Jessie Yeadon and Brooke Coleman, Year 11 Student Councillors ‘hosts with the most’ for the KIC Celebration Day, together with Mrs Daniels, Associate Principal
Welcome to 2015 at Gilmore College

We have had a very good start for the year. The majority of the students are very well behaved and working well in their classes. This year Gilmore welcomes over 20 new staff. All have settled in well and are very competent.

We also welcome 200 new Year 7 students who are being well cared for by their Year Manager Mrs Bowden. Mrs Bowden is the person to contact if you have any issues regarding Year 7. Mrs Hewitt is the Manager for Year 8 and Year 9 and Mrs Leeds is the Manager for Year 10, 11 and 12. These Managers are very experienced and are there to assist students and you with issues that may arise.

Gilmore has a College uniform, not a dress code like primary school, therefore style of shorts and trousers is also important. The students are to be commended for their wearing of the uniform. They look very smart. Thank you for your support!

A number of improvements have been made to the College since last year. A second undercover walkway has been installed and a fence has been placed around the front garden to help the plants grow and not be trampled. The last of the air-conditioning has been installed in the library and media room. Later this year, work will begin on the Trade Training Centre which will be used to train Senior students in Plant Operations at a Certificate level.

Due to significant funding cuts at Gilmore for 2015 we have made some changes to the operations at the College. These changes have occurred in Student Services and the Library. However, we still have a strong Student Services team for the students and hope the new structure continues to work well. Cuts in the Library mean it will not be available before school.

I would like to remind you that we have whole College assemblies every term in Week 3 and Week 8 on a Wednesday from 11.05am to noon. I extend an invitation to join us. All are welcome. These are occasions where we recognise and celebrate student achievements. On Friday 24 April we will have a special whole College assembly to commemorate ANZAC Day.

Carolyn Cook  
Principal
KIC Celebration Day

It was with great pleasure we welcomed the new Year 11 KIC students to the KIC Metals and Engineering Program 2015 during a Celebration Day held on 26 February.

Our lucky students received start up toolboxes and welding helmets generously donated by Crushing Services International and Tronox.

The event was catered by our Hospitality program with guests from Industry, Community, Challenger Institute of Technology as well as parents/guardians and siblings.

Synergy Scholarships were awarded Hamish McKay to Mitchell Moody, Lucaan Cooper (Rising Stars) and Jayde Davidson (Uni link).

The celebration also included formalising a partnership arrangement with signing of a Certificate of Commitment – KIC/Challenger/Gilmore College.

Student hosts, Jessie Yeadon and Brooke Coleman, assisted guests on arrival ensuring that the event went smoothly.

A huge thank you to all who helped make the day a success.

Patrice Kilpatrick
Industry & Enterprise Coordinator
Gilmore Brekky Club is a wonderful place to catch-up with friends over a cup of milo and piece of toast each morning.

We all know the importance of brekky and sharing it with friends is a real bonus. Not only are we ready to face the day with food in our tummies, but we also shared a laugh or two. Through the years the number of students and staff making use of this free service has increased and a lot of us met and made good friends there.

Our Brekky Club runs from a service window at the back of the cafeteria from 7.50am to 8.25am each school morning. It is free and all Gilmore students and staff are welcome.

A BIG THANK YOU to the Rotary Club of Kwinana, the Reformed Evangelical Church of Australia and Foodbank who are our beneficiaries. They show their care and positive attitude towards Gilmore College by providing the funds and supplies to run Brekky Club. Your continued support and interest is highly appreciated.

Thanks also to our Volunteers who are willing to give their time to help me in the morning; Mr Davies (Gilmore College Youth Worker), Ms Coffey (Smith Family), Mr Rich (Relationships Australia), Ms Williams (Rotary Club) and Jordan Harris (Year 9 student).

“You guys shine!!!”.

Riana Strydom
College Chaplain

Student Leadership

Gilmore College Student Council

The Gilmore College Student Council is an important part of the College community. The Council is the student representative body at the College and exists to provide students with leadership and an active voice.

The Council makes decisions and provides advice to the College on a range of issues affecting students. The Council consists of elected representatives from each year level. The Head Boy and Head Girl are selected from the Year 12 representatives. Year 7 representatives are currently being elected and these names will be published in the next edition of our newsletter. Congratulations to the 2015 Gilmore College Student Council representatives.

Year 12
Jayde Davidson
Nicholas Featherstone
Melanie Parker
Kaitlin Smith
Jayden West

Year 11
Brooke Coleman
Courtney Hunter
Zac Millington
Jessie Yeadan

Year 10
Andre Francis
Gypsy Ferrari
Zachariah Silvester

Year 9
Chloe Bold
Brayden Kelly
Riley King
Olivia Morton

Year 8
Krystal Adams
Samuel French
Danielle Martin
Byron Tait

Head Girl Samantha Earnshaw
Head Boy Maxwell Englesman
Halogen Leadership Conference

On Thursday 5 March, I attended the Halogen Leadership Conference along with 5 other student members of the Kwinana Youth Advisory Council.

The Halogen Leadership Conference was an opportunity for student leaders in the Kwinana Community to be inspired by experienced leaders. We listened to four different speakers and a panel of three. The speakers were, Mike Martin, Josh Richards, Nat Medhurst and Larin Nicholson.

Each speaker discussed what leadership meant to them and shared many of their stories, ideas and beliefs. Each speaker said similar things, such as, Leadership is standing up for what you believe in. The one thing that was said more times than not was, Failure. They all told us that Failure was a good thing and that we need it to grow and develop to become better leaders but, most importantly we need to learn how to deal with failure.

The panel consisted of three speakers, Locki Cooke, an indigenous spokesperson; Yassmin Abdel-Magied, who works for Youth Without Boarders and Ray Tan, who won the award for most successful person, in Singapore from the Halogen Foundation.

Yassmin was my favourite speaker because she has accomplished so many things and is able to balance career with helping others and her personal life. She has also done everything that I am hoping to do when I graduate. She was the most down to earth speaker there, and it was obvious that she had a real grip on life. Yassmin told us all about taking opportunities when they arise, and not to be afraid of failure. Failure leads to success. The one thing I got from Yassmin was that if you don’t have haters then you aren’t doing something that matters or makes an impact.

All in all the day was great. We received lots of advice from many great speakers and we had lots of fun along the way. I look forward to being able to use the knowledge that I have gained at this conference in my role as Head Girl at Gilmore College.

Samantha Earnshaw
Head Girl

Kwinana Junior Council

The opportunity to participate in the Kwinana Junior Council has once again been made available to students attending Gilmore College. This opportunity is a project between students attending secondary schools in the Kwinana area and the City of Kwinana. Students selected to participate in this project will meet with other students and City of Kwinana Councillors approximately once a month to engage in meaningful discussion about youth issues that arise in the Kwinana area. Students selected for the Kwinana Junior Council are recognised as leaders by their peers and staff at the College. Congratulations to the following students, who have been selected to participate in this exciting project:

Year 8
- Rhys Jones
- Trae Ngatai

Year 9
- Ajah Abuy
- Ryan Rogers

Year 10
- Stephanie Dodd
- Teinelle Elstoner

Crystal Wierenga
Student Council Coordinator
Welcome to the Year 7 family at Gilmore College. We are delighted that your child has joined us and we will be making every effort to support your child to make a positive and successful transition into secondary education.

All teachers and administrators in the Year 7 community are providing a safe and supportive environment where each student has the opportunity to maximise their learning potential. It is pleasing to see that most students are engaging with their lessons in a positive and meaningful way. Please feel very welcome to contact class teachers if you have any concerns about your child’s academic progress and general well-being.

Although most students are proudly wearing Gilmore College’s uniform, there are some students who remain out of uniform. I would like to draw your attention to the College’s Uniform Policy.

The Uniform Policy

The Gilmore College uniform is a very important part of the College’s culture and assists to enhance the public image of the College. The wearing of school uniforms is compulsory in all Government schools and there is an expectation that every Year 7 student will wear their uniform each day of the school year.

In the event that a student does not wear their uniform the following will occur:

- Parents/caregivers will be contacted to provide uniforms for their child
- Students will be provided with a loaned College uniform to wear for the day
- The student will not be considered for extra-curricular activities
- If a student is continually non-compliant and refuses to wear their uniform, the student will be referred to the Associate Principal.

There is also a small minority of students who are not adhering to Gilmore College’s Mobile Phone Policy. I would like to draw your attention to Gilmore College’s Mobile Phone Policy.

Mobile Phone Policy

Mobile phones are not allowed at Gilmore College. In the event that a child uses a phone in class time, the phone will be confiscated by the classroom teacher. The phone will be returned to the student at the end of the period. If a student breaches the mobile phone rule again, the phone will be given to Student Services for the day. Further breaches will result in parents being contacted to collect the phone.

There are many positive initiatives and projects occurring in the Year 7 community to assist with children’s well-being and happiness. These include:
Adventure Club
The Adventure Club will be operating in the Year 7 Community this year. The Adventure Club provides the services of a volunteer for two days a week. We are very lucky to have the services of Mrs Terri Turner (Mrs T) who many of the students know from primary school. Mrs T will be assisting with literacy and numeracy and helping to establish the Year 7 Gardening Project.

Lunch time Activities
Year 7 students have plenty to do at lunch time and recess thanks to our wonderful Youth Support Workers, Mr Lee and Mr Davies. A variety of sports are available including soccer, basketball, football, touch rugby and netball. There is also Art Club run by Ms Maxfield, Year 10 Coordinator, and students are welcome to play board games or just have a chat with our Chaplain, Mrs Strydom. Soon there will be the opportunity to play outside volleyball and plans are being made to have some new Four Square Courts available. Students have had their first turn at Bumper Balls activities and had a lot of fun. Bumper balls are offered twice a Term to Year 7 students.

Advocacy Classes
Each Friday period 2, students attend Advocacy classes. Gilmore College is very lucky to have the services of the Bridging the Gap Program. Students not only have their Advocacy teachers but also trainers from Bridging the Gap. Goal setting, anti-bullying, resilience, positive thinking and career choices are just a few of the subjects covered in Advocacy classes. There are also Year 7 Assemblies during specified advocacy lessons.

Point Peron Excursion
A reward excursion will be held at Point Peron Camp during Term 2 for 22 students who have shown exemplary behaviour and citizenship during Term 1. Students will go to Point Peron for the day and participate in a variety of team building, leadership and outdoor activities.

LyriK Awards - Leadership Youth Respect in Kwinana
The City of Kwinana established the Youth Incentive program in 2006 to ensure young people in Kwinana between the ages of 10-15 years old were recognised for the valuable contribution they make to the College and the Kwinana Community.

Congratulations to the following students who have been nominated for the first round of LyriK Awards by their teachers.

Elizabeth Campbell
Tenzin McCallum
Callym Nugent
Sean Pereyra
Jaida Salvia
Leonard Simpson
Jessica Slade
Francisco Soares
Rehandre Van Niekerk

The students have been nominated for one of the following categories: Achievement, Inspiration, Leadership/Role Model, Mateship, Respect and Teamwork. More student nominations will be made throughout the year.

Kerry Bowden
Year 7 Manager
Women in Industry Awards

It was my privilege and my pleasure to take three of our students to attend the Women in Industry awards hosted by the Chamber of Minerals and Energy (CME).

Established in 2010, the Women in Resources Awards (WIRA) 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.

The girls enjoyed not only a lovely breakfast, but were also able to be encouraged by the efforts of women in their work endeavours. The breakfast hosted over a thousand other women, students and company representatives who are all working towards fair and equal job prospects for men and women in the Mining and Gas industry. Throughout the breakfast, the girls heard from various panel members, guest speaker and the finalists as to how this could be achieved and the opportunities and successes that are available to them in this industry. The students were also able to spend time networking with companies and individuals involved in the Gas and Mining sector, including representatives from APPEA and the Challenger Institute of Technology.

Following the breakfast, the girls participated in the Inspiring Girls initiative, a program introduced to the awards in 2014 that allows students to hear from past winners and keynote speakers on their specialist fields including engineering, process operating and mining management. The event was a great opportunity not only for the girls to gain an understanding of possible job prospects in the Mining and gas industry, but to also be encouraged in their pursuit of success regardless of their career choice. We would like to thank the kind efforts of APPEA for hosting Gilmore at the event, and look forward to a continued partnership with them to continue encouraging our girls to seek greatness.

Edith Copeman
Year 11 Coordinator

L-R Front: Georgia Bourdon, Danielle Hooper, Jayde Davison
Back: Andrew Woodhams (APPEA Representative) Paul Foley, (Program Director APPEA Limited) Roma Sharp (Senior Policy Advisor APPEA Limited) Ms Copeman (Year 11 Coordinator) Greg Guppy, (Director, Training and Services, Challenger Institute of Technology)
Plant Mechanic

This is a new course that was developed to allow more student's excess to an Engineering Pathway. On successful completion, students can pursue careers in Diesel fitting, fitting and turning, welding and fabrication.

Gilmore has seven students in this course:

Phillip Anderson  
Carel Barnard  
Lucas Beauchamp  
Lachlan Johnston  
Jordan McDowall  
Joshua Smyth  
Bradley Whinfield

Please see Ms Kilpatrick for further information to be a part of this program for 2016.

English Learning Area

The English Learning Area has experienced a few staff changes since last year. We have a new Head of Learning Area as well as four new teachers. Below are some brief details about who they are:

Greg Chinery
I am the new Head of Learning Area of English. I started teaching in 1988 and have worked at Hedland SHS, Manjimup SHS and Atwell College. Apart from teaching English I am also a qualified winemaker and electrical fitter. Out of school I love camping, hiking and fishing. I have a great team of English teachers and I am really enjoying working with Gilmore College students, who have been surprising me with their enthusiasm and talent.

Nethia Duraisamy
This is my fifth year of teaching in Perth, WA. I’ve taught in Singapore for 3 years before that. I enjoy reading, travelling, cooking and marking (especially on Friday nights). I am enjoying the College, the wonderful students, the awesome staff and I am looking forward to more of that in my time here.

Julie Williams
I teach the Year 8 English and Society & Environment Academic extension class and Year 7, 10 and 11 English classes. I am also involved in the Follow the Dream Program. I previously taught in high schools in Rockingham, Armadale, Seville Grove and Kelmscott, where I specialised in teaching disengaged students. I have a passion for film and theatre and in a past life wrote short film and theatre scripts for an acting academy. I believe a photograph can be worth a thousand words, but a good book is the epitome of happiness. I love teaching and am thrilled to be at Gilmore College in what I hope will be a long and happy association.

Michael Connelly
This is my eighth year teaching and my previous posts have included working in London, Mauritius, Melbourne and other parts of Perth. I enjoy playing most sports including rugby, soccer and martial arts and further enjoy fishing and 4WDriving outside of College. If I see students in public I will hide. I am enjoying my time at Gilmore.

Nicole Leslie
Originally from Melbourne, I made the move to Perth this year, to begin my full time career as a teacher. I have had experience working with underprivileged students in quite a few schools in Melbourne, in a primary as well as a secondary setting. I have also started my own business, teaching music (piano and vocals) privately. I am looking forward to becoming an active part of the Gilmore College community.

Gregory Chinery  
Head of Learning Area - English
Follow The Dream

The Follow the Dream program is off to a flying start again in 2015. Many new students have joined the program which is aimed at providing support for aspirant Year 7–12 Aboriginal students here at Gilmore College. I would like to particularly welcome our Year 7 students starting for the first time here at Gilmore College.

The Follow the Dream students have undertaken many different challenges so far this year. A number of students have been nominated for various City of Kwinana LyriK Awards and one of our very dedicated students attended the Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School (IAES) held at Curtin University in the January school holidays. Our students have also had the opportunity to participate in the Curtin University Renewable Energy Workshops being held at Gilmore College through the Follow the Dream program. All the best to all of our students in 2015.

City of Kwinana Lyrik Awards - 2015

The City of Kwinana Lyrik Awards is being held during Youth Week this year. A number of our Indigenous students at Gilmore College have been nominated for various LyriK Award categories again this year. All of these students are very worthy nominees. They are - Kieren Milton (Year 11), Bailey Ballard (Year 11), Larra Brown-Risk (Year 10) and Tanesha Bennell (former Gilmore College student and now All Saints College student).

Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School - Curtin University

The Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School (IAES) ran an educational program for students in the January school holidays. Numbers were strictly limited and selection was based on the student’s interest and aptitude for engineering related subjects such as mathematics and science as well as the student’s personal level of initiative and outlook in learning.

Kieren Milton was nominated to attend this event at Curtin University. Kieren thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity to build and test structures for strength and flexibility along with meeting many other Indigenous students from other schools from all over the State.

Kieren Milton

The Francis Burt Law Education Programme (FBLEP)

The 2015 Youth Civics Leadership Day organised by FBLEP is all set to go ahead again this year. Larra Brown-Risk and another student at Gilmore College have been nominated to attend. This program is also designed for Year 10 students who have demonstrated leadership potential and/or civics awareness potential within their school and/or community. Students selected will take part in a one-day motivational, leadership skills and civics event at the Old Court House Law Museum and the Law Society of Western Australia office in Perth.
Curtin University Renewable Energy Workshops

Leon Dawson from Curtin University came to visit us again this Term to encourage some of our Year 7 Follow the Dream students to develop and implement their own colour design principles in applying special effects makeup. Needless to say all of the students really enjoyed this ‘hands on’ activity.

Curtin Universities Sir Charles Court Young Leaders Program

Larra Brown-Risk has been nominated to attend Curtin Universities Sir Charles Court Young Leaders 2015 program. This program has been designed for Year 10 students who demonstrate academic ability, leadership potential and involvement in their community are encouraged to apply. Selected students attend an intensive and exciting four-day leadership development camp where they will be involved in a number of challenging activities which will develop their leadership skills and build confidence in their own abilities.

‘Special Effects’ viewing

Eva Drage with some ‘bruising’ around the eye while Lachlan Harris and Shaun Pereyra are working on their ‘injury’ with Leon Dawson from Curtin University!

Jye Hilzinger-Smith with a serious ‘third-degree’ burn
Open College Board Meeting
Gilmore College Board welcomes parents and caregivers to attend a public meeting to be held at Gilmore College on Thursday 14 May 2015 commencing at 3.00pm.
If you have any questions, please contact Sonia Graham on 9411 1839.

IS YOUR CHILD READY FOR A LIFE-CHANGING ADVENTURE?
Are you looking for a unique experience for your son or daughter that will challenge them, equip them with key life skills and give them the adventure of a lifetime?

Then look no further than the Leeuwin Youth Explorer Voyage. The seven day program aimed at 14-25 year olds is both exciting and rewarding, teaching participants all aspects of living and working aboard a traditional tall ship. They will experience steering and navigating the ship, setting sails in all weather conditions, sailing through the night beneath the Milky Way and seeing parts of West Australia’s stunning coastline.

It’s not just about learning to sail and meeting new friends though. They will also learn more about themselves, overcome challenges, conquer fears and become more tolerant towards others. The voyages aim to increase self-confidence and self-awareness as well as developing communication, teamwork and leadership skills which can be applied in all aspects of life.

Students in years 10, 11 and 12 can earn 5 WACE points towards their senior graduation and the voyage can count as the Adventurous Journey or Residential Project component of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Sail trainees may also be invited back as volunteer crew on future day sails and voyages, allowing them to keep in touch with their crewmates, further hone their skills and sail for free!

Voyages run from September until June, with spaces still available on the following upcoming voyages;

VOYAGE 1506 Departs Fremantle 12 March | Arrives Fremantle 18 March
VOYAGE 1509 Departs Monkey Mia 31 May | Arrives Fremantle 8 June
VOYAGE 1510 Departs Fremantle 13 June | Arrives Fremantle 19 June

The $1,980 voyage fare includes all food, accommodation, use of wet weather gear and safety training. Thanks to our generous community partners we are able to offer a variety of scholarships for applicants who need assistance raising the fare.

For more information, please contact our team on (08) 9430 4105 or email us at office@sailleeuwin.com.

Challenging and inspiring young people since 1986

Orelia Dental Therapy Centre
Please be advised that the Orelia Dental Therapy Centre will now be closed on Monday.

For emergency only please contact:
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