



GIRRAWHEEN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL

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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

2015

Have you enrolled your child in high school for 2016?

We are now accepting enrolments for Year 7s and beyond.

Call us on 9247 0555 to:

- arrange a personal tour
- request an enrolment pack, or
- to find out more

We look forward to welcoming you and your child into the GSHS community.

"What is the best part about coming to school each day?"

I know that I am achieving my dream of graduating and moving on to my chosen career studying at SAE Media Institute Perth and APAN Malaga

Christopher Walker, Year 12

"What do you think is special about Girrawheen SHS?"

I think that the Performing Arts Academy and the Clontarf Foundation are the most special things. There is something for everyone at Girrawheen SHS.

Prishannah Boudville, Year 7

"What is your goal for this year?"

My goal is to work hard and make my parents proud and happy. They mean so much to me and when I see their smiles I feel warm and loved.

Helena Middleton, Year 7



One of our YOH Fest cast members with Principal Rosalba Butterworth

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PUPIL FREE DAY
FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2015

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This newsletter contains extremely strong elements of celebration and achievement. It begins with our Year 12 students' celebration of concluding more than twelve years of education. I congratulate them on this significant milestone and wish them every success in their life ahead. It is without doubt that the next phase of their lives will be filled with excitement and joy as they venture into their careers and professions.

I thank our staff for their incredible and supportive efforts in assisting our Year 12 students conclude their formal years of education. We thank parents and carers for their enduring partnership.

YOHFEST

Our Year 10 Drama students are to be congratulated on their performance "Everyone Has a Heart" at the 2015 YOHFEST Grand Final. Their performance was incredibly successful, they were awarded runners up. A difference of only 0.325 separated them from the winning team. This is AMAZING and I am very proud of their efforts.

Our talented students produced a thought provoking production that focused on real life situations. In the words of our students their play "symbolises humans as puppets who are pressured to conform to the norms of society. The challenge for the puppets is to break free of society's hold." The message behind their play was based on how people can rise above the expectations placed on anyone by society. Their play definitively reinforced how people could access support and how crucial it is for individuals to defy stereotypes based on age, appearance, gender and socio economic status. Most importantly it highlighted that every individual deserves an equal opportunity to be who they want to be. Their performance was exemplary. I commend our students, Ms Drpich, Mrs Riley and the many staff who assisted. Our school also congratulates Greenwood College on their winning performance and our NNEI, "Balga SHS" partners who also produced two outstanding performances.



Australian Business Community Network

Our school has a positive and engaging partnership with the Australian Business Community Network (ABCN). Throughout the past three years ABCN has worked across the school supporting students in reading programs and mentoring programs whereby our students are given opportunities to work with key staff in organisations such as Fuji Xerox, Ernest and Young, and AMEX. The programs have been very successful. Last Thursday we had a team of 10 vibrant and motivated staff from Ernest and Young offer their time to our school to work on a project of our choice. The team worked on painting and rejuvenating our Hospitality room. They worked from early Thursday to late in the day to ensure that the room was given a lift. We thank the team from Ernst and Young and ABCN for this incredible support.

SIMPSON PRIZE 2016 FINALIST

Ms Bolt continues to encourage and support her History students to be involved in all the HASS competitions. Our school wishes to congratulate Fatma Sehic for becoming a finalist in the Simpson Prize for 2016. Fatma is one of six finalists and the only Public School student. We wish her well in the next phase of the competition.

YOUNG AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE (YAL)

Our Year 11 and 12 students were invited to produce some videos to promote the Young Australian League (YAL) scholarships. Their videos depicted how a young person's life can be positively altered with the support of scholarships. These videos are outstanding and will be used to promote the YAL scholarships. Included in this newsletter is a fantastic article in the Wanneroo Times. Again I am very proud of the talent that exists in our school.

Ongoing excursions are also taking place to support engaging programs across the school. Contained within this newsletter are some highlights. In addition we will be hosting our lovely incoming Year 6 students transitioning to high school. We look forward to these great orientation days.

Rosalba Butterworth

PRINCIPAL



DATES TO REMEMBER:

16 November – 19 November:

- Year 7 – 11 Exams

20 November:

- School Development Day

23 November:

- P & C Meeting @6:30pm

7 December – 11 December:

- Clontarf Camp Year 7 – 12

10 December

- School Reports posted home

17 December:

- Term 4 ends

★YOH FEST GRAND FINAL 2015★

RUNNERS - UP



The Year 10 Drama students were exemplary ambassadors for our school at the recent state-wide performing Arts competition known as "YOH-Fest". Proudly, our students were awarded the "Runners-up" award in the Grand Final which featured the top 8 plays from across W.A. To reach the final in itself was an amazing achievement. Then to win the "Runners-up" title by a tiny margin was truly remarkable.

Our school's play "Everyone has a Heart" was a powerful, educational piece of Drama that really did highlight the sheer talent and passion our students have for the Performing Arts. As a part of the process for this competition, the students firstly had to write the script itself. This was a time consuming task but the students submitted a fantastic script which virtually gained a perfect score from the judges.

Next came the months of rehearsal! The students worked tirelessly to perfect their vocal and physical performance qualities. The end product was polished and inspiring. I am extremely proud of our students. They were as professional as I could have ever wished for on the Grand Final day. Through their amazing performance, we have yet again proved that Girrawheen SHS performers are amongst the finest in the State.

Thank you to everyone involved in "YOH Fest". In particular, thanks to Adele Riley, Nina Siew, Megan Shadbolt, Carol Gould and Paige Newmark for all their help on the day. Your time and support was greatly appreciated.

Ms Jenny Drpich
DRAMA TEACHER



YOUNG AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE (YAL)



Left to Right: Peter Khai Thatmun, Zaynab Al Yassin, Baylee Hunter, Kristy Nguyen, Jet-rik Bernal.



Mayor of Wanneroo Tracey Roberts presenting Kristy Nguyen with her award.

Girrawheen Senior High School students have been recognised for helping to promote opportunities for disadvantaged youths through a video competition run by not-for-profit organisation Young Australian League (YAL).

The winning video, "My future", was created by Year 11 students Jet-rik Bernal, Kristy Nguyen and Baylee Hunter and depicts how a young person's path in life can be radically altered and dreams fulfilled when financial barriers are removed.

Another video, "Dreams of a Refugee", was created by Zaynab Al Yassin, Lochlan O'Brien and Peter Khai Thatmun and won a special 'people's choice' award.

City of Wanneroo Mayor Tracey Roberts who presented the prizes to the students said:

"To provide people aged 15 to 25 with an opportunity to reach their dreams and goals is a wonderful honour, and Young Australia League is to be applauded for their continuous support of talented disadvantaged youth of the community."

The videos will be used to promote the YAL's new education scholarship program named in honour of the organisation's founder J.J Boss Simons.

Each scholarship is worth up to \$12,500 a year to cover expenses such as tuition fees, specialist courses, home tutoring, books, equipment and travel and living allowance.

Videos created by Girrawheen Senior High School students can be viewed online at www.facebook.com/YoungAustraliaLeague.

For more information about the scholarship program, visit www.yalscholarships.org.au.

Cyber Safety Advice

Playing electronic games appears to have an impact on developing a child's brain. Given the online component of many games, "cyber safety" needs to be considered. Some strategies to help protect your children are:

- blocking and/or reporting cyber bullies to game moderators or server hosts
- being aware that people may be pretending to be much younger online
- having your child use an alias that does not identify them (e.g. no details of age, gender, location)
- keeping the web-cam turned off
- not uploading photos or, at least, taking the geotagging setting off when taking photos which can provide the location where the photo was taken
- regularly enforcing key cyber safety messages regarding strong passwords, no sharing of personal details in open forums, limiting online conversation to the game being played, and so on.





HASS EXCURSION

HASS Teacher Garry Noack, Positive Behaviour Coordinator Melinda Allen, and Chaplain Jonathon Bughiu recently supervised the Year 9A group on an excursion to the Perth Law Courts and Parliament House. The visit to the Law Courts involved the students touring the Supreme Court to observe a real trial that was taking place in the District Court. The students then re-enacted an historic trial in the old Law Court building wearing old courtroom regalia. This visit enabled the students to experience the reality of what they had learned in the classroom, and we would like to thank the tour guides for making it an interesting and enjoyable interactive tour.

We then enjoyed a nice lunch in the Supreme Court Gardens before visiting Parliament House. The students completed a tour followed by an observation of question time in the Legislative Assembly, giving them a first-hand account of how State politics work. The students were fascinated by the behaviour of the Ministers when debating policies; a memory they will have for a long time. The students then had light refreshments before returning to school.

This excursion has enhanced the students learning of active citizenship as per the Australian Curriculum and made the topic of government and law relative and real. We look forward to others sharing the same experience in coming years.



Garry Noack (HASS Teacher)

"THE RED BALLOON"

On Thursday the 15th of October a group of Year 7 students were lucky enough to attend a live theatre performance of 'The Red Balloon'. This wonderful production took place at Studio Underground at the State Theatre of Western Australia. 'The Red Balloon' explored the ideas of friendship, adventure, bullying and finding your own way. Set in post-war France, the play centres on the character of Pascal who makes friends with a big, red balloon. There were many interesting characters including a proud cat, a loud rat and a bird that ran on a very particular morning schedule. The excursion was a big success with some of the students attending the theatre for the very first time. A big thank you to Black Swan State Theatre Company for providing us with such an exciting opportunity and of course thanks goes to our lovely staff that made the excursion possible;; Dee Karman, Jonathan Bughiu, Andrew Locke and Nicole Pearce.





GIRRAWHEEN SHS CANTEEN MENU

(EFTPOS Facilities now available)

MONDAY

Assorted Sushi	\$2.00 - \$4.00
Chicken Curry and Rice	\$4.00
Assorted Pies	\$3.50
Sausage Rolls	\$2.50



TUESDAY

Hot Chicken Rolls	\$5.00
Cheeseburger	\$4.00
Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap	\$3.50



WEDNESDAY

Roast Beef Roll	\$4.00
Chicken Burger	\$4.00
Chips 'n' Gravy	\$4.00



THURSDAY

Wing Dings and Gems	\$5.00
Nuggets	4 for \$3.00
Hot Dogs	\$4.00

FRIDAY

Fish 'n' Chips	\$5.00
Chicken Fried Rice	\$4.00
Zinger Burger	\$4.00



AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

Ham and Salad	\$4.00
Chicken and Salad Rolls	\$4.00
Ham and Salad Sandwich	\$3.50
Chicken and Salad Sandwich	\$3.50
Egg and Salad Sandwich	\$3.50
Ham and Salad Wrap	\$3.00
Chicken and Salad Wrap	\$3.00



SNACKS

Cold Tuna Pasta Salad	\$4.00
Biscuits	\$1.00
Banana Muffins	\$1.00
Cheese Buddies	\$1.00
Quiches	3 for \$1.00
Crisps	\$1.50
Assorted Yoghurts	\$2.00
Custard Tarts	\$2.00



DRINKS

All Large Drinks	\$3.60
All Small Drinks	\$2.50
Water	\$2.00



Online Traffic Light Training

See our next Newsletter for more information on the School Canteen's Traffic Light System for healthy food eating

ORDER YOUR LUNCH

BEFORE SCHOOL SO

YOU DON'T MISS OUT

Large Meal Deals \$7.00

Small Meal Deals \$6.00

Kebabs made to order Thurs and Fri only – Starting at \$6.50 (Order before School)

GIRRAWHEEN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL 2015 AWARD WINNERS

SUBJECT AWARDS

THE ARTS

Media Production & Analysis Stage 1	Christopher Walker
Visual Arts Stage 1	Hina Farhat

TECHNOLOGY AND ENTERPRISE

Certificate II Building and Construction	Sam Klemm
Food, Science & Technology - Product	Nhung Ho
Food, Science & Technology – Hospitality	Kristen Buck

ENGLISH

English Stage 1	Joshua Bush
English Stage 3	Nhung Ho
ELD Stage 3	Khin Oh Mar

MATHEMATICS

Mathematics Stage 1	Joshua Bush
Mathematics Stage 2	Thi Vo
Mathematics Stage 3	Truong Le

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Certificate II Sport & Recreation	Juma Awaka
Health Studies Stage 1	Joshua Bush

SCIENCE

Human Biology Stage 3	Thi Vo
Integrated Science Stage 1	June Soe

SOCIETY & ENVIRONMENT

Career & Enterprise Stage 1	Bianka Rogers
Workplace Learning Stage 1	Teneeka Eaton-Mc Cavana

AWARDS OF DISTINCTION

Luke Simpkins Encouragement Award:
Ragen Clark

North Metropolitan Commitment to
Excellence Award:
Bianka Rogers

City of Wanneroo Citizenship Award:
*Anderson Galloway II &
June Soe*

Sportsperson of the Year Award:
Ngang Lual

Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork
Award:
Cameron Warnes

Caltex All-rounder Award:
Dylan Wallam

Kevin Fawcett Award:
Tamika Lane

Parents and Citizens Award:
Dylan Gould

Endeavour Award:
Kennedy Whyte

Academic Excellence Award:
Kathy Nguyen

Principal's Visual Artwork Award:
Dylan Wallam

NNEI Excellence Awards – Certificate
II Community Services – Child Care
Kristen Buck

DUX

ATAR *Dylan GOULD*

VET *Bianka ROGERS*



Co-President and winner of DUX award Dylan
Gould with Co-President and City of Wanneroo
Citizenship award winner Anderson Galloway II



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- computers, laptops and tablets
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You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

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The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

Vac Swim Holiday Swimming Programs

Enrolments for December/January programs are now open. It is very important for every child to learn to swim and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim's school holiday swimming programs are conducted by qualified instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. This year there has been a small increase in price from \$10.00 per enrolment to \$12.50 per enrolment (family enrolment for three or more children living at the same address is now \$34.50). For further information and online enrolment visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming

Vac swim is also looking for swimming instructors and provides part time employment opportunities for staff during the holidays. For further information please telephone 9402 6385.



Edith Cowan University commends our students for their learning engagement

Our students have been praised by Edith Cowan University for their active engagement with education and technology, using the online Your Tutor study help program provided by ECU. The university ran a competition survey for Your Tutor users all over Western Australia and was very impressed with the results. For instance, more than 83% of our student respondents expressed a desire to undertake tertiary education after school, with 73% wanting to go to university specifically.

ECU would like to extend a big 'thank you' to every participant and teaching staff, for supporting the students through the learning process and motivating them to reach their academic goals.

Through the use of on-demand, one-to-one study help with Your Tutor, our students are able to develop study skills that will help them to not only figure out a problem, but also to think critically about their own work and learning process. These skills will enhance their educational journey, as well as their professional careers outside the classroom.

More information

Students can log in to Your Tutor via ecu.edu.au/yourtutor

If you have any questions about Your Tutor, please get in touch with the teaching staff.



OLYMPIC KINGSWAY SPORTS CLUB SOCCER TRIALS 5:30PM START ON THE FOLLOWING DATES

UNDER 12/13s: TUESDAY – 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th Nov
UNDER 14/15s: WEDNESDAY – 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th Nov
UNDER 16/18s: THURSDAY – 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th Nov

