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from the PRINCIPAL

This is the first in Touch, *the Gilmore College newsletter*

I am very pleased with the excellent start for the 2011 school year. Despite beginning somewhat short staffed we now have some excellent new staff and all programs are running smoothly.

For those who do not know me I started at Gilmore College this year. For the previous four years I was Principal at Hedland Senior High School. I sent a letter to all parents earlier this term introducing myself and stating my expectations at Gilmore College. I would like to thank parents for the support you have given me in ensuring students wear uniform and keep phones and i-pods out of sight. It is delightful to walk around the school yard and see students chatting to each other rather than texting! There is a high level of uniform and the students look fantastic.

The school will continue to tighten up our behaviour processes as I will not tolerate fighting and bullying. Please inform us of any concerns so we can deal with issues promptly. We can't fix out of school issues but we can try to prevent them disrupting student education if we know about them. I continually tell the students: without them there would be no school. The school is judged by how they behave, how they perform academically and on how they dress. Most students have behaved exceptionally well this term and are a credit to the school and their parents. It has been my pleasure to walk around classrooms and the yard and get to know them.

I value the importance of students contributing towards the school. To ensure their voice is heard we are in the process of nominating and electing a Student Council and a Head boy and Head girl. The Student Council will

have members from ALL year groups. I hope they will provide valuable input regarding what the school can offer ways for school improvement. Students have already responded to a survey regarding uniform and have made some suggestions for additions, such as warmer jackets. I will be contacting all parents in this regard soon.

The students are my focus. I want them to have every opportunity to be successful and I want them to be proud of their school. I thank all the parents who support the school in this aim.

I hope you find some interesting articles and information inside this newsletter.

I look forward to a productive and successful year for everyone at Gilmore College.

Carolyn Cook

Principal

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Fremantle Children's Literature Centre

This year, two students from Gilmore College will be part of the Youth Literature Days Program organised by Fremantle Children's Literature Centre.

For one day each term the students will be working with pupils from other schools and a designated author. The author will share his/her background experiences then present a hands-on creative writing workshop, exploring ideas and techniques. The students will engage in silent writing, sharing and editing in both small and large groups. The aim is to nurture students' skills as writers and increase their confidence in this area. The days will be exciting and challenging.

Students from 10.4, our top Year 10 class, were invited to submit writing samples and from these Sharron Foo and Matthew Earnshaw have been chosen to represent Gilmore College. Some fine writing was submitted and Ms Moffat and I had a difficult time selecting the best pieces.

We congratulate Sharron and Matthew and look forward to reading their future novels!.

Robyn Carroll
English Curriculum Leader



(Matthew Earnshaw and Sharron Foo,
Future Novelists)

Adventure World Reward Excursion

At the end of term four 2010 the year 10 and 11 students went on reward excursion to Adventure World. It was a fantastic day for teachers and students and a brilliant way to bring the future 2011 upper school together.

The day started at 9am with a head count onto the bus and some very excited students. By 10am we were off the bus and awaiting our admission bands to roam the grounds of Adventure World. When we were finally let in we dispersed in each direction to all the different rides, slides and tubes.

The teachers were hesitant at first but as the day went on they all managed to pick up the courage to join us on one of the rides. It was great to see Mr Orchid scream as he rode the power surge and Miss Goulding freak out as she fell on the Free Fall. When we finally convinced Mr Patterson to slide down the Tunnel of Terror with Miss Goulding it was hilarious to see their faces getting smashed with water and exiting with a look that they couldn't wait to ride it again.

Some of the most memorable experiences of the day were definitely the thrill seeking Tunnel of Terror the Free Fall and the Power Surge. It was an excellent way to hear some of our friends squeal with terror and others laugh at their inability to handle scary rides.

Even though we loved these heart racing rides we still had time to enjoy Kids Cove. We splashed around in the pool, awaited the full bucket of water to fall down on our heads, squished into the baby rollercoaster and laughed as we swayed back and forth on the miniature Bounty. The teachers thought we were a bit too old for it but some of them eventually joined us.

Overall it was an excellent way to unwind and celebrate the end of another year at Gilmore College.

By the year 10 reward students.

Arts Camp

For the first time this year the year 11 Media, Drama and Art classes will be going on an Arts Camp to Waroona. The camp will go for three nights from the 14th of June till the 17th of June and will involve the students filming, acting and creating sets for a Zombie film.

The students are very excited about this upcoming event and have already started scripting, casting and organising fundraisers.

Over the next term the students will be organising and running a series of fundraisers including the selling of Entertainment books, Zombie makeup days, a Miss Gilmore pageant, and the making of Zombie badges. They are looking forward to the participation of all staff, students and parents in these events.

As Arts teachers we are very impressed with the amount of work the students are putting into the organisation and funding for this camp.

Thank you Arts students!

Melissa Goulding

The First Beautiful Thing Media

On Tuesday the 8th of March the year 11 and 12 TEE Media students attended the Lottery West Festival to watch The First Beautiful Thing, directed Paolo Virzi. The Italian film was an introduction to World Cinema and Festival Films.

The comedy/drama film, held at the Somerville Auditorium UWA, travelled back and forward in time to tell the story of a mother, dying of cancer, and her two children sticking together, as a family, no matter what hardships they faced.

Despite the subtitles, cold wind and uncomfortable chairs, all the students who attended enjoyed the film and were enthusiastic about returning to the outdoor theatre to view more festival films.

Melissa Goulding

Senior School Student Council

For the first time in three years Gilmore College will be running a Senior School Student Council. The council will comprise of six year 12 students (two vice captains, two prefects and one head boy and one head girl), six year 11 prefects, and four year 10 prefects.

The students will be involved in leadership opportunities across the school and will represent Gilmore College in the wider community. These upstanding role models are important to the future of Gilmore College and will need to possess excellent organisational, leadership and verbal communication skills to carry out their leadership roles.

Elections for the Senior School Student Council will take place on the 31st of March and will be run by the West Australian Electoral Commission.

Congratulations and good luck to all those students who have been nominated!

Melissa Goulding

Gilmore College Music News

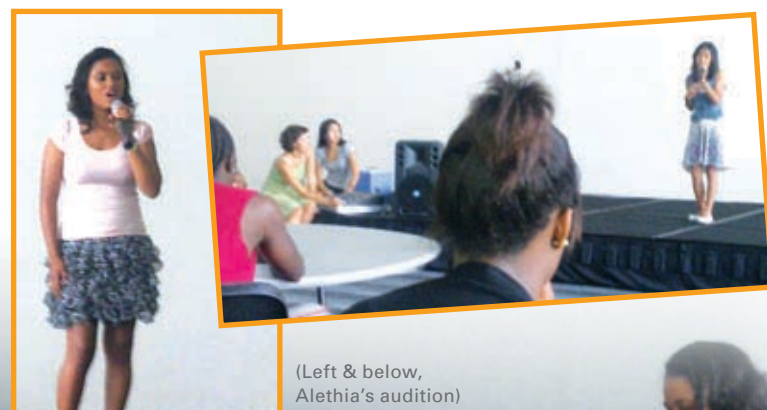
What a great start to 2011! My brave singers Alethia Du Preez, Ramona De Veyra and Shadia Nyungura signed up for the Migrants Got Talent competition.

They auditioned at the Gary Holland centre in Rockingham late in February and passed on to the next stage in the auditions with 20 or so other talented migrant students from all over the metropolitan area. Following the initial auditions, performers are then mentored by professional industry artists and get to share and perfect their act. The mentoring sessions are held at the Citipace Community Centre in Perth. The first one was attended by all who passed the first audition. It was a fun day for everyone involved, and it included leadership-type activities as well as individual performances.

Year 11 band "Encender" is lead by Sean Loseby, "a very worthy entrant" to quote the WA Youth Arts award. They are working hard to prepare material for their next gig. They will perform at the Kwinana Requatic centre on the 8th of April as part of an event for National Youth Week and on Saturday 9th of April they compete in the Battle of the Bands 2011 in Rockingham so **good luck to these talented boys!**

*Mrs Heather Morgan
Music Teacher*

(Below, Ramona's audition)



(Left & below,
Alethia's audition)



University of WA ASPIRE – ALVA Summer Studio

Through the ASPIRE program of UWA - Gilmore College was given the opportunity to send a student to ASPIRE - ALVA Summer Studio. UWA Summer Studio introduces high school students to the disciplines of architecture, landscape architecture and urban design through intense tuition sessions with ALVA academic staff. It gives students a taste of what it's like to study at UWA's Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Visual Arts. Eden Te Puni is keen to pursue a career in Interior Design, but was interested to broaden her knowledge and opportunities through Architecture. Eden shortened her holiday to New Zealand in January to have the chance to participate.

*Associate Professor Sophie Giles
Coordinator of the Summer School*

Follow the Dream Report – Term 1, 2011

FOLLOW THE DREAM
solid support, cloudy future

Follow the Dream Program

The Follow the Dream program is designed to help Aboriginal students reach their career potential by graduating from secondary school and working towards a university entrance.

Students identified for the program have already shown signs of success within their primary school setting, have high levels of attendance and achievement, and most significantly show a willingness to learn and achieve their goals in life.

Gilmore College currently have 28 Aboriginal students in the program in 2011.

13 of these 28 students are from Yr 7 with this being their first opportunity to participate in the program as they commence their schooling at Gilmore College.

The Follow the Dream program operates on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday after school from 2:40-4:30pm in the Yr 8 Multipurpose room.



Yr 7 Aboriginal Volunteer Reading Program

The Yr 7 Aboriginal Reading Program has already commenced this term. Its purpose is to give every Yr 7 Aboriginal student an opportunity to read and write with the help of a local community volunteer/mentor for 20 minute every week. It is anticipated that every student will have read at least 5 books in each school term. Thank you to all the community members/mentors who have offered their time to work with our students. Without your help this program would not be able to be offered to our students.

Aboriginal Music /Song writing Program

The Aboriginal Music/Song writing program has commenced at Gilmore College. The aim of this program is to give Aboriginal students from Year 7 to Year 9 an opportunity to learn to play a variety of instruments including the guitar, tambourine, drums and the tapping sticks. A number of guitars have been donated from several music stores. Their generosity is very much appreciated. The Aboriginal Music/Song writing program is also open to having some singers involved. Students will also be given an opportunity to write their own songs towards the end of the year.



*For more information in regards to any of these programs please ring
Dave Smith the Follow the Dream Coordinator 0405 335 174.*



Wardong's Win The Lot!



On Friday, 11th March, 19 Wardong boys headed to Kalgoorlie with Matty Clucas and Jay Burton for Clontarf's annual football carnival, The Nickel West Cup. Our boys were there to compete in Division 2 of the carnival.

After a long day on the road (about 8 and a half hours, which included a flat tyre on the bus) we arrived at our destination, Hampton Hill Station. This was to be our accommodation for the weekend – sleeping in dongas. We had pizzas in town for dinner and the boys had a walk through town to check out the sites.

Saturday was straight to the footy oval for 3 games in one day. We started well against the Yule Brook Yonga's, kicking 7 goals with the breeze in the first half before running out winners 11.5 (71) to 4.4 (28). Next we played against the Esperance Stingrays, and again we recorded a victory 10.4 (64) to 1.2 (8). Our last game for the day was against a Northern Goldfields desert team comprising of boys from Mt Magnet, Wiluna and Meekathara. We managed to get past them 19.8 (122) to 0.1 (1).

Saturday night was a great pasta feed at Monty's in Kalgoorlie, which is owned by some friends of Big Jay, Wayne and Jay Kemp. The boys wandered through town again after dinner and then we headed back out to our accommodation, with some tired boys who had played 3 games in one day.

Sunday was finals day. We played against the desert team again for a spot in the grand final and won the game quite easily, 12.6 (78) to 0.0 (0).

We came up against the Yule Brook Yonga's in the grand final and made a great start, scoring 6.6 to 0.0 in the first half kicking with the aid of a healthy breeze. In the second half the Wardong boys moved the ball beautifully into the strong breeze, and eventually ran out winners, 10.9 (69) to 1.3 (9).

We collected our winners cup at the presentations, along with Sydney Hart winning the Fairest and Best medal for all teams in Division 2. We also had 3 boys make the All Star Team for the carnival in Sydney Hart, James Dalgetty and Katyn Culbong. Well done boys. Brent Baron and Eric Wynne-Mourish must be considered very unlucky to miss out on this team also.

A long trip home had us back at school for parents to pick up the boys at 9pm Sunday.

The boys should be proud of the way they played, but also should be proud of the way they conducted themselves over all 3 days where their behaviour and attitude was a credit to Gilmore College.

Go The Wardong's!

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Scitech Work Experience Day

On Wednesday of week 3 (16th Feb), 13 of our year 11 and 12 boys from the Clontarf Education Class attended an induction day held at Scitech. The idea of the day was to introduce Scitech to the boys and for the boys to see if they wanted to complete some work experience at Scitech during the year.

The boys have each been spending time in class getting a Resume together, and the idea of the Scitech initiative is to give the boys something they can put in their Resume so future employers can see that the boys have done some work whilst at school, thus making them more employable.

The boys were joined by Gilmore Football Academy Director Brad Collard and Footy Operations Manager Jay Burton for the trip from Kwinana to West Perth. Once there, we were introduced to Scitech CEO Alan Brien and his staff Helen Oke and Michelle Procter.

After introductions and a quick chat the Wardong boys got amongst all of the displays at Scitech for a couple of hours and, as the pictures show, had a ball learning all about science. We then went into the boardroom and made some hovercrafts using a cd, a balloon, a drink bottle top and some blue-tac. We then made rockets using film canisters and Alka-Seltzer tablets...this had all of the boys buzzing as “rockets” took off all over the place. Even the 2 old fellas (Brad and Jay) were getting into the fun!

After some Subway for lunch the boys went into the theatre to see a movie on space and time which was shown on the big screen...an amazing visual experience!

We then piled back into the bus and headed back to Kwinana after an awesome day.

The way the Wardong boys conducted themselves was fantastic from start to finish. They were clearly branded with their Clontarf shirts and their attitude and enthusiasm was a great reflection on Gilmore College, The Clontarf Foundation and specifically the Clontarf program at Gilmore, which is moving from strength to strength at the moment.

Scitech themselves must be congratulated for this initiative. They are an amazing organisation which is prepared to take a punt on helping out our Clontarf boys, and we must encourage any business that is prepared to assist our young men. I genuinely believe that Scitech were very impressed by our boys as well.

Half a dozen of our lads have indicated they would like to try doing a few days work experience at Scitech and this should begin in the next few weeks. We will keep you updated with stories and photos as they do start doing some work there.

Jay Burton

Gilmore College Year 7

The Year 7 Learning Community has started 2011 in sensational fashion with students making the transition from primary school to middle school extremely well.

This can be a very daunting time for students as they try to make new friends, meet new teachers and generally find their way in a much larger community. It has been wonderful to see the students happy, settled, working well and generally enjoying the Gilmore experience.

It has also been wonderful to see the students looking smart in their uniform and by and large following school rules.

The Year 7 community would like to invite parents and guardians to our assembly held every fortnight on a Tuesday at 11am in the undercover area. The assembly is run by the students as they showcase the work they have been doing in class and teachers present certificates of merit to those students who have demonstrated exemplary behaviour and participation in class activities.

Due to an increase in the number of Year 7 enrolments at Gilmore College we have restructured our classes to create a seventh class, Set 7.6, which was up and running on Monday 21st of March. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Miss Lisa Smith who has joined the Year 7 Community as the Maths and Science teacher for Set 7.6 and 7.7.

We thank you for and look forward to your continuing support.

Fiona Blundell
Year 7 Coordinator



Gilmore College Year 8

The term is progressing well.

A thank you to the parents who are assisting the school by ensuring that their child is in full school uniform. We have a number of children wearing the correct school top. An area we can work on is the students wearing the correct shorts/skirts. A small number of children are wearing a variety of coloured shorts.

Some parents may be aware that Mrs Philson the Set 8.8 teacher is recovering from her injury. She will resume her teaching duties at the start of term 2. We wish her a speedy recovery.

During this term, the Year 8 students have been engaged in some common assessment tasks. This information will provide us with valuable information regarding your child's progress. It is also providing them with valuable experience in exam situations.

One major excursion for the Year 8 students this term will be the PX2 day at Murdoch University. This programme is a partnership between ourselves and the University. It is designed to provide your child with information and skills to assist them in thinking about their future. People from Murdoch University will visit Year 8 once every term for follow up work. Each student will be given a package of materials which I would ask that parents go through with your child.

Mr Pestana,
Year 8 Team Leader



Point Peron Year 9

The Yr 9 community have been going to Pt Peron this term. Each set class goes on a Friday and it is awesome.

We have been supervised by Peter who has had some fantastic team building activities for us to do. When 9.3 went we did the milk crate towers and we've been having a competition to see which class can build the highest tower. So far this has been achieved by 9.2 who raised their tower to 17 crates high.

As the weather has been so hot we've done lots of water activities. 9.3 had fun building our own raft in teams of four. We couldn't believe it when all of our rafts were able to float well enough to have raft races.

9.4 were lucky enough to go canoeing as when they were at Pt Peron the 'surf was up'!! A group of them paddled out to the surf break area and surfed the waves in.

Everyone managed a successful ride but all seemed to fall off at least once. Getting back into your canoe in the deep water is not easy!!

The thing about going to Pt Peron is everyone can be 'good' at something if you work together in a team. 9.4 discovered this when doing the low ropes course. At the beginning it was too hard for some. But instead of giving up they worked out a team plan and managed to get the whole group across in 4 ½ minutes!!!

At the end of this month we will have our last summer visit to Pt Peron as a reward excursion for 20 lucky students.

Written by a Yr 9 'team' of writers



Middle School Crazy Hair Day and Head Shave

On Thursday 10th March during recess 2 Mrs Cook, The School Principal, shaved my head!!

The reason for this event was to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. The middle school students also helped fundraise for this event by participating in a "Crazy Hair Day". Prior to the day I had set myself a target of raising \$500 and after the event am proud to announce that altogether we raised \$1,000. **Thank you to all staff and students for supporting me in this endeavour.**

Hannah Dickman,
Education Assistant



From the Youth Worker

Arbie Pattiselanno, Youth Worker



Improving School Attendance

Gilmore College is seeking parents and community members who are interested in sharing ideas about improving young people's engagement and attendance at the school.

Those interested should contact the school on Gilmore.College@det.wa.edu.au or telephone 9411 1811.

Did You Know?

"Being away five days a term from Year 1 to Year 10 adds up to more than one year of missed schooling"

Gilmore College Students Are Winners

Student leaders from Gilmore College and Cooloongup Primary School combined to win honours and bragging rights for the interschool leadership challenge held at the recent PACT (Peron Alliance Curriculum and Teaching) Leadership Conference.

The event was hosted by Rockingham Senior High School and took place at the Murdoch University, Rockingham Campus on the 7th December.

Student leaders of primary and secondary schools in Kwinana and Rockingham participating in PACT partnership were exposed to inspiring and motivational speakers and a series of leadership challenges. The event was attended by the Director of Schools, Julie Woodhouse and keynote speakers included Commander Paul Bartlett RAN and Marty Atkins, Peel Thunder Operations Manager.

In the final leadership challenge, the secondary schools faced off in a head to head challenge to design and develop a school emblem that best represented their schools values, student interests and incorporated a catch phrase. Efforts began slowly with student leaders breaking the ice and meeting new students from other schools before finally getting down to the business of developing ideas.

Gilmore College youth worker, Arbie Pattiselanno was there on the day and said "The emblem highlighted the student's leader's recent focus on promoting Gilmore Cares About Cancer with the emblem depicting a daffodil as well as other pictures depicting student interests in drama, sport, music and hospitality".

The final result was then painted onto a large canvas by students and the catch phrase used was "The future is ours" taken from the Cooloongup school motto.



Phew! It has been a busy start to the year with the middle school holding elections in week 7 for students wishing to represent their year groups as student leaders. Students have been on the campaign trail developing and displaying their posters and visiting classes to promote themselves as leaders. Students who nominated for leadership should be commended for the effort they put in to promote themselves, unfortunately not everyone who nominated could be elected.

A huge congratulations to the following students who have been elected this year (in no particular order):

Year 7:
Thomas Pratt
Brooke Coleman
Katie Clark
Taylor Clark
Hayley Murphy
Jorgen Woods

Year 8:
Shannon Bonney
Zoe Adams
Ty McKinnon
Shane Anderson
Tamaine Mapu
Dale Viney

Year 9:
Curtis Pratt
Shondelle Doss
Julian Pereyra

These students are expected to display and uphold the Gilmore College values whilst at school and in the community.

Kwinana Youth Services

Win a \$50 JB HiFi Voucher!

The Konnect magazine, which is put together by the LyriK program, is looking for new ideas to feature, so if you have one let us know!

Konnect is putting a **\$50 JB HiFi voucher** on the table for the best new idea that we receive and this idea will be featured in the next edition of Konnect.

So for your chance to see your idea become a reality and get your hands on that voucher, send through all your ideas to lyrik@kwinana.wa.gov.au

LyriK Nominations Now Open

Nominations for round 13 of the LyriK Awards are now open! Since the inception of the **LyriK Awards**, hundreds of young people from Kwinana have been recognised and rewarded for the positive contribution that they are making to our community.

Anyone can **nominate a young person between the ages of 10 and 15 years old** for an award and by doing so you could be giving that young person the chance to **win a \$150 incentive prize**. Nominations can be made in the categories of Leadership, Respect, Inspiration, Achievement, Teamwork and Friendship.

To nominate a young person simply jump on to our website, www.lyrik.com.au, and click on the nomination form or grab a nomination form from one of the Gilmore College learning areas. **Nominations for round 13 will close on Friday 27th May 2011.** If you have any questions about LyriK please contact Kwinana Youth Services on 9439 0274.

Name Our Youth Centre

The Town of Kwinana is running a competition for the naming of the brand new Youth Space which is currently being built. **The person who submits the chosen name could win themselves an iPad.**

Entry forms are available from the Gilmore College learning areas as well as at Kwinana Youth Services (22 Hutchins Cove, Kwinana) or you can enter online on our facebook page, just search for 'Kwinana Youth Services'! Entries close March 25th 2011.



National Youth Week 2011

National Youth Week is upon us again and this year Kwinana Youth Services will be celebrating **Youth Week** with a **pool party** at the **Kwinana Recquatic** on **Friday 8th April**.

The night will go from **6-9pm** and will consist of a pool party, live bands (including Gilmore College band 'Encender'), Inflatable games, a projection bombing demo and much more all for the low price of **\$5!!**

Numbers for the event will be limited to 150 people so get there early to make sure you can be a part of the night. For enquiries about the event call Kwinana Youth Services on 9439 0274.



**Office of
Crime Prevention**

Dear Resident

I am writing to you today to request your assistance in protecting schools in your local area during the upcoming holiday period starting Wednesday April 20, 2011. School premises are more vulnerable than usual at this time and can become targets to a small number of offenders.

If you live near a school or are just passing by, I ask you to be extra vigilant. Listen for unusual noises, look for suspicious vehicles parked at the school, and for groups hanging around on school grounds. Your involvement can really make a difference in preventing crime.

WA Police, Neighbourhood Watch, School Watch and the Office of Crime Prevention are working together to reduce the incidence of crime on school establishments. Police and School Watch will conduct increased patrols of schools during the holidays but we need your vital assistance and participation.

I urge you to please report suspicious activity immediately by telephoning:

School Watch on 1800 177 777

Or

Police on 131 444

Yours sincerely

Archie Smyth & Phil Tuffin
Peel Metropolitan Crime Prevention & Diversity Unit
WA Police