Australian kids have taken part in KidSport!

To register as a KidSport kid or to be a school referral agent, talk to your local government or get further details from www.clubsonline.dsr.wa.gov.au/kidsport



Our school is 'taking a stand together' on the **National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence** on Friday 20th March. The Student Council will soon be preparing for this all important day while the year 7 & 8 students have already begun designing promotional posters and bunting.

Last year, over 962,000 students from 2,174 schools across Australia were involved in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Each school promoted their anti-bullying messages to the community through a variety of great activities.

Our school is one of the 850 schools already registered to be part of the action on the day.

This year marks the fifth annual day. It's an important day for our community to start the conversation about 'taking a stand together' against bullying and violence.

Ms J Drpich

(On behalf of the Student Council)

Girrawheen United impress at the Perth African Nations Cup

It has been an amazing 8 weeks for the Girrawheen United Women's Football Club. Originally formed as a way to attract more women from different backgrounds into local soccer clubs, the project developed as a partnership between the Edmund Rice Centre, Girrawheen Senior High School, Football West and Wanneroo City Soccer Club. The program was run as a pilot, with 6 weeks training followed by entry into the Perth African Nations Cup Women's tournament.

The team defied expectations. Although the youngest team in the competition, the girls took all before them. Not only did they manage to field two teams, a league and a reserves team, but the league team made it all the way to the grand final. They did it with two hard fought draws against the Multicultural All Stars followed by an impressive come from behind 3-2 win against South Sudan in extra time. The girls were excited and nervous to be in their first final, but the occasion proved too much for them, with a powerhouse Jaguars team proving too strong in the end to take the game 4-0 and give Girrawheen the runners-up medals.

The Girrawheen United Football Club trains every Wednesday on the school oval at 4 pm. The program is open to all young women between 13-18 years of age and due to its success will continue throughout the whole of 2015.

Many thanks to all involved, players and supporters.





All about Teenage Anger

Free Parenting Workshop

headspace Osborne Park in partnership with The City of Stirling and Relationships Australia WA presents a FREE workshop that support parents to discover how enjoyable parenting can be.

This interactive workshop has been designed to support families where anger is an issue.

Anger is explained in a way that challenges our labelling of "an ANGRY person" and instead helps us to understand that many of us have simply learnt to react to the emotion of anger in unhelpful ways.

Upcoming workshop:
28.04.15 Raising Teens

When
Tuesday 14 April 2015 6pm-8pm

Where
145 Main Street Osborne Park WA

Contact
To find out more information or to book your place, contact The City of Stirling on 9205 8555 or children@stirling.wa.gov.au.
Places are limited!

Project Partners:



Understanding Step-family Relationships

Free Parenting Workshop

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Living in a stepfamily can be a huge juggling act! This seminar briefly looks at the various complex needs of stepfamilies so couples can be better equipped to keep their own relationship healthy and to parent effectively within a step-family family.

When
Tuesday 24 March 2015 6pm-8pm

Where
145 Main Street Osborne Park WA

Contact
To find out more information or to book your place, contact The City of Stirling on 9205 8555 or children@stirling.wa.gov.au.
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Upcoming workshops:
14.04.15 All About Teenage Anger
28.04.15 Raising Teens



Boundaries for Teens

Free Parenting Workshop

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The teenage years are challenging for most parents and knowing how to set healthy limits for teens whilst allowing them appropriate independence is important.

The Boundaries for Teens Workshop aims to help you manage boundaries and consequences for teens that foster respect, cooperation and improved communication.

24.03.15 Understanding Step-family Relationships
14.04.15 All About Teenage Anger
28.04.15 Raising Teens

When
Tuesday 10 March 2015 6pm-8pm

Where
145 Main Street Osborne Park WA

Contact
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Project Partners:



THE UNIVERSITY OF
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Upcoming events at The University of Notre Dame

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Parents of students in Year 10, 11 and 12 are invited to attend Notre Dame's **Parent Information Evening** to discuss subject selection, course information, the transition from high school to university, and how to apply to Notre Dame. Guest speaker, Robyn Smith (Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Moderation at SCISA) will present on how changes to the WACE curriculum will impact students applying to university from 2017.

Tuesday March 10, 6:30pm
19 Mouat Street, Fremantle

MEDICINE INFORMATION SESSION

Students interested in studying Medicine at Notre Dame are invited to attend a **Medicine Information Session**. Learn about the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery, the Pre-Medicine Certificate and speak with current Medicine students.

Sunday March 22, 10:30am
School of Medicine, 38 Henry Street, Fremantle

To RSVP, visit www.nd.edu.au or contact the Prospective Students Office on 9433 0533

Weights Club

We have recently started a weights club for boys in years 7 and 8. Held every Thursday during lunch 2, the boys who have enrolled will have the opportunity to increase cardio-respiratory fitness through spin bikes and skipping exercises. They will also perform weight training, involving light weights with high repetitions.

The opportunity to socialize, make new friends and seek information and guidance on general diet and fitness will also be a positive aspect of this program.

Remember, physical activity is linked to improving behaviour, memory, concentration, and academic achievement. **It makes you feel good too!**

HPE Department



The Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network (ACORN)

The Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting Network (ACORN) is a secure reporting and referral service for cybercrime and online incidents which may be in breach of Australian law. Certain reports will be directed to Australian law enforcement and government agencies for further investigation. The ACORN is an online reporting facility for cybercrime. The ACORN will make it easier for the public to report cybercrime, get the information they need to protect themselves online and ensure agencies can respond more quickly. The ACORN will also provide a clearer picture of the cybercrime affecting Australians. This will help improve our operational and policy responses. The ACORN is a [national policing initiative of the Commonwealth, State and Territory governments](#). You can [report](#) the most common types of cybercrime to the ACORN.

Further Advice on Protection against crime <http://www.acorn.gov.au/protection-prevention/> Lifeline (13 11 14), [beyondblue \(1300 224 636\)](#)

If your child sees illegal or inappropriate online content please report this to [ACMA's online content complaint form](#).

If you suspect an adult has engaged in inappropriate activity involving a child, call the police immediately on Triple Zero 000 (if it is an emergency) or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

If you are being bullied or harassed or have seen abusive or inappropriate content on social media, you can report this to the relevant social media provider. The process for doing this is slightly different for each site:

- **Facebook** – You can report abusive content on Facebook by using the Report link that appears near the content itself. Facebook's [How to Report Things](#) page has instructions on how to report abusive content for the different features.
- **Twitter** – You can file a report that someone is posting abusive messages by going to [Twitter's forms page](#). More information on Twitter's policy on abusive behaviour is available at the [How to Report Abusive Behaviour](#) page.
- **LinkedIn** – You can report inappropriate content that violates LinkedIn's [Community Guidelines](#) or [User Agreement](#) by flagging it directly from the site. Your identity will not be shared if you flag an item. You can also report spam, phishing and other suspicious messages. After reviewing reported items, LinkedIn will take them down if necessary.
- **YouTube** – You can report content that violates YouTube's [Community Guidelines](#) by flagging it. Flagging videos does not take them down straight away, but sends a report back to YouTube staff to review the flagged video. More information on flagging videos is available at YouTube's [Community Guidelines Violations](#) page. To report a case of harassment, privacy or bullying, you can visit [YouTube's Help and Safety Tool](#) page.
- **Instagram** – You can report inappropriate photos, comments, or users that are in violation of [Instagram's Community Guidelines](#) or directly to Instagram with the built-in flagging feature.

You can also [report serious cyber-bullying or stalking behaviour](#) to the ACORN if the conduct is intended to make you (or the victim you are reporting on behalf of) feel fearful, uncomfortable, offended or harassed.

BOOMERANGS MEET CITY OF WANNEROO

Words and photos by Wayne Young

On the 25 February the Girrawheen Academy "Boomerangs" ventured to Council Chambers to kick off the day.

The boys were given a video presentation from Infrastructure Construction Project Parks & Reserves Maintenance.

The boys were advised that getting qualifications such as a driver's license, white - cards, first aid certificates would help them to the top of the list when employment opportunities arise.

From the Council Chambers we travelled to the Fleet Workshop depot. The boys were given a run down from City of Wanneroo Supervisors on

- Light Vehicle Mechanics
- Heavy Duty Mechanics
- Auto Electrical

After that we travelled out to Tamala Park Waste site. A site tour showed how refuse was collected, sorted for valuable materials that could then be sold reducing the waste ending up as landfill. We then headed back to the Mayor of Wanneroo's Offices where a fantastic luncheon was held for our Academy members.

The boys discussed stories from the day and thanked staff for the valuable insight on various employment opportunities.



Boomerangs Induction Camp

12 of our new academy members participated in an Induction camp held at Port Kennedy Beach camp. The year 7 & 8 students were inducted into the Girrawheen Clontarf Academy.

Over three days the boys participated in; beach games/activities, a football carnival, Goal setting and how the Clontarf Foundation works. After arriving at Port Kennedy all the boys settled in for the night. Up early day two for a light training session, with some skills and a game of handball footy. We also made the most of a small sand hill for those boys who were up talking all night.

After breakfast and showers we proceeded with the main Induction, Goal setting and developing our Culture for the years to come. We spoke about how important education is and the fantastic opportunities Clontarf can provide for young Aboriginal men. Words like Commitment, Teamwork, Respect, Responsibility, Encouragement, Discipline, Honesty, Reliable and Courage were used to help set our academy Culture and these words will help develop our young boys into young men going forward.

After lunch we were joined by Coodanup Academy and we traveled to Rockingham beach for some beach activities. We mixed both academy members and formed small teams then rotated through the various games throughout the afternoon followed by a swim.

The boys got stuck into the kitchen cooking a well-deserved dinner and then with no fuss cleaned up quickly to start our Quiz night followed by bed which could not come quick enough for some of the boys.

Up early again to start day three with breakfast and a big cleanup as we were departing camp today.

We arrived at Rockingham oval to join Cecil Andrews, Yule Brook, South West and Coodanup Academies who were participating in the Carnival. Well done to South West for winning the carnival.

Well done to all the boys on your first camp, you have set the bar very high.

