

What's On at GMAS



Mon 1 June 2009

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Step to the Future Forum is a wonderful experience where motivational and inspirational speakers talk to students from Years 7—12 from many schools around Australia. Step to the Future is a forum for students to engage and consider the next step in their lives. It inspires children to not only reach their full potential and push them to reach their goals but also teaches them that no matter how insignificant they may seem, they can still make a difference. In the 2008 Step to the Future Forum the speakers ranged from disabled people, Children's Court Magistrates, comedians to famous sports people. They shared their life stories and how they had overcome hardships and adversity. They encouraged students to believe in themselves and follow their dreams because anything is possible. If you set your goals, educate yourself and put your mind to it, you can achieve anything. Alec Disley, Chelsea Smoker and Emerald Statford have been selected to be in the Student Organising Committee for the 2009 forum in August. Under the direct support of the Hon Nola Marino MP, they have already attended their first plenary day in Bunbury.

The whole School joined in **The Australia's Biggest Morning Tea**, raising awareness for those who have suffered with cancer and fundraising for cancer research, that was held this Thursday during Recess. This was, and will become, a Middle School initiative where Years 7, 8 and 9 hosted the School by providing cakes, slices, lollies and drinks for the whole School (K – 12). Year 9 was responsible for the organisation, setting up and running of the stalls, coordinated by Brendon May, Josh Koch and Ben Leask. Mr Kosicki and I cooked over 300 sausages for the hungry troops.

Tickets for the lolly guessing competition and special raffle will be sold throughout next week and drawn on Thursday and added to the money raised at the morning tea. It is important that the students lead from the heart and by example. I am delighted with the spirit that the students have embraced this cause.

The **Evening of Song and Dance**, held last Wednesday, involving students from Years 2 to 10 was a wonderful opportunity to showcase the talents of our young stars. We saw a variety of vocal and dance styles from rap to jazz to ballet. Congratulations to all performers. For many it was the first performance in front of an audience.

Year 11 Art students experienced the Perth Galleries last week, engaging in a workshop at AGWA and tour at PICA. Reports from teachers Ms Haydock and Mr Thompson and accompanying parents, students gained many compliments from the gallery staff commenting that "they were the best group so far" as well as from adults travelling on the train. "The students were very well behaved and a credit to themselves, teachers and School."

This week Year 5 and 6 students began their respective courses on sex education. It lead to reflect on an article titled *SAFE SEXTING: No such thing* written for the slightly older students and produced by the NSW Department of Education. In the article parents are urged to warn children about the dangers of 'sexting'— the growing trend for young people to send provocative images of themselves to their friends via mobile phones. Once photos



New summer dress



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are sent, it is an almost instant push of the button to forward them or load them onto the internet. These pictures then become part of a young person's 'digital footprint', lasting forever and potentially damaging future career prospects or relationships.

More and more young people seem to be distributing highly suggestive or even sexually explicit photos of themselves to their friends, often without a real understanding of the consequences. The easy availability of new technologies and social networking sites can turn what can seem an innocent joke or flirtatious fun into a potentially devastating experience – with young girls most at risk. Sexting can lead to public humiliation, cyberbullying, or even sexual assault. The message to young people is – don't post images of yourself and don't distribute any sent to you. It is illegal to take sexual photos of children and young people and it is also an offence to pass them on.

Tips for parents:

- Warn your children about the consequences of sexting
- Remind children to think before they act
- Tell children that sending or possessing child pornography is illegal
- Warn them about sexual predators
- Parents should learn how to use and monitor their children's mobile phones
- Parents should check photo galleries on their children's Facebook and MySpace accounts
- Give your children clear rules on what they can and can't do with their mobile phone

This week girls had the opportunity to experience the **new summer uniform** with two fitting days arranged during the week. The uniform was also modelled at both the Junior and Secondary Assemblies. The Uniform is for Years 3 – 12 students, however there will be a three year settling in period.

In the two sittings more than 50% of the families in Years 3 – 6 have selected the uniform for purchase as well as a large number in the Secondary School. Due to the demand there will be a further two fittings next week: Tuesday 3.15 to 4.30pm and Tuesday evening from 5.30 to 7.00pm. Those who have had fittings will have their uniform available for the beginning of Term 4. There will be other fitting days in Terms 3 and 4 which will allow the current Year 2 students the opportunity also to order the uniform ready for wearing in Term 1, 2010.

Mr Bruce Rixon
Principal

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

This Sunday at Saint Mary's is Pentecost Sunday where GMAS students will be baptised and confirmed by Bishop David McCall. We are very excited that this is going to happen and so we extend an invitation to all students and their families to come along to this wonderful occasion. Your attendance will show enormous support for your friends who are being baptised and confirmed. This is a significant day for them. Please come and join them. After the service there will be morning tea and Fr Earle has organised a special treat for the candidates, family and friends, followed by a BYO picnic. The BUZ Climbing Wall and the Retravision Bouncy Castle will be available free of charge. So, come and join us. Bring mum and dad to Saint Mary's this Sunday. Support your mates and then enjoy the fun of a family picnic in the church grounds (or inside if raining). I look forward to seeing you there on Sunday morning, 9.30am start. A BBQ will also be available.

Father Earle Chamberlain and Reverend Wayne Warfield

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Examinations

Examinations commence on Friday 5 June and conclude on Thursday 18 June. Students have been issued with examination instructions and timetables are posted at the School. The exam duration is dependent upon the year level of the student. Students in Years 11/12 undertaking examinations are not required to attend school during the examination period. All other year levels have scheduled classes after exams. It is strongly recommended that VET students and those who are requiring catch up time to complete assignments and set work attend school and utilise the Resource Centre as a work area. All students will be required to be in full school uniform when at school during this period.

Mr Ted Kosicki
Deputy Principal

FROM THE HEAD OF SECONDARY SCHOOL

Thank you to all Year 7 – 9 parents and students for their contributions for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. The total amount raised so far is a fantastic **\$1298.15**. The Year 9 helpers on the day were a credit to the School and managed to cope with all of the very hungry customers!

All Year 9 Canberra insurance forms should have been returned to the main office and the students have all been sized for their Tour Jackets. A final letter will be sent to all Year 9 parents next week. Please remember that the Ranger Outdoor Store in Busselton will give a 15% discount to all students attending the Canberra Tour.

Mid Year Exams are coming up for all Secondary School students in the next few weeks. Please remember that good revision takes time and effort! Good luck to all students.

Mr Simon Lees
Head of Secondary School

FROM THE HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Congratulations

Congratulations to many members of the Swimming Club group. The students noted below have swum hard to improve their times in various strokes. They received special certificates at assembly: Isabella Hancock, Lorne Glover, Nate Glover, Sunee Bidwell, Chad Kowalski, Tom Hancock, Louis Tunstill, Tom Neill, Manesha Newick, Kristen Sly, Liam Smoker, Aimee Truran and Alex Tunstill.

Wet Weather Games

The wet weather is fast approaching. On rainy days the children will not be able to play on the oval. They will need to organise other activities to do. The Resource Centre has some board games and sets of cards to use.

BUZ Show

This Tuesday morning Steve Heron from Nurture Works will be coming to present the show 'Good, Bad, Mad, Sad'. It will be held in the Undercover Area in the Junior School. There will be two shows, 9.00 – 10.30am and 11.00am– 12.30pm.

Swimming

Swimming lessons continue for selected classes next week.

Ms Jo Burns
Head of Junior School

SCHOOL ZONE

Please be advised that Main Roads have installed a 40km/h school zone on Joseph Drive. The 40km/h speed limit applies from 8.00—9.30am and 2.30—4.00pm. Please ensure your speed stays within the zoning.

Mrs Ann Willis
Business Manager



WINTER CARNIVAL

Thursday 4 June 2009 – Year 6M and Year 7

We are still quite desperate for parent helpers for the Winter Carnival, especially in the field of hockey and soccer to umpire or coach. So if you are available on that day please let me know via email kme@gmas.wa.edu.au or phone 9752 5202. Thank you in advance.

Miss Kate Melia
Physical Education Department

PLEASE NOTE, NO WEEKEND SPORT DUE TO LONG WEEKEND.

VET / CAREERS

It has been a fantastic few weeks in the area of Vocational Education and Training and Career Development at Georgiana Molloy Anglican School. The Year 10 students have begun the *World of Work* programme and have been undertaking career exploration activities. This has been followed up by our annual careers event which, this year, was a BBQ lunch hosted by the P & FA with guest speakers from fifteen different industry areas. The guest speakers spoke about career pathways, job roles, training options and opportunities within their specific fields. Year 10 students are also preparing for their Work Experience in week 10. During this week an Agricultural Camp is also being offered for students to experience work and learn about the variety of occupations within the rural sector.

On the 21st May the five West Australian universities once again visited Georgiana Molloy Anglican School to present information to Senior School students in relation to university options and pathways. The representatives from the universities made special mention of the interest shown and the questions raised by the Year 11 and 12 students. Congratulations!

Mrs Michelle Taylor
Careers and VET Coordinator



ART EXCURSION

On Thursday 21 May Year 10, 11 and 12 Art students, accompanied by myself, Mr Lindon Thompson and Ms Sarah Dowse, travelled to Perth to view the Year 12, 2008 Perspectives exhibition at the WA Art Gallery and take a guided tour through 'Hatched' 09 at PICA. The students also had an opportunity to view Year 12 TEE Visual Diaries and participate in an image analysis workshop. The early start and long day was thoroughly worthwhile and enjoyed by all. It was encouraging to see our students so actively participating in the workshop, marvelling at the standard of work in the Perspectives exhibition and the visual diaries and reacting to thought provoking works at the contemporary gallery. Here are some of the enlightened comments from our students:

... 'the year 12 visual diaries were amazing'

... 'today I learnt that art can come in many sizes, shapes and forms, that art can be made

with anything and by anyone, as long as you have an imagination. Art can hold a message or a hidden meaning, reflect any society, race or culture'

... 'if you sit and analyse art you can get a greater understanding of what the artist is trying to say'

... 'it was really interesting that someone had painted on velvet'

... 'my favourite artwork was the dog called Fox by Rachael Sandover because of the thickness of the brush strokes and she still had good detail'

Ms Jill Haydock
Art Specialist

ART & ARTISTS FOCUS—HELP!

Techno Junkies

We are looking for a male parent-helper/grandparent (but a female is welcome too!) to run an activity for Art & Artists Focus. The activity, called Techno-Junkies, is already organised and has been run successfully in the past. We want it to be a boy friendly, hands-on type workshop, where students get to use tools and practical skills to construct insects/bugs from pieces of discarded electrical goods, using wire and glue. Some initial design work and immersion would be required, before construction began.

Time Requirement

We are looking for **two** different people to run two workshops at different times. You would be committed for approximately five hours, over two sessions. This is an easy, fun activity. If you think you may be able to help, please contact A & A Focus Committee ASAP.

If you have any discarded electrical goods (TV, computer, CD's, etc) you may bring them to Room 25 (Junior Art) and leave them outside the door. Thank you.

Ms Annie Winchcombe

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Miss Helen Pye

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GMAS SWIM CLUB

There will be NO training this Monday 1 June as it is a long weekend. We also require nomination forms for the Albany meet and the next time trials (14 June) to be handed in by next Tuesday 2 June. The deadline has also passed for all debating forms to be returned to myself or administration. Please do so immediately.

Mr David Crawford

Sport and Outdoor Education Coordinator

VOLUNTEER SCRIBES AND READERS REQUIRED

All students in the Middle School (Years 7 to 9) will be undertaking end of Semester 1 examinations from Friday 5 June until Tuesday 9 June from 8.45am until 10.45am. The Senior School students (Years 10 to 12) Semester 1 examinations are from Thursday 11 June until Thursday 18 June. There are several students in these year groups who have specific learning needs and will require scribes or readers during their examinations. If you would like to volunteer to be a scribe/reader please contact me on 9752 5252 or by email lmo@gmas.wa.edu.au and let me know which days you would be available.

Dr Linda Mosen-Lowe

Enrichment Coordinator

GARDISIL VACCINE

The free Gardisil programme for girls aged 14—26 years is finishing on 30 December 2009. All girls need to have completed the 3 doses by then to obtain it free. There is still time to commence and finish the course by 30 December. If any girls have had any of the first doses and have not completed the course, you are encouraged to do so. It is available from your local Community Health Centre or your GP. Any enquiries phone 9754 0604.

Jenny Jurat

Community Health Nurse

FOSTER CARERS NEEDED

Foster carers are urgently needed for kids in your neighbourhood, and you can help! You can be male, female, single, a couple, married, with or without children, working full or part-time, or even retired. There are lots of ways that you can help - looking after children for short periods or for a long term placement, or even just on the odd weekend. As a foster carer, you play an important role in the lives of children in need. It's not just the child's life that changes - your life will also change as you experience the rewards and challenges of fostering. Call Fostering Services, Department for Child Protection, on freecall 1800 024 453, or visit www.childprotection.wa.gov.au, to find out more.

From the P & FA

Ball Tickets

This year's P & FA Ball will be held on **Saturday 5 September**. Karen Kemp is again coordinating this fabulous event on our behalf. The sensational theme for this year is **Arabian Sands**. *Men in their Sheds* wowed us all last year and they are back with more band members and a bigger sound! Tickets cost **\$125.00** per person and will include a three course meal, wine and beer. Tickets will be capped at 150 and are **ON SALE NOW from the Uniform Shop**. All enquiries to **Jacqui Warner on 0418 925 237**. If you would like a table, please remember to pay for all ten tickets at the same time. **EFTPOS facilities are available for all payments**. Be early to secure your tickets.



Please feel free to contact me at any time on 0417 936 188 (M) or 9752 1977 (w)

Mrs Marilyn Royer
President

BOOK CLUB

We are currently looking for a volunteer to fill the position of Book Club Coordinator. If you would like to know more about this position please call Lorna on 9754 8583. I will be available to train and help the new coordinator until they are comfortable with the Scholastic process. It is very easy and only occurs three times per year. It is a role that can be managed by a single person but in the past some coordinators have chosen to gather a group of three or four friends to help out.

Lorna Liddelow
Book Club Coordinator

SUB C NETBALL

Saturday 23 May 2009

After a great training and a fabulous scratch match against the Sub B team, we went into today's game with great enthusiasm. Milly and Layla had a great run in at C. Karlee and Sami, running after the ball and knocking it back into play, were a pleasure to watch. Vienna and Lydia ran beautifully at GA with Liana and Maddie shooting some wonderful goals. Well done to all of my girls!!

Player Profile

Name: Lydia Kerrell-Vaughan

What do you like best about Netball: That you can interact with other people

Favourite position on court: GD

If you could choose your name what would it be: Lydia

Your best training drill: ½ court

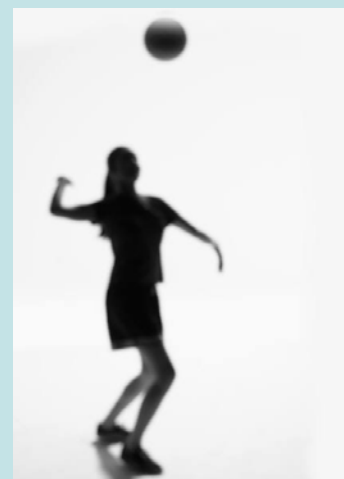
What do you do in your spare time: Art

The best thing about school: Art

Your favourite saying is: I say the word "like" too much

Funniest person in the team: Layla

Caz Copeman



CALENDAR

Monday 1 June

Foundation Day

Tuesday 2 June

Yrs PP – 6 Assembly 2.30 – 3.00pm **IG Presenting Class**
PP—6 Swimming Lessons, Geographe Leisure Centre
BUZ Shows, 9.00—10.30am and 11.00am—12.30pm

Wednesday 3 June

MONDAY TIMETABLE ALL DAY

Volunteers in Yrs 8 and 10 at Cliff's Kitchen/St Mary's Op Shop 9.30am - 1.30pm

Year 3 BUZ Programme at School

PP—6 Swimming Lessons, Geographe Leisure Centre

Thursday 4 June

Yrs PP-2 Chapel 12.30—12.50pm

Yrs 3-6 Chapel 2.35 – 3.05pm

PP—6 Swimming Lessons, Geographe Leisure Centre
SWAPS Winter Carnival Year 4 - 6 (Hay Park Bunbury)
Yr 7 Immunisation

Friday 5 June

PP—6 Swimming Lessons, Geographe Leisure Centre
Yrs 7—9 Exams commence

Monday 8 June

PP—6 Swimming Lessons, Geographe Leisure Centre
Yrs 7—9 Exams

Tuesday 9 June

Yrs PP – 6 Assembly 2.30 – 3.00pm **IM Presenting Class**
PP—6 Swimming Lessons, Geographe Leisure Centre
BUZ Shows, 9.00—10.30am and 11.00am—12.30pm
Yrs 7—9 Exams
Yr 9 Canberra Trip parent meeting 7.00pm (Resource Centre)

Wednesday 10 June

Yrs 7—9 Exams conclude
Volunteers in Yrs 8 and 10 at Cliff's Kitchen/St Mary's Op Shop 9.30am - 1.30pm
Year 3 BUZ Programme at School
Yrs 7 - 12 Assembly/Chapel 10.45 - 11.30am
UNSW International Science Competition
PP—6 Swimming Lessons, Geographe Leisure Centre

Thursday 11 June

Yrs PP-2 Chapel 12.30—12.50pm
Yrs 3-6 Chapel 2.35 – 3.05pm
PP—6 Swimming Lessons, Geographe Leisure Centre
Yrs 11 - 12 Examinations commence
Regional Youth Literature Day Yr 9 selected students (Bunbury)

GMAS CAFÉ ROSTER

MONDAY 1ST JUNE

Monday	FOUNDATION DAY
Tuesday	Jane Sparks (S2), Chris Williamson (S1), Lisa Vines (S1) and Natasha Passmore (S2)
Wednesday	Helen Godfrey (S1), Sue Creek (S2), Lyn Curtis (S1)
Thursday	Deb Schepis (S1), Fi Wilkie (S2), Natalie Dow (S2) and Natalie Bird (S1)
Friday	Jen McNeil (S1), Marnie Fraser (S1), Sonya Crane (S1) and Donna Kitchen (S1)
Café Duty	9.00am—11.30 noon OR 11.30am—1.30pm

We need two people per shift. Please check next to your name to see which shift you are on:

S1 (shift1) S2 (shift2)

If you can offer a full day, please feel welcome to do so. If your rostered shift is unsuitable, please phone and swap with someone else. Please give plenty of notice. Thank you for your support.

Birthday Muffins/Cupcakes

The Café is now able to prepare home-baked muffins or cupcakes for your child's class to share with the special birthday boy or girl! Please contact the Café for more details.

Mrs Sue Corn

GMAS Café Manager

FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

Parents please note:

If your child/children are going to be absent from school, please notify the office on 9752 5252 by 9.30am. This is a duty of care issue and is in the best interest of the children at GMAS.

Also any student leaving school early **MUST** have a written note in their diary. All late students or students departing early **MUST** sign in/out at the front office. Students departing early must meet their parent/guardian at the front office.

Student Banking is done each Tuesday. Application packs are available from the front office for any students wishing to take part.

Mrs Vanessa Davis—Front Office

CALENDAR CONTINUED

Friday 12 June

PP—6 Swimming Lessons, Geographe Leisure Centre
Yrs 11 - 12 Examinations