



YEAR 7 CAMP

Over the 8th and 9th of February 2018 the Year 7's of Gingin District High School drove in a bus down to Guilderton to stay at Tuppin House. The camp was an excellent experience to get to know each other much better with lots of team challenges to score points for a prize at the end of the camp. The students were separated into four different teams yellow, blue, green and pink which were randomly chosen.



There were many activities on the first day such as the lifesavers game, a game where you have to tell your group something about you determined by the colour of the skittle you draw, a water balloon relay, the ice bucket challenge, sponge tunnel ball, make a water balloon catapult, a game when you make a word or words out of pebbles, fox holes, a beach scavenger hunt, a game where you fill a pipe with holes to release a ping pong ball.

That night we played a range of games but our favourite part of the night was when we walked down to Moore River and played a couple of games including Fox Holes which was very fun and exciting, although mostly everyone ended up with sand absolutely everywhere on them.

When we got back from Moore River we had hot milos and biscuits then at 11:00 pm we had to go to bed. On the second day we woke up ready for more action on our last day of camp at Guilderton. We all walked down to the beach for my first ever time canoeing I was buzzing but first the safety protocol. We all buddied up for our canoe partner I was lucky enough to have been partnered with an experienced person. We had a race to the pontoon in which we won then we played dodge ball in our canoes and then we convoyed with Caitlyn and Lily and toured around Moore River. After we returned to shore we all walked to the store and bought an icecream. After that we built a human pyramid well at least tried.

Then we all drove back to school and chatted.

It was the best fun!

**A combined recount from
Griffin Groves and Tayla Reynolds.**



School Voluntary Contributions and Charges

At our last School Council meeting, the Council expressed some concern at the low level of contributions collected in 2017. Our collection rate for Primary contributions was about 58% and for secondary about 45%. School contributions are voluntary, however if we were able to collect the full rate of contributions, we could provide more funds for curriculum areas and improving the school. School contributions can be paid through direct debit, EFTPOS or credit card. Parents are able to arrange a payment plan if necessary.

BYOD Program

Gingin District High School will commence a Bring Your Own Device Program in 2019 for students in Upper Primary and Year 7. Over time, this will be rolled out to other year groups. A Bring Your Own Device Program means that students will need to bring a laptop computer or tablet for use at school and at home.

The policy will be reviewed and implemented over the next two years.

The school will work with the School Council to develop processes and policies in relation to devices. We will try to select devices that have a low cost but good capabilities and are robust.

More information will be made available throughout the year.

CRTR Corner

For those of you who are new to our school, let me introduce the wonderful world of PBS to you!

Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) is a behaviour management system used to understand what maintains an individual's challenging behaviour. Improving student academic and behaviour outcomes is about ensuring all students have access to the most effective and accurately implemented instructional and behavioural practices and

interventions possible. PBS provides an operational framework for achieving these outcomes.

Our school has created a series of short lessons detailing the behaviours we expect students to display while at school. This week's lesson is about coming to class prepared. Ask your kids to tell you all about it. The lesson itself was created by Mrs Morton in one of her computer classes and uses a stop-motion technique. The video itself is awesome and of course, the expected behaviour it is outlining is very important.

Over the next few weeks we will introduce our CRTRs and Behaviour Matrix to you as well.

On another exciting note, our committee was approached by Southern Cross Primary School. They had heard how fantastic our lessons are! They asked us to share some of our lessons that target specific behaviours in a way that students can easily relate to. Our lessons are special because they have to cater for students from Kindy to Year 10, a challenge other schools don't all have! Word is spreading; Gingin District High School is forging its own PBS path!



School Council Vacancy

Due to the resignation of Sally Calder from our School Council, a vacancy has arisen for a parent member of the School Council. The School Council is a governance body for the school and members meet twice a term to discuss school policies and strategic planning. The term of the vacancy will be three years from the date of the declaration of the successful nominee.

Parents interested in being a member of the School Council are asked to nominate in writing either by

email or letter to the school. Nominations must be submitted by 3.00 p.m. on Friday, March 2. If more than one nomination is received an election will be held of all families enrolled at the school.

Typically, School Council members take a role in committees established within the school. The successful member will be required to undertake an induction training program and will be required to sign a Code of Conduct.

Coming Events

Term 1 2018

WEEK 5

Monday 26th February

School Dental commences

Friday 2nd March

Faction Swimming Carnival

WEEK 6

Monday 5th March

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Friday 9th March

School Sports WA- Secondary Interschool Swimming

WEEK 7

OLNA YEAR 10

Tuesday 13th March

P & C Meeting-6.30pm Conference room

Friday 16th March

MDSA Primary I/School Swimming Carnival

WEEK 8

OLNA YEAR 10

Thursday 22nd March

School Assembly – 9.00am in PAC (Room 8 item)

WEEK 9

Monday 26th March - Tuesday 27th March

Kapture Photography

Friday 30th March

GOOD FRIDAY PUBLIC HOILDAY

WEEK 10

Monday 2nd April

EASTER MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 3rd April

EASTER TUESDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Wednesday 4th April

School Council Meeting-3.15pm Conference room

Friday 6th April

Helping Minds/Changing Minds- Mental Health

Workshop Year 7 - 10

WEEK 11

Friday 13th April

ANZAC Service

Last day of Term 1

Faction Captain Elections

Faction Captain Elections:

Over Weeks 3 & 4 the Secondary and Primary Faction Captains election process will be conducted. Captains and Vice Captains will be presented with their badges at assembly in Week 5 and names will be published in the Week 6 newsletter. Parents will be notified if their child is successful.

Student Council Elections

It is a very exciting time for the Student Council as elections are being held this week! It was fantastic to see such a large number of students nominate for Student Council this year. Speeches will be held during the week with school captain nominees delivering their speeches on Wednesday morning, in the PAC in front of all students from years 6 to 10. Nigel from the WA Electoral

Commission will then visit the morning of Thursday 22nd to oversee our elections. A very big thank you to outgoing Student Councillors Tran Nguyen, Konrad Breese and Tamara Poulter for all of your work so far this year.

Our first fundraising event will take place at the Faction Swimming Carnival with a sausage sizzle. More information will be sent out at the end of the week.

Our second fundraising (and most profitable) event is the Easter raffle and activities. We will again be calling for donations of Easter Eggs as prizes. If you would like to donate an Easter egg (or basket to put the prizes in) please hand it in to the front office or to Ms Kapor or Mrs Morton.

NAPLAN Year 3, 5, 7 & 9

The 2018 National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy will take place between the 15th - 17th May. An information brochure is going home today with the Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students.

Year 9 Canberra Camp

The Year 9 students have the opportunity to go to Canberra this year. The camp will be held from Sunday, 22nd July 2018 to Friday, 27th July 2018. Information is going home today regarding the payment plan and fundraising opportunities. This is an awesome camp and one that previous attendees thoroughly recommend.

P & C News

Welcome Back to 2018. The P&C are back in full swing already planning events and fundraisers for the year. Last Tuesday the AGM was held where Alicia Gomersall took on the position as Vice President, Jill Skevington as Treasurer and Danica Todd as Secretary. Unfortunately the interested person for President was unable to attend so therefore we will wait until our next meeting in week 7 to vote in our 2018 President.

Fundraising

Our 1st fundraiser for the year will be a food stall held at The Arts in the Park community event on the 24th March. If you would like to volunteer for this event please contact Danica at ginginpcsecretary@gmail.com

Canteen

After 7 years of being on the committee I have decided to step down from holding a position. I will still help out but will mainly be focused on the canteen and volunteering there, if you too would like to volunteer please contact Dallas on 9575 5316 to register your name.

Thank you to everyone who already volunteers and to those that have offered to this year already.

Facebook Page

If you would like to keep up to date with the P&C please join the facebook page

Gingin District High School P & C.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th March in the conference room.

Rochell Van Blitterswyk, Outgoing President

Community News

2018 Registrations Now Open

Registrations are now open for Auskick through to Year 12. Both girls and boys welcome. We are trying to create All Girl Teams to expand the Club.



Auskick: PP - Year 2. Register at Auskick Website using the Auskick Locator (postcode 6084) to find our Club. Auskick runs 9am-11am Saturday mornings at Muchea Oval. Auskick Open Day Saturday 28th April.

Junior & Youth: Year 3 - Year 12. Register at Chittering Broncos website. Training's Monday through Thursday (1-2 times per week depending on age), usually 4.30pm-5.30pm or 5.30pm-7pm for the older Teams. Open Day Sunday 11th March. Register by 25th February so we can finalise Teams and nominate for the coming year. Should you miss this date, please feel free to still register.

Our Home Ground is Muchea Oval, Archibald Street, Muchea. Please visit our Facebook Page for more information.

Look forward to seeing you all for an active, fun season ahead!

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