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The Girton Grammar School Newsletter

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 **Girton** Grammar School Bendigo

FROM THE HEADMASTER

At the time of writing, our Junior School students are swimming their hearts out at the Junior School inter-house Swimming Carnival, following in the footsteps of their Senior School counterparts who last Friday created an explosion of colour and noise at the Bendigo Aquatic Centre.

It was Frew, with a very tightly choreographed repertoire of war-cries, which took out the poolside Spirit Cup and Jenkin held the winners' cup aloft after winning in the pool.

Swimming is not for everyone and I am glad to say that our Swimming Carnivals are not what they were when many of us adults went to School.

Blessed with beautiful weather, there was as much action poolside as there was in the water and our Senior students conducted themselves with unbridled but mature enthusiasm. I saw countless acts of support both in and out of the water between peers and from older to younger students, reminding me of the importance of these multi-age, inter-House events.

Meanwhile trackside, the Girton Racing Team had their final vehicle test-run and training on Sunday, before their Energy Efficient Vehicle is shipped to Singapore, with the assistance of a \$10,000 grant that the team recently secured. The team is again the only Australian school team to make selection to compete in the prestigious Shell Eco Marathon, an international event for Energy Efficient Vehicles with competitors from all over the world. For students who are strong in Mathematics and Systems Engineering, working in combination with fit and skilled team mates, this co-curricular activity provides a great opportunity for students to immerse in their passions and really test themselves.

The Senior School Production cast has been finalised and more than eighty students will take to the stage at The Capital Theatre in June. In addition, there will be some Junior School students featuring in this year's Production and when you include the tech crew and dancers, the cast is more than 130 strong, the biggest group of students ever involved in a Girton production.

I was very pleased to see a large number of Year 7 students cast this year making it a truly multi-age group who will work together now for several months and form great friendships along the way. Details of the production are being kept under wraps but I am told the show will have



its own very unique swagger. Although not a musical, there will be a jazz ensemble performing live on stage and multi-media will feature like never before. Enough said!

We said 'bon voyage' to our French Exchange students last weekend and will soon welcome a group of Japanese students to the school, continuing our tradition of international ties with sister schools.

Several staff members this week undertook RULER training, delivering on our commitment to have every staff member trained in this evidence based approach. Teachers at Girton are expected to lead by example and even the very best student wellbeing initiatives and systems can be undermined if they are not supported by adults who show the way. Our students have already expressed great comfort in knowing that the "Imagine" school charter is applicable to every person within the school and we will continue to keep the charter front of mind in all that we do.

Matthew F Maruff
Headmaster

TERM 1 2017 IMPORTANT DATES

IMPORTANT DATES

Week 5

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

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

Week 6

Monday 6th March
**Friends of Performing Arts
Meeting**
Performing Arts Boardroom

Tuesday 7th March
GPF Annual General Meeting
5:30pm
Mo7

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

ICCES Swimming

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

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.

IMAGINE



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

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.

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, recently, 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.

Please come along on

MARCH 7TH

5.30PM in M07



Girton's Got Heart



Friends of Junior School



School Fair



New baby grand piano



New marquees



UNIFORM UPDATE

A reminder from Boltens that if you think you will need any new **school uniform** items in Term 2 to please go in to be fitted and to place a pre-order for your garments.

They are expecting delivery of most winter uniform items by mid-April (during school holidays) which will place last minute purchasing under pressure.

Boltens advise that they have plenty of stock of **winter sports garments** and they encourage you to purchase now for Term Two. Any items sold out will not be replenished until July.

New blazers are due to arrive in the Easter holidays.



A few points of clarification in regards to the new uniform:

- **White representative sports tops** are not to be worn to PE classes
- Summer dress and winter skirt **regulation length** is mid knee, no shorter
- Skorts in smaller sizes are on order and are due in May
- A reminder that items of old and new academic uniform (school uniform, not sports uniform) may be mix and matched. Eg. you may wear a new blazer with your old skirt.

FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

SAFETY AND PROTECTION

Girton Grammar School has always been committed to ensuring that the highest possible standards of child safety and protection from harm are maintained. Last year the Victorian State Parliament enacted world leading child protection standards with Ministerial Order 870. The Order mandates child safety and reporting measures for all organisations that have dealings with children. Girton Grammar School fully supports the introduction of this legislation and has enacted the Order to its fullest. To this end the school has ensured the following:

- strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety, including through effective leadership arrangements.
- a child safe policy or statement of commitment to child safety.
- a code of conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behaviour with children.
- screening, supervision, training and other human resources practices that reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing personnel.
- processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse.
- strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse.
- strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children.

Girton staff have completed Child Safety and Protection modules to learn what constitutes abuse, how to identify potential signs of abuse and what action must be taken.

Parents or community members who have concerns that a child may be unsafe and in danger of emotional, physical or sexual harm are urged to contact the school and ask to be referred to one of the school appointed Child Safety Officers,



contact the Department of Human Services directly (1300664977 or A/H 131278) or the Police (000).

Details of Girton's Child Safety Policy can be found on the school website at:

<http://www.girton.vic.edu.au/images/Child-Safety-at-Girton-Grammar-School.pdf>

The school has also published policies relating to student safety and well-being in the Publications section of the website.

<http://www.girton.vic.edu.au/our-story/publications/>

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like further information about the school's approach to Child Safety.

Mr Donald Thompson
Head of Junior School

FRIENDS OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Friends of Junior School hosted their annual Picnic and Cinema evening last Friday night. It was a lovely casual atmosphere with students running and playing before entering the John E. Higgs Hall to watch 'Finding Dory'. Thank you to Michelle Primmer who organised ice creams for sale and all families who came along to enjoy the evening.



HOUSE CAPTAINS INDUCTIONS

Junior School House and Vice House Captains were elected recently and inducted at Junior School Assembly by Headmaster, Mr Matthew Maruff. Congratulations to all our new leaders in the Junior School.

AHERNE HOUSE CAPTAIN

Hannah Green (6D) Ethan Kian-Goble (6M)

AHERNE HOUSE VICE-CAPTAIN

Poppy Cornelius (6V) Rhys Pether (6H)

FREW HOUSE CAPTAIN

Rebecca Ashman (6V) Mac Hilson (6V)

FREW HOUSE VICE-CAPTAIN

Madeline Dole (6H) Jeremy Carlson (6D)

JENKIN HOUSE CAPTAIN

Elise Richards (6V) Augustine Leung (6M)

JENKIN HOUSE VICE-CAPTAIN

Polly Robertson (6H) Will Perrin (6V)

JONES HOUSE CAPTAIN

Tyla Noonan (6V) Joshua Smith (6V)

JONES HOUSE VICE-CAPTAIN

Esther Barclay (6M) Matthew Edwards (6H)

MILLWARD HOUSE CAPTAIN

Michelle Slow (6V) Lincon Hocking (6V)

MILLWARD HOUSE VICE-CAPTAIN

Emily Russell (6H) Samuel Stewart (6D)

RILEY HOUSE CAPTAIN

Matisse Fennessy (6M) Angus Macafee (6V)

RILEY HOUSE VICE-CAPTAIN

Zoe MacGregor (6M) Ben McConachy (6D)

JUNIOR SCHOOL HOUSE CAPTAINS



THE COMMISSION

I receive and commission you as Junior School House Captains and House Vice-Captains of this School in 2016. May God guide and bless you in the work of this Office. I counsel you to act with firmness, lead by example, to seek humility and above all to serve your fellow students and your School in every way you can. Receive this badge as a token of the Office to which you are called.....

CONGRATULATIONS TO

JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Axel Drummond (3Je) who competed in the Northern Country Victorian Regionals on the weekend. He came 1st in the 400m and 1st in the 800m. He is now the Under 9 Regional Champion and has qualified for the State Championships in March.



REBECCA ASHMAN (6F) AND MICHELLE SLOW (6M) WHO REPRESENTED GIRTON AT THE UNDER 20'S NATIONAL BASKETBALL OPENING CEREMONY

CONGRATULATIONS TO





COMPETITIONS

WRITE4FUN COMPETITION

The School Writing Competition for 2017 is NOW OPEN!

Calling all Australian school students... prep to grade 12...

Write a poem or short story for your chance to win \$1,000 cash (\$500 for you & \$500 for your school)! As well as one of the AWESOME prizes below.

All it takes is a burst of inspiration, a dash of creativity and a little bit of effort for great poems and stories to appear! We can't wait to read yours!

Entry is FREE! Entries close Friday 31st March, 2017.

Story Starters

Try starting your story or poem with one of these hooks:

1. Dialogue (Talking)
"How did this happen?" I whispered to myself in horror.
2. Sound Effect (Onomatopoeia)
"Blip blip" my phone signaled an incoming email with possibly the worst news of my life.
3. Ask a Question
Have you ever wondered why weekends go by so fast?
4. Action
I threw myself at the window and hoped I'd crash through like they do in the movies.
5. Flashback
It was 1940 and the war had just begun...

Enter online: www.write4fun.net

Email: admin@write4fun.net

Mail to: Po Box 2734, Nerang DC, Qld, 4211

Fax to: (07) 5574 3644

THE VOX BENDIGO BOOK 2017 YOUNG WRITERS ANTHOLOGY

Bendigo Writers Festival and the Rotary Club of Bendigo are delighted to announce that submissions for the 2017 Vox Bendigo Book Young Writers Anthology are now open.

The Vox Bendigo Book will be launched as part of Bendigo Writers Festival (August 11-13). 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'.

Entries close C.O.B March 31, 2017. Free to enter. Word limit 500.

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 thevoxbendigobook@gmail.com in a typed and double spaced Word document using Times New Roman 12 pt. Please do not send pdfs as they cannot be edited for publication.
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. Full name is only to appear on the cover page and no other pages.
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 Bendigo Book.

Any enquiries can be made to Cecile Shanahan, Coordinator, The Vox Bendigo Book at thevoxbendigobook@gmail.com or on 0488 666 206.

SAINTE URSULE VISIT

FRENCH DEPARTMENT

Forty Year Ten and Eleven students from Sainte Ursule in Luçon, France, arrived at Girton on the 6th of February to spend twelve days with their respective Girton hosting families. Following three days of sightseeing in Melbourne and preceding three days in Canberra and Sydney, this time was a chance for the French students to experience day to day Australian food, school, lifestyle and even sense of humour, as well as completely immerse themselves in the English language.

For those of us who spent term four of last year at Sainte Ursule for our own exchange experience, this was the opportunity to not only reciprocate the generosity and kindness that was shown to us, but also the chance to introduce our “French siblings” to our friends, family, culture and lifestyle. I personally was lucky enough to host both the girls who hosted me for six weeks each last year, and could not have had a more fun and rewarding two weeks, creating even closer friendships.

Whether they had taken part in their own exchange or not, our Girton host families were able to form lasting bonds with the French students they hosted, and no doubt learned the wonders of charades or just a smile or a laugh when language didn't quite do the trick!



The students participated in several day excursions in the Bendigo area during school hours in the course of the two weeks, but otherwise took part in Girton classes with their host sibling, and had one weekend to pass with the host family. We took this opportunity for a weekend along the Great Ocean Road, finding koalas and enjoying hot Australian beaches.

Hosting a French student is an experience I cannot recommend highly enough. Their appreciativeness and enthusiasm made any effort worthwhile, and it was hard for all of us to say goodbye.

Lucy O'Shea-Carre (I I A)







SAINTE URSULE FAREWELL ASSEMBLY



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'ON THE FLOOR' WORKSHOP



On The Floor is a new small theatre company who have designed a Theatre in Education programme specifically for students of non-naturalistic drama. Blake Barnard (ex- Girtonian who graduated as school captain in 2009) and graduate of Bachelor of Acting, Federation University Ballarat and Maddy Stewart, graduate of the National Theatre St Kilda visited us on Monday February 20, to entertain, inform and instruct 34 students of drama from across the Year 9 Elective Drama and VCE Drama courses.

The incursion involved a devised non-naturalistic performance of "Who's Afraid?". This was followed by a note-taking and discussion forum and then, an all-hands-on-deck drama workshop. All students were "on the floor" at this stage and worked in mixed age groups to prepare and present scenes which incorporated some of the non-naturalistic conventions that they had just seen Blake and Maddy perform. The students took to the task with gusto and presented some hilarious and ingenious short scenes as a result.

Here are some comments from the Unit 3 drama students after the session.

In the workshop session we had the opportunity to learn to lead and work with students from younger year levels. Everybody really had to contribute and the older students got to be leaders of the group.

Alicia McGovern (IIRi)

Blake and Maddy gave us a good insight into a "professional" version of a devised ensemble. This helped me to get a better grasp on non-naturalism.

Ainsley Hatcher (IIR)

The performance showed us how to develop a theme by choosing a well known fable.

Connor Hampton (IIR)

I was really impressed by the performance skills and expressive skills of the actors. They were both keen to help us with our work too. I found them friendly and encouraging.

Bronte Maruff (IJe)

I liked the dynamic of "Who's Afraid?". The show was entertaining and the actors really bounced off each other.

Harry Ryan (IIF)

The humour of the performance was the best part for me. Also, Blake and Maddy gave me confidence to think I could have a go.

Karl Ferrari (IIF)



'ON THE FLOOR' WORKSHOP



NEW BOAT, NEW COACH, NEW FUTURE FOR GIRTON ROWING

Rowing programs at Girton Grammar School are set to improve following the donation of an elite racing boat by Carey Grammar School in Melbourne and the appointment of an ex-Olympian rowing coach.

The boat, a fibreglass racing 8 complete with carbon fibre oars, will enable young male and female rowers to be competitive in Rowing Victoria regattas.

Headmaster at Girton Grammar School, Mr Matthew Maruff, said the new racing 8 will boost the school's rowing program.

"We are incredibly grateful for the generosity of Carey Grammar School.

"The timing of this donation is splendid because we have just announced the appointment of a new Head Rowing coach, Ms Sarah Heard, an Olympian who rowed for Australia in the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

"We are keen to build a strong reputation in this great team sport.

"The new racing 8, along with our new coach, will enable us to improve our Rowing program with high quality coaching and equipment," Mr Maruff said.

The donation of the boat was facilitated by the Bendigo Rowing



Club which has connections with both Carey and Girton Grammar Schools.

The racing 8 which is yet to be formally named will be stored at the Lake Weeroona pavilion and used by both Bendigo Rowing Club members and Girton Grammar students.

According to Bendigo Rowing

Club president Peter Morrison, the new racing 8 will boost rowing in Bendigo.

"The racing 8 will enable Bendigo's young male and female athletes to be more competitive in elite Rowing Victoria regattas.

"One day we hope to see a Girton Grammar crew represent Bendigo in a prestigious rowing event

like the Head of the Yarra or the Victorian Schools Championships. That would be a great outcome," he said.

The racing 8 will replace a classic antique wooden rowing boat which the Bendigo Rowing Club is keen to donate to a good home.



GIRTON ROWERS WITH NEW BOAT AND NEW COACH ON THE WATER FOR THE FIRST TIME

2017 SLEEK GEEKS SCIENCE EUREKA PRIZE ENTRIES NOW OPEN

It's time for young scientists with a knack for communicating, and budding filmmakers with an interest in science, to pull out their cameras!

Sponsored by the University of Sydney, the Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Prize encourages students to explore a scientific concept, discovery or invention, or test their own scientific hypothesis in a 1-3 minute film.

There is \$10,000 of prize money up for grabs, shared equally between the winners and their schools. Plus, finalist representatives win a trip to Sydney for the Australian Museum Eureka Prizes Award Dinner in August.

Head to the Eureka Prizes website for more information.

<https://www.australianmuseum.net.au/sleek-geeks-science>

Entries close 7pm AEST Friday 5 May.

Interested students should meet Mrs Reaburn in N23, Tuesdays at 1:30pm.

SCIENCE

SPORTS EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

2017 has seen some major developments in the Year 9 and 10 Sports Excellence Program.

Our students have been provided a full membership at D-Club 24/7 Fitness in Bath Lane. The students are using D-Club during their class time and have been working hard alongside their LaTrobe University Exercise and Physiology Mentors. Our focus has been on strength and conditioning technique development and mobility training.

Another new addition to our program is students now spend one period of our class time at Vitality Yoga Studio, where they are working on their flexibility, breathing patterns and core strength. So far, we have focused on pelvic alignment and gluteal activation. While this has been challenging for some, the benefits of these sessions are extremely worthwhile as all movement patterns and techniques covered are vital for all of our athletes, regardless of their chosen sport.

We also now have a notice board in the Gym Foyer specifically for the Sports Excellence Program.

Here, we can celebrate our athlete's successes, display athlete profiles, publish fitness testing results and share other news from the program. We have had a number of our athletes achieve very impressive results in the past weeks, and we look forward to sharing their efforts with the broader Girton community.

Marcus Smalley
Year 9 Sports Excellence Program
Facilitator



SPORTS

SANDHURST DIVISION T-20

On Monday the 20th of February, Girton Grammar School's Senior Cricket Team travelled to compete in the Sandhurst Division T-20 competition.

In Game One, Captain Ethan Hobson won the toss, sending a formidable Bendigo Senior Secondary School line-up in to bat first. Kayle Thompson struck with the first delivery of the day, having BSSC's captain caught at cover by Ishira Dayanda. Daniel Kingsley snared a wicket and after Thompson picked up his second, BSSC were struggling at 3-8. The Girton bowlers performed extremely well under pressure and managed to bowl the opposition out for 137. Our batting innings unfortunately did not replicate the success of our bowling, with only Captain Hobson making over 10 (26) as we were bowled out for a disappointing 62. Harrison Morley and Harry Everist both contributed well with the ball, and the fielding standard was high throughout the game.

Game Two saw Girton opposed to Castlemaine Secondary College and once again our boys were in the field for the first innings. Our bowlers battled hard and restricted Castlemaine to 7-108 with the wickets shared amongst Thompson, Kingsley, Hobson, Morley, Liam

Radford and Jacob Port. Despite a much more even batting scorecard, we were unable to chase down the total, finishing at 6-86 off our 20 overs. Port (26) and Harry Keck (15) put on 46 for the fifth wicket and Sam Hilson (14) and Lachlan Archibald (12) went down swinging in an attempt to stage a late innings fight back.

Our focus now shifts to the Goulburn Valley Grammar School Summer Sports day where we aim to defeat a traditionally strong cricketing rival in GVGS.

Marcus Smalley
MiC of Cricket



SANDHURST DIVISION T-20



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 2017 Girton House Swimming Carnival was conducted at the Bendigo Aquatic Centre on Friday 17th February.

The Spirit Cup, full of colour, chants and choreographed dancing was won by Frew House. Jenkin were crowned the overall swimming champions for 2017.

Congratulations to all students in Jenkin, including the captains Liam Richardson and Erin Taylor, vice captains Connor McCaig and Polly Barnett the Head of Jenkin House Mrs Christine Phillips and Assistant Head of Jenkin, Mrs Kerrie Stewart

We would like to acknowledge the parents who assisted as officials or by cooking the barbecue throughout the day.

Students who were successful at the Carnival will now represent Girton at the Sandhurst Division Swimming Carnival at the Bendigo Aquatic Centre on Friday 3rd March.

Our Girton swimming team will then travel to the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC) on Wednesday 8th March to compete in the Independent Country Co-Educational School (ICCES) Swimming Carnival.





SWIMMING CARNIVAL - AGE CHAMPIONS

Age Champions for our Carnival are as follows:

13 Year Female

Sarah Harris (7M)

13 Year Male

Charlie Whitsed (7R)

14 Year Female (equal Champions)

Hayley Jacobsen (8Jo) & Mila Grant (9Je)

14 Year Male

Angus Mayes (8Jo)

15 Year Female

Lauren Cox (9Jo)

15 Year Male

Xavier Morrissey (9A)

16 Year Female (equal Champions)

Abby Rowley (10M) and Evelyn Crawford (10Je)

16 Year Male

Sebastian Wood (10R)

17 Year Female

Lily Pridham (11F)

17 Year Male

Jarrold Slot (11A)

20 Year Female

Claire Crawford (12Je)

20 Year Male

Bailey Edwards (12M)





TO VIEW FOOTAGE FROM THE SPIRIT CUP, CLICK ON
THE FOLLOWING LINK:
[HTTPS://YOUTU.BE/SXVY7QLPCYS](https://youtu.be/sxvy7qlpcys)























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



GIRTON RULER EXPERTISE HITS NEW YORK!

Please click on the link below to read the news article from Herald Schools on Junior School teacher, Mrs Michelle Rey, who recently visited a school in New York and shares her expertise in the RULER Approach.

Congratulations Mrs Rey, for putting Girton on the world map!

<http://www.girton.vic.edu.au/girton-ruler-expertise-hits-new-york/>

Need to know badge information:

Students will only ever receive one badge.

- A badge may be swapped with a peer or a member of staff once a year, so long as there is a staff member present and the student can explain what it means to wear “Imagine Trust” or “Imagine Respect” as they hand it over to their friend.
- From this week any or 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 child’s school account.
- We encourage parents to openly discuss their child’s badge with them.
- We expect students can, in time, give examples of behaviours as represented by their badge.



VCE CONFERENCE



The VCE Conference was held the week prior to the start of the 2017 school year, and marked the beginning of a long journey through the rest of our VCE years. We were completely thrown into the residential side of University life, staying overnight at University College, with desks and shelving bigger than the very beds we slept on.

We were given the opportunity to visit four Universities of the Melbourne area, Deakin, RMIT, Monash and the University of Melbourne, participating in lectures about the campus as a whole, and then dividing into Faculty specific

groups, able to explore courses in Arts, Science, Business and many more.

Being allowed to explore such courses really created a drive for what the VCE years are about, a taste of University could really provide that vision of what we were striving for. If nothing else, I was thoroughly convinced by the accommodation and the feeling of independence that came with it. I think that's what made the experience so thrilling, the knowledge that this could be all of us in the space of a year, a long year ahead of us for sure, but we knew it would fly.

After one full day of exploring Monash and RMIT and all they had

to offer, it was time for the Formal Dinner. Given a sizeable amount of time to beautify ourselves, we all arrived looking the best we'd look all year! We posed for many photos, had many laughs and big grins on our faces. We'd made it!

Photos aside, we were ushered to our tables, provided with some questionably corny conversation starters. I think the very thought that we needed them was an ice breaker enough on its own. Nonetheless, we chatted, even used the conversation starters and became further acquainted with people we'd spent the most of 5 years with already. It goes to show how much more we could and will continue to bond despite seeing each other's faces most days of the week.

We had two brilliant guest speakers entertain us over our meals, Tasneem Chopra, who spoke about her activism and her role as a cross cultural consultant, and Old Girtonian Mr Timothy Wastell about his journey from Girton Grammar as a year 12 Millwardian in 2006, to his later 'chapters' in Architectural Design.

Then of course came the formalities. We received our year 12 ties and badges, memories of our final years in high school that we would be sure to keep. After another long day exploring the likes

of the University of Melbourne and Deakin Burwood, we piled onto the buses for our trip home. Despite a traffic delay in our return journey, turning what was a 2-hour journey into one closer to 5 hours, we kept the smiles on our faces, several renditions of 'Wheels on the Bus' enough to keep us going.

All in all, the 2017 VCE conference was most enjoyable and a highlight of our final year, leaving us only asking, "Where to next?". Thank you to all who made this trip a reality, and to the graduating class of 2018, look to it. There is so much more to learn and discover about your peers than you may realise, enjoy every second.

Ruby Stone (12 Riley)





ATTENTION YEAR 12, 2018! SAVE THE DATES:
January 22 Leadership Day
January 23 - 24 Year 12 VCE Conference (Compulsory)

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

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.

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 is expected to be published electronically to the Parent Portal by the end of Week Seven. 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

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Trash Lily band members, Bryn McCormack (12A), Declan Rochford (12F), Oliver Wiles (12R) and Austen Leidle (12Je), who battled it out for the Victorian Battle of the Band, and won.

Tully Scanlon (11Je) (pictured) who received a unanimous points decision over South Australian Connor Read in Adelaide. A step towards the Youth Olympics.

Jacob Schober (10M) who represented Vic Country U16 in Sydney, where their team played in the Semi final but sadly did not win. This placed them 4th out of 11 teams from across Australia. Jacob has also been selected to play in the Bendigo City FC U16, competing in the National Premier League (NPL).

Ryan Merriman (8M) who has been selected in the Australian World Cup squad U14 Futsal team. This is playing in Brazil in October, it puts Ryan in the top 12 at this sport in the country.



TEN YEAR REUNION



OLD GIRTONIANS



GIRTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL TEN YEAR REUNION FRIDAY 17TH MARCH, 6.00PM TIL LATE

VENUE GPO Bar & Restaurant Courtyard
60-64 Pall Mall, Bendigo

REFRESHMENTS Finger food provided
Drinks at bar prices

COST \$30
RSVP is essential for catering purposes
To book go to: www.trybooking.com/259270

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



HARMONY DAY 2017

*On Friday the 24th of March, let's celebrate the diversity of our country and our community!
All monies raised are given to MAD COW in Bendigo.*

www.madcow.org.au

How you can help out...
Find us in the Morey kitchen for...

- Cupcakes- \$2
- spiders- \$3(orange, coke, creamy soda, lime, fanta)
- wristbands- \$1

The role of Rotary

Rotary clubs around Australia play a key role in assisting the NYSF to find Australia's future scientists and engineers.

Rotary clubs should:

1. Contact their local schools' science departments to make sure there is awareness of the NYSF for their year 11 STEM students.
2. Field enquiries from students who are keen to gain endorsement for their application to attend the NYSF. It is important to respond quickly to student enquiries.
3. Interview applicants for suitability to participate in the NYSF, and endorse their application to the Rotary District selection process.
4. Support students who are successful in gaining selection by either contributing to the cost of participating in the program or helping them to contact local businesses or supporters who could contribute.

There is no limit to the number of students that a Rotary club can endorse for District selection. It is NOT COMPULSORY for a Rotary club to offer funding for participation in the NYSF for any student that it endorses. However, Rotary clubs MUST discuss with students the level of the financial contribution available – if at all – when they are endorsing applications. This avoids confusion and disappointment, and families then understand the level of their own financial contribution. Students from disadvantaged and diverse communities are encouraged to speak with their Rotary club about their situation.

When a Rotary club interviews applicants, consideration should be given to the following:

1. Is the student able to demonstrate a genuine interest in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM)?
Do you have a method for assessing this?
2. Is the student open to new ideas?
Do you have a method for assessing this?
3. Will the student benefit from attending the NYSF?
Are they already on the STEM path?
Would another student benefit more?
4. Will the student contribute and give back to the NYSF, and the wider community?

Images: NYSF/Geoff Burchfield or NYSF/Sandra Meeke unless otherwise stated

What will happen at the National Youth Science Forum?

At the NYSF participants:

- Live on campus at university for 12 days.
- Visit laboratories in areas of interest to gain hands-on experience.
- Learn how scientific collaboration works.
- Go to industry sites to see science, technology, and engineering in practice.
- Meet other like-minded students.
- Talk to leading academic and industry researchers about their work and career development.
- Hear about our funding partners and their work.
- Discuss and debate emerging science and its impact on our community.
- Form life-long friendships and begin to build professional networks.
- Return to home communities and spread the message about the NYSF, its activities, and the importance of science in our everyday lives.

Rotary

- is a founding partner of the National Youth Science Forum.
- partnered with the NYSF when it was conceived and established in 1984, and has been involved in the program's development since that time.
- clubs and Districts play a key role in promoting, endorsing and selecting students to attend the NYSF each year.

The sustained commitment of Rotary clubs across Australia to assist with the development of future science professionals is a major contribution to the NYSF's success.

The NYSF acknowledges the funding support from our partners

Lockheed Martin Australia	GSK
The Australian National University	Monash University
CSL Ltd	IP Australia
Grains R&D Corporation	NSW Trade & Investment
Cochlear Foundation	ResMed
CSIRO	The University of Melbourne
Defence Science & Technology Group	UNSW Australia
	The University of Queensland



Everything you need to know is at nysf.edu.au

Or contact the NYSF Office
02 6125 2777. nysf@nysf.edu.au
National Youth Science Forum
Lenard Huxley Building
56 Mills Road
The Australian National University
ACTON ACT 2601



Are you in year 11? Thinking about going to university?
Considering science? Like to challenge yourself? Enjoy meeting people?
Want to learn more about your study and career options?

You should consider applying for the National Youth Science Forum.



THE NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM (NYSF) IS A 12 DAY RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS ENTERING YEAR 12 WHO ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHS (STEM). THE NYSF PROGRAM AIMS TO SHOW PARTICIPANTS THE WIDE VARIETY OF STUDY AND CAREER OPTIONS IN STEM FIELDS.

When is the NYSF held?

The NYSF runs 12 day programs in January each year.

"The NYSF was an amazing experience that I would recommend without a second thought."

"At the NYSF I discovered my passion for science."

"I do not think you understand how truly life-changing this trip was for me."



How to apply for the NYSF

Expressions of Interest (Eoi) are submitted through our online system at nysf.edu.au.

Students lodge an Eoi when they are in year 11. If selected students attend the NYSF in the January before starting year 12.

The NYSF Eoi process opens on 1 March and all documents must be completed and lodged by 31 May.

Register on the NYSF online system — nysf.edu.au — to receive a reminder of when applications open.

A Rotary club in the student's local community must endorse all applicant Eois. Applicants are encouraged to contact Rotary clubs early to discuss this step, and whether any financial contribution from the club will be available. This should be done before the end of May so that paperwork can be lodged in a timely manner.

Applications are open to Australian citizens and residents.

Students who apply DO NOT need to be top of their science class but should demonstrate a commitment to and passion for science subjects, as well as having a broad range of extra-curricular interests.

About the NYSF

The NYSF is a national not-for-profit organisation that offers a suite of programs, including the flagship January Sessions, designed to develop and support young people and their teachers to discover prospective vocations and study and employment opportunities within STEM fields.

Operating since 1984, more than 10,000 young people have participated in the program.

The NYSF Corporate Team is based in Canberra, with a national reach through our networks.



Key dates

March-May

Students can complete their Expression of Interest (Eoi) through the NYSF's online system at nysf.edu.au

June

Rotary clubs consider Eois from students for endorsement, and forward to Rotary NYSF District Chairs for selection processes.

July-August

District selection panels are held to identify the students who will be selected to attend the NYSF in the following January.

September-October

Orientation sessions are held to inform participants about the NYSF.

January

Students attend the NYSF and return home to start year 12.

Fees

Information about the Expression of Interest Fee, and the Program Fee if selected for the NYSF, are available at nysf.edu.au



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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





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.

Herald SUN FOXTEL

FULL ON FOOTY TOUR



Sandhurst Football Netball Club is proud to present the Herald Sun and Foxtel Full on Footy tour



FOOTY CLINIC

Highlights of the event include 3 AFL themed inflatables; media truck with 3 large-scale screens; Auskick clinic throughout the afternoon for those who wish to get involved. Spot prizes (mini sherrins) that the MC will give away during the afternoon.

Guest appearances by Herald Sun and FOXTEL personalities Jon Anderson, Glenn McFarlane and Jason Dunstall, Danny Frawley. Photo opportunities available.

Food and Drinks available.

Venue: Ewing Park, Harcourt Street, Bendigo

Date: Tuesday, 7 March 2017

Time: 3.00pm - 6.00pm



St Kilian's Debutante Ball

2017 and 2018

The St Kilian's Debutante Ball is held on last Saturday in August at the St Kilian's Hall, Bendigo. To express interest in participating in the Ball please complete the Expression of Interest form - <http://stkiliansdebball.weebly.com/expression-of-interest.html>

Further information is available by emailing Emma Power - stkiliansdebball@gmail.com

"The St Kilian's Debutante Ball was an absolutely incredible experience. The organising committee completely looked after us and made sure our night was one to remember. The dance lessons were huge fun and all of our hard work practicing was definitely worth it on the night. By far the best Deb Ball we've ever attended and we got the bonus of calling it our own." Sophie and Jameson - 2016 Debutante couple