



# CANBERRA CAMP 2018

It's hard to believe that two weeks ago, fourteen Year 9 students and their teachers were relishing in the wonders that our national capital, Canberra, had to offer.

As always, the camp was a huge success with our students impressing our tour guides with their engagement and excellent behaviour. The High Court was particularly impressed with the group and was keen to let staff know.

With the focus of the camp being about Civics and Citizenship, the group toured Parliament House and participated in role play in which they were members of the House of Representatives. This activity gave the students a good insight into the workings of this process and consolidates their learning of the functions of the Australian Government. They also visited the Museum of Australian Democracy where an interactive activity allowed students to see how our country has developed over time in terms of political freedoms and a visit to the Australian Electoral Education Centre saw them conduct an election and learn the value of being able to have a say in who governs our country. The AIS on Monday night also gave our more athletic students some inspiration.

Other excursions included a memorable visit to the Australian War Museum and a guided tour of the World War One section before exploring the many exhibits that were on offer. A solemn moment to honour the fallen at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Wall of Remembrance, which was a special visit for one of our students, were also part of the experience. Two hours here is never enough!

The National Zoo, the National Museum and the National Gallery were also highlights of the camp, especially at a virtual reality exhibit at the National Gallery which took our students and staff into another surreal world of geometric shapes, ancient masks and some very strange creatures.

Towards the end of the week, we went to Blue Cow at Perisher where students had a few hours in the snow and know how cold it really can be. They also learned of one of the world's biggest engineering feats and now one of the modern wonders of the world, The Snowy River Hydroelectric Scheme, at the Snowy Hydro Centre.

By Friday night, fourteen very exhausted teenagers and two equally as exhausted teachers boarded our QANTAS plane for home.

This amazing experience would not have been possible without the support and assistance of many government and community groups. Thanks to PACER and the Australian Government; the Shire of Gingin; Bendigo Bank; Gingin Lions Club, Treasure Trove and other community groups and individuals who have supported our students in allowing them to enjoy this experience.

**Ms Carol Fennell - Canberra Camp Coordinator.**



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# Young Leaders Forum



Last week, the student councillors, along with Ms Kapor attended the 2018 Pearce Young Leaders Forum at Peter Moyes Secondary School.

We had a special guest speaker; WA sporting legend Danny Green. During the forum, Danny Green spoke about his boxing career and how he made his dream come true. Danny is trying to stop the coward way out with his campaign "stop the coward punch". One of the things he said was "you have to give things up in order to gain things- nothing comes to you without a price".

We would like to give a huge thanks to Mrs Kelly Eddy, Mrs Mary Joy De Villiers and Ms Di Forrester for transporting our student councillors there and back.

**Student Councillor- Sharnay Eddy**

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## NAIDOC Week

During the last week of Term 2 the staff of Gingin DHS, guided by Judy Phillips (AIEO/EA) presented a number of activities highlighting the significance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their culture. On Wednesday 25th July Tracy Pickering (Deputy Principal) and Judy attended Hampton Senior High Schools NAIDOC Week celebration hosted by Leonora Marlin. The theme of this years' NAIDOC celebration was 'Because of her, we can'. Ms. Phillips, as one of the Guest Speakers at the service, presented a moving account of her own personal journey and the importance of education for not only indigenous young women but for all young persons. Ms Phillips will continue to network with the staff at Hampton SHS and we hope to invite their students to Gingin DHS to perform their Aboriginal dance and share some of their cultural experiences. Congratulations Ms. Phillip's on this significant presentation.



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## NAPLAN Online

In 2019 all Western Australian schools will be conducting NAPLAN in an on-line environment. Last term the School Council decided to defer the one-to-one device program at Gingin District High School for one year until 2020. The school has been ensuring we have sufficient devices for the roll out of NAPLAN on-line and this year we have purchased or leased an additional 35 laptops which are used in the Upper Primary area. NAPLAN online has been trialled in many schools across Australia, including a number in Western Australia, and the research shows that students perform at least as well in NAPLAN online as they do in paper and pencil tests.

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# Coming Events

WEEK 4

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August**

School Council - Conference Room- 3.15pm

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August**

Assembly- Room 3 item

WEEK 6

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August**

Faction Jumps & Throws Carnival

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

Assembly- Pre-Primary item

WEEK 7

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August**

P & C Meeting - Conference Room – 6.30pm

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August**

Faction Athletics Carnival

WEEK 8

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

Assembly- Room 2 item

WEEK 9

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

School Council - Conference Room- 3.15pm

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

Primary Interschool Athletics

WEEK 10

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September – 21<sup>st</sup> September**

Secondary Country Week

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

End of Term 3

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## Prizes Awarded for Paying School Fees

Jill Skevington, P&C Treasurer, drew the two winners of prizes awarded to families who paid school fees and charges prior to the end of Term 2. All families who paid their fees prior to the end of Term 2 were eligible, and the prizes were donated.

Congratulations to the Bowen family, winner of a \$50.00 voucher donated by Lizzies Hair Stylists.

Congratulations to the Carter family who won a \$50.00 voucher donated by CU@Park.

School fees and charges assist the school to purchase resources and equipment for classrooms and the school. If the school does not receive these fees, they are not replaced by the Department of Education.



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## Gingin District High School Staff Complete First Aid Training

On the weekend ten staff from our school completed their Senior First Aid Certificate from St John's Ambulance in Gingin. For many it was a re-accreditation, and the course reinforced previous training in first aid. It is terrific that so many staff have current Adult First Aid accreditation in the school.



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## P & C Father's Day Stall- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August- One Day Only

PP – Year 3 in the Junior Primary area

Year 4 to High School – School Canteen area at lunchtime

Prices starting from \$1 ranging to \$10

Free Gift Wrapping

Raffles 50c a ticket

**\*\*If you have anything you would like to donate for the Stall please send it into the front office and reception will put into the P&C pigeon hole\*\***



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## Gingin's Got Talent Coming Soon!

Auditions are weeks 7, 8 and 9 so keep your eye out for posters and ads in the newsletter. Remember it is open to all students from Year One to Ten.

## G-Day all you folks and tin-lids!

Across Australia there are thousands of farmers who are living through drought and need help. Buy a Bale is a charity which provides bales of hay to farmers affected by drought.



The Student Council would like to support this very worthwhile charity and will be holding a Dress Like a Farmer day and Disco on **Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of August**.

All students are invited to come to school dressed as a farmer. High school students wishing to dress up will be asked to provide a **gold coin donation** (primary school student donation is covered in the cost of the disco).

Primary school students will also be able to attend a disco in the PAC.

The Pre Primary disco will be held during period 2.

The Junior Primary disco (students from Year 1 to Year 3) will be held during period 3 and 4 with the Middle-Upper Primary disco (Years 4 to 6) being held during period 5 and 6.

The cost of the disco is \$5 which will include entry to the disco, a juice box and snack.

Half proceeds will be going to the Buy a Bale charity.

Blow me down, if you have any questions, please see Cockie Kapor or Ma Morton.

From your Student Councillors,



The Secondary Art Department is looking for boxes, egg cartons, paper towel rolls. Do you need to hide those new shoe boxes from your significant other? Here is your chance to put them to good use. Any size, any shape, send them in for our exciting construction project this term!

