



# Gingin District High School Wins Another Award

Last week Gingin District High School was presented with the 'Best Practice Award' from the Western Australian District High School Administrators Association (WADHSAA) for the Year 6 Leadership Program we have instituted in the school. The Award was presented to Mr Brady in front of the Director General of the Department of Education at the annual conference in Perth on Thursday. In his acceptance speech, Mr Brady acknowledged Ms Bowen who was a driver of the project from its inception, and Ms Kapor and Ms Morton who have continued the project this year.

This Award comes after the school won the Gold Award for the School Drug Education and Road Aware program in 2018, and the Award for the school's pastoral care of students.



Mr Brady accepts the Award from Jamie Milne, President of WADHSAA

# Student Narrative Writing Tasks

Last term, the entire school completed a Common Assessment Task. The year 6's had to write a narrative and here are some wonderful excerpts from their work. Make a cuppa, sit back and enjoy.....

'C.A.T were the first letters in my head when I came to school, something didn't feel right though. When I got off the bus the trees were gently swaying and the clouds were covering the sun with their long black hands. It felt like someone or something had made my nightmare real.

I ignored the crows chirping to each other. It was as if they were trying to tell me something, but of course I can't understand them because I am human and humans can't understand crow, it is a common problem.

Even at recess something didn't feel right, I noticed this because we got to leave class early, rare! I'm talking about Mrs Morton here; we never get to leave class early. But it didn't stop there. While I was walking my normal route at recess, I saw that one crow had followed me the whole way. Even after I scared it off! It just kept coming back. That was what really gave me an early warning sign.'

By Sam Parker

Excerpt by Jason Grayser

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"200 metres and closing!" Fewster says "Sir there is an AC130 gunship above us!" Fewster screams, "Prepare for evasive maneuver I shout. But it was too late, a cannon shell hit us in the wing and we were spiralling towards the ground. Then everything went black.

07:32 hours

I wake up breathing deeply, I look around and hear groaning from behind the ship wreckage. I get up easily, surprised with how I made it out with only a few scratches and cuts. I walk over to the groaning. It was Private Fewster. He was laying in a pile of scattered glass. He had wounds all over him and it looked like his arm was broken. Fewster had blood drooling out of his mouth. I picked him up and dragged him into a nearby building. I looked around and found some rags, I wrapped it around his arm to try and stop the blood flow from coming out.

Excerpt by Nhu Tong

John was curious, well of course he was a detective. He always seemed strange to people even though he was on a whole other level of strange. He wanted to explore. Any other person near room 64 would either move out or get another room. That's what got him interested. Walking down the dark, gloomy hallway John began feeling weird like he wanted to leave but half of his body wanted to stay. He got to the door, which was covered in yellow and black warning tape and he tried getting in. "It's useless, you can't get in," the strange voice flew behind him. John quickly looked back. "It's nothing," murmured John. He kept trying to get in.

"It's locked," a voice in his head said.

"I need to find the key," John said as bravely as he could.

We are all born with beautiful, pure white blood. Every kid out there, adult or elder have pure blood. Well, except for The Red. One bad or harmful action, a shade of red is added to the blood. The Red are skilful; they live among us all. But of course, it's just a legend, they're not real. BEEP-BEEP – click!

New year, new start. I've got a job I enjoy, well a hobby. I've already started the first episode of my Webtoon and I've already got seven readers! Great start! Now, to keep my readers happy I need to make the next episode. Bing! Oh its Jade 'Let's meet up at my office'. Tap s-tap-ss-tap-u-rre send! Man, I guess the episode has to wait. Wow! The office is BIG and fancy, I look soo small in here. 'Hey Aleina!' 'Jade, OMG, long time no see.'

She is so pretty. 'Have a seat. I'll just put down my papers. I have a

lot of work to do' Great, I tell her everything that's happened so far – OUCH 'Jade, you ok?' Gosh she needs a band aid 'Paper cut.' 'Oh whew, I thought it was something else, let me help.' 'NO! I mean, I'm fine thanks.' 'Ok sure, that was harsh, geez.' 'Sorry if that disturbed you a bit' 'Nah, it's ok, I'll get a band aid.' Hmmm, what has she been doing in work, she has a LOT of paper. We had a great time there! But, when I checked the papers.....why did I see a dark red smudge on the side, wait, what? Was that her blood? Nah, it can't be. Ringggggg! She's calling! Tap. 'Hello, you left your jacket here'. 'OK, I'll get it.

I've entered the office, it's late, I'll get it and run.....hang on...I was never wearing a jacket.....

By Aleina Dela Cruz

## Coming Events

### Term 3 2019

Week 5

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

Assembly- Secondary Item

WEEK 6

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August**

Northam Cup- Secondary Netball

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August**

Faction Jumps & Throws Carnival

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August**

Assembly- Room 2 Item

WEEK 7

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

Faction Athletics Carnival

WEEK 8

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

Incursion K-6

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

School Council Meeting

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

Assembly- Pre-primary Item

WEEK 9

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

MDSA Primary Interschool Athletics

WEEK 10

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

Country Week- Secondary

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

Last Day- Term 3

# Canberra Camp 2019

On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July, 11 Year 9 students accompanied by myself and Mr James Knight left Perth for our annual Canberra Camp. This is always an exciting week for the students with busy days exploring our nation's capital.

Once again the camp was highly successful and our students showed their best colours with their excellent behaviour and courtesy. This year we were particularly lucky as Parliament was sitting and we were able to see the House of Representatives in action. Students were able to witness government ministers in action and clearly identify the layout of the House with people in it which makes all the difference. Our Federal member, Christian Porter took time out from his busy schedule to meet and talk with our students and answered their questions and informed us that there were approximately 5,000 people in Parliament House while the government was sitting. It was a very busy place this time. Needless to say, Christian Porter gained 11 new Instagram followers after having a photo with us all. The students also gained valuable knowledge on the history of democracy with a visit to the Museum of Australian Democracy and participated in an election at the Electoral Education Centre where they went through the entire election process.

Other excursions included the Australian War Memorial where our students were suitably impressed by the amazing displays on offer. We were treated to a guided tour of the Afghanistan section where not only did we see the human but also the canine heroes of this campaign. Students also participated in a ceremony to honour the fallen and visited the wall of remembrance where our guide showed us the names of the modern day soldiers who had fallen in Afghanistan.

The National Zoo is always a delight to visit and the students had the opportunity to interact with some of the animals and to see the baby giraffe that was born at the zoo two weeks ago. The National Museum and the National Gallery were also highlights of the tour with the students learning about Jackson Pollock's Blue Holes and a mind blowing exhibition of the "Spirit of Pumpkins" which left us feeling a little of balance after viewing. On Tuesday night the group was able to enjoy a night of R&R with a ten pin bowling excursion in Belconnen. There were lots of laughs and a few surprisingly good bowlers.

As always, the tour would not be complete without a trip to the snow and Perisher didn't let us down. With good snow and a fine, if not warm, day on the mountain, we engaged in an epic snowball fight and one of our girls made a snowman. We were also offered to opportunity to try tobogganing so we made our way back to the village, grabbed our toboggans and spent quite some time sliding down an easy slope. Needless to say I think everyone slept well that night.

Finally, on Friday, we visited the Snowy Hydro Discovery Centre and learned about the construction and power of this alternative energy source. The day was capped off with a visit to a very busy Questacon but there was plenty of science fun to be had by all, from exploring robotics to taking on the computer opponent in air hockey. By Friday night, we were ready to head home. After a delay at the airport (the pilot broke the window!!) we finally took off and headed west back to our families.

**This amazing experience was made possible with the support and assistance of many government and community groups. Thanks to PACER and the Australian Government; the Shire of Gingin; Bendigo Bank, Gingin; Gingin Chattering Lions Club and other community groups and individuals who have supported our students in allowing them to enjoy this experience.**

Carol Fennell

Canberra Camp Co-ordinator





### Dancing is my Secret Power Disco

In keeping with the Book Week theme of 'Reading is my Secret Power', The Student Council will be holding a Superhero Disco in the PAC!

The Disco will be held on Friday August 23<sup>rd</sup>, being the end of Book Week, all costumes are welcome, Superhero or otherwise!

Directly before recess, a Parade of all costumes will be held in the PAC. Immediately after the parade, the Pre-Primary classes will be invited to attend the disco. The program for the remainder of the day is below.

- Period 1** 8:35 Student Council setting up Disco
- Starting @** 9:45 Book Week costume parade in the PAC, **parents welcome!**
- Period 3** 10:25–11.30 Pre-Primary disco (running over recess)
- Period 4** 11:40–12:35 Years 1 to 3
- Period 5** 1:15- 2:30 Years 4 to 6
- Period 6** Student Council packing up

The cost of the Disco is \$5 and this will include entry to the disco, really cool music a juice box and a snack. If you have any super questions, please see Kaptain Kapor or GirlPower Gilchrist.

## P & C News

 **Now available for Canteen & Uniform orders.**  
<https://quickcliq.com.au/>

QuickCliQ. is easy to use! Simply google QuickCliQ. & sign up to create yourself a login. For existing users once you have logged on you will find the uniform tab under the the QuickCliQ logo.

### Next Meeting

The next P & C meeting will be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 9.00am in the Conference Room.

## Community News

### Kindergarten 2020 Enrolments

If your child is four years old by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020. **PLEASE APPLY NOW!**



Our next Messy Church is on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August at the Uniting Church in Gingin, from 3.30 pm – 5.45 pm and everyone is invited to come and join in the fun. This month's theme is "Jesus, the light for the world", and there are plenty of activities organised for all ages.

Afternoon tea and evening meal are also provided at no charge.

For more information please contact Marian Crew (9575 1357) or Sharon Martin (9655 7057).

### Wanted

Any cardboard boxes – all sizes all shapes, big, small, medium needed for major construction exercise!

Also cardboard tubes, from paper towels, Glad Warp, in fact anything cardboard!

Drop off to the secondary art room!!

