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SCHOOL VALUES SCHOOL PRIORITIES

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Our school calendar has been extensively filled with a variety of activities that have had staff and students actively engaged throughout Term 1 and Term 2. Many of these have been based on excursions supporting curriculum delivery, along with camps, inter school winter sporting carnivals, career guests and much more. Just as importantly, exams have been a strong feature with students studying for their semester course work.

Last term ended with our whole school Harmony celebration. It culminated with an assembly filled with performances from our Performing Arts Academy and Unity troupes. I congratulate them on this celebratory assembly and enjoyable event. Our school's Harmony Day celebrated our cultural diversity, a special and valued feature of Girrawheen Senior High School. Harmony Day's theme was 'everyone belongs'.

Girrawheen Senior High School has a newly formed Rotary Interact Club. Students from our school belong to this not for profit group, in partnership and as part of Heirisson Rotary. Interact Club supports fundraising for very needy and worthwhile causes. Our students have assisted with a breakfast stall, an ANZAC day community event and more. The group meet weekly and have over 30 students representing the Girrawheen Rotary Interact Group.

The Biggest Morning Tea has become an annual event with staff at Girrawheen SHS. Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is a great opportunity for friends, family or workmates to come together, share a cuppa and some delicious food, and help West Australians affected by cancer. In previous years Mrs Hales has organised and hosted this event, this year her Year 11 Food Science students prepared a feast of gourmet food and served staff with a beautiful afternoon tea. This served as a part of their course assessment. It was great to know that the students who prepared the food also were allowed to eat their gourmet treats. All funds raised go to the Cancer Council of Western Australia.
Please see over



Broadway performer Michael Parks Masterson spends a day with the Performing Arts students at Girrawheen Senior High School

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This term our Performing Arts Academy and Unity troupe were once again visited by Michael Parks Masterson, who was visiting and performing at an event for the US Consul General Rachel Cooke. Michael visited last year and provided a full day's workshop with our students. This year he went from class to class working on specific strategies to refine performances. Michael's visit to our school coincided with the choreography work he was involved in at WAAPA. He will now be returning to the States to continue with his choreography but will return to Perth during the year and will continue to build on the great work with Ms Drpich and Mrs Cargill. Photos of these events can be seen in the Perth US Consular General's website and Facebook.

Student Congratulations: This year a number of students have been selected to represent our school through scholarship or competition entry to numerous Eastern States and overseas events. Meisje Galvin Stil will be going to a conference in Sydney as a part of her ABCN scholarship. She is also being mentored through Wesfarmers as part of the ABCN Scholarship program. This program provides Meisje and other students insight into the corporate world. It also helps students to determine what they may like to consider as a career.

Fatima Sehic and Jenna Cruz were both selected to attend the National Science Youth Forum in Canberra in January. They have also been selected to attend International forums in Singapore and London. Over the April holidays the girls and I attended a Heirisson Rotary function at which the girls presented their Canberra experience to local and international members of Rotary.

Another of our young students Sedin Hasanovic went to a Rotary Conference in Canberra in May. We also congratulate Kate Naylor, Sedin Hasanovic and Gabrielle Scott who were successful in receiving an education scholarship from the City of Wanneroo.

NAPLAN and OLNA testing has featured strongly this term and is integral to students achieving their WACE in Year 12. Every year our staff work hard with students to support and prepare them with the State and National testing processes in literacy and numeracy. This year our staff and student achievements have been positively recognised. A recent letter from Mr Patrick Garnett and Mr Allan Blagaich, from the Government of Western Australia's, School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) acknowledged the efforts of our school staff and students in the literacy and numeracy gains made over the three year period from 2013 to 2016. Our school's gains demonstrate value adding and good practices in place to help our students. Through our school's targeted interventions, student work, teacher commitment, and overall hard work, our school ranks in the top 50 for improvement. While not all of our students achieved their WACE in 2016 this does acknowledge the percentage increase in students demonstrating the minimum standards from Year 9 NAPLAN to the end of Year 12. I commend and thank the staff at Girrawheen and students for their achievements.

Staffing Update

This term we farewelled Mr Simon Lee who won a Head of Learning position at Armadale SHS. We congratulate him and wish him ongoing success in his new role. Ms Charan Pabla is currently our school's Teacher in Charge of Science and Maths. We congratulate her on this role.

Next term Mr Russell Miln, Dean of Studies (Year 11 & 12) will be on Long Service Leave for 10 weeks. Ms Dee Karman will be the Dean of Studies during this time. Mrs Heather Cargill will be the Year 9/10 Positive Behaviour Coordinator. We also welcome Mr Matthew Kovacs who is teaching Science and Maths, along with our practicum teachers from ECU:

Ms Alice Mrazek-Scriven in HASS, Ms Elise Yardley in English, Mr Stephen McGuire in Drama and Mr Craig Hollingsworth in Physical Education. We also welcome Ms Lee Bradley who is training to be an Education Assistant.

Last holidays Mr Mike Sims had an unfortunate bike riding accident culminating in a serious hip operation. Mr Sims has been recuperating at home this term. We continue to wish him well in his recovery. Ms Deborah Edwards has been the relieving teacher responsible for media. We welcome her to our school.

Kindness Project: A number of positive school based initiatives are underway that aim to improve our school culture in several ways. The Kindness Project is aimed at countering bullying and offensive behaviour. This project focuses on kindness and being respectful to one another. The project was launched on 29 May. It includes the You Can Sit With Me initiative being run by our Student Council. A focus of this program will be in the lower secondary years. During this project staff and students will nominate other staff and students who show kindness. The nomination forms will be displayed for everyone to see. There have been some positive and encouraging outcomes. A few quotes of kindness shown:

"For constantly supporting and providing leadership to others" "Always having a smile"
"For being kind and welcoming to everyone" "Being kind and respectful"

Canteen Week was celebrated in our school. Our Student Council paid tribute to the great work our Canteen Ladies do to provide a service for our students. Student Council hosted a morning tea for the Canteen Staff and P&C President. I am particularly proud of the students recognising our ladies. Our students kindly purchased new tea towels and storage containers for the ladies and the Canteen.

We conclude our term with reports going home to parents. If you were unable to attend the Reporting Night to Parents on Wednesday 28 June, your child's report will be posted to you. This is a critical time of year whereby staff, along with parents can review how students are progressing. It is also a time for students to consider what they wish to improve on. Parents who wish to meet with teachers to discuss their child's progress are welcome to make an appointment through our front office on 9247 0555. Our aim is to work in partnership and to help your child succeed.

I wish students and staff a relaxing break and look forward to their return in Term 3.

Rosalba Butterworth

PRINCIPAL



Lynda Nguyen, Year 12 student from Girrawheen Senior High School participated in the 22nd National School's Constitutional Convention in Canberra in March this year.

IMPORTANT DATES

DAY	DATE	EVENT
Friday	30 June 2017	TERM 2 ENDS
Monday	17 July 2017	Staff and Students Return to School
Wednesday - Thursday	26 – 27 July 2017	Aspire – Year 11 Camp
Thursday	17 August 2017	School Ball
Friday	18 August 2017	PD Day – Students do not attend School
Friday	25 August 2017	School Athletics Carnival
Monday - Friday	4 – 8 September 2017	YOHFest Heats
Monday - Friday	4 – 15 September 2017	OLNA Testing
Tuesday	19 September	Year 8 Immunisation
Friday	22 September	TERM 3 ENDS

Our school works hard to provide a safe and respectful learning environment for our students. In the event that any person may have a concern it would be appreciated if you could call the school on 9247 0555 to make an appointment with a member of the Executive team who will work with you in a respectful and engaging manner to resolve the matter. Verbal and aggressive behaviour is not condoned. To protect our students and staff, any visitor demonstrating hostile behaviour will be asked to leave the premises. In the event that this occurs it is necessary to report the incident to the Education Department and police.

Mutual respect is key to achieving the best for our students and all families play an important role in this. We welcome you and continue to work in partnership with you to offer the best opportunities for your child.

AFL FLYING BOOMERANGS NATIONAL AFL TEAM



Year 9 student Ezekiel Bolton has made the 2017 Flying Boomerangs National AFL team. "The Boomerangs squad have been selected by AFL Club recruiters following their impressive performances at the 2017 AFL National Diversity Championships in Blacktown over the April school holidays.

The AFL announced the 2017 Flying Boomerangs squad to compete at the 2017 NAB AFL Under-16 Championships on the Gold Coast in July.

Selected by AFL Club recruiters following the 2017 AFL National Diversity Championships held in Blacktown, the squad of 25 young men has been chosen based on school attendance, leadership skills, and football ability.

The AFL Flying Boomerangs program is a personal development and leadership program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young men aged 14-16 years old, supported by Rio Tinto.

AFL General Manager Game Development, Andrew Dillon, said the Rio Tinto AFL Flying Boomerangs program is a great opportunity for the best rising Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander talent in the nation to develop on and off the field.

We wish Ezekiel all the best for the Under 16 Championships in July.

Girrawheen Clontarf Wrap

Term 2 started and was filled with many exciting opportunities for the Clontarf boys. There were plenty of football games played with some great results, teams played were:

- Warwick SHS
- Wanneroo SHS
- Several other Clontarf academies
- Balga SHS
- Ashdale SHS

The term also saw a camp to Carnarvon, a workplace visit to Bunnings and Derbarl Yerrigan Health service to provide a health check for the boys.

Some Year 11 & 12 boys also got to spend a day with other Clontarf Academies, participating with Clontarf Partners & Ministers from the Education Department joining in a breakfast as well as an amazing race around the City of Perth. This was followed by a corporate day at a Fremantle Dockers game.



Several incentive & engagement activities such as

- Weekly Monday Morning Bacon & Egg Breakfasts
- Weekly 100% attendance meals
- Reward meals at Heights Restaurant
- Community Service activities like a cook up for the Soup Kitchen at Hainsworth Recreation Centre
- Early morning 7:00am Football Training sessions
- Education prize draws for boys doing well in the classroom
- End of term 85% attendance plus Indoor Go Karting



The Girrawheen Clontarf Academy continued with its visits to local primary schools and was involved in performing some Cultural dances as well passing on some experiences to the new generation of Clontarf boys on the way.

All in all a very busy term was had & the same exciting opportunities are available next term!

Any Indigenous boy is eligible to join Clontarf once they are a member of Girrawheen SHS.

Wayne Young Clontarf Academy



Year 7 Movie Makers!

Year 7 students have realised that it's not that easy to make a short film! The Media students have been busy learning how to operate a camera while producing a short film during their studies this term. They have written scripts, filmed on site and selected footage and music to edit using iMovie. We have also started a Movie Club during lunch where the Year 7s have the opportunity to eat their lunch, watch films and discuss ideas. It has been wonderful working with such an enthusiastic group and we look forward to seeing more exciting work in the future!

**Deb Edwards
Media Teacher**



STAFF AND STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL MONDAY 17 JULY 2017

Drama News



Earlier this semester, Year 11 and 12 Drama students were treated to a day at the theatre. We were fortunate to secure tickets to a performance of "Once in Royal David City" which was performed by Black Swan Theatre Company at the State Theatre of W.A.

The students saw a refreshingly contemporary production that complimented their studies of acting in Drama. The superb ensemble of actors demonstrated exemplary performance skills and gave students a real insight into the standard required by professional actors. A wonderful day was had by all who attended.



Broadway performer spends a day in the Performing Arts at Girrawheen SHS

Professional Broadway performer Michael Parks Masterson visited our school for the first time last year. He had such a wonderful time that he wanted to return for another visit! So our Performing Arts Academy students were privileged to work with Michael once again earlier this term.

Michael resides in the USA and is an accomplished Broadway performer, choreographer and director. On his recent visit back to Perth, we were honoured to have Michael spend the day with us in Performing Arts.

There is nothing this man cannot do; he is able to sing, dance and act in a way that truly mesmerises an audience. When he visited, he taught some challenging choreography to inspire our dancers. He also helped to develop the characters in our annual YOH Fest play and shed some light on what it takes to be a professional performer.

Michael is indeed a role model to all of our Performing Arts students. His experience, advice and feedback were invaluable as we work hard to rehearse our upcoming showcase performances for Term Three. We hope that Michael will return to our school again and again.

Ms Jenny Drpich
Performing Arts Teacher

Year 10 Home Economics - Masterchef Cooking Competition

The Year 10 Home Economics class completed a task where they needed to choose and adapt a winning recipe. On the day of the competition they had one hour to make and serve their dish, present for judging and clean up. The competition was fierce and all students tried their best. Mrs Williams, Mrs Beattie and Mr Young volunteered as judges and thoroughly enjoyed trying every dish. It was a difficult decision for them but the winner was unanimous.

Congratulations to **Shee Shee Hsa** and **Moo Shat Hser** who were the winners with their homemade sushi and egg rolls. The judges all said the flavour balance in their dish was undeniable and their execution of the dish was impressive making them the stand out winners.

Special mention to **Nicole Espedido** and **Ruzell Curita** who made Halo Halo, a traditional Filipino dessert and **Rebecca Hill** and **Shakira Fitzgerald** who made Butter Chicken and placed a unanimous equal second.



Biggest Morning Tea



The Year 11 Food Science class hosted the annual Biggest Morning Tea to raise funds for the Cancer Council of WA. The staff were invited to come along to make a donation. In return, the students served an array of hot and cold dishes and prepared a hot beverage for their guests. A total of \$146 was raised for this great cause and many staff commented on how much they enjoyed the food and level of service provided by the students.



HASS report

In May 2017, the Year 8A HASS class participated in an excursion that was extremely relevant to their history course and provided a hands on experience. The behaviour and interest of the students at all times was brilliant and the staff at the Prison and Museum were very impressed with our students. Some of the students wrote about their experience on the day:

On 15 May our class of 8A went to Fremantle Prison and the WA Maritime museums to discover new information about the past. We learned about convict lives and interesting stories about the variety of ships that have come through WA waters.

Fremantle Prison closed in 1991, giving tourists an insight into mysterious deaths and the history of it. We firstly looked at the different category of the prisoner's crimes. There was one cell that we went in to inspect and we experienced the dark and cold room that convicts used to live in. We went through the cafeteria and down to the area where the punishments for convicts were administered. One of our classmates, Tahnayah Nelio volunteered for a whipping demonstration by one of the guards, who also told us about the ghost of a former female convict that appears in the window around 2pm each day.

After a fun time at the prison, we took the bus to our next destination, the WA Maritime Museum. This museum told us the brilliant history of many old ships that have travelled through WA waters. Another of our class mates Kylie Mudra told us that one of the boats that was displayed in the museum was once owned by her great, great grandfather. Learning all the information about the boats gave us a great insight into their construction and operation.

As we left the museum it started raining but that didn't stop us from reaching our next destination, the WA Shipwreck Museum. On display were old artefacts discovered by marine biologists from many of the known WA shipwrecks. Items such as: broken pots, kitchenware, canons, ammunition and broken planks from the Batavia. In addition, there was a display of a skeleton of a former sailor from the Batavia, who scientists believe may have been murdered.

After the amazing time at the Shipwreck Museum, the class rewarded themselves by having lunch at Cicerello's. We enjoyed their fish and chips and were especially lucky to have an ice cream thanks to Mrs Allen. During the bus ride home, we discussed all the things we learned and what we enjoyed the most (and gave the staff a headache from our singing!)

We really enjoyed the day and learnt a huge amount – thank you to Mr Noack for arranging it and for he, Mrs Allen and Jonathon for accompanying us.

By Maryll Raymundo and Sahar Mazafari (Thanks to Kyan Burt and Lily Tran for the photos).

Years 9 HASS Extension, 10 HASS Extension, 11 History

Students in these courses are currently writing essays from which the school will submit entries to various competitions. All year groups have been doing exams or finishing off assessments for the grades relevant to the Semester 1 report.

Premier's Anzac Student Tour 2017

Year 12 student Brandon Rowe represented the school, the State and his peer group by being one of the successful finalists that travelled to Singapore and Kranji War Cemetery for Anzac Day. His praises from the travel organisers reflect the calibre and integrity of this young man as he played a significant student leadership role. This time last year Brandon was preparing a competition essay and this was his ultimate reward. Well done.

Year 12 History

Exam results are back and students are moving on to their final semester of full on study. This will be a very busy time for these students. Please make sure the HASS department is contacted if you have any concerns as to how your child is performing.

Ms Hohnen, Mr Noack, Ms Beattie, Ms Bolt



ABCN FOCUS

A group of Year 10 girls recently had the opportunity to participate in the Australian Business Community Network Leadership Program.

The girls attended three sessions at three different corporate venues, where they worked through a learning log focusing on the development of various self-management, personal development and leadership skills. Participants worked with successful female mentors from the corporate world as they explored and practised their own strengths and strategies for success. Highlights of the program included the views of the Swan River and the opulence of the buildings, inspiring girls to aspire to these heights.



Student News - Message from Heirisson Rotary

Fantastic news, Fatma Sehic and Jeninna Cruz, who were both selected to attend The National Youth Science Forum in Canberra in January, have now been selected to attend follow up forums internationally.

Fatma will attend a forum in Singapore and Jeninna will attend a forum in London. These forums include visiting some of the most elite universities and meeting some of the best scientists in the science world as well as getting the chance to visit these amazing destinations together with 100's of similar minded students.

Unfortunately, there is quite a cost attached to their attendance, however, the Rotary Club of Heirisson has agreed to support the girls in their fundraising. Margaret Quirk has also donated funds towards Fatma and Jeninna's trips as well as donating towards Brandon Rowe's trip to Singapore.



Girls Academy Art Program

Girls in the Academy Program have been very fortunate to have access to leading Perth Artist Jessica Hart during their after school Art program running each Thursday. The program sponsored by the City of Wanneroo gives our students access to a range of innovative and creative Art programs from textile design to painting and drawing. The girls are currently participating in textile design, making a range of clothing from a pattern base. It has been a fun and rewarding program for our girls and we hope to exhibit the students work later in the year.

Josie Slater
Art Teacher



YEAR 7 GIRL'S SOCCER

Our wonderful Year 7 girls' soccer team were promoted to Division 1 in this year's carnival. In their opening game, Girrawheen demolished Shenton College 'A' team 4-0, with our midfield maestro Mahder Abebe scoring a hat trick.

Against Carine 'A' (3-1) and Perth Modern (2-0), Girrawheen continued to excel with the score lines not doing justice to our girls' dominance. In the semi-final we met the favourites Churchlands 'A' who were confident and assured they would see off the Girrawheen threat to face Balga in the final.

From the onset, Girrawheen controlled the game, being a much superior and tactically organised outfit with the counter attack working to dramatic effect. Cruising in defence were Thi Kim Nhi Dahn, Yemariam Abebe, Eh Tha Mu Wah and Charlotte Allen, their skilful play impressing the onlookers. Churchlands struggled to cope with Girrawheen's no nonsense midfielders and Girrawheen ended up deserving 2-0 winners.

By this stage Girrawheen had accumulated an array of injuries, aches and pains to our valiant players and we narrowly lost to a skilful Balga team in the final. However despite this Thalia Jones was undoubtedly the MVP in the final with her stamina, determination and ability to read the game keeping the Balga girls on their toes. The girls would like to thank Mr Carlo 'Fabulous at 50' Passera for organising the Year 7 Carnival and for the parents and families who came to cheer us on.

Mrs Beattie



The C-division team competed well throughout the day with one win against Churchlands and some narrow losses in other games.

Eight games of soccer in one day was a tough ask for our small squads 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.

Well done boys.

Mr Passera and Mr Clarke



Year 8 Boys Soccer Team



Year 9 Boys Soccer Team

Year 7 Boys Soccer

Twenty-one boys headed to Kingsway Soccer Reserve to compete against the might of the northern suburbs. We fielded two soccer teams in this carnival with our stronger team competing in the tough A-division and our less experienced team competing in C-division.

The A-division team performed very well, losing only one game to the eventual champions – Perth Modern School. On the way, we defeated Balga, Churchlands, Balcatta, Shenton and Greenwood.