



# eLink

The Girton Grammar School Newsletter

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 **Girton** Grammar School Bendigo

# FROM THE HEADMASTER

**W**elcome to the first edition of eLink for 2016.

For those new to the school, this electronic newsletter is sent to all parents every two weeks and is intended to provide you with an overall update of school activities and forthcoming events. Each edition of eLink is also available on the school website at [www.girton.vic.edu.au/ourstory/publications](http://www.girton.vic.edu.au/ourstory/publications).

The school finished last year on a high with fantastic VCE results, including 32% of our students finishing in the top 10% of the State. We are equally thrilled to commence 2016 knowing that 95% of our 2015 graduates have received a first round Tertiary offer of their choice.

Most parents tell me that they simply want their child to have choices. They want their children to steer their own future as their educational journey consolidates and their passions come into sharper focus. We are so thrilled that our departing Year 12's are commencing their lives after Girton on their chosen paths.

New parents to the school enjoyed an informal get together last Friday, hosted by the Girton Parents and Friends Association. This was a wonderful opportunity for parents to get to know one another and to meet some of our staff, including Heads of House and House Tutors. Thanks to the collaboration between parents and teachers, our newest students have settled in well to what looks to be a busy year ahead.

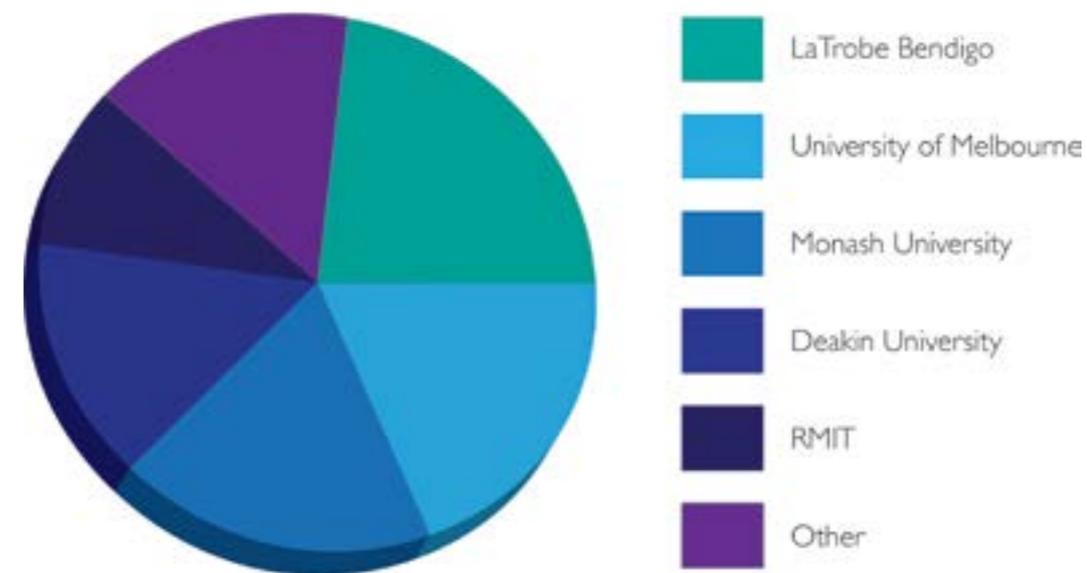
It is with much sadness that we acknowledge the passing of The Reverend Stanley Kurrle OBE, one of this country's great educators and father of our Head of Frew House, Mrs Robin Kurrle. Reverend Kurrle was most recently Headmaster at the prestigious Kings School in NSW and formerly of Caulfield Grammar here in Victoria. He is remembered for pioneering many of the things that we now take for granted such as parent-teacher interviews, a House system that accommodates pastoral care and a brand of firm kindness that allows young people to thrive. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ms Kurrle, Mr Jones OAM and families



From our Preparatory students beginning their school lives to our new teachers starting their own Girton journey, there is activity and buzz aplenty. There is no gentle way to introduce our newest students to the intense loyalty our House system engenders, with rousing war cries and fierce rivalry fuelling quite a spectacle of noise and colour. It's a fast, furious and fun induction into group identity, providing a sense of belonging for children of all ages.

So at this, the beginning of the year, I encourage all students and staff to embrace the opportunities that will inevitably come your way at a school as rich and diverse as ours. Being a part of something beyond the classroom and being a part of something much bigger gives us all a sense of belonging.

I also encourage parents, especially those new to the school, to keep an open dialogue with teachers and to contact the school at any time with your queries or concerns.



2015 VCE Graduates University Distribution

**Matthew F Maruff**  
Headmaster



# TERM 1 2016 IMPORTANT DATES

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### WEEK 3

Monday 8th February  
**Friends of the Fair Meeting**  
M07  
5.00pm

**Friends of Performing Arts Meeting**  
Performing Arts Boardroom  
5.30pm

Tuesday 9th February  
**Friends of Junior School Meeting**  
Junior School Staffroom  
3:30pm

Thursday 11th February  
**Junior School Prep to Year Two Swim Practice**  
Paul Sadler Swimland

**Senior School World Challenge Expediditon Skills Meeting**  
Naunton Family Building  
Lecture Theatre  
5.00pm

Friday 12th February  
**Senior School Swimming Carnival**  
Bendigo Aquatic Centre

**Friends of Junior School Cinema Picnic Evening**  
John E Higgs Hall

### WEEK 4

Monday 15th February  
**Senior School Sandhurst Cricket (Years 10 - 12)**  
Strathfieldsaye

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

### WEEK 5

Monday 22nd February  
**Year 8 Camp Briefing for Parents and Students**  
The Naunton Family Building  
Lecture Theatre  
5:00pm

Wednesday 24th February  
**Year 9 Camp Briefing for Parents and Students**  
The Naunton Family Building  
Lecture Theatre  
5:00pm

Thursday 25th February  
**Senior School Sandhurst Division Swimming Carnival**  
Bendigo Aquatic Centre

### WEEK 6

Monday 29th February  
**Year 7 Immunisations**

**Girton vs GVGS Swimming Sports Day (Years 8 - 12)**  
Shepparton

**Senior School Paul Champion Clarinet Master Class**  
Black Box

Wednesday 2nd March  
**Senior School 2016 USA Trip Student and Parent Meeting**  
Lecture Theatre

Thursday 3rd March  
**Senior School Sandhurst Division Intermediate Sports Day**  
Bendigo

### 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**  
M07  
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

### WEEK 8

Monday 14th March  
**Labour Day Public Holiday**

Wednesday 16th March  
**Senior School Sandhurst Division Junior Sports Day (Years 7 - 8)**  
Bendigo

Friday 18th March  
**Year Nine Camp Packing Day**  
The Gymnasium

Saturday 19th March  
**OGA 10 Year Reunion (Class of 2006)**  
GPO

### WEEK 9

Monday 21st March  
**Senior School Camps Week**

Thursday 24th March  
**Last Day of Term 1**

### School Holidays

### TERM 2

Monday 11th April  
**First Day Term 2**  
For Staff and Students

# FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

I trust everyone has had a great start to the school year. Our Preparatory students and those new in other year levels are settling in well. At the first Junior School assembly I thanked all of our students for the friendships they are extending to students new to the school. It is a time of high anxiety for most students when starting at a new school. To see the smiles in the playground and hear such positive stories from the relieved parents of new students makes all of us proud.

Thank you to those parents who attended the 'Meet the Teacher' Evening on Thursday. It is a great opportunity to meet with teachers and other parents in an informal setting. If you were unable to come along to meet your child's teacher, please feel free to email them to make a time to meet. Parent Teacher Interviews are being conducted next week

We have had a great deal of work happening in Junior School over the holidays. The building site was all action as soon as our students went on holidays and, I am pleased to say that the construction is tracking to the schedule at the moment. Those of you familiar with the school will see that the old amenities and electrical services building on top of the ramp has gone. In addition to the refurbishment of the building the plans include some landscaping to create more connection between the play spaces for the children.

Mr Donald Thompson  
Head of Junior School



# STUDENT PICK UP

Pick-up time at the end of the school day is often a hectic time with 400 students departing the Junior School through the MacKenzie Street gates. To ensure the safety of our students and to minimise the frustration for all we ask that parents observe the parking restrictions on MacKenzie Street. We also insist that parents do not double park and call children out into the street. If parents park on the downhill side of MacKenzie Street we ask that parents cross at the bottom of the hill and collect their children from the Duty Teacher at the gate. Several parents have let us know that the Council have been monitoring the traffic in MacKenzie Street and sending parking and traffic infringement fines to those who do not obey the rules. This also extends to the Don Street Bus Parking Zone as this cannot be used as a pick up/drop off location.

Some parents have asked that their children meet them on the Wattle Street site. Students are not permitted to cross over to High Street unaccompanied. Students who need to cross to Wattle St must meet at Junior School Reception and a staff member will accompany them across the road. Last year there were also students walking down to High St or over Vine St to wait for their parents. Students cannot be supervised by staff in these locations. To ensure that all of our students are safe we ask that parents pick up from the MacKenzie gates where students are supervised.



# BUILDING WORKS

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS



The d'Helin building refurbishment is now well underway. The school holidays saw the toilet block get a revamp and the demolition of the old Year One classrooms along with the internal structure of the building. Construction will continue over the coming months with some of the playspace out of action. At the conclusion of the works, we will have a lovely new reception and staffing area, Science and Art spaces and also eight new teaching spaces.

# NUT ALLERGIES

As the new School Year begins it is an appropriate time to remind parents that we have children in Junior School who will suffer from a severe allergic reaction if they come into contact with peanuts or other nut based products, which can be fatal. They are also allergic to other nuts and a variety of other foods and need to have all contact with food closely monitored as some are even susceptible to reactions from skin contact with the foods. Consequently, we ask parents to assist us by being aware of this when sending food to school.

Please note that we cannot possibly check food items which are brought into the School or on buses or to other events. Parents of susceptible children need to understand this and to educate their child in the risks.

Specifically, we ask that children DO NOT bring to school the following:

- Peanuts or any sort of other mixed nuts
- Peanut butter/ Nutella
- Yoghurt with nuts
- Peanut butter Muesli / Fruit bars
- Cakes, muffins or cookies containing nuts
- Tahini

We ask the children to wash their hands carefully after eating at recess, lunch or cooking sessions. You would assist us greatly by discussing this with your child and support us to keep all our students safe at school.

All of the teachers in the School are aware of these students condition, and, along with their parents, we have established appropriate procedures. Naturally, we are keen for their life to be as normal as possible, just as it should be for your child.



# SWIMMING CARNIVAL

## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Girton Grammar Junior School will be holding our Swimming Carnival on Friday 19th February 2016 at the Bendigo East Pool located in Lansell Street, East Bendigo. All students will be transported by Bendigo Coachline buses to the Bendigo East Pool.

Friends of Junior School are running a sausage sizzle for those who wish to purchase sausages for \$1.00 each. If you wish to have a sausage for lunch, please complete an order form from Junior School Reception. If you are able to assist with the Sausage Sizzle in any way, please contact Junior School Reception.

All families are welcome to come along and support the children their House.



# FIRST DAY IN PREPARATORY



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# GIRTON JUNIOR SCHOOL LIBRARY

## JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

OPEN HOURS- 8.45am-4.15pm

The Girton Grammar Junior School is a wonderful place for parents and students alike. Parents are most welcome to visit the Library with their child after school to do homework, read a book or just enjoy the space. Please note: Any students in the library after 3.30pm must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



# FRIENDS OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Friends of Junior School is a group of Junior School parents working together to facilitate opportunities for social and community interaction beyond the classroom. The aim of the group is 'friend raising' rather than fundraising. The parent group involved, run some self-funded activities such as sausage sizzles, and parent functions but focus mainly on welcoming new faces and families into the Junior School. Meetings are informal and take place once a month in the school staffroom. Discussions are based around Junior School events and parent run activities that promote inclusiveness.

*The first meeting for the year is Tuesday 9 February at 3:30pm in the Junior School Staffroom. All parents are welcome to come along.*



# CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to  
CONNOR MCKENZIE 5 Millward for passing his Preliminary ABRSM  
Piano exam with flying colours and a glowing examiner's report.  
Connor passed his ABRSM Prep Test



# AFTER SCHOOL CARE



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After School Care provides a safe environment for children to explore and play



## About the program

After School Care promotes a healthy and active lifestyle, encourages friendships and supports children to develop new skills – all while having fun.

Girton Grammar School has partnered with Camp Australia, the leading provider of Before and After School Care in Australia. This high quality program embraces the school's values and builds on your child's educational experiences and individual interests.

The program combines active games with planned and unplanned play, quiet time, homework time and a healthy snack. Every day is an adventure led by enthusiastic Camp Australia staff who are on a mission to bring smiles to kid's faces. As trained Educators, we know lots of different ways to help your child get the most out of their day and feel good about themselves.

Program	Times	Full fee	Out of Pocket*
Before Care	Not currently available		N/A
After Care	3:15 PM - 6:00 PM	\$26.74	\$8.71 to \$13.37

The information outlined above covers the most common program times and fees. For a full listing of all program details and fees for the service, please visit our website. We have over 200 Holiday Clubs. Please use the Holiday Club Finder on our website to find the most convenient service for you.

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\* Rates on Fees and out of pocket

Almost all Australian residents are eligible for some form of government rebate

1. The Child Care Benefit (CCB) is income tested and capped, resulting in a reduction of between 0% and 85% of session fees.
2. The Child Care Rebate (CCR) is not income tested and is available to almost all Australian families. It provides a rebate of 50% of fees owing after the CCB has been calculated and considered.

So that the CCB and CCR can be automatically applied to your account, you will need to provide your Centrelink Customer Reference Numbers (CRNs) during the registration process. These can be obtained from the Family Assistance Office on 13 61 50.



We look forward to caring for your children

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## Girton Grammar School Tennis Programs

### Hotshots Tennis Program

Tennis lessons are available for children in grades **Prep, one and two** commencing the week of Thursday February 4<sup>th</sup>.  
 Seven week semester of tennis lessons.  
 Coaching commences 7.55am – 8.25am on the Junior School Court (Vine Street side)  
 To enrol please register at [www.tennisbendigo.com.au](http://www.tennisbendigo.com.au)  
 Fee for the coaching is \$75.00  
 Racquets are provided for children who require one

The Hotshots program will be delivered by Brianna Smith, Bendigo Tennis Academy Coach. Brianna is a qualified Junior Development Coach with Tennis Australia.

#### Payment details

SF + JA Storer  
 Bendigo Bank  
 Account Number 108-275-322  
 When paying direct debit please provide your child's full name  
 Thank-you.



## Girton Grammar School

### Full Court Tennis Program

- Tennis lessons are available for children in Year's Three, Four, Five and Six.
- Commencing the week of Thursday February 4<sup>th</sup>
- Seven week semester of tennis lessons
- Coaching commences 7.55am – 8.25am on the Junior School Court (Vine Street side)
- Fee for the coaching is \$75.00
- Racquets are provided for children who require one
- To enrol please register at [www.tennisbendigo.com.au](http://www.tennisbendigo.com.au)
- Children's groups days and times will be finalised as bookings are confirmed
- There are limited vacancies please book early.

The Full court program will be delivered by Stephen Storer Tennis Australia Club Professional Coach

#### Payment details

SF + JA Storer  
 Bendigo Bank  
 Account Number 108-275-322  
 When paying direct debit please provide your child's full name  
 Thank-you.





**Girton** Grammar School Bendigo  
**SCHOOL FAIR 2016**



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**Sunday 1 May, 2016**  
**12.00 - 4.00pm**  
**Junior School Precinct**

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The School Fair is a parent and student led initiative which requires as many hands as possible to ensure the its success.

**FRIENDS OF THE FAIR** is an enthusiastic group of parents who will be meeting on Monday 8th February at 5pm in M07 (Morey Building) to discuss this year's School Fair. Any parents/guardians who are interested in helping out are welcome to be a Friend of the Fair.

Please come along if you would like to be a Friend of the Fair.

Listed below are some ways that you may be able to contribute.

- Setting up or packing up
- Running activities
- Sharing an idea that you've seen work well elsewhere
- Coordinating the Silent Auction
- Collecting donations of goods for the Second Hand Book Stall or the Wine Auction
- Coordinating a stall
- General assistance (if you're happy to be given a job by the Friends of the Fair).

If you are unable to attend Monday's meeting but would still like to help or share an idea, please send an email with your idea to:

[schoolfair@girton.vic.edu.au](mailto:schoolfair@girton.vic.edu.au)

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The Girton Grammar School Fair is hosted by the Girton Parents' and Friends' Association



**Girton** Grammar  
School Bendigo



**SCHOOL FAIR 2016**



## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES 2016

Our School Fair is our major fundraising event for the year. Sponsorship is a wonderful opportunity for our whole school community to contribute to the Girton Fairbrother Fair to be held on Sunday, 1st May 2016.

The type of support we are seeking is donation of goods, services or cash. Donations such as these, from local businesses or personal donations, are greatly appreciated.

As a potential sponsor you may select from three different sponsorship 'packages' which are detailed in this document. [http://www.girton.vic.edu.au/documents/GGS\\_2016\\_School\\_Fair\\_Sponsorship\\_Packages.pdf](http://www.girton.vic.edu.au/documents/GGS_2016_School_Fair_Sponsorship_Packages.pdf)

Our sponsorship packages offer great marketing value for your investment with significant exposure to over 1160 students, more than 900 Girton families and a diverse school community across Greater Bendigo and central Victoria.

Please take the time to consider becoming a Girton Grammar School Fairbrother Fair sponsor. Please contact Ms Kristi Mitchell via email [kristimitchell@girton.vic.edu.au](mailto:kristimitchell@girton.vic.edu.au) by Friday, 27th February 2016 if you would like to help make our Fair a fantastic success.

In your email, please indicate the level of sponsorship (Gold/Silver/Bronze) you are most interested in.

# UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2016

### Kanji Camp

When:

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

Mr Hiroshi Watanabe, former Japanese lecture of La Trobe, is visiting Girton to run this exciting Kanji Course. The Camp is open to the Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 Japanese students and we are aiming to learn all the 250 prescribed VCE Kanji over 3 days!

### Gojo Visit

When:

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

*\*14th March is Labour Day Holiday - You might like to consider this fact.*

12 students and 2 teachers will be visiting us from our sister school in Japan, Gojo Senior High School. We still need a few more host families. Please contact Ms Watanabe if you are interested. The Information Evening will be held for the host families in March.

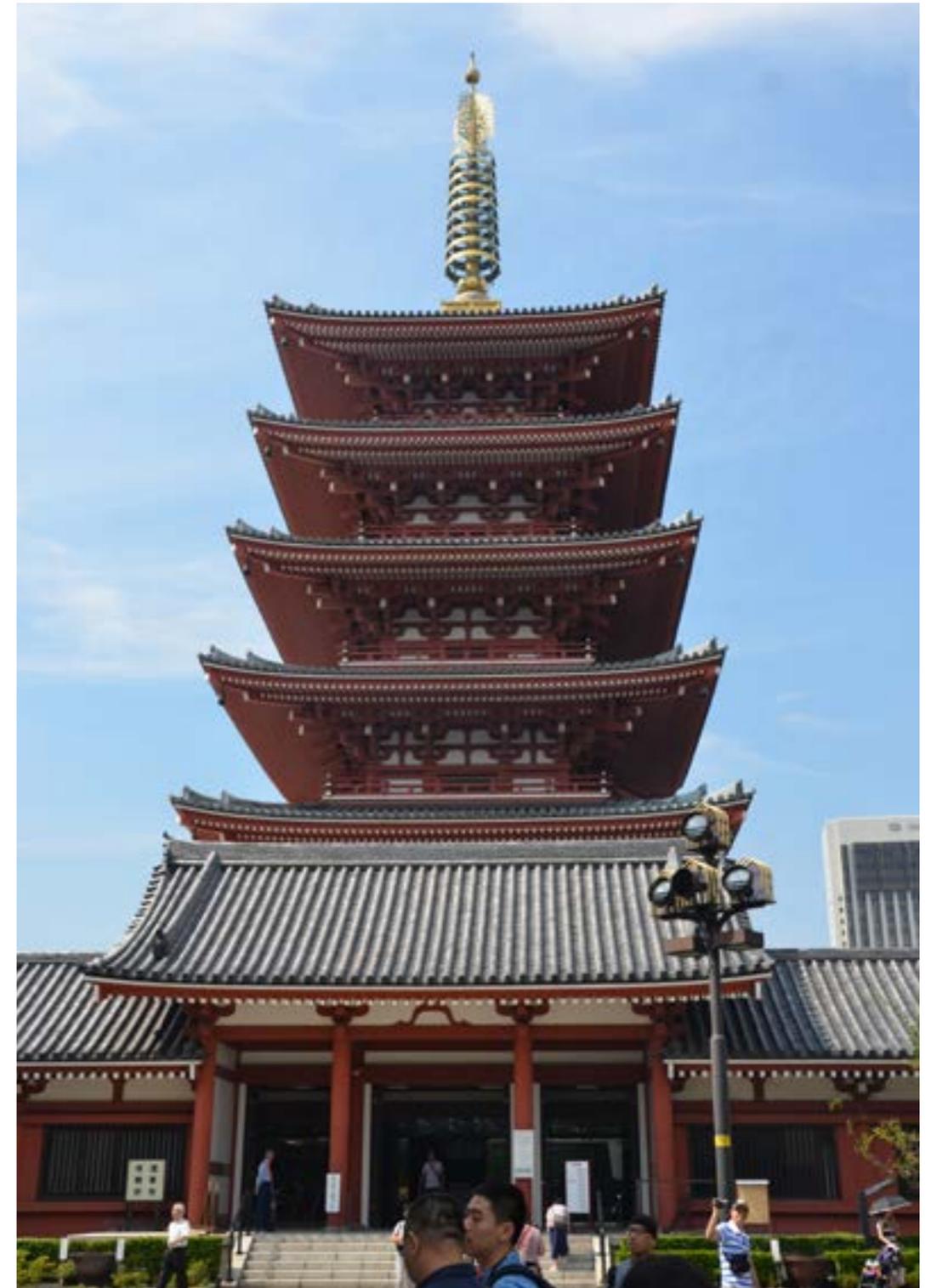
### Japan Trip 2016

When:

**September-October holidays 2016**

We will be visiting 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 are not finalised at the moment. The Information Evening will be held at the start of Term Two. Please contact Ms Watanabe if you are interested in attending the Japan trip this year.

Ms M Watanabe  
Head of Japanese



## Welcome to 2016!

The Mathematics department now has an elink page where we will keep you up to date with all mathematically related events at Girton Grammar School and beyond. We have a number of interesting events planned for 2016 so please be sure to check this page each elink.

## Welcome to the new Mathematics Staff in 2016

Mrs Di Itter  
Ms Ethel Oliver  
Mr Ian Cleeland ( Semester 1)

## Mathematics Tutorials

Mathematics tutorials are an opportunity for students to gain assistance with their Mathematics from a member of the Mathematics staff in a group environment. It is an ideal opportunity for students to seek extra assistance with their work, for students to gain additional practice of the skills learnt in class or to do their homework in a studious environment. The tutorials are not one on one tutoring.

Every session there is a different Maths teacher rostered and the tutorials are conducted on the first floor of the Naughton Family Building

**For Years 7 ,8, 9, 10 students**  
Tuesday Wednesday Thursday  
3.45pm to 4.45pm  
Room N17

**For Further Mathematics Years 11 and 12**  
Wednesday  
3.45pm to 4.45pm  
Room N15

**For Mathematical Methods and Specialist Mathematics Years 11 and 12**  
Wednesday  
3.45pm to 4.45pm  
Room N16

## Current topics in Mathematics

Year 7  
Statistics

Year 8  
Integers

Year9  
Index Laws and Scientific Notation

Year 10 Methods  
Surds & Fractional Indices

## Extension Mathematics

The Mathematics Department is offering an Extension Mathematics Programme for Year 8 and Year 9 students in 2016. These programs commence in week 3. Thankyou to all who expressed an interest in joining the program. Students in these programmes will compete in the Australian Mathematics Challenge run by the Australian Mathematics trust in Term Two.

Any Year Ten Students interested in competing in the Australian Mathematics Challenge and the University of Melbourne School Mathematics competition please contact Mr Ross Slater.

## Maths in Action

The current largest Prime Number was discovered on January 7, 2016

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It has 22 million digits and was discovered using distributed computing and the Great Interent Merssene Prime Search. You can join the search here:

<http://www.mersenne.org/>

Mr Ross Slater  
Head of Mathematics

# STE URSULE EXCHANGE 2015

## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

As we drifted up, up and away three months ago we had no real clue what we were in for. Now with less than two weeks left it all seems like a dream, exhilarating and utterly foreign. To miss school and live embedded in a different country, language and culture for a quarter of a year was a daunting prospect to say the least.

After two long flights across half the globe and a three hour train trip we arrived. The feeling of waiting for a family you will spend the next two months with is hard to describe. Terrifying, thrilling and with general anticipation.

A two hour car trip brought us finally to our destinations, the homes of our host families. Over the coming months they would become our teachers, friends, helpers, carers, brothers, sisters and parents, in short our families. It is a truly gratifying experience to be accepted into a home and to have another family on the other side of the world.

We go to school, participate in classes and eat at the canteen, in general living the life of a normal high school student. Days are long and as the seasons change from Autumn to Winter it starts to get dark and cold. The temperature gauges in Australia and France zoom in opposite directions.

Being surrounded by a language at all times has to have an effect, doesn't it? The first week was exhausting with conversations becoming puzzles to decode, but each day is easier and each word spoken is a great achievement. Becoming a master of one word responses is the first step to discovering a language that cannot be taught solely in a classroom but in real life. Yes, thank you and please very quickly become the most used words in a newly discovered language, words that one would not be able to survive without.

More important than just learning the language are the experiences had, friends made and excitement inspired by being in a different country. Each of us can safely say that we have been irrevocably changed, that we are more independent, more inspired and more curious than before.

Ruby Shirres (IIM)  
Miranda Knowles (IIR)  
Keziah Roessler (IIM)



# SIX RESOLUTIONS EVERY FAMILY SHOULD MAKE

With tweens and teens spending more time on media than ever, these strategies can help to keep their experiences safe, productive, and fun all year long.

*Caroline Knorr Senior Parenting Editor  
| Mom of one • 1/4/2016 • Categories:  
Healthy Media Habits*

*Senior Parenting Editor | Mom of one*

If you're feeling overwhelmed about managing your tween or teen's screen time, you're in good company. With 8- to 12-year-olds averaging nearly six hours a day on entertainment media and 13- to 18-year-olds racking up a whopping nine hours, according to The Common Sense Census: Media Use by Tweens and Teens, you'd be forgiven if you felt like throwing in the towel. But there's good news: Parents who are actively involved in their kids' media lives help them consume less, make better choices, learn, and understand more of what they're interacting with. So even if your tweens and teens know way more about media and technology than you do, you can still help them navigate the digital world safely, responsibly, and productively.

Have the talk. No, not that talk. The one about being safe, smart, and responsible online. You don't have to be an expert on Instagram or Call of Duty to give your kids a solid

understanding of how you expect them to behave.

Help kids keep social media in perspective. Just because your teen is on Snapchat every minute doesn't mean she's really having fun. In fact, though 45 percent of teens use social media every day, only a third says they enjoy it "a lot." However, teens whose parents talk to them about their social media lives report being happier. As with anything, social media has good, bad, and neutral aspects, but kids need parents to help them sort out which is which.

Encourage informal learning. Focusing on traditional academic benchmarks may not account for self-directed learning -- the independent pursuit of knowledge, guided by kids' interests, skills, and plain old curiosity. Studying guitar from YouTube videos, reading Star Wars wikis, and watching TED talks are all valuable screen activities that you can encourage this year (maybe after homework is done).

Have a media plan. It's really easy for media and technology to overstay their welcome. This year, start off with a plan to maintain a balance and stay in control. A few ideas:

- Create screen-free zones. Keep certain areas (bedrooms, for example) and times (such as

dinner) off-limits to phones, tablets, TVs, and other devices so they're reserved for rest and family time.

- Cut down on multitasking during homework. Little distractions can add up to big misses on the algebra test.

- Set limits. Everyone needs to disengage from their devices -- adults included. But without someone to draw the line, tweens and teens may be tempted to text late into the night or play video games 'til they look like zombies. Establish appropriate boundaries and make sure you enforce them.

Encourage healthy skepticism. The ability for tweens and teens to think about the messages behind their media is more important than ever. Ads and content are increasingly becoming entwined, and studies show kids have a hard time telling the difference between them. Online stories are regularly unmasked as hoaxes. Even companies' privacy policies are filled with legalese. Help kids to think critically about all the content they consume. Ask: Who made this? Who's the audience? What are the messages?

Celebrate kids using social media for good. Across the world, regular tweens and teens who are tired of online negativity randomly pop up on social media with a positive

message to share. Examples include Thomas Sanders' Vines and a British teen's antibullying YouTube video. This year, make a note to talk to your kids about the power of social media for positive social change.

# GIRTON RACING TEAM



## SPONSOR UPDATE – 2016 Eco Marathon vehicle

*December and the first weeks of January have seemed like just a blur as we race to complete the Girton Grammar Eco Marathon vehicle by the shipping date.*

With effectively only 6 weeks to build the vehicle from scratch, the mammoth task was starting to hit home. The shipping date was not negotiable as all competing vehicles had to be in Manila by air or sea by January 12.

Having only just received the polystyrene mould from John & Sharon at Industrial Carving Services on the last weekend of November and not yet started the chromoly frame, the Team set themselves weekly, then daily targets for jobs that needed to be completed and parts etc. that needed to be procured to give themselves the best chance of having the vehicle built in time.

The first task was to coat the polystyrene mould with filler to eliminate any minor irregularities in the surface and then carefully sand the mould smooth in readiness for a fibreglass dummy of the canopy to be laid up. This canopy would be used during the construction of the chromoly frame prior to the carbon fibre canopy being manufactured

With the frame jig now completed and having received the front end, steering and tubing components kindly supplied by MR Components, a start was made on building the superlight chromoly

frame.

Meanwhile Mr Todd Pickering from Gel-Tek Composites had been busy laying up the dummy fibreglass canopy that we will use to fit out the frame that is to snugly fit our driver, Ben Pignataro.

Our choice of Ben for driving duties of the Eco Marathon vehicle was based on a competition rule that requires the driver to have a minimum weight of 50kg and his extensive experience over the last couple of years in the Energy Breakthrough Team and also importantly, his short stature will allow us to build a very light, compact vehicle.

At the same time, the Team has engaged the engineering services of Mr Phil Whittle of Phil's Thread Repair to machine the components for the unique rear wheel clutch assembly. This innovation will allow the rear wheel to "free wheel" when the engine is not running, thus allowing the vehicle to roll further without power to maximise our fuel efficiency.

A further innovation we will be using is to replace all of the wheel bearings with full ceramic versions that create a significant reduction in rolling resistance of the vehicle.

Back to the build; the frame was starting to take shape and was being custom fitted to the dummy fibreglass canopy with Bens' body dimensions in mind. The front and rear wheels were soon fitted and now we had a rolling frame, tick that job off!

As most of the major frame components were tack welded into place, the Team called on the services of Corey & the boys from Crafted Stainless Steel to TIG weld the superlight frame into place.

Christmas was quickly looming closer and our team of machinists, welders and fabricators were coaxed

into completing their respective tasks as the shipping date raced towards us at an alarming speed.

After the manufacture of the dummy canopy, the mould had to be further massaged prior to the layup of the final carbon fibre canopy. This was completed 1 day prior to Christmas and Todd Pickering of Gel-Tek Composites agreed to layup the carbon fibre canopy on Christmas Eve. Todd was assisted by Lucas Kirby who was eager to learn some composite manufacturing skills.

The canopy layup was completed by mid-afternoon on December 24 and its completion provided one more piece to our vehicle puzzle.

The week between Christmas and New Year could only be described as frenetic as late nights and early mornings were required to progress the vehicle closer to being ready to ship.

This included another call on New Years' Eve to Corey Egan at Crafted Stainless Steel to provide a welder to complete the final TIG welding of various brackets and components to the frame.



# GIRTON RACING TEAM



## SPONSOR UPDATE – 2016 Eco Marathon vehicle



Due to our driver Ben being unavailable at the time required, the Team called on fellow Energy Breakthrough Team member Harrison Morley, who is of similar stature Ben, to assist with the sighting of the window dimensions of the canopy. The Eco Marathon rules have strict compliance requirements regarding vision from the cockpit of the vehicle. With this in mind we were able to use Harrison in the driver's seat as we carefully cut out the window openings so that the driver could comfortably see the predetermined markers described in the rules. Another piece of the puzzle completed!

The task of getting the canopy prepped for painting and the application of the final paint scheme was the next job to organise. For this very visually important task, the Team called on the unique services of long-time family friend, David Allen of Vintage & Custom Panels. This would require David and his offsider, Adrian to work New Year's Eve, New Year's Day and the following weekend to bring the carbon fibre canopy to absolute showroom condition. The final result could only be described as absolutely immaculate, all in just 4 days, massive effort boys!

Meanwhile, long-time maker of one off parts for the Girton Grammar Teams, Mr Neil Pearce was toiling away at manufacturing the engine drive components that would be more than robust enough for the task ahead in the Philippines. Also during the week between Christmas & New Year, Mr Peter Kirby, using timber materials kindly supplied by Bendigo Timber Products, manufactured the 3 metre long shipping crate to ensure the vehicle's safe airfreight journey to Manila and sea freight return after the event. Thanks Pete, the vehicle fitted perfectly.

With only a handful of days before the vehicle had to be at the Tullamarine based freight forwarder, the jobs list seemed to be growing faster than we could cross them off!

Team member Alex Holmes was busy recording video of the build process and father and son team of Robin & Lucas Kirby pressed on to complete all of the tasks on the "to do list".

*As the shipping deadline date drew closer, the 18 hour days seemed to run into each other but the jobs list began to slowly diminish.*

With just over 2 days to go, it was time to complete the final assembly of the frame, wiring, engine & driveline, pressurised air /fuel systems as well as fit the fire extinguisher, horn & safety harness.

Also on the list was the cutting and fitting of the side windows and windscreen as well as the fitting of the mirrors.

On the day prior to shipping, Darren Chamberlin from DC Signs applied the all-important sponsor & supporter logos to the canopy and finally the vehicle was looking almost complete.

Just a few minor finishing off jobs on the night before shipping and soon it was time to pack up the specialty tools, spares and the vehicle into its custom built shipping crate. When the lid was finally screwed down it was another late 12.30am finish but a huge sigh of relief that the Girton Grammar 2016 Eco Marathon entry was ready for its journey to Manila in the Philippines.

*A quick few hours' sleep and it was time to deliver the vehicle and equipment to the freight forwarder at Tullamarine. This was accomplished with about half an hour to spare!*

Unfortunately the Team was unable to test the vehicle prior to shipping due to a fault in the ECU that supports the fuel injection system. The Team will order a replacement kit and conduct intensive development and testing of the fuel system on our custom built engine dyno prior to our departure to Manila. Once we arrive at the event it will be a relatively simple task to "plug in" the fuel system in readiness for competition.



# GIRTON RACING TEAM



## SPONSOR UPDATE – 2016 Eco Marathon vehicle

Our driver Ben Pignataro will receive an intensive instruction on driving the vehicle as we develop the most fuel efficient driving technique to suit the circuit in Manila. Luckily there should be ample opportunity for practice at the event so that Ben will become fully acquainted with the vehicle prior to the competition time trials.

With the vehicle now safely held in bond in Manila, the Girton Grammar Eco Marathon Team of Ben Pignataro, Alex Holmes & Lucas Kirby along with Mr Rod Smith of Girton Engineering Dept and Mr Robin Kirby would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the following long list of sponsors and supporters who have given by way of products, services, finance and in many cases, their valuable time during the Christmas - New Year period that has allowed the Team their dream of competing on an international level at the 2016 Eco Marathon.

Honda Australia	Mr Chris New
Austens	Mr Paul Englefield
Perrows Paints	Mr Ken Sheers
Gel-Tek Composites	Mr Todd Pickering
Vintage & Custom Panels	Mr David Allen
MR Components	Mr Michael Rogan
Bendigo Telco	Mr Jason Sim
Phil's Thread Repair Service	Mr Phil Whittle
Crafted Stainless Steel	Mr Corey Egan
DC Signs	Mr Darren Chamberlin
Bendigo Timber Products	Mr Peter Norman
Industrial Carving Services	Mr John Balthazar
Low Cost Cars	Mr Ray Pignataro
Mr Neil Pearce	
Mr Peter Kirby	

*Stay tuned for the next instalment as the Team gets ready to travel to Manila on Sunday, February 28th*



# SWIMMING SPORTS

On Friday the 12th of February the first major Girton event will be held. The Annual Interhouse Swimming Carnival at the Bendigo Aquatic Centre. The Spirit Cup section will commence at 11.00 am. This is always a must see where the individual cultures of our six unique Girton "clans" are showcased. The pool events commence at 11.30 am with the final presentations for the day at 5.30pm. We look forward to seeing many members of the Girton Community attending this wonderful event.

Mr Rick McWaters  
Head of Pastoral Care



# BYOD IPADS - FIVE TIPS FOR PARENTS

### HELP FOR PARENTS

At the recent Year 7 Parents Induction Meeting there were a number of questions regarding iPads and other electronic media. One Pastoral Care Team focus is always "Digital Ethics" and the creation of a positive online profile. Below is a series of Tips for Parents, which we hope will be a source of information and strategy for those navigating the digital maze.

#### 1. VIGILANCE

Be vigilant and request that homework be completed in a common area of the home (if possible).

In the evening when your child goes to bed, have the iPad charging in a common area of the home so that the iPad is not in the bedroom with your child overnight.

The iPad may not be needed for all assignments. If unsure, please contact the teacher with specific questions regarding the assignment.

#### 2. ACCOUNTABILITY

Help your child by teaching him/her how to deal with distractions through self-discipline or discipline via accountability.

One option is to change your wireless router password and do not let your children on the network until they have earned the right. Continue to change the password as needed.

Another way is to ask your child to shut down all running apps on the iPad (double click the home button) before he/she begins "homework time". Once all apps are shut down you can monitor what your child does throughout the evening homework/study

period. You can double tap home to see all previously opened apps.

#### 3. ACTIVATE 'DO NOT DISTURB'

If you switch this feature on, any calls, notifications or alerts that you receive from your apps will be silenced. More than that, they will not even appear on-screen to disturb you – so if someone tries to FaceTime you while you are in Do Not Disturb mode, they will be informed that you are busy and you will see their call in the Missed area of your Notification Centre, when you choose to open it.

As well as being able to switch this feature on and off whenever you want to use it, you can also set up a schedule so that you do not even have to do that – it is great for regular periods of quiet time like working or overnight hours.

#### 4. GUIDED ACCESS

Guided Access helps you to stay focused on a task while using your iPhone, iPad or iPod touch. Guided Access limits your device to a single app and lets you control which app features are available.

Use Guided Access to:

- Temporarily restrict your iOS device to a particular app
  - Disable areas of the screen that aren't relevant to a task, or areas where an accidental gesture might cause a distraction
  - Disable the hardware buttons
- Tap *Settings* > *General* > *Accessibility* > *Guided Access* to set up Guided Access. From there you can:
- Turn Guided Access on or off
  - Set a passcode that controls the use of Guided Access and prevents someone from leaving an active session

- Set whether the device can go to sleep during a session

Start a Guided Access session

- Open the app you want to run.
- Triple-click the Home button.
- Adjust settings for the session, then click Start.

Disable app controls and areas of the app screen

- Circle any part of the screen you want to disable.
- Use the handles to adjust the area.

End a Guided Access session

- Triple-click the Home button.
- Enter the Guided Access passcode.

Ignore all screen touches

- Turn off Touch.  
Keep iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch from switching from portrait to landscape or from responding to any other motions
- Turn off Motion.

Guided Access in iOS 8: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lovgyT06qrw>

(4.00 mins)

#### 5. WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS USE RESTRICTIONS

Set-up Restrictions on the iPad.

Using Restrictions on an iPad <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zhem-u-Vulw> (1.23 mins)

Mr Rick McWaters  
Head of Pastoral Care

# FROM THE REGISTRAR

## FROM THE REGISTRAR

### HEADMASTER'S TOUR MORNING

FRIDAY 11TH MARCH, 2016

Parents are asked to tell any friends or relatives who may be interested in a Girton education, of our next Headmaster's Tour Morning. This will commence at 9:00am in the Black Box in the Performing Arts Building at 62 Wattle Street.

The Headmaster, Mr Maruff, will briefly address parents then take them personally on a tour of the School. Mr Donald Thompson, Head of Junior School will also tour any parents who are particularly interested in the Junior School.

We do ask that families register if they wish to attend by emailing us at [registrar@girton.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@girton.vic.edu.au) or by telephoning me on 5441 3114.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

# FROM THE REPORTS DEPARTMENT

## Junior and Senior School - Term One Reports

The Term One Reports will be published electronically to the Parent Portal by the end of the term. An email will be sent to parents when they are available.

## Unit 3/4 VCE Reports

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

## 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)



# VOLLEYBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

## CONGRATULATIONS TO

On Sunday 6th December 2015, two Girton boys' Volleyball teams left for Melbourne to compete at the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup (sponsored by Davenport). One team was entered into the Open Honours (the top level) coached by Mr Rick McWaters. The other team, coached by former student Michael Mayes, were entered in the Under 17 Division

Over the first two days of the competition both teams qualified for the Championship pools. From there they played against the best of Australia in a number of tight games. Unfortunately neither team were able to play off for a medal.

The Under 17 team finished 11th out of 20 teams whilst the Open team finished fifth. For the Open team this meant they were ranked the 5th best team in Australia. Both results are more impressive given a number of players were playing in divisions above their age.

Over the course of the week it was fantastic to see a number of parents and other Girton students come to Melbourne to support the teams. Both the staff and students appreciated having people there to cheer for them during matches.

I would like to thank Mr Rick McWaters and Michael Mayes for coaching the teams. The boys always responded to the advice given by the coaches. A huge thank

you to Miss Holly Speed and Mrs Deirdre Tunzi who not only drove the students from venue to venue but also did all the organisation in the lead up to the week. Without the above mentioned people none of this would have been possible and I am truly grateful for their time and commitment.

It was a fantastic week and hopefully in 2016 we will enter more teams and build on the success of this tournament.

### Teams:

#### *Under 17 Division*

Sam Hilson (10F)  
Thomas Gregory (10Jo)  
Samuel Cox (10A)  
Harrison Everist (10A)  
Ethan Hobson (10Jo)  
Henry Coventry-Brownrigg (10A)  
Blake Rutledge (10M)  
Nelson Beks (10M)

#### *Open H*

Jameson Crawford (11F)  
Jemuel Pryse (11Je)  
Ethan Lees (12Je)  
Patrick Haythorne (12Jo)  
Evan Shelton (12M, 2015)  
Matt Keech (12F, 2015)  
Paul Symons (12Je, 2015)  
Declan Rochford (11F)

Mr Matthew James  
MiC of Volleyball



# VOLLEYBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015



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## Emma learns to fly

Laura Hurley | Bendigo Weekly | 04 Dec 2015

Tweet Recommend

THE sky is the limit for the Bendigo Flying Club, after club member Emma Blackford became the first female recipient of the Anthony Gobels Memorial Flying Scholarship during the club's 50th birthday celebration last month.

Emma, a year 11 student at Girton Grammar School, said she had been interested in all things sky high as a child, and the scholarship would allow her to continue to pursue that interest.

"When I was little I used to be interested in the space and the NASA stuff, and Dad used to buy books on it," she said.

"I do recall he told me when he was three or four watching the TV when it happened. That was one of the other things that kind of got me interested in it."

Bendigo Flying Club chief flying instructor Will Quint said the scholarship was in memory of one of the club's most prominent members.

"(Anthony) was an ex-president of the Bendigo Flying Club, and the Gobels family has been involved in the club for a long time," Mr Quint said.

"He was an instructor who taught a lot of Bendigo people how to fly really.

"The scholarships have been sponsored by the Bendigo Bank, they donated \$3000 towards the \$5000 in the scholarship.

"The rest we make up mostly in fundraising, and basically we get Emma up to her restricted recreational pilot's licence.

"So basically she's got to do a minimum of 20 hours, and she's got to complete five exams."

Emma was shortlisted for the scholarship along with two other girls, and said she intends to use it to pursue a career in commercial flying.

"I'm aiming for a commercial pilot's licence... (which means) getting a cadetship with one the large airlines," she said.

It is onwards and upwards for the rest of the club as well, after recently celebrated its half century milestone.

Mr Quint said the club had celebrated its 50th birthday in style, and expected the organisation would continue to fly from strength to strength.

"We had 130 people there, and we had a cabaret band from Melbourne which was Johnny Cash, Marilyn Monroe and Elvis," he said.



HIGH FLYER: Emma Blackford with chief flying instructor Will Quint.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

# GIRTON STUDENT OFF TO GALIPOLLI

## CONGRATULATIONS TO

Girton Grammar School student, Bailey Edwards (11M), has been selected to take part in the Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize study tour to take place in March, when he will join 21 other students from schools all over Victoria and visit Gallipoli and the Western Front.

Headmaster of Girton Grammar School, Mr Matthew Maruff, said that Bailey's submission to this prize was incredibly creative and that he showed great resourcefulness and insight in researching the given topic. "Bailey has family history rich with WW1 involvement and also took the time to speak with an RSL President, a Vietnam War Veteran and an RSL Member who served for many years.

"This study tour will be the trip of a lifetime for Bailey and we are thrilled that someone so passionate about his family history will have this wonderful opportunity to connect with his ancestors past," Mr Maruff said.

Bailey spent all of the June/July school holidays last year researching and building his submission for the Premier's Spirit of Anzac Prize.

"My submission was an art piece. I made a sculpture of the Lone Pine. It is made of wood, with tin panels and pictures of WW1 events attached to it," Bailey said.

"As the last tree standing after the war, the Lone Pine symbolises

mateship, courage and compassion. I feel that this tree represents the fact that Australia, too, endured despite the atrocities suffered during the First World War," he said.

Bailey said that his motivation for his sculpture came from having so many family members who have fought in wars for Australia. "I have several family members who have fought for Australia including in Papua New Guinea and Vietnam.

"My Great Uncle who is President of the Greensborough RSL attended the study tour last year.

"My great Grand Grandfather and all four of his brothers were gunners in WW2. Because the whole family fought, my great, great Grandmother received a letter from the Queen thanking her for supporting the Empires war efforts," he said.

Bailey will visit France, Greece, Belgium and Turkey during the 2 week study tour. He has already chosen a partner from another school and together they will complete the "Adopt a Digger" project, which involves researching the life of an Australian Digger and reporting back to the group. "I'm really looking forward to meeting heaps of other students from all over Victoria and to broadening my knowledge on WW1," Bailey said.



# CONGRATULATIONS TO

**Anika Weibgen (8R)** who gained a High Distinction for her Grade 6 AMEB Oboe Examination.

**Joseph Baldwin (12R)** who competed in the 2016 Victorian Country Athletics Comp at Geelong on the 22nd of January. He won the Open Mens' High Jump and the Boys' U20 High Jump with a height of 2.04 metres.

**Imogen Douglass (9Je)** who has achieved some excellent results representing Victoria in the Australian National Whitewater Kayaking Championships. The events were conducted in Tasmania. Mersey River Events:

2nd - U16 Whitewater Sprint Race  
2nd - U16 Whitewater Classic Race  
2nd - Teams Whitewater Sprint Race

Forth River Events:

1st - U16 Whitewater Sprint Race. Imogen achieved overall 4th fastest women's time.  
1st - U16 Whitewater Classic Race Imogen achieved overall 1st fastest women's time (fastest time in all age groups up to and including U/18)

As a 14 year old she has achieved some amazing results. Imogen also competed in the Grand Prix 1 for Sprint Kayaking (Adelaide West Lakes) and the NSW Sprint Kayaking Championships (Penrith International Regatta Centre).

**Xavier Carthew (11Jo)** (pictured right) who performed in BLEACH (Acoustic Rock Duo) at The Bendigo Blues & Roots Festival held in Bendigo.

**Oscar Black (12R)** who returned from the Pacific School Games held in Adelaide last year. He was selected for the U/19 School Sports Victoria boys Soccer team. After a big week of competition drawing with SA, defeating Queensland, Pakistan, ACT and WA. Victoria and NSW played off for the Gold medal and were defeated 4-2. Victoria won the silver medal. U/19 Girls won the Gold medal.

This caps of a great year of success for Oscar academically as well as his commitment to elite football.

**Eleanor (Nellie) Moller (12A)** who studied VCE Unit 3/4 Style and Composition in 2015 and her composition based on the Greek Myth 'Orpheus and Eurydice' has been selected to be performed at the VCAA Top Sounds Concert. The Top Sounds Concert will feature the highest marking and most interesting compositions from 2015 styles students. Nellie's work will be performed by Ms Cheryl Long (Piano), Dr Michael Lichnovsky (Baritone Sax) and Nellie (Alto Sax) at Melba Hall (Melbourne University) on February 23rd.

Helen Champion from the VCAA will come up to Bendigo in the next

few weeks to interview Nellie and she hopes to listen to a rehearsal with 'real' instruments rather than a midi file at that time.



# CAROLS 2015



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# SPEECH NIGHT 2015



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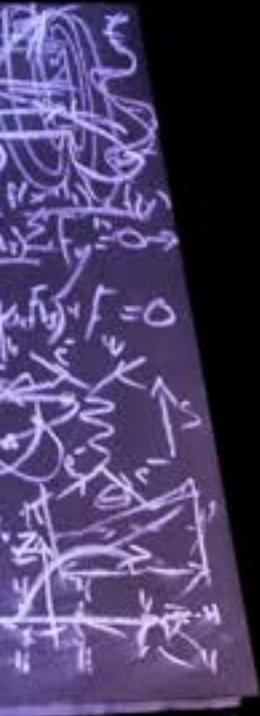
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## OGA ONE YEAR REUNION SUCCESS

The class of 2014 had their 1 Year reunion in December at the GPO Bar & Restaurant. More than half of the cohort travelled from far and near to catch up with one another and swap stories about their journey since leaving Girton. It was a wonderful night of fun and friendships with stories of University, travel and living away from home being happily exchanged.





# OLD GIRTONIANS





## OGA WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

It hasn't always been smooth sailing for Chris Boag (1995) but now the wind is very much at his back.

Read our first Old Girtonian profile for 2016 here: <http://oga.girton.vic.edu.au/chartering-success/>





Old Girtonians'  
ASSOCIATION

# 10 Year Reunion

Class of  
2006



OLD GIRTONIANS



## GIRTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TEN YEAR REUNION

SATURDAY 19TH MARCH 2016, 6PM ONWARDS

VENUE	GPO, 60-64 Pall Mall, Bendigo
REFRESHMENTS	Finger food provided Drinks at bar prices
COST	\$25 tapas and pizza menu
RSVP	RSVP is essential for catering purposes at <a href="http://www.trybooking.com/179954">www.trybooking.com/179954</a> by Monday 15th March, 2016
QUERIES	Alex Fisher, Alumni Manager <a href="mailto:alexfisher@girton.vic.edu.au">alexfisher@girton.vic.edu.au</a> or phone (03) 4408 5985

# PARKING AROUND GIRTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Parking and Animal Services from the City of Greater Bendigo have contacted our school and requested that the following information be conveyed to our school community.

The illegal parking of vehicles adjacent to our school poses a safety concern to children, pedestrians and other road users. Parents are reminded that it is essential to comply with parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Motorists must not stop in no stopping areas, even briefly, with or without the motor running. They must not stop next to a continuous yellow edge line, on resident's nature strips, too close to school crossings, park over driveways or double park. A number of schools have short term time restricted areas, such as 2 minute pick up drop off. These parking areas are in place to allow for ease of access close to schools and these restrictions must be adhered to. Drivers should also be aware that they cannot perform a U-turn over an unbroken or continuous dividing line.

With regard to children's crossings, the law requires that a driver approaching a children's crossing must drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary stop safely before the crossing. Please slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones.

City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers and Bendigo Police do conduct random patrols throughout the school year at various locations to ensure that motorists are adhering to the Road Rules.



**Huntly Football Netball Club**

Huntly Football Netball Club will be holding their junior tryouts on Monday 15th February at 4pm. The Hawks play in the Heathcote District Football Netball League. The club is calling on 17-and-under as well as 15-and-under netball players to attend its trials at their netball courts at Strauch Reserve, Gungurru Road, Huntly.

If any prospective players need any further information regarding the Huntly trials they can contact Jody Warfe (17&U) 0418 385098 or Kate Sloan (15&U) 0477 226196.



**Spring Gully United Soccer Club  
2016 Season Information Night**

**When:** 17 February 5:30 - 7:00pm @ Stanley Avenue clubroom in Spring Gully

Committee members will be present to answer any questions about the new season, how to register online and any club associated enquiries.

**Note: this is not a registration night, but is an opportunity to ask questions. All registrations are done online.**

To register go to [www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au).

**New Merchandise**

This is also a chance to pick up your club merchandise for the new season. Shorts, socks, warmup jackets, hoodies, caps.....

**Swap or Drop**

If you have any old boots or unwanted club gear laying around please feel free to drop it off on this night. The Committee would like to offer all our club members the opportunity to swap or pass on unwanted gear to other members.

*Would your child like to try...*

**DANCING PERFORMING ACTING  
BALLET SINGING GYMNASTICS?**

Calisthenics is a sport combining gymnastics, dance, ballet, apparatus work, singing and dancing all while performing on stage. It develops strength, poise, friendship, fitness, team spirit, coordination and self confidence.

**FEBRUARY COME AND TRY – 2 FREE CLASSES**  
CLASSES RESUME FEB 8

Group	Age	Day and time	Venue
Tinies	7yrs & under	Tuesday 4:00 - 5:00pm	Bendigo East Hall
Sub-Juniors	10yrs & under	Wednesday 4:15 - 6:15pm	Spring Gully Hall
Juniors	13yrs & under	Tuesday 4:30 - 6:30pm	Spring Gully Hall
Intermediates	16yrs & under	Tuesday 5:15 - 7:15pm	Bendigo East Hall
Seniors	17yrs & over	Monday 6:00 - 9:30pm	Bendigo East Hall
Masters	26yrs & over	Tuesday 7:30 - 9:30pm	Bendigo East Hall



**Bendigo Calisthenics**

**CALL 0490 194 011** ALL AGES WELCOME (3+)  
NAOMI DASHWOOD – CLUB PRESIDENT



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# SUMMER MENU



## ROOM 4A - CANTEEN MENU 2016



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	.....	\$3.50
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
Veggie 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	.....	\$1.50
Magnum	.....	\$3.80
Mini Calippo Frost	.....	\$1.00
Sunny Boy	.....	\$1.20
Zooper Dooper	.....	\$0.60
Cruncha	.....	\$1.50
Frozen Yoghurt	.....	\$2.50
Icy Twist	.....	\$1.00
Cyclone	.....	\$2.00
Slushy - Small	.....	\$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	..... \$5.20	..... \$4.80
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	..... \$5.20
Salad	..... \$4.50	..... \$4.20
Roast Beef	..... \$4.80	..... \$4.50
Roast Beef & Salad	..... \$5.50	..... \$5.20
Honey	..... \$3.00	..... \$2.50
Vegemite	..... \$3.00	..... \$2.50
Tuna	..... \$4.80	..... \$4.50
Tuna & Salad	..... \$5.50	..... \$5.20

### EXTRAS

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

### DELICIOUS EXTRAS

Fresh Seasonal Fruit	.....	\$1.50
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
Gluten Free Choc Muffin	.....	\$3.50

### 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

January 2016

# 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.**

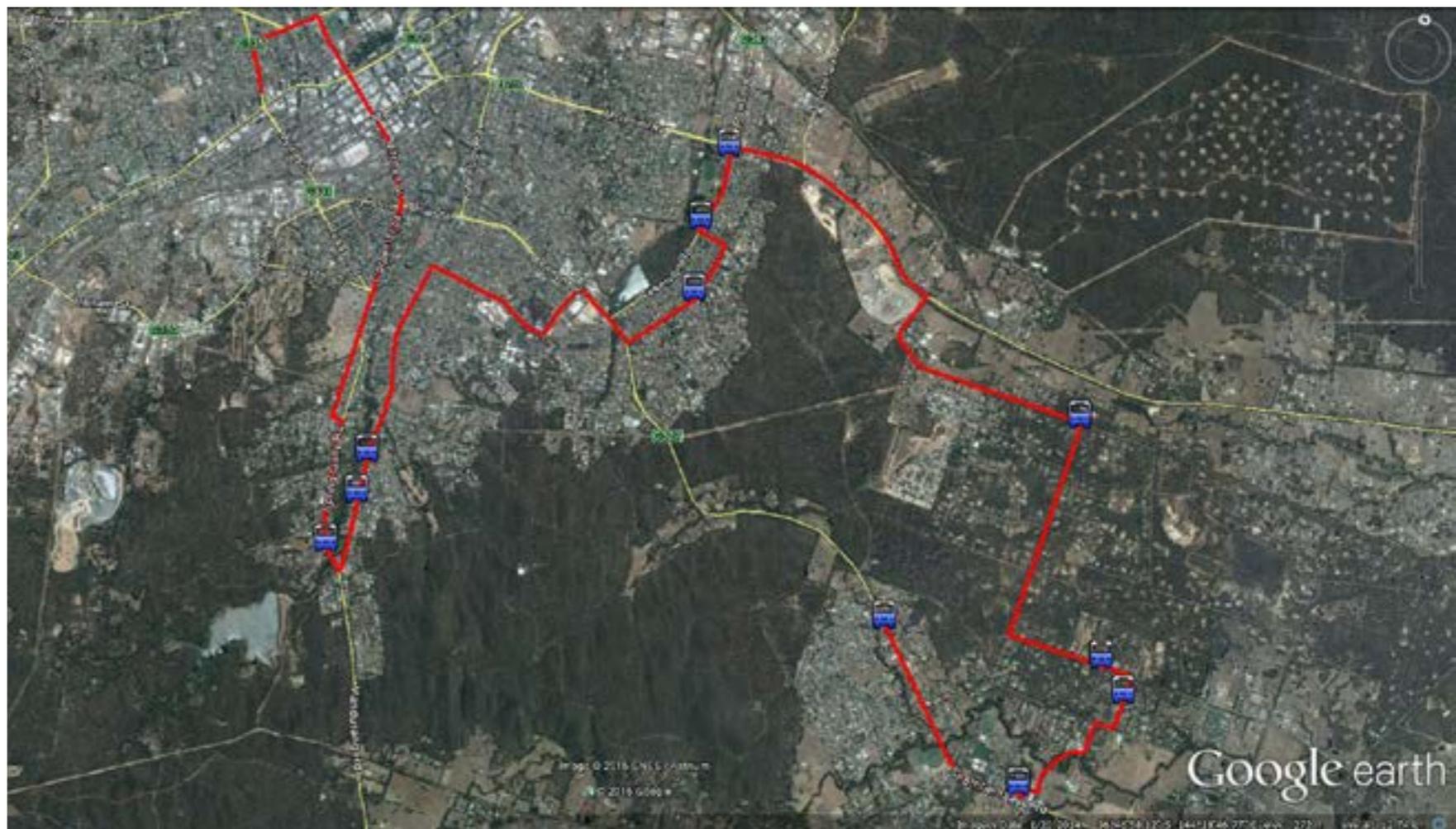
DEECD Country Buses will not be available to take Girton students home on the afternoon of Friday 18th September. Please make alternative after school travel arrangements on this day. The Castlemaine, Kyneton and dedicated buses will run as normal.

## 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



# ON THE BUSES

## NEW BUS SERVICE TO BENDIGO – STARTS 1/1/2016

*Travelling to school, work or uni?  
Or just for a day out?*

This service departs from  
Maryborough Railway  
Station bus stop

**DAILY FARES  
FROM \$6**



### PICK-UP POINTS FROM MARYBOROUGH

- Maryborough CBD
- Whirrakee Rise Estate
- Bet Bet
- Dunolly
- Laanecoorie
- Marong

### DROP-OFF POINTS IN BENDIGO

- Hazeldenes (Calder Alternative Highway)
- Marist College
- Bendigo Railway Station
- Bendigo Senior Secondary
- Girton Grammar
- Bendigo TAFE
- LaTrobe University

Other destinations including Bendigo Hospital can be accommodated in the timetable.

\*Pick-up and drop-off points work in reverse for return trip.



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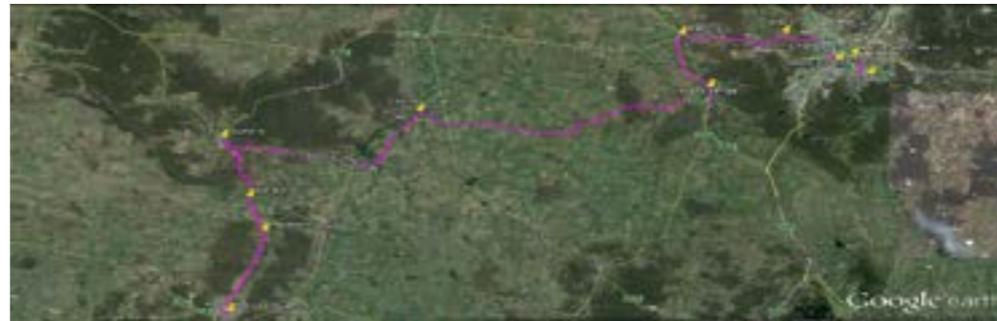
Fax: 5446-9897

# ON THE BUSES



## 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

	Code	School days Only	School days Only	
Maryborough RS	MBH	720	1655	
Dunolly	DUN	738	1637	These locations must be booked the day prior
Laanecoorie	LAA	748	1627	
Hazeldene's	HAZ	808	1607	
Marong (Marong Hotel)	MNG	815	1600	
Marist College	MAR	830	1550	
BRIT – Chapel St	BRI	843	1540	
Bendigo RS (Bay 11)	BRS	848	1537	
La Trobe Uni (Sharon St)	LTU	855	1530	

### Fare Schedule

Distance	Annual		Term		Weekly		Daily		Single	
	Full	Conc	Full	Conc	Full	Conc	Full	Conc	Full	Conc
< 10.00	\$2,150.00	\$1,075.00	\$591.20	\$295.60	\$59.00	\$29.50	\$12.00	\$6.00	\$6.60	\$3.30
10 to 15	\$2,630.00	\$1,315.00	\$723.20	\$361.60	\$72.20	\$36.10	\$14.60	\$7.30	\$8.00	\$4.00
15 to 20	\$3,106.00	\$1,553.00	\$854.20	\$427.10	\$85.40	\$42.70	\$17.20	\$8.60	\$9.40	\$4.70
20 to 25	\$3,586.00	\$1,793.00	\$986.20	\$493.10	\$98.60	\$49.30	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$11.00	\$5.50
25 to 30	\$4,062.00	\$2,031.00	\$1,117.00	\$558.50	\$111.60	\$55.80	\$22.60	\$11.30	\$12.40	\$6.20
30 to 35	\$4,542.00	\$2,271.00	\$1,249.00	\$624.50	\$124.80	\$62.40	\$25.40	\$12.70	\$14.00	\$7.00
>35	\$5,022.00	\$2,511.00	\$1,381.00	\$690.50	\$138.00	\$69.00	\$28.00	\$14.00	\$15.40	\$7.70

Distance between	MBH	DUN	LAA	HAZ	MNG	MAR	BRI	BRS	LTU
MBH		22.7	30.1	57.4	64.5	72.3	69.8	69.3	70.6
DUN	22.7		19.9	47.1	46.5	55.4	59.6	60	60.4
LAA	30.1	19.9		27.3	34.4	41.4	39.7	40.1	40.5
HAZ	57.4	47.1	27.3		8.3	16.1	16.9	17.2	17.7
MNG	64.5	46.5	34.4	8.3		8.9	15.4	15.2	17.5
MAR	72.3	55.4	41.4	16.1	8.9		7.7	7.6	10
BRI	69.8	59.6	39.7	16.9	15.4	7.7		1.7	4.3
BRS	69.3	60	40.1	17.2	15.2	7.6	1.7		3.4
LTU	70.6	60.4	40.5	17.7	17.5	10	4.3	3.4	

For further information please contact Bendigo Coachlines on Ph. 5446 7018 or email [contact@bendigocoachlines.com.au](mailto:contact@bendigocoachlines.com.au)