



eLink

The Girton Grammar School Newsletter

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

We formally farewelled our Year 12 cohort last week at a wonderful Valedictory Dinner. This is one of my favourite school events because it is such a pleasure to share in the high spirits, memories and friendships that buoy the room on this night of celebration.

As Mr Rob Ketterer, our Chairman of the Board pointed out, although this important rite of passage is intended as a formal farewell, it is by no means a final farewell. Although the departing students will not be at Girton life days a week anymore, the School will always be available to support them, especially through the Old Girtonians' Association and through the lasting friendships and associations that have been forged during the students' time at Girton.

The doors in the school at this time of year feel like they are revolving. With the departure of our Year 12s, comes the news that there will now be an additional Year 6 class next year. This growth in the Junior School is good news for the whole school.

The newly named Girton Racing Team had an incredible victory last weekend at the RACV Energy Breakthrough event in Maryborough. Not content with having won their category in the event for the last three years, the team decided to enter into a new category and try their expertise in Hybrid technology, requiring the team to design and build a petrol/battery motor on the lightest frame possible. The team defeated the 5-times reigning champions in the category by winning best Design and Construction, the Hybrid Open Category Trial and the Hybrid Open Category race.

The commitment to this event by the students, teachers and parents involved is incredible. The event is a co-curricular subject and the design and construction of the hybrid vehicle is carried out entirely in the students' own time. The team will be heading to Manila to compete in the Shell Eco Marathon next March. They are the only school team in Australia to be selected to compete in this prestigious event.

This will be the final edition of eLink for 2015 and I would like to thank the School Board, my teaching colleagues and all staff members for a productive and rewarding year. In particular, I wish to thank Mrs Robyn MacCulloch for her fine leadership earlier this year as Acting Head, whilst I was on extended leave.

Most of all, I thank our students for a year of individual and collective



success and for continuing to create a school culture that encourages and rewards those who try their best.

As we prepare for the annual Carols Services and Speech Night, I urge you to remember that for while for many people this is a joyous time of celebration and reflection, for others, it can be the hardest time of the year.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope that the holiday season is one of reflection and celebration with as much time as possible spent with family and special friends.

Matthew F Maruff
Headmaster

FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

It is the that time of the year when children and parents are beginning to look to next year and the changes that come with a new Year level or, in the case of our current Year Six students, a new campus. The emotions that are brought to the fore at times such as these can range from excitement to panic or various points in between. As a school we hold a transition morning for our younger students and a whole day for our older students. Our Year Six students have already had their first transition visit to Senior School with many acting as mentors for students coming into the school. Parents can assist in making the transition a positive experience. Martin Seligman, in his book *The Optimistic Child*, points out that an optimistic approach by parents will create an optimistic response in children. It is important also that their concerns are validated rather than dismissed or ignored. Children need to know that their fears are acceptable and there are ways to deal with them. Fear of change is a natural emotion. Discussing with your child how you have seen them successfully deal with similar issues in the past can be valuable, as can discussion of the support networks that they have at the moment. Identifying how these networks will be extended in the future is also helpful. You

may also want to discuss with them the use of the Mood Meter as a tool for identifying how they are feeling. Yale have released a Mood Meter App that allows people to plot how they are feeling, helps identify associated words and has a feature that provides strategies for moving quadrants if desired. The main message that children need to hear when they are feeling anxious about the future is that they will be supported through the changes both at home and at school.

The holiday season is almost upon us, a time for celebration and relaxation. As we near the end of yet another busy school year it is also important for us to reflect on what has been achieved. It is the time of the year when I read student reports. I commend our wonderful staff for the time and effort they have put into describing the progress that students have made throughout the semester. In the day to day busyness of the school year we often forget how far the children have come. It is always brought home to the teaching staff when the new Preparatory students visit us for their orientation visit. It seems such a short time ago that this year's Preparatory students were starting school, borrowing their first reading books, writing their first stories.

Last week we conducted the voting for Junior School Captains and I



found it hard to believe that a year had passed since the appointment of the 2015 Captains. This Friday our Year Six students will have their Presentation Dinner. They are ready for the new challenges of Senior School. Our Year Five students are ready to step up to take on the responsibilities associated with being the senior students in the Junior School.

It is the season for us to reflect on the progress made, the endeavour shown and the assistance provided throughout the year. It is a time to be proud and to give thanks to those who have supported us throughout the year. I would like to add my thanks to the parents

who have written and e-mailed, expressing their appreciation for the fine work of the teaching staff. On behalf of the staff I would like to thank all the parents for their support throughout the year. As this is the last E-link for the year I would like to wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

Mr Donald Thompson
Head of Junior School

GIRTON'S GOT TALENT



JUNIOR SCHOOL

GIRTON'S GOT TALENT

On Friday 20 November the SRC students ran our annual Girton's Got Talent competition. Each Year level held auditions and chose the act to represent their year. The students all performed beautifully and were accompanied by some staff performances and dance exhibitions whilst judging was taking place.

Congratulations to

Harshil Balraj (Preparatory Riley) for taking out the Preparatory to Year Two trophy. Congratulations also to Albert (2 Riley) and Henry (4 Riley) Cordell for taking out the Year Three to Six/Family award.



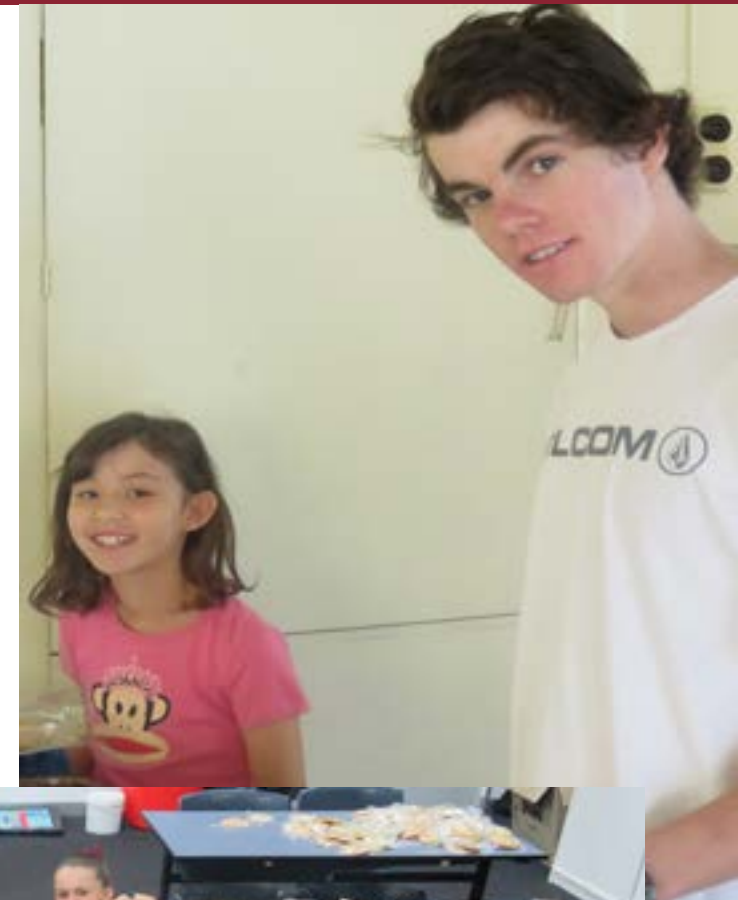
YEAR FOUR M FUNDRAISER

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The children and parents of 4M had a big weekend of cooking. We were raising money for the Father Ray Foundation and the children of the Pattaya Children's Home. We took over the Junior School canteen and spent Saturday making over 500 cookies and slices. The children are very excited new to announce that we raised almost \$800. We are hoping that this money will help the children of the Pattaya Orphanage to have a special Christmas.

Ms Michelle Rey
Year Four M Teacher



EMMA CARNEY'S VISIT

Two time World Champion Triathlete, Emma Carney, visited Girton Grammar School to launch the 2016 Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon, which will take place in Bendigo on Sunday 6th March. The event is part of a national series of triathlons that will take place in 11 locations across Australia between January and May 2016, with Girton Grammar School having more participants in the event over the last 2 years than any other school in Australia.

"This is a hugely popular program with our students who, along with 1,000 other Bendigo children aged 7 – 15 will have the chance next year to swim, ride and run their way around a specially designed course at Queen Elizabeth Oval. For more information visit the website: <http://try.weetbix.com.au/events/bendigo>



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RUBIX CUBE WORLD CHAMPION

Twelve-time World Champion Rubik's Cube expert,

Felics Zemdegis, visited Girton Grammar School on Friday 18th September, to give students some tips on how to solve one of the world's most famous puzzles in under 6 seconds.

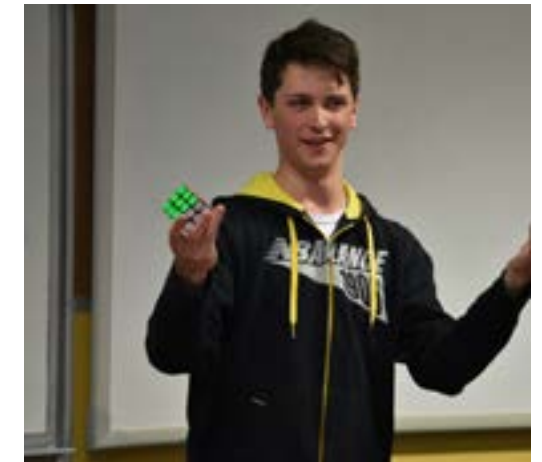
At just 19 years of age, Felics has claimed 12 world titles and, since entering the speedcubing scene in 2009, has broken countless world records (he estimates about 70) along the way.

Felics may not wish to be known as 'the cube guy' but he does confess that the puzzle is somewhat of an addiction.

"When I was 12 I solved the cube alongside a YouTube tutorial in about an hour and I've been at it ever since.

"I spent hours and hours each day practising different methods and techniques for solving the cube until I got really good at it.

"I'm enjoy sharing my secrets and helping students beat their own personal best times on the cube," Felics said.

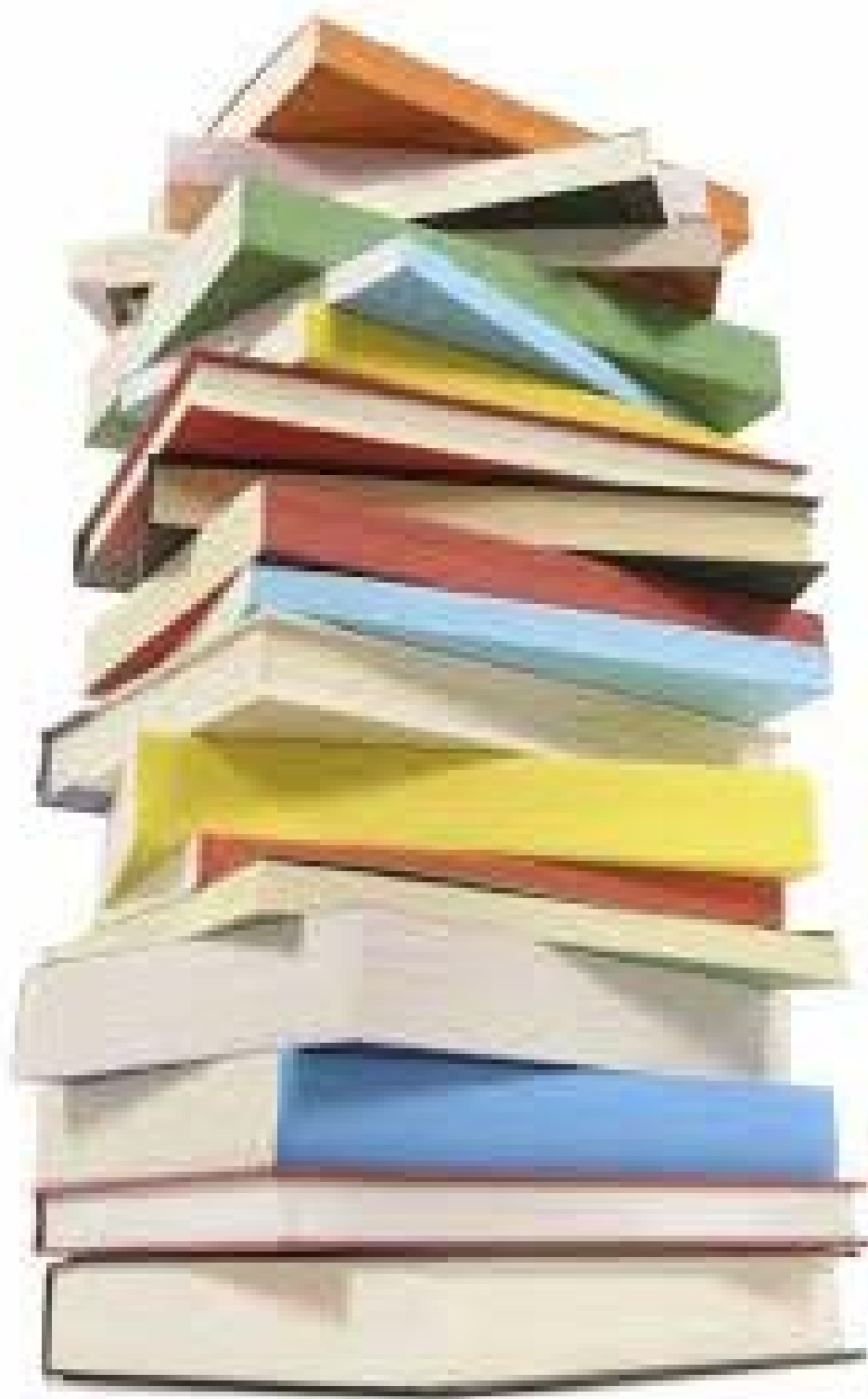




JUNIOR SCHOOL STRINGS REHEARSAL

BOOKLISTS 2016

JUNIOR SCHOOL



Junior School Booklists for 2016 are now available. Forms can be collected from Junior School Reception or you can visit www.eduplus.com.au/booklists to order online.

YEAR ONE	GIRT111J
YEAR TWO	GIRT1216M
YEAR THREE	GIRT1316B
YEAR FOUR	GIRT1416R
YEAR FIVE	GIRT1516T
YEAR SIX	GIRT1616S

Please place all orders by Friday 4 December, 2015.

Collection date is
Tuesday 19 January 2016 in the John E. Higgs Hall
from 10:00am - 5:30pm.

TERM 4 IMPORTANT DATES

IMPORTANT DATES

WEEK 9

Monday 30th November
1st Fee Instalment 2016 closes at 5pm to be eligible for the prompt payment discount.

Tuesday 1st December
Service of Carols

Thursday 3rd December
Speech Night
Bendigo Stadium

End of Term Four

Friday 18th December
Girton Office Closes

Girton Parents and Friends

The last GPF meeting for 2015 will be on Monday 30th November in the Morey Building. The meeting will not be a formal meeting, but a final get together to celebrate the year with some beverages and nibbles.

All parents are very welcome to attend but please let me know before 1pm Monday for catering purposes.

Margaret Keech
President

2016 Term Dates Students

Term One

Thursday 28th January 2016 to
Thursday 24th March 2016

Term Two

Monday 11th April 2016 to
Friday 17th June 2016

Term Three

Wednesday 13th July 2016 to
Friday 16th September 2016

Term Four

Monday 3rd October 2016 to
Thursday 1st December 2016

TERM 1 2016 IMPORTANT DATES

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School Holidays

Monday 11th January
Girton Office Re-Opens

Tuesday 19th January
Headmaster's Tour Morning
The Black Box Theatre
9:00am

Junior School Book Collection Day
John E. Higgs Hall
10:00am - 5:30pm

Wednesday 20th January
to Thursday 21st January
VCE Conference

Friday 22nd January
Student Leadership Training

Tuesday 26th January
Australia Day

WEEK 1

Thursday 28th January
First Day of Term 1 for Students

Friday 29th January
GPF Senior School New Parent's Welcome Evening

WEEK 2

Monday 1st February
GPF Meeting
Mo7
5:30pm

Thursday 4th February
Junior School Meet the Teacher Evening
John E. Higgs Hall
5:30pm

WEEK 3

Friday 12th February
Senior School Swimming Carnival
Bendigo Aquatic Centre

Junior School Prep to Year Two Swim Practice
Paul Sadler Swimland

WEEK 4

Friday 19th February
Junior School Swimming Carnival
Bendigo East Swimming Pool

WEEK 6

Monday 29th February
Year 7 Immunisations

WEEK 7

Monday 7th March
Gojo Sister School Visit
Leaving Tuesday 15th March

Junior School Year 6 Camp
Canberra
Returning Friday 11th March

GPF AGM
Mo7
5:30pm

Tuesday 8th March
ICCES Swimming, Badminton and Table Tennis
Melbourne

Friday 11th March
Headmaster's Tour Morning
The Black Box Theatre
9:00am

Senior School World's Greatest Shave
The Gymnasium

WEEK 8

Monday 14th March
Labour Day Public Holiday

Friday 18th March
Year Nine Camp Packing Day
The Gymnasium

WEEK 9

Monday 21st March
Senior School Camps Week

Thursday 24th March
Last Day of Term 1

School Holidays

Friday 25th March
Good Friday Public Holiday

Monday 28th March
Easter Monday Public Holiday

Monday 11th April
First Day Term 2



ANNUAL SERVICE OF CAROLS

Tuesday 1st December 2015 commencing at 6pm

- Aherne:** Forest Street Uniting Church, Forest Street Bendigo
Frew: St Andrew's Uniting Church, Myers Street Bendigo
Jenkin: St Therese's Catholic Church, Albion Street Kennington
Jones: Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Keck Street Flora Hill
Millward: Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Napier Street White Hills
Riley: St Kilian's Catholic Church, McCrae Street Bendigo

Student attendance is compulsory.

Dress Code: Full school uniform (winter) for boys and summer dress with blazer for girls.

Students are to arrive at their designated church by 5.30pm





S P E E C H N I G H T 2 0 1 5

Thursday 3rd December 2015, 5.20pm for a 6pm commencement

Bendigo Stadium, Marong Road Bendigo



Celebrate the Academic Year at Girton Grammar School Bendigo at Speech Night 2015

Student attendance Years Three to Eleven is compulsory.

Students in Preparatory to Years Two and Year Twelve are warmly invited to attend: however, attendance it is not compulsory.

Full school uniform with blazer for boys, summer dress with blazer for girls.

It's the ultimate time warp...

BACK TO THE GIRTON FUTURE

Coming to a Speech Night in your time zone

LAST WEEK OF TERM

STUDENT & PARENT NOTICES

SERVICES OF CAROLS - Tuesday 1st December

Students are required to arrive at their respective churches by 5.30pm. The uniform requirements are:

Boys: Full school uniform (winter) including the blazer.

Girls: Summer dress and blazer.

Aherne:	Forest Street Uniting Church, Forest Street, Bendigo
Frew:	St Andrew's Uniting Church, Myers Street, Bendigo
Jenkin:	St Therese's Catholic Church, Albion Street, Kennington
Jones:	Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Keck Street, Flora Hill
Millward:	Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Napier Street, White Hills
Riley:	St Kilian's Catholic Church, McCrae Street, Bendigo

A Special Request

Parents and students are reminded about our tradition of bringing a gift to place before the altar at each of the churches, please. This gift should not be wrapped and can be for any age group. A rule of thumb we have been advised about is to bring a gift for children of the same age group as themselves. That way there is a good spread of gifts for the charitable agencies to distribute.

SPEECH NIGHT- Thursday 3rd December

Students are required to arrive at the Bendigo Stadium by 5.20pm.

The uniform requirements are:

Boys: Full school uniform (winter) including the blazer

Girls: Summer dress and blazer.

During the last week of term students will be required to attend rehearsals at the various churches for the Services of Carols and also at the Bendigo Stadium for Speech Night.



With the exception of the students in Aherne House, who will walk with staff members to the Forest Street Uniting Church, the remainder of the students will be taken by bus to their respective churches. All Senior School students will be taken by bus to the Stadium for the Speech night rehearsal. Some students, mostly those required for technical services, may be required to travel in staff members' cars to some of these venues. If any parent has a concern about these travel arrangements please feel free to contact your child's Head of House or Mr Schofield.

ELECTRONIC MUSIC



Year 9 students have enjoyed immersing themselves in the creation of electronic music compositions this year. They used iMac computer workstations running Apple's Garageband software and professional headphones.

Students composed their pieces using a mix of traditional scoring and sound design methodologies to modify existing loops of musical sounds or to record new sounds. Midi and digital sampling technology started in the early 1980s offering a technical leap for new possibilities and ideas to approach music composition. These are commonplace today.

Musicians who compose using traditional methods are at an advantage using this software. However, there are also those students who hear music in their head and work like a "sound designer" to realise their compositions with this technology. Contemporary musicians and DJs across all styles are increasingly using systems like this because it offers flexibility for their compositional works.

Girton students have made a 27 minute compilation that fuses all their compositions together. An innovative step was to use this music to trigger and generate random visual patterns and movement through a fractal



generator, then to capture this as a video stream. It has been rewarding for students to hear and watch their music in action.

This compilation has been placed on Girton's Youtube channel and the opening has a correlation with the coming release of the new Star Wars movie. Go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jm4LHlrnd1g

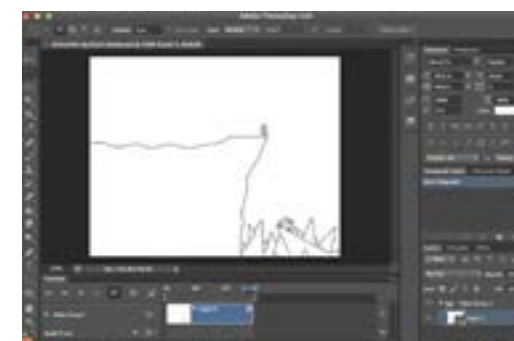
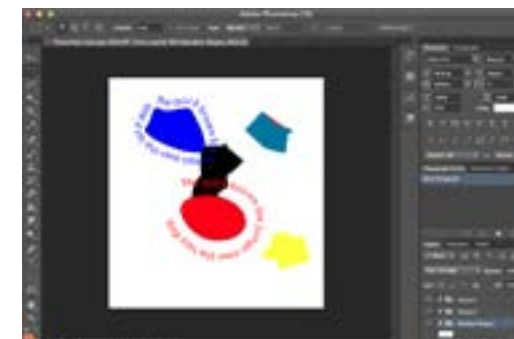
CRE@TE IT



CRE@TE IT is a fun and enterprising co-curricular activity which has seen strong student numbers this year. Students have been exploring skills that are increasingly embedded across all future learning and vocational choices.

Mr Trevor Parry from the IT Department and Mr John Phillips from the ICT/Digital Media course guided students through basic programming using hypertext web page design and construction, animation, video production, photography, digital illustration, sound production, editing and scripting.

Technical play, brainstorming, creativity, problem solving and solution design are the central themes that drive the projects and activities throughout the year. Team collaboration is very much part of the program.



KPM

FILM FESTIVAL

The Girton Grammar Short Film Festival was a new initiative held in the Black Box Theatre in October this year. A selection of short videos from Year 9 KPM students and VCE Digital Media students were screened to an appreciative audience. It was terrific to see students' work presented on a big screen. Admission to the screening was by gold coin donation with all proceeds going to CanTeen, an Australian organisation for young people living with cancer that offers support, information and resources. www.canteen.org.au

It is important for students to see their work screened in a professional setting. Two student films, "Lights" from Fynn Michlin and Michael Tucci and "The Girton Witch Project" by Cara McMaster-Alderton, Olivia Ryan, Mirna El Aawar and Tom Cooper were recently entered into the prestigious Robin Anderson Awards run by MLC in Sydney. It was an achievement that they made it through the initial selection process. Further film festivals and competitions within Australia will be investigated to provide Girton students with an avenue to enter their video and animation projects for screening to a wider audience.

If you missed this year's festival screening, the films can be viewed at Girton's Youtube channel.

Go to this link:

<https://youtu.be/yTxdStwzMHM>

Here are the film titles that were screened this year:

STAIRS ONE

LEAVES

THE IPAD HEIST

SNAPCHAT GHOST

CARNAGE

DON'T BE A BULLY

DRAW MY LIFE

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WITCH FOR

SUPER SONIC STREET SHOWDOWN

THE CHASE

MY ART

SUSPENSE

LIGHTS



KPM

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2016

JAPANESE DEPARTMENT



Kanji Camp

When:

Friday 5th (4-7pm), Saturday 6th (10am-1pm) & Sunday 7th February (10am-1pm) 2016

Details:

Mr Hiroshi Watanabe, former Japanese lecturer at La Trobe, is visiting Girton to run this exciting Kanji Course. The Camp is open for the Year 10, 11 and 12 Japanese students and we are aiming to learn all the 250 prescribed VCE Kanji over 3 days! Application forms will be given out to all the relevant students next week.



Gojo Visit:

When:

Sunday 6th March – Monday 14th March 2016 (8:00am departure on Tuesday 15th March)

**Gojo students need to be collected from their accommodation in the afternoon of Sunday 6th March. 14th March is Labour Day Holiday - You might like to consider this fact.*

Details:

10 students and 2 teachers will be visiting us from our sister school in Japan, Gojo Senior High School. Please contact Ms Watanabe if you are interested in hosting a student.



Japan Trip 2016

When:

September-October School Holidays 2016

Details:

We will be visiting famous places, such as Tokyo, Hiroshima & Kyoto. We will then visit our sister school, Gojo Senior High School for one week. Students will have an opportunity to experience school and family life in Japan. The itinerary and cost will be finalised at the start of next year and the Information Evening will be held next March.

Please contact Ms Watanabe if you are interested in any of the upcoming events in 2016.

mowatanabe@girton.vic.edu.au

AFL LEGEND SHARES SPORT SECRETS

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS



AFL legend and veteran North Melbourne player, Brent Harvey, recently visited Girton Grammar School to talk to students about training and competing at the elite level.

Brent Harvey's visit was part of the Girton Grammar Sports Excellence Program for elite athletes in Years 9 and 10 who compete at the State, National or highest Regional level.

Headmaster, Mr Matthew Maruff, said that the school's Sports Excellence Program meets the training needs of individual athletes, within any chosen sport.

"Our Sports Excellence Program is not restricted to particular types of sports.

"It provides tailored physical training, education workshops and recovery sessions to meet the

all-round needs of elite athletes in whichever sport they participate.

"Mentoring from professional athletes is an important part of the program, providing both hands-on advice and inspiration to our students competing at the highest level," he said.

Participants in the Girton Grammar Sports Excellence Program have access to the very best sports

science experts, superior online training programs and to state-of-the-art gym facilities. The program is overseen and implemented by an Australian National sporting champion who works closely with the parents and coaches of the athletes to help them be the best that they can be.

AFL LEGEND SHARES SPORT SECRETS







BALLOON FOOTBALL



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GETTING MILEAGE IN MANILA: AUSTRALIAN FIRST



In the lead up to the RACV Energy Breakthrough event in Maryborough, the newly named Girton Racing Team has revealed that it is the only school team in Australia to be selected to compete against teams from all over the world in the prestigious Shell Eco Marathon in Manila next year.

The Girton Grammar team has a history of winning EEV (Energy Efficient Vehicle) races, having won their category of the hugely popular RACV Energy Breakthrough event in Maryborough for the past three years as well as the recent Grand Prix event in Bendigo.

Mr Maruff said that competing on the world stage in such a prestigious event was a real credit to the students involved.

“The team of three Year 10 and 11 boys took it upon themselves, with the support of teachers and parents, to submit plans for their vehicle to the Manila event organisers to demonstrate their understanding of the event and its requirements.

“Once these plans were approved, they submitted detailed vehicle plans including wiring diagrams, component schematics and fuel system diagrams which were also approved by event organisers.

“Now they have begun building the vehicle in preparation for competing in Manila next March. They are the only school team in Australia to have been selected to compete.

“The vehicle that will be used in Manila will be built from a clean sheet and the students are using computer software to create a design that minimises drag and maximises fuel economy.

“The frame of the vehicle will be made of composite materials such as carbon fibre and will be integral to the body of the vehicle for added strength and minimal weight.

“All three students are strong in Mathematics and Systems Engineering which is clearly evident in the superb vehicle design that they have developed.

“The engine, supplied by longtime

Girton team supporter, Mr Chris New from Honda Australia, will feature ingenious modifications that reduce fuel consumption,” he said.

The annual Shell Eco-marathon challenges student teams from around the world to design, build and test ultra energy-efficient vehicles. With annual events first in the Americas, then Europe and Asia, the winners are the teams that go the furthest using the least amount of energy. The events spark debate about the future of mobility and inspire young engineers to push the boundaries of fuel efficiency.

“This is an incredible opportunity for our students to really challenge themselves in something that they love and to pit themselves against the best School and University teams in the world,” Mr Maruff said.

The students are now faced with the challenge of raising sufficient funds to compete in Manila.

To enquire about opportunities to sponsor the team to compete in Manila next year, please contact Nigel Vernon on (03) 5441 3114.

MARYBOROUGH ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH SUCCESS

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Over four days, spanning the 19th to the 22nd November the RACV ran its 25th edition of the Energy Breakthrough, Maryborough.

This year the Girton Racing Team (GRT) entered a brand new Energy Efficient Vehicle (EEV), into the EEV-Hybrid Vehicles-Section Two-Open category. Previously the EEV team achieved a perfect record of three starts for three wins in a different category of racing. The goal of competing in the Open category was to achieve the challenge of the new category, running petrol and electric power sources, and to win against Cobden Technical School who, racing three trikes in this category have been undefeated for the past five years.

Our team of one female and six male drivers, supported by Mr Robin Kirby and Mr Todd Morley in the pits, accepted the challenge of the huge weekend of EEV Presentation, Scrutineering, Trial event, and the main-event being the 24 hour race.

The initial start to the 24 hour race was smooth and very promising but, only 30 minutes in, a bearing problem surfaced requiring the trike to be completely disassembled, re-fitted and re-built to continue racing. Upon re-entry onto the track the team drove with expert precision, using battery stores in place of the ethanol fuel to prevent



further mechanical issues. Over the 24 hours the trike was pitted for the same major re-fitting and overhaul a total of three times. Precious time was lost.

With each driver finding the race line and progressively moving up through the field, what resulted at the end of the 24 hour event was truly wonderful. The GRT Xception had achieved what most said was not possible. Xception won their race category, beating the five times winner. Additionally, Xception took out the Design and Construction Award, and the Hybrid Section 2 Trial win.

GRT Xception

Maddison Ashby (10 Aherne), Lucas Kirby (11 Jenkin), Benjamin Pignataro (10 Frew), Francis Gallagher (11 Aherne), Alexander Holmes (11 Jenkin), Tobia Roundhill (12 Jenkin) and Harrison Morley (8 Jenkin).

Now, immediately after this success the team re-group for the huge amount of time and effort required for the construction of our vehicle invited to complete as the very first Secondary School entry in the 2016 Shell Eco-Marathon, held in Manila next March. Some of the Xception



crew will make the journey to Asia for this event. Sponsorship is currently being sourced to assist in the construction, transportation and competing of this Australian first vehicle.

Nigel Vernon
Girton Racing Team



GIRTON RACING TEAM HAS THEIR HYBRID VEHICLE CHECKED
AND SCRUTINISED ON RACE DAY





FROM THE REGISTRAR

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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 are hoping to set up a 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 louisemcwaters@girton.vic.edu.au

2016 and 2017

Thanks are owed to those parents who have already accepted the offer for their child to enter in 2016. 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 2017 will be invited to contact the School in the near future to arrange an enrolment interview.

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 was articulated in the 2015 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



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.

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.



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SCIENCE STUDENTS EXCEL AGAIN

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Year 10 students, Alex O'Shea (10A) and Alex Neilson (10M), have won Gold Medals in the Australian Science Olympiad qualifying examination, with Alex O'Shea electing to go on and attend the elite Australian Science Olympiad Summer School.

The Gold Medals were earned in a two hour examination in which more than 4,000 students from across the country participated.

Alex O'Shea will now join 91 of Australia's most talented science students at an intensive residential Summer School program, and will be competing for a chance to represent Australia at the 2016 International Science Olympiads.

This is the second year running that Girton has had students qualify for the elite summer school, held at The Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra.

During the summer school, students learn the equivalent of a first year university course in Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Science or Physics. Based on their performance at the Australian Science Olympiad Summer School, seventeen students will be selected to represent Australia at the 2016 International Science Olympiads in Biology, Chemistry, Earth Sciences and Physics.



CONGRATULATIONS TO

Chloe Cason (5V) who sat her 'Singing for Leisure Preliminary' Exam with the Australian Music Examination Board on 31 Oct 2015, and we received notification that she achieved an A - Honours.

Berkley Wood (6V) (pictured right) and her partner Sam (from Goulburn Valley Grammar) have just been elevated to the Junior age group 13-16 from the Juvenile section. They have gone from the top of Juvenile (Open) to C Grade in Junior.

At their first competition in early November (Nova Dancesport Classic) they danced all styles (Standard, Latin American and New Vogue) in all grades C, B and Open. Out of the 9 events, Berkley and Sam came First in 6 events (including 2 Firsts in the Open Section for Standard and New Vogue) and Second in 3 events. This was quite an achievement for their first Junior competition up against the older dancers. They are training for the Australian Dancesport Championships to be held on 11-13 December in Melbourne and are tipped to perform well in their events.





OGA 1 YEAR REUNION

The one year reunion for the Class of 2014 is approaching.

Join us for a fun night of friendship at the GPO Bar & Restaurant in Bendigo on Thursday 17th December, 2015.

Food will be served from 6pm until 8pm with the courtyard available for our exclusive use into the evening.

This event is free for OGA members but for catering purposes, please register at: www.trybooking.com/168942

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The School Captain from 1989, Damon Lonnie, has built a life around golf and Tim Wastell, 2006 Millward House Captain, is flying in a construction management career. Such is the diversity of Old Girtonians.

Read more here: <http://oga.girton.vic.edu.au/profiles/>

OGA'S NEWEST MEMBERS

A warm welcome to the newest members of the OGA who celebrated the end of their formal schooling education at a wonderful Valedictory Dinner last week.

We hope to see our newest members at an OGA event soon.



Gift from the OGA to all Year 12 Graduates

2016 CO-CURRICULAR SELECTIONS NOW OPEN

To access the selection form please go to:

<http://www.girton.vic.edu.au/co-curric/>

Applications close 5.00pm Friday 11th December.



19 November 2015

Dear Parents

The School has been advised by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development that their Country Bus Service will not commence until Monday, 1 February 2016.

The dilemma for us is that the Girton school year commences on Thursday, 28 January 2016. We will have two days when our students (approximately 150) who are registered to travel on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Country Buses may have to make alternative arrangements.

Mr John Flood, of Floods Bus Lines has agreed once again to provide the service that we have used for the last few years to solve this transportation problem for our Country Bus travellers. Bus services along major arterial country roads will be offered. On the following page are four bus routes which we believe will provide transportation for most of our Country Bus travellers.

As you may appreciate, it is difficult for Girton to incur the costs of providing a full comprehensive bus schedule for the first two days of Term One. Therefore some parents may have to drive their son/daughter to a more central collection point.

I would appreciate it if you would, by 20 January 2016, send an email to reception@girton.vic.edu.au advising which bus route and bus stop you intend your son/daughter to travel on for the first two days of Term, 28th and 29th January 2016.

These arrangements pertain to Country Bus travellers (students registered to travel through DEECD) only. The dedicated Girton Grammar School Bus Service, Castlemaine and Kyneton buses will operate as usual.

Thank you.

Warmest Regards,

TIM SCHOFIELD
Operations and Student Standards Manager

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NOTICE FOR ALL SENIOR SCHOOL ART STUDENTS

- Every Art student requires an Art kit for 2016 Art classes
- The Art kits are ordered ONLINE from Cavalier Art Supplies in Geelong.
- All orders for 2016 are to be made ONLINE before January 9, 2016
- The Online Address is www.cavalierart.com.au/schools/girton-grammar-school
- Collection of Art kits will be on Thursday January 21, 2016, between 10 am and 2.00 pm in Room NO4, in the Naunton Family Building, Vine Street.
- It is possible and acceptable to have your art kit delivered to your home address, but you must make that clear in your online order.

The contents of the Art kits are added to each year as a student progresses through the school and takes Art or Imagery. Technique. Analysis as it is now called, as a subject. At Years 7 and 8 ITA is compulsory but from Year Nine onwards it is an Elective subject.

Students who have any of the specific items on the list are not expected to purchase those items, but must ensure that they are placed in their ITA kit ready for their first lesson.

Year Eight students take ITA for one semester only. The Year Eight students who do ITA in Semester Two may order their kits at the end of Semester One, but those students who are doing ITA in Semester One must adhere to the January 9 2016 deadline.

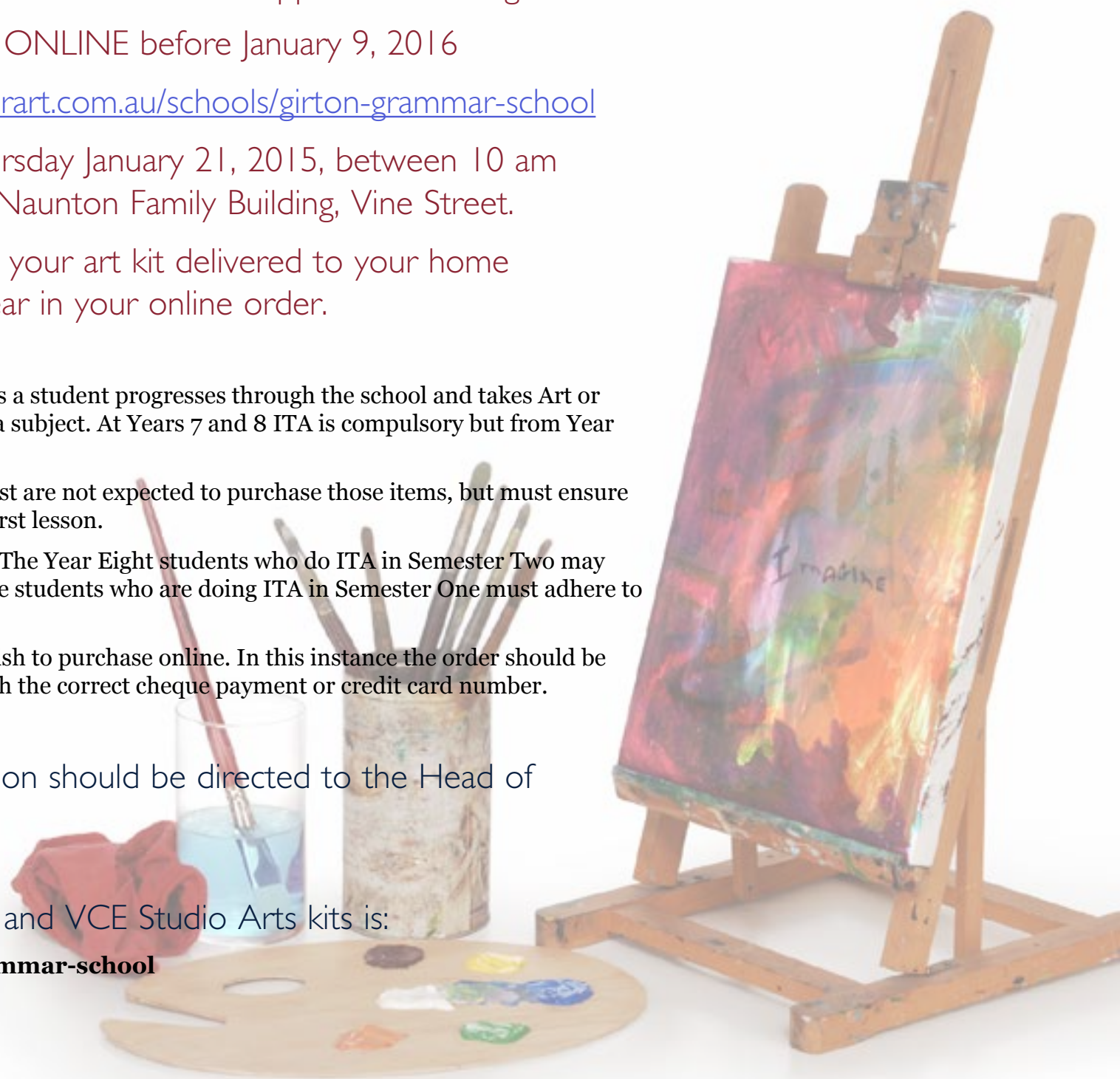
Cavalier has made provision for those who do not wish to purchase online. In this instance the order should be printed from the Website and mailed to Cavalier with the correct cheque payment or credit card number.

Any queries about the above information should be directed to the Head of Department/Art:

carolknowles@girton.vic.edu.au

The Online Address for ordering ITA and VCE Studio Arts kits is:

www.cavalierart.com.au/schools/girton-grammar-school



FROM THE REPORTS DEPARTMENT

Semester Two Reports

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

Senior School Comparative Assessment and Graph Reports

The Semester Two Comparative Assessment Reports and Student Performance Graphs will be published electronically to the Parent Portal during the Term Four break. An email will be sent to parents when they are available.

Junior School Comparative Assessment Reports

The Semester Two 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 Four. Senior School students who are nominated for six or more Merits will have their Merits 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 the Parent Portal

You can access your child's Report via the Girton Grammar Website. ("Parent Access") tab.

<http://www.girton.vic.edu.au>

When you have accessed the Parent Portal (First select your child's name, right of screen), select the appropriate tab called "Docs" and the Reports will be under the subheading of Academic Reports.

You can also use the link below to go directly to your login screen:

<http://parent.girton.vic.edu.au>

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.

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.

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.

Mr Rod Smith (Head of Senior School Reporting and Assessment)
Mr John Gibbs (Head of Junior School Curriculum Organisation)
Mrs Heather Waterston (Senior School Reports Administrator)
Mrs Debbie Hansen (Junior School Reports Administrator, Junior and Senior Instrumental Reports Administrator)

BTC
presents



Kids
Christmas
CONCERT

Sunday December 13th
4pm

proudly supporting
Bendigo Hospital Foundation

Bendigo Stadium

Sponsored by
THE FUNDSIGHT CLUB
BENDIGO STADIUM
WIN NETWORK

TICKETS
Kids Under 16 \$5
Adults \$10

Tickets available from Bendigo Stadium - Ph 5440 6214 - www.bendigostadium.com.au



Find your international experience with WEP Australia!

WEP Australia offers not-for-profit student exchange programs to over 25 countries around the world! Are you dreaming of a white Christmas in Europe next year? Maybe you're keen to discover the 'real' USA or Australia's cooler cousin, Canada! Whatever your style, there's a place for you! To find out more, visit our website: wep.org.au or connect on social media at @wepaustralia and /wepaustralia!

Not the right time for you to be jet-setting? Hosting an overseas exchange student allows families to gain insight into another culture and way of living, without leaving the comfort of their own home. WEP host families live all around Eastern Australia. Some live on farms in the country, others live in apartments in the city. Not all our host families have kids, some are young couples and some are single. In fact, host families can come in any shape or form, but they all share a desire to learn more about other peoples and cultures! For more information and to view the profiles of students eagerly awaiting news of their host family, head to our website, www.wep.org.au/host, email info@wep.org.au or call 1300 884 733 to speak to our friendly hosting team!



The Sandhurst Junior Football Club will be holding a Pre-registration/ Information night at the Sandhurst social rooms in the QEO grandstand, View Street Bendigo, for our U/10, U/12, U/14 and U/16 age groups for the 2016 season on Friday 27th of November from 5.00 – 6.00pm.

All new and current players welcome, if you are unable to attend and would like more information please contact Greg Murley 0419 756237.

SUMMER MENU



ROOM 4A - CANTEEN MENU 2015



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

HOT FOOD

Pies	.....	\$4.00
Pasties	.....	\$4.00
Sausage Rolls (Large)	.....	\$2.50
Party Pies	.....	\$1.00
Hot Chicken Rolls	.....	\$5.50
Party Quiche	.....	\$1.30
Mini Hawaiian Pizza	.....	\$3.00
Ham & Cheese Croissant	.....	\$3.50
Chicken Nuggets	.....	\$0.60
Potato Pie (Large)	.....	\$4.50
Vegetarian Pastie	.....	\$4.50
Homemade Egg & Bacon Pie	.....	\$3.00
Chicken & Leek Pie	.....	\$4.50
Quiche Lorraine	.....	\$4.50
Spinach (Veg) & Cheese Quiche	.....	\$4.50

SPECIAL EXTRAS

Fruit Salad	.....	\$4.00
Garlic or Herb Bread	.....	\$2.50
Hamburgers	.....	\$5.00
Hot Dogs	.....	\$3.00
Vegie Patties	.....	\$5.50
Dim Sims	.....	\$1.00
Hash Brown	.....	\$1.00
Chicken Schnitzel	.....	\$5.50
Focaccia	.....	\$6.50
(Chicken, Avocado & Camembert)	.....
Baked Potato	.....	\$5.00
(Coleslaw, Cheese & Sour Cream)	.....
Pasta Bolognese (Small)	.....	\$4.00
Pasta Bolognese (Large)	.....	\$6.50
Gluten Free Pasta (Small)	.....	\$4.50
Gluten Free Pasta (Large)	.....	\$7.00
Chicken Tender Wrap	.....	\$6.50

ICY POLES

Paddle Pop Thickshake	.....	\$2.00
Paddle Pop	.....	\$1.30
Magnum	.....	\$3.60
Mini Calippo Frost	.....	\$1.00
Sunny Boy	.....	\$1.20
Zooper Dooper	.....	\$0.60
Cruncha	.....	\$1.20
Frozen Yoghurt	.....	\$2.50
Icy Twist	.....	\$1.00
Cyclone	.....	\$2.00
Slushy	.....	\$2.00
Zing Zing	.....	\$1.00
Moozie	.....	\$1.00

SANDWICHES AND ROLLS

(Please state if White or Multigrain bread is required)

Multigrain 50c extra - Toasted 50c extra

	Roll	Sandwich
Ham & Cheese	..... \$5.00	..... \$4.70
Tomato	..... \$3.20	..... \$3.00
Tomato & Cheese	..... \$3.80	..... \$3.20
Cheese	..... \$3.50	..... \$3.20
Chicken	..... \$5.50	..... \$5.00
Chicken & Salad	..... \$6.00	..... \$5.50
Egg	..... \$3.50	..... \$3.20
Virginian Ham	..... \$4.80	..... \$4.50
Ham & Salad	..... \$5.50	..... \$5.00
Salad	..... \$4.50	..... \$4.20
Roast Beef	..... \$4.80	..... \$4.50
Roast Beef & Salad	..... \$5.50	..... \$5.00
Honey	..... \$3.00	..... \$2.50
Vegemite	..... \$3.00	..... \$2.50
Tuna	..... \$4.50	..... \$4.20
Tuna & Salad	..... \$4.80	..... \$4.50

EXTRAS

Avocado, Sun Dried Tomatoes, Capsicum	..... \$1.00
Tomato Sauce, Mayonnaise, Mustard	..... \$0.50

DELICIOUS EXTRAS

Fresh Seasonal Fruit	..... \$1.50
Yoghurt	..... \$2.00
Home Made Cookies	..... \$1.50
Vanilla Slice	..... \$3.00
Hedgehog Slice	..... \$3.00
Mud Cakes/Muffins	..... \$3.00
Muesli Bars	..... \$1.00
Roll Ups	..... \$1.00
Iced Donuts (Small)	..... \$1.50
Cinnamon Donuts	..... \$1.50
Caramel Slice	..... \$3.00
Peppermint Slice	..... \$3.00
Jam Donut	..... \$1.50

DRINKS

Flavoured Milk (Large)	..... \$4.00
Flavoured Milk (Small)	..... \$3.00
Fruit Box	..... \$1.50
Still Mineral Water	..... \$2.50
100% Apple Juice	..... \$3.00
100% Orange Juice	..... \$3.00
Gatorade	..... \$4.00
Iced Tea	..... \$4.00
Nippies	..... \$3.00

March 2015

ON THE BUSES

BENDIGO COACHLINES IS PROVIDING A DEDICATED BUS SERVICE TO OUR STUDENTS LIVING IN SPRING GULLY, STRATHDALE AND STRATHFIELDSAYE.

The cost of this service is \$3.00 per trip and \$1.50 for siblings.

Please call Bendigo Coachlines on 5446 3144 for more information.

REMINDER – DEECD COUNTRY BUS TRAVELLERS ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM.

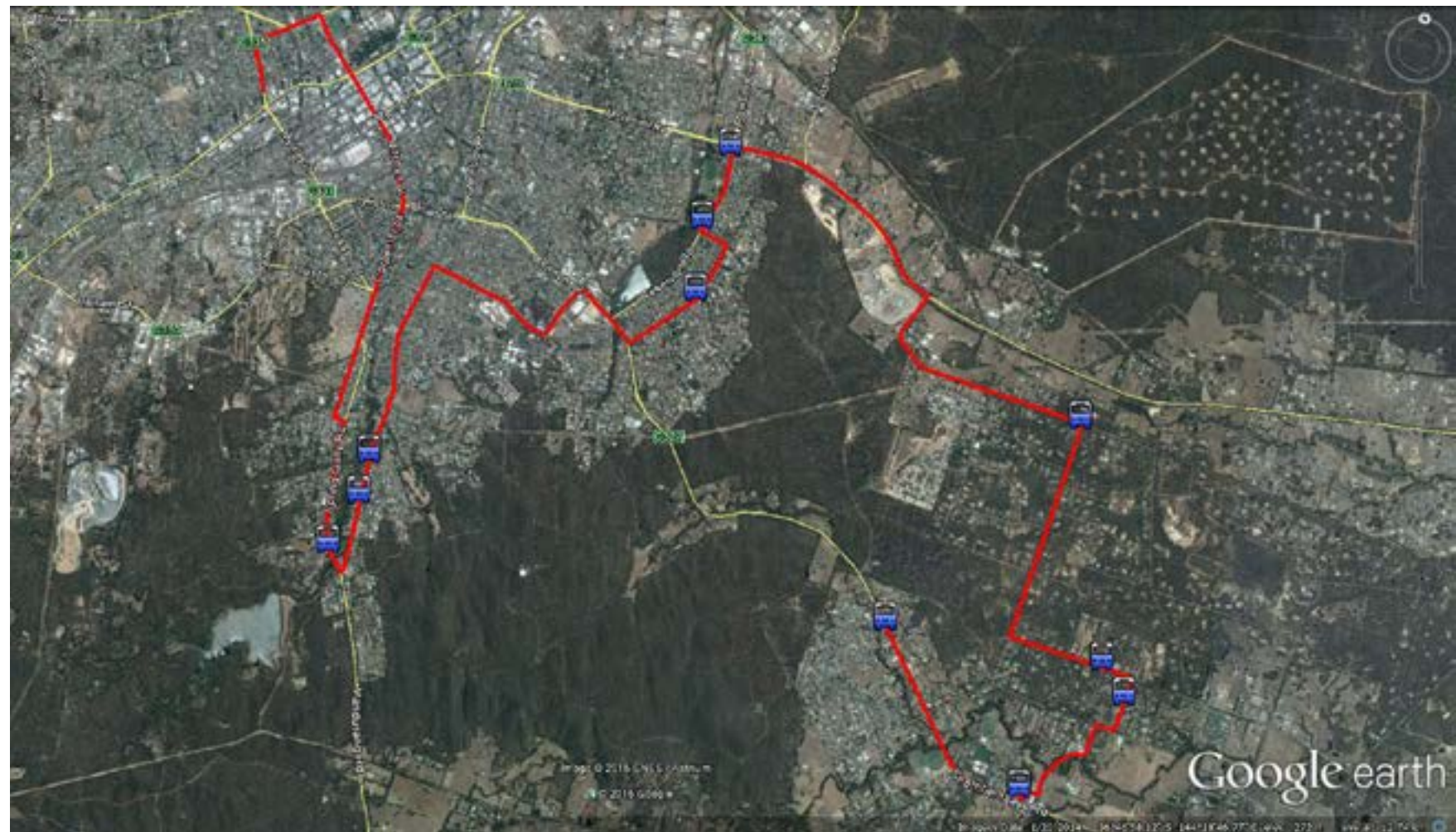
DEECD Country Buses will not be available to take Girton students home on the afternoon of Friday 18th September. Please make alternative after school travel arrangements on this day. The Castlemaine, Kyneton and dedicated buses will run as normal.

Girton Grammar

Private Charter

Fee is \$3.00 per trip & \$1.50 per sibling

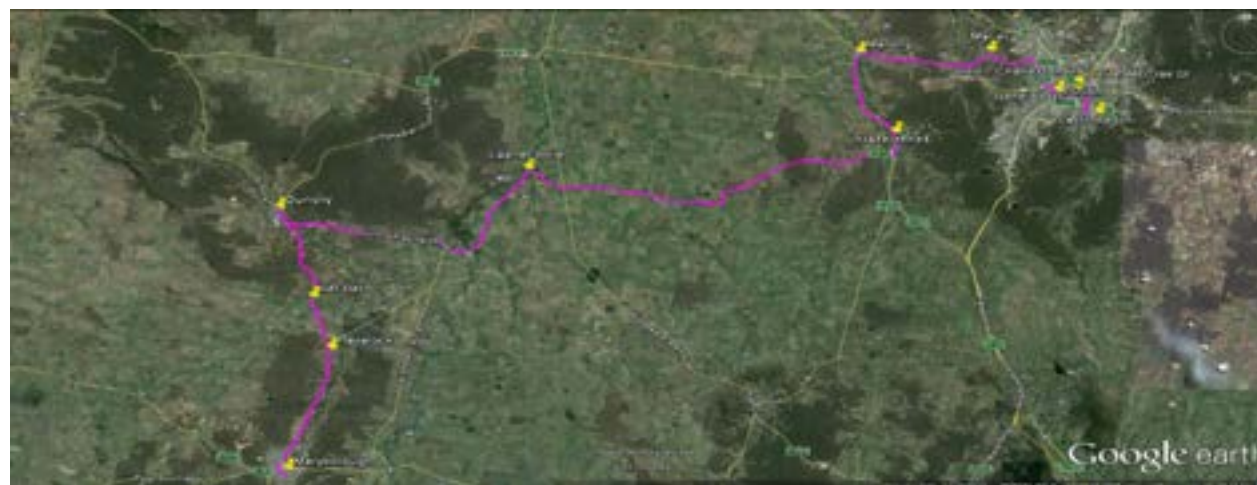
Strathdale	
AM	
Strathfieldsaye Rd & Saxby Drive	7:51
Strathfieldsaye - IGA	7:55
Lawrence & Sinclairs Roads	7:58
Mclvor Highway & Reservoir Road	8:05
Cousins & Harley Streets	8:07
Harley & Butcher Streets	8:09
Harley Street & Landale Drive	8:10
Condon Street & Marnie Road	8:12
Retreat Road & Keogh Drive	8:14
Retreat Road & Kristy Drive	8:15
Spring Gully Reserve	8:17
Girton Grammar - Junior (Don Street)	8:25
PM	
Girton Grammar - Junior (Don Street)	3:50
Spring Gully Reserve	3:58
Retreat Road & Kristy Drive	4:00
Retreat Road & Keogh Drive	4:02
Condon Street & Marnie Road	4:04
Harley Street & Landale Drive	4:06
Harley & Butcher Streets	4:07
Cousins & Harley Streets	4:09
Mclvor Highway & Reservoir Road	4:11
Lawrence & Sinclairs Roads	4:18
Strathfieldsaye - IGA	4:20
Strathfieldsaye Rd & Saxby Drive	4:24





Route details – Maryborough to Bendigo via Dunolly

The service will depart the Maryborough Railway Station bus stop and provide access to the following locations en-route to Bendigo, Maryborough CBD, Whirakee Rise Estate, Bet Bet, Dunolly, Laanecoorie and Marong. Destinations will include Hazeldene's (Calder Alternative Highway), Marist College, Bendigo Railway Station, Bendigo Senior Secondary, Girton Grammar, Bendigo TAFE & La Trobe Uni, other destinations including Bendigo Health can be accommodated in the timetable.



Timetable

	School days Only	School days Only
Maryborough	705	1720
Dunolly	725	1700
Laanecoorie	735	1650
Hazeldene's	800	1625
Marong	810	1615
Marist College	825	1600
Bendigo RS	835	1550
BRIT – McCrae St	845	1540
La Trobe Uni	855	1530

Fare Schedule (Pensioner & Concession)

Distance	Annual	Term	Weekly	Daily	Single
< 10.00	\$1,075.00	\$295.60	\$29.50	\$6.00	\$3.30
10 to 15	\$1,315.00	\$361.60	\$36.10	\$7.30	\$4.00
15 to 20	\$1,553.00	\$427.10	\$42.70	\$8.60	\$4.70
20 to 25	\$1,793.00	\$493.10	\$49.30	\$10.00	\$5.50
25 to 30	\$2,031.00	\$558.50	\$55.80	\$11.30	\$6.20
30 to 35	\$2,271.00	\$624.50	\$62.40	\$12.70	\$7.00
>35	\$2,511.00	\$690.50	\$69.00	\$14.00	\$7.70

For further information please contact Bendigo Coachlines on Ph. 5446 7018 or email contact@bendigocoachlines.com.au