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The Girton Grammar School Newsletter

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Girton Grammar School Bendigo

FROM THE HEADMASTER

A warm welcome to the 2017 school year to our new and returning students and parents.

It has been a wonderful start to the year with much excitement and activity around the school including swimming trials for the forthcoming Senior and Junior School swimming carnivals; Year 8 rehearsals for “Singin’ in the Rain” and the arrival of over 40 French exchange students in the Senior School.

Perhaps most importantly, we commenced the school year with the launch of a new School Charter entitled “Imagine”.

With every student and staff member in the gymnasium, four students were placed on risers amid their peers to recite a verse of the new Charter for the very first time. Accompanying the recital, also on a riser amidst a sea of students, was Year 8 Riley student, Alexandra McCann, on cello.

It was a solemn moment. The students were unaware that they would commence the year hearing a new School Charter and their response was dignified and proud. There was utter silence during the recital and an explosion of applause afterwards.

The compilation of “Imagine” is incredibly important work. It is the culmination of many months of collaborative work, sitting under our Mission and Values, with every student and staff member invited to have input and more than 870 doing so.

The Charter is founded on the Yale University RULER Approach that the school adopted more than five years ago. It articulates how students and staff want to feel when they are at school and the behaviours that they need to adopt to achieve this.

The core values of the Charter are represented on badges that the students and staff now wear with pride. The badges are a tangible, daily reminder of the values that the Charter embodies and that students and staff have agreed to strive to uphold.

The founder of the RULER Approach, Professor Marc Brackett, believes that the Charter will allow us to integrate important principles of emotional intelligence in to the School’s “DNA”, as he puts it.



Our school culture is our learned solution to making sense of where we work and learn, and “Imagine” is the perfect vehicle for driving the culture and climate that will make this wonderful school even better. The importance of having a shared culture within any organisation, including a school, should not be underestimated and the teaching of Emotional Intelligence will be an area of sustained interest in 2017.

A copy of the Charter and video of students reciting the charter can be seen here: <http://www.girton.vic.edu.au/our-story/girton-grammar-school-charter/>

I thank the four students who revealed “Imagine” to their peers in assembly; Bailey Edwards, (12 Millward), Jordan Barclay (9 Jones), Lucy Hall (5 Frew) and Ethan Fletcher (3 Millward), and I look forward to the values in the Charter becoming an enduring reality for every staff member and student at the school.

Matthew F Maruff
Headmaster





TERM 1 2017 IMPORTANT DATES

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Week 3

Friday 17th February
**Senior School Swimming
Carnival**
Bendigo Aquatic Centre

Week 4

Friday 24th February
**Junior School Swimming
Carnival**
Bendigo East Swimming Pool

Week 5

Thursday 2nd March
**Year Seven Immunisations
(Round One)**

Friday 3rd March
**Senior School Sandhurst
Division Swimming Carnival**

Week 6

Tuesday 7th March
ICCES Swimming

Wednesday 8th March
**Junior School Divisional
Swimming Carnival**

Friday 10th March
Headmaster's Tour Morning
9:00am
The Black Box Theatre

Week 7

Monday 13th March
Labour Day Public Holiday

Friday 17th March
**Junior School World's
Greatest Shave**

OGA Ten Year Reunion
6:00pm
GPO Tapas Bar & Restaurant

Week 8

Monday 20th March to
Friday 24th March
Year Six Camp - Canberra

Thursday 23rd March
**Senior School Athletics
Carnival**
La Trobe University Athletics Track
Flora Hill

**Junior School Regional
Swimming Championships**

Week 9

Monday 27th March
to Friday 31st March
Senior School Camps Week

Friday 31st March
Last Day of Term 1

2017 Term Dates Students

Term One
Wednesday 1st February 2017 to
Friday 31st March 2017

Term Two
Tuesday 18th April 2017 to
Friday 23 June 2017

Term Three
Wednesday 19 July 2017 to
Friday 22 September 2017

Term Four
Monday 9 October 2017 to
Thursday 7 December 2017

If a student will be away from school or arriving late, please phone the Absences Line on 4408 5992 (where possible prior to 8am) alternatively an email can be sent to absentees@girton.vic.edu.au.

FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2017

FRIENDS OF JUNIOR SCHOOL
invite all Girton families to attend the

PICNIC & CINEMA EVENING

BYO PICNIC (NO ALCOHOL)
ON THE JUNIOR SCHOOL
OVAL FROM 5.30PM

MOVIE IN THE J.E. HIGGS HALL
COMMENCING AT 7.00PM

ALL WELCOME

NO CHARGE





Friends of Volleyball BBQ



Friends of Junior School



School Fair



New baby grand piano



New marquees

GIRTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL PARENTS' AND FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION

NEW MEMBERS NEEDED

The GPFA has two goals:

1. to raise funds for special projects, and
2. to host events that help to build and strengthen the sense of community amongst families at our School.

The GPFA works closely with the Headmaster, the Board members, staff and other parents who actively contribute to make Girton Grammar School the best school that it can be for all of our children.

Throughout the year, via various initiatives, the GPFA raises money to help support special purchases. We work closely with the Bursar and the Headmaster to determine funding priorities to ensure that we are supporting the school in the best ways possible.

In the past, these purchases have included two baby grand pianos, large printed shade marquees for use at outdoor sporting carnivals and, this year, the GPFA has made a significant contribution towards the new seating in the Black Box Theatre.

WHAT IS THE COMMITMENT?

Simply attend **one meeting per month** and see if there's a way you can offer your skills to the group.

The GPFA committee meets once per month, after hours, in the Morey Building. The Headmaster and members of the Board attend on a rotational basis to keep lines of communication flowing. The first meeting was held this past Tuesday (7th February at 5.30pm in M07).

The Executive Committee (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) is responsible for the governance and management of the GPFA and its subsidiary groups.

The members of the Executive Committee are elected at the Annual General Meeting in March to serve for one year.

We do hope you will become involved and help to enrich our school.

SUBSIDIARY GROUPS

There are many opportunities to support the GPFA via one of these subsidiary groups.

FRIENDS OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

The first meeting will be Tuesday 14th February

FRIENDS OF PERFORMING ARTS

Next meeting at 5.30pm in the Performing Arts Boardroom.

FRIENDS OF VOLLEYBALL

With around 120 Girton students participating in Volleyball, this is a very significant and active co-curricular activity. Girton Volleyball Club has participated at State Level consistently for the past 20 years.

The main project managed by Friends of Volleyball is the sausage sizzle at the Senior School Swimming Carnival on Friday 17th February 2017. This is not to say other opportunities for this group do not exist; perhaps they have not been thought of yet.

FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

The beginning of the school year has long been one of my favourite times of the year as a teacher. Our students return to us refreshed and excited about what the year will hold for them. As a classroom teacher I joked with parents that the first day of school was the only day of the year when all of the children would be sitting in class attentive and eager to start 15 minutes before the first bell would ring! While we have completed a lot of work over the holidays while the classes were empty it is great to have the school buzzing with the energy and excitement young people bring. We have lovely refreshed rooms in both the d'Helin and Thomas buildings and our old Junior School Reception has been transformed into a Learning Support precinct but, without the children, they are just rooms. We are sincerely glad to have the children and families back and engaged in a new year of learning.

One of the new initiatives that was launched at a Whole School Assembly last week and introduced specifically at our Junior School Assembly on Friday is the introduction of our Whole School Charter, Imagine, and the presentation to the students of their Imagine badges that represent 5 cornerstone values of the Charter. The badges have created opportunities for some wonderful conversations in the playground, the classroom, at the gate and, I am sure, at home. I would encourage parents to take the opportunity over the coming weeks to discuss with their children the badge they have and what it means to them. Your children will gain a great deal from hearing what that value means to you as a parent, how the value relates to your experience when you were at school, how it relates to your professional life, family etc. As the year progresses children will be exploring the five values of Respect, Confidence, Excellence, Inclusion and Trust and how these values are embedded in all aspects of their lives. We would love to hear how these conversations are progressing beyond the school yard.



I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all of the parents who attended either the GPF Welcome Evening last Friday or the Junior School Meet the Teacher Evening on Thursday. I know our teachers appreciated your attendance and support for your child's learning. For those parents who could not make it there will be the opportunity to meet with your child's teachers at Parent Teacher Interview Evenings later in the term.

Mr Donald Thompson
Head of Junior School

JUNIOR SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Girton Grammar Junior School will be holding our Swimming Carnival on Friday 24TH February 2017 at the Bendigo East Pool located in Lansell Street, East Bendigo. The Carnival will be run in two parts. Students in Years Three to Year Six will be departing for the pool at 9:00am. Students in Years One and Two will depart at 10:30am and Preparatory students will depart at 11:30am.

Students will need to bring a packed lunch and substantial drinks. 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 submit an order by Friday 17th February. If you are able to assist with the Sausage Sizzle in any way, please contact Junior School Reception.

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.



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Fun Languages for Little Linguists 

Fun FRENCH Club

Fun French after-school program at Girton
Mondays 3.45pm – 4.45pm (intermediate/advanced)
Tuesdays 3.45pm – 4.45pm (beginner)



Help your child with their emerging French
 French Club complements their in-school LOTE
 Conversation, grammar, French literacy & numeracy

HELD HERE AT SCHOOL
UPSTAIRS IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL LIBRARY

1hr sessions held weekly – come straight from school
 \$180 per child per term (discounted further in shorter terms)
 Sibling discounts for families
 Small groups / personalised learning
 Students with prior knowledge supported & extended
 Immersion-based delivery ☀ Everyone welcome

Play-based programs designed especially for children.
 Our passionate teachers use games, craft, songs, puppets, drama/role
 plays and other fun activities to get your child using the language naturally
 and quickly. Experienced French Teacher.

We can help your child become multilingual.....

Enquiries to Sally-Anne Symes m: 0418 390 824
e: sally-anne.symes@lcclubs.com.au
www.lcclubs.com.au

Fun Languages for Little Linguists 

Fun Mandarin Club

Fun Chinese after-school program at Girton
 Mondays 3.45pm – 4.45pm (beginner)
 Tuesdays 3.45pm – 4.45pm (intermediate)
 Saturday mornings also avail.
 Help your child learn Chinese the FUN way
 Pinyin, traditional characters & Conversation



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Days / times don't suit? Let us know as we may have another session to suit your family.

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GIRLS 5-A-SIDE SOCCER

UNDER 6'S TO 16'S

Cost: \$25 per player
When: Saturday mornings 9am to 12pm
Venue: Spring Gully United Soccer Club

11 FEBRUARY
18 FEBRUARY
25 FEBRUARY
4 MARCH
11 MARCH
18 MARCH



For more information visit:
www.facebook.com/BASLgirlssoccer
 or email: skillsdevelopment@basl.com.au

Register Here:
www.trybooking.com



Girton Grammar School

Full Court and Hotshot Tennis Programs

- Tennis lessons are available for children in grades three, four, five and six.
- **Hotshot classes** are also available for grade Prep's to Grade two's
- Commencing Wednesday February 8th
- Coaching is conducted Monday (from February 13th) through to Friday
- 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
- 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
Hotshot Program is delivered by
Brianna Smith Tennis Australia JD Coach

Payment details
 SF + JA Storer
 Bendigo Bank
 BSB 33-000
 Account Number 108-275-322
 When paying direct debit please provide your child's full name
 Thank-you.



WHITE RIBBON DAY



A group of young gentlemen invited by Mr Whitsed attended the Bendigo Walks Against Violence (White Ribbon Day), a social movement aimed at eradicating domestic violence specifically against women.

With two enthralling guest speakers, the day provided an eye opener to aspiring male leaders of Girton's Year 12 cohort. The first speaker spoke predominantly about her direct experiences and interactions with domestic violence, the second speaker, who created the website 'Man Enough', provided both an intellectual, and emotional challenge to all present, asking males to contradict society's social norms on how to behave, think, and express feelings.

White Ribbon Day was an opportunity for the Girton representatives to gain awareness of the alarmingly high rates of domestic violence.

It implored us to take action, not for one minute, not for a day, but the rest of our lives against violence. A truly beneficial experience.

Rory Marshall (12Jo)

HOUSE STAR RECEIVES FIRST AWARD

At the end of 2016, a new student House Award was introduced to reward students who show true passion for their House.

The Award was conceived by Caitlin Bishop (9 Riley) as a way of encouraging enthusiasm and participation in House events.

The award has been named the House Star award and a badge, based on a design by Caitlin has been produced, with Caitlin also being the very first recipient of the badge in an all-school assembly last year.

The award is bestowed upon students who show exceptional loyalty and spirit to their House, demonstrated by outstanding levels of participation in a range of House activities or a lasting one-off contribution to their House, just like Caitlin.

Only one House Star badge will be awarded within each House per School Semester, so that a total of two badges are awarded by each House, each year, as nominated by House Captains or House Prefects.





Future Leaders WRITING PRIZE 2017

The Future Leaders Writing Prize is designed to recognise and reward talented young writers. It aims to encourage expressive and creative writing.

Year 11 and 12 students in Australian secondary schools are invited to submit a piece of writing (800 to 1,000 words).

The writing can be fiction or non-fiction and on any topic.

PRIZE

In 2017, the award winner will receive \$1,000. Where there is more than one winner the prize money will be shared.

The winners of the Future Leaders Writing Prize will have their work published.

SUBMISSIONS

Please send all submissions electronically in a word document by 31 May 2017 to helen@futureleaders.com.au

“ The Prize played a large role in the producer of the play entrusting me with the script-writing duties when I had never written a play before. So for me the Prize has gone a lot further than I could ever have imagined. ”
(previous winner of a Future Leaders Writing Prize).

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CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

2017 RAW ARTS AWARDS

\$5,000 IN PRIZES

ENTRIES NOW OPEN!

WHO CAN ENTER?
Residents of the City of Greater Bendigo aged 25 years and under.

AWARD CATEGORIES:
Visual Arts \ Digital Media
Literature \ Performing Arts

APPLICATIONS CLOSE
MONDAY 24 APRIL

Guidelines and application form:
WWW.YOBENDIGO.COM.AU

For more information, call 5434 6478 or email raw@bendigo.vic.gov.au

Raw Arts Awards



The Australian Open is a tennis tournament held every year in January at Melbourne Park. It is one of four grand slam tournaments in the world and is the only grand slam tournament in the Asia Pacific region.

I (Jack Cripps) have watched and been inspired by this tournament since I can remember but until I was a little older I had never dreamed of meeting the top players in the world or even just being a part of it. As a short, stick like 12-year-old boy, that dream became a reality in 2014, when I was invited

to be a Ball Kid at the Australian Open for the first time.

I will never forget my first day on the job. I was sent to court 22 and nearly fainted in 40-degree heat. My vision turned black and my balance became uneasy. I quickly realised how tough being a Ball Kid was going to be.

Fast track to a couple of weeks before today and four Australian Opens later, I achieved my ultimate goal. I was chosen from 380 ball kids to be a part of a squad of 12 for the men's final between Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal, which will go down as one of the most anticipated finals in history.

On the day of the final, the 12 of us had our final briefing sitting on the Rod Laver Arena court where in about an hour Federer and Nadal would soon be. Straight after we got to have an easy warm up to put the nerves at rest. An hour and many nervous toilet stops later I was on court doing my job for two of the greatest tennis players of all time. It was a surreal experience and I had to keep reminding myself that this was the men's final, and my final ever Ball Kid match. I was fortunate to be a part of the ceremony after the match where I meet Rod Laver himself, and received a group photo with Roger Federer. Being an

Australian Open Ball Kid has been the best experience of my life and I would do it all again if I could.

Jack Cripps (10 Jones)



Welcome to the new Art Year, and the pleasure of making, and viewing, Art at Senior School.

EXHIBITIONS

During the last week of the 2016 School Year a representative of Independent Schools Victoria, selected twenty- seven student artworks for inclusion in two exhibitions of artworks during the first half of 2017.

In the current exhibition at 1 Spring Street Melbourne there are two large artworks by Sarah Hadkins of Year 12 Frew 2016; one artwork by Iona Marsden Smith Year 11, 2016; one by Alexandra Neville Year 9 2016

Iona's image is of the Indian god, Ganesh, and is a painted drawing collaged onto a decoratively patterned A3 wet media transparency. Unfortunately the photograph from the exhibition has not reproduced well enough to use here.

The second ISV exhibition will be a larger exhibition and it will happen in May 2017.

NAUNTON FAMILY BUILDING EXHIBITION OF ARTWORK.

There is currently a mixture of work from 2016 on display on the ground floor of this building, and this may be viewed between 9am and 5pm each day.

Also on display in this area are the three prints that are part of the new Permanent Collection of Artists' Prints.

ART KITS

This is a reminder that all students who are in an art class must have their own Art Kit. This kit is retained from the previous year and has new materials added as

students progress through the school. The kits can be ordered online from

2017 INFORMATION ABOUT ART KITS.

- All students who are in an Art class (Called Imagery. Techniques. Analysis, at Years 7-10 and Studio Arts at VCE level) are expected to have an Art kit.
- This is obtainable online from Cavalier Art Supplies.
- Students may source their own Art materials but they must be the same products as listed Online. There is a separate order for each year level.
- This is particularly important for Year Eight students who must have the correct linoleum block and linoleum cutters.
- It is important to have the kits posted to your home address. This will cost \$10, and Cavalier will email you when the kit is posted.
- Cavalier will no longer be delivering Art kits to the school for pick up on a specific day. This is contrary to past practice, but it has become necessary because fewer people are coming to collect their art kits on the day that Cavalier sets aside for delivery and collection.

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

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

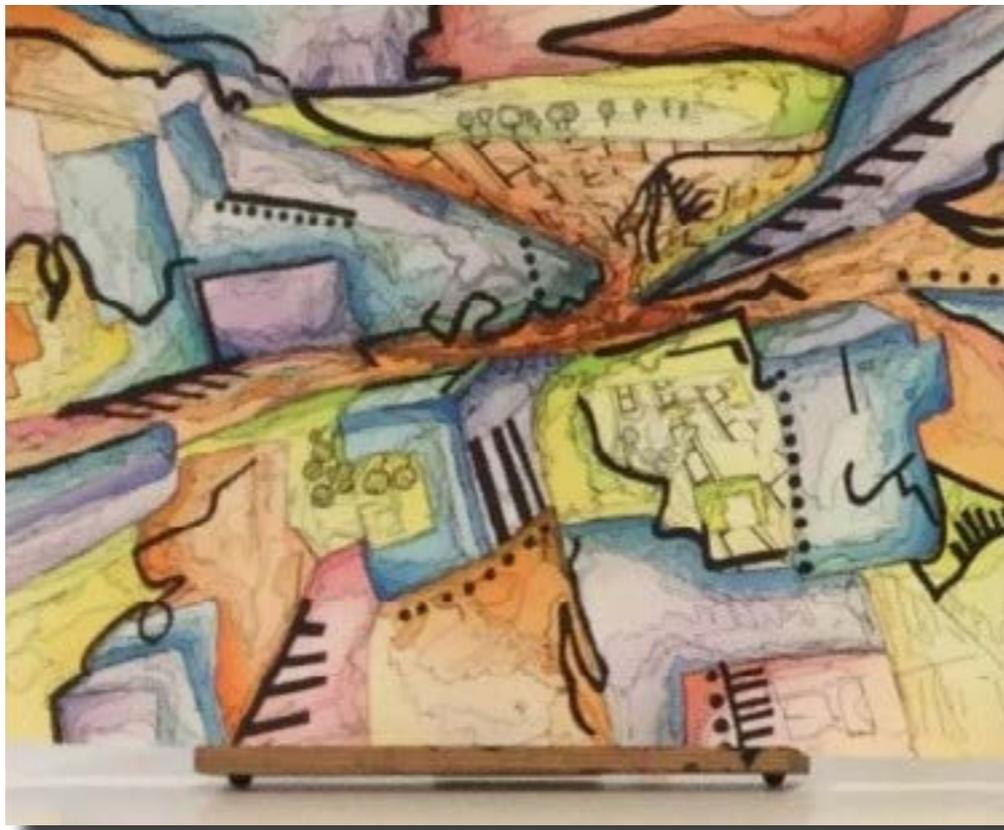
Please direct enquiries to Cavalier or to carolknowles@girton.vic.edu.au

CO-CURRICULAR Art "Art for Latent Picassos"

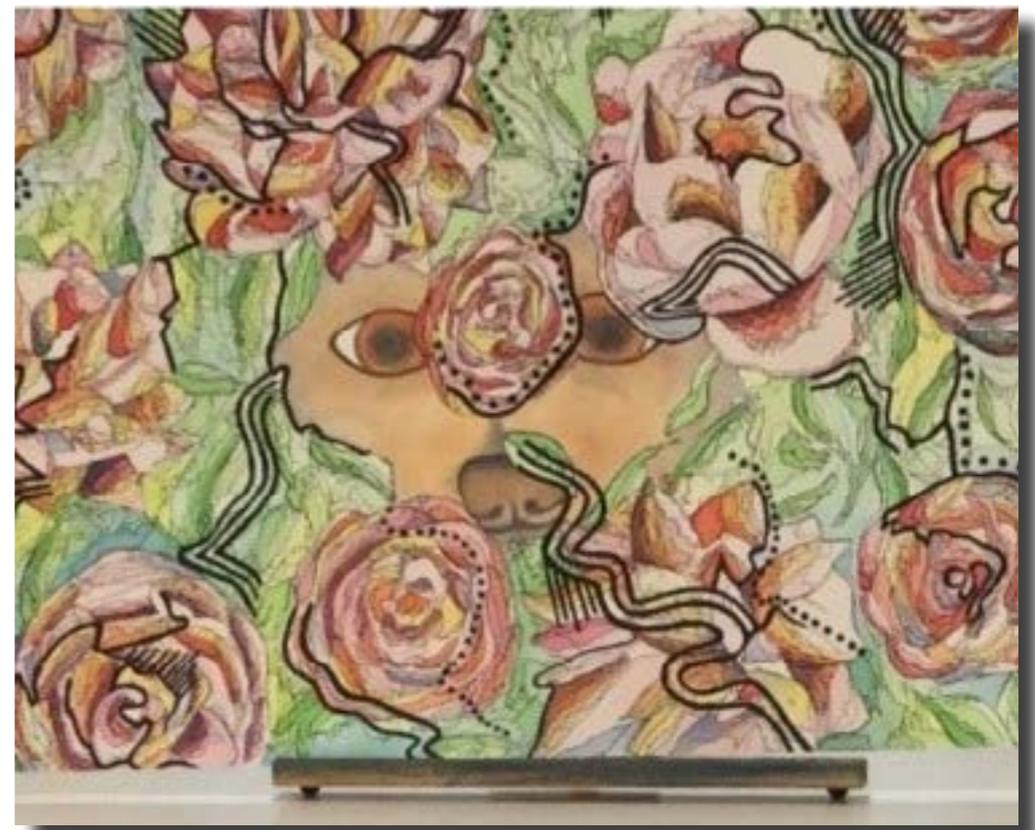
This activity will start on Tuesday, Week 2. It will take place in Room NO4 between 4 and 5.45pm

The students who participate in the activity will need to bring to each session this term their sketchbook, black fine-liner pen, watercolour pencils and an eraser. This term most of the work will take place in areas around the school and the nearby CBD. Students must have returned their "Short Excursion" forms to Reception before they can participate in these "Drawing in the Environment" tasks.

A fee of \$20 per semester will be incurred for the use of art room materials, other than those that students bring with them.



Artworks in watercolour, fine-liner pen, and felt tip pen by Sarah Hadkins.
"Camouflage-The City"



"Camouflage- Kate"



"View from room NO4" Pastel by Alexandra Neville

BONJOUR FROM BENDIGO

FRENCH DEPARTMENT

More than 40 students and 3 staff from Girton Grammar School's sister school in France have arrived in Bendigo.

The French students are on a biennial exchange for two weeks, the sixth of its kind hosted by Girton Grammar School.

The students are staying with Girton host families and Girton staff and will be attending classes as well as touring Bendigo and the region and visiting Melbourne.

Headmaster of Girton Grammar School, Mr Matthew Maruff, said that student exchange programs are an ideal way for young people to experience a different culture, different education system and strengthen ties that bind schools on opposite sides of the world.

"These exchanges allow for wonderful collaborative learning and give students a chance to take their language studies beyond the classroom.

"We have a strong French language program at Girton and the exchange experience often creates international friendships for life," Mr Maruff said.



TOP ACT GETS PLACE IN TOP CLASS



For the fourth year running, a Girton Grammar student has been selected by an independent panel of VCAA Theatre Studies assessors to perform at the prestigious Top Class concert at the Melbourne Recital Centre in March.

Headmaster at Girton Grammar School, Mr Matthew Maruff, said that only 20 students are selected state-wide each year for Top Class and that Bronte Bailey was in Year 11 at the time of selection.

“Our school has a long and rich culture in the Performing Arts and Bronte has always been an active part of all that is on offer.

“From our Junior School production to our compulsory Year 8 production, our One Act Plays and our highly professional Senior School production, Bronte has been involved on and off stage on many occasions.

“Bronte received an A+ in her VCE Theatre Studies exam last year which gave her the opportunity to audition in Melbourne for the Top Class program.

“From the 2016 Year 12 cohort, we also have one student who has been accepted into NIDA and another who will study at the VCA this year,” Mr Maruff said.

Top Class is a concert series that presents the works of outstanding VCE students in Dance, VET Dance, Drama, Theatre Studies, Music Performance, Music Investigation, Music Style and Composition and VET Music. It is part of the VCE Season of Excellence managed by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority. In her audition, Bronte performed as the character Madame Arcati, from Noel Coward’s 1941 play ‘Blithe Spirit’. She explains that she performed the piece as a monologue.

“It’s essentially a comic piece which is the genre I most enjoy and Arcati is mysterious and slightly eccentric.

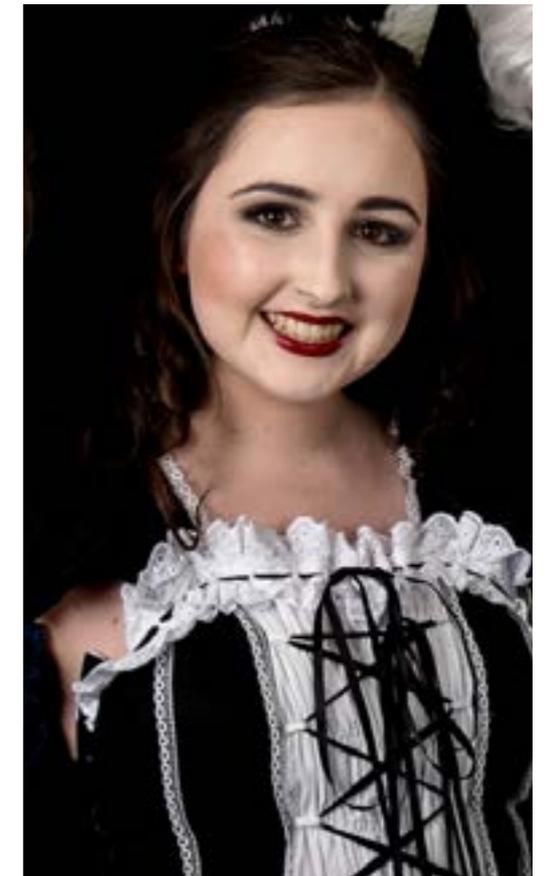
“In the monologue, Arcati is invited to a dinner by socialite and novelist Charles Condomine to conduct a séance in the hopes of gathering interesting material for his next book.

“During the séance she manages to contact ‘the other side’ and there is a great twist in the plot when it turns out she is speaking to the ghost of Mr. Condomine’s temperamental first wife, Elivira,” Bronte said.

Bronte is currently doing Year 12 at Girton Grammar School and would love to have a career in the Performing Arts.

“It’s a notoriously difficult industry to make a living from but there are a number of avenues I would love to explore, even if it takes a while to get exactly where I want to be.

“I can’t think of a better school to prepare me for a career in the Performing Arts. We have incredible Drama and Music teachers who are extremely dedicated and the Performing Arts are genuinely integrated into the School’s fabric,” Bronte said.



CONGRATULATIONS TO

Congratulations to Nicola James, Khaden Jones and Bronte Bailey for their excellent Unit 3/4 Performance results in both Drama and Theatre Studies. These three students received top marks awarded by a VCAA panel of assessors.

Each were eligible to audition for Top Acts – a showcase of Year Twelve A+ performances from across the state. Only a handful of students make it through the auditions for Top Acts.



Nicola James (12Je)



Bronte Bailey (12M)



Khaden Jones (12A)

GIRTON RACING TEAM



RACING TEAM FINE TUNES FOR SINGAPORE

Thanks to a \$10,000 grant recently secured by the Girton Racing Team, the School's purpose built Energy Efficient Vehicle (EEV), is being fine-tuned in readiness to compete again on the international stage at the 2017 Shell Eco Marathon in Singapore.

The grant is from the Federal Department of Industry, Innovation and Science and the funds will support the team in modifying and shipping the vehicle to compete in Singapore.

Headmaster at Girton Grammar School, Mr Matthew Maruff, said that the Girton Racing Team was thrilled to be competing for the second year in a row on the international stage, and is the only Australian school team to do so.

"The team is currently working on their vehicle in their never ending quest to make it lighter, faster and more efficient.

"The team of students, with assistance from passionate parents and talented teachers in our Technology Department, hope to finish building next week so that the vehicle can be tuned and tested before being shipped to Singapore.

"Another of our Girton EEV teams recently enjoyed its fifth consecutive category win in the RACV Energy Breakthrough event in Maryborough, an indication of the depth of talent in this particular Co-curricular initiative at the School," he said.

The grant that the team has secured is a Sponsorship Grants for Student Science Engagement and International Competitions, part of the Inspiring Australia - Science Engagement Programme, that provides grants to organisations to sponsor eligible students to participate in conferences, competitions and other science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) related events.

"This is such a resourceful group of students. From raising funds and having the technical know-how to build a vehicle from scratch, to working furiously in the pits on race day, they are exceptionally talented and hard working," Mr Maruff said.



GIRTON RACING TEAM



SPONSOR UPDATE - MARYBOROUGH

PEDAL TO THE METAL AT MARYBOROUGH

The Girton Racing Team was very busy over the November period. On the weekend of November 18th to 20th, Xception (ethanol and electric Energy Efficient Vehicle), In-Perfection (all-female Human Powered Vehicle) and Infusion (middle secondary HPV) competed in the RACV Energy Breakthrough race in

Maryborough, against over 100 schools from as far afield as Queensland.

Arriving on Friday afternoon, teams set up camp on Jubilee Oval, in the middle of the 1.84km race track. During the afternoon each team performed a 15min presentation to a panel of RACV judges, displaying their knowledge of their trike, the aim of the Energy Breakthrough event and highlighted

their preparation for the 24hour race. This element of the weekend's event is vitally important for each team as they score points which equate to 25% of their total points accrued over the course of the weekend.

Following Presentation, teams went through the Scrutineering and Design phases where their vehicle, and their knowledge of the vehicle were tested.

If their vehicle failed one of the tests, the team would have to fix it before they were given the all clear to race. Teams were again graded on their knowledge.

On Saturday at 1pm, the 24 hours of racing began. The track had changed from previous years to include a small hill, making the back straight longer. The famous 'crash corner' was also changed to reduce the amount of crashes. All teams experienced slight bumps and scrapes, but all got through the event without major damage

to their trike. Due to it also being very dusty, many riders came out a shade darker than when they got in! Every team member pushed themselves physically, and mentally, whether it was 8pm at night or 3am in the morning.

In-Perfection, composing of Grace Morrall (9M), Emma Greenall (8RI), Chelsea Dillon (8JO), Breana Merrin (10AH), Prudence Whiteley (10RI), Emily Heislars (9JE) and Maddison Ashby (11AH) placed 3rd out of 12 teams, coming 2 points behind Bendigo Senior's all-female team. This is an amazing achievement as most of the other female teams were significantly older than our girls.

By race end the girls had ridden 718km, which if you like to think geographically, means they rode to Melbourne and back twice, and then half way there again, within 24 hours.

The girls had long been preparing for the event, training vigorously



GIRTON RACING TEAM



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for a period of 4 months at Fernwood Gym, and in the trike at Tom Flood. Their hard work truly shone through in their results. In their spare time, the girls ran a lunchtime ice cream stall over a couple of days in the lead-up to the event. The girls managed to raise over \$200 profit, which will go towards paying for spare parts and the awesome watermelon paint design of the trike.

Team Infusion (HPV) was composed of Samuel Martin (8FR), Hayley Jacobsen (7JO), Esther Nies (8RI), Mercedes Gill (7JE), Serryn Eenjes (7JO), Jack Edwards (9JO), Lachlan Nemet (8RI) and Oscar Jones (7AH). This team of first time 24hr riders was selected for this event to give them more experience, to take into the 2017 Victorian HPV Series. They placed 10th out of 27 teams, which is an extremely pleasing result for all concerned. The riders all rose to the challenge of 24hr racing, as if they were old hands at the sport.

This bodes very well for our 2017 campaign.

The pit crews and teachers who assisted us over the weekend can only receive our highest degree of appreciation and respect. Many thanks also to Mason Conquer (8JE), Blake Agnoletto (8JE), and Liam Jacobsen (9JO) who volunteered their weekend to assist in the pits and the campsite, without sleep! Thank you also to Isabella Stone (OGA), Mr David Stone, Mr Robin Kirby and Mr Todd Morley for their help on keeping the trikes out on the track, Mr Rod Knowles, Mr Dan Slater, Mr Rod Smith and Mr Nigel Vernon for their assistance and supervision, and a big thank you to Mrs Jan Dillon and Mrs Joan Merrin for the very yummy meals and snacks.

Madison Ashby (11AH)
Girton Racing Team Co-Captain



CHASING RECORDS AT MARYBOROUGH

How quickly a year goes by, it seemed like only a few months since the Team was at Maryborough in 2015. During that period, most of the Team have been riding in our HPV vehicles and as November approached, the focus was squarely on Energy Breakthrough 2016.

The Team set themselves some lofty goals for this year's event and went about training and strategising to achieve those goals.

While the intensive training was underway, significant work was going on behind the scenes to remedy problems encountered with the clutch system on the petrol engine at the 2015 event. After consultation with staff at Bendigo Bearings, it was determined that the bearing selection in the clutch system was inadequate and a complete new set-up was fabricated. Thanks to the efforts and guidance of Mr Phil Whittle of PTR Engineering, together with Mr Neil Pearce and Mr Peter

GIRTON RACING TEAM



SPONSOR UPDATE - VIC SERIES ROUND 3

Robinson (longtime contributors to the Team), the new system was completed.

Training then began in earnest as the Team drove the vehicle on a weekly or twice weekly basis as hard as possible around the Tom Flood velodrome in an effort to find the weakest link in the drivetrain of the trike.

Confident with the new set-up and sporting an eye-catching new paint scheme, graphics and signwork skilfully applied by Darren Chamberlin of DC Signs, the Team fronted scrutineering / design & construction on the Friday of the competition.

The trike Xception passed all tests with flying colours and received

many compliments on its look and build quality. Next on the list was the display & presentation component of the competition, where the Team conveyed a confident and compelling overview of the vehicle and Team ethos. Well done Team!

Once the formalities were completed, 4 of the Team members travelled back to Bendigo for the Year 12 Valedictory Dinner.

As practice for all categories was scheduled for 7.30 to 9.30pm, it was decided that Team member Monty Velthuis would complete 3 practice laps in the vehicle to at least get a midfield position on the starting grid for the Saturday competition.

Saturday morning came around quickly and it was final preparation time for the Team and the vehicle, with batteries fully charged and our fuel allocation in the tank, the start time soon approached.

The trial started without incident but after about an hour, the first of our flat tyres occurred. The Team quickly replaced the offending front wheel and sent the vehicle on its way. Shortly after the second driver took over, another flat tyre occurred, a trend that would continue for the Team throughout the race.

The strategy adopted was to use the trusty Honda engine for about the first half hour of each driving stint and complete the run on the electric motor to give each driver roughly an hour and a half in the vehicle. This would provide fewer stops and maximise the potential number of laps completed.

As day turned into night only one significant incident occurred when the vehicle was forced off the track and was flipped onto its side, luckily no structural damage was incurred and the Team were able to continue clocking up the laps.



GIRTON RACING TEAM



SPONSOR UPDATE - VIC SERIES ROUND 3



An excursion off the track during the early evening resulted in a significant amount of dirt entering the vehicle, with a small amount somehow finding its way into the intake of the engine, rendering the engine useless. The Team quickly assessed the situation and set about replacing the engine with a fresh unit and making a rear tyre change at the same time, all of the work was completed in around 20 minutes and with one pull of the starter cord the mighty Honda roared into life and the vehicle was sent on its way.

It wasn't too long before dawn broke on Sunday and the laps completed were mounting up rapidly. With close monitoring of the battery packs, the Team were able to have at least one pack fully charged and ready for service in the vehicle.

As Sunday morning wore on, the main focus for the Team was to continue to perform lightning fast driver changes, closely manage

tyre wear and pick up the lap speed where possible as the top few vehicles jostled for podium honours. The 1pm finish time loomed close and the Team goal of completing 1000km looked out of reach while the rest of the Team cheered and encouraged the current driver and willed them toward the magical number.

As the final lap was completed, the Team had almost achieved an unbelievable target, a tantalisingly close 995.44 km covered. The result being a massive 25% increase on last year's 797km.

With the trial win in the Hybrid 2 category and a very satisfying "design & construction" award, Team Xception was declared overall winner of their category, *a clear 350 km ahead of their nearest competitor*. Equally satisfying was our overall second place for all vehicles at the event, only 48km behind the eventual first place-getter, a mammoth effort and the Team's most successful

GIRTON RACING TEAM



SPONSOR UPDATE - VIC SERIES ROUND 3



Energy Breakthrough to date; five wins from five starts in the Energy Efficient Vehicle category.

Much praise must go to the unwavering focus of the Team and the way they worked cohesively for the goal.

A number of huge thank yous must be conveyed to our fantastic sponsors and supporters who have given of their finances, time and expertise which has enabled the Team to enjoy the success at this year's event.

Special thanks is extended to Mr Neil Pearce, Mr Phil Whittle & Mr Peter Robinson who were collectively instrumental in the manufacture of specialty "one off" components that saw Xception complete the trial in full running order and fuel still in the tank, thanks guys!

On a sad note, this year sees the departure of four Xception Team members as they complete year 12. Kyle Jacobsen who drove

the vehicle for the first time this year. Lucas Kirby, Alex Holmes and Francis Gallagher started in 2012 with the petrol only vehicle "Inception" and recorded a win in that year as well as in 2013 & 2014. They then competed in the current vehicle Xception last year for a win in the Hybrid 2 category as well as this year's exemplary result. Their collective writing and rewriting of the history books combined with outstanding service to the Team is very much appreciated and will be sadly missed as new Team members step up and aspire to the extremely high standard set by these fine individuals.

Robin Kirby
GRT Engineer & Team Manager

A special and heartfelt thank you goes to all of our generous sponsors. Your support is an essential contributor to the opportunities and success our students enjoy:

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EVENTS COMING UP

JAPANESE DEPARTMENT



Welcome to the new school year. The Japanese Department is organising the following events for 2017.

Gojo Visit: Monday 6th March – Tuesday 14th March 2017

Thank you to all families who have offered to host a Gojo student. We have enough families now and Gojo students and teachers are looking forward to visiting Girton next month.

Kanji Camp: 24th, 25th 26th February 2017

The purpose of this camp is to master all 250 VCE prescribed Kanji (Chinese characters) over the three days! It is open for Year 9 – 12 Japanese students.

Japan Trip 2017: September-October holiday 2017

Following a successful trip to Japan last year, we are hoping to visit Japan again during the September-October holiday. The trip is open to all students in Senior School and we need a minimum of 10 students to make the trip viable. The Information Evening will be held at the start of next Term. Please email Ms Watanabe (mowatanabe@girton.vic.edu.au) by the end of this term if you are interested.

We are looking forward to another exciting year. Please contact Ms Watanabe (mowatanabe@girton.vic.edu.au) if you have any questions or concerns regarding the Japanese program at Girton.

Ms M Watanabe
Head of Japanese

USA STEM TRIP 2017

CAMPS



Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics in the United States of America

Girton Grammar school is pleased to offer students the chance to participate in a life changing and awe-inspiring 3 week trip to the USA. Our (STEM) Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics trip gives students the opportunity to train in fighter pilot or space mission simulators. We have lunch with an astronaut, hear about the next trip to Mars, see a Columbian mammoth and try indoor skydiving. There are opportunities to snorkel, scuba dive and learn about the marine environment. We also make time for theme parks, learn about movie making and have a little retail therapy.

It is a great opportunity for students who may wish to pursue careers in Science, Engineering, Mathematics and Technology. Parents are also welcome to apply.

The 2017 trip planning is well underway and recently a few more places have become available for interested students who will be 14 years and 9 months of age on Sept 10th, 2017. The places will need to be finalized by February 28th as flights are available for booking. Please note that the next trip will most likely be in 2019.

ITINERARY SUMMARY

A more detailed itinerary will be provided if you are interested.

Sept 9 – 16

Huntsville, Alabama
Space Camp or Aviation activities

Sept 16 – 19

Orlando, Florida
Everglades, Kennedy Space Centre, Harry Potter World, Epcot

Sept 20 – Sept 24

San Diego, California
Sea Camp, Zoo

Oct 25 – Sept 28

Los Angeles, California
Indoor Skydiving, Jet Propulsion Lab, Warner Bros Studio, La Brae Tar Pits, Universal Studios

Sept 30

Arrive Home

Our previous trip blogs will give you more of an idea about the exciting activities

<http://2016stemtrip.blogspot.com.au/http://2015sciencetrip.blogspot.com.au/>

The cost of the trip includes, top level travel insurance, ESTA (electronic USA visa waiver form), all transport (flights & buses), accommodation, most meals (approx. 8 lunches and 10 dinners will need to be purchased), Sea camp, Space Camp, Theme Parks,

Zoo and Museum entries. The cost does not include passports. The total cost is likely to be approximately \$8000. We are working very hard to minimize the costs to parents. The fluctuating value of the Australian dollar will impact the final amount.

I look forward to hearing from any interested students and parents via email.

Jane Reaburn

Trip email address:
2017usacamp@gmail.com

AUSTRALIA DAY

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The annual Australia Day celebration at Lake Weeroona was a wonderful place to spend Australia Day 2017. There was a hive of activity all around the lake but the Family Activity area was the most popular. 150 of our Senior School students supported the Rotary Club Bendigo Sandhurst and Fusion in activities such as face painting, balloon sculpting, mask making, stilt walking, bubble blowing and so much more. It was encouraging to see so many Girton students giving up their time and Term One hadn't even started.

Students are encouraged to read their emails and the Daily Bulletin to keep informed of the next Community Service activity they can volunteer for.

If a student would like a Community Service activity they are involved in recognised and it is not organised by the school, they are encouraged to contact the Head of Community Service with the details. This must be agreed upon by HoH and HoCS prior to the event occurring if the student would like it acknowledged on their report and contributing to the award of Colours.

Mrs Rachelle Fisher
Head of Community Service



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RELAY FOR LIFE

Girton Grammar School has entered a team in Relay for Life 2017.

This year it will be held on Saturday March 25th at the Flora Hill Athletics Track.

Our goal this year is to raise \$1000 or more for this very worthwhile cause. To join the team please use the link supplied and start us on our fundraising journey.

http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR?team_id=52846&pg=team&fr_id=4282

Senior School students are invited to participate in community service on the day. There will be more information about this supplied by Mrs. Fisher.

Mrs. Linda Gibson
Team Captain



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

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

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

2017 and 2018

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

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

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

ENROLMENT PROCESS

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

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

CONTACT DETAILS CHANGED?

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

Louise McWaters
Registrar



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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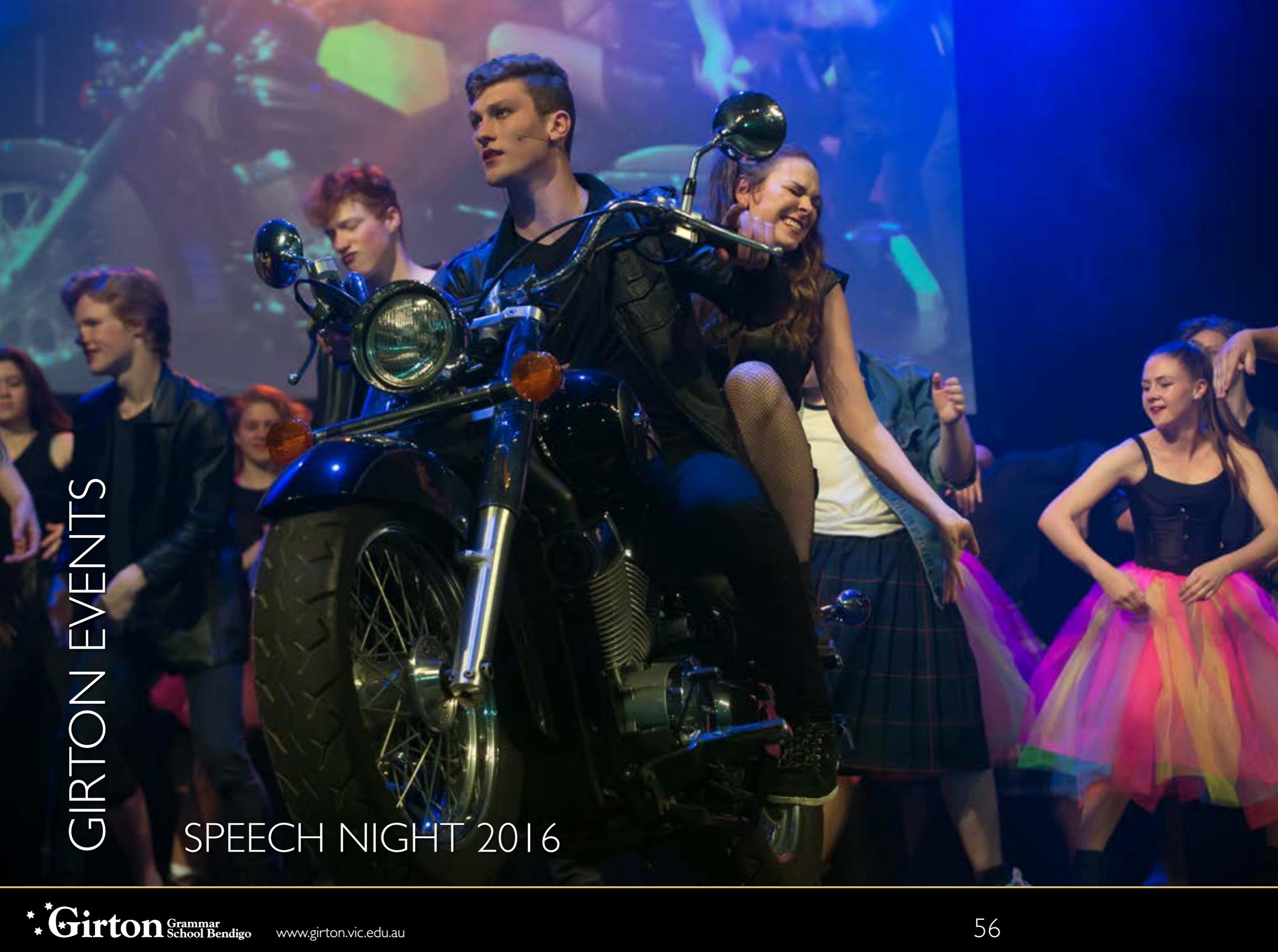
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VCE RESULTS DAY 2016

GIRTON EVENTS



PARKING AROUND THE 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 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.

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://community.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)

Mrs Viv Bath (Deputy Head of Junior School)

Mrs Heather Waterston (Reports Manager)
heatherwaterston@girton.vic.edu.au

Mrs Debbie Hansen (Reports Administrator)
debbiehansen@girton.vic.edu.au

TENNIS

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Congratulations to the 44 students who competed in the Girton Tennis Tournament on Tuesday 31st of January.

Thank you to Mr Stephen Storer for conducting the tournament and donating the trophies, the students were extremely lucky to have such an excellent coach with them on the day. The following students were our Girton age champions:

Junior Female	Eliza O'Sullivan (8Jo)
Junior Male	Hamish Wall (8R)
Intermediate Female	Jemma Boromeo (9R)
Intermediate Male	Jack Cripps (10Jo)
Senior Female	Polly Barnett (11Je)
Senior Male	Milos Babovic (12Je)



TENNIS

CONGRATULATIONS TO



CONGRATULATIONS TO

Sophia Kelly (1A) who joined the O'Shea-Ryan Academy of Irish Dance in June 201262.

On the 3rd of November she participated in her first dance examination for Grade 1A - The Skippy Jig, which she passed with Merit.

Augustine Leung (6Je) who has participated in the Melbourne Youth Orchestra Senior String summer camp in January 2017. He was chosen as one of the soloists in the final performance at Melbourne Town Hall; and he has gained some wonderful friendship and valuable experience there.

Augustine has also got a High Distinction (A+) in his AMEB Certificate of Performance examination in piano in December 2016.

Lucy Kitching (8A) who found out that she had been successful in gaining her ATOD (Australian Teachers of Dance) silver medal awards in ballet and jazz dance; the culmination of a year of hard work at her dance school.

Alessia McCaig (8Je) who has been selected to represent Victoria at the Junior Track Cycling Nationals for Under 15.

Jessica Dean (9Je) who will be competing in the Global Cheer and Dance Games to be held in Hawaii mid May in the Junior All Girl level

3 division.

James Humphry (10M) who has made the 2017 Wildwater world championships Australian junior team.

Emily Griffin (Frew, 2011) who successfully passed her final Pharmacy board examination allowing her to register as a pharmacist . She has accepted a full time position at Echuca regional health as a hospital Pharmacist .



FROM THE ARCHIVES



OLD GIRTONIANS

The school was recently contacted by Dr Douglas (also known as Ms Jean Tamanika), whose son, James Tamankia went to Girton in the 1990's.

Dr Douglas is currently doing some work at the Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance and offers the following discovery, via email, related to the sad fate of Alice Millward's (nee Hill) son in World War I.

"One of the short term exhibitions at the Shrine of Remembrance is the two Battles of Bullecourt called the "Blood Tub".

Doing my homework, I was focusing on Bendigo servicemen and discovered Edgar Charles Millward of the 24th Battalion who was killed on 3rd May 1917. I believe his remains were never

retrieved on the battlefield but his memorial is at Villers Bretonneux. He was only 20 years old.

His parents were Alice and Charles Millward. Alice Millward as you are aware was one of the founders of Girton in 1884.

He was very youthful looking and this must have been obvious at the time as his father certified his enlistment as to his age.

I also saw his occupation was "bank teller".

The other day I took a punt and visited the Gothic Bank Building (ANZ) in Collins St and was so pleased to see his name on the Honour Board at the Bank. They permitted me to photograph the Honour Board with his name on it. I am contacting the

Archives at the Bank to see if there is any employment record of this young man.

His mother died in 1911 prior to the War but his father stayed on in Bendigo.

80% of the 24th. Battalion who participated in the Battle of Bullecourt never returned home. The first Battle in April was a defeat for the Allies but the second Battle in early May was a "success" but with a horrible loss of lives."



Edgar Charles Millward, son of school founder, Mrs Alice Millward



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GIRTON BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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

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

To view and download the Girton Business Directory, [click here](#).

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



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Jamie Thompson (Will, 9 Jenkin) is the owner of Jamie Thompson Electrician.



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Jason Worme (Xavier, 5 Aherne) is the owners of Emrow Bus Charet services.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND BUSES



Conveyance Allowance

Parents who wish to apply for a Conveyance Allowance for students travelling by public transport, private car or a combination of the two, need to return completed forms to the Business Office before Friday, 24th February 2017 for Term 1, 2017. Conveyance Allowance Forms are available from the Business Office and enquiries regarding eligibility should be directed to Mrs Michelle Swiney on 03 4408 5964.

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 31st March 2017.

Please make alternative after school travel arrangements on this day.

The Castlemaine, Kyneton and dedicated buses will run as normal.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

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

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

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

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

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

HOW TO APPLY

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

MORE INFORMATION

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



ACADEMY

NETFIT NETBALL HIGH PERFORMANCE ACADEMY WITH SARAH WALL

WHO: Open to netballers from Year 7 -12. Girton Grammar Coaching Staff to endorse.

VENUE: Girton Grammar School Gymnasium

TIME: Monday Mornings: 7:00-8:00am

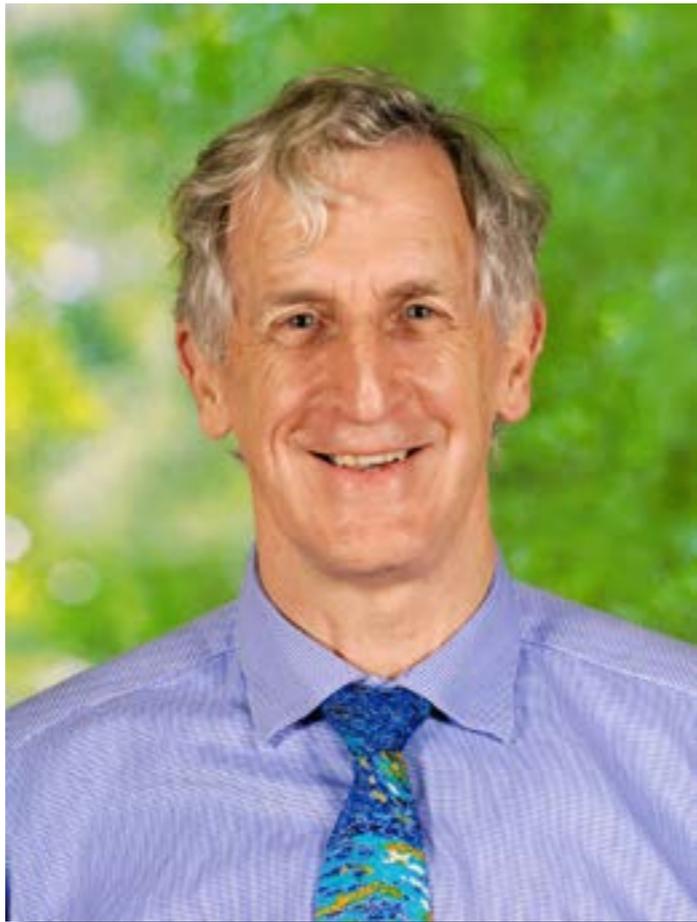
WHAT TO WEAR: The girls will receive a NETFIT training singlet (sizing needs to be recorded on application form)

ACADEMY DATES: 1st May | 15th May | 29th May | 19th June | 24th July | 7th August | 28th August | 4th September | 18th September |

COST: \$250pp

MORE INFORMATION: Applications are available now from Miss Speed in the Gymnasium Reception.

Applications Close - Friday 24th February



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

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

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

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

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

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

John Pease
Registered Psychologist, APS



ROOM 4A - CANTEEN MENU 2017



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

HOT FOOD

Pies	.....	\$4.50
Pasties	.....	\$4.50
Sausage Rolls (Large)	.....	\$3.00
Party Pies	.....	\$1.00
Hot Chicken Rolls	.....	\$5.50
Party Quiche	.....	\$1.30
Hawaiian Pizza	.....	\$4.50
Ham & Cheese Croissant	.....	\$3.50
Chicken Nuggets	.....	\$0.60
Potato Pie (Large)	.....	\$5.00
Vegetarian Pastie	.....	\$5.00
Homemade Egg & Bacon Pie	.....	\$3.00
Chicken & Leek Pie	.....	\$5.00
Quiche Lorraine	.....	\$5.00
Spinach (Veg) & Cheese Quiche	.....	\$5.00

SPECIAL EXTRAS

Fruit Salad	.....	\$4.00
Garlic or Herb Bread	.....	\$2.80
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)	.....	\$6.50
Gluten Free Beef Pie	.....	\$5.50
Gluten Free Sausage Roll	.....	\$4.20
Gluten Free Vegie & Ricotta Roll	.....	\$4.50
Chicken Tender Wrap	.....	\$6.50

ICY POLES

Paddle Pop Thickshake	.....	\$2.00
Paddle Pop	.....	\$1.50
Magnum	.....	\$3.80
Mini Calippo Frost	.....	\$1.00
Zooper Dooper	.....	\$0.60
Cruncha	.....	\$1.50
Frozen Yoghurt	.....	\$2.50
Icy Twist	.....	\$1.00
Cyclone	.....	\$2.00
Slushy - Small	.....	\$2.00
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	..... \$3.50
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	.....	\$3.50
Hedgehog Slice	.....	\$3.50
Mud Cakes/Muffins	.....	\$3.00
Muesli Bars	.....	\$1.00
Roll Ups	.....	\$1.00
Iced Donuts (Small)	.....	\$1.50
Cinnamon Donuts	.....	\$1.50
Caramel Slice	.....	\$3.50
Peppermint Slice	.....	\$3.50
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

February 2017

Senior Students can email Lunch Orders to Canteen by no later than 12noon and pay on pick up.
If an Order is received, it must be paid for.



Community Yoga!

Join the Girton community and come together for a morning yoga session. All students, families and staff are invited to come along for a lovely slow flow yoga session to be held on Friday 24th Feb (week 4) on Londonderry Oval, from 7.15-8.am. This is a free session and is open for all. Please bring a yoga mat, a water bottle and a smile.

Terrie Dempster terrie-annedempster@girton.vic.edu.au

Rotary
District 9800



RYPEN
rotary youth program
of enrichment



The Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment aims help you develop leadership and social awareness skills like: resilience, teamwork, clear values, communication and global citizenship.

The program is a weekend of seminars and fun activities, run by young people. There will be sessions indoors and fun outdoor activities with year 10 and 11 students from across Victoria.

<http://rypen.rotaract9800.org.au>



Be a guide for a day

Greater Bendigo Girl Guides invites girls aged 5-17 to be a Girl Guide for a day.

Date: Saturday 18th February
Time: 10am - 2pm (all day event)
Place: Old Shire Strathfieldsaye Hall
 838 Strathfieldsaye Road
Cost: \$5 per person
Bring: Lunch, Enclosed Shoes, Hat, Water Bottle
RSVP: Wednesday 15th of February to greaterbendigo@guidesvic.org.au or 0427 927 268
 Please include name of child/ren, name of parent/guardian and contact details
 RSVP essential.

Fun, Friends, Adventure





Have you ever thought how good it would be to be able to:
Learn what it's like to live in another country?
Learn a new language and experience a different culture.
If you are in years 9, 10 or 11 now
Rotary Youth Exchange can offer this and more.
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**Rotary Youth Exchange
A Chance of a Lifetime!
Host Families Invited Now!**

Rotary Youth Exchange invites kind and caring Host Families within the community to assist local Rotary Clubs offer an outstanding exchange program to young people from all over the World.

A Host Family is a vital part of this cultural and educational exchange and typically hosts a student on a voluntary basis for a period of between 10 to 16 weeks. In doing so, a Host family officially becomes a Friend of Rotary International. The Host Family plays an integral role in offering the student the experience of a new culture and language, whilst at the same time learning itself about a different culture from a young leader. It is a direct window to the world for all members of a Host family.

You not only share a young person's hopes and dreams, but more importantly, you make those dreams possible. Hosting is the beginning of a lifelong friendship and connection with a student and family overseas. Whilst it can be challenging to help a young person transition to a new culture and ease into the surroundings, it is always fun and the rewards are immeasurable.

Host Families in the Rotary Youth Exchange program come in many shapes and sizes! Young children, older children, and no children at all, extended families and older generations – all have been successful in hosting exchange students.

Please consider this amazing and rewarding opportunity now. Enquiries are most welcome.

Further information is available at www.rotaryyouthexchangedistrict9800.com.au

Gabrielle Morgan
Chair: District 9800 Youth Exchange
0419 398 507
loftandmorgan@ozemail.com.au

**Now Accepting Applicants for
2018 Rotary Youth Exchange!**

Are you a Year 9, 10 or 11 student? You may qualify as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student and have the opportunity to live and study in Germany, France Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Japan, Taiwan, Brazil, Hungary, Norway, Spain, Poland, or Switzerland.

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program is a unique opportunity for students to experience the culture of a new country, to learn a new language and develop new friendships.

Applications are now being accepted and close on Saturday 8th April 2017. Students must be under the age of 17 years and 6 months, as at 1st January in the year of departure.

Further information is available from - www.rotaryyouthexchangedistrict9800.com.au

BASKETBALL FOR WOMEN

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR SOME FUN AND EXERCISE THE BENDIGO MIDWEEK BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION IS LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS FOR THEIR 2017 SEASON.

WOMEN OF ALL ABILITIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME ALONG.

GATHER SOME FRIENDS TOGETHER TO MAKE A TEAM OR JOIN AN EXISTING TEAM.

THE COMPETITION IS PLAYED ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AT THE BENDIGO STADIUM AND CRECHE IS AVAILABE FOR THE KIDS. NO GAMES ARE PLAYED DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
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Or phone – 04135997804

