



Mon 23 Nov 2009

From the Principal

On Tuesday 1 December GMAS will be celebrating Christmas with **Carols in the Park**, a first for GMAS. The Satterley Group and Provence are sponsoring the carols. The evening, from 6.30 – 8.00pm, will be a wonderful event of carols, soloists and a visit by Santa. The P & FA will be providing a BBQ and Simmo's will assist with ice creams. We welcome all families of GMAS and the wider community to enjoy this festive time.

A reminder to all families that the **GMAS Family Fun Day is on 29 November** from 11.00am—2.00pm on the Junior School Oval. This is a great event for the whole family with lucky dips, pony rides, stalls, wine tasting and local produce, train rides and much more. We look forward to seeing you there.

Congratulations to the **GMAS swimming team** for their fine meet last Sunday at Bunbury Sports Centre. Though a small group of eleven, they all performed well above their personal best with many quite outstanding results including a number of medals. We do appreciate the hard work undertaken by the Swim Committee and to Mrs Nielsen, Mr Glover and Zachary Nielsen for their tireless work in organising and coaching the team.

On Sunday I received, on behalf of the School, the Morris/Cooper Perpetual Trophy awarded to the most environmentally active school. GMAS won this award for its high quality of school grounds. In this proud moment it gave me the chance to reflect on the way in which our students treat our school with pride, picking up any rubbish and general care for all the furniture. The School acknowledges the hard work undertaken by Graeme Sly and his team to ensure the grounds are always presented well.

Congratulations to all students for their participation in the Westpac Mathematics Competition, particularly Hayden Beynon who gained the highest level of all GMAS students.

This week forty one students have embarked on the first expedition of the **Duke of Edinburgh** programme. The expedition will take students along the Cape to Cape walk over three days, from Redgate to Gracetown, camping at Prevelly Park and Gracetown campsites. I am sure all will gain much from the experience and thank Mr Lees for this initiative and Mr Fewster, Miss Melia, Dr Mosen-Lowe and Mr Taylor-Hawkins for their support and accompaniment on the expedition.

Now that examinations have been completed I have stressed the need for students to maintain a strong academic focus right to the end of the year.

Congratulations to Emily Hannell for winning the Women in Tennis Foundation Cup held at Tennis in Geraldton. The top four players of this competition are selected to represent the WA State Regional Team to play in Sydney during January 2010. Brother Jake Hannell also represented the South West Region in the Clough Cup gaining fourteenth place.

Last week Ryan May (Year 7) represented in the Western Australian Under 13 Regional State Team for soccer in Singapore. The Singaporeans are very serious about their soccer and they fielded strong competitive teams. Players heralded from Albany, Karratha, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Bunbury, Busselton (Ryan) and Boddington. This is a wonderful opportunity for Ryan and certainly unforgettable memories and experiences were gained. Perhaps a future World Cup player is in our midst!

It is with the deepest of sadness that I bring to you the news of the passing of Rebecca Laurence, the youngest daughter to Rev Peter and Margaret Laurence. Peter is the CEO of the Anglican Schools Commission (Inc). The funeral will be in Perth this Friday and I shall attend and represent the School. I ask you to keep Peter, Margaret and daughter Sarah and extended family in your prayers.

Mr Bruce Rixon
Principal

Handyman

The School is looking to contract the services of a handyman to deal with maintenance at the School as required. If you have previous experience and can contract to the School, please ring Ann Willis on 0409 330 835 to discuss.

From the Head of Junior School

Cricket Skills

Thanks to Mr Gibson for taking the Junior School students through a variety of cricket skills during successive Tuesday lunchtimes. It was great fun and the children learnt lots!



Elastics Mania

Lisa Massey and Rebecca Hunt will give a demonstration of how to use 'elastics' on Monday 30 November at lunchtime in the JS Undercover Area. It will start at 1.15pm and go until 1.35pm.

Interested students can just turn up. The elastics will be provided so that children can get a feel of how to play such a game.

Holiday Reading

The Premier has issued a challenge for primary aged students (Kindergarten to Year 7) to read over the holidays. For the K—3 age group at least ten hours over the summer holidays. For Year 4—7 children just fifteen hours. The challenge commences 7 December and goes through to 8 February 2010. Your child will receive a Reading Log Form to complete. These forms then go in to the running for special prizes when they have been completed and sent off. Please note, the forms need to be signed by a parent/guardian and then posted off or they may be dropped off at your local library. Happy reading!

Candy Canes

Please don't send candy canes as treats or attachments with Christmas cards to School. The canes are full of sugar and are not conducive to children's learning, nor are they good for children's teeth.

Ms Jo Burns

Head of Junior School

From the P & FA

URGENT REMINDER!

Family Fun Day 29 November, 11.00am—2.00pm on the Junior School Oval.

Thanks to everyone who has brought in their donated items but there is still time to bring your goodies in. Place items in the collection boxes in the classrooms or at the front office. We would appreciate any unwanted toys, books or games for lucky dips. We still need one more pony so if can help please phone Leanne Senbergs on 9752 2207. There are LOTS of blank spaces on rosters so if you can help for half an hour or so, put your name on the rosters in the classrooms or call Karen on 97541 638. The Family Fun Day should be lots of fun so we hope to see you there.

P & FA Ball photos are now ready for collection at the front office.

Karen Beynon

FFD Coordinator

GMAS AQUACULTURE PROJECT - HELP NEEDED

Dear GMAS Community,

Plans are well underway for the construction of an Aquaculture and Aquaponics facility on the GMAS site for Science courses next year (starting this year). We will be cultivating marron, Western Pygmy Perch (for use on properties as mosquito/midge control agents) and also a range of fruit, vegetables and herbs through an Aquaponics co-project (to supply the GMAS Cafe). The project is funded by the School, plus we are seeking grant moneys to assist. Any assistance that can be provided by the community by way of labour or supply of materials would be greatly appreciated. Our immediate need is for people with basic fencing skills to help assemble/erect some pre-made Colorbond fencing that is going to house the project (as well as fitting gates for entry). If you can help out in any way, please contact me at School on 9752 5252. We would like to have a weekend working bee soon so we can get started. Down the track, we will need people with reticulation/pipe assembling skills when the tanks and pumps are all hooked together.



Mr Steve Treloar

Project Coordinator

2010 Business Directory

Work has commenced on the 2010 Family Business Directory. If you would like to update your details or if you would like to include/remove an entry please contact Leigh-Aire Hall on 9752 5252 or email lha@gmas.wa.edu.au.

Booklists

The 2010 Booklists have all been sent home with students. Junior School Booklists must be returned to the School by **20 November** or you can order online up until **25 November**. Secondary School Booklists must be returned to the School by **27 November** or you can order online up until **3 December**. (**Please note: there is an incorrect date on the Secondary School cover. Where it says shop online by 3 of November, it should read 3 December.**) Students will receive free postage of their goods provided they order BEFORE 3 December.) If you have not received a copy of the Booklist please collect one from the front office. When returning orders to the School, payment must be made by credit card, money order or cheque—NO CASH (in an envelope).

Buses and smartrider cards

The Public Transport Authority will be introducing its SmartRider smartcard ticketing system on the Busselton and Dunsborough fare paying town and school based bus services operated by South West Coach Lines (SWCL) on 21 December 2009. As part of the change to SmartRider, buses used on SWCL town and school town services will be replaced with green & white and silver & green buses, operating under the new name 'TransBusselton'. During November new bus stop posts will be installed around the Busselton and Dunsborough area in readiness for the SmartRider roll out. New **blue** bus stop posts indicate the pick up and drop off points for all TransBusselton school town services. **Orange** bus stop posts indicate the pick up and drop off points for TransBusselton town bus services. Students can be picked up at both blue and orange bus stops. Once installed, drivers will only be able to stop at these bus posts to pick up or drop off passengers. Brochures advising about these changes and how to obtain and use a SmartRider will soon be distributed to all local schools and within the general community. Should you require further information on these changes please call the SWCL office on 9754 1666 or email office@swcl.com.au.

Please note that where students are using the orange school buses there will be no change. However, where students use the South West Coach Lines school buses or Busselton town services they will need a SmartRider to access the student 50 cent fare.

Students currently in Junior School who require a SmartRider card for school bus use for 2010 should complete an *Application for Student SmartRider* that was sent home with students this week. The form should be completed and returned to the school office by **Friday 27 November**.



Middle and Senior School students were issued with SmartRider cards at the beginning of this year. If the cards have been lost or damaged, replacement cards can be ordered by students at the school office at a cost of \$5. Middle and Senior School students who have joined the School this year who require a SmartRider card for bus travel should come to the Resource Centre during Tutorial Class on **Tuesday 24 November**, in full school uniform, to have their photo taken for the card.

Leanne Hall
Bus Coordinator

Uniform Shop

I am looking for helpers to help in the January holidays. The dates that the Uniform Shop will be open are:

New Students – Monday 18 January and Tuesday 19 January 2010

Returns – Wednesday 20 January 2010

Existing Families – Thurs 21 January and Friday 22 January 2010

Hours are 8.30am – 3.30pm.

Many hands make light work!

Mrs Tina Singleton
Uniform Shop Coordinator

Resource Centre

The end of the year is rapidly approaching and it is time to start returning all library books. All books that are on loan from the Resource Centre are due back by **Friday 27 November**. Thank you for your cooperation.

Careers/VET

Open Day—Experience Your Future

Australian School of Tourism and Hotel Management

RSVP: 4 December 2009

Saturday 5 December 2009 10.00am—2.00pm

641 Wellington Street Perth

Ph: 08 9322 3202 www.asthm.com.au/careers

Beauty Therapy/Personal Services Taster Programme at Georgiana Molloy Anglican School on Monday 23 November from 9.00am—3.00pm. GMAS, in association with Southwest VETlink, will host a Hair and Beauty taster day. Students will gain knowledge and information relating to a career within this industry. Students will attend four workshops and will learn about the course that will be offered at GMAS next year. **REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW AS PLACES ARE LIMITED!**

Contact Mrs Taylor on 9752 5219 or mta@gmas.wa.edu.au.

Expressions of Interest

GMAS currently has vacancies in the following VET in Schools courses for Year 11 and 12:

- Personal Services
- Business Services
- Construction

There are also vacancies in the School Apprenticeship Link Foods programme at SWRC of TAFE in Bunbury. For further information please contact me on 9752 5219.

Mrs Michelle Taylor

Author and researcher, Maggie Hamilton,

talks in Busselton on 26 November

Teen Eating Disorders, Binge-drinking, Cutting and Sex: The Inside Story

In her new book, *What's Happening to Our Girls?*, Maggie Hamilton presents a detailed picture of what girls from birth to the end of teens are now facing.

What a twelve year old girl experienced at seven is not what a seven-year-old is now experiencing. One of the many reasons our girls are vulnerable is because parents aren't aware that teen and pre-teen life is very different now. This naivety leaves girls vulnerable.

- *One in ten teenage girls is now cutting*
- *Every weekend girls as young as twelve are being admitted to emergency wards so drunk they can't breathe*
- *Underage sex has skyrocketed, as have sexually transmitted diseases, including Chlamydia, which can cause infertility*

Maggie spent two years talking to girls, teachers, school counsellors, psychologists and medical staff, and to cops who work undercover on the net to find out what was going on with girls. There are over 100 girls' voices in the book.

It doesn't matter what age your daughter is. This presentation is a must if we are to gain insight into how to raise happy and healthy young women.

St Mary's Family Centre Busselton—26 November at 6.30pm

Tickets \$25 (cash only)

From Viv Barton: 9754 9344

Catherine Evans: 9751 2435



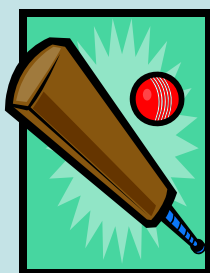
What's Happening to Our Girls? Penguin Books \$26.95

Ironman and Busselton Kid's Triathlon

Students over 14 years old are needed to work in the bike transition at the Ironman on Saturday 5 December. Your role will be to catch athlete's bikes and rack them when they start their run leg. For your time, you will receive a t shirt, hat, meal voucher and admission to the volunteer party on the Sunday. Register online at <http://www.ironmanwa.com/ironmanwa/volunteers.htm>.

Students aged 7—15 are encouraged to enter the Busselton Kid's Triathlon as individuals or in teams. The Kid's Triathlon is on Sunday 6 December. Enter online at <http://www.busseltontriclub.com/> or see Mrs Best for an information sheet.

Mrs Val Best



GMAS Sport

Cricket

GMAS TEAM	DATE	TIME	VENUE	VERSUS
UNDERS 10S	SAT 21 NOV	9.00AM	MRSHS	MR 1
UNDER 12S	SAT 21 NOV	9.00AM	DUNS PS	DUNS 2
UNDER 14S	SAT 21 NOV	8.30AM	GMAS	DUNS

Basketball

GMAS TEAM	DATE	TIME	COURT	VERSUS
14 BOYS A GMAS NAVY	MON 23 NOV	4.50PM	3	BOOMERS GREY
14 BOYS B GMAS TEAL	MON 23 NOV	4.00PM	2	YCW STINGERS
14 GIRLS A GMAS NAVY	THURS 26 NOV	5.40PM	1	YCW STINGERS
14 GIRLS B GMAS TEAL	THURS 26 NOV	4.50PM	3	NEW TEAM 2
16 BOYS GMAS NAVY	MON 23 NOV	6.30PM	1	GMAS TEAL
16 BOYS GMAS TEAL	MON 23 NOV	6.30PM	1	GMAS NAVY
16 GIRLS A GMAS TEAL	TUES 24 NOV	4.50PM	1	COLTS
16 GIRLS B GMAS NAVY	TUES 24 NOV	4.00PM	1	BOOMERS BLACK

GMAS SWIM CLUB

On Sunday 15 November, ten talented GMAS swimmers competed in the South West Open Carnival. This was the first swim meet for the summer season and, after the disrupted training due to the GLC pools closure, they still managed wonderful success. For a small team they came away with a very healthy amount of Personal Best times, some PBs were absolutely smashed, while those other more difficult one or two second PBs to chase down were even achieved. Several swimmers even won medals for selected events which was a fantastic surprise.

The amount of hard training these swimmers put in and the dedication of their coaches Andrea Nielsen, Zachary Nielsen and Brian Glover is a real credit to themselves and GMAS.

The support the swimmers received once again from parents, siblings and even grandparents certainly made our cheering squad very proud and loud! Thanks also go to the supporters that helped with time keeping.

Well Done Ty Kowalski, Callum Sly, Thomas Neill, Thomas Hancock, Lorne Glover, Isabella Hancock, Alexander Tunstill, Chad Kowalski, Kristen Sly and Nate Glover!

The next local meet is on 29 November and we expect GMAS swimmers to compete just as successfully.

It is hoped all GMAS Swim Club families have circled their calendars for the Christmas Pool Party on 12 December. Please refer to the invite attached to this What's On and we hope you can join in the fun.



CALENDAR

Monday 23 November

TEE/WACE Exams
Beauty Therapy/Personal Services Taster Programme 9.00am
Yr 2 Excursion

Tuesday 24 November

Chapel (Bunker & Eagle Year 7-11) 10.55-11.20am
Yrs PP – 6 Assembly 2.30 – 3.00pm **2G Presenting Class**
TEE/WACE Exams

Wednesday 25 November

Volunteers in Yrs 8 and 10 at Cliff's Kitchen/St Mary's Op Shop 9.30am - 1.30pm
Yrs 7 - 11 Assembly 10.45 - 11.30am
TEE/WACE Exams conclude

Thursday 26 November

Kindy Excursion
Yrs PP-2 Chapel 12.30—12.50pm
Yrs 3-6 Chapel 2.35 – 3.05pm
Chapel (Hamelin & Flinders Year 7-11) 10.55-11.20am

Friday 27 November

Chapel (Geographe & Meelup Year 7-11) 10.55-11.20am

Sunday 29 November

First Day of Advent
Family Fun Day

Monday 30 November

P & FA meeting 7.30pm
Cambodia Trip departs

Tuesday 1 December

Chapel (Bunker & Eagle Year 7-11) 10.55-11.20am
Yrs PP – 6 Assembly 2.30 – 3.00pm **Christmas Songs**
School Executive Team and School Captains luncheon 12.00pm
Carols at GMAS 6.30pm, concluding at 8.30pm
Cambodia Trip

Wednesday 2 December

Volunteers in Yrs 8 and 10 at Cliff's Kitchen/St Mary's Op Shop 9.30am - 1.30pm
Yrs 7 - 11 Assembly 10.45 - 11.30am
Yr 2 'Moving Up' Celebration Lunch 1.00 – 1.50pm
Yr 6 'Moving On' Celebration Dinner 6.30 – 8.00pm St Mary's Centre
Cambodia Trip

Thursday 3 December

Yrs PP-2 Chapel 12.30—12.50pm
Yrs 3-6 Chapel 2.35 – 3.05pm
Chapel (Hamelin & Flinders Year 7-11) 10.55-11.20am
Cambodia Trip

Friday 4 December

Chapel (Geographe & Meelup Year 7-11) 10.55-11.20am
Cambodia Trip

Saturday 5 December

Ironman
Cambodia Trip

Sunday 6 December

Cambodia Trip

GMAS Café Roster

Monday 23rd November

Monday	Deanne Smith (S1), Sandy Sly (S1) and Deborah Downie (S2)
Tuesday	Grant Henley (S2), Lisa Vines (S1), Kerry Hansen (S2) and Michelle Knipe (S1)
Wednesday	Susie Landers (S1), Shelley Allan (S1), Helen Godfrey (S1) and Natasha Forestier (S2)
Thursday	Kylie Witten (S1), Sue Gower (S2), Natalie Dow (S2) and Annie Douglas (S1)
Friday	Kerrie Dunnet (S1), Sandra Hollett (S1), Susan Arthur (S2) and Debbie Schepis (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 Meretta Curnuck

GMAS Café



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



Christmas Carols

Undercover at
Georgiana Molloy Anglican School

Joseph Drive, Provenance

**Tuesday 1st December
6.30-8pm**

Bring a blanket to sit on
Hot food available

**A FREE
event for all
the family**

For more information
please contact
Georgiana Molloy
Anglican School
on 9752 5252



Nurture Works and Parenting WA present:

Love Languages

Like adults, every child expresses and receives love through one of five communication styles/love languages.

By speaking your child's own love language you can more easily fill their emotional love tank



A child with a full love tank can better respond to parental guidance without resentment.

In this workshop you can discover your child's love language and maybe even gain some insight into your OWN! (Gary Chapman & Ross Campbell, MD.)

WHERE?: @ St Mary's Community Centre Cnr Albert and Queen Streets, Busselton.

WHEN? 23 Nov 9.45 am – 12.30 pm

CRECHE?: yes but registrations are essential.

COST? Contribution of your choice

REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL



REGISTER: at BUZ Office

By phone: 97512435

By email:

buz@buildupzone.com

This workshop will be facilitated by Kelly Brand and Catherine Evans

GMAS SWIM CLUB



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday 12 December
Geographe Leisure Centre
12.00pm—3.00pm

All Swim Club families
are invited to join in the fun

RSVP: 1 December
Sandy: gssly@westnet.com.au
Di: 9755 3857

Details to follow...