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FROM THE HEADMASTER

he 134th Foundation Day service on 5th May saw the Sacred Heart Cathedral in full splendour with magnificent music bringing the venue to life. For the first time, House banners featuring new crests were ceremoniously carried and displayed by students, adding a splash of colour to the already beautifully lit Cathedral.

Those in attendance witnessed The Very Reverend Father Tony Shallue being moved by the whole event and in particular, he shared with me how overwhelmed he was by the respect shown by our students. Whilst impeccable behaviour at the Foundation Day service has always been displayed by our students, it was incredibly gratifying to be reminded that the young people in our care possess the maturity to recognise importance of occasion.

Thank you to all teachers and parents who supported our Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students through NAPLAN testing last week with the appropriate level of meaning and composure. Our students are well guided and supported in the NAPLAN process and are familiar with test formats. Children should be encouraged to do their best and trust in the fact that this is only one part of the school program and I believe that the School and parents have achieved the right context where NAPLAN testing is concerned.

Two successful 'RULER For Parents' sessions were held at the school last week for Senior School and Junior School parents. The session for Junior School parents was aimed at those new to the school and not yet familiar with the RULER Approach and the Senior School session focused on the School Charter and how RULER is used in the Senior School. Improving Emotional Intelligence means improving relationships at home, school and work so these information sessions are incredibly valuable for everyone. We will continue to put the social and emotional wellbeing of our students first so that learning can flourish.

The next RULER information session will be held on 15th June and will focus on family communication and helping children to communicate respectfully and effectively using RULER skills. I urge you to attend.

The past few weeks have seen a huge number of sporting successes in our midst including the Year 7 tennis team who won the School Sports Victoria Loddon Mallee Regional Final and the Junior Girls and



Intermediate Boys volleyball teams who won the School Sports Victoria Loddon Mallee Regional Finals and will now progress to the State Finals.

Meanwhile, Emma Blackford (12 Frew) has won an Airservices-sponsored Australian Women Pilots' Association (AWPA) flight training scholarship valued at \$8000. (Read more in this edition of eLink).

The Black Box, which I have the pleasure of sitting near, currently echoes with the voices of Year 8 students mastering songs from Singin' in the Rain and the often hilarious Shakespearean dialogue from A Midsummer Night's Dream. What a delight it is, to work in a place where the sounds of children singing and acting is the backdrop to our daily lives.

Matthew F Maruff

Headmaster



TERM 2 2017 IMPORTANT DATES

MPORTANT

Week 6

Tueday 23rd May **Senior School DAV Debating**

Wednesday 24th May Senior School PESA 2017 Regional Finals

Thursday 25th May Senior School Sandhurst Division Junior Sports Day (Years 7-8)

Friday 26th May **Open Day**

9:00am - 12:00pm Performing Arts Building

Week 8

Monday 5th June
Years 7-11 Examinations

Tuesday 6th June
Years 7-11 Examinations

Sports Victoria Loddon Mallee Regional Cross Country (Years 7-12) Wednesday 7th June Years 7-11 Examinations

Girton Parents and Friends Meeting 5:30pm

Thursday 8th June **Years 7-11 Examinations**

Friday 9th June
Years 7-11 Examinations

Bendigo Competition Junior School Performance Choir and Girton Singers The Capital Theatre

Week 9

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Monday 12th June Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday 13th June Year 9 Program Day

Wednesday 14th June Senior School VCAA GAT

Week 10

Monday 19th June
Sandhurst Division Junior
Girls Football (Years 7-8)

Marist College Bendigo

Senior School DAT Parent Information Evening

5:45pm Lecture Theatre

Tuesday 20th June Senior School DAT Interviews Library

Senior School Production *A Midsummer Night's Dream*The Capital Theatre

Sandhurst Division Intermediate Girls Football (Years 9-10)

Sports Victoria State Cross Country (Years 7-12)

Wednesday 21st June Senior School DAT Interviews Library

Sandhurst Division Year 8 Boys' Football

Senior School Production A Midsummer Night's Dream The Capital Theatre Thursday 22nd June

Senior School DAT Interviews Library

ICCES Winter Sports Tour (Years 7-12)

Senior School Production *A Midsummer Night's Dream*The Capital Theatre

Friday 23rd June
ICCES Winter Sports Tour
(Years 7-12)

Last Day Term Two

TERM 3 2017 IMPORTANT DATES

MPORTANT

Week I

Wednesday 19th July First Day of Term 3

Junior School Netball Carnival Golden City Netball

Millward House Parent and Grandparent Evening

4:00pm - 6:00pm Black Box

Thursday 20th July

Junior School and Senior School Sports Victoria Cross Country

Bundoora Park, Melbourne

Week 2

Monday 24th July

Year 11 (2018) Information Evening

The Naunton Family Evening

Tuesday 25th July

Junior School Divisional Girls Football Carnival

Catholic College Bendigo

Senior School Sandhurst Division Intermediate Football (Years 9-10)

Marist College Bendigo

Wednesday 26th July

Junior School Victorian
School Netball Championships
- Primary Girls
Bendigo

Junior School Divisional Boys Football Carnival Catholic College Bendigo

Senior School Sandhurst

Division year 7 Boys FootballMarist College Bendigo

Thursday 27th July

Senior School Victorian Volleyball Schools Cup (States)

Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre State Volleyball Centre

Dandenong (returning Sunday 30th July)

Senior School Football (AFL) Match vs Castlemaine Secondary (selected Years 10-12)

Castlemaine

Senior School Performing Arts Scholarship Auditions

4:00pm - 7:00pm The Black Box Theatre

Week 3

Monday 31st July

Year 10 (2018) Information Evening

5:45pm - 7:00pm The Naunton Family Builing

Tuesday 1st August

Junior School and Senior School ICAS (English) Testing Year 8 and 10

Betty Higgs and Michael Currie Scholarship Auditions The Black Box Theatre

Senior School Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 2nd August

ICCES Cross Country, Debating and Chess (Years 7-12)

La Trobe Bundoora and Bundoora Park

Thursday 3rd August

Junior School Regional Sports Day - Soccer and Netball Swan Hill

Betty Higgs and michael Currie Scholarship Auditions The Black Box Theatre Friday 4th August

Sandhurst Division Junior Sports Day (Years 7-8)

Junior School Football and Netball v Ballarat Grammar

Netball at Girton Football at Long Gully

Week 4

Monday 7th August

Girton Parents and Friends Meeting

5:30pm Mo7

Tuesday 8th August

Junior School Regional Sports Day, Football Swan Hill

Wednesday 9th August

Junior School Ensembles Concert

Ulumbarra Theatre

Friday 11th August

Senior School City to Surf Returns Monday 14th August

The Amazing Spaghetti
Machine Competition
Melbourne University

Friends of Junior School Parent Function

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TERM 3 2017 IMPORTANT DATES

MPORTANT

Week 5

Monday 14th August

Junior School Divisional Golf Tournament

Bendigo Golf Course

Tuesday 15th August

Junior School ICAS

Mathematics Competition

Castlemaine Open Day Buda Historic Homestead Castlemaine

Wednesday 16th August

Senior School New Zealand Tour Parent Information Evening

5:30pm Lecture Theatre

Friday 18th August

Year 7 Final Round of Immunisations

Senior School Inter-House Singing Competition

2:30pm Gymnasium

Week 6

Monday 21st August

Senior School Victorian Schools Netball Championships (Years 7-12) State Netball Centre, Melbourne

Week 7

Monday 28th August

Senior School Sandhurst Division Intermediate Sports Day (Years 9-10) Basketball and Hockey

Bendigo Stadium Garden Gully Hockey Complex

Wednesday 30th August

Sandhurst Division Intermediate Sports Day (Years 9-10) Table Tennis Eaglehawk Table Tennis

Junior School Fathers Day Stall

Thursday 31st August

Year Two Camp Camp Curumbene

Returning Friday 1st September

Junior School Divisional Basketball Tournament

Bendigo Stadium

Senior School Musician of the Year

Junior School HD Evening for Boys

Friday 1st September

Royal South Street Comps for Poco and Super Strings Melbourne

Week 8

Tuesday 5th September

Year 8 Production

Singin' in the Rain John E. Higgs Hall

Girton Parents and Friends Meeting

5:30pm Mo7

Wednesday 6th September

Year 8 Production

Singin' in the Rain John E. Higgs Hall

Thursday 7th Septemer

Year 8 Production

Singin' in the Rain John E. Higgs Hall

Junior School HD Evening for Girls

Friday 8th September

Open Day

9:00am - 12:00pm Performing Arts Building

OGA Morning Tea and School Tour

10:00am

Sunday 10th September

Tournament of Minds State Finals

La Trobe University, Bundoora

Week 9

Monday 11th September

USA Science Trip

Returning Saturday 30th September

Junior School Bookweek

Thursday 14th September

Senior School Young Composer of the Year

Junior School Opening of the Art Exhibition

John E. Higgs Hall

Friday 15th September

Junior School Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day

Week 10

Monday 18th September

Junior School Divisional Athletics Carnival

Flora Hill Athletics Track

MPORTANT DATES

TERM 3 2017 IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 19th September

Forever Young Concert Ulumbarra Theatre

Friday 22nd September

Senior School Formal

All Seasons, Bendigo

Last Day of Term 3

A reminder to please not park in our neighbouring businesses carparks. Please do not park in High Street X-Ray, Paul Sadler or the Bendigo Bank Carparks.

Please report student absences to:

03 4408 5992 or email absentees@girton.vic.edu.au

2017 Term Dates Students

Term Two

Tuesday 18th April 2017 to Friday 23 June 2017

Term Three

Wednesday 19 July 2017 to Friday 22 September 2017

Term Four

Monday 9 October 2017 to Thursday 7 December 2017

2018 Term Dates Students

Term One

Wednesday 31 January 2018 to Thursday 29 March 2018

Term Two

Monday 16 April 2018 to Friday 22 June 2018

Term Three

Wednesday 18 July 2018 to Friday 21 September 2018

Term Four

Monday 8 October 2018 to Thursday 6th December 2018





can treat others with fairness and respect.

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RULER FOR FAMILIES



AN EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAMME DESIGNED TO IMPROVE RELATIONSHIPS AT HOME, SCHOOL & WORK

This term a number of parents have taken the opportunity to learn more about our Emotional Intelligence programme RULER and how it can be integrated into home life. At Girton Grammar School we know that environments are foundational to helping children and adults lead productive, healthy and fulfilling lives. Emotions matter for all of us and especially for children. How we feel affects our learning, the decisions we make, how we treat others and our personal well-being. Emotions drive learning, decision-making, creativity, relationships and health.

We were very pleased that thirty Senior School parents took up the opportunity to attend an information evening for Senior School. Here they were introduced to Emotional Intelligence programmes used in the Senior School and ways they can begin integrating these skills into family life. Over thirty parents attended the Junior School evening and were also introduced to RULER for the first time.

The overwhelming feedback on these evenings was very positive. We still have another information evening coming up in June for those families who already have a background knowledge of RULER at Girton Grammar School and are looking for the next step. It is titled Family Communication with RULER. A RULER workshop for non-Girton families will be held in August.

My thanks to the RULER staff from Senior and Junior School who presented these very informative evenings and to the parents who attended and were able to take home strategies and language similar to that which is used in the classrooms.

Mr Paul Flanagan Head of Emotional Intelligence Programs

FAMILY COMMUNICATION WITH RULER

THURSDAY 15th JUNE 5.30 - 7.00PM JUNIOR SCHOOL LIBRARY

 Helping your child communicate respectfully and effectively using RULER skills

RSVP: kimhenery@girton.vic.edu.au



Must have prior knowledge of RULER to attend

RULER FOR NON-GIRTON FAMILIES

WEDNESDAY 23rd AUGUST 5.30 - 7.00PM NAUNTON FAMILY BUILDING N02/3

- What is RULER?
- How can it improve family communication?
- How it can help with emotional hotbuttons: homework, bedtime etc.

RSVP: michelleturpie@girton.vic.edu.au



For all families in the Bendigo & Mt. Alexander Communities

DUR COMMUNITY

2017-18

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

Bookings close at 5pm on Wednesday June 14th.

The publication will be distributed in Week I Term 3.

The Girton Grammar School Business Directory features businesses owned by Girton families. Wherever possible, the School likes to support our community by contacting parents' businesses for goods or services.

To support the businesses linked to the school, we need to know about them.

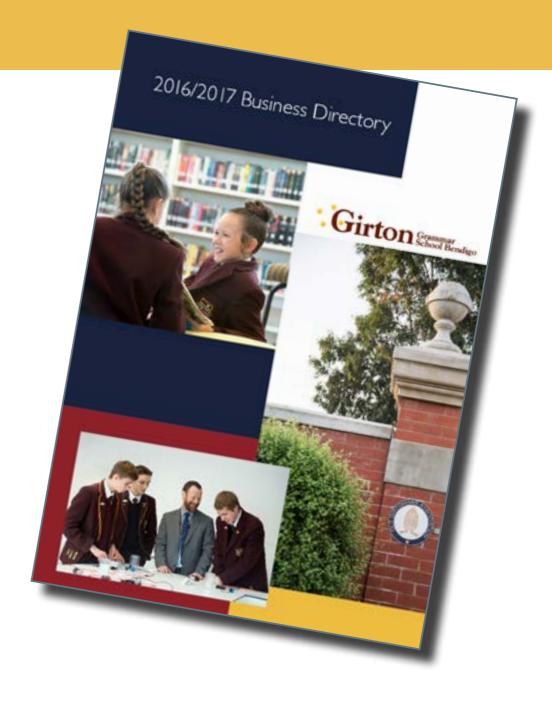
From caterers to cardiologists, snow machines to specialist services, florists to fashion, we want to know about you!

Advertising in the Business Directory is distributed to every current school family and by supporting the featured businesses, you support our school.

This year the Business Directory will be timed to coincide with the start of the new financial year. The Business Directory will be circulated to all Girton families in Week I, Term 3.

Click this link for full details: https://goo.gl/forms/KfRnGL6PFGHUKseO2

If you have any questions about advertising, contact kristenbeever@girton.vic.edu.au.



FROMTHE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

One of the many benefits of enrolling at Girton in Junior School is that students have a seamless journey into their Senior School years once they have completed Year Six.

Another benefit for our Junior School students is that they have opportunities to work with Senior School students as buddies and mentors. I know our Senior Prefects love coming over and spending time in the Junior School classes.

This week we had 15 Senior School students accompany our Junior School futsal teams to the Bendigo Primary School Futsal Tournament. Not only did it enable us to have 10 teams participate but it also enabled our Junior School students to develop friendships with older students who they will meet again when it is their turn to "cross the road".

I know that my own children have fond memories of the student mentors who helped them throughout their Junior School journey and, as a parent, I have enjoyed seeing the warmth with which they greet each other when their paths still cross in the wider community. As a teacher I have loved seeing countless examples of young men and women putting aside their own needs to give their time, care and attention to our younger students. It is a wonderful part of the culture and community within which we work and learn.

Mr Donald Thompson Head of Junior School





YEARTWO EXCURSION

UNIOR SCHOOL NEWS



On Tuesday, Year 2V went on our excursion. First we went on the bus. We left at 9.20am. The first place went to was Lauriston Reservoir. At the Reservoir we walked into the spillway and then we walked over the spillway. Then we went to Malmsbury Reservoir. We walked up on the bank and then onto the spillway. We went to the Malmsbury Park for lunch. I liked it.

Lily Marsh Year 2 Riley

On Tuesday we went on an excursion. We went past Ravenswood on the bus. Then we got to Lauriston Reservoir and we had recess. Then we went on a tour and went inside the spillway wall. We got to see the gates open. The water went over the spillway and looked like a waterfall. We went back on the bus and went to the Malmsbury Reservoir. I thought the excursion was fun.

Joshua Lim Year 2 Frew



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This year our school took 71 Junior School students to compete at the Bendigo Primary School Futsal Tournament. We were fortunate to have 15 Senior School students also accompany us to coach the teams. The Senior Students, along with Mr Ben Cook, Mrs Nicole Walker, Mr Glen Walker and volunteer coach Mr Toby Ford volunteered their time to coach and manage our teams. As a result of their commitment to our teams the students had a terrific experience and thoroughly enjoyed the day. Many of our Junior students had never played futsal before so, for them, their first experience was also their first tournament. One of each of our Under 12 Boys and Under 12 Girls teams won the Championship in their respective divisions while our Under 10 Boys and one of our Under 11 Boys teams were in the Grand Final of their divisions. We sincerely thank Mr and Mrs Walker, Mr Cook, Mr Ford and our Senior School students for giving up their time to coach our teams. Thanks also to Mr Di Fede and Mr Miller for accompanying the students.

FUTSAL

















UNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR FIVE AND SIX TRAINING SPORTS PROGRAM

Throughout the start of this term students involved in the Year 5/6 Sporting Program have been hard at work developing their upper and lower strength, co-ordination, posture, flexibility and movement patterns through our program designed by extremely experienced Youth Exercise Physiologist Jamie Tarrant. The students have received their foam rollers and yoga mats which are theirs to keep and have shown great dedication to the program, completing the sessions on what can be chilly Tuesday and Thursday mornings before school. Visible improvements can be seen in all students completing the program and any student wanting to join is warmly welcomed to do so. Any student in Year 5 or 6 will be accepted, regardless of athletic ability or experience.

If you have any questions regarding the program, or are interested in your son or daughter becoming involved please email marcussmalley@girton.vic.edu.au

Mr Marcus Smalley Year 9 Sports Excellence Program Facilitator



HEAD LICE

UNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

There have been a number of reported incidences of head lice in the Junior School. This is not a cause for serious concern however head lice are contagious. We suggest you look for the following symptoms or signs that would indicate the presence of head lice.

Identification:

- General scratching his/her head
- Check your child's hair for live lice, yellowish white eggs (live nits) or brown or black eggs (dead nits)
- Hatched eggs are white and flat, like dandruff
- Treatment
- There are a variety of treatments, some can be found at the local chemist
- Once treated your child can return to school
- Prevention
- Re-treatment should be carried out 7 days after the first treatment to kill off lice that may have hatched since the first treatment
- Children are encouraged to tie back their hair and not share hats



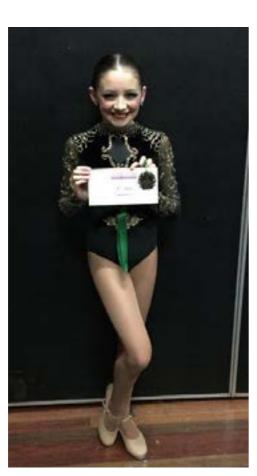
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JNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations Estella Breen (5Je) for competing in the Good Will Dance Competition in Melbourne.

Her results were

- 1st in the Song and Dance category
- 1st in the Contemporary category
- 2nd in the Jazz category
- 2nd in the Song and Tap category
- 3rd in the Tap category





Ruby Conti-Moore (5M) who will travel with the Australian Aerodance junior team to compete in the International Aerobic Competition in Phoenix, Arizona in July, having been successful at the recent International Aerobics Trials.

Aerobic gymnastics, or Aerodance, is a competitive sport originating from traditional aerobics in which complex, high intensity movement patterns and elements of varying difficulty are performed to music.

Ruby started competitive Aerobic Gymnastics at the age of 5 with Palmers Gym coached by Sally Moore.

Since that time she has competed at the State level twice, achieving a Gold medal win in 2016 for her individual routine and at the National level twice, winning Silver at the National Championships and Gold at the National Clubs event.

Ruby's Aerodance team was invited to do a display at the Gymnastics World Championships in March this year at Hisence Arena in Melbourne and Ruby will continue to train with the squad in preparation for the international event in Phoenix.

Good luck Ruby!





RAFFLE WINNERS

More than 160 Girton Parents and friends gathered last Saturday for a night of facts, photos, fun and prizes at the inaugural Girton Trivia Championship Night.

Trivia Master Dave Gibbs floored the parents with a question that the students present answered easily – what is the name of the Girton school newspaper named on Wikipedia?*

The night was a great success with the Higgs Hall filled with laughter and friendly competition. With Dave's broad selection of topics and questions, many tables were neck and neck throughout. But the winning table was "Team Medicinal Guinness" and Year 7 student Ruben Notarangelo gave a victory speech as he held up the inaugural Girton Trivia Championship Cup.

Our very generous sponsors also created many other winners on the night, with an amazing and bountiful array of prizes. Thanks to them, to the parents and friends who came to the trivia night and especially to everyone who bought tickets in the major raffle, we have raised almost \$9000 for the school. With the success of this year's event, we hope to make it an annual part of the Girton Parents and Friends' calendar.

THE WINNERS OF THE GIRTON PARENT AND FRIENDS MAJOR RAFFLE FOR 2017 ARE:

- 1st \$1500 voucher, Bendigo Travel and Cruise Centre
 - Winner: The Speakman Family
- 2nd Fit Republic I year platinum membership Winner: Ben Hitchman
- 3rd J.M.Leech Jewellers \$500 voucher Winner: Sam a'Beckett
- 4th Wilson Burn FST Tennis Racquet, donated by Stephen Storer
 - Winner: Alice Winzar
- 5th GPO \$100 voucher
 Winner: Finn Beattie





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Our heartfelt thanks to the following wonderful sponsors of the major raffle and our trivia night. Please consider supporting them, as they support us.

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- Stephen Storer, Bendigo Tennis Academy
- GPO Restaurant
- Buzz Off
- Jools for Jim
- Pud for All Seasons
- Ansted and Co.
- Peter Anthony Menswear
- Ellis Wines
- Crust Pizza
- Pristine Drycleaners
- The Zone
- Complete Garden
- Soho
- Bunja Thai
- Dominos
- Great Ideas Awards and Gifts
- Art of Conversation









RMIT UNIVERSITY STEM OUTREACH EVENTS



The July school holidays are packed with science events for metro and regional school students. Take a look below at the free events and camps on offer for Year 10 - 12 students now open for registration.

STEM Outreach events for Secondary students this July

RMIT Experience Days

July 4, 5, 6

Registration is now open for Experience Days, free events designed for students from years 10, 11 and 12 to engage in hands-on workshops and explore life on campus. Students can register for these one day programs in science and engineering in the city campus or health and biomedical science at Bundoora campus.

VIEWS July 1 - 8

The Victorian Indigenous Engineering Winter School (VIEWS) is an exciting program for Year 11 and 12 Indigenous students aiming to expand perspectives on engineering. Over six days students work together to overcome engineering challenges, visit universities, undertake cultural activities and get an insight into what it's like to study and work in different disciplines of engineering.

Spark Engineering
July 10 - 15

The Spark Engineering camp is for students who might not normally consider going to university after school. Throughout this week long camp students stay on university grounds at a residential college, and then during the week will undertake engineering activities throughout the city to get a taste of different universities and engineering disciplines.



YEAR 9 REPD EXCURSION TO MELBOURNE



On Tuesday 2nd May, 65 Year 9 students and six staff travelled to Melbourne for the City Challenge Excursion. During the day, the students participated in the ArtsConnect9 Program, run by the Melbourne Arts Centre, which brings Year 9 students from regional Victoria to Melbourne for arts experiences. The Girton students participated in the Melbourne Street Art Tour which took us through the streets of Melbourne. The students were taught who the artists of the street works are, what technical aspects are involved in spray painting, stencil art and paste-ups, and what significant role the artists have made in making Melbourne one of the most important destinations in the world for Street Art. The students also travelled to the Blender Studios (in Docklands) and created their own street art on canvas' supplied.

During the remainder of the day, students participated in the Salvation Army's Youth Homelessness City Tour.

This two hour program provided students with an introduction to The Salvation Army before focusing on homelessness and in particular youth homelessness and included a 40-minute walking tour of city, visiting locations where people have slept rough. The students heard real stories about real people and learnt about the issues they face on a nightly basis.

The students will now complete a Youth Homelessness task in class.

Ms Barbara Fielder Acting Head of Humanities







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LIGHTING DESIGN MASTER CLASS



A Master Class on Lighting Design was presented by a professional lighting designer named Rachel Burke.

Rachel is a very accomplished Lighting Designer having worked nationally and internationally with Australia's leading arts companies for more than twenty five years. Her awards include six Green Room Awards for Excellence in Theatre Lighting Design, the 2005 & 2010 IES Victorian and National Awards of Excellence for Lighting Design and Helpmann Award nominations in 2005 (Black Medea-Malthouse/Belvoir) and 2015 (Marlin-MTC/Arena).

In 2018 Rachel will be Head of Lighting at the Victorian College of the Arts.

Approximately 20 Theatre
Technicians attended this Master
Class. Rachel spoke about how
lighting will control what can
and cannot be seen; creates the
environment in which the action
happens and supports the story
according to the chosen style and
goal of the production team.

Rachel told us about the career path and how she has been working regularly as a freelance designer with two breaks to have children.

This was an enjoyable Master Class and we thank Mr McMillan and Mr Davis for organising it.

GIRTONLINE

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Fidget Spinners

A recent craze, particularly popular amongst the Year 7s at the moment, is fidget spinners.

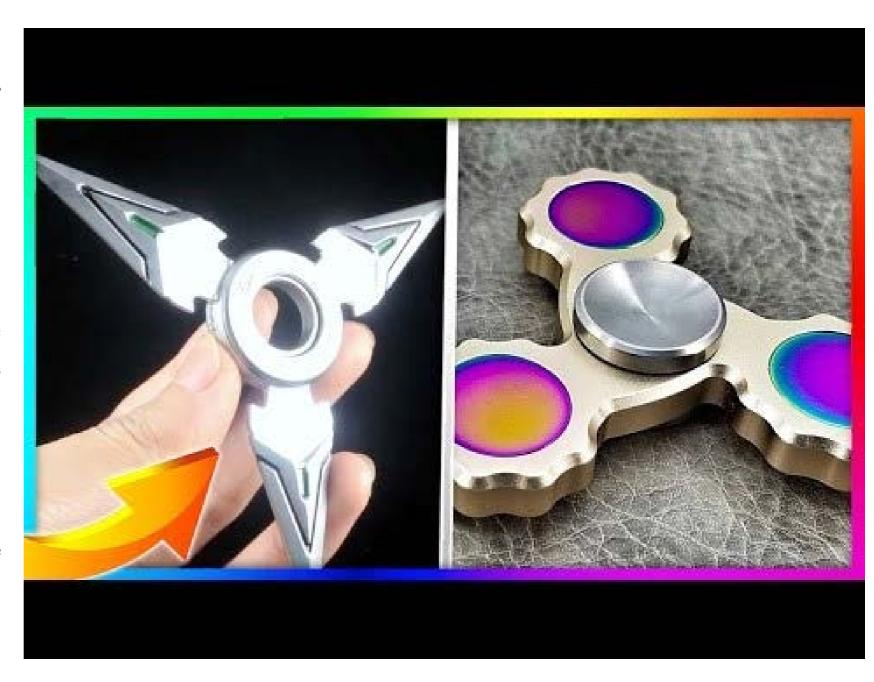
It was originally designed to give people something to do if they were having difficulty concentrating for any length of time, but for most people in practice it seems to have the opposite effect and is a source of distraction. It is a triangle made of plastic or metal attached to a ball bearing.

A digital version of it is currently the highest trending free app on the App Store. All you do is tap on the screen and watch it spin. It only has one speed.

You can get really cheap Fidgets from ebay (shipping costs only), and they are also sold in Big W, but some sell for hundreds of dollars. One silver Fidget sold recently for \$9000, and a diamond encrusted fidget sold for \$10,000. They are produced by Sunny-Tech, a Chinese company.

While quite addictive for a little while, as they only serve a single purpose the GirtOnline group think this will be a quickly passing fad.

GirtOnline Co-Curricular Group



SPORTS EXCELLENCE PROGRAM



It has been a busy start to the term in the Year 9 Sports Excellence Program.

Students recently completed their second round of Fitness Testing at LaTrobe University. All students made significant improvements to their initial testing results, which is good reward for their hard work and dedication during our classes.

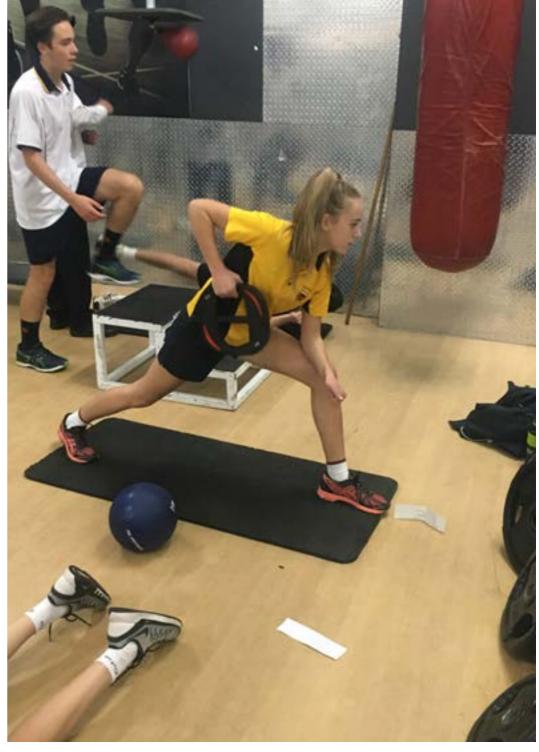
Students have received their detailed reports comparing their pre and post testing results, along with the training recommendations completed by their LaTrobe University Exercise Physiology student mentors.

On every second Monday, our students brave the cold to attend a 7.00am session at Healthy Mates, where they use hot and cold pools along with the sauna and hydro pool to recover from weekend games, training and competition.

During our class sessions, students are making significant improvements in their strength, and movement patterns through working with their mentors at D-Club 24/7 Fitness. Our students are also thoroughly enjoying their Yoga sessions at Vitality Yoga ever second Thursday and the improvements in their flexibility and mobility has been outstanding.

Please keep an eye out for new pictures and updated fitness testing records in the Sports Excellence Program display board in the gym foyer.

Mr Marcus Smalley Year 9 Sports Excellence Program Facilitator





Race three of the Victorian Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) Series saw the Girton Racing Team (GRT) travel to the car park of the State Basketball Centre in Knox. The Knox Grand Prix is notorious for being a tough 6 hour race on a technically challenging course. The course is made up of a number of inclines, and a fast descent into a series of hairpin and off-camber corners. It is a race track that tests the most seasoned of HPV racers.

Competing in the Victorian HPV Series requires teams to compete in four of the five scheduled races to be competative. A number of teams choose not to race the Knox Grand Prix, but not the teams of the GRT. And after achieving very impressive results in Round One of the Victorian HPV Series, all three teams were very keen to achieve success on the Knox track.

Before any HPVs can line up on the start grid of a race, each vehicle undergoes strict scrutineering. To be ready to race the Knox Grand

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Prix this required the Stone family (Thomas Stone, Y7 Riley) and Kirby family (Lucas Kirby, Old Girtonian) preparing each of the three vehicles. Once again the generosity of the Kirby family had Mr Robin and Lucas Kirby travel to the Grand Prix circuit a day early so to have the vehicles before the scrutineers. Last year this process took a number of hours however this year it was straightforward and quick. Each of the vehicles easily passed and were ready to race. Team Intrepid, represented by Connor McCaig Y11 Jenkin completed a number of trial laps during the Saturday afternoon practice session. Connor reported that the decision by the Grand Prix, Race Organiser to reverse the traffic of the track (for extra safety) was indeed a good one.

Bright and early on the Sunday morning or 30th April, our three teams of HPV riders arrived to assist with the set-up in the GRT pits. The adults set up the supporters tent, and change room, perched up on one of the fast, downhill and challenging corners. The position proved to offer some of best viewing of the day, with trikes jostling for race-line positions, cornering on two wheels and quite often, rolling over.

Team Intrepid, competing in the Senior Secondary category and Infusion and Introuble, in the Middle Secondary category were under strict instructions to keep their HVP upright and on racelines.





Also strategised at the pre-race meeting with Mr Kirby and GRT Captain, Prue Whiteley Y11 Riley was the riding order, warm-up, hydration, nutrition and post race warm-down procedures. There was a healthy, nervous tension among the riders.

All three vehicles started the race conservatively, and kept out of

the trouble being experienced by a number of competitors, as they came to terms with the speed and technical aspects of the track. Too soon into the race however our pits became frantically busy as Intrepid (broken chain) and Infusion (derailleur gearing complications) spent precious time in the pits. By the time Intrepid re-joined the



race the team were more than five laps behind the category leader. Infusion too lost valuable places, spending more than 15 minutes off the race track. All the while Introuble circulated consistently; piloted by a team of riders who with every lap grew in confidence, moving up through the field.

What transpired after the early race drama, was five hours of well measured racing from all three teams. With consistent lapping, and careful selection of race lines through the challenging corners all three teams moved their way back up the leaderboard. Inside the final hour of racing Team Intrepid had clawed back a five lap deficit, to lead the Senior Secondary category. At race end, Intrepid was awarded the winner for the second time in as many contested Victorian HPV Series races. Teams Introuble and Infusion finished Middle Secondary, second and third place respectively. Equally as exciting was the faultless efforts

of a number of first event racers in Team Infusion. The Knox Grand Prix is the most challenging event of the Victorian Series but they quickly mastered the course. These fantastic achievements rounded out a most successful day of HPV racing.

Prue Whiteley Y I I Riley Captain of GRT

Mr Nigel Vernon Manager In Charnge, GRT







FLYING SCHOLARSHIP HELPS EMMA SOAR

ONGRATULATIONS TC



The best thing about Emma Blackford (12 Frew) wanting to be a pilot is that by now, she should have given up. By industry standards, for some airlines she is too short and she is female. These things alone would be enough to extinguish the flames of passion for many aspiring pilots.

Even in this day and age, around 95% of commercial passenger airline pilots are male. The hours of practice required in the air to obtain a pilot's license is prohibitive based on cost alone for many young and enthusiastic pilots.

But not if you keep earning Scholarships.

Emma has recently won an Airservices-sponsored Australian Women Pilots' Association (AWPA) flight training scholarship valued at \$8,000. This, after having already received a Scholarship from the Bendigo Flying Club and flying solo after 7.6 hours of flying.

There were only 4 recipients nationally of the Airservices Australia Scholarship which provides flight training opportunities by assisting the recipients with the costs of gaining proficiency at any level of flying, from the early stages of training through to a commercial pilot's licence.

There are a few different paths that can be taken to acquire an Air Transport Pilot's License (ATPL) to fly passenger aircraft and Emma is currently weighting up her options. Maths Methods and Physics are particularly important to her in gaining a cadetship with a large commercial airline.

We wish Emma the best of luck in her quest for taking her career to the skies.

Click here to see recent media about Emma in the Bendigo Advertiser:

http://www.bendigoadvertiser. com.au/story/3806732/skysthe-limit-for-youthful-ambitionvideo/#slide=1 The Junior Girls Volleyball team; Amelia Bowles (8Je), Alexandra Hope (8Jo), Lily Ivey (8Je), Angelica Jack (8Je), Grace Forbes (8F), Caitlin Schober (8M), Eliza Scott (7R) and coaches Lucia Bowles (10R) and Matilda Opie (10F) who won the School Sports Victoria Loddon Mallee Regional Finals. The Intermediate Boys Volleyball team; Elliot Beks (9M), Felix Bickley (9A), Joel Bothe (9M), Liam Clegg (10F), Scott Johnson (9Je), Bailey Keck (9A), Dominic Tune (9Je) and coach Harrison Keck (11A) who won the School Sports Victoria Loddon Mallee Reigonal Finals in Mildura.

Phoebe a'Beckett (7F), Zoe Cameron (7F), Chloe Cook (7A), Emily Everist (7A), Abigail O'Sullivan (7Jo), Eloise Symes (7Jo) and coach Polly Barnett (1 Je) who won the School Sports Victoria Loddon Mallee Regional Final in Tennis. The team has now qualified for the School Sports Victoria State Finals.











FROM THE ARCHIVES

A School Prospectus was recently donated to the OGA from Edwina Wallace-Smith (10 Millward).

Click on the link to see how Girton Church of England Girls Grammar School was presented to the world seventy years ago:

http://oga.girton.vic.edu.au/school-prospectus-tells-tales-of-the-time/

FROM THE REGISTRAR

HOMESTAY

From time to time we receive requests from country, city and overseas families for homestay accommodation for their child to enable them to attend Girton Grammar School. This is usually required from Monday to Friday, but in the case of overseas students may be for the whole year or term.

We continue to update the list of parents who may be interested in offering homestay accommodation to a student in the future. This can often suit a family whose child/children have moved to a city to attend university or work.

If you are interested in finding out more about this, I would welcome your enquiry. I am happy provide you with homestay policies and further information.

Please contact me on 03 5441 3114 or email me at registrar@girton.vic.edu.au

2017 and 2018

We continue to interview and offer places for students to enter Girton Grammar School in 2017. Please note that parents are asked to respond within 30 days if they wish to accept, defer or decline these offers.

Parents of students entering 2018 will be invited to contact the School in the near future to arrange an enrolment interview with Mr Maruff, Headmaster or Mr Don Thompson, Head of Junior School.

Current parents are reminded to submit applications for younger siblings in the future.

ENROLMENT PROCESS

I would like to remind parents of the enrolment process which is outlined in the Business Regulations. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

If parents wish their student child's future enrolment to be viable, the Application Fee of \$110 must be paid. If an Application Form and Fee are received, parents will be contacted, in order of receipt, and invited to arrange an Enrolment Interview. This will normally start to occur approximately twelve to eighteen months prior to the year of entry. An offer for a place in the School will follow if vacancies exist.

CONTACT DETAILS CHANGED?

The School tries to maintain an accurate database of students' and parents'/guardians' contact details to ensure communications reach you. If you have changed any of your contact details in the last six months and have not notified the School, could you please email registrar@girton.vic.edu.au and include your student's full name, Year level and House, along with the correct contact information. If you feel other pertinent details may be missing from your student's record, please also email them to Mrs. Louise McWaters at the same email address above.

Louise McWaters

Registrar



Benefits of commencing a Girton Grammar School Education at Prep.

- Prep students are immersed in the nurturing Girton culture from the beginning of their education.
- Girton's Prep teachers are highly experienced and have undertaken specialist training and personal development programmes focused on early learning.
- Social skills and emotional intelligence are developed through programmes exclusive to Girton Grammar School, such as the RULER method.
- Prep Students enjoy classes taken by specialist teachers in Drama, PE, Art, Music, Japanese and French. Students at other institutions often don't receive exposure to specialist learning such as this until they reach secondary school.
- Prep at Girton is a joyful, enriching experience for the children and their families alike with extensive communication between teachers and parents.

Withdrawal of Students

Parents are reminded of Point 4 of the Business Regulations regarding withdrawal of students. 4. WITHDRAWAL OF STUDENTS

To withdraw a student from the School, at least one complete term's notice, including the preceding vacation, must be given in writing to the Headmaster. If the required minimum notice of one complete term's notice, including the preceding vacation period (in writing to the Headmaster), as described in the following examples, is not given for withdrawal from the School, a Tuition Withdrawal Fee equal to one tuition fee instalment will apply. There is no Prompt Payment Discount for a Tuition Withdrawal Fee. For example:

(a) Students leaving at the end of the school year (except Year 12 students) or during the following vacation or during First Term the following year will need to have provided notice in writing to the Headmaster no later than 5 p.m. on the last school day of Third Term (in September).

(b) Students departing at the end of second Term or during Third Term will need to have provided notice in writing to the Headmaster by the last school day of the First Term. Please also note that once the signed enrolment Form is received, and the first instalment of the Capital Fee is paid, the student is deemed to be enrolled in the School. Hence the notice of withdrawal period as described in Clause 4 is required to be given if a parent subsequently decides not to proceed.



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& PARENT NOTICES

FROM THE REPORTS DEPARTMENT



Unit 3/4 VCE Reports

In Term Two there are two rounds of VCE reports. Round Three reports are expected to be published electronically to the Parent Portal by the end of Week Three and Round Four reports by the end of Week Seven. An email will be sent to parents when they are available.

Junior and Senior School - Semester One Reports

Parents will receive a printed report for Semester One which will be mailed home during the Term Two break. When the reports are ready for printing they will also be made available via the Parent Portal.

Senior School Comparative Assessment and Graph Reports

The Semester One Comparative Assessment Reports and Student Performance Graphs will be published electronically to the Parent Portal during the Term Two break.

Junior School Comparative Assessment Reports

The Semester One Comparative Assessment Reports are enclosed as the last page of the Junior School Academic Report.

Merit Certificates

Senior School Merit Certificates will be given out to nominated students in House Assemblies in the last week of Term Two. Senior School students who are nominated for six or more Merits will have their Merit Certificates awarded during the end of Term Assembly.

Junior School Merit Certificates will be given out at the Final Junior School Assembly in the last week of school.

Accessing Reports on Astra

You now access your child's Report via Astra. (Quick Links: "Astra" on http://www.girton.vic.edu.au), the direct link is https://astra.girton.vic.edu.au.

Your login details are exactly the same as the old Community Portal. Once you have logged on to Astra, select Community Portal on the menu (left hand side), then select Reports & Documents and now click on your child's Name far right of screen to see the documents. Reports appear in the subheading of Academic Reports.

To return to the home page click the Astra logo on the top left. If this is the first time you have logged in to Astra have a look around. You can see your child's Timetable, Calendar, Due Work and lots more. More information on parent use of Astra will be coming out in the next few months.

If you are having trouble accessing the Parent Portal or need login details please contact the Reports Administrators via Reception. You can also email the Reports Administrators directly.

Reporting Overview

For information on reports for both Junior and Senior School please refer to the Girton Grammar School website http://www.girton.vic.edu.au via the "Curriculum" tab.

Email and Mailing Contact details

An email is sent to parents from the Reports Administrators, notifying them when reports are available on the Parent Portal. Please contact Reception if you need to update your current email or mailing address.

Mr Rod Smith (Head of Senior School Reporting and Assessment)

Mrs Viv Bath (Deputy Head of Junior School)

Mrs Heather Waterston (Reports Manager) - heatherwaterston@girton.vic.edu.au
Mrs Debbie Hansen (Reports Administrator) - debbiehansen@girton.vic.edu.au

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Conveyance Allowance

Parents who wish to apply for a Conveyance Allowance for students travelling by public transport, private car or a combination of the two, need to return completed forms to the Business Office before Friday, 2nd June 2017 for Term 2, 2017. Conveyance Allowance Forms are available from the Business Office and enquiries regarding eligibility should be directed to Mrs Michelle Swiney on 03 4408 5964.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef







WINTER UNIFORM



WHAT'S IN STOCK AT BOLTON'S?

Bolton's wishes to pass on that they currently have good stock levels of the following items:

- Long Sleeve Shirts
- Long Sleeve Blouses
- Jumpers
- Tights
- Sports Uniform
- Trousers
- Ties & Socks

They have run out of stock on the following items:

- Skirts
- Tunics
- Sports Representative Top

Stock will be completely replenished at the end of the month. It is recommended to contact Bolton's to reserve items.

Bolton's Bendigo: 57 Williamson Street, Bendigo VIC 3550 P: (03) 5440 5600 F: (03) 5440 5666 www.boltonbros.com.au



A NEW KID ON THE PERFORMING ARTS BLOCK



Across the Easter break Bendigo Theatre Company launched TRIBE YOUTH THEATRE, aimed at Bendigo's secondary school students. There are now two community youth theatre companies for students to gain valuable co-curricular performing and backstage experience; Nexus BYT and TRIBE. <u>Click here for the Bendigo Advertiser launch article</u>

TRIBE's inaugural production is BARNUM which will be staged during the September school holidays in the Girton Black Box Theatre.

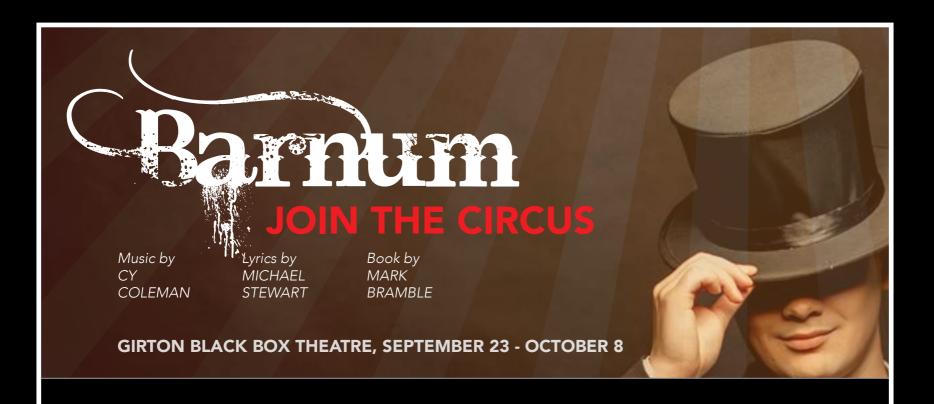
BARNUM is the story of American showman P.T. Barnum. He was also a business owner, author, publisher, politician and in his 60's merged with James Bailey to form the infamous **BARNUM & BAILEY CIRCUS**.

Students who are interested in being part of the crew or production team are invited to express their interest asap. See the BARNUM poster on the following page.

For any students interested in being in the cast, auditions will be held on the weekend of 2-4 June. Full audition details will be in the next edition of eLink.

For full details of TRIBE Youth Theatre, go to the Bendigo Theatre Company website: www.bendigotheatrecompany.org or on Facebook www.facebook.com/btctribe

Click this link for the <u>BARNUM production information folder</u>.



CALLING ALL CREW

TRIBE YOUTH THEATRE is seeking students or adults for the following crew positions for BARNUM

- Assistant Director
- Stage Manager
- Assistant/Deputy Stage Manager
- Choreographer
- Set Designer (with some knowledge of, or contacts in the scaffolding business)
- Lighting Designer(s) and operators
- Audio operator(s)
- Prop co-ordinator(s)
- Costume Designer(s)
- Make up Designer
- Hair Designers

- Marketing / publicity team
- Assistant to the Musical Director
- Rehearsal pianist
- Audition accompanist (12.00-2.00pm Saturday 3 June)
- Orchestra/band members
- Vocal coach(es)
- Set builders / painters / carpenters
- Make up artists
- Hairdresser
- Publicity team
- Costume makers
- Wardrobe helpers (sewers, dressers)







**** 0401 678 102



@ bendigotheatrecompany@gmail.com







GIRTON BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The 2016-2017 Girton Business Directory is current until the end of the 2017 financial year.

It is our hope that, when a Girton family needs goods or services, they will first look to support businesses owned by our parent community.

To view and download the Girton Business Directory, click here.

Girton Grammar School Bendigo provides this directory as a resource for members of our School community only, not as an endorsement of any business advertised within it.



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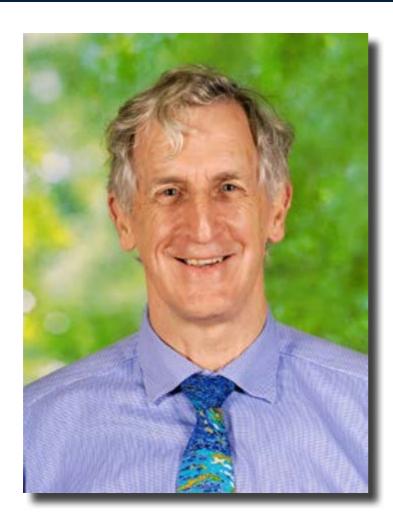
In each edition of the eLink we feature a page from the Girton Business Directory.

Bev and Michael Archibald, parents of (Jamie, 7 *Millward*) are the owners of Boutique Stays.



STUDENT & PARENT NOTICES

EDUCATIONAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES 2017



Our School's Pastoral Care system includes my specialised services which include consultancy, counselling and educational assessments for students of all ages in both the Junior and Senior School.

The consultancy services involve regular meetings with the Pastoral Care team throughout the School. Staff present student issues for discussion and support plans are made collaboratively.

Counselling Services may be initiated by parents or staff. This generally involves matters which are complex, and possibly requiring Mental Health Care Plans from General Practitioners. Such issues may include stress management, separation, anxiety, depression and grief.

Educational Psychology assessment work may also be initiated by parents, but may also occur following teacher concerns being expressed to their Head of House, LRC staff or following consultation with myself. Early identification of Specific Learning Difficulties can do much to address student skill levels and to assist them achieving their potential.

Should you require further information or support for any aspect of your child's social or emotional development, learning or behavioural difficulties, please email me directly on johnpease@girton.vic.edu.au or on 0419108460.

Interviews can be made by contacting Mrs. Lorraine Ellis (Monday, Thursday, Friday) on 4408 5937., Ms. Michelle Gilkes (Tuesday) on 4408 5909 or Mrs. Rebecca Doherty (Wednesday) on 4408 5951.

John Pease Registered Psychologist, APS

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ROOM 4A - CANTEEN MENU 2017



Please write name, class and order on an envelope, enclose money and place in the lunch box in the classroom.

HOT FOOD			SANDV	VICHES AND ROL	LS
Pies		\$4.50	(Please state if White	e or Multigrain b	read is required)
Pasties		\$4.50	Multigrain 50	extra - Toasted	50c extra
Sausage Rolls (Large)		\$3.00			Roll Sandwi
Party Pies		\$1.00	Ham & Cheese		\$5.20 \$4.80
Hot Chicken Rolls		\$5.50	Tomato		\$3.20 \$3.00
Party Quiche		\$1.30	Tomato & Cheese		\$3.80 \$3.50
Hawaiian Pizza		\$4.50	Cheese		\$3.50 \$3.20
Ham & Cheese Croissant		\$3.50	Chicken		\$5.50 \$5.00
Chicken Nuggets		\$0.60	Chicken & Salad		\$6.00 \$5.50
Potato Pie (Large)		\$5.00	Egg		\$3.50 \$3.20
Vegetarian Pastie		\$5.00	Virginian Ham		\$4.80 \$4.50
Homemade Egg & Bacon Pie		\$3.00	Ham & Salad		\$5.50 \$5.20
Chicken & Leek Pie		\$5.00	Salad		\$4.50 \$4.20
Quiche Lorraine		\$5.00	Roast Beef		\$4.80 \$4.50
Spinach (Veg) & Cheese Quiche		\$5.00	Roast Beef & Salad		\$5.50 \$5.20
Pumpkin Soup with Buttered Roll		\$4.00	Honey		\$3.00 \$2.50
Vegetarian Focaccia		\$6.50	Vegemite		\$3.00 \$2.50
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SPECIAL EXTRA	s		Tuna & Salad		\$5.50 \$5.20
Fruit Salad		\$4.00	runa & Jaiau	•••••	yJ.JU yJ.ZU
Garlic or Herb Bread		\$2.80			
		\$5.00		EXTRAS	
Hamburgers		1	Avecade Sun Dried Temates		¢1.00
Hot Dogs		\$3.00	Avocado, Sun Dried Tomato	•	\$1.00
Vegie Patties		\$5.50	Tomato Sauce, Mayonnaise,	Mustaru	\$0.50
Dim Sims	•••••	\$1.00	551	ICIOLIC EVEDAC	
Hash Brown	•••••	\$1.00		ICIOUS EXTRAS	64.50
Chicken Schnitzel	•••••	\$5.50	Fresh Seasonal Fruit	•••••	\$1.50
Focaccia	•••••	\$6.50	Home Made Cookies		\$1.50
(Chicken, Avocado & Camembert)			Vanilla Slice		\$3.50
Baked Potato		\$5.00	Hedgehog Slice		\$3.50
(Coleslaw, Cheese & Sour Cream)			Mud Cakes/Muffins		\$3.00
Pasta Bolognese (Small)		\$4.00	Muesli Bars		\$1.00
Pasta Bolognese (Large)		\$6.50	Roll Ups		\$1.00
Gluten Free Pasta (Small)		\$4.50	Iced Donuts (Small)		\$1.50
Gluten Free Pasta (Large)		\$6.50	Cinnamon Donuts		\$1.50
Gluten Free Beef Pie		\$5.50	Caramel Slice		\$3.50
Gluten Free Sausage Roll		\$4.20	Peppermint Slice		\$3.50
Gluten Free Vegie & Ricotta Roll		\$4.50	Gluten Free Choc Muffin		\$3.50
Chicken Tender Wrap		\$6.50			
ICY POLES			DRINKS		
Paddle Pop Thickshake		\$2.00	Flavoured Milk (Large)		\$4.00
Paddle Pop	•••••	\$1.50	Flavoured Milk (Small)		\$3.00
Magnum	•••••	\$3.80	Fruit Box		\$1.50
Mini Calippo Frost	•••••	\$3.80	Still Mineral Water		\$2.50
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Zooper Dooper		\$0.60	100% Apple Juice		\$3.00
Cruncha		\$1.50	100% Orange Juice		\$3.00
Frozen Yoghurt	•••••	\$2.50	Gatorade	•••••	\$4.00
lcy Twist		\$1.00	Iced Tea	•••••	\$4.00
Cyclone		\$2.00			
Slushy - Small		\$2.00			
Moozie		\$1.00			

April 2017

Senior Students can email Lunch Orders to Canteen by no later than 12noon and pay on pick up.

