

Archway 2



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2012 has been another big year in the life of Geraldton Grammar and it is impossible to mention all of the highlights. The school's Executive has each chosen an event or initiative that is particularly dear to them, but these by no means cover the breadth of activities that happen on a daily basis at the school. None of these would happen without the extraordinary efforts of a dedicated staff, committed parents and terrific students.

What the year meant to us.....

Susan Shaw (Principal)

I had the privilege of being part of a City of Geraldton Greenough delegation to China where I got to visit a number of schools, do some activities with delightful students and meet some enthusiastic and committed young teachers. Once you are a teacher, you're always a teacher - as soon as you walk into a school, even a strange one on the other side of the world where you can't speak the language, you can still feel at home. And this is what happened to me in China. I spent time in boarding schools with populations of over 3000 – so different to Grammar, and yet in many ways, so similar. I had some great sessions with teachers talking about teaching English, suitable novels and films, the difficulties of English grammar – exactly the same conversations that I could be having in our staff room at GGS. And I came away with a genuine sense of friendship and a desire for partnerships that can only benefit all our students in the modern world we live in where our Chinese neighbours are so important. It was a truly wonderful experience.

Nicola Davidson (Head of Curriculum)

2012 has been a busy year from a curriculum perspective with the introduction of Australian Curriculum across the middle school which has included the appointment of a Chinese Language teacher and planning for future initiatives including the appointment of a music teacher, the introduction of a Thinker's Club in the secondary school and a whole school focus on Information Communications Technology. highlights for me however are the times when I work with students ~ my fantastic year 11 Literature class where the texts are a stimulus for sparking thinking and conversations about much wider ranging issues; taking Mrs Crosthwaite's year 7 class for a Future Problem Solving session ~ brain bender!; working with year 12s to help them complete their university preferences which was so rewarding as they are rapidly heading to the end of their time with us; and last but not least accompanying the half cohort of year 10s on their week long Perth camp while they try to work out what they want to do next year and after school finishes was a delight ~ the best group to go away with ever!

Jenni Winterbine (Acting Head of Middle School)

In Term 2 of 2012 I took on the role of Acting Head of Middle School. I had big shoes to fill and I knew it wasn't going to be easy. It was a role I was excited to get stuck in to, but one I quickly learnt you can never really be prepared for. Every day was different, some days have been fantastic, while others have been less so, but the most important part is the knowledge that I have made a difference to the students' lives that I have had the privilege of working with this year.

2012 has been a very busy year for me. Highlights include seeing my year 12 maths class finally understand cubic functions and my year 11 maths class adapt to the changing demands of Senior School. My year 9 maths class were my "sanity savers," providing me many entertaining moments and reminding me of why I became a teacher many years ago.

I've never known a year to go by so quickly. It has been an amazing experience, one that I will always remember fondly.

John Royce (Deputy Principal)

One role I have assumed since Mr Cox left the city of wind is that of coordinating Outward Bound. This year we took both the 9s and 11s to Walpole. Whilst the year 11s are experienced having been as year 10s last year, the year 9s were highly motivated and well prepared for the 10 day trip into the wilderness.

Outward Bound is a marvellous experience that seems to stay with those who attend for ever.

The challenges faced and surmounted have given much confidence to all the students. It is a point of difference for our school and we all benefit from the training and mentoring by the Outward Bound staff.

Berrice Lodge (Head of Primary)

The highlights for 2013 have been many in the primary. We have experienced many terrific incursions, excursions, special events and wonderful learning adventures.

'Batavia' undoubtedly will remain as the pinnacle of achievement for 2013. The production will have a lasting impact for all the students in year 4/5, the teachers, the parents and the school community. To bring to life the saga of the Batavia in such a dramatic way and to engage all students in an authentic learning situation is a testament to our learning community. Our students usually remember the Camps as the highlight of the school year. The year 4s with their historical trek around their local city and surrounds; the year 5s with a trip to Perth and what it has to offer and of course the year 6s with their journey to our National Capital, Canberra and the many exciting associated learning experiences. Batavia will rival these happenings and the students will remember this production for a long time.

Board of Governors

The Geraldton Grammar School Board of Governors works in partnership with the Principal, Mrs Susan Shaw to shape the strategic direction of the School and to ensure the delivery of quality education and student development outcomes.

We are a Board composed of members with wide ranging skills and experience and I am indebted to the efforts of Deputy Chair, Pauline Bogle and Members Darren Lee, Peter Hobbs, Rob Dines, Gareth Rowe, Paula Purcher, Greg Smargiassi, Rob Stubbs, Brodie Pearce, Craig Topham and Garry Hamersley. I thank each member sincerely for their commitment to the Board again this year.

I acknowledge and thank the Business Manager, Graeme Munday for his executive support to the Board. It goes without saying that the working relationship we enjoy as a Board with both Mrs Susan Shaw and with Graeme contribute enormously to the shared successes and achievements of the Geraldton Grammar School. The Board also acknowledges the efforts of the Executive Team and each and every member of the academic and support staff who work tirelessly to ensure that our students continue to enjoy high quality educational experiences and outcomes.

In line with the Board's long term plan, retro fitting of air conditioning throughout the school was completed in 2012. The Primary Toilet block and change rooms were also completed. Renovations to the current staff room to enable cooking/food preparation to be offered as an option to students from K-12 will also be completed this year.

The positive feedback that Geraldton Grammar School continues to receive in regard to the quality of our facilities and grounds is in no small way as a direct result of the dedication of our support staff. Their efforts, dedication and support are warmly acknowledged.

It is a privilege for us to know that the decisions we make as a Board, along with the effort and dedication of the staff, contribute positively to the lives and education of every student who attends Geraldton Grammar.

On behalf of the Board of Governors I take this opportunity to thank all staff and parents for your support during 2012 and we look forward to your continued support in the years ahead.

Jenny Rolston

Chair

Parents and Friends

2012 has been another busy year for the Geraldton Grammar School P&F. This year saw the commencement of our Professional Speaker Series. We were fortunate enough to host Dr Ian Lillico in May, as our guest speaker on "Raising and Educating Boys." Forums were attended by both teachers and parents and were very well received. In 2013 we will continue our Professional Speaker Series, hosting Maggie Dent in July 2013. The P&F committee and dedicated parent helpers hosted a number of events in 2012. These included the successful 100's Club, Quiz Night and 'Glammar on George.' These events provided parents with an opportunity to network, have fun and above all raise important funds for P&F projects. In 2012 we have raised \$23,000 which has been

allocated to the continuation of the Oval Development, Art Department, Natural Playgrounds Development and memorial for Alex Ashworth-Preece. We are grateful for the continued support of our parents and friends to deliver on these projects. In 2013 the Natural Playgrounds Development committee will work in conjunction with the School Executive and Primary teaching staff to deliver natural play spaces for students and we look forward to supporting this initiative through another successful year for the P&F.

Narelle Dennett

Chaplain's Report ___

There were a lot of new things this year. We had two Chapel Captains. One of the things Denby Evans did was help run the new short Chapel services each Monday morning for the High School. Jacinta Crabb helped at the Primary lunchtime club "KK's" (Kingdom Kids), also new. They both took roles in the whole school services, along with other students. We enjoyed hearing what they thought Easter was about.

The high school also had a new lunchtime club called "Searching Souls," a place of mutual encouragement where questions could be answered and Chapel topics discussed.

We welcomed our new Bishop to the school and the North West at our Term 3 Service, Gary Nelson and his wife Christine. His talk had a new format by using students to act out the bible story.

Also new were the YFC seminars in Term 3. Year 10 and 11 looked at Healthy Choices and Addiction Dynamics through games, videos, presentations and discussion groups mentored by volunteers from local churches. Year 8 and 9 looked at Relationships.

A new thing for me was being able to visit all the local High School camps during Camps Week at Galena, Lynton Station, Nukara and here at school. I really enjoyed the company of students and seeing what happened at each camp.

In Term 1 it was really nice to be able to teach all the Primary RE classes for the first time while Mrs Hamersley was recovering from her operation. I miss them but am glad I've still been teaching the 3 senior Primary classes.

I would like to thank Mrs Hamersley, Jacinta, Denby, staff and students who took part up front or behind the scenes in our Services, classes and groups for their enthusiasm and support in 2012.

God Bless.

Jenny Day

Primary RE Report

This year in the primary I have covered RE from 3 year olds all the way to 4/5s. We have had a wonderful year learning all about how God always keeps his promises. We have been doing this through acting, playing survivor with older students and making a story book with younger students. In the 3 year olds we read a daily devotion and the 4 year olds are working through Beginning with God. It is a delight to see how our students engage in all the lessons and that they can relate some of them back to how we live our lives today. I have had great support from all the primary staff for which I thank them very much.

God Bless.

Joyce Hamersley, Primary RE Teacher

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

In July we dedicated Alex's Orchard, as a place of inspiration and fond memories where the life of Alex can be celebrated. Alex beautifully demonstrated a solid faith by living his special life to the full just as Jesus promised in John 10:10 (NIV), "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full"









School Captains

Whilst writing this, a task that at the beginning of the year we would have thought impossible, we came to the realisation as to what an incredible year it has been. In February the end of the year seemed so far away and a point we would never reach. All we have known until this stage of our lives is school. To not come every day will be a change initially but one we believe will have been made easier as a result of the preparation Geraldton Grammar has provided us with. As we prepare to embark into the world we would like to reflect on the memories that Grammar has given us - ones that will live with us forever.

Outward Bound; yes it is something everyone mentions and while this may seem like repetition it truly is an experience not to be missed. It has graced many with new skills and perspectives and is something that we hope will continue for both present and future students of the school in the years to come.

Grammar is truly a community. Everyone knows everyone and teachers and students get along really well. We believe this is one of the most special traits Grammar has and hope it is never lost.

In association with the Student Representative Council (SRC) we have been involved in recycling programs, leadership conferences, Leeuwin expeditions, House lunch time activities, fundraisers and discos. For these experiences we are truly thankful as they have allowed us the opportunity to extend ourselves and reach for our potential.

Mr Racey, the man the legend, what else can we say? When the year 12s heard that he was going to be our year coordinator we knew we were going to be in for some fun times. The year 12s knew he was the funniest staff member in the school but what we

never knew was that he is the best ball planner this school has ever seen. He has been the one that has kept us all sane throughout the stresses of year 12 and we all are very appreciative of that. Mr Racey you are a legend!

The quote from Henry David Thoreau; "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined," explains to us that dreams are never out of reach. You just have to go confidently towards them. The Grammar school has given past, present and hopefully future students the courage and confidence they require to chase any dreams they desire. This is such a valuable aspect that this school has given us and will allow us to excel in life's journeys.

As the saying goes; 'Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; show him how to catch fish and you feed him for a lifetime.' Grammar has not just given us the fish but they have shown us how to catch it.

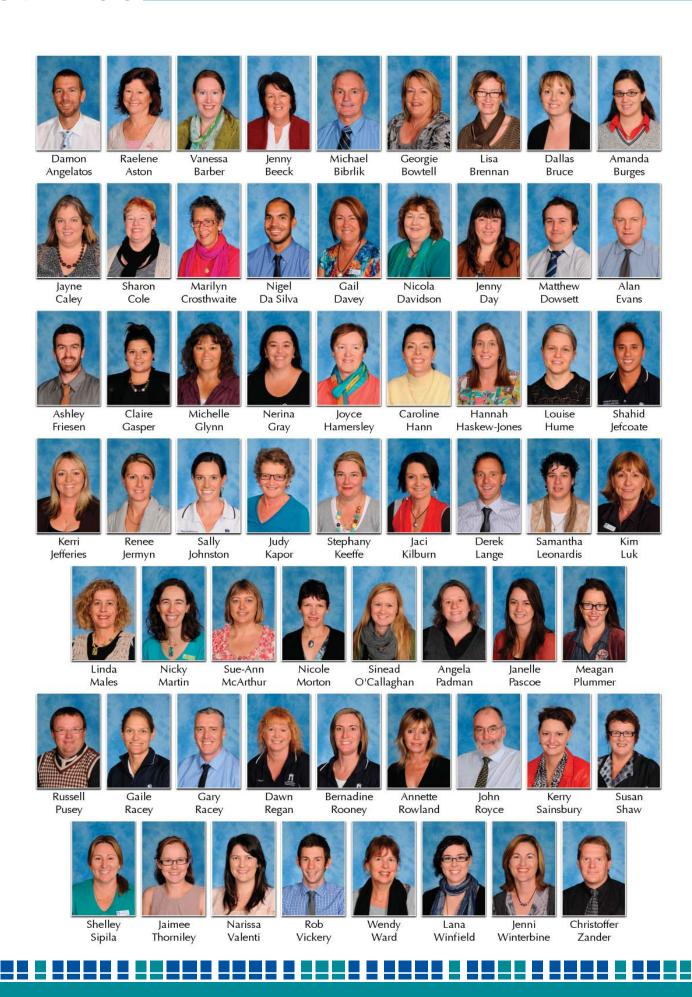
We believe year 12 is best summed up by the words of Charles Dickens: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." It is a year that definitely has its ultra-highs and rock bottom lows no matter what school you're in, but Geraldton Grammar has created its environment to make it as easy as possible for all year 12s and we think that this is what has allowed us to survive through the grit of year 12.

We wish the 2013 graduating class all the very best and hope your last year at Geraldton Grammar School is as amazing and eventful as ours.

Angus Parker and Josephine Morgan

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

President Barack Obama





Second Row: Josephine Morgan, Bonne Glass, Annabelle Campbell, Kate Feltham, Stevie Van Duyn, Tanya Burgess, Georgina Broad, Marie – Louise Moller. Fourth Row: Alison McLay, Jarrod Holmes, Matthew Kowald, Jamie Williams, Andrew Crabb, Jeremy Crabb, Marshall Yelverton, Ainsley Chivers. Third Row: Louise Symons, Isabelle Tanti, Morgan Short, Thomas Lawley, Mr Gary Racey, Liam Simpson, Jessica Mateljan, Jetarah Holmes. Fifth Row: Jay Nicholson, Alexander Thurkle, Reece McKenzie, Angus Parker, Jayden Beckwith, Brody Humphrey, Benjamin Ramsay. Front Row: Leane Nguyen, Hollie Patterson, Lydia Young, Steele Brennan, Aaron Short, Jacinta Crabb, Hayley Cowcill, Denby Evans.

Absent: Madison Jenkins

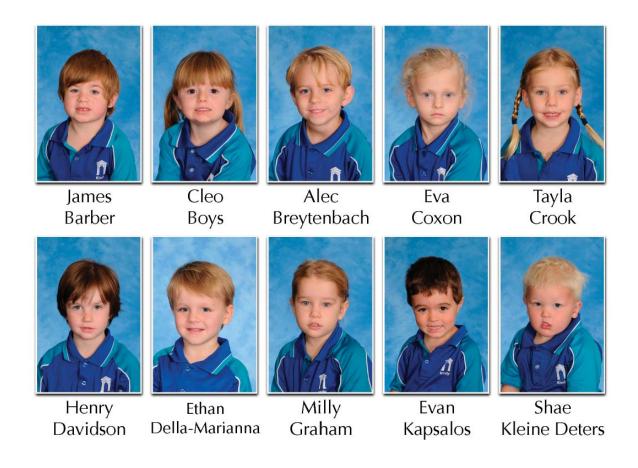
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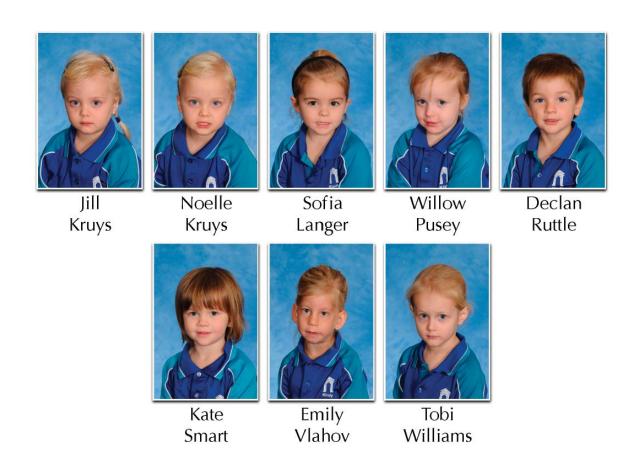






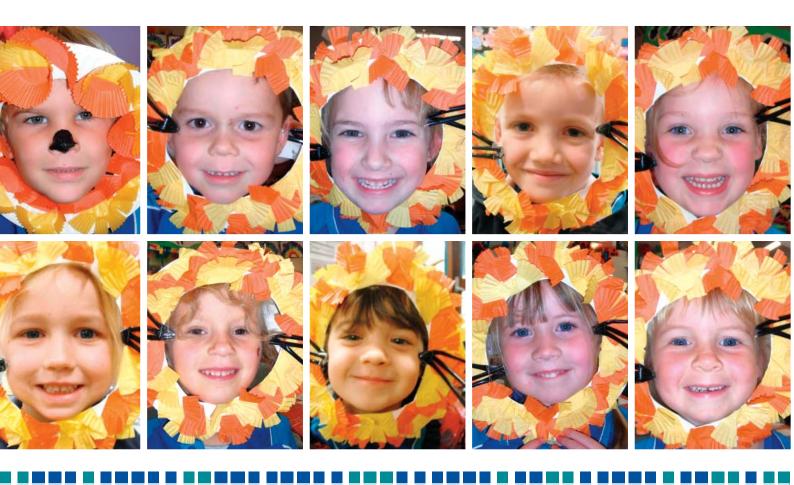














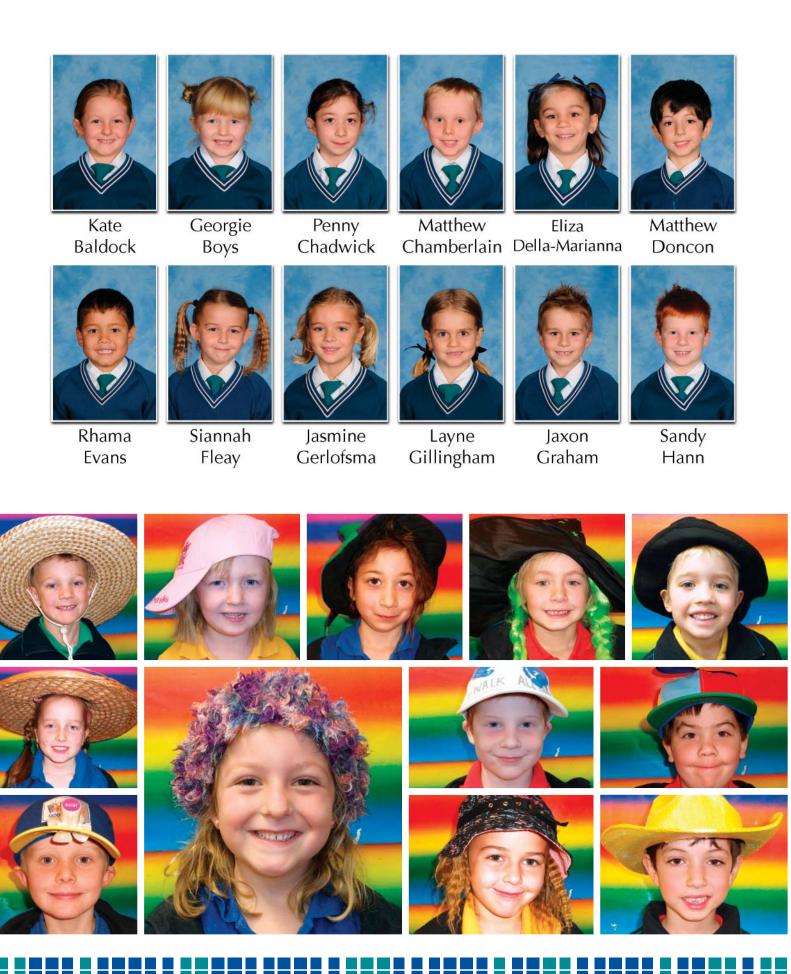














Essie Harris



Jasmine Hollins



Callum Mountford



Isla Mulligan



Milla Penberthy



Xander Pieterse



Taj Racey



Kristian Seidl



William Smart



Alice Tonkin













































Christian Jones



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Cameron McGrath



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Claire Schaberau



Daniel Stickney



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Kaleb Vlahov



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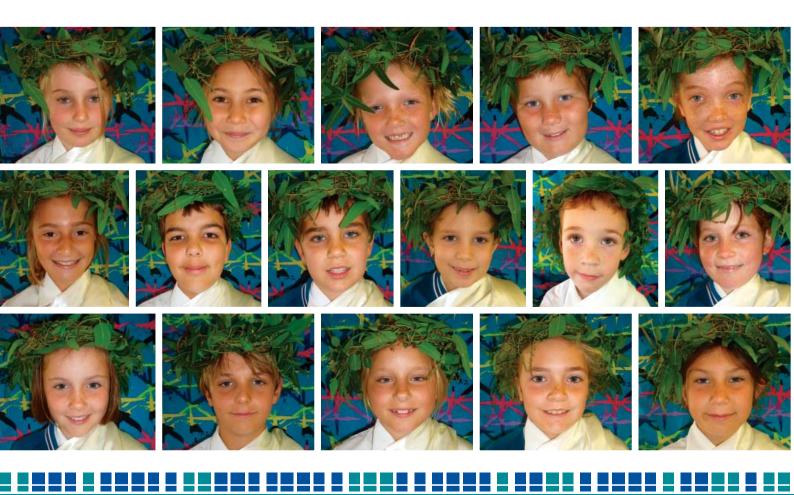


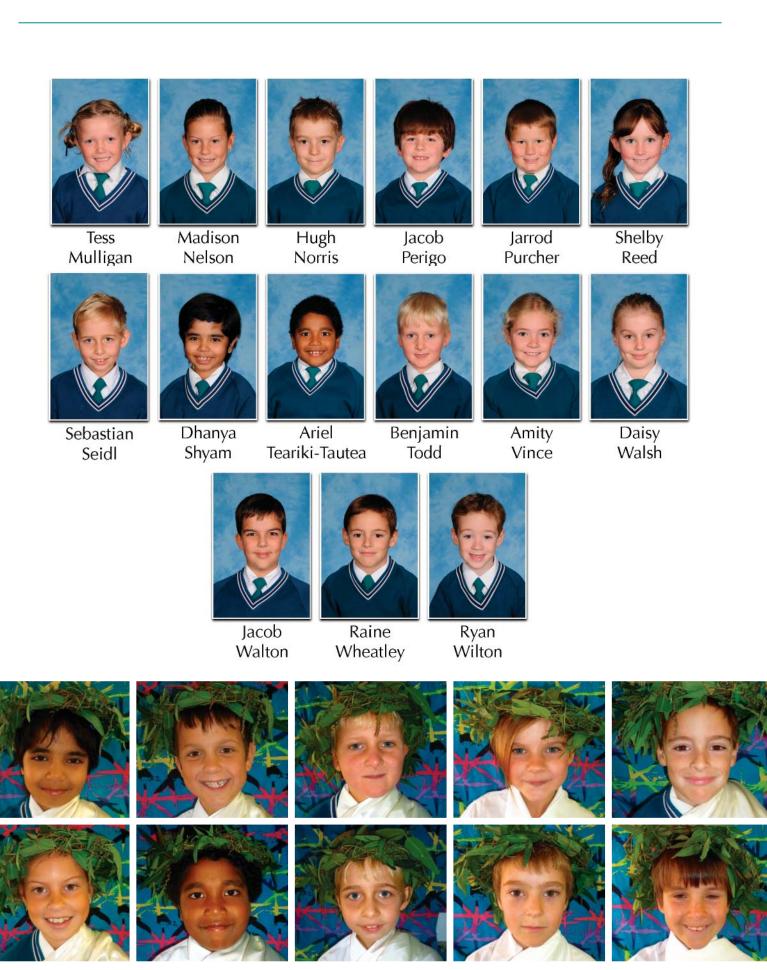


















Lily Klein



Aidan Peacey



Owain Price-Walkley



Taylor Racey



Holly Ruttle



Scarlett Singleton



Patrick Smyth-Duerrenmatt



Teigen Turney



Abbey Winterbine



































Ronin Mayne



Samuel Pepper



Natalie Robbins



Jeremy Scott



Indi Smith



Callum Teakle



Maggie Walton



Hayley Woods



Lawrence Yerex



































Carolina Mees



Anna Nguyen



Georgia Seymour



Nicole Sloper



Daniel Thorniley



Abby Topham



Imogen Vince



Emmett Yerex























Isabelle Fleay



Kent Forsyth



Cairo Hopkinson



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Jessica Muller



Aaron Nguyen



Lewis Pulbrook



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Jaimee Scott



Ethan Wasley











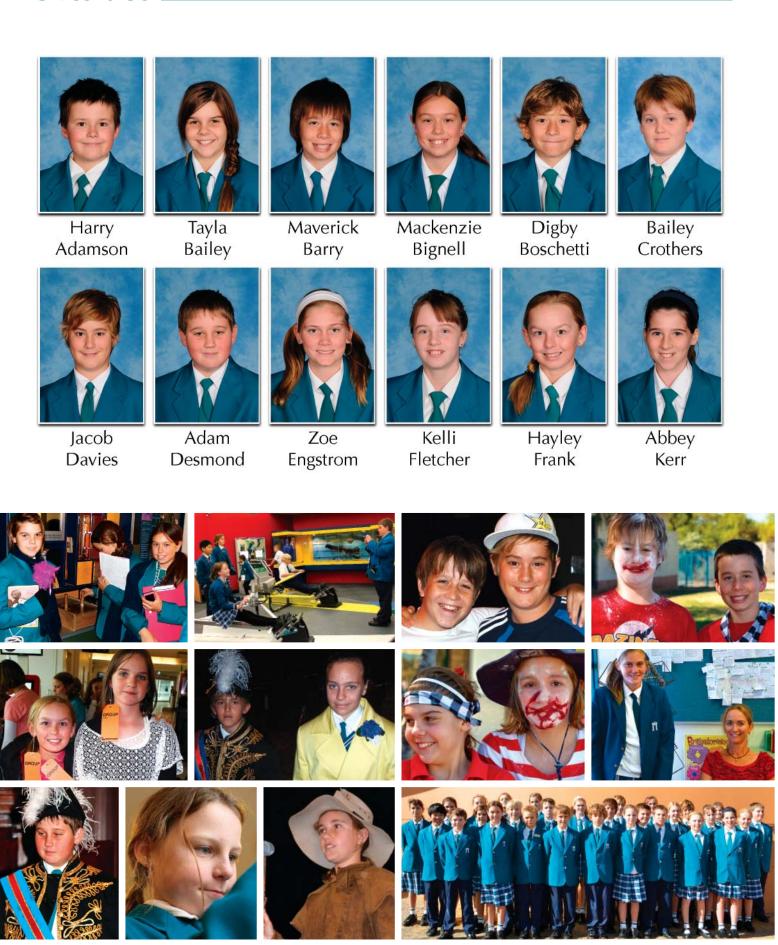


















Blake Bettesworth



Halina Boehlke



Amelia Burrows



Kayla Butcher



Kelsey Christoffersen



Nathanael Day



Matthew Donaldson



Cameron Fawell



Charlie Freeman



Emily Grima



Ella Johnson



Thomas Johnston



























Annabelle Blake



Samille Edwards



Caitlin Ellis



Eliza Hebiton



Shae Horo



Maddison Jefferies



Joshua King



Coby Lee



Brooke Maisey



Michael Muller

















Kyla Buckle

Thomas Cant

Regan Fitzgerald

Jessica Giudice-Nairn











James Heelan

Chris Johnson

Megan McClurg

Deeanna McDonald

Clark Millman









Kate Black



Zakery Brooks



Chelsie-Leigh Buck



Georgina Dalgleish



Jordan Forrester



Rhett Forsyth



Daniel Franceschini-Piil



Hannah Griffin









Cathy Johnstone



Julia Maynard



Alex McKay



Brendan Scott



Daniel Stewart



Nikki Sutherland



Bailey Vlahov



Todd Williams













Georgina Samantha Ashworth-Preece Biddiscombe





Emily Bradley



Mitchell Crabb



Jordan Criddle



Antisha Crowe



Stuart Forsyth



Hannah Greenaway



Bryony Hall



Mikaela Harris





Melissa Hoffman



Tobi Horton



Jemma Kitto



Thomas Lamont



Shannon Marsden



Blake O'Meara



Christopher Saunders



Liam Sipila



Samuel Solomon



Courtney Watt













Chapman House Primary _____

Chapman House started off with a bang this year winning the Primary Swimming Carnival in Term 1 for the second year running. We remained in the top position on the leader board for much of the year thanks to the awesome contributions of Credit Slip recipients. Our fighting spirit came out again at the Sports Carnival in Term 3, with some impressive efforts from individual competitors.

Congratulations to our House Captains and all our members who chanted and cheered our Chapman champions on!

Primary House Director

Shahid Jefcoate (Terms 1, 2 & 4) Lana Winfield (Term 3)

Primary House Captains

Aaron Nguyen (Semester 1) Kayla Butcher (Semester 2)

















Chapman House Secondary _

"Let the Chapman spirit live on.."

2012 has been the year of Chapman spirit! The first semester of the year we basked in the glory of holding the number one position on the leader board for the entire time. A strong performance at the swimming carnival turned the Chapman cheerers into Chapman champions; not only did we win the carnival but we were also awarded the spirit of the carnival trophy.

Unfortunately the score board showed that we slipped a few positions in the second half of the year, but not without taking out the spirit award (for the second time this year) at the athletics carnival. We sure are a team of cheerers!

The Chapman leaders have much to be proud of this year, so acknowledgement must be given to our House Captain Mathew Kowald and both middle school captains Jesse Mouritz and Jacob Pears.

Congratulations to all students in the Chapman family - what a great year of participation and enthusiasm.

Let the Chapman spirit live on.

Secondary House Director

Louise Hume

House Captain

Matthew Kowald

Middle School Captains

Jesse Mouritz (Semester 1) Jacob Pears (Semester 2)



















Greenough House Primary _____

Greenough primary students demonstrated great enthusiasm and team spirit throughout the year. They participated to the best of their ability in all house activities and events, including the swimming carnival, cross country, athletics, poetry competition and house sport. It was also fantastic to see older students supporting their younger buddies and acting as friends and role models.

Thanks to all the students, staff and parents of Greenough. The positive attitude, cheering and coaching showed what an awesome team we are.

To the mighty Green Machine, well done on a fantastic effort this year!

Primary House Captains

Isabella McIvor (Semester 1) Abbey Kerr (Semester 2)



















Greenough House Secondary

Such a wonderful house to lead once again this year with students demonstrating a positive attitude and terrific sportsmanship at every house event.

In addition to consistent outstanding individual performances across the board, we were able to gain team success in the cross country.

The green machine once again showed it is a force to be reckoned with and we look forward to seeking domination next year.

A thank you to Greenough staff who participated with enthusiasm and gave such fabulous support to our team:

Simon Moffatt, Chad Greenaway, Nicole Morton, Claire Gasper, Nigel DaSilva, Marilyn Crosthwaite and Gaile Racey.

Secondary House Director

Gary Racey

House Captain

Georgina Broad

Middle School Captains

Holly Freeman (Semester 1) Ryan Hobbs (Semester 2)



















Irwin House Primary _____

Irwin primary students demonstrated fantastic team work and enthusiasm in cheering on their house in 2012, our cheers can be heard right across the school! Irwin's team spirit and have a go attitude has seen us enjoy all house activities and events including the swimming carnival, cross country, athletics, poetry competition and house sport. I have been so proud to see our older students supporting their younger buddies by acting as friends and role models, showing the true spirit of Irwin House!

A huge thanks to all the students, staff and parents of Irwin. All of your positive attitude, cheering and coaching shows what an awesome team we are.

I am proud to be a part of Irwin and look forward to many more years! Congratulations on a fantastic year!

House Captain

Jamie Scott Sam Lockhart (Semester 1) (Semester 2)

























Irwin House Secondary _

It has been my privilege to work with Irwin House again this year. This year we have been well represented and performed competitively in the school carnivals. Many individuals have earned championship medallions, others achieved personal goals and all had fun.

The House Captains have been truly inspiring in their dedication to ensuring all Irwin House members have been included and active in our House activities and competitions.

A big thank you to all Irwin students and staff for their efforts this year. Your help and enthusiasm has been fabulous and I look forward to a fun and fruitful 2013.

Secondary House Director Sally Johnston

House Captain Isabelle Tanti

Middle School Captain Ebony Teakle























Murchison House Primary _____

"Go Murch!.."

Murchison started the year off with 2nd place at the swimming carnival. We did well at poetry, but the best was yet to come! We may not have excelled in the pool or on the stage but when our feet are on land we show our true colours. We won cross-country and the athletics carnival. So overall, Murchison has had a fantastic year!

I'd like to thank all of the other houses for showing great sportsmanship throughout the year and for making the House competition fun for everyone involved.

A special thanks to those who are lucky enough to be in Murchison. You are a great team to be a part of and I am proud to help out in any way I can. I would also like to thank our wonderful teachers:

Mrs Pascoe, Mrs McArthur, Ibu Sainsbury, Miss Rooney, Mrs Regan, Mrs Mundy, Mrs Jefferies, Mrs Ward and Mr Sheridan.

Go MURCH!!!!!!!!!

House Captain

Tahni Orr (Semester 1) Emily Winterbine (Semester 2)





























Murchison House Secondary

Once again the year has been full of excitement, encouragement and the powerful aroma of victory for the Mighty Murchishon. The great fighting crayfish have been in the fight for top position all year. We suffered a disappointing shock loss in the swimming pool, a result akin to the What About Tonight controversy, but that did not dampen our spirits. Instead, Murchison achieved what many said could never be done - victory on land in both the Cross Country and the Athletics Carnival. I cannot express enough how proud I am of all the members of Murchison for their participation in every House event. Your dedication to the competitive spirit is inspiring.

Congratulations must go to House Captain Andrew Crabb; he demonstrates true Murchison qualities and we wish him all the best for his future. Thanks must also go to our two middle school captains who have both fulfilled their roles with pride.

(Semester 1)

(Semester 2)

BAZINGA!

Secondary House Director

Russel Pusey

House Captain

Andrew Crabb

Middle School Captains

Jo Palmer Gabby Butler





































Boschetti



Burges





Lachlan Douglas

Aidan Honeywood

Jordana Jenkins

Obie Mayne

Catharina Mees

Bayley Messina





















Rukaya Msuo



Fraser Patterson



Caitlin Pears



Jaiden Peddie



Christopher Robertson



Cassidy Rolston



Adam Royce



Jasmine Sutherland



Georgie Tunbridge





Timothy Biddiscombe Christoffersen Gil de Matos



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Brooke



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Amelia Harris



Maxwell Holliday



Michael Keogh



Christopher Leonard



Rodney Noble

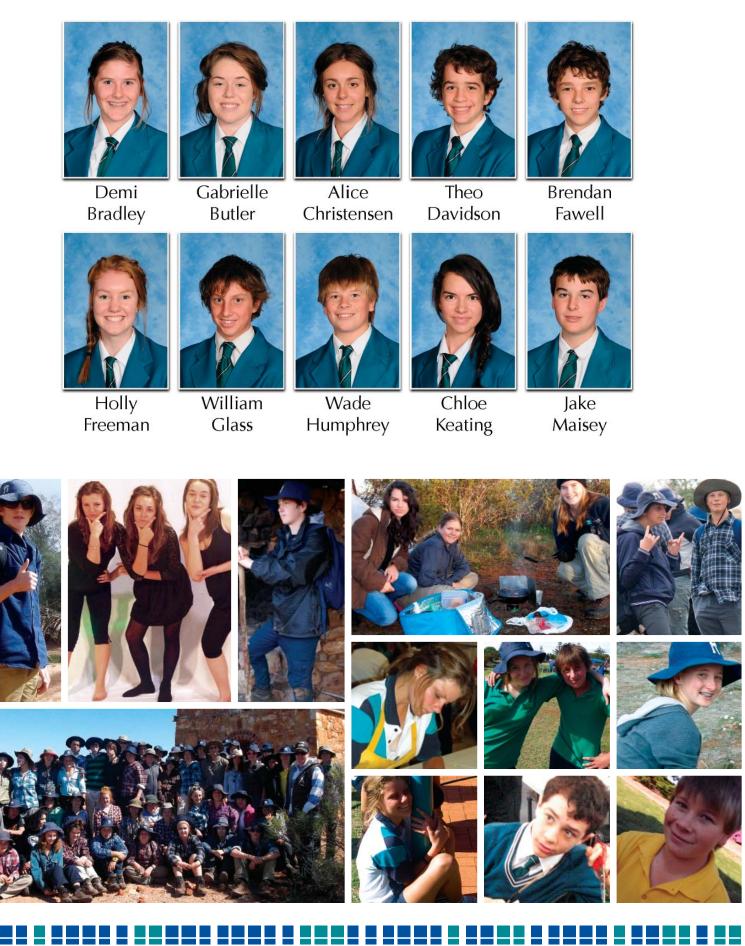


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Jesse Mouritz



Joseph Palmer



Jacob Pears



Abby Rayner



Melissa Salter



Brianna Short



Ebony Teakle



Stuart Vlahov



Matthew Wenzel

































Kendra

Evans

McLeary



Reece



Jarrod













Bianca Powell



Ashley Purcher



Adelaide Quartermaine



Jonathon Robbins



Kyle Smith



William Sturcke



Lindsay Taylor



Ella Tomkins

















Ben Bannister



Matthew Carroll



Mark Douglas



Jackson Giles



Hannah Greyson



Leanne Gundill



Benjamin Hearman



Jesse Lee























Alyssa McDonald



Brooke McKenzie



Ainsleigh Powell



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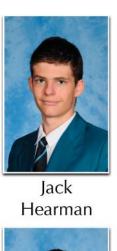














McKay





Jack Mitchell

Sinead O'Meara









Kate Pannell

Jamie Reynolds

Tessa Spence

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Melissa Sutherland



Langley Thurkle



Courtney Webb



Sheridan Yelverton







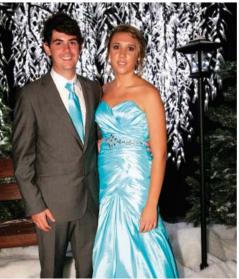














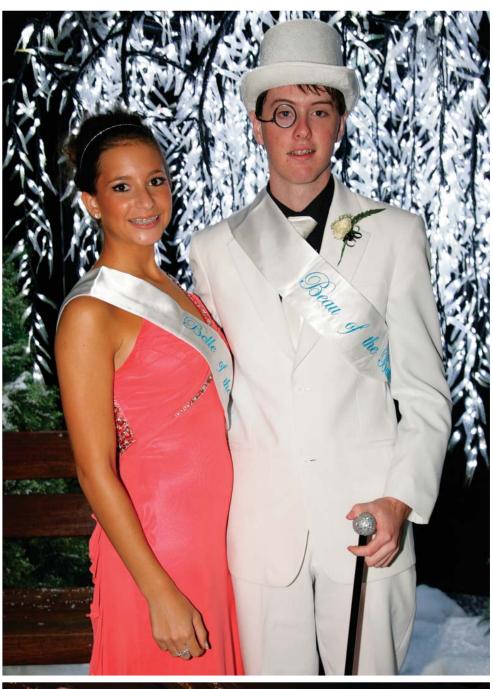


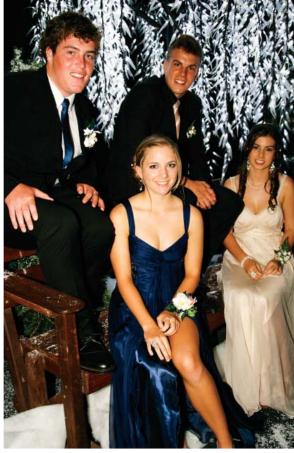




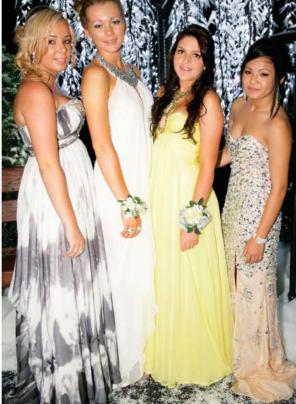












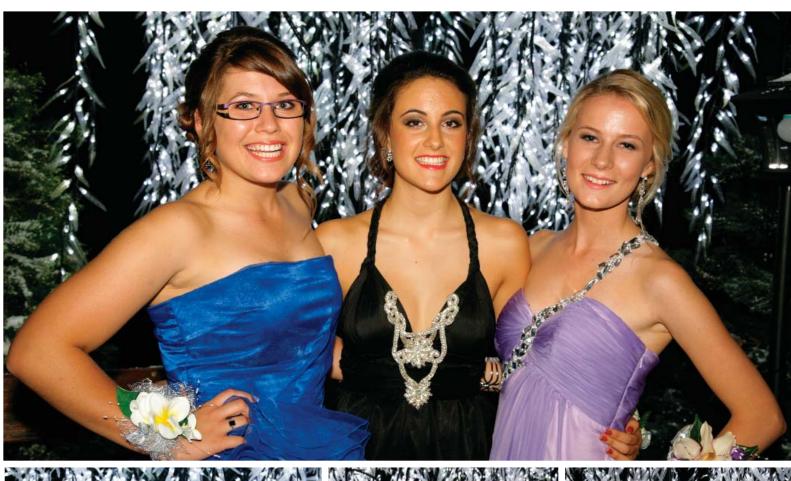


























Boarders

The Geraldton Residential College remains well supported and represented by Geraldton Grammar School. Our students from across many grades have enjoyed a successful and happy year living, working and making lasting friendships at the College.

A big thank you needs to be extended to Mrs Joyce Hamersley and Mrs Amanda Burges our two other Geraldton Grammar School Liaison teachers to the Residential College. Mrs Hamersley has accompanied me on many Wednesday evenings to share time and enjoy a roast dinner with our students at the College. Her

warmth and generosity are very much appreciated.

Thank you to the Residential College's Manager David Smart and his wonderful and friendly team of staff for making our students feel at home in a home away from home. From the activities and entertainment, the transport and lunches they provide, the academic support and for the care and guidance they give to our students.

Sally Johnston

Liaison teacher to the Geraldton Residential College

"A successful and happy year living, working and making lasting friendships at the College.."









There are two choirs in the Primary School – Junior (PP-Year 3) and Senior (Years 4-6), with members attending rehearsals twice a week.

Choir highlights of the year include the Primary Presentation Evening, 'Thank You' Assembly, Grandparents' Day and the Geraldton Music Festival. This year, our Year 6 students made up two Primary Choirs that were entered into the Festival while the Year 4s and 5s were at Camps Week, and the Junior Choir participated in the Junior Primary category. All choirs received Highly Commended and should be proud of their efforts.

"It has been another successful year.."

Our choirs have participated in a workshop with Perth choral ensemble The Winthrop Singers, performing on stage with them at their concert. The Junior Choir was also selected to take part in the WIN Television Christmas Carols campaign this year.

It has been another successful year and new members are always welcome!







English

2012 has been a particularly busy and successful year for the English Department. The team of Mrs Louise Hume, Mrs Marilyn Crosthwaite, Mrs Amy Price, Mrs Nicki Morton, Ms Nicola Davidson, Ms Sinead O'Callaghan, Ms Claire Gasper and Mr Russell Pusey have all worked tirelessly during the year to ensure that English continues to be an engaging and rewarding subject to study at Grammar. The experience, quality and dedication of all of the English staff have allowed me to take on the exciting role of English Coordinator at the school this year.

The year started off with the terrific news of the success of the graduating class of 2011 in their WACE exams. Indyana Chambers - Galloway was awarded a certificate of distinction within the subject, a mark that placed her in the top 0.5 per cent of all WACE candidates. The 2011 class were rewarded for their hard work with results which put them alongside the best in the state.

Throughout the year the students have revelled in the opportunities that they have been presented with. In Term 1 a group of select students from years 10 and 11 attended the Perth Writers' Festival and were mesmerised by internationally acclaimed poet Innua Ellams. Some of these students were also lucky enough to be included in the trip to the All Saints' Literature Festival. It was such a pleasure to take

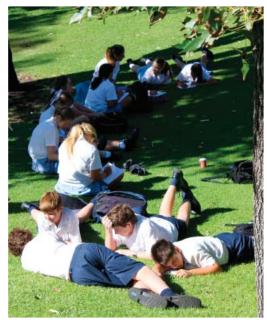
a group of engaged and enthusiastic young people who share a passion for communication. Pictured to the right our students can be seen working frantically in the picturesque grounds of the All Saints' campus. Our year 7 and 8 students have participated in the Young Writers' Days throughout the year. The enthusiasm they have shown for reading and communication is a great sign of things to come.

The Randolph Stow night, hosted by Grammar this year, proved to be a wonderful evening in which a number of our students were recognised for their talents as young writers. Rosie-Ann Bogumil, Emily Semple and Denby Evans all took out their respective categories on the night. The plethora of award winners from the Primary school and the student readers who carried themselves with confidence and style are an exciting indication of the times ahead in the department.

The English Department will continue to work hard to implement the ongoing rollout of the Australian Curriculum so that classes remain stimulating and relevant to our students. I'd like to once again thank the fantastic staff of the English Department for all of their efforts this year.

Mr Rob Vickery
English Coordinator

"Throughout the year the students have revelled in the opportunities that they have been presented with.."









The Egyptians knew what they were doing when they built the world's oldest standing buildings; a strong firm foundation with incremental steps placed securely upon each level below.

"Here at GGS we take a similar approach to the teaching of science."

We use our students' background knowledge as foundation a ('smoothing' this out where student misconceptions are identified), provide solid blocks of hands-on learning of concepts, and complete our students' learning with the complex scientific concepts taught in the senior WACE Courses of Study. Our teachers deserve to be proud of their efforts and the results that are achieved by the students; these include Certificates of Distinction and High Distinction in the University of NSW Science Tests, a Certificate of distinction for the Human Biological Science Course of Study (Sophie Moustaka), and having a top performing Chemistry and Human Biological Science class in regional WA.

The Egyptians were innovative in their use of technology and our students have benefitted from our implementation of Pasport sensors. These allow students to make very accurate and precise measurements and display these graphically in real-time. Also our use of our bank of laptops has ensured our students have ready access to widerange of useful interactive learning objects and simulations.

Similar to the Egyptians, we recognise life on Earth is not the be-all and end-all of existence and our close association with the Geraldton Astronomy Group has afforded us many opportunities to cast our view further afield - even if the weather did not always cooperate. Our telescopes made appearances at the middle school camps as well as community and school viewing nights. Year 9 Science Extension students

helped classify galaxies as part of the Galaxy Zoo project.

The Egyptians could not have achieved what they did without slaves and we have our own help with Jenny Beeck who works tirelessly and flexibly to ensure our students have the best learning opportunities.

Additionally we wish one of our most valued teachers, Dallas Bruce, well on her exodus (we trust temporary) in 2013.

2012 Staff

Jenny Beeck (Laboratory Technician) Damon Angelatos (Head of Science) Dallas Bruce

Amanda Burges

Sharon Cole

Nigel Da Silva

Caroline Hann

John Royce

Angela Padman













"Studies of Geography, Philosophy and Ethics, Small Business Management and Enterprise, History and new to the list, Economics."

It has been another busy year for our Society and Environment team. Throughout the year students in the Middle School have been doing a mixture of Geography, Politics, Cultural Studies, Economics and History. The year 7 and 8 cohorts have been investigating new units in History and I thank the teachers for all their hard work in preparing these units.

The onset of Australian Curriculum has meant the rewriting of teaching and learning programmes and this will continue in the coming years. Of particular note in the field of Society and Environment is the camp's week where students have the opportunity to explore curriculum in a very different context. This is always a highlight. Likewise, with the new Australian Curriculum year 8 students have had

the opportunity to engage in studies of medieval Europe in a fun and colourful manner.

Senior students in the field of Society and Environment have been engaged in studies of Geography, Philosophy and Ethics, Small Business Management and Enterprise, History and new to the list, Economics. Congratulations to the year 12 students of 2011 who performed remarkably well and the crop of year 2012 students are working hard as their exams approach. We wish them all the best for the future.

Special thanks go to all the teachers in the faculty this year; Marilyn Crosthwaite, John Aston, Angela Padman, Sharon Cole, Sally Johnston, Amy Price, Gaile Racey and Russell Pusey.















Technology & Enterprise _____



















































Students from Kindy through to year six have continued into the second year of learning Indonesian with Ibu Sainsbury.

This year Indonesian Independence Day Celebrations were once again an afternoon of fun and games. The school looked amazing with a mass of red and white adorned students partaking in a variety of activities including eating Nasi Kuning (Yellow Rice) the traditional way with hands, to eating donuts without hands!

It was awesome to see students join in to sing Indonesia Raya, the Indonesian national anthem, at the flag raising ceremony and celebrate Indonesian Independence Day in a way similar to their Indonesian peers. I would like to commend all primary students for their fantastic behaviour on the day and making this event such a success.

This year also included an opportunity for both Ibu Sainsbury and Miss Winfield to travel to Indonesia as part of the BRIDGE program with our partner school Menanggal 601 in Surabaya. This visit enabled participants from both schools to continue working together to gain a better understanding of intercultural differences.

The use of ICT as a teaching and learning tool has continued to be a focus for the upper primary throughout the year. Students are using Web 2.0 Technology to produce digital works that in turn can be shared with the partner school via the BRIDGE wiki site.

Congratulations to all students for their willingness to learn both the language and culture of one of our closest neighbours, Indonesia.

Ibu Kerry Sainsbury Primary Language Specialist

"... Language and culture of one of our closest neighbours, Indonesia."





















Performing Arts.

2012 has been a very busy year for the Performing Arts students at Geraldton Grammar. The students have worked tirelessly to produce exciting work for their peers and audiences in both Drama and Dance.

A trip to the Perth International Arts Festival was a great start to the year for a selection of year 10 and 11 students. The camp included performances from international artists of the highest calibre as well as opportunities to workshop with Perth actors, dancers and designers.

Over the year, students have performed at a range of events including the Grammar Arts Factory launch, The Randolph Stow night, dance assemblies and the year 10/11 Drama showcase.

This year also saw the launch of the GRAMMAR ARTS FACTORY, the new branding for the arts department here at Grammar. The Grammar Arts Factory is a concept initiated by the Arts teachers at Geraldton Grammar School to promote a creative arts body across our school. The idea is to have students identify themselves with a larger Arts community rather than just focusing on their chosen Arts subjects. Over time it is envisaged that the Grammar Arts Factory will become involved in a range of community projects so that the Arts at this school can be recognised through the Grammar Arts Factory name and logo.

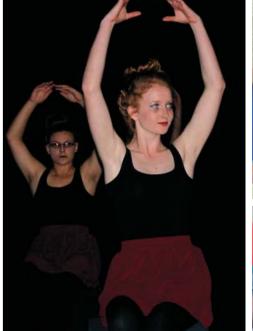
I would like to thank and congratulate the students for the fantastic effort they put into classes and extra-curricular activities in both Drama and Dance.

"Geraldton Grammar School promotes a creative arts body across our school.."







































Students right through to Year 6 learn to listen, move, sing and play to music from various places and eras. This means students are learning through music, not just about it. This year the Music program has expanded to include our youngest students – Junior Kindy – who are visited once a week by Miss Winfield (and a host of musical instruments) in their classroom.

Percussion is a strong component of the Primary Music program. All students learn to play non-tuned percussion instruments including bells, shakers, tambourines and claves. Students from Year 2 up learn tuned percussion instruments such as xylophones, and from Year 4 are eligible to join our Percussion Ensemble.

Grammar entered seven groups into the 2012 Geraldton Music Festival – three

percussion ensembles, two primary choirs, our junior primary choir and a choral speaking group (2/3 Mc). Our Year 6 students did a stellar job of representing the Senior Primary while our 4s and 5s were away on camp. One of our Percussion Ensembles (6 S) was awarded First Place in its category, performing 'Martina Kallina', and 2/3 Mc received equal first place with their performance of 'And Kangaroo Played His Didgeridoo.' All students rose to the challenge and should be extremely proud of their performances.

The Primary has also been lucky enough to be visited by some incredible musicians – such as Mark Cain the PVC Music Man, and members of the West Australian Symphony Orchestra (WASO) woodwind section. It was fantastic to see the musicians sharing their joy of music with our students!





































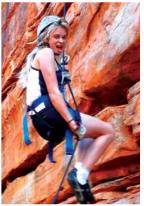




































Primary Camps - Year 4 Local History _____

















Primary Camps - Year 5 Trip to Perth _____

















Primary Camps - Year 6 Trip to Canberra _____















Service - Nepal

Last year Geraldton Grammar School established a sister school relationship with Shree Janakalayan, a small primary school in the area near Pokhara in Nepal.

At the end of 2011, a group from Geraldton Grammar School visited the school for the first time. We received a warm welcome from the students, staff and parents at Shree Janakalayan and saw the results of the year's fundraising, including a new roof for three of the classrooms. During the visit, the group painted one of the school buildings.

The trip to Nepal was an amazing cultural experience and an eye-opener to the Geraldton Grammar students, who realised just how lucky we are and how much we have in Australia.

The focus for this year was to improve sanitation and hygiene at Shree Janakalayan through the provision of running water. Fundraising efforts have included raffles, contributions from a

night at the Dome, and a student freedress day, when students in both the Primary and Secondary dressed in the colours of the Nepali prayer flags.

The generosity of the school community has been fantastic and has enabled us to achieve our goals this year. A pump and tanks have been installed and the students and staff at Shree Janakalayan now have access to water at their school for drinking and hygiene.

We look forward to continuing our sister school relationship in 2013 and learning more about Nepal.

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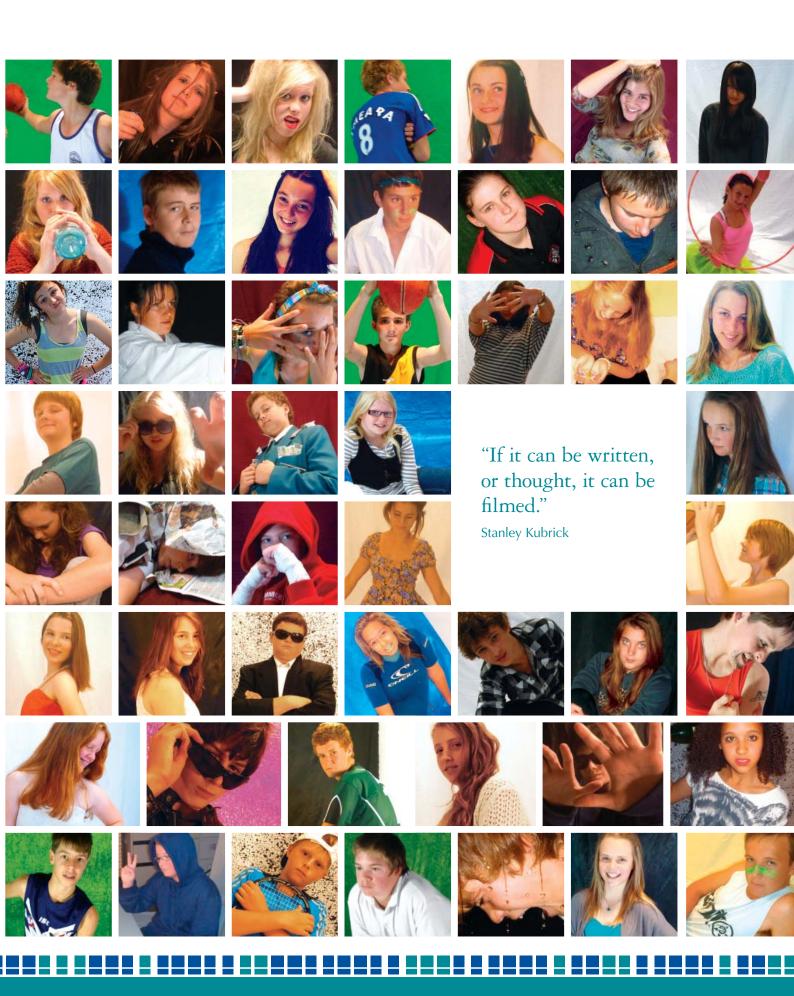










































Year 11 Transition Camp

"The camp was designed to help the students understand what is expected of them as senior students so that they would be prepared for the years ahead."

After some last minute changes due to fires blocking the roads, the year 11 cohort attended a 'Transition Camp' during the Monday and Tuesday of Term 1, week 1 at the Kalbarri PCYC camp school. The camp was staffed by Miss Gasper, Miss Bruce, Mr Lange and Mr Vickery.

The camp was designed to help the students understand what is expected of them as senior students so that they would be prepared for the years ahead. They went to sessions run by the staff to learn more about time management, graduation requirements, study techniques, motivation, the importance of being active and managing stress, staying safe, skills for writing senior school essays and discovering their strengths.

In addition to this, students were required to complete jobs as House groups and work on their teamwork skills by being put in problem situations

and having to resolve them.

Despite the scorching hot weather, the year 11 students soldiered on with the help of ice packs, hats, sunscreen, fans, beach trips, air conditioned dorms and plenty of water! They were given resources to help them in the years ahead and there should be no doubt in any of their minds as to what is required of them and where they can get support as they finish the last 2 years of their schooling.





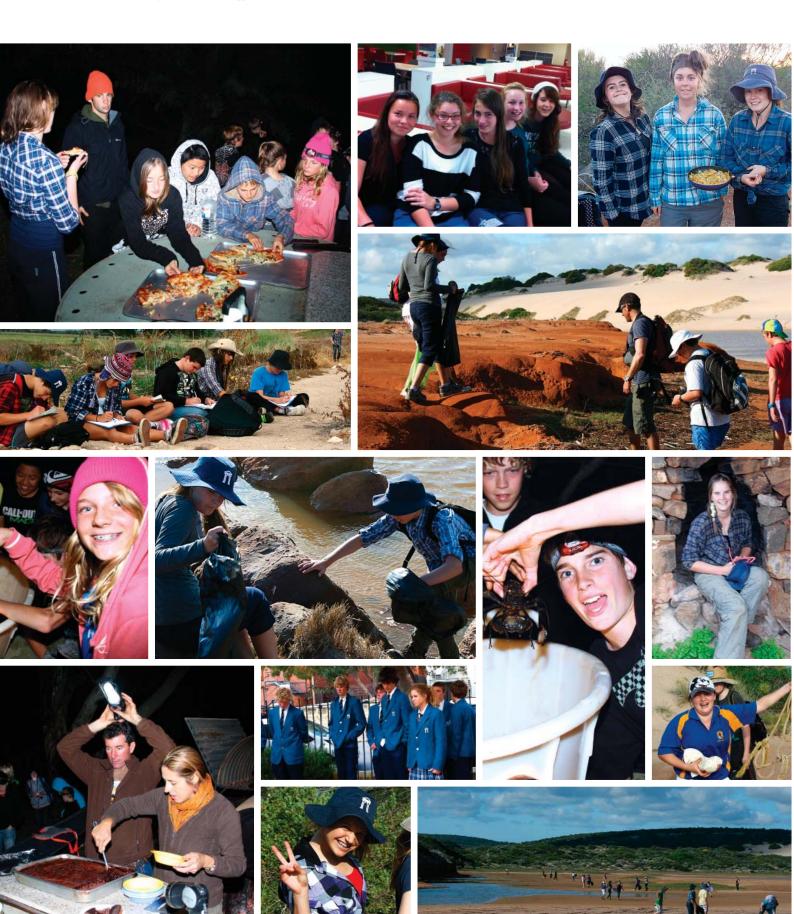








Secondary Camps Week _____



Secondary Camps Week _____

































Building Program - Primary Toilet Block _____





















































