



# eLink

The Girton Grammar School Newsletter

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 **Girton** Grammar School Bendigo

# FROM THE HEADMASTER

**N**ow in its eleventh year, the ever growing One Act Play Festival was held last week in a full Black Box Theatre, where the audience was treated to eight wonderful plays, each a maximum of ten minutes in duration, created and often written by students from Year 7 to Year 12.

The Festival is the climax of the Co-curricular activity known as Actor's Studio, in which around 40 students currently take part.

From comedic pieces based on Monty Python and 'Goggle Box' viewers, to solemn stories about soldiers returning from WW1, this year's Festival highlighted a depth and breadth of collaboration and effort that makes 'art for art's sake' an obvious asset to the school.

Our Girton Racing Team returned from the Shell Eco Marathon in Singapore this week and has brought home with them a US\$3,000 Innovation Award for the ingenious thermo electric generator incorporated into the vehicle's exhaust system. During competition, the team managed to travel over 500km on one litre of fuel, an incredible effort, which put them 9th in the world and the highest performing school in an international field of over 50 vehicles.

The technical know-how of these dedicated students and the support of their families is phenomenal. They are the only school team in Australia to be invited to compete on the international stage and from fundraising to engineering their commitment to this co-curricular activity is extraordinary.

The Senior School Athletics' Carnival was also held yesterday and it was Jones House who this year won the ubiquitous Sprit Cup while Frew was the overall Carnival Cup winner. All House Captains led their teams with gusto and pride, with some outstanding performances on the track and many memorable moments trackside.



Next week is Camps' Week in Senior School and students from Year 7 to 11 will head off all over Victoria and immerse themselves in a range of outdoor activities whilst strengthening their relationships with their teachers and peers, including older students who will attend various trips as camp leaders.

Camps Week provides a safe environment for fun and adventure, creating memories that stay with students for a lifetime. Without necessarily realising it, students will be involved in skills-focused learning, problem solving and team building. Outdoor activities provide valuable non-competitive avenues for achievement, as well as opportunities to develop independence, self-reliance and leadership experience.

This will be the final edition of eLink before the Term 1 holidays so I wish all Girton students and families a very enjoyable and safe Easter.

**Matthew F Maruff**  
Headmaster

# TERM 1 2017 IMPORTANT DATES

## IMPORTANT DATES

### **Week 9**

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

Friday 31st March  
**Last Day of Term 1**

*The Senior School Reception desk will be closed the first week of the Term One holidays. Phones will be monitored from a remote desk, but there will be no staff in the Reception area that first week. Reception will reopen the second week (10 April-13 April; closed Friday, 13 April and Monday, 17 April owing to public holidays).*

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

Please report student absences to:  
03 4408 5992 or email  
[absentees@girton.vic.edu.au](mailto:absentees@girton.vic.edu.au)

### **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

# TERM 2 2017 IMPORTANT DATES

## IMPORTANT DATES

### TERM 2

#### Week 1

Tuesday 18th April  
**First Day of Term Two**  
(Staff and Students)

**GPF Meeting**  
5:30pm  
Mo7

Wednesday 19th April  
**New Zealand Study Tour**  
**Parent Information Evening**  
5:30pm  
Lecture Theatre

Thursday 20th April  
**Senior School Cross Country**  
Quarry Hill Golf Course

**Senior School Drug and**  
**Alcohol Education Evening**  
**with Dr Michael Carr-Gregg**  
6:30pm  
John E Higgs Hall

#### Week 2

Monday 24th April  
**Senior School Sandhurst**  
**Division Cross Country**

Thursday 25th April  
**ANZAC Day Public Holiday**

Wednesday 26th April  
**Senior School Parent Teacher**  
**Interviews (A-L Surname)**  
The Naunton Family Building

**Senior School Sports Victoria**  
**State Swimming**  
Melbourne Sports and Aquatic  
Centre

Friday 28th April  
**Junior School Athletics**

**Year 7 Immunisations**  
**Round Two**

#### Week 3

Monday 1st May  
**Senior School Parent Teacher**  
**Interviews (M-Z Surname)**  
The Naunton Family Building

Tuesday 2nd May  
**GPF Meeting**  
5:30pm  
Mo7

Thursday 4th May  
**Senior School Sandhurst**  
**Division Athletics Carnival**

Friday 5th May  
**Foundation Day Service**  
6:00pm  
Sacred Heart Cathedral

#### Week 4

Monday 8th May  
**Senior School Loddon Mallee**  
**Regional Volleyball (Juniors**  
**Years 7-8)**

Tuesday 9th May  
**NAPLAN Testing**  
(Years 3, 5, 7 & 9)

**Year 10 DAT Testing**  
Gymnasium

Wednesday 10th May  
**NAPLAN Testing**  
(Years 3, 5, 7 & 9)

**Year 10 DAT Testing**  
Gymnasium

**Bendigo Tertiary Information**  
**Service (TIS)**  
All Year 12 Students  
Ulumbarra Theatre

Thursday 11th May  
**NAPLAN Testing**  
(Years 3, 5, 7 & 9)

**VCE Drama and Theatre**  
**Studies Ensembles Night**  
The Black Box Theatre

Friday 12th May  
**Sandhurst Division**  
**Intermediate Sports Day**  
(Years 9 - 10)

#### Week 5

Monday 15th May  
**Senior School Photos**  
Gymnasium

Tuesday 16th May  
**Bendigo Regional Science and**  
**Engineering Challenge**  
BSE College

**Aherne House Family Night**  
6:00pm-9:00pm  
John E Higgs Hall

Wednesday 17th May  
**Junior School Photos**

Thursday 18th May  
**ICCES Athletics Carnival**  
Lakeside Stadium, Melbourne

Friday 19th May  
**Senior School Photos**

Saturday 13th May  
**GPF Trivia Night**  
John E. Higgs Hall  
Tickets available soon

# TERM 2 2017 IMPORTANT DATES

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### Week 6

Tuesday 23rd May  
Senior School DAV Debating

Wednesday 24th May  
Senior School PESA 2017  
Regional Finals

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

Friday 26th May  
Open Day  
9:00am - 12:00pm  
Performing Arts Building

Saturday 27th May  
OGA 30 Year Reunion

### Week 8

Monday 5th June  
Years 7-11 Examinations

Tuesday 6th June  
Years 7-11 Examinations

Sports Victoria Loddon Mallee  
Regional Cross Country (Years  
7-12)

GPF Meeting  
5:30pm  
Mo7

Wednesday 7th June  
Years 7-11 Examinations

Thursday 8th June  
Years 7-11 Examinations

Friday 9th June  
Years 7-11 Examinations

### Week 9

Monday 12th June  
Queen's Birthday Public  
Holiday

Tuesday 13th June  
Year 9 Program Day

Wednesday 14th June  
Senior School VCAA GAT

### Week 10

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

Senior School DAT Parent  
Information Evening  
5:45pm  
Lecture Theatre

Tuesday 20th June  
Senior School DAT Interviews  
Library

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

Sandhurst Division  
Intermediate Girls Football  
(Years 9-10)

Sports Victoria State Cross  
Country (Years 7-12)

Wednesday 21st June  
Senior School DAT Interviews  
Library

Sandhurst Division Year 8  
Boys' Football

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

Thursday 22nd June  
Senior School DAT Interviews  
Library

ICCES Winter Sports Tour  
(Years 7-12)

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

OGA Pre-show drinks and  
nibbles for Senior School  
Production

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

Last Day Term Two

# 2017 COMMITTEE

The Girton Parent and Friends committee held their Annual General Meeting on March 7th.

The following were people were elected to the executive;

President	Aileen Berry
Vice President	Christine Brunner
Treasurer	Adrienne Speakman
Secretary	Paula Saxon
Committee	Kim Hitchman, Emma Fletcher

The next meeting of the GPF will be Monday, April 18th in M07 at 5.30pm. All parents and friends are encouraged to attend and help support the committee in 2017.





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# GIRTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL PARENTS' AND FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION

## RAFFLE

Tickets for the Girton Parent and Friends raffle were sent home with students this week. There are some great prizes to be won.

There is a prize for the senior and junior school class that returns the most sold tickets by the early bird cut off date of Friday 28 April at 4.00pm.

## SAVE THE DATE!

The GPF is hosting a TRIVIA NIGHT on  
**Saturday May 13th**

More details to follow.

### 2017 Girton Grammar Raffle

Raffle drawn: 13/5/17 at the P&F Trivia Night

Early Bird Draw: Return your sold ticket stubs and proceeds by 4.00pm Friday 28th April 2017 to Girton Grammar School Reception (Raffle Tickets), Reception - Christopher J. Morey Building, 20-22 Vine Street to be counted for your house tutor group/class competition.

Additional raffle books are available from the Junior School and the Christopher J. Morey Building Reception.

*Thank you for your support.*

EARLY BIRD DRAW

Ticket Seller: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Level: (eg Year 10) \_\_\_\_\_

House: (eg Frew) \_\_\_\_\_

Sibling \_\_\_\_\_

# IMAGINE



To feel trusted, I will earn trust

# FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

When potential parents come in to interview for their child or children to take up a position in Junior School there are many aspects of school life that are discussed. Of course academic success and a safe learning environment are very high on the list of topics as is the breadth of curricular and co-curricular opportunities that are available for our students. One area of discussion that gives us, as a school, much pride, is the positive community culture that has been developed over time. This culture of caring for one another, acting responsively when things go wrong, understanding different perspectives and taking responsibility for ourselves, our school and the greater community are central to the positive school culture that exists at Girton.

Last Friday this was evident in practice when a group of our Year Six students stood on stage in front of the whole school and had their heads shaved to raise money for, and awareness of, the Leukaemia Foundation. We recognised, appreciated and applauded the courage it takes for these young men and women to stand in front of the whole school and shave their heads. One act that was particularly moving was when the whole Year Six cohort spontaneously stood and applauded these students as they left the stage and left the Hall. It was a moment that typifies the culture of care and respect within our school.

Mr Donald Thompson  
Head of Junior School



# YEAR FOUR EXCURSION TO MELBOURNE

The Year 4 classes went to Bunjilaka at the Melbourne Museum and the Royal Botanic Gardens to learn about aboriginal people and their culture.

We were able to see weapons and tools and learn about how aboriginal people used them to survive.

At the Botanic Gardens we were welcomed to country with a tanderrum or smoking ceremony. We got to play rhythm sticks and place a leaf on the fire.

We learnt about indigenous plants and how the Wurundjeri people lived on the land.

It was a wonderful excursion and we all learnt so much.

Thank you to all the parents who came with us.

Year 4 staff and students



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# YEAR FIVE EXCURSION TO MELBOURNE

On Friday the 3rd of March Year Five visited the Melbourne Museum and State Library of Victoria. At the Museum we went to the Forest Gallery and we had a look around at the beautiful nature garden. Year 5 saw fish, frogs and birds amongst the pond and trees.

We then went to the Science and Nature exhibition where we split into groups. We saw lots of different species of animals, crystals and gold.

Year Five went to the Storytime Exhibition next. At the exhibition we saw and learnt more about Melbourne's history including the Cole's Book Arcade, Phar Lap the racing horse, an old cinema, and some houses from the 1800s.

Our final stop was the State library of Victoria, where we had the Batmania Tour. Year 5 saw the Batman Treaty, Ned Kelly's armour and his famous Death Mask.

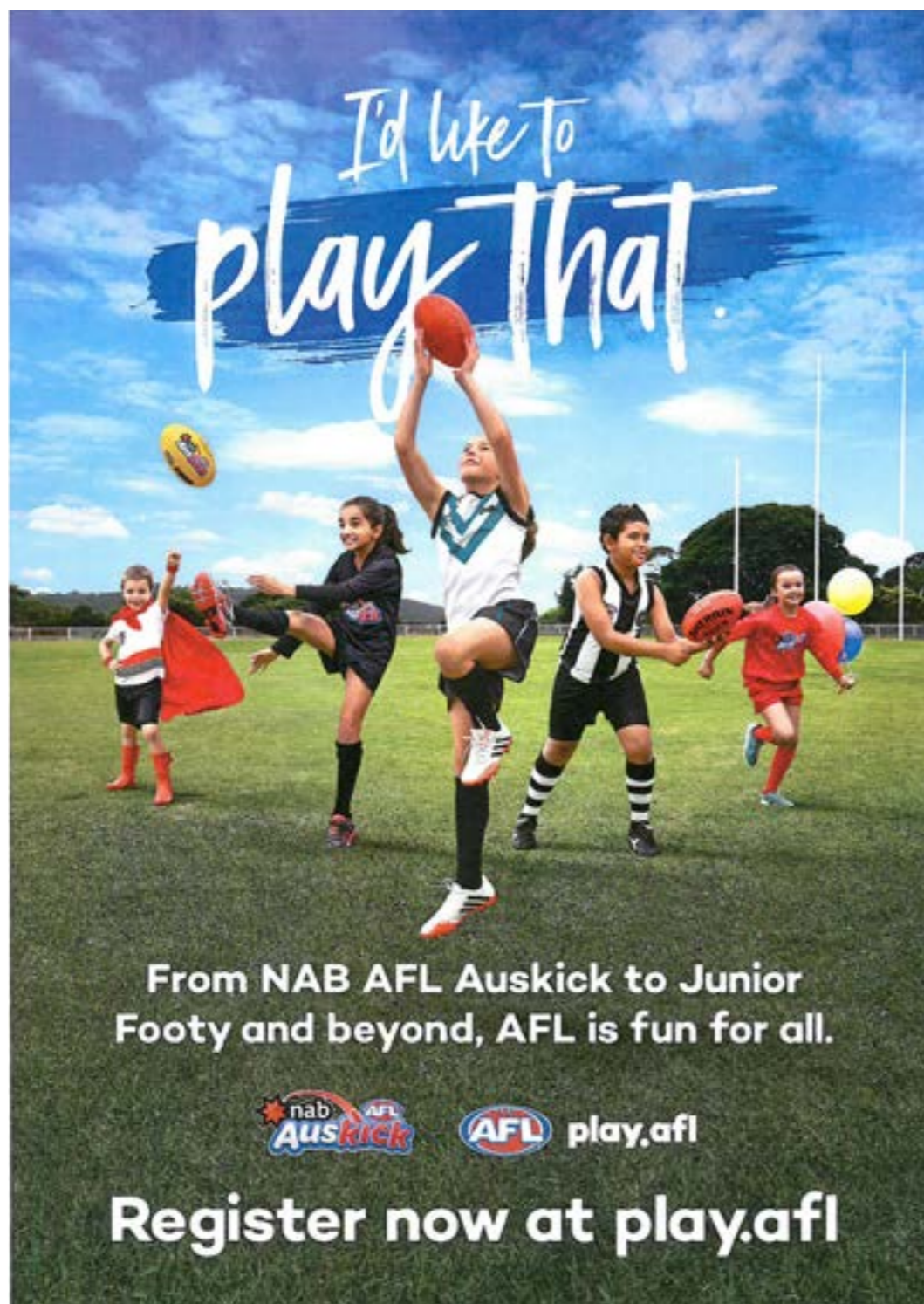
We had a wonderful day celebrating many things from our past.

Amelie Woodward (5Jo) and  
Eva Ingram Sandercock (5Jo)



# YEAR FIVE EXCURSION TO MELBOURNE







## Holiday Tennis Clinic's

### Full Court Tennis Program

A four day holiday tennis clinic is being conducted at the new Nolan Street Complex (possibly on the four new Plexi Cushion show courts to be confirmed) commencing

**Monday April 10<sup>th</sup> – Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup>**

- Beginner – Inter-mediate player program  
session times 9:00 – 10:15, 10:15 – 11:30, 11:30 – 12:45
- Beginner – Inter-mediate program 1 1/2 hour per day = \$181.00
- Advanced player program –  
Monday to Thursday session times 1:50 – 3:30  
Advanced program 2 hours per day = \$191.00
- To register please book online at [www.tennisbendigo.com.au](http://www.tennisbendigo.com.au)

Children's group days and times will be finalised as bookings are confirmed.

### ANZ Hotshot Holiday Tennis Clinic

**Monday April 10<sup>th</sup> – Thursday April 13<sup>th</sup>**

- ANZ Hotshot Tennis Program is available for children aged 4 to 7 year old
- Session times are 9:00 – 9:45, 9:45 – 10:30, 10:30 – 11:15
- To register please go to [www.tennisbendigo.com.au](http://www.tennisbendigo.com.au)
- Children can register for a free ANZ Hotshot T-shirt
- Fee for the ANZ Hotshot Clinic is \$50.00

**Wilson Player of the week will receive a Wilson Burn 100 Tennis Racquet valued at \$350.00**

For further enquires please contact  
Stephen Storer  
Tennis Australia Club Professional Coach  
(M) 54-411780 (H) 0439-411780

Payment via direct debit  
Bendigo Bank BSB 633-000  
Account number 108175322

The Bendigo Tennis Academy is proudly supported by

**Wilson**



## Bendigo Tennis Academy Programs in 2017

- **New term tennis lessons** - commences Monday April 24<sup>th</sup> concludes Friday June 16<sup>th</sup>  
A week course = \$120.00  
Children aged 8-17 all standards catered for  
Three weekly lessons are 40 minutes and are conducted Monday through Friday  
Times available are 4:00 – 4:40, 4:40 – 5:20, 5:20 – 6:00
- **Hotshots tennis lessons** - commences Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> - concludes Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup>  
8 week course = \$18.00  
Children aged 4 – 7  
These weekly lessons are for 40 minutes and are held on Monday to Thursday  
Times available are 4:00 – 4:40, 4:40 – 5:20  
Saturday lesson times are 9:00 – 9:40, 9:40 – 10:20, 10:20 – 11:00
- **HotShot Shirts**  
Children participating in the Hotshots program are requested to register for a new ANZ Hotshot T-shirt. Please register at [hotshots.tennis.com.au](http://hotshots.tennis.com.au)
- **Tennis Australia Super 12's – Super 10's – Bendigo William Loud Tennis Complex.**  
This program continues to grow each year.  
Children are encouraged to come along to selection trials to gain a position in a team.  
Four teams are selected with 4/6 players in each team (16)  
Coaches involved in the program are Andrew Crossman, Kirsten Fitzgerald, David Stirling and Stephen Storer. Coaches are allocated a team and each week there are 2/3 of an hour to guide the players through the matches.  
Children receive one doubles, one singles each match.  
Highlights of the program are, at the completion of the competition, an All Star team is selected and competes at Melbourne Park against a team from Tarragon.  
In 2015 Super 12's program, 14 children were selected and invited to play in court at Melbourne Park during the Australian Open.  
The program will be conducted at the Bendigo Tennis Complex Nolan Street  
Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> through to final round Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup>  
There is an information sheet attached.

To register for these programs please go to the Bendigo Tennis Academy website  
[www.tennisbendigo.com.au](http://www.tennisbendigo.com.au)

or phone  
Stephen Storer  
Tennis Australia Club Professional Coach  
(M) 54-411780



## VOLLEYBALL HOLIDAY CLINIC



**When:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April  
**Where:** Bendigo Stadium (Court 4 & 5 Inglis Hall)  
**Time:** 9am – 12pm (arrive at 8:45am to sign in)  
**Age Group:** 8 – 12 years olds  
**Price:** Free

Nothing to do over the SCHOOL HOLIDAYS?  
 Then come along and enjoy the fantastic sport of  
**VOLLEYBALL.**  
 The clinic will be a structured program designed for  
 junior inclusion, skill progression and game play  
 being conducted by Australian and Victorian  
 coaches and players.

Morning tea and water will be provided and all participants will receive a  
 volleyball at the conclusion of the clinic.

If interested please email to [\\_ddb@live.com.au](mailto:_ddb@live.com.au) to receive registration  
 form.



**\*\*SUNDAY @ 9AM\*\***  
 South Bendigo Football Netball Club Auskick Centre  
 Tom Flood Sports Centre  
 Cnr Water and Barnard Street  
 Bendigo

[AFLAUSKICK.COM.AU](http://AFLAUSKICK.COM.AU)

## Everyday Kids LEGO Social Skills Group

The team at Everyday Independence are experts at finding fun and interactive ways to engage with children and our Everyday Kids LEGO Social Skills Group is one of our best. LEGO provides an interactive medium for working on Social Skill development.

During the sessions we will focus on:

- Social interaction  
(initiating play, sharing, turn-taking, verbal & non-verbal communication, respectful listening, joint attention)
- Group skills  
(asking social questions, requesting assistance, waiting, perspective taking, accepting feedback, collaborative problem solving)

Our LEGO groups are run by our experienced Occupational Therapists with children aged 6-10 years in groups of between four to six children. We run our LEGO group sessions on weekday afternoons throughout the school terms.

### Session details:

Term 2 Group: 27th April to 15th June 2017

When: Thursdays 4 - 5pm

Where: 157 St Aidans Road, Bendigo

Cost: \$530 for the term (can be paid directly by participant or as part of NDIS or other funding)

(while the children are participating in the group there is the optional opportunity for parents, carers and siblings to gather together until the end of the session).

For further information about registering for this group please contact Everyday Independence on [1300 179 131](tel:1300179131).



## BUS TRAVELLERS

Term One concludes on Friday 31st March at 3:15pm. Students who travel on government buses (Country buses) will need to find alternative arrangements home as State Schools finish early on this day. The Castlemaine, Maldon and Strathfieldsaye buses will not be affected.

## WINTER UNIFORM ITEMS

Bolton's Office National, our uniform supplier, has indicated that the new blazers, skirts and tunics are not scheduled to arrive into Bolton's until the 18th of April. Bolton's will advise the School when they do arrive and, in turn, the School will advise parents. A two week grace period, where the summer uniform may be worn, has been granted for students who will not have these particular items at the start of Term 2.



# ART NEWS

## ART DEPARTMENT

Several pleasant things have happened during the past few weeks.

Year Ten Art students have completed two large-2.6x 1.5 metre paintings for the ISV Exhibition of Collaborative Artwork. These paintings will be collected next week for display in the large May exhibition in Melbourne.

Students created the artworks after making small observation drawings and watercolour images of fruit and vegetables. Then they independently decided how they would approach the making of a large painting based on the concept of Abundance or Bounty.

Half of the class opted for a mixed watercolour and acrylic painting based on arranging flowing forms around a dominant bunch of radishes.

The other half of the group appropriated Edvard Munch's "Scream" but composed the form from leeks, squash, aubergine and various fruits.



Artists are: Mia Mudge (10F), Prue Wilkinson (10R), Alexandra Nevill (10Je), Imogen Handley- Kurzke (10R), Lucy Mills (10M), Max Beever (10F)



Back Row: Analise McKenzie (10A), Phoebe Cook (10A), Bree Egan (10Je), Tenzin-Louise Graham (10Jo). Front row: Isabel Jenkins-Smales (10A), Esther Minter (10Jo), Emily Heislars. (10Je), Chaelim Ko (10A)



# ART NEWS

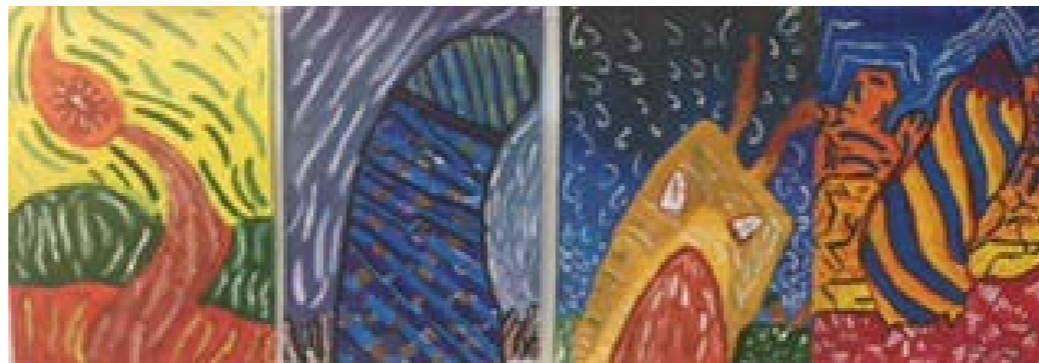
## ART DEPARTMENT

Year Twelves students with the artist Guan Wei

Front Row: Nathan Patarica (12R), Emma Hodges (12R), Nicole Ford (12R), Yasmin Harith -Brewer (12M) and Iona Marsden- Sweeney (12M)  
Back Row: Elvis Walsh (12Je), Nicholas Gamble (12A) and Cara Humphry (12M)



Year Seven Riley have been working on paintings that depict famous buildings caught in a storm of lines. Below are four that have been recently completed.



Jessica Ford

Henry Woods

Abby Thompson

Sebastian Black

Year Twelve and Year Eleven Studio Arts students spent the morning of March 9 at the Studio Arts Inspiration Day run by the Bendigo Gallery.

It was an informative morning because the students were reminded of the changes that have occurred in this the first year of the Revised Study for this subject.

For the first time students have SATS, in addition to the SACs that have been the major marks to be sent to VCAA in the past. The morning revolved around the changes that have been made, and the students were also fortunate enough to hear a talk by the Chinese artist Guan Wei who is one of the artists Year Twelve have elected to study this year.

Following the lectures and the artist's talk the students were able to view the Exhibition that celebrates 130 years of the existence of the Bendigo Gallery. This is a superb exhibition that enabled the students to see a completely different hang of the artworks, compared with what they have been accustomed to seeing on visits to the gallery. The juxtaposition of traditional and contemporary artworks is a feature of this exhibition and it makes the exhibition exciting to view.



On Thursday March 16th, the annual 'One Act Plays' were presented to a sell-out audience in the Black Box Theatre. It was the biggest audience in 'One Act' history, which gave all the performers the energy they needed to present parodies of secret agents, fractured fairy-tales, amazing character transformations and side-splitting sketches.

The evening was hosted by one half of the Drama Captain Duo, Khaden Jones (12 Aherne), with occasional comments (or heckles) from co-captain Bronte Bailey (12 Millward).

The performances by the students were all fantastic. Each group clearly put in some intense rehearsals to get their pieces ready and plenty of new-comers to Drama and Year Seven students were stand-outs on the night. Most of the performances were original pieces, written and devised by the students themselves and two pieces were adapted from famous playscripts.

In the end, the best play was taken out by Bronte Bailey, Jonathan Garoni, Ben Hitchman, Ky Kearin and John Lavery with their original performance 'Brunch Bunch'. This performance was an absurdist-comedic parody of famous eighties film 'The Breakfast Club' where several students are forced to overcome their differences while in detention.

Congratulations to all students who participated! Special thank you to Mrs. Jacinta Jackson MiC of the 'One of Act Play' festival and the Friends of Performing Arts who prepared refreshments, sold programs and supplied a smorgasbord of Easter Eggs for our audience raffle.

Mr Nicholas Pease  
Head of Drama



**THE  
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PLAYS**

# THEY WORE SUITS

A team of highly “specialised” assassins are given a new mission.

Will they succeed and get their pay-out, or will they be caught?



**Writer** Toby Scott / O Jenkin

**Director** Stephanie Brunner / I Jones

Thomas Ayers / I Jones

Harry Ryan / I Frew

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## BACKSTAGE

This isn't a very good play, let's be honest. But 'Backstage' gives a limited insight into what happens behind the scenes.

A tacky princess, an annoying prince, a disorientated old man and a perfectly great director who may or may not have written this synopsis.

**Writer/Director** Audrey Sheen & Jones

Annabelle Bellingham & Jones

Stirling Bellingham & Jones

Nathan Jones & Jones

Morgan O'Meara & Aherne



# THE DIRTY FORK

This classic Monty Python sketch starts simply and escalates rapidly.

Think twice before you complain about the state of your cutlery.



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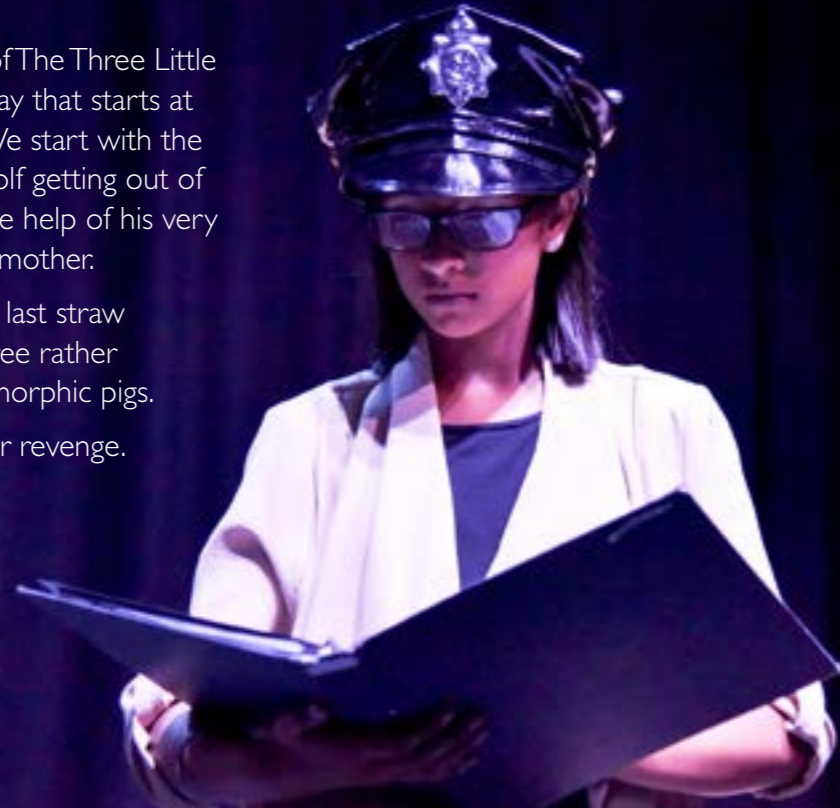
Written By Monty Python  
Director Brontë Maruff / / Jenkin  
Alexandra Babovic / / Jenkin  
Xavier Maruff / / Millward  
Ruby Benedict / / Riley  
Ainsley Hatcher / / Riley

# THE REVENGE OF THE 3 LITTLE PIGS

Revenge of The Three Little Pigs is a play that starts at the end. We start with the big bad wolf getting out of jail with the help of his very influential mother.

This is the last straw for the three rather anthropomorphic pigs.

It's time for revenge.



**Writer/Director** Olivia Russell 9 Jones

Jacob Ware 9 Aherne

Cadi Kuchel 9 Jenkin

Ella Fletcher 9 Jones

Chloe Hope 9 Jones

Avanesh Dhaliwal 9 Millward



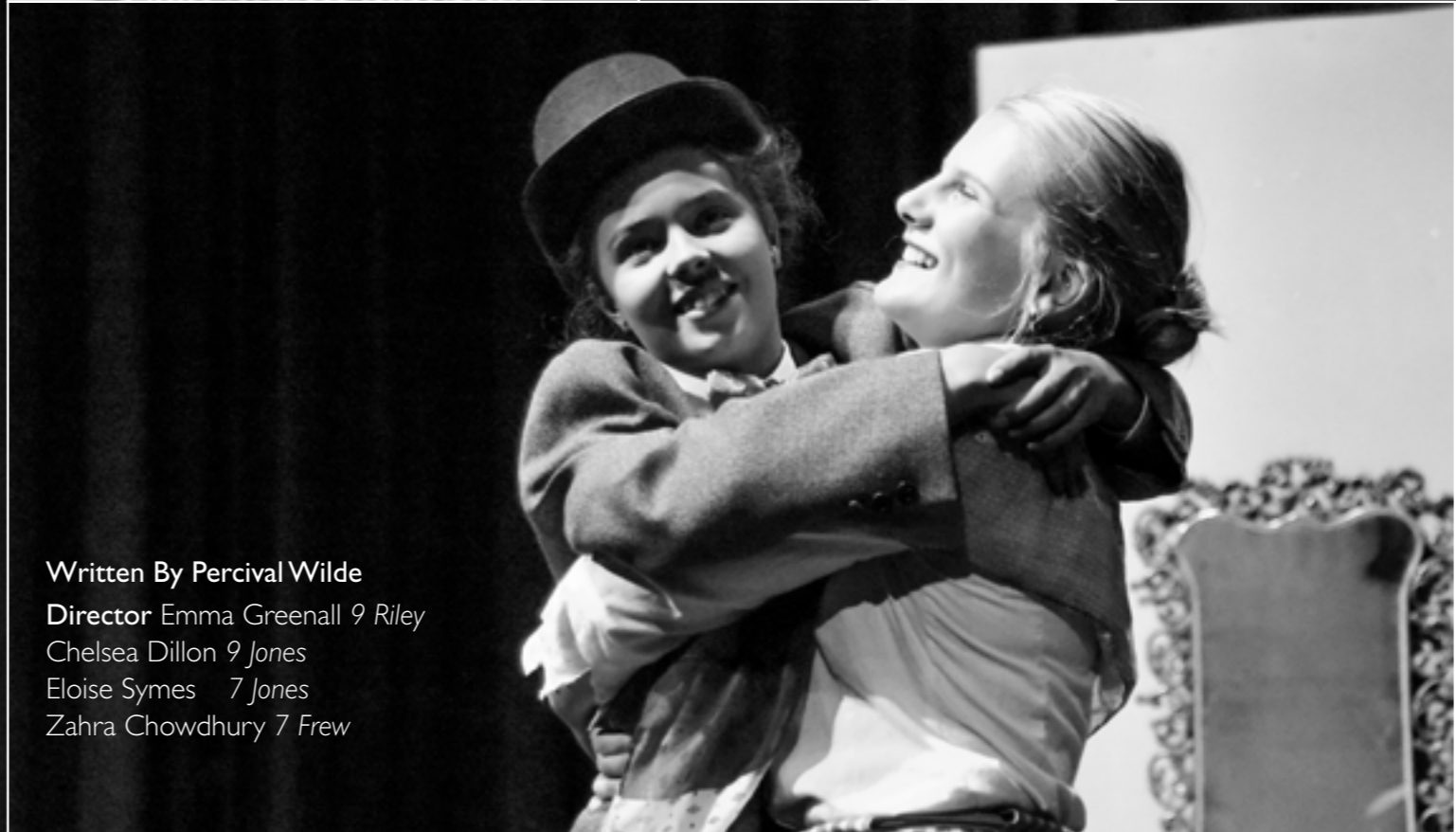
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## HIS RETURN

Set in 1918, Helen Hartley awaits her husband who is coming home from the war. Her friend Sylvia is there and is helping her to get ready for Helen's special moment. But is the mayhem of dresses and excitement too much for Helen?



## THE ONE ACT PLAYS



Written By Percival Wilde

Director Emma Greenall 9 Riley

Chelsea Dillon 9 Jones

Eloise Symes 7 Jones

Zahra Chowdhury 7 Frew

## BOGGLE BOX

Based on TV show Goggle Box, Boggle Box is an hilarious skit of some of your favorite TV shows. Including Family Feud, I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here! And many more.

You will also see some of Australia's most well known Hosts so sit back on your couch and enjoy some TV!



**Writer** Stephanie Brunner / I Jones

**Director** Jacob Hooke / Riley

Abraham Geyer / Jenkin

Oliver Scott / Jenkin

Jarra Sardone / Aherne



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# THE BRUNCH BUNCH

You see us as you want to see us - in the simplest terms, by the most convenient definitions. But what we found out is that each one of us is an absurdist...and a communist...and a fan of Pirates of the Caribbean 4: At World's End...and allergic to doggos ...and blatantly ripping off the beloved 1985 cult classic The Breakfast Club. Does that answer your question?

I hope not, as this conversation is a little one-sided. I feel like I'm the only one talking. Who are you, dear audience member?

Therein lies the real question.



**Writer/Director** John Lavery,  
I 2 Aherne  
Bronte Bailey I 2 Millward  
Jonathan Garoni I 2 Frew  
Ben Hitchman I 2 Aherne  
Ky Kearin I 2 Aherne

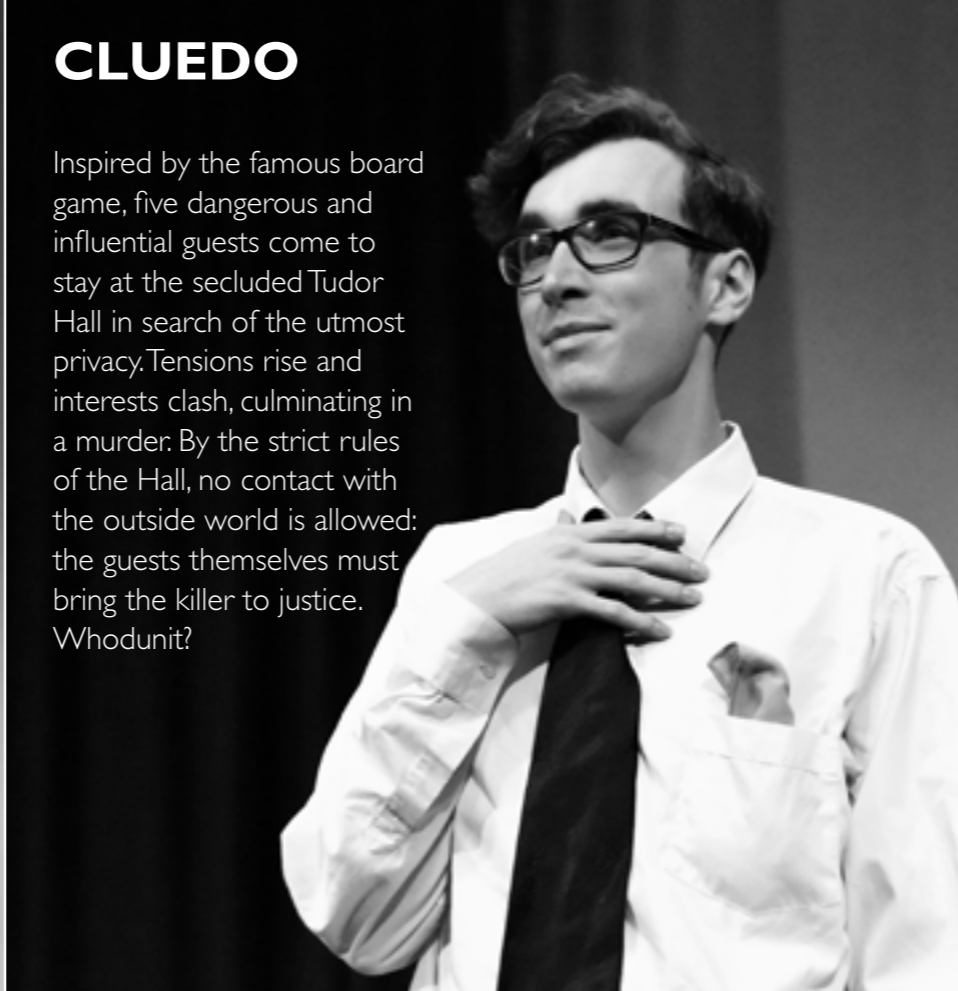


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## CLUEDO

Inspired by the famous board game, five dangerous and influential guests come to stay at the secluded Tudor Hall in search of the utmost privacy. Tensions rise and interests clash, culminating in a murder. By the strict rules of the Hall, no contact with the outside world is allowed: the guests themselves must bring the killer to justice. Whodunit?



**Writer/Director** Alex Nielsen / 2 Millward  
 Alicia McGovern / 1 Riley  
 Michaela Hulme / 1 Aherne  
 Harvey Gibbs / 2 Jones  
 Milos Babovic / 2 Jenkin  
 Jemma Morris / 2 Aherne



# WINNERS

## JUNIOR SECONDARY AWARDS

Best Supporting Actor, Female – Morgan O'Meara

Best Supporting Actor, Male – Xavier Maruff

Best Actor, Female – Cadi Kuchel

Best Actor, Male – Jacob Ware

Best Direction – Olivia Russell

## SENIOR SECONDARY AWARDS

Best Supporting Actor, Female – Ainsley Hatcher

Best Supporting Actor, Male – Ben Hitchman

Best Actor, Female – Bronte Bailey

Best Actor, Male – Jonathan Garoni

Best Direction – John Lavery, The Brunch Bunch

BEST OVERALL PRODUCTION – The Brunch Bunch

# THE ONE ACT PLAYS





# HEADING

## BENDIGO WRITERS FESTIVAL

Thank you to those who have already submitted entries to The Vox Bendigo Book. There is still time to enter – submissions close on March 31.

The Vox Bendigo Book 2017 Young Writers Anthology

Students in years 3-7 and 8-11 are invited to enter one piece of poetry or prose relating to 2017's theme of 'THE TREE'.

It's free to enter. Word limit 500.

Thanks to the Rotary Club of Bendigo, The Vox Bendigo Book will be launched at the Bendigo Writers Festival (August 11-13). All students whose work has been selected for publication will be invited to the launch and receive a copy of the book.

Conditions and details

1. All entries must be original, unpublished and the work of one student only.
2. It is preferred that entries be submitted online via email to [thevoxbendigo-book@gmail.com](mailto:thevoxbendigo-book@gmail.com) in a typed and double spaced Word document using Times New Roman 12 pt. Please do not send pdfs.
3. A cover page with the following details MUST be submitted: full name, name of school, student contact details, teacher contact details, age, and year level. If student is submitting via personal email please ensure school is still listed and home contact details are provided.
4. If posting hard copies, please send only copies as entries will not be returned. Send to The Vox Bendigo Book, C/- The Capital, 50 View Street, Bendigo VIC 3550.
5. Students selected for publication will be notified by email/letter. All published students and their school libraries will receive a copy of The Vox



## Gojo Visit 2017

Gojo Senior High School, our sister school in Japan, made another successful visit to us during week 6. 2 teachers and 11 students enjoyed attending classes at Girton and spending time with their host families. I would like to thank all Girton families and staff who kindly opened up their home for our visitors. It is a big responsibility to look after someone else's child, especially when the child comes from another country with little English. I appreciated the care, generosity, patience and hospitality shown to our Gojo visitors.

Here are some feedback from students and parents who hosted Gojo students.

*It was our absolute pleasure to host Yuka. She is a delightful young lady and her school can be very proud of her.*

Neil and Sandrah Gladman;  
parents of Sophie Gladman (12A)

*Thank you for letting us host a Gojo student on exchange. Our family is enriched by the experience of having Nao come to stay with us, even for such a short time. We hope Nao had an enjoyable time, she certainly seemed very happy and grateful for our efforts. We learned a lot from hosting an exchange student.*

John Hawke and Sandra Wilson;  
parents of Perry Hawke (11M)

*My very first time of hosting a Gojo student. I was very excited with such thought. When I finally met my host student, I knew it was going to be a great week. And sure it was, it was in fact, one of the most adventurous weeks I've ever had in my life! I really enjoyed spending time with my student, Sanami, and we both learnt each other's languages with joy. I truly miss her and hope to see her again, maybe in Japan next time! I loved the hosting, and I'd love to do it again next year.*

By Chaelim Ko (10A)

*I enjoyed sharing everyday life activities with my Gojo student as well as showing her iconic Australian places like Melbourne, smaller country towns and beaches. I would recommended hosting a Gojo student to all Girton Japanese students as it's a fun way to learn more of the language and*

*discover Japanese culture!*

Ella Doble (11M)

*The Japanese students were kind, funny and helped immensely with my own linguistic ventures.*

Harrison Waller (11Jo)

*Though communication was difficult at first, we could soon communicate and enjoy sharing and learning the Australian culture and education system. Our week went by too fast as we enjoyed the experiences of life in Bendigo, taking in the surroundings before enjoying the long weekend. Hosting a Gojo student was a culturally enriching experience and allowed me to develop cultural understanding and Japanese conversation skills and lifelong friends in our guest students.*

Jordan Rogers (10M)

*Hosting a Gojo student was such a fun experience, it was really good to be able to make friends with someone from a completely different culture. Not only did they learn more English, but we learnt some Japanese too!*

Siena Shirres (9M)

## Japan Trip 2017 & Exchange to Gojo 2018

The following two opportunities exist for our students to visit Japan. Please contact Ms Watanabe ASAP if you are interested.

1. Two-week trip to Japan during the September-October holiday if we have enough interest. An information Evening will be held at the start of Term 2.
2. Two-week exchange to Gojo Senior High School in January 2018 for current Year 11 students.

# GOJO VISIT 2017



# JUNIOR BOYS CRICKET

On Monday the 20th of March the Girton Year 7 and 8 Cricket team travelled to Strathfieldsaye to compete in the Sandhurst Division competition.

Hot and humid conditions greeted our players, and after captain Tom Perrin lost the toss, our boys were asked to field first. Despite not dismissing any Crusoe Secondary College batsman, Girton bowled and fielded very well, keeping Crusoe to 77 off their 14 overs. Our batting innings got off to a rocky start with Perrin, Keys and Smith all falling early. Aden Clemens played a superb innings (34 not out) and with help from some extras from the Crusoe bowlers Girton pushed the score closer to the target. We fell short however, making 64 off our allotted overs.

In game two, captain Perrin had a change of fortune and won the toss, electing to bat against Eaglehawk Secondary College. Again we were in trouble early with Hamish Wall and Elliot Leech losing their wickets with the score on 6. Isaac Willits (17 not out) played a great innings and with some help from Perrin (15 not out), pushed the score to 63 off our overs. Asher Butcher produced a spectacular caught and bowled and Elliot Leech was devastating with his spin, taking 3-13. James Toomey held his nerve bowling leg spin in the final overs to restrict the Eaglehawk batsman to 56, ensuring Girton took the win.

Special thanks to Daniel Kingsley (10 Frew) and Lachlan Archibald (10 Riley) for their assistant coaching roles on the day.

Marcus Smalley  
MIC of Cricket



# CRICKET: GGS VS GVGS

On Wednesday the 15th of March the Girton Senior and Intermediate Cricket team travelled to Shepparton to take on traditional rivals Goulburn Valley Grammar School.

In the Senior game Captain Ethan Hobson lost the toss and our boys were invited to field first. Wickets were hard to come by and the GVGS openers were solid in defence. Harry Keck came into the attack to immediate affect, turning the game in our favour with a spell of 3-20 bowling his off spin. Liam Radford chipped in with a couple of wickets (2-6) and Girton restricted the GVGS team to 137 off 28 overs. Our batting innings got off to a shaky start with Jacob Port, Ethan Hobson and Tom Morrison all back in the shed before the score reached 5. Kayle Thompson came to the crease and immediately set about reducing the deficit, scoring a classy 46 and was ably supported by Harry Everist (17). The total proved out of reach however and despite some late hitting by Daniel Kingsley (16 not out), Girton fell 18 runs short.

In the Junior game, the Girton bowlers were put under pressure from a super aggressive GVGS batting line-up. Despite Daniel Keane and captain Aden Shanahan taking 2 wickets each, GVGS scored a huge 196 off 28 overs. Producing a consistent batting effort, Girton toiled hard with Lachlan Crean (17), Lachlan Nemet (15) and Daniel Keane (24) all contributing well, but the target proved too far out of reach, with Girton making 127 off their overs.

Marcus Smalley  
MIC of Cricket



# GIRTONLINE PRODUCT REVIEWS

## CO-CURRICULUM



I have found a new game that has been really popular on the app store. It is rated with the mighty five stars and it is called Chameleon Run. Chameleon Run is a unique, fast and challenging auto runner game. In the game you run and jump, except it has a twist. There are two colours which are orange and pink. When you run and jump from one colour to the next, your runner will need to change colour as well to the colour he or she is on, or your player will die. It is a really fun game and I think a lot of people will think the same thing too.

Cian Westwood (7M)



The Nintendo Switch is a new console which has generally been considered a disappointment. Here are some points to consider before purchasing this device.

There are several negative points: it has only 720 pixels when undocked, which is quite low; the locking mechanism for the handheld device needs improvement; the charger is not available to use in desk mode as the plug location is poorly designed; the attachments are flimsy and made of cheap feeling plastic; there are a limited amount of decent games that can be played with it.

Some positive points are: it is portable and the battery lasts from 3-6 hours; if it does shut down, it saves your progress automatically; the game library is not region specific, which means it can play games from all around the world.

Lachlan Sutherland (10Jo), Tom Millar (10Jo), Caleb Jackel (10F), Angus Lawson (11M)

# GIRTON FILM MAKERS FEATURE AT DAHLIA

## SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS



A short film made by VET ICT 3/4 students was used at the recent launch of the Dahlia and Arts Festival at Eaglehawk. (<http://www.eaglehawkfestival.org.au/>)

The students conceived, scripted and produced a short comic promotional film called “Carnivale” during Early Commencement Program in 2016 and Term 1 this year.

The film was one of four winners chosen for screening at Star Cinema on 15th March to open and launch the Festival and with its

comic bent, provided the perfect lead in to the Festival opening.

The film received a \$250 cash prize to be shared amongst the students.

Mr John Phillips, teacher of Digital Media, said that film making competitions help students refine their technical and writing skills.

“Students were able to enjoy other winning entries as part of the programme from the students of Bendigo Senior Secondary College.

“They learn so much by being immersed in the work of others and

actually practising the craft of film making.

“We are grateful to Mr Dave Martin, Head of Riley House, who has been instrumental in advocating as a committee member for the Dahlia Arts Festival’s film competition to expand its potential for student participation from Bendigo schools,” Mr Phillips said.

“We are also very grateful to Ali Blood and Mary Solway from The Bendigo Hat Shop who provided the location, props and assistance to the students who made the short film,” Mr Phillips said.



Lachlan Tounson and Angus Lawson at the Eaglehawk Dahlia Arts Festival Launch



Girton students involved were:  
Malakai Tokovic (IIM), Eamon Powell (IIR), Lachlan Trounson (IIR), Angus Lawson (IIM) and Olivier Uneo (I2F)

# DAV COMPETITION

On Tuesday 21st March the Girton Grammar school Debating Teams competed in the first rounds of the Debaters' Association of Victoria schools' competition.

As always, the students conducted themselves impeccably and had great success winning 10 out of 12 debates; a stunning effort given that many students were competing for the first time in competition debating.

In D Grade, the D1 team consisting of Aubrey Jacobs (8Jo), Kaetlyn Hughes (8A), Janidu Hathurusighe (8Je) and Lasith Kulasekara (8Jo) lost the first debate, That Australia should adopt a new national flag, by just 2 points. Aubrey won equal best speaker; a great effort for these students' first competition debate. Congratulations to the team which was competing in its first competition debate.

The D2 team consisting of Dominic Tune (9Je), James Brown (9F), Noah Ashby (9F) and Soumik Das (9F) won both their debates, That Australia should adopt a new national flag and That we should allow development in Antarctica with both Noah and James winning best speakers. Congratulations to these boys who were competing in their first competition debates.

Our C grade team consisting of Charlie Wardrop (10A), Jordan Rogers (10M), Max Tulloch (10Jo) and Conrad Livingstone (10F) won their debate, That we should ban the use of animals from sport, with Jordan winning best speaker. Congratulation to Max who as debating in his first competition debate.

Our VCE Grade Year 11a team consisting of Aleksandra Babovic (11Je), Stephanie Brunner (11Jo) and Brontë Maruff (11Je) won both their

debates (That Australia should end its alliance with the U.S and That the government should financially incentivise women to enter fields dominated by men e.g. engineering, construction and law enforcement). Congratulations to Aleksandra and Brontë who were debating in their first competition debate.

The VCE Grade Year 11b team consisting of Rivani Porwal (11M), Harrishman Shobanan (11R), Liam Radford (11R), debating the same VCE topics above won the first debate, with Harrishman winning best speaker, and lost their second debate by two points. Congratulations Harrishman for winning best speaker in his very first competition debate.

The VCE Grade Year 12a team consisting of Alexander O'Shea (12A), Alexander Nielsen (12M) and Kavindu Hathurusinghe (12Je) debating the same VCE topics above won both their debates, with Alexander Nielsen winning best speaker in both debates.

Our VCE year 12b team consisting of GGS3 (Year 11) team debating the same topics as above and consisting of Khaden Jones (12A), Jameson Crawford (12F), and Ebony Watts (12M) debating the same VCE topics above won their first debate, with Khaden winning best speaker, and lost their second debate by two points.

Overall, a great effort by all the students. Congratulations!

Dr Itter  
MiC Debating



D Grade: D1 Team



D Grade: D2 Team



C Grade Team



VCE Grade Year 11a



VCE Grade Year 11b



VCE Grade Year 12a



VCE Grade Year 12b

# EQUESTRIAN TEAM, KYNETON

## CO-CURRICULUM



On the 13th of March, as the Girton Equestrian team, we entered our first competition of the year, the 'Kyneton Pony Club and Open Dressage and Combined Training Day'. With the assistance of our incredible parents and support crews, 11 of the 14 enthusiastic team members gathered together to fly the Girton flag. We entered the event united and the team spirit throughout the day was tangible.

Riders from Grade 4 to Year 12 competed at various levels, and those who were unable to compete came unmounted to cheer on their peers. We had wonderful weather, and the day ran smoothly, with events from 8am right through until 5pm. There was plenty going on to keep spectators, parents and siblings on their toes, with several placings:

Ellyna Collins on "Squirrel Creek Rodeo" came 5th in PC Grade 3 Dressage; Ainsley Tanner on "Strickland Park Regal" came 2nd in Open Grade 4 Dressage and 1st in the Open Grade 5

Combined Training; Evie Crawford on "Ben" came 4th and Siena Shirres on "Agape" came 6th in the Open Grade 4 Combined Training; and Claire Crawford on "Percy" came 1st in PC Grade 2 Combined Training.

The competition was stiff, with a large number of entrants in most classes, so while these riders should be commended on their impressive achievements, so should all the Girton competitors, regardless of whether they were place-holders or participants.

The team's MiC, Mr Slater, came to watch riders in the afternoon, and witnessed some of the talent within our dedicated team.

It was fantastic to see so many of the Girton team there, riding so well and showing great sportsmanship. Some riders and their families had had very big weekends, with horse events on all three days of the long weekend!

I would like to thank all members of the team and their families for making such a big effort to represent Girton Grammar School. The turnout on a public holiday was impressive and all members should be very proud of their dedication.

The Girton Equestrian team is a self-motivated group who meet frequently to organise our own training sessions and regularly compete in a variety of disciplines. All riders with a trusty steed and a willingness to try new things are encouraged to join the team. Primary School students are welcome to join the team and attend training sessions and competitions, however will not be able to get to the meetings (which are held at Senior School).

Lottie Lawler (pictured)  
Equestrian Captain



Jett Stanley (7Je) and Lulu Stanley (4Je)

Sienna Shirres (9M)





Term I Training Session at Mandurang South Recreation Reserve

# GIRTON RACING TEAM



HPV



The Girton Racing Team (GRT) began their 2017 Victorian Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) Series campaign in fine style at the recent Casey Fields 6 Hour event. To kick off Round One of the Vic Series, the three GRT teams were made up of

predominantly experienced riders. The few first-time GRT members who did compete excelled in every way, and pleasingly several non-competing team members and their family attended the Casey event to offer their support.

Scrutineering for this event was conducted a week prior, with race organisers meeting members of the GRT at the Tom Flood Sports Centre here in Bendigo. This meant that any last-minute fixes or modifications were not an issue, in the usually small amount of time between arrival and race start at the event. It is quite a journey from Bendigo to the Casey Fields', purpose-built race track.

On a perfect day for HPV racing all three teams; Team Infusion (Middle Secondary), Team Introuble (Middle Secondary) and Team Intrepid (Senior Secondary), were very keen to start the season of competition. After the mandatory Race Controlled rolling start it was down to racing. Unfortunately, the GRT pits became immediately busy with Intrepid pulling into the pits for a very, very early mechanical problem. They were quickly on their way again, but only moments later Introuble entered the pits

minus some of its very new and very slick paintwork. The pit crew frantically got Introuble inspected by the Pit Marshall before it set out to regain lost ground on the opposition.

Aside from rider changes, teams Infusion and Intrepid circulated very well all race. Intrepid kept its nose ahead of the opposition for most the race, and Infusion, a team including several first-time racers held their own, mid-field in the Middle Secondary category.

Team Introuble however, found themselves in quite a degree of trouble throughout the day. Introuble spent a lot of precious time in the pits, which is required following a roll-over. To add to their woes, Introuble snapped a chain just a few laps prior to the 4pm conclusion to the race.

# GIRTON RACING TEAM



## HPV



Prior to this mechanical problem, Introuble was positioned in the top two of the Middle Secondary category. They were racing very strongly but, the newly refurbished, lighter trike was taking a little bit of getting used to, especially in the bottom left-hand sweeping corner

of the track. The Season 2017 paint scheme began to look very untidy.

By race end, celebrations rang out under the Girton Grammar marquee with Team Intrepid securing a round one win in Senior Secondary. This team, made up of

experienced Year 10, 11 and Year 12 riders was in part, responsible for Intrepid's Victorian HPV Series, Open Secondary Championship Win last year.

Team Infusion were ecstatic to cross the finish-line in fourth; a tremendous effort for our youngest team which included several first-time HPV riders.

Team Introuble, despite their frequent visits to the pits did manage to gain third place within the Middle Secondary category. Will all their troubles out on the track, this is a good sign for the potential of this team doing very well this season.

The GRT was again so ably supported on the day by Mr Robin Kirby, Mr Lucas Kirby (OGA), Mr Todd Morley, our wonderful families who volunteered for Marshalling duties and the large number of families who assisted with setup, pack-up and cheering on our teams.

All three HPV teams, and our Veteran team of parents are now looking forward to the Knox Grand Prix, held in late April.

Pru Whiteley (IIR)  
Captain of Girton Racing Team



# GIRTON RACING TEAM



## SEMA UPDATE

It hardly seems like a year since the 2016 Eco Marathon in the Philippines, but time flies when you are busy with deadlines and having fun at the same time.

Over the last few months, the team has been concentrating on testing and training in readiness for Singapore. Considerable time has been spent changing the fuel system settings on the vehicle in pursuit of the most economical

'sweet spot' for fuel consumption, but the final tune up will not occur until we are under real conditions in Singapore.

The team have tested the vehicle and driver under varying weather conditions that culminated in an extremely hot 42 degree day where the cockpit temperature reached 53 degrees. Fortunately the driver and vehicle survived that extreme test and the team came away buoyed

with results. The weather expected in Singapore is significantly different to Bendigo with temperatures consistently in the low 30's but humidity approaching 100%.

The vehicle, spares and tools were finally packed into the shipping crate and delivered to the air freight company late last month as the countdown began to our departure day. With just over two weeks to go there were still a few spare components to be completed and a couple of last minute purchases to be made before the team were comfortable that they were fully prepared.

Finally, with some free time on their hands, the team decided to test their driving skills in a go karting evening last weekend. The racing was fast and very competitive with each team member scoring good lap times, some within a half second of the track record!

With the departure set for March 14, team members are trying to contain their excitement while packing their bags for the great adventure in Singapore. The event begins at midday on Wednesday March 15 where the team will put their vehicle through the arduous technical and safety inspections prior to being permitted to take to the track. Official practice sessions begin on Thursday, with competition runs scheduled to start Friday afternoon and culminating on Sunday afternoon. An awards ceremony on Sunday night will bring conclusion to the event, with the team travelling home on Monday evening.

The team would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the following sponsors and supporters who have supplied funds, equipment, tools, resources, inventiveness and of their valuable time to bring this year's Eco Marathon vehicle entry to fruition.





## SPONSOR UPDATE - SEMA



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:

Federal Department of  
Innovation Science &  
Research  
Bendigo Mazda  
Bendigo Bank  
Austens Accounting  
Darren Chamberlin Signs  
Repco Auto Parts  
Bendigo Grand Prix

The Oil Warehouse  
Vintage & Custom Panels  
Perrows Paints  
Gel-Tek Composites  
Low Cost Cars  
Mr Neil Pearce  
Mr Peter Robinson

# FROM THE REGISTRAR

## FROM THE REGISTRAR

### HOMESTAY

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

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

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

Please contact me on 03 5441 3114 or email me at [registrar@girton.vic.edu.au](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 and Round Two). Round One reports were published electronically to the Parent Portal on the 17th February. Round Two reports were published electronically to the Parent Portal on the 17th March.

### 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](mailto:heatherwaterston@girton.vic.edu.au)

Mrs Debbie Hansen (Reports Administrator)  
[debbiehansen@girton.vic.edu.au](mailto:debbiehansen@girton.vic.edu.au)

**Emma Hindson (12Jo)** who finished the Summer swim season ranked as 4th in the State for the 17-18 year old females in the 1500m freestyle. She was also the female Captain of the Central Victoria Swimming team at the recent Country Interdistrict event held in Melbourne. Emma competed at the Victorian Country Swimming Championships and Swimming Victoria State Sprint Championships.

**Kristen Windust (12 Jenkin)** (pictured) who sang the National Anthem at the CFA Games in Bendigo on the weekend. The games saw more than 1000 competitors and 60 individual teams from across Victoria, Western Australia, South Australia and New Zealand compete in events that simulate many of the tasks a firefighter must undertake.

**Serryn Eenjes (8 Jo)** who competed in the Victorian Mountain Bike Orienteering Championship in Ballarat on March 18-19. She won the long distance event in the 14-under girls division, and moved up an age group to win the 16-under middle distance event and finish second in the 16-under sprint. Serryn was also a member of the Bendigo foot orienteering team that came second in their class at the recent Victorian Club Relay Championships.



# CLASS OF 2007 REUNITES



OLD GIRTONIANS

The Class of 2007 had a wonderful 10 year reunion on Friday 17th March, catching up on old times and rekindling friendships with one another and with their favourite teachers.

The cohort has pursued all manner of travel, jobs, friendships and family commitments since leaving school. From palliative care nursing, teaching and occupational therapy to property development, dentistry and engineering, the Class of 2007 has cut their own path and vowed to stay in touch with one another.



# CLASS OF 2007 REUNITES



OLD GIRTONIANS

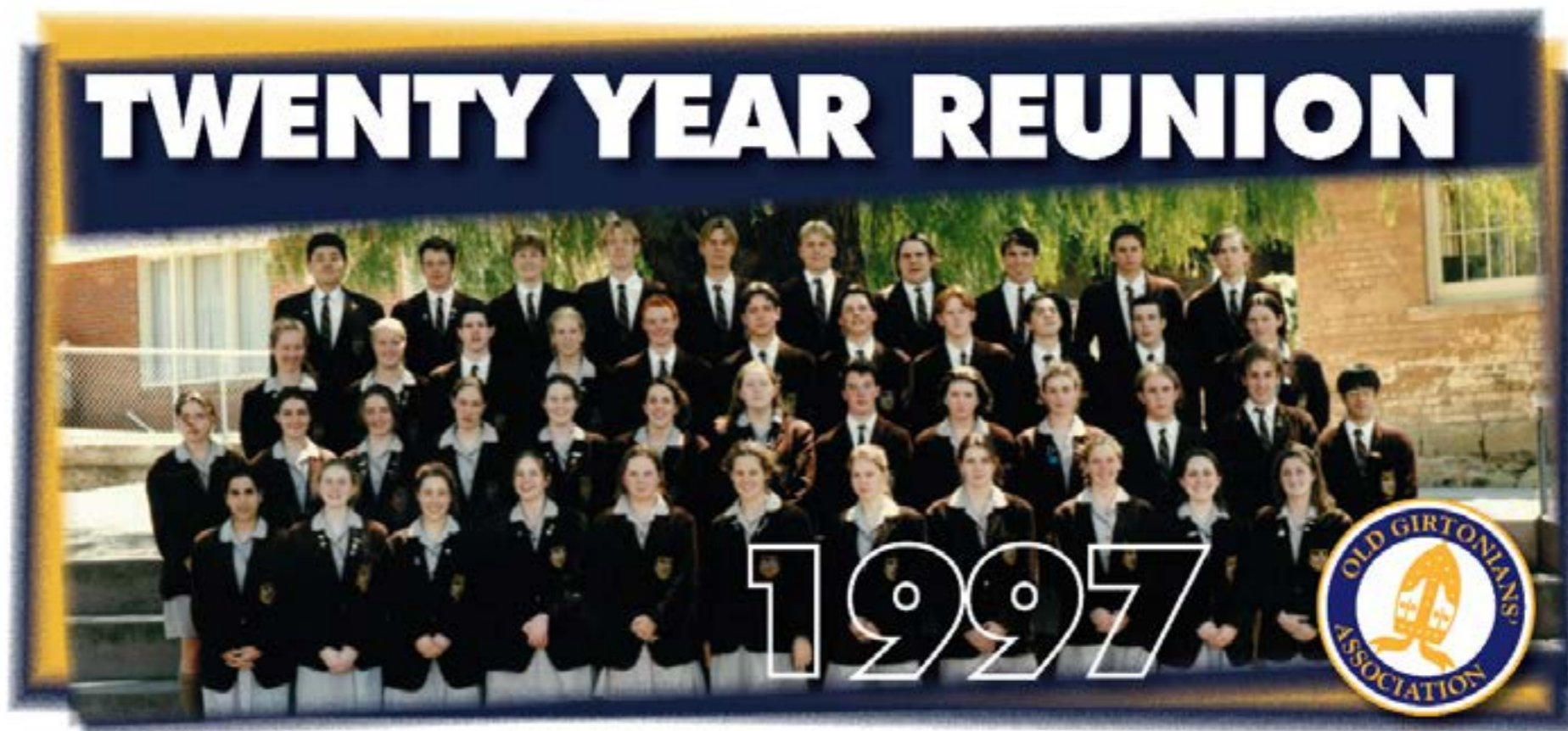


# CLASS OF 2007 REUNITES





OLD GIRTONIANS



## **GIRTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

# **TWENTY YEAR REUNION**

**SATURDAY 22ND APRIL, 7.00PM TIL LATE**

**VENUE** The Brougham Arms Hotel, Tapas Courtyard  
150 Williamson Street, Bendigo

**REFRESHMENTS** Finger food provided  
Drinks at bar prices

**COST** \$35  
RSVP by Friday 14th April (for catering purposes)  
To book go to: [www.trybooking.com/266935](http://www.trybooking.com/266935)

For more information contact Alex Fisher, Alumni Manager: [alexfisher@girton.vic.edu.au](mailto:alexfisher@girton.vic.edu.au) or  
Phone: (03) 4408 5985



## THE GIRTON GRAMMAR WHOLE SCHOOL CHARTER

The Emotional Intelligence Charter is a vision developed jointly by Girton Grammar School students and staff. It includes ways we can learn together and interact positively by providing a catalogue of agreed-upon behaviours that everyone in the school aspires to uphold. Because it is a collaborative effort, this Charter helps everyone to connect genuinely with each other.

Ultimately, the Charter facilitates a sense of safety, comfort, belonging, and empowerment to all who contributed to its creation. Over 870 students and staff contributed to this development.

Accompanying the Charter are the cornerstone values we will be asking students to explore. These values take the form of badges and each child and staff member in our school has already received



# THE GIRTON GRAMMAR WHOLE SCHOOL CHARTER

Staff will work with students on these badge values so that students develop an age appropriate understanding of what each badge represents.

There is no stipulation on wearing a badge every day but students must wear them at formal occasions such as Foundation Day, Carols Service and Speech Night.

Students will only ever receive one badge. However a unique quality of this badge is that it may be swapped with a peer or an adult once a year but with one stipulation. To swap a badge, a student must have a member of staff present and hear the student explain what it means to wear "Imagine Trust" or "Imagine Respect" as they hand it over to their friend.

From Week Two of Term One any lost or broken badges can be replaced via Morey reception or Junior School reception but will require parent permission for the badge cost to be added to the school account.



Our staff are committed to developing these values and we will work with students on the Charter and Badge values throughout the year. Students are asked to wear their badge with pride.

We encourage parents to openly discuss your child's badge with them. The badge will be a talking point and wearing a badge means staff, students and the community will ask students what it stands for. We expect students can,

in time, answer this confidently and give examples of behaviours that identify their badge.



Mr Paul Flanagan  
Head of Emotional  
Intelligence Programs  
Girton Grammar School

## SCHOOL CHARTER

Imagine a school where emotional intelligence is deeply valued.

Where how we feel influences how we learn, who we are  
and who we will become.

Where managing how we feel, empowers us to strive for excellence.

Imagine a place where everyone understands that emotions matter and people  
are willing to be responsible for their own feelings and for the relationships with  
everyone around them.

I want to feel happy, safe and respected at school and  
I will help others to also feel happy, safe and respected.

I want to feel supported and valued  
and will help others to feel this way too.

To feel trusted, I will earn trust.  
To feel included, I will include others.

I want to feel appreciated, confident and motivated in everything I do and realise  
I need to work hard to make these things an enduring reality.

Imagine if everyone took responsibility for developing emotional intelligence  
within a School by committing to certain behaviours.

**I can do that.**

I can abide by the Golden Rule of treating others as I wish to be treated.  
I can treat others with fairness and respect.

I can recognise when someone is trying their hardest and I can encourage them  
to keep trying.

In all aspects of school life, I can invite participation from others, because  
together, we can make a bigger difference than I can alone.

I can choose to be optimistic and enthusiastic in my daily interactions because I  
know that when I am positive, great things happen to all of us.

When things go wrong, imagine a school where there is a commitment to  
maintaining positive relationships.

Imagine if everyone committed to taking the time to acknowledge and genuinely  
consider a range of other perspectives.

I can make a difference by referring to the values of this Charter in my  
conversations and by asking questions that clarify the issues, especially from  
someone else's point of view.

I can make a difference by adjusting my mindset and behaviours and apologising  
when warranted, because saying sorry is so powerful.

**I want to work, learn and play at Girton Grammar School where  
emotional intelligence is deeply valued.**

# 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.



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

Kylie and Mark Edwards (Flynn, 9 Millward and Bailey, 12 Millward) are the owners of Buzz Off.



Nic and Greg Hilson (Mac, 6 Frew; Zoe, 9 Frew & Sam, 11 Frew) own Peter Anthony Menswear.

Hazeldene's

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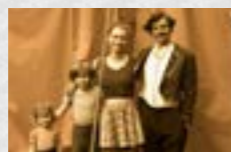
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# CASTLEMAINE STATE FESTIVAL 17-26 MARCH 2017

## Programs for Children



**THE PITTS FAMILY CIRCUS**  
**VENUE:**  
Castlemaine Goods Shed  
**DATE:**  
Sat 18 and Sun 19 March  
**TIME:**  
2:30pm/1pm



**MANO A MANO**  
**VENUE:**  
Castlemaine Goods Shed  
**DATE:**  
Sat 25 March  
**TIME:**  
11:30am



**SUPER AMAZING GIANT GIRL**  
**VENUE:**  
Castlemaine Goods Shed  
**DATE:**  
Sat 25 March  
**TIME:**  
1:00pm



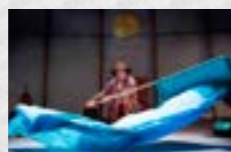
**CHILDREN ARE STINKY**  
**VENUE:**  
Castlemaine Goods Shed  
**DATE:**  
Sat 25 March  
**TIME:**  
2:30pm



**ERIK THE DOG**  
**VENUE:**  
Castlemaine Goods Shed  
**DATE:**  
Sat 18 March  
**TIME:**  
1:00pm



**THE SPOOKMASTER**  
**VENUE:**  
Phee Broadway Theatre  
**DATE:**  
Sat 18 and Sun 19 March  
**TIME:**  
3:00pm



**THE FISHERMAN AND HIS WIFE**  
**VENUE:**  
Castlemaine Goods Shed  
**DATE:**  
Fri 24 March  
**TIME:**  
6:00pm



**THE AMAZING DRUMMING MONKEYS**  
**VENUE:**  
Castlemaine Goods Shed  
**DATE:**  
Sat 25 March  
**TIME:**  
10:00am



**KAPUT!**  
**VENUE:**  
Castlemaine Goods Shed  
**DATE:**  
Sat 18 and Sun 19 March  
**TIME:**  
11:00am

For tickets and booking information, please visit:  
[www.castlemainefestival.com.au](http://www.castlemainefestival.com.au)

Childrens programs are \$18/\$15\*  
\*Per person in family/group of 4+

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# CASTLEMAINE STATE FESTIVAL 17-26 MARCH 2017

## Programs for Young People



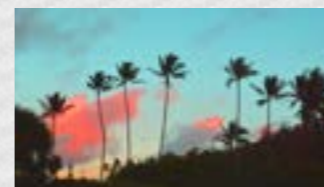
**GOBYERNO**  
Not happy with the government of the day? Make your own! Sipat Lawin Ensemble and students of Castlemaine Secondary College offer you an opportunity to do just that with Gobyerno (Government). Gobyerno is an interactive performance with film production elements that invites you and your fellow audience members to perform your ideal government, to create your own ruling bodies and to develop a new national constitution from scratch.

**VENUE:**  
Castlemaine Uniting Church Hall  
**DATE:**  
Sat 18 and Sun 19 March  
**TIME:**  
11:00am and 4:00pm  
**ADMISSION:**  
FREE



**OFF THE STREET**  
Get Off the Street with XtremeInc and Eight Meter Speaker at the Gaol. FReeZA Committee, Eight Meter Speaker is showcasing some top local musos from this king of the castle vantage point over Castlemaine. Off the Street is about interactive entertainment for and by our young people, featuring bands & musicians with some fantastic outcome-based workshops on offer too, including Hip Hop songwriting and dance, parkour and mask making.

**VENUE:**  
Old Castlemaine Gaol  
**DATE:**  
Sat 25 March  
**TIME:**  
Workshops 12:30-3:30pm  
Bands from 4:00pm  
**ADMISSION:**  
Workshops \$10 - Bands FREE



**BASK**  
Bask is a special musical program dedicated to love. Performed by an incredibly talented line-up of young local and Melbourne musicians, this program has been assembled by Castlemaine's own Elvis Walsh. Whether for that first awkward date, just an outing with your buddy or to make a special new acquaintance, the music of Bask is about tumbling in, clambering out, getting over, and slipping unwittingly towards ... love.

**VENUE:**  
Theatre Royal Courtyard  
**DATE:**  
Sun 19 March  
**TIME:**  
2:00pm-7:00pm  
**ADMISSION:**  
FREE



**POET VS PAGEANT**  
Poet vs Pageant is about a pretentious but isolated 'word-nerd' who tires of the way everyone celebrates beauty over intelligence. She glams up and enters a beauty pageant to upstage the vacuous contestants with her intellect. Round after round, as girls are viciously eliminated from the competition, our heroine discovers a new side to them and to herself.

**VENUE:**  
Castlemaine Senior Citizens Centre  
**DATE:**  
Sat 18 March  
**TIME:**  
2:00pm and 6:00pm  
**ADMISSION:**  
\$25/\$20

For tickets and booking information, please visit:  
[www.castlemainefestival.com.au](http://www.castlemainefestival.com.au)



# 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.

### Country Bus Service

The School Bus Program in Bendigo is currently unable to accept any bus changes for existing travellers on the country buses. This includes adhoc travel (casual travel on a different bus).

Applications are currently being accepted for new permanent travellers for term 2 (this includes students who have moved house or school of enrolment).

Travel application forms may be accessed via your child's school or [here](#). Applications should be lodged with your child's school

Parents are encouraged to access the School Bus Program Policy and Procedures, January 2016, located [here](#).

Students residing within 1.6km of public transport are expected to utilise these services.

Information on public transport services in Bendigo may be accessed by phoning Public Transport Victoria on 1800 800 007 or via [PTV's Journey Planner](#).

## 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](http://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](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)



# EDUCATIONAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES 2017

## STUDENT & PARENT NOTICES



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](mailto: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.