



Girrawheen SHS September 2014 Newsletter

From the Principal



Term 3 has been a positive and exceptional term. Students from our school have been involved in numerous activities with outstanding outcomes.

PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

Our Performing Arts Academy continues to develop into a strong and exceptional school program. The Academy has up to 100 students with many more wanting to participate. The impending year 7 and 8 enrolments for 2015 demonstrate the popularity of the program.

Two recent events have witnessed the Performing Arts Academy students achieve huge success. Two weeks ago the students performed in "Stars of the Future" at St Mary's, Lady Wardle's Performing Arts Centre. The evening incorporated numerous dance and theatre arts performances. Our students were exceptional. I wish to acknowledge the work of **Ms Drpich**, **Mrs Cargill** and their fabulous team of teachers, Practicum students and parents (**Diane** and **Martin Iopolo**) who worked tirelessly all term and particularly on the day. A large event such as this takes several months of preparation.

In addition to this outstanding event it is with great pleasure and huge excitement that we announce the Year 10 Performing Arts Drama students have been named Grand Finalists for the annual YOH FEST Competition. Around 312 performances were judged and our students were among the top 8 performances. YOH FEST is one of Australia's biggest health themed youth performing arts events that gives school students throughout W.A. and the N.T.



the opportunity to take part in an innovative and revolutionary approach to health education.

This year the Year 10 Drama students have scripted and performed a highly thought provoking and motivating play titled "Life is what you make it".

CLONTARF

Our Clontarf Academy has also progressed positively throughout the term. The young men involved in the Academy are involved in early morning football training sessions that start at 7.00am. They have played numerous football games across the state which has also seen the team win various games. **Dylan Wallam** and **Derek Nannup** participated in the Gerard Neasham Cup playing in the all-stars team against Clontarf College. This all-stars team won the Gerard Neasham Cup for the first time with Dylan captaining the team. Congratulations to all the Clontarf students who participated in Term 3.

On Friday a presentation took place acknowledging the boys achievements across the school based on attendance and improvement in the academic arena. Guests and key note speakers included the Mayor of Wanneroo, Herrison Rotary members, School Board members and lead personnel from the Clontarf Academy Board.

AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS NETWORK COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Network Community (ABCN) supports a number of programs that support groups of students across all years within our school. A number of our students have visited Amex and met with mentors who have supported a reading program and talked about career opportunities. This has become a popular program and excellent partnership that is valued by our students.

PRACTICUM STUDENTS

Our school has become a popular school for supporting and preparing Practicum teachers. Practicum teachers not only benefit from the reality and rigour required to become a teacher at school; they also become an integral part of our school team, developing warm and strong partnerships with staff, students and parents.

A REMINDER THAT STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL
TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2014

MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY FOR TEACHERS
STUDENT PUPIL FREE DAY



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SCHOOL VALUES

✓ Respect ✓ Responsibility ✓ Doing your best

SCHOOL PRIORITIES

✓ Numeracy/Literacy ✓ Positive Behaviour ✓ Attendance

TERM DATES

Term 4:

Tues 14 Oct – Thurs 18 Dec

Dates to Remember

17 October

Year 12 Farewell Assembly

24 October

Year 12 Awards Night

29 October

P & C Meeting @6.30pm

14 November

Clontarf Wadjemup Cup

21 November

Orientation Day

21 November

40th Anniversary 3:30 – 6:00pm

24 November

**Professional Development Day
for Teachers – Students have a
Pupil Free Day**

25 November

2015 School Year Starts

18 December

Term 4 Ends

I thank **Sophie Rowlands, Dylan Lauritsen, Jerri-Lee Matthews and Ben Pether** for their enthusiasm and wish them every success as future teachers and leaders in education.

YEAR 12 STUDENTS

We begin to feel sad with the impending departure of our wonderful Year 12 students. On Friday 17 October students will conclude their time at our school as full time students. They end another educational phase and will now move into adulthood. Many students will be preparing for ATAR examinations whilst others will be completing assessments for their WACE Certificate.

I continue to urge our young people to work just as hard as these final weeks still count in assisting them achieve their goals. Our teaching staff is very supportive and insists that if students require additional support in finals preparation that they continue to make contact with them and they will help in any way they can.

NAPLAN

This year our school's overall results in NAPLAN have been positive and demonstrate improvement. Due to a concerted effort from the students and some additional support from staff in working with students in the home work classes and after school Maths Academy we are pleased with the 2014 NAPLAN results.

Numeracy has improved with progress made across almost all bands from 5-10. Literacy has also been improved upon in writing and reading with stable results in spelling and grammar.

There are continued strategies being implemented, commencing with the whole school literacy plan which will begin in 2015. As numeracy and literacy are two of the school's

priorities we aim to work toward continued progress to assist our students to improve their results.

PREMIER'S ANZAC STUDENT TOUR

We are proud to announce that two of our students, **Kate Naylor** and **Jet-rik Bernal** have been selected along with 55 other students from various private and public schools across the State to progress to the State Finals for the Premiers ANZAC Student Tour 2015 competition. **Jet-rik** and **Kate** will be involved in further work that includes an interview for final selection. We wish them every success. Thanks are extended to **Ms Bolt** for her encouragement of the students and ongoing enthusiasm in History.

HOSPITALITY LUNCHEON

During Week 9 staff was treated to a delicious and filling three course meal cooked by our Hospitality students. This was a real treat for us all as we do not normally have an opportunity to stop and eat. Our thanks to **Mrs Hales** and her Hospitality students. We look forward to more of these opportunities.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Next term there will be two Professional Development Days based on teachers working on WACE reforms, as well as work on school priorities such as a Whole School Literacy Plan, Positive Behaviour and Numeracy. This means that due to schools receiving additional professional development students will not be required to attend school on those days. Therefore students do not come to school on Monday 13 October, students will commence on Tuesday 14 October. They will also not be required to come to school on Monday 24 November, students return on Tuesday 25 November.

SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board recently met. They discussed many aspects of school business. This included the 2013 Annual Report, the School Business Plan and how the priorities and targets are progressing. In addition they discussed possible avenues to be able to become more familiar to the school community. Plans are afoot for the Board to continue to attend as many special events as possible but also to attend parent reporting nights and functions with the P&C. We look forward to seeing our Board Members more frequently in 2015.

P & C

P&C met and discussed some exciting opportunities for our school. They continue to advocate on behalf of our staff and students. P&C are also very keen to contribute in as many ways as possible. Resources for students, funds for excursion and busy bees to clean up the school and do up classrooms were discussed. Any support to P&C is most welcome. P&C also welcome new membership.

I wish all staff and students a relaxing and safe two week break. I look forward to seeing everyone feeling refreshed and ready for our final term of this year.

Rosalba Butterworth
PRINCIPAL

PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY 2014 "The Stars of the Future"

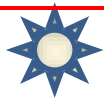
What an amazing performance our talented students of the performing Arts Academy recently gave at "The Stars of the Future Showcase" held on Saturday 13th September at the Lady Wardle Performing Arts Centre in Karrinyup.

Over 80 students from the Performing Arts Academy performed a variety of routines they had created over the year in their Performing Arts Academy classes. It was entertaining, and clearly the audience could not stop talking about what they saw. The Unity team who are current National Champion winners performed some of their recent routines where they won the best overall dance award beating entries including University teams. The Unity team will be competing again this year in the State competition held next term at the Challenge Stadium, where they will compete in the cheer, contemporary and hip hop category with new routines they have been working on this term.

It was also great to see the work the Year 10 Performing Arts Academy students have been doing in their classes for YOH FEST. The students are required to create a performance to the theme "Our Community". The students are then required to put this piece together without teachers input in both dance and drama categories. This year, the competition has been open to all schools across two States, so to make the **top 8** in the final is another great achievement for our students. Our amazing students will be competing in the finals, which will be held on Saturday 25th October at the Mandurah Performing Arts centre. Their drama routine is "Life is what you make it" (Go Girrawheen Performing Arts Academy!!)

Performing Arts Coordinator
Heather Cargill





OUR STUDENTS SHINE

WORK PLACE LEARNING SUCCESS

Girrawheen Senior High School Year 12 student, **Kayal Simon**, is completing his Certificate 11 Hospitality at Mirrabooka Senior High School. **Kayal** has completed 5 placements in the Hospitality Industry and has been very successful. While participating in the Hospitality Certificate Work Place Learning over the last 18 months, **Kayal** has gained employment through his performance.

He initially took up a part time position at The Cake Factory until he was offered part time employment at the Alexander Tavern.

While **Kayal** was on placement at Miss Maud's Hotel and Restaurant the Head Chef was very impressed with his attitude and work ethic. He was so impressed that he contacted the Executive Chef at the Weld Club and arranged a work placement for **Kayal** this term.

Kayal has once again demonstrated the skills required and the Executive Chef appreciated **Kayal's** eagerness to learn. **Kayal** is keen to acquire an apprenticeship once he has completed his course.



GIRRAWHEEN SHS SCHOOL UNIFORM

As part of an initiative to promote school unity and appearance there has been a concentrated effort to have all the students in the correct uniform. The aims of our Dress Code are to improve the image, safety and educational tone of our school.

Just a reminder that our dress code is:

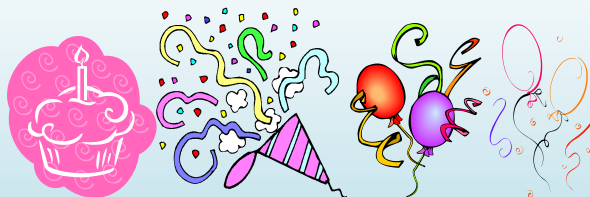
- Plain black pants, shorts or skirts (Tights and leggings are not acceptable unless worn underneath shorts or skirts).
- A school shirt
- A school jumper or jacket
- An undershirt in either black, white or navy blue may be worn under school shirt
- Beanies and hoodies are not a part of the school uniform
- Sturdy, enclosed footwear. Runners / trainers are ideal

Students who are out of uniform will receive lunchtime detentions as well as the confiscation of non - uniform items. If you have any concerns please contact the school.

Positive Behaviour Co-ordinators (Year 8 - 12)

GIRRAWHEEN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL 40TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

PAST STUDENTS



When: Friday 21 November 3.30 - 6.00pm

Where: Performing Arts Centre followed by afternoon tea in the staff room

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HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

It was a fine and still morning on Thursday the 4th of September as the Physical Education staff arrived early to set up for the much anticipated house athletics carnival. **Mr Clarke** likes to think he's the boss, so we were happy to humour him as he delivered instructions on how to set up the bays and where the shade should be located. Unfortunately I had to take over when returning and realizing that he had only constructed three house bays. After that, the set up went so well that there was even time to sneak off for a quick coffee before the masses arrived.

At 9am the students assembled into their houses for the all-important 'march-in' to the oval. The marching provided comic relief at times, with incoherent chants (Acacia), sleep-walking students (Dryandra) and a less than inspiring war cry and charge from the teachers of Caladenia. It was a light-hearted and certainly colourful way to start proceedings.

After a short welcome speech from **Mrs. Butterworth**, the competitors were raring to go. Out they trundled to their stations (discus, 100m, big-ball-soccer, tug-o-war, shot put, lap-a-thon, long jump and 5v5 basketball) to start the day's battle.

The competition was fierce as students attempted to accumulate points for both the individual champion awards and the winning house trophy. At 2pm, after the last of the eight rotations were completed, the students again assembled in their house bays to witness the ever-popular 100m relay races.

The relay races are always a great spectacle, with competitors eager to impress in front of the whole school. Croaky voiced teachers tried in vain to keep the mass of enthusiastic spectators away from the track as the sprinters flashed by with baton in hand. After the frenetic running of the relays the students again returned to their bays to await the all-important presentations.

A great day was had by all and it was an absolute pleasure to see our students embrace the fun of the event. They dressed up in house colours, competed hard, encouraged each other, work well as a team and enjoyed each other's company.

Congratulations to **Pal** and **Madeline**, the co-captains of the winning house – DRYANDRA! The blue machine did it again.

Final results are below:

1 st	Dryandra	3795
2 nd	Caladenia	3680
3 rd	Acacia	3660
4 th	Banksia	3130



Year 8	Champion Boy	Matthew Law
	R/U Champion Boy	Reginald Lyndon
Year 8	Champion Girl	Yordanos Turuneh
	R/U Champion Girl	Vanessa Kalau
Year 9	Champion Boy	Jason Sein Win
	R/U Champion Boy	Christopher Tilley
Year 9	Champion Girl	Esther Nyolic
	R/U Champion Girl	Kate Naylor
Year 10	Champion Boy	Sheldon Anstey
	R/U Champion Boy	Dylan O'Meara
Year 10	Champion Girl	Brittany Sims
	R/U Champion Girl	Achia Onesimo
Year 11/12	Champion Boy	Ngang Lua
	R/U Champion Boy	Juma Awaka
Year 11/12	Champion Girl	Kayla Bramley
	R/U Champion Girl	Rachel Wishart







Breakfast Club

At Girrawheen Senior High School the Breakfast Club operates each Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8.00 am until 8.40 am.

Breakfast foods vary from day to day, but often include vegemite, strawberry jam, cream cheese, butter, toast, cereals, porridge, eggs, soup noodles, French toast, pancakes, and a beverage such as milo, tea, milk, and fruit juice.

As most students travel to school on public transport from across the northern suburbs of Perth, they arrive at varied times. On arrival at school, around 10 - 20 students visit the kitchen: Home Economics 1. Some students may sit and have their breakfast, while others choose to grab some food and leave to socialize with their friends. The breakfast program ensures that students eat at least one healthy meal a day. The Breakfast Club at Girrawheen Senior High is continuing to grow successfully.

Jonathan Bughiu
(YouthCARE School Chaplain)

**Mr Lee joining the breakfast
club team**

