



Girrawheen SHS November 2013 Newsletter

From the Principal



DATES TO REMEMBER

1 November ~ 28 November

- WACE Exams.

10 November - 15 November

- Year 9 Canberra Trip.

14 November

- Year 9 Performing Art Tour @ Roseworth PS 9:15-3pm and @ Rawlinson PS 1:15-3pm.

15 November

- Koondoola/Rawlinson/Marangaroo PS Orientation Day.
- Indoor Soccer Comp finishes.

18 November

- P & C Meeting @ 7:30pm – all welcome.

18 November - 21 November

- Year 8 – 11 Exams.

21 November

- 2013 School year ends.
- Year 8 ASPIRE.

22 November

- 2014 ORIENTATION DAY
- Year 8/9 Performing Arts Academy Show Night @ 6:30pm

25 November

- 2014 SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS

28 November

- Hudson Park PS Orientation Day

2 December – 3 December

- Performing Arts Academy auditions

4 December

- Year 10-12 River Cruise

6 December

- Roseworth PS Orientation Day

Our last term of school has begun positively and with some wonderful celebratory events.

AWARDS CEREMONY

During Week 1 and 2 our school community recognised our Year 12 students during their final year of formal education. The students spent their last week with staff finishing off Certificate Courses and assignments that work toward achieving a WACE. A final school assembly was held to farewell our students and a tremendous Awards Ceremony took place whereby staff and family members honoured our Year 12 students. A significant number of students were successful in attaining awards on the evening for achievements in a number of courses. Contained within this newsletter is a list of award recipients. We congratulate students for their outstanding efforts.

We especially congratulate our ATAR Dux **PHUOC NGUYEN** and VET Dux **RAKIM KALDAS**. We wish our Year 12 students every success and look forward to hearing about their endeavours and achievements.

TRANSITION

A great secondary taster introduction and transition program with surrounding primary schools for students in Years 5 - 7 has been taking place. Commencing last term, and continuing this term, students from Hudson Park, and Roseworth Primary Schools have been involved in Maths, English, Drama, Media, Physical Education and Dance workshops. Our staff have enjoyed working with them. By the end of this term more than 101 students from the primary schools will have been involved in the transition programs. I thank all staff and our primary school principals and their staff for working in partnership with our school. Their students have exhibited exemplary behaviour and enthusiasm during their time at our school. We look forward to our ongoing relationships with our primary schools.

PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

The Performing Arts Academy have also commenced performing at Rawlinson, Marangaroo, Warripendi and Roseworth Primary Schools. **Miss Drpich** and **Mrs Cargill** have worked with students preparing a wonderful performance and **Mrs Riley** has ensured that students have been safely transported to and from these schools.

WASTEWISE PROGRAM

In addition to our normal classes staff continue to offer students external opportunities to enhance their everyday learning. Our Inclusion Education Support staff have developed a Wastewise program that has been used as a positive example across schools. As a result of a Wastewise grant staff have produced a program that incorporates activities such as paper making, an edible and sustainable garden, a worm farm, paper recycling and composting. Due to their good work and successful programs they hosted a team of teachers and education assistants from more than 6 schools from the southern and northern metropolitan area.

SOLAR CAR CHALLENGE

We also congratulate **Mrs Pabla** and her group of Year 9 and 10 students; **Dylan Gould**, **Lochlan O'Brien**, **Lachlan Stewart**, **Xiao Yu Shi**, **Kieran Marshall** and **Ahmad Hussain** on their work with the University of Western Australia 2013 Solar Car Challenge. Over the two day challenge held in October the students successfully received the "Fastest Qualifier" in the Model Solar Car Challenge, and also a second and fourth place.

SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board have met once since their inaugural meeting and are well on their way to discussing and setting clear directions for the school. Please note, contained within the newsletters is an outline of the members of our School Board.

TERM DATES FOR 2013

Semester 2

Term 4:

Tuesday 15 October –
Thursday 19 December

PLEASE NOTE:

The 2014 school year starts Monday 25 November 2013.



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SCHOOL VALUES

✓ Respect ✓ Responsibility ✓ Doing your best

SCHOOL PRIORITIES

✓ Numeracy/Literacy ✓ Positive Behaviour ✓ Attendance

CANBERRA TRIP

Ms Vocisano has worked hard in ensuring that students have a Canberra experience based on Society and Environment. On Sunday some of the Year 9 students, **Ms Newton and Mr King** took off for their adventures in the Australian capital. A variety of historical and interesting opportunities will take place including a visit to Parliament House. Students were invited as a school group to lay poppies during the commemorative Remembrance Day Service. This is an honour for our students as they represent Girrawheen SHS. We look forward to hearing about their journey.

THANK YOU

During Term 3 **BJL** kindly supported our school by accessing donations from a number of organisations to support students across the school. Staff at our school value the partnership with BJJ as they work with us to offer assistance to support activities and materials for our students. We look forward to continuing strong relations with them in 2014.

START OF 2014 SCHOOL YEAR

In week 8 (25 November) we will begin the new academic year preparing students for 2014. In order to end the academic year we will host a fun **Orientation Day** on the **22 November**. On this day we will have some fun activities, a special Mexican taco lunch supplied for all students and a guest speaker. We look forward to this and expect that all students will be here to enjoy the festivities.

To conclude this newsletter I would like to assure families, friends and the wider community that while there is rumour and innuendo about the possibility of our school closing or amalgamating there has been **NO** information or intention that this will take place. With the development of a state-of-the-art Trade Training Centre and the introduction of future programs, our school will continue to remain open and offer the best possible programs for our students and new students. Our staff have worked harder than ever before to develop great opportunities. During term 4 we have had 10 new enrolments. We welcome the students and their families and look forward to a great future together.

Rosalba Butterworth
Principal

BREAKFAST CLUB



There is always a fantastic turnout to Breakfast Club. Warm Milo and toast are just some of the food served. Many students turn up for school without eating or maybe have arrived to school early and are looking for a friendly place to have a chat before school.

Girrawheen Senior High School serves breakfast to students 3 mornings a week, where they can meet with their friends and share a tasty Breakfast snack! It's hard to learn on an empty tummy so our breakfast club makes it easier for our students to concentrate on what the teacher is saying and to remain focused on their studies.

The school Chaplain **Jonathan Bughiu** co-ordinates the breakfast club with his enthusiastic volunteers who are (not only filling hungry bellies but are) providing a safe place for students to be themselves whilst being positive role models; modelling healthy boundaries, acceptable behaviour and respect for others.

The breakfast club is part of the school's pastoral care network where students who may need help with other life issues can be referred accordingly.

NATIONAL HISTORY ESSAY CHALLENGE



This month two of our students received awards in the National History Challenge Essay competition and **Nhung Ho** (Year 10) was able to attend the presentation on **November 2** at Curtin University. She was a finalist in the "Asia and Australia" section and **Cameron Warnes** (Year 10) was a finalist in the John Curtin section. Well done to them and other entrants: **Truong Le, Kristin Buck, Jay Oliver** (Year 10) and **Ayan Radshiid Mohamed** (Year 11) and **Jamie Gilmore** (Year 12). Currently Year 10 Extension class are preparing essays. The Simpson essay entrants are **Dylan Gould, Jay Oliver** and **Kristin Buck**. Good luck to these three. Other essay writers were **Cameron Warnes, Natalie Vo, Kyle Wishart, Khin Oh Mar, Celine Almodovar, A.J. Galloway** and **Muhammed Ali Al Mayali**.

Both 10A and 10B SOSE are completing Course of Study Stage 1 units. So far the results are looking very pleasing. 10C are completing a separate Civics and Citizenship course.

The Year 9s are currently studying World War 1 and the Year 8s are immersed in Western Australia's early settlement history. Well done everyone.

Ms J Bolt - SOSE Teacher

GIRRAWHEEN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AWARD CEREMONY



Good luck and best wishes to the Class of 2013. Congratulations to the following students who received Awards at the Year 12 Awards Ceremony on **Friday 25 October 2013**. We would like to thank our special guests who attended the evening including our Board members; Mrs Cassie Bowyer, Dr Anh Nguyen and Mr Duncan Ord, and distinguished guests; Mr Jim Webb, Mr Luke Simpkins, Ms Margaret Quirk, Mrs Anna Southwell, Cr Nguyet-Anh Truong, Mr Kevin Pilkington and Ms Carol Foley.

SUBJECT AWARDS

THE ARTS

Dance Stage 1
Drama Stage 1
Media Production & Analysis Stage 1
Media Production & Analysis Stage 3
Visual Arts Stage 1

Jessica BODLE
Luca OLIVER
Kim TRAN
Jacqueline QUINTANILLA
Marickris MANANSALA

TECHNOLOGY AND ENTERPRISE

Applied Information Technology Stage 1
Certificate II Building & Construction
Children, Family and the Community
Manufacturing Industry Studies
Food, Science & Technology - Food Production
Materials, Design & Technology – Woodwork
Psychology Stage 3

Michaela BROMILOW
Jordan LOBER
Jimama TOGBAH
Moo Hsat Soe AUNG
Marickris MANANSALA
Marickris MANANSALA
Sara PASIC

ENGLISH

English Stage 1
English Stage 3
ELD Stage 1
ELD Stage 3

Emily EDWARDS
Rakim KALDAS
Marickris MANANSALA
Diem LE

MATHEMATICS

Mathematics Stage 1
Mathematics Stage 2
Mathematics Stage 3A/B
Mathematics Stage 3C/D
Mathematics Specialist Stage 3C/D

Marickris MANANSALA
Rakim KALDAS
Michaela BROMILOW
Phuoc NGUYEN
Phuoc NGUYEN

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Health Studies Stage 1
Certificate II Sport & Recreation

Anna GLORIOSO
Jamie GILMORE

SCIENCE

Chemistry Stage 3
Human Biology Stage 3
Physics Stage 3

Phuoc NGUYEN
Sara PASIC
Phuoc NGUYEN

SOCIETY & ENVIRONMENT

Career & Enterprise Stage 1
History Stage 1
History Stage 3
Workplace Learning Stage 1

Darrulnaim bin ISNIN
Tam TRINH
Jacqueline QUINTANILLA
Anna GLORIOSO



Above: Kevin Pilkington, Rosalba Butterworth and Duncan Ord

Right: Anna Southwell and Margaret Quirk (MLA)



Luke Simpkins (MP)



AWARDS OF DISTINCTION

Luke Simpkins Encouragement Award:

ROCHELLE MARSDEN

North Metropolitan Commitment to Excellence

Award:

RAKIM KALDAS

City of Wanneroo Citizenship Award:

**CLAIRE BONNEY &
JARROD FRASER**

Sportsperson of the Year Award:

DUOP REATH

Kevin Fawcett Award:

MOO HSAT SOE AUNG

Academic Excellence Award:

MARICKRIS MANANSALA

Caltex Allrounder Award:

JAMIE GILMORE

Endeavour Award:

JIMAMA TOGBAH

Long Tan Award:

LETEESHA EATON

DUX

ATAR

PHUOC NGUYEN

VET

RAKIM KALDAS



WE WANT TO WORK WITH YOU TO IMPROVE STUDENT ATTENDANCE

At Girrawheen Senior High School we continue to strive to increase the attendance of all our students. The School Education Act 1999 requires parents to send their children to school every day unless there is a good reason for them not to attend. If students are absent please inform the school by calling your child's Year Leader or the front office the morning they are absent. If your child has any concerns at school or is making excuses for not coming to school we also need to know so we can work together with you to help maintain their attendance.

Regular attendance is very important because students who attend every day achieve better results at school, have stronger peer relationships and develop better skills to support success in employment later in life.

Did you know that if a student only attends 80% of the time they are at risk and will miss:

- 1 day a week
- 2 weeks a term
- 8 weeks a year
- 1 year by the end of Year 4
- 2 years by the end of Year 8
- 3 years by the end of Year 12
- 1 year between Year 8 and Year 11.

It is essential that your child attends because every day counts for student achievement.

We have many rewards to acknowledge those students who are attending regularly. All students who have 90% attendance and above for the term receive rewards.

Students who have less than 90% attendance (where absences are unexplained or reasons to miss school are not acceptable) lose their Good Standing. This means they are not eligible to attend any social events or student reward activities.

All students who maintain 100% attendance for the year go in to the draw to win \$350 at the end of the year.

If you require help or support getting your child out of the house each day we would like to hear from you. Please call me at the school.

Barbara Newton - Deputy Principal and Rosalba Butterworth ~ Principal

2013 SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

It is our pleasure to introduce our 2013 Board members

Mrs Cassie Bowyer

Winthrop Professor Helen Wildy

Mr Duncan Ord

Ms Tracey Roberts

Mr Vince Troth

Dr Anh Nguyen

Mr Mike O'Hanlon

Mr Andrew Locke

Mrs Rosalba Butterworth

Ms Barb Newton

Mrs Carol Gould

Ms Emma Bainbridge

Mr Russell Miln

Ms Claire Bonney

Mr Rakim Kaldas

Chair (Community Representative)

Dean of Faculty Education UWA

Executive Director, Aboriginal Education

Mayor, City of Wanneroo

State General Manager, Fuji Xerox

President, Vietnamese Community in Australia – WA Chapter Inc

Business Development, Gramercy Studios

Parent Representative

Principal, Girrawheen SHS

Deputy Principal, Girrawheen SHS

ESLIC Co-ordinator

Teacher, Girrawheen SHS

Mathematics and Science (HOLA)

Co-President 2013 Student Council

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COMMUNITY NEWS

MASTER MIND AUSTRALIA – ACADEMIC PATHWAYS JANUARY JUMP-START PROGRAM Study Skills – Essay Writing – Subject Revision. For all students from Year 8 – 12. This revision program aims to prepare students for term 1 (2014) before the academic year begins. The classes will revise those important components from the 2013 syllabus that are vital for success in the new-year. Courses will be conducted at: **Christ Church Grammar School, Hale School and Willetton Senior High School.** For more information consult our web-site or call. **Dr Robert Hallam at Master Mind Australia on 9486 1377** www.mastermindaustralia.com.au

VacSwim 2013-2014 Enrolments now open

Public education. Discover a world of opportunities.

Western Australia's most popular swimming program for more than 90 years.

Country Early Start Program	Limited centres: 20 to 24 December 2013
Enrolments close: Wednesday 11 November 2013	
January Programs	Program 1: 30 December 2013 to 10 January 2014
Short program: 6 to 10 January 2014 (weekend only)	
Enrolments close: Wednesday 10 November 2013	
Program 2: 13 to 24 January 2014	
Enrolments close: Wednesday 23 November 2013	

A program is the equivalent of 18 days (approximately 210 minutes of lesson time). Programs may be broken down if there is a public holiday. A short program is five days (approximately 135 minutes of lesson time). Enrolments close out to a late enrolment fee, if applicable.

Enrol online now at det.wa.edu.au/swimming T: 9345 4007

POLYTECHNIC WEST have a program for anyone that is interested in participating in the Skills for Education and Employment (SEE) Program. For more information on the SEE Program, please visit the Polytechnic West website at www.polytechnic.wa.edu.au click on the link to the SEE Program or phone 1800 733 874 (freecall) or 9257 7711 or email see@polytechnic.wa.edu.au



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SUMMER MENU

MONDAY:

Hot Dogs	\$3.00
Chicken Burger	\$4.00
Pizza (Plain)	\$2.00
Pizza (Hawaiian)	\$2.00
Pizza (Ham & Bacon)	\$2.00

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