Twelve years in the making and the final day for the Year 12 cohort of Gilmore College arrived. A breakfast spread put on by the wonderful Café ladies was enjoyed by many as they spent the last day at the College with the friends they had made over the past few years. Following breakfast the group rehearsed the ceremony at Koorliny Arts Centre before heading home to get ready for their big moment.

The night started with an impressive entrance by the Year 12s who looked grown up and stunning in their attire and Valedictory gowns, Ms Cook addressed them with an inspiring speech.

Subject Awards were given to Top students in subjects studied in Year 12, Special Awards –

RSL Citizenship Award: Lisa Doomen
Youth Leadership Award: Wayne Henke
Most Consistent Effort KIC Traineeship: Jayden Widgington
Most Industrious: Michael Liao
Most Improved Student: Dion Hill
CALTEX All-Rounder: Aimee Kiely

Followed by three Premier Awards for top overall student -

ATAR: Jake Dietsch
General Studies: Christopher O’Neill
Vocational Education and Training: Brendan Bosanac

Each student received their College portfolio on stage, before the night concluded with a passionate speech by Head Boy, Wayne Henke and Head Girl, Sara McIntosh.

The Year 12s have worked hard to reach this point but many thanks must also go to friends and family for their support and encouragement on getting them this far. Thank you to the teacher and staff at Gilmore College who worked tirelessly to help them on their way to future dreams and goals.

Good luck to a wonderful group of students, we look forward to hearing your many successes in the coming years.

Lauren McCaig
Year 12 Coordinator
ART BLAST 2012

K-12 Regional Exhibition of the Visual Arts from across the South Metropolitan Region (Monday 29 October – Friday 2 November) was a great success and experience, showcasing the achievements of Visual Arts at Gilmore College.

Special invitations were given to our ‘Very Important Student Artists’ (special guests) and their families in recognition of the interest they display and their achievement in the Visual Arts at Gilmore College. Those who attended the official opening were impressed by a wearable art parade, followed by a viewing of the many forms of artistic creativity on display from the other 32 south metropolitan schools.

Emma Maxfield
Visual Art Teacher
The Arts
This is the final newsletter for 2012 and what a busy year it has been.

Thank you for your support with the College uniform. The students look fantastic and I am pleased to say have improved in behaviour too. If you like you can pre order uniforms for 2013.

We had our final whole College Assembly (only 7 – 10 at this time of the year) on 28 November and it was delightful to present so many certificates and trophies to students for their academic and sporting achievement. Well done!

The College Board had its inaugural meeting on 21 November and is very keen for Gilmore to have a P&C Association too. Interested parents should contact the College or Yvonne Hammill. With your support we can make Gilmore the best school it can be!

We are hoping to make a Trade Training Centre application before the end of the year, which will see another facility built at Gilmore involving Plant Process Operations. I will give you more information next year.

The Year 12 Valedictory Ceremony was a wonderful occasion. The students were a credit to their parents and carers and we wish all of them the very best for a happy and successful future. Thank you to all that attended the night.

We have recently completed a very successful orientation for Year 6 students from the Primary Schools. The students were a credit to their schools and are eagerly looking forward to attending Gilmore in 2013.

Have a great summer break.
Carolyn Cook
Principal

Principal Awards

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## TOP STUDENT AWARDS

### The Arts

#### Year 8
- Amy Liao
- Amy Strickland

#### Year 9
- Tahj Hilzinger-Smith
- Cody Nahimy

#### Year 10
- Tiana Andreello
- Bradley Lyons

#### Year 11
- Nataqlia Tohi

### English

#### Year 7
- Indiana Summers

#### Year 8
- Kitlin Ruck

#### Year 9
- Aaron Kirby

#### Year 10
- Anthony Smit

### Health and Physical Education

#### Year 7
- Janine Kempers
- Brock Moore

#### Year 8
- Brooke Coleman
- Darren Upoko

#### Year 9
- Micheal Carroll
- Shateka Lovell-Herbert

#### Year 10
- Charisse Coleman
- Julian Pereyra

### Mathematics

#### Year 7
- Michael Smit

#### Year 8
- Charlie McVeigh

#### Year 9
- Shane Anderson
- Jayde Davidson

#### Year 10
- Anthony Smit
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**Year 8.5 Literacy Strategy**

In the successful 2012 Literacy Strategy course, Year 8 students were asked to create a Children’s Storybook that delivered an eco-friendly message. Among many amazing tales, there were a few stand out performers who rhymed and illustrated beyond the Year 8 level, including When Nature Fights Back by Tamara Archdeacon-King. Below is an exquisite example of the ability and persistence for excellence our young students are aspiring for.

“Long ago in a forest far away, 
There were many trees for animals to play. 
There were many monkeys, birds and animals galore, 
There were even little insects scurrying on the floor. 
The birds in the trees sing and tweet, 
The music they make is oh, so sweet. 
Sunlight shone through the trees above, 
It was a race to the top, the vines pushed and shoved. 
The silence claimed the forests sounds, 
And all the animals gathered around.

Rumbling they heard off in the distance, 
Kept on going with persistence. 
Thudding and banging again and again, 
Were these monstrous things going insane? 
Closer now they are machines, 
Chopping down all that was green. 
The animals formed one big line, 
As a lion said, “I’m fighting back for what’s rightfully mine.”

So they roared, chirped, squeaked and hissed, 
But the people just came out and shook their fists. 
Then the lion said, “If it’s a fight they want, it’s a fight they’ll get, 
But they’ll be wishing that we never met.”

So they decide the charge one by one, 
Let’s go, go, go, run, run, run. 
The machines backed up and drove with fear, 
“We have won,” the lion shouted with a cheer. 
But we don’t know how long the animals will last, 
With the machines coming back very fast.

*Excerpts from When Nature Fights Back*
On Monday 17 September, Amy Castro was invited to attend the Town of Kwinana City Status Celebration Luncheon in her role as the Kwinana Junior Council Deputy Mayor. Amy had the wonderful opportunity of meeting the Governor of Western Australia, His Excellency Malcolm McCusker as well as other prominent members of the community and was a guest at the official opening of the City of Kwinana.

“It was a wonderful opportunity and I feel very privileged to have been invited to the event in my role as the Junior Deputy Mayor”. (Amy Castro)

Throughout the school year the students participating in the Kwinana Junior Council have met on the last Tuesday of each month in the Town of Kwinana Council Chambers. These meetings are also attended by the Mayor of the City of Kwinana, City of Kwinana Councillors and students from other high schools in the area.

The students participating in this unique project have learned many things about their own community and have engaged in presentations and discussions about the City of Kwinana’s governance, environmental issues, community development and events as well as participating in workshops specifically designed to address issues facing the youth in the area.

These issues have included public transport into the centre of Kwinana from out lying areas, youth unemployment, maintenance of youth facilities and reducing the city’s carbon footprint.

The students have worked together as a cohesive unit to discuss issues relevant to the youth in Kwinana and have come up with some practical solutions to the issues identified and these solutions have been passed on to the City of Kwinana Council. This has been a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn networking and team building skills with other students and members of the community, as well as allowing the voice of the youth to be heard within the local government.

Gilmore College has been asked by the City of Kwinana to participate in the Kwinana Junior Council in 2013 and the Kwinana Junior Council of 2012 has recently been nominated for the “Lyrik Group of the Year” award.
National Bandana Day

The boxes arrived teeming with bright colours and beautiful patterns. Soon those bright colours and patterns would adorn the heads and necks of students who were supporting ‘Canteen’.

Friday 26 October was National Bandana Day. The Student Council chose ‘Canteen’ as a charity to support as there are not many of us who can say that our lives have not been touched by cancer. ‘Canteen’ is an organisation which supports youth living with cancer, including the youth patients themselves and the youth who have family and friends that are suffering. Throughout the week Student Councillors visited classrooms and sold bandanas and pens to both students and staff. On National Bandana Day the Councillors organised a stall at recess and lunch outside the Café which dealt with a constant stream of customers during both sessions. The Student Council raised $763 for ‘Canteen’.

Student Council 2013 Election

On Friday 9 November, the Year 11 students participated in a voting process, conducted by the Electoral Education Centre, to elect their representatives for 2013. The Year 12 Student Councillors who will lead the Student Council in 2013 have now been chosen. Students in Years 7 – 10 voted on Wednesday 8 December and the 2013 Year 7s will conduct their election during Term 1 next year.

Crystal Wieringa
Student Council Coordinator

3 Sisters Air Engine

Our Year 11 KIC students have now gone out on their last work placement for the year, but prior to finishing they gave us a demonstration of their last assignment, building a 3 sisters air engine.

All the students did a great job in completing the engine and getting it operational and Cheyenne Beazley even put a female tilt on the finished product by painting it purple.

Top Left Photo: Cheyenne Beazley with her purple engine. Bottom Left Photo: Dylan Wright’s engine. Bottom Right Photo: Assembling the 3 sister engine.

Worldskills Term 4

A big congratulations to Teija Blanden and John Sloman both our students really did Gilmore College and themselves proud while competing in the National World Skills Competition in Sydney!

John Sloman battled through the flu to complete his tasks scoring 14.5 out of 15 on his welding. Unfortunately he didn’t do as well on the toolbox. He didn’t medal but still remains in the top 6 in Australia!!!

Teija Blanden just missed out on a medal placing 4th in Business Services. She was very disappointed as she was very close. A great learning experience though. She is now ranked 4th in Australia!!
On Friday 19 October the Health and Physical Education team took a team of 60 athletes and helpers to compete in the D – Division athletics carnival at the WA Athletics Stadium in Mt Claremont. Students were very excited about representing the College and testing themselves against the best athletes other schools could muster.

All Gilmore College students acquitted themselves well with many students gaining places and wins in various events in both track and field. Special mention goes to the many students filling gaps in the program so that the school could field a full program and gain as many points as possible. These students included Abbey Lee Johnson, Dylan Wright, Cody Nahirny, Dannielle Penfold, Leo Darker, Hayley Smith, Gemma Moore, Chris Momolu, Shateka Lovell-Herbert, Tahj Hilzinger-Smith, Brad Crone and Kabinah Sesay.

Although as a team we didn’t achieve as well on the scoreboard as well as we would have hoped for, Staff were impressed with the enthusiasm and competitiveness of the students that attended which bodes well for the future of athletics at Gilmore College.

There were some students that excelled on the day. These students were Brooke Moore who was the 13 years runner up champion, narrowly missing out on champion boy by 2 points. Julian Pereya was competitive in many races as was Dylan Wright, Kiandra Tai, and Jake Greenhalgh.

From all of the Health and Physical Education team and Gilmore College we would like to say thank you and congratulations to all athletes and helpers and we hope that next year’s athletics will be even bigger and better!

Jeremy Ingram
Head of Learning Area
Health and Physical Education
Year 12 Outdoor Education Mountain Biking Camp

As a culmination to their 1D Outdoor Education course Year 12 students were involved in preparing and planning for a 3 day mountain biking camp on the Munda Biddi track in the surrounds of Jarrahdale. Prior to the camp students prepared with biking the Kwinana Loop Trail and also completed a number of “spin” classes at the Kwinana Requatic.

The camp consisted of a physically testing 87km expedition where they had to cook using trangia stoves, sleep in tents (and hammocks!) and navigate their way from Jarrahdale to Mundaring. Along the way there were many mishaps and triumphs as students were pushed to their limits and had to rely upon one another to complete this challenging adventure.

Congratulations to all the students who completed the camp and good luck next year in your adventures after school.

Jeremy Ingram
Head of Learning Area
Health and Physical Education

Year 9.2 Society and Environment

Title: War at Gilmore

It’s true, war broke out at Gilmore. Not just any war, but World War One. In an effort to gain true appreciation of what soldiers went through in the trenches, 9.2 Society and Environment prepared for a role-play activity about life in the trenches.

Students spent a lesson creating mock-grenades, camouflage, Allied and Central Powers helmets and targets. On a calm Thursday afternoon, war broke out in a classroom filled with trenches created by overturned desks and the music of past battles. Through a script, stories of individual soldiers were explored and then the attack was launched. This was all possible due to the use of fake grenade paper balls and NERF Guns.

When finally the Central Powers surrendered, students rounded up the dead and were asked to reflect on two simple questions, ‘Why were they afraid to enter no-man’s-land during the attack?’ Many answered that they didn’t want to die and be prevented from playing. The last question was answered with a pause and a growing respect, ‘Why did the soldiers of World War One, facing real weapons, charge across no-man’s-land knowing they may never return?’ Some student answers included for honour, love of country, fighting for peace, and simply wanting to protect their families.

All of this was possible with the help of Mr Collard (War Photographer), Mr Smith (War Photographer), students of 9.2 (various soldiers) and Head of Learning Area, Ms de Beer.
WOW! What an amazing day at the Zoo!

Year 9 Reward Excursion

On Tuesday 25 September, a group of Year 9 students participated in a reward excursion to the Zoo.

The day started with some free time to explore before meeting with the Zoo Education Officer who took us into the education centre to talk to us about the animal adaptations. Students had asked many thoughtful questions and discovered some of the ways that animals have adapted to their surroundings to stay warm, find food and avoid predators. They also learned that adaptations take millions of years to evolve and that humans are driving animals and plants to extinction faster than the species can adapt to rapidly changing environments.

Below Photo: Shane Anderson, Jake Greenhalgh and Tayla Dobels

At lunch, we met up at the main lawn and we were all excited about low flying and well-trained birds. We then moved on to see other animals eating and resting. Throughout the day students visited a range of enclosures learning about the different animals. The students particularly enjoyed the elephants and the crocodile.

We had an excellent day at the Zoo and students enjoyed themselves and gained valuable insight and knowledge about the endangered species.

Zoran Groznica, Year 9 Coordinator

Above Left Photo: Brody Clive, Jayde Davidson, Shane Anderson, Jake Greenhalgh, Bianca Castro, Tayla Dobels, Larr Mehana-Clay, Chloe Doomen, Ivan Basnillo, Chantelle Briggs

Above Right Photo: Telisha Van Niekerk, Jake Greenhalgh, Bianca Castro, Larr Mehana-Clay and Chloe Doomen.
Formation of a Parents and Citizens Association

Gilmore College does not currently have a Parents and Citizens Association. These groups provide volunteer support, raise funds for infrastructure and other expenses and assist in the administration of their school. A large part of many P & C activities is the provision of subsidies to school excursions and other activities. P & C also encourage the general public and local businesses to become involved with their local schools. The formation of a P & C could provide our children with so many more opportunities in their school. We would like to form a new P & C for 2013. If you would like the opportunity to be part of the new P & C or could lend your support in any way, please contact the College on 9411 1811.
Do you have room for a foster child?

If you make room in your heart and home for a foster child, you’ll change their life forever. You’ll give them a chance to be safe and nurtured, as every child deserves to be. We need people like you.

Come to a Foster Care Information Session on October 13 from 12-2 at 311 Abernethy Road, Cloverdale or October 20 from 12-2 at 110 Scarborough Beach Road (Cnr. Deanmore Road), Scarborough.

To register call 9245 2441 or email support@wanslea.asn.au www.fosternow.com.au or follow Wanslea Foster Care on Facebook