



A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER

The end of term is upon us and our students really look forward to this well-deserved break to recharge batteries, have some fun and catch up with family and friends. Perhaps take the time to retreat from the “busy-ness” of term and to rest.

While we are encouraging students to work hard at their studies and learning, a more important aspect of their lives can be neglected: their personal health and wellbeing, comprising exercise, nutrition and relaxation. The holidays are a chance to catch up in these areas.

The Parents and Friends

Association and volunteers must be recovering from the highly successful Kingfisher Fair and preparing for the annual Kingfisher Gymkhana which takes place on Sunday 9th October.

School starts again on Tuesday 18th October, except for Year 12 students who start on Monday 17th October.

While Term Four is often a short term for Year 12 students, it is even shorter this year with all the Valedictory celebratory events squeezed into the first week of the term.

I know parents and families

also get stressed and worry for their loved ones sitting exams and I would encourage the entire community to keep them in your prayers.

There will be times in all students’ school careers when they experience stress and anxiety. It is essential for parents and teachers to be tuned in to their children and students to recognise early warning signals so that they can provide the required support.

It is important to nurture self-managing and self-correcting habits in students and to raise their awareness of the onset of their stress. It is perfectly

natural for these feelings of stress to occur as they are a part of growing up and taking on responsibilities.

I would like to take this opportunity to pass on my best wishes to all Year 12 students.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the Great Southern Grammar community for their support and encouragement during my time here as Deputy Headmaster. I look forward to new challenges at Bunbury Cathedral Grammar and I wish you all the best for the future.

Mr Mike Giles

COMING EVENTS

TERM 4 WEEK 1

Monday 17th October

Year 12’s only commence Term 4

2.30pm

Year 12 assembly

7.00pm

Michaelmas Boarding House Valedictory Dinner

Tuesday 18th October

Kindergarten to Year 11 students commence Term 4

Wednesday 19th October

Middle and Senior School Thursday timetable

6.00pm to 7.00pm

Year 4, 5 and 6 parent information evening: Use of ipads in Year 7 classrooms from 2012

Thursday 20th October

Middle and Senior School Wednesday timetable

Junior School Interhouse Athletics carnival

1.50pm to 3.10pm

Year 12 Assembly

4.30pm to 6.00pm

Year 12 Mokare valedictory Mad Hatter’s Tea Party

5.00pm to 7.00pm

Year 12 Baudin valedictory farewell

Friday 21st October

Valedictory Day

6.30am

Year 12 Valedictory Breakfast

9.30am to 10.55am

Valedictory Whole School Assembly

Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd October

Weekend rehearsals for Junior School Musical production

WEEK 2

Monday 24th October

1.50pm to 2.30pm

Middle School Assembly

2.30pm to 3.10pm

Senior School Assembly

Tuesday 25th October

Youth Literature Day for selected Year 9, 10 and 11 students

5.00pm to 6.30pm

Winter Sports Presentation

7.30 pm

P & F meeting in GSG Library

Wednesday 26th October

Young Writers’ Day for selected Year 7 and Year 8 students

3.30pm to 4.30pm

Junior School Winter Sports Presentation

5.30pm to 6.30pm

Mock Trial parent student information evening

7.00pm to 8.00pm

Year 10 Keys for Life parent information evening in Library

Thursday 27th October

4.00pm to 6.00pm

Year 9 boys’ BBQ

6.30pm

Junior School Musical Production “Owl and the Pussycat”

Friday 28th October

CHOGM Public Holiday

6.30pm

Junior School Musical Production “Owl and the Pussycat”

Saturday 29th October

2.00pm

TSV Navy Cadets Nurses’ Memorial

2.00pm

Junior School Musical Production “Owl and the Pussycat”

Sunday 30th October

2.00pm

TSV Navy Cadets Desert Mounted Corps’ Memorial

OWL AND PUSSYCAT

The Junior School presents its production of the Owl and the Pussycat’s nautical adventure. Tickets cost \$8 per adult and \$5.00 per child. Visit the [News and Events](#) page of the GSG website to book and pay online.

Three sessions:

Thursday 26th October at 6.30pm

Friday 27th October at 6.30pm

Saturday 28th October Matinee at 2.00pm



REFLECTIONS FOR TEE

Mr Marsh's reflection for this "final" week of school for the Year 12s is Fear and the Mocks "Those who passed by derided him.... In the same way the chief priests along with the scribes and elders were mocking him...'let him come down from the cross now'". [Click here to read this week's reflection in full.](#)

ART CALENDARS

2012 calendars featuring art from Kindergarten to Year 12 are for sale at Reception for \$15 each, or 3 for \$35. They make great Christmas presents.

DESPERATELY SEEKING HELP

The hunt is still on for a Volunteer Canteen Coordinator. We desperately need a person to take over from Melita. She will show you the ropes and has a great system in place. Please email Melita imdonaldson@bigpond.com.au or Val Kirby val.kirby@gsg.wa.edu.au.

NETBALL FORUM

Albany Netball Association is conducting a community forum to provide the opportunity for players, coaches, umpires and community members to identify what worked well, what needs to be improved, and what can be included to develop the Albany Netball Association. The forum will be held at 1.00pm on Saturday 29th October at Athletics Centre Meeting Room, corner of North Road and Sanford Road. For more information please contact Ms Mel Miller on 9844 0300 or melissa.miller@gsg.wa.edu.au.

MUSIC RAFFLE RESULTS

GSG would like to thank all those who supported the Music Raffle. Congratulations to the winners:

- 1st Prize - Lorraine Hill
- 2nd Prize - Larissa Seah
- 3rd Prize - Martin Peterson
- 4th Prize - Jeff Smith

WHOOPING COUGH

A child has recently been diagnosed with whooping cough (pertussis) at Great Southern Grammar.

Whooping cough is a debilitating disease for young children who are not immunised and can be fatal in children under 2 years.

Parents are advised to watch for symptoms of this infection and take any child, adolescent or adult showing symptoms of the disease to a doctor for testing and treatment.

Symptoms of whooping cough include persistent coughing, breathing difficulties and often coughing to the point of vomiting. A flu-like illness may precede the coughing stage. Young infants and children may also make a 'whooping' sound during coughing bouts, but this sound does not always occur.

In adolescents and adults, the only symptom displayed may be a persistent cough lasting several weeks or months. It is important to have such coughs assessed by a doctor because if one person in the family has whooping cough, it is likely to spread to the rest of the family, including vulnerable young children.

Vaccination is the most effective way of reducing pertussis in our community.

If your child is due or overdue for routine 4 year old booster vaccinations, please make an appointment to see your immunisation provider. If you are unsure of your child's vaccination status, please see your doctor or community immunisation provider for information and vaccination if necessary. You can also call the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809.

For further information please contact the Public Health Unit on 9842 7525 or 0427 500 608.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Curtin University Engineering Summer School Programmes.

Electrical Engineering Summer School 17th to 20th January 2012. Suitable for Year 10 and 11 students. [Click here for more information.](#)

Outside the Box Engineering Summer School 23rd to 25th January 2012. Suitable for Year 9 and 10 students. [Click here for more information.](#)

Murdoch University Media Portfolio Entry

A reminder to Year 12 students wishing to apply for entry to the School of Media Communication and Culture at Murdoch University via portfolio entry, that nominations close 21st October.

UWA Engineering Information Evenings

The Faculty of Engineering, Computing and Mathematics at UWA's Crawley campus will be holding several Engineering Information Evenings for Year 11 and Year 12 students and parents. More information and session dates is available on the [GSG website](#).

For more information on any of the above, visit the [Careers Development](#) page of the GSG website.

CHANGES TO ENROLMENT

Please remember that if your child is not returning to GSG in 2012, you must give one full term's notice for day students and two full terms' notice for boarders.

Notice of withdrawal allows the school to plan for changes in student numbers which have a significant impact on many areas of the School including staffing and building programmes. Notice should be in writing and addressed to the Headmaster. If you have any questions about this process, please contact the Head of Development and Enrolments, Mrs Jane Rushton.

CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM 4 WEEK 1

Monday 17th October

Can you help?

Tuesday 18th October

Can you help?

Wednesday 19th October

Can you help?

Thursday 20th October

Can you help?

Friday 30th September

Reiko Kitamura

Like to volunteer? Contact Melita Donaldson

imdonaldson@bigpond.com.au

GSG WEBSITE LINKS

2011 TEE Examination Timetable available at:

[Study at GSG /Senior School](#)

2011 TEE Practical Examination Timetable available at:

[Study at GSG /Senior School](#)

Sports fixtures available at:

[GSG News and Events](#)

Lunch orders available at:

[Flexischools.com.au](#)

Academic Support Schedule available at:

[Study at GSG](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Visit the Community page of the [GSG website](#) to read more about upcoming community events.

- **Bollywood Sundowner Fundraiser**
Sunday October 16th
- **Albany Surf Life Saving Club** - registration day
Sunday 23rd October
- **Midweek Tennis Coaching**
- **Swim2Survive Pre-School Swim Programme**
October school holidays
- **Girls-Only Surfing Weekend in Bremer Bay**
28th to 30th October
- **Albany Netball Association Community Forum**
Saturday 29th October
- **Saturday Junior Tennis Lessons**
Register now for Term 4

