



GIRRAWHEEN

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SCHOOL VALUES SCHOOL PRIORITIES

RESPECT. RESPONSIBILITY. DOING YOUR BEST.

Numeracy/Literacy/Positive Behaviour/Attendance

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are here to educate your child, to prepare them for work and/or further study. Through our quality learning programs Girrawheen students succeed and our student progress and results are well respected within the education community.

University opportunities at Girrawheen SHS: We have an impressive history of supporting students to attain University Entrance. Our strong partnerships with The University of Western Australia (UWA) and Edith Cowan University (ECU) provide our students with support and pathways to courses at both universities. ECU provides our students with the Your Tutor Program and mentoring through ECU Mates. UWA provides activities and support through their Aspire and Fairway Programs. Students are also supported to apply for courses at Curtin, Notre Dame and Murdoch Universities.

Students in Year 11 & 12 have a wide range of subject choice: We provide a wide range of courses in Years 11 & 12 to support students to achieve their Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) with Trade and TAFE courses. Our New North Education Initiative (NNEI) partnership with Morley SHS, Mirrabooka SHS, Balga SHS and Eastern Hills SHS increases the subject choice for our students. We have access to state of the art Trade Training Centres – Brick, Block and Tiling (located at our school), Automotive (located at Morley SHS) and Hospitality (located at Mirrabooka SHS).

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Members of Performing Arts Team (from left to right) World Star, Cao (Loan) Pham and Vanessa Kaji Kalua with Performing Arts Teacher Jenny Drpich

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Did you know students from Mirrabooka SHS, Balga SHS and Morley SHS attend our school to learn in Year 11 & 12? As well as our trade training centre courses students from these schools come to Girrawheen for ATAR (University pathway courses) in History, Specialist Mathematics and Physics.

We prepare students to succeed in the workplace: At school we require student behaviours that support success in the work place. Behaviours include punctuality (arriving at school and class on time), dress code (many work places require a uniform), demonstration of safe behaviours, ability to follow instructions and seek clarification to improve understanding and a good work ethic including being organised with materials for work. Our Year 11 & 12 students and some of our Year 10 students have opportunities to develop and demonstrate these skills in the work place. Some of the work places students are currently attending are – Osborne Park Hospital, Graylands Hospital, Hudson Park Primary School, Auto Masters Malaga, Alcon Steel and Salvation Army Early Learning Centres just to name a few. Work Place Learning provides credit towards WACE achievement and is a real life learning environment.

Girrawheen's Trade Training Centre is impressive according to the Hon Scott Ryan, Minister for Vocational Education and Skills: We were honoured to be one of two schools in Perth that were visited by Senator the Hon Scott Ryan. Minister Ryan was very impressed by our facilities and spent time talking to the students about their skills and learning. He was particularly interested in the success of Keith Hill who won the latest WA division of the World Skills Competition. Keith will represent us in Melbourne in the Australia wide competition. For more information about our Trade Training Centre contact Mr Dean Cantwell, Trade Training Centre Manager.



Traineeships are available through Girrawheen SHS: Students can earn money and attend school. Some work places offer paid training so students can combine work place learning (and be paid) and their school program. Our students have traineeships in: Salon Express - Hairdressing, Galleria Toyota - Automotive, Reece Plumbing - Warehousing and Australia Post Warwick - Business. Currently we are negotiating with the WA Football Commission. To be eligible for these fantastic opportunities where our students are paid to learn, they need to demonstrate good workplace behaviour at school and have Good Standing status. For more information phone Carol Gould VET and Careers Coordinator.

Good NAPLAN results: Our mission is to improve reading, writing and numeracy. Our NAPLAN results in 2015 showed good student progress. We will be introducing another standardised test for Years 7 to 9 and for some students in Year 10. This test will provide us with reading and numeracy age information. Students will then be placed on a targeted program to help them improve their ability to read and calculate.

Striving to improve learning: Every student is capable of learning, but some learn quicker and can complete their work independently. Students who require more scaffolding and support to achieve the work standard for their year group will have an Individual Education Plan (IEP). The IEP documents their focus for improvement and strategies to support learning. You will be contacted if your child requires an IEP. We are committed to working together with you so if your child is having difficulties and does not currently have an IEP please contact Dee Karman, Dean of Studies. We also support learning by providing after school homework support and a Mathematics Academy in D2or more information contact Dee Karman.

School pride: We are proud of the number of students who are representing our school in sports teams and academic competitions. We are even more proud of those that have achieved personal success in doing so. Our Year 7 students recently participated in the lighting carnival and were a credit to our school.

Opportunities to play competitive sport: We have school teams for basketball, football, netball, soccer, Gaelic football. Our newly formed Girls' Football team is bubbling with enthusiasm and the girls' skills are going from strength to strength.

Improving our Communication with parents: We will soon be giving you the option of whether you receive this newsletter as a paper copy or receive it electronically on your phone. We will be asking parents and students to download the free SKOOLBAG app. This app connects directly with our school website so you will receive feeds and updates when the website is updated. You will also be sent important messages through the app.

Improving our public perception: We have a quality education program and many great opportunities for students, however as communicated to you in a letter last term a small number of our students continue to demonstrate negative behaviours at our local shopping centre. As communicated previously, we are concerned about the safety of your child in this area. We are working with the owner of the shopping centre to improve our students' behaviour in this public place. If your child is recorded by video involved in negative behaviour we will inform you. Our Student Council is working on strategies to improve our public perception and reduce the damaging impact of negative behaviours of a minority of our students.

Have you visited our school website lately? www.girrawheenshs.wa.edu.au : there is loads of information and photos of our students.

UNITY IS STRENGTH

By committing to working together – staff, students, families and community – we can improve the education outcomes for each student.

Barbara Newton
PRINCIPAL



NAIDOC DAY

NAIDOC Week is held in the first week of July. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.

Our School will be celebrating NAIDOC day on Friday 1 July.



IMPORTANT DATES

DAY	DATE	EVENT
Friday	3 June 2016	PUPIL FREE DAY
Monday	6 June 2016	WA Day Holiday
Tuesday - Friday	7 June – 10 June 2016	Clontarf South Challenge Year 7 - 10
Tuesday – Monday	7 June – 13 June 2016	Year 11 – 12 Exams
Monday - Friday	13 June – 17 June 2016	Year 10 - 12 Clontarf Camp Carnarvon
Monday - Friday	13 June – 17 June 2016	Year 7 – 10 Exams
Tuesday	14 June 2016	Semester 2 begins for Year 11 - 12s
Wednesday	15 June 2016	Year 10 Parent Night
Monday	20 June 2016	Semester 2 begins Year 7 - 10
Monday - Friday	20 June – 24 June 2016	Year 9/10 Career Activities
Tuesday	21 June 2016	Year 10 Lightning Carnival
Monday	27 June 2016	P & C Meeting @ 6:30pm
Wednesday	29 June 2016	Reporting to Parents Afternoon 12 – 7pm
Friday	1 July 2016	NAIDOC Day – NAIDOC Assembly
Friday	1 July 2016	Term 2 Ends

DRAMA EXCURSION

Some Year 10 and 11 Drama students were lucky enough to see a stage production of "Picnic at Hanging Rock" at the State Theatre of WA at the end of Term one.

The students were exposed to a huge array of amazing performance and staging elements in this show. It certainly was an eye opening production and a valuable learning opportunity for all who attended.

There were multiple Drama excursions to start the year with more to come in the near future!

Ms Drpich
Drama Coordinator



GIRRAWHEEN SCHOOL BALL

Do you have unwanted evening wear, ball dresses, bridesmaid's gowns, suits, jewellery, accessories etc? We are trying to get a stock of formal wear for the male and female students and staff that may like to try a cheaper alternative to getting "froked up" for the ball. All items need to be in good condition please.

This service will also be open to community members who are looking for cheaper alternatives to finding formal wear.

Ms Gould's Cert II Business Class will be running this venture as their Business.



DANNY GREEN EXCURSION



On Monday 9 May three of our Year 7 Student Councillors (Chloe Devey, Kristie-Anne Green and Kylie Mudra) went along with Mr Miln (Deputy Principal) to Marangaroo Primary school to meet with professional boxer, Danny Green.

Thanks to the staff and parents of Marangaroo Primary for providing a delicious breakfast. Danny Green was a few minutes late but it gave us the opportunity to meet up with some of the other students.

Danny Green spoke about the reasons behind making the "Coward Punch Campaign". It was a very informative and inspiring speech. At the end of the talk students from all schools had photos taken with the great Danny Green.

We would like to extend our thanks to Marangaroo Primary school for their hospitality.

Kristie-Anne Green
Year 7 Student Councillor

PERFORMING ARTS PRIMARY SCHOOL VISITS

At the end of term one, a fabulous group of Performing Arts students visited three of the local primary schools in our area. The schools visited in Term one were Roseworth PS, Hudson Park PS and Wairripendi PS.

During these visits, the students conducted workshops with Year 4-6 students focusing on choreography and improvisation. The students who led these workshops demonstrated a great deal of leadership and maturity. We recognise and appreciate their efforts.

Student leaders for the primary school workshops were:
Van Tha Rahtin, Aaron Lerngo, Terhas Gebressalassie, Rebecca Bodle, Ashleigh Gibson-French, Peter Thatman, Brittney Sims, Yohanna (John) Awdo, World Star, Cao (Loan) Pham and Vanessa Kaji Kalau

There are more wonderful activities planned for the remainder of the year to develop our Primary school partnerships.

Ms Jenny Drpich
Transition Coordinator



DATES TO REMEMBER

FRIDAY 3 JUNE 2016 – PUPIL FREE DAY

MONDAY 6 JUNE – PUBLIC HOLIDAY

FRIDAY 1 JULY – LAST DAY OF TERM 2

UWA ASPIRE



On Friday 29 April, the University of Western Australia held a Leadership Day as part of the Aspire Advocates program being run by UWA Aspire. Five Student Councillors were nominated to participate in this program: Dionne, Lucy and Margaret from Year 10 and Fatma and Jeninna from Year 11. At UWA, we participated in workshops aimed to enhance our leadership skills and broaden our horizons.

The Year 10 students learnt how to be confident speakers, strong leaders and to work as a team with students from other schools who were also participating in the program. These workshops taught us the value of listening to and accepting other people's opinions. We also learned how to create a stronger team and what makes a great speaker.

The Year 11s participated in workshops where we did a personality test and learned study skills. The personality test split us into groups as a result of a detailed questionnaire. This led to us meeting a bunch of great people who were similar to us and there was an instant connection. By interacting with the other groups, we learnt how personalities can be very similar or different to ours and how to consider this if you work together. The study skills workshops taught us how to study effectively and how to balance studying and other commitments, helping us prepare for the next big years of our lives.

At the end of the day, the Year 10s and 11s came together again and were shown a few demonstrations on physics and chemistry concepts that gave us a taste of the options you have in UWA, a university many of us aspire to go to.

The next event is in September and is something we are all looking forward to! Thank you to Aspire UWA, Ms Drpich, Mr Miln and Jonathan for giving us the chance to be a part of such a great event.

Fatma Sehic
Year 11 Student

WORK INSPIRATIONS COURSE

Last week we (Kate Naylor, Ceejay Radford, Sao Paulo De Leon and Shari Keenan) spent three days at the Hilton Parmelia Hotel Perth participating in a work inspirations course. Throughout the week we took part in various activities such as housekeeping, event operations and working in the kitchen. We also were given the chance to meet various staff members in multiple different job roles in the hotel and were able to interview them for information and advice about their career path. It was a rewarding experience filled with lots of learning opportunities and insights into the working world of the hospitality industry.

By Shari Keenan
Year 11 Student



THE GIRRAWHEEN SHS CARE TEAM

The CARE team is the pastoral support group that is made up of the Positive Behaviour Coordinators, School Psychologists, Youth Worker, Chaplain and Aboriginal & Islander Education Officer. The CARE team work to support students and staff across a range of areas including mental health and wellbeing, behaviour, staff wellness, attendance and engagement and learning. The CARE team engage in a varying range of strategies that include one to one support, case conferences, counselling, consultation, external agency liaison, group work and whole school initiatives.

Introducing the 2016 CARE Team

Jamila Faisal	Positive Behaviour Coordinator Year 7 – 9
Melinda Allen	Positive Behaviour Coordinator Year 10 – 12
Sam Eaton	Youth Worker
Retz Oddy	AIEO
Jonathan Bughui	Chaplain
Philomena Rourke	School Psychologist (Fridays)
Cara D'Raine	School Psychologist (Monday – Wednesday) CARE Team Coordinator



So what are the CARE team planning??

Pastoral Care Program - This runs twice a week for Year 7 and 8's and is incorporated into the weekly timetable and taught by experienced class teachers. The classes cover a number of areas of social emotional learning including resilience, self-regulation, anti-bullying, social decision making, self-awareness, relationship skills and social awareness. Strategies used include Rock and Water, guest speakers, group work and role plays.

REACH Program - This is a small group program which started last year and will continue to run each term for 2016. The group runs on Friday with a maximum of 10 students run by our awesome Mission Australia counsellors Lou and Jasmin. The focus is social and emotional learning. Mission Australia also provides one to one student and family outreach support and counselling in liaison with the School Psychologist.

Blokes and CHICS Program - This is another small group program for Year 7 and 8 students focusing on self-worth, esteem, resilience and social skills. This will run through Pastoral Care periods and will be coordinated by Jonathan our

Chaplain and include externally trained volunteers. All students have the chance to access these groups. See your Chaplain for permission forms.

Aboriginal Girls Program - A new program which is off and running, coordinated by Sam Eaton with the support of a number of staff. This aims to incorporate Art, living and life skills and general health and wellbeing.

Girls Football - Coordinated by Sam is also off to a great start with training and games for girls from any year group. It involves fun, fitness, teamwork, social skills, organisation and general sense of belonging and camaraderie.

Fitness/Circuit Training - Retz will be supporting the PE teachers to run a weekly after school training session focused on fitness and well-being. Limited to 20 students they have the opportunity to use the school fitness equipment as well as the experience of the trainers to develop fitness and positive wellbeing.

Wellness Wednesday - After the success of last year's inaugural day the CARE team will work alongside interested staff to develop a bigger and better day at the end of Term 2. The focus of Wellness Wednesday is mental health, wellbeing and the connection of youth to outside agencies to educate and improve mental health and fitness.

Drumbeat - Last year's program was very successful and we have managed to secure a \$1000 grant from the P&C to buy our first set of drums. We aim to train up and develop an ongoing drumming program in our school. Last year with the funding of UWA and Holyoake we were able to run four Drumbeat programs that aim to develop social and emotional learning and improve mental health.

Year 11 & 12 "Surviving & Thriving" - This is a program being developed by Cara to focus on Year 11 and 12 students to combat stress, study skills, mental health issues and as a general support. This is hoped to run as an after school support program starting Term 2. Look out for the flyers soon!

Teen Triple P, Positive Parenting Program - This program is on offer in Term 3 for Parents of Year 5 - 9 students, with the aim of inviting our feeder school parents. Teen Triple P is a set of three seminars for parents of pre-teens and teenagers providing information, strategies and support on dealing with these challenging years. Information regarding days and times to come soon.

If you are interested in any of these programs or getting your child involved in one of the small group programs on offer please get in touch with one of the CARE team.



HASS Report

The Humanities and Social Sciences Department has been very busy over the last term and the first weeks of Term 2.

In Term 1, Ms Jodie Doherty joined the HASS department teaching also Maths, Mrs Eimear Beattie also teaching Phys Ed, and Mrs Amanda Hales teaching Career and Enterprise.

The two permanent HASS teachers Mr Garry Noack and Ms

Jackie Bolt are teaching HASS in all year groups, Career and Enterprise, and History respectively. Also, Mr Chris McCann has joined the department. This term there are two trainee teachers - Mr Rnjac and Ms Hohnen. We welcome all these enthusiastic and capable educators.

Last term the HASS 10A Extension group when studying Economics was privileged to have Cathy Bolt from Wesfarmers Corporate Executive presenting an Ethics in Business lecture. Students were interested and asked many relevant questions.

Last week HASS Year 8 & 9 students had the option to attend the Fremantle Excursion which Year 9 student Josie has written a report on (which follows - Thanks Josie). The students conducted themselves well and were enthusiastic, asking many questions and all wanting more time at each site. Thanks for such a positive day.

URGENT RESPONSE REQUIRED: We are currently offering a **Year 11 & 12 excursion to Rottneest** from June 15 - 17, 2016, available to students recommended by their Career and Enterprise, and History teachers or students from earlier years who have participated in HASS essay competitions or HASS organised events representing the school. The cost is \$210 (with own bike), \$250 (to hire). Please see Ms Bolt or Mr Noack if interested. **\$50 deposit due next week.**

November, 2016 trip to Canberra, Sydney for Years 8 - 10. Itinerary is busy and over 7 days, 6 nights for approximately \$1950. We need final numbers confirmed by **June long weekend** to pay the necessary deposits. Following is the proposed itinerary. Please support this opportunity and inquiries can be made to Mr Noack or Ms Bolt.

Defence Forces as a career: Mr Noack has organised a presentation by the Defence Forces for Years 10 - 12 next week. Please encourage your children to ask questions if interested.

Stars: HASS students have continued to shine:

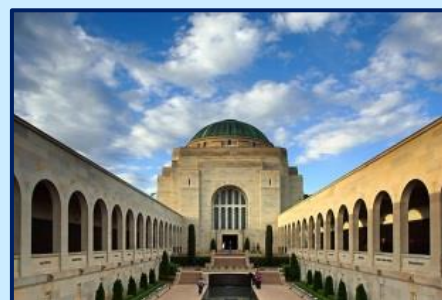
Jet-Rik Bernal (Year 12) won a place at the National Schools' Constitutional Convention and attended a three day forum in Canberra in March. He had a great time, learning a lot and meeting like - minded students from all over the country. No doubt he represented the school admirably.

Chris Whitby (Year 10) has beaten all other contestants in the Cowan electorate to win a spot (one student per 150 electorates) at the Long Tan 50th anniversary student commemoration in Canberra this August. His essay on "Honouring Australian Vietnam Veterans" was outstanding, and it is fitting given three school trips to Long Tan on Anzac Days past that Chris will represent the school at an event so important to the school. Well done.

Canberra/Sydney Trip for Years 8 - 10

In November this year the HASS Department is intending to run a trip to Canberra and Sydney. Activities include:

- *Canberra:* Tours of Parliament House, Australian War Memorial, various National Museums and Galleries, High Court Visit, Australian Institute of Sport visit
- Emphasis on Anzac history and monuments including Vietnam War tributes
- *Sydney:* Organised sight - seeing of beaches and harbour sights in Sydney
- Tours of Quarantine Station & Holocaust Museums, Rocks Discovery Museum
- Sydney ferry to Manly and Quarantine Station
- Accommodation, all meals and guides plus Girrawheen Staff supervision
- Airfares included
- Maximum cost is \$1950 including parents organising travel insurance. Fundraising, etc. will bring this down. Payment plan is available. Please ring/ see Ms Bolt or Mr Noack for a deposit and commitment form. The initial deposit is \$200 due Monday, June 27, 2016.



Parents please support this event.

Thanks... Ms Bolt and Mr Noack

Fremantle Excursion

On Friday 6 May, Girrawheen students from Years 8 and 9 went on a trip to Fremantle to visit the Fremantle Prison, the Western Australian Maritime Museum and the Shipwreck Galleries.

At the prison, we got to see the showers, the churches, gallows, the solitary confinement and the different cell divisions. We learnt so many interesting facts from this experience. The main thing that was special about the cells was the paintings and graffiti on the walls, showing that those people had personalised their environment. This artwork was very beautiful. In the cell hallways, there was a metal net in the opening to prevent those suicidal and those who got pushed from getting injured or killed.

At the Maritime Museum, we saw a lot of boats and artefacts from times at sea. The museum holds the Australian racing yacht *Australia II*, which won the 1983 America's Cup for the Royal Perth Yacht Club. The museum also had a boat that we could explore ourselves; the *Valdura*, an old Swan River Ferry.

The Shipwreck Gallery had many artefacts such as the original timbers from the *Batavia*, a ship that had been wrecked in 1629, de Vlamingh's dinner plate and countless artefacts from the Dutch shipwrecks *Zuytdorp*, *Zeewijk* and *Vergulde Draeck*.

Thank you to Miss Bolt and the rest of the staff for coming on this fantastic trip with us and allowing us this experience.

*Josie Luobikis,
Year 9 student.*

*Artwork in the cells.
Taken by Josie Luobikis*

*Australia II. Taken by
Taylia Ryan Edmiston*

*Timbers from the Batavia.
Taken by Alanah Lilly*

*Students at the Maritime Museum
Taken by Jackie Bolt*



YEAR 7 SPORTS CARNIVAL BOYS SOCCER

After our division B success of last year our Year 7 boys were thrown into the tough and uncompromising "A" division competition for this year's carnival. Thirteen boys headed to Brittanica Road Reserve to compete against the might of the northern suburbs. A competitive 3-1 loss in our first game against Carine was followed by us being taught some soccer lessons from both Balga and Perth Modern. After this not so promising start, our boys 'knuckled' down, producing good results against both Shenton and Greenwood. Seven games of soccer in one day was a tough ask for our small squad but we enjoyed the opportunity to compete against and socialise with students from other schools. Once again our students were well behaved, good sports and a credit to our school.



Carlo Passera
Physical Education Teacher

YEAR 7 SPORTS CARNIVAL GIRLS SOCCER



Well done to the Year 7 soccer girls who were narrowly beaten by Balga in the sports carnival final on Thursday 5 May.

Inspired by their captain Kylie Mudra, who was ably helped by Noor Alsaedi, Jade Rickards-Kent and Eh Hser Htee Soe Mg in defence. Darian Aquino was solid in goals; Maryll Izy Raymundo, Leslie Natalie Perez, Lily Tran and Hayley Vo were midfield maestros with Vyna Nguyen a speedy attacker.

Girrawheen beat Carine, Churchlands and Greenwood convincingly with goals coming from the brilliant 'Messi like' Raymundo and the talented Nguyen.

Unfortunately in the final versus Balga an injury to Lily Tran in the first minute meant that Girrawheen were down in numbers. However they battled gallantly and should be very proud of themselves for such a magnificent performance.

Roll on the next carnival.

Eimear Beattie
Physical Education Teacher

GIRRAWHEEN SHS GAELIC FOOTBALL TEAM

Girrawheen Senior High School Gaelic football team participated in the WA high school tournament at John XX111 in Claremont on Thursday 12 May. This tournament was to aid the selection of potential State under 18 players for the Australian and New Zealand finals which will be held in Brisbane at the end of September.

Girrawheen got off to a great start winning their first two games with Rhys Mac Farlane, Qshun Galvin, Matthew Law and The Lyndon brothers Claude and Reggie to the fore. With their final game played against the eventual winners and the current State AFL champions Comet Bay College, Girrawheen played gallantly with Khyle Ugle destroying their midfield area and was ably helped by the strong Travis Ruffin, Dekoda Cutler, Johnny Bova, Trent Cook, Jayden Cook and Daniel Curley. Egide Ngendakumana scored some fabulous goals with his quick thinking and Messi like soccer skills. With more knowledge and experience under their belt, players like the speedy Zac John and Jack Butler can further improve and reach their full potential.

Congratulations to the following students that were shortlisted for player of the tournament by the selectors present:

Khyle Ugle, Rhys MacFarlane, Dekoda Cutler and the engine of the team and last year's player of the tournament, Reggie Lyndon.

We would all like to thank the super organised Wayne Young and Andrew McGovern for all their help and ensuring that no student left without boots.

A number of our players will commence State training in June. There are exciting times ahead for this talented bunch of students.

Eimear Beattie
Physical Education Teacher

