Dear Parents and Carers,

I acknowledge the significant efforts of staff, parents and students with the successful activity conducted in the last weeks of term.

Greenough triumphed in the House swimming carnival; the Pink Stumps charity event run by the student council raised $918; Harmony week celebrations concluded with entertaining performances in the courtyard; the College hosted the Youth Literature Days program for Geraldton schools; and, with support from cafeteria staff, parents and students, hosted 190 Chamber of Commerce and Industry members at the Trade Training centre for a Business after Hours event.

The most recent event, the College Ball, attracted 300 guests who made their entrance through a big audience of appreciative spectators seated terrace style in the carpark of the Queen Elizabeth II Centre.

These events showcase College life, our facilities and demonstrated our commitment to provide opportunities beyond classroom experiences that make for a full and rounded educational experience.

I am grateful for the willingness by staff to accommodate extra work in what has been a demanding first term. I am also impressed by the leadership, initiative and commitment of the student groups very capably led by Sharnee Freeman, Logan McGregor, Zoe Rowcroft and David Moore.

Interim Progress Reports will be sent home this week. The first parent teacher meeting on Tuesday, April 28th traditionally is well attended as this opportunity allows conversation to centre on the outcome of at least two assessment tasks completed by week 8. It is a time when feedback will focus on what is required throughout the remainder of semester and in the lead up to exams for those involved. Note: Year 10 students who completed OLNA tests will have these reported at the end of semester.

Please return the booking sheets and plan for gaps between appointments to allow time to move between teacher locations in the library, cafeteria, science labs and the CAVE building. Thank you for your support.

Enjoy Easter and the term break.

Garry Simmons

Upcoming Events

Monday 20 April
Staff Development Day

Tuesday 21 April
College Council Meeting - 6pm @ GSC

Friday 24 April
ANZAC Peace Service

Monday 27 April
ANZAC Day Holiday

Tuesday 28 April
Parent Night

Tuesday 12 May
P&C Meeting - 6pm @ JWC

Monday 18 - 22 May
Year 12 Exams

Tuesday 19 May
Year 12 Geography Camp

Tuesday 26 May
Year 12 Exams

Monday 1 June
WA Day Public Holiday
GSC’s Got Talent!

Come one, come all. Geraldton Senior College is flooded with talent and we want to share it with you!

The annual GSC’s Got Talent competition was held toward the end of Term 1. We had ‘heats’ over three lunch times with lots of talented vocalists, musicians and more. The heats were judged by our fantastic judges Mr Bowdell, Eric Behiels, Ms Brimson, Mrs Davidson and Jason Henderson.

After the heats were over, the finals were held on the Friday at lunch. The finalists were: David Moore, Isabella Maisano and Tessa Maynard, Aimee Wellman and Sharae Leeman, and Olivia Bailey.

In third place, we have David Moore (who performed with appendicitis in the final - now that’s commitment!), in second place was Isabella Maisano and Tessa Maynard, and our first place winner was Olivia Bailey.

Congratulations to everyone who gave it a shot. It was a great week and an excellent example of GSC students demonstrating Respect, Responsibility and Doing Your Best

Thank you to everyone in the crowd who cheered on our performers and thanks to the MC Mrs Corlett and official photographer Miss Lucas.

- Melanie Penny, Music Teacher

Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment

Parents, you may have heard your child talking about OLNA testing at school. What is OLNA testing and what is its purpose? OLNA stands for Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment. The OLNA has three components – reading, writing and numeracy.

“All Western Australian students are required to sit the OLNA test in Semester one of Year 10 unless a satisfactory score was achieved in NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) in Year 9. Students who do not receive the minimum score in each component will be provided additional opportunities to re-sit the OLNA throughout Year 10, 11 and 12. Students will have up to six opportunities in March and September of each year to achieve the minimum standard of literacy and numeracy.”

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By the time you’re reading this article, the first round of OLNA testing at GSC will be over. Remember, students, if you didn’t get a satisfactory score this round – do not fear! Study hard and try your best. Do not be afraid to ask for help if you feel you are struggling as there are many resources available to you around the school.
Youth Literature Day

Youth Literature Day: an event held every term in the library, where young writers can come and be inspired by famous authors as well as each other. Many new, bright and fresh minds were among the mix for our first Youth Literature Day of the year. The room was simply buzzing with excitement and anticipation for the guest author to arrive. Who was the author, you may ask? James Roy!

James is the author of many middle school and young adult novels such as Almost Wednesday, Anonymity Jones and the Edsel Grizzler series. James told stories about his writing process, how to enhance your story characters and other great tips and tricks to enhance your writing. He even took the time out of his lunch break to sign copies of his books for his young fans.

The best part of Youth Literature Day is listening to the young writers read out the writing pieces they’ve been working on throughout the day. While some wrote silly stories just to get a laugh, others wrote more personal pieces relating to some personal experiences they’ve had in their lives.

Thank you to James for inspiring a new group of young writers. Hopefully we will see some of their books on the shelves next to yours!

- The Library Team

Kalicia represents SHINE and GSC

In 2014, while attending John Willcock College, current GSC student Kalicia Oakley won the Excellence Award for the SHINE (Students Hairdressing Integrating Education) Program. After winning this award, Kalicia was selected to travel to Perth and attend the Women in Resources Awards, accompanied by the SHINE founder and director Mandy Jolley. Former GSC student Terina Tito was lucky enough to be selected last year.

Established in 2010 by the Chamber of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia, the Women in Resources Awards is designed to recognise individuals and organisations working to build a world-class industry which provides attractive career opportunities and enhances the recognition and participation of women in the sector.

Previous winners have come from a wide range of organisations in the WA resources sector and varied career fields including engineering, trades, technical, operations, processing, human resources, environmental, management, geology and community relations. [.www.e-ward.com.au]

After they’d arrived, Kalicia was taken out to dinner at Lamont’s on Thursday evening. The next day began with an early rise and the breakfast award ceremony; over 1000 special guests were in attendance. Stuart Forrester, manager of ILUKA and winner of the 2014 Women in Resources Champion Award, was on the panel and he was discussing the importance of women in the work force. Kalicia said she was very proud of Stuart for being up on stage and fighting for equality for women.

Thank you to ILUKA for providing this amazing opportunity every year.
College Ball
Earlier in the term our fantastic school community showed their support for Pink Stumps Day for the McGrath Foundation. Pink Stumps Day is a day to raise money for breast cancer research. Our school raised $918!

As you can see from the pictures included in this article, our students went all out while still following school dress code. They donned pink glasses, hats, nail polish, face paint as well as other pink accessories. Student Councillors took it upon themselves to walk around the school campus with fundraising tins, to collect gold coin donations from everyone. Each donation was entered into a prize draw as well, so why wouldn’t they give a few bucks?

Students and staff enjoyed a sausage sizzle and a few games of cricket (complete with the pink stumps, of course) over the lunch break. What a great cause and a great way to spend the day!

Harmony Week usually falls on the second week of March. This year Harmony Week was celebrated with the theme of ‘Being Respectful and a Good Listener, Embracing Others Cultures.’

The week involved cultural artefacts and posters displays in the library. There was a poetry and artwork competition with daily form quizzes. The response from the students and staff members was overwhelming, expressing how much they enjoyed the form quizzes.

Harmony Day on Friday the 20th of March concluded the week-long celebration with lunch hour cultural entertainment and a free sausage sizzle for everyone. The winners of the poetry and artwork competition were announced. The artwork prize was won by Amber Tovey and the poetry competition was won by Erin Mailer. The daily form quizzes were won respectively by Form B10 and Form M9.

The School is grateful to the following sponsors for their help and support to the school to make Harmony week a success: Woolworths, Coles, Target, IGA, The Geraldton Fijian Association, Midwest Multicultural Association.

The school hopes that their support will continue every year for Harmony Week.

- Salome Hargrove,
  Harmony Week Coordinator.
The Geraldton Regional Trade Training Centre (GRTTC) was in the spotlight last week as we hosted the Business After Hours event run by the Mid West Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The monthly event brings businesses together to network and learn more about featured companies.

Over 160 people gathered and toured through the facility. “It was quite a successful evening with a lot of positive feedback,” recalled Cameron Todd, Manager. “Guests were able to try out the virtual welder, a simulating welding machine that allows users to perfect their technique without creating waste.”

We have had a number of enquiries about hiring the facility for meeting space, additional training in metal work, and as an occasional workshop. The funds raised from hiring out space in the GRTTC will go towards the operational costs and keeping the facility open for all to use.

Thank you to the students, staff and parents who helped with catering, organisation and hosting at the event.

If you are looking for a perfect spot to hold meetings, training or events, get in touch with Mr. Todd at GSC!

Not many people can say that they’ve met the Prime Minister Tony Abbot, but Geraldton Senior College student Rani Thurston can. Rani’s mother received a plus one invitation from her work place and presented Rani with the opportunity to attend. Rani said she jumped at the chance before any of her siblings could take her spot.

The meeting was held at the Queen Elizabeth II Centre on Sunday 8 March. Introductions began shortly after the PM’s arrival. “I was the first person in the room to shake his hand,” Rani says, “It was very exciting.”

After a speech by the Mr Abbot, Rani was able to pull him aside and ask him a question. She asked “What is your favourite part of being the Australian Prime Minister?” “My favourite part of being the PM is helping the people of Australia,” he replied.

“The PM always had a smile on his face,” Rani recalls. “He was a pleasure to meet and I’m glad I had the opportunity!”
# Swimming Carnival

## GSC Swimming Carnival Scoreboard

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## Swimming Carnival Champions

| Year 10 Girl Champion          | Ellie Pead   |
| Year 10 Girl Runner Up         | Roxy McGrath |
| Year 10 Boy Champion           | Corey Anderson |
| Year 10 Boy Runner Up          | Denver Lomax-Jones |
| Year 11 Girl Champion          | Vanessa Todd  |
| Year 11 Girl Runner Up         | Jorja Pike    |
| Year 11 Boy Champion           | Jesse Mardon  |
| Year 11 Boy Runner Up          | Eli Forrester |
| Year 12 Girl Champion          | Zoe Rowcroft  |
| Year 12 Girl Runner Up         | Katie MacKenzie |
| Year 12 Boy Champion           | Logan MacGregor |
| Year 12 Boy Runner Up          | Isaac Christoforou |

Download the app for more Swimming Carnival and Ball photos! Details on gsc.wa.edu.au