

Principal's Message

Ms Das Neves

Farewell Year 12

We had a wonderful and moving Graduation Ceremony for our 2007 HSC class on Thursday 27th September. We were joined by hundreds of family and friends to mark this rite of passage into adulthood. The gym was packed to capacity. It was a celebration of all that is fine about our young people. Teachers have spoken incredibly highly of the dedication, commitment and focus of these students. One of the outstanding qualities of this grade has been its cohesion as a group and this has made it a powerful force in the life of the school. It's unity has also been of great benefit to the learning of each student because they have helped and supported each other on the journey towards the HSC. I would like to pay tribute to the work of Ms Birrell, the Year Adviser, who has guided this group since Year 8. The affection in which she is held by her charges was clearly evident in the emotion displayed during the speeches at the Graduation Ceremony.

The junior school was able to farewell Year 12 at a special assembly in the afternoon. Representatives of Years 7, 8 and 9 spoke about their memories of Year 12 and then they formed a guard of honour down the driveway to clap them out of the school.

On Friday 28th September, all Year 12 went on a picnic day with 6 members of staff to Fagan Park to have some fun prior to settling down to the last revision period before the HSC. The behaviour of Year 12 during this school leaving period has been exemplary and they are to be congratulated on their maturity and sense of responsibility. We wish them well in the HSC and for the future.

Parents and Citizens Association Issues Fees for 2008

At the P&C meeting on Wednesday 26th September I outlined the financial position of the school and its resource needs for 2008.

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Coming Events

Term 4 October

Week 1B

- 16 2009 Year 7 Information Night
9 Science Major Investigation due
- 17 11 Modern History Assessment
9 Japanese Excursion
- 18-19 HSC Exams
- 19-21 Duke of Ed Silver Test Hike

Week 2A

- 22-29 HSC Exams
- 24 9/10 Food Tech Excursion
P&C Meeting 7:30pm in Common Room
- 25 10 UTS IT Info Day
- 26 Payment of deposit for Year 9 Camp due

Week 3B

- 29-2 HSC Exams
- 30 11 Legal Seminar
- 31-2 7 Yearly Exams

November

- 1 10 Drama State Festival
- 2 9/10 Drama State Festival

Week 4A

- 5-9 HSC Exams
- 7 10 Maths Trial SC
- 7-9 9 Yearly Exams

Week 5B

- 12-13 SC Exams
- 12 8 Maths Mentals Test
7 Gala Day
- 13 11 Visual Art HSC Study Day
- 14 10/11 Music Excursion
- 14-16 8 Yearly Exams
- 16 SC Computing Skills Exam
- 17-18 Duke of Ed Bronze Test Hike

October P&C meeting

WEDNESDAY 24th OCTOBER 2007
From 7.30 pm
In the Staff Common Room

Come along to the P & C Meeting and take the opportunity to discuss issues that affect your school.

Everybody is very welcome and the meeting is followed by tea and coffee at around 9pm. The minutes of previous meetings can be found in the P&C section of the school's website.

We need your attendance to ensure a broad range of views.
Come along and have your say!

President: Peter Rose **Vice President 1:** Ram Matta **Vice President 2:** Stuart Cox **Secretary:** Liz McLoughlin **Treasurer:** Conie Lau

The school is not in a strong financial situation and is not able to provide the learning materials that a selective education requires.

In order for students in the selective environment to reach their potential, they need to be extended with a much higher level and a much greater diversity of information and material in the classroom than can be provided in a single textbook. We do not receive any additional funding because we are a selective school.

We need to be able to provide students with the most up to date technology provision to support their high level operations. Our technology provision is in urgent need of an upgrade - the schools major cabling needs replacing and cabling needs to be extended to many more classrooms. In subjects like Visual Arts, English, Drama and Technology Areas students are making and editing video productions, designing, doing complex graphics and simulations and using the computers in new and exciting ways to develop their skills for the 21st Century world. They are currently being hampered by our lack of technology provision.

Some points which were considered at the P&C meeting were:

- Multiple text books need to be provided for many courses
- Most text books cost between \$50 and \$70
- Supplementary material is provided in the form of photocopying, staff developed workbooks etc (the schools printing bill is well over \$120,000 per annum. More than 80% of this is for classroom use)
- All Selective schools (and almost all high schools) need to charge fees to cover consumable items used in classrooms (eg for Food consumed in Food Technology Classes, paint, clay and paper used in Visual Arts, materials used in Technology subjects). The introduction of fees for subject materials will bring us into line with other selective schools.
- Our current technology fee is less than half of most other schools

At the next P&C meeting we hope to present a full schedule of fees for 2008.

If you want an opportunity to discuss this important issue, please come to the October 24th meeting.

P&C Spending

We are very grateful to the P&C who have contributed funds this year for the upgrading of the gym. This has enabled us to purchase permanent screens for audio visual displays, provide materials for students to make a mural, to reposition the speakers and to replace damaged louvres. The Department of Education is refurbishing the floor surface during the holidays and remarking it. All these upgrades will result in an improved amenity.

**Congratulations to Tim Barton
(Year 12) who recently competed
for Sydney West at the CHS Touch
football Championships.**

Anyone who saw our production of *Bye Bye Birdie* will realise that we need an upgraded sound system in the gym. We needed to hire equipment at considerable expense to make our wonderful performers audible. The P&C has agreed to a feasibility study to investigate the purchase of a new sound system for the gym.

We are also grateful for their offer to purchase more professional name badges for staff. This helps to ensure student safety so that all members of staff are easily identifiable on the school grounds and also improves parent recognition of staff at events like Parent /Teacher Nights.

Finally, we are very grateful that the P&C has agreed to fund the purchase of a classroom Electronic Whiteboard and data projector which will directly enhance student learning.

Without your support of the P&C, these aids and improvements would not be able to be provided.

Visit by Nathan Rees

Our local member Nathan Rees, Member for Toongabbie, visited the school on 21st September. He spent some time talking to senior students about their ambitions and they raised with him issues of school maintenance and development. These included the need for a hall, refurbishment of various areas and our infra structure needs for electricity and technology upgrades. He will make representation for us on these issues.

Year 11

These students have now finished their Preliminary Certificate and are ready to commence HSC studies from this week. Formal assessment, contributing to the HSC mark, begins this term. Students should make sure they are organised from the start to make the most of this important year. Please contact the Year Adviser if you are concerned about your child's progress. It is best to do this early rather than later. All students should feel happy to ask for help at any time.

Year 10

The Board of Studies School Certificate Examinations in English, Maths, History and Geography and Computing Studies are in Week 5. Students should be developing a revision program in the lead up to these exams.

Years 7, 8 and 9

Exam periods for these Years are as follows: Year 7 Week 3, Year 8 Week 5 and Year 9 Week 4. Students need to check with their teachers about the topics and format of each test and spend some time on appropriate revision.

Student Assistance

The school has funds to help families experiencing financial difficulty to pay for school uniforms, excursions, fees, etc. If you need financial help, please contact the Principal.

Co-ordinator's Message

Mrs Sharp

The 2007 etcetera team

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The closing date for the November edition of etcetera is Monday 12th November.

etcetera is always happy to include articles and advertisements - please see one of the Newsletter team if you're interested in contributing. We really appreciate the contributions staff, students and parents make to *etcetera* - thanks to everyone who contributed this month.

If you have received a paper copy of the newsletter and would like to view it in all its colourful glory, it can be downloaded from www.girraween-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/whatsnew/newsletters/oct07.pdf

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NSW Junior Geography Competition 2007

Mrs Payne
(Competition Coordinator)

Along with 15,000 other students from 115 schools, 177 Girraweeners sat the NSW Junior Geography competition in August 2007. Our Geographers achieved outstanding results with 52 High Distinctions (top 8.5%), 61 Distinctions and 50 credits. The State average was 27.3 out of 50 while our students averaged 34.1. The highest mark, attained by one student in NSW, was 49/50, while 6 students scored 48.

Students to impress from Girraween High School were Kamal Singh (46/50), Sowmya Bysani (44), Kane Kersaitis, Andrew Hudson, and Nirapam (43), George Bishay and Renzo Arguedas (42/50), as well as, John Lingad, Harry Cho and Shaun Ngoh (41/50).

Several Year 9 students also excelled, despite the competition being more focused on the Year 10 Syllabus. These included Jarrod Waterlow, Matthew, Simon Graham, Taylor Cox, and Steven. Well done and congratulations to our Geographers for their tremendous effort.

Notorious James Ruse - The Debate Which Won Over Our Pride

Sana Ahmed

As if school can't get any more stressful - add a debate against one of the most prestigious schools in New South Wales and you're guaranteed one bad headache.

Debating fever was already setting in after our total annihilation of Northmead High School, and the Year 9 debating team (consisting of 1st speaker Tabish Aleemulah, 2nd speaker Ruben Chandramohan, 3rd speaker me, Sana Ahmed, and 4th speaker Guy Marsh) was flushed with euphoria. But the happy parades and joyful boasts and brags were about to be rained on by the news of who we would be debating next: the infamous James Ruse.

It seemed the 23rd of August arrived much too soon for our liking and we all felt the anxiety and tiny panic attacks setting in. The James Ruse debating team employed a coach to teach them how to debate! (Although, admittedly, with our trusty Mr P at our side, who needs a debating coach anyway?) Out of the three topics we were given to decide on, we chose 'It is better to be a hammer than a nail' (the other two were: 'We should burn our bridges' and 'We should have more "Paris Hiltons"!'). We were given the negative side of this vague topic.

To cut an otherwise longer, nerve-shattering story much shorter and happier, we won! We entered doubtful, but exited with triumph. When we found out the verdict, relief mixed with incredible mind-blowing emotion coursed through us once the truth had actually sunk in (and that took a few seconds to digest), like an exhilarating electric shock: immense satisfaction. The debate co-incided with special photos day and as we floated off to have our photos taken, we grew obnoxiously large heads, believing the photos were especially for us.

So, now we skip to a week later and August is coming to a close. In fact, the last day of the school week, the month and winter was ironically the day of our debate against Colo High at Glenwood High. A few days earlier, we had decided on a slight modification to the team: Sonali Raina would be 4th speaker for this debate.



WINNERS: Tabish, Guy, Sonali, Mr P and Ruben

However, on the day of the debate I was unable to make it, and Guy bravely and immediately substituted for Sonali, who substituted for me. It was extremely last minute, but despite this little hiccup, I was told that they were going to win for me. And they did. Girra strikes again! It just seemed our concrete arguments were too much for Colo's own sandcastle of arguments, because we emerged victorious! Our mutually agreed on topic was 'A western presence is not needed in Iraq' and we were slapped with negative. Nevertheless, our unexpected charm and graceful presentation of our matter pulled us through to the next round.

But it seemed our winning streak had to come to an end. Our next challenge was Gosford High School. We had our normal team of Tabish (1st), Ruben (2nd), me (3rd) and Guy (4th). Our topic was that: "We need mandatory health examinations for indigenous people in rural areas"; we were once again, negative. Unfortunately we lost to great, fluent, debators with one more year's experience than us. It was an honour to have debated such a challenging team, and just watching the Gosford girls speak, we learnt a great deal about the way we speak and what we say.

And now for our thank yous! First of all, Mr P: it goes without saying that we wouldn't have a debating team without you, and it's been your unconditional faith in us that's assisted in keeping us going. Also, Mrs Turk once again for letting us borrow your car, for which we are very grateful. To Guy, thanks for stepping in without hesitation, you are a valuable member of the team and also for your willingness to assist us in the Gosford debate. Our adjudicators for giving us advice for the future - and for the constant flow of feedback (It went from "What didn't you do right" to "I'm having trouble saying anything bad!") And Finally, to Tabish, Ruben and Sonali, all great speakers with the power and persuasion to convince anyone you're right!

Careers Newsletter

Every month, our
Careers Adviser
publishes a
newsletter full of the
latest news relevant
to students from
Years 10-12.

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Book Reviews of the Month

Two new books are available in our school library!

Tattoo - Jennifer Lynn Barnes



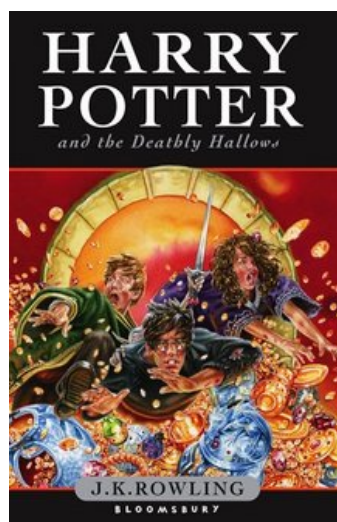
Bailey Morgan is a normal teenager with three best friends until she buys four strange temporary tattoos from a weird woman at the mall. As she applies the tattoo to her skin, all seems fine.

But one of Bailey's best friends, Annabelle, suddenly has the ability to read minds. And Zoe begins to have premonitions. Delia can turn one thing into something totally different. And Bailey? She can control fire. Along with the tattoos, Bailey begins having hallucinations and cryptic messages, such as, 'She is coming'.

Who is coming? Why have Bailey and her friends been given these supernatural powers? And will Delia ever stop turning gum wrappers into cashmere socks?

Tattoo is an interesting page-turner by the same author of the book *Golden*.

Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows - JK Rowling



At last! The 7th and last instalment of the Harry Potter series! Although the book was much awaited by readers everywhere, the sad realisation that we will probably never read another new Harry Potter book again is slightly depressing. Still, we have two more movies left!

Harry, Hermione and Ron are back and this year, the threesome decide not to go back to Hogwarts, instead choosing to pursue the job Dumbledore passed on to Harry - find the Horcruxes and destroy them.

But the task is not easy. Harry, Ron and Hermione must battle through scores of Death Eaters, infiltrate the Ministry of Magic and somehow go to Godric's Hollow without being spotted and taken in by Snatchers. Along the way they are betrayed, captured and driven to the point of insanity with losses and dead ends. However, Harry, Ron and Hermione stick it out until the end, and everything turns out fine. Definitely a captivating read, more than likely able to keep you guessing until the very end!

The Boiling Banter of Bondi Beach

Year 11 excursion to view Shakespeare's *The Tempest*

Wilson Lu

Perhaps appropriately, the unrelenting windy turmoil that greeted three busloads proved a reflective foreshadowing of the 'tempest' in Shakespeare's eponymous play being performed at the Bondi Pavilion.

The play is about Prospero, a magician who lives on a desolate isle with his virginal daughter, Miranda. An exile, he is banished from his noble position by his conniving brother and the King of Naples. By chance, his enemies sail near Prospero's isle and, aided by his servant the spirit Ariel, Prospero conjures the associated tempest to wreck their ship. The king's son, thinking all others lost, becomes Prospero's prisoner, falling in love with Miranda and she with him. Prospero's brother and the king wander the island, as do a drunken cook and sailor who conspire with Caliban, another one of Prospero's slaves, to murder Prospero. These various plots against the main characters fail thanks to the magic of Prospero and the play ends with general repent.

Vibrant and vivacious, the play was an electric exhibition of slapstick comedy and other entertaining elements. It incorporated distinct characteristics such as structural interludes of pop songs, dance and elements of farce which made the play sufficiently faithful to its authentic Shakespearean essence whilst simultaneously being accessible to sixteen/seventeen year olds.

Newly-elected School Captain Ana Suvajlo of 11F had this to say of the performance, "The use of modern music made the play all the more interesting for an audience that hadn't studied the text before hand."

Fellow peer Dylan Simpson of 11C also commented that "The recent production of the *Tempest* was an original and unique experience. I liked the fact that the performers attempted to adapt the play for a contemporary audience."

For Year 11, the play will form a central component of their HSC English course, which will begin in Term Four.



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Interview With Girra Alumni

Wilson Lu

This month we get back in touch with ex-Girraween student Candy Wong. A lover of *Desperate Housewives*, *Dancing with the Stars* and cool winters, Candy attended Girraween High from 2001 to her graduation last year. Contributing actively to the progress of the school, Candy was involved as Prefect, Peer Support Leader and performed roles in the Newsletter Team and Yearbook Committee during her high school career. Currently studying Commerce (majoring in Marketing, Government and International Relations) at the University of Sydney, Candy shares with us some first-hand advice.

In retrospect, could you give a brief, overall reflection during your time at Girraween High?

Great times, great friends, lots of laughter. And lots of dark, rainy days!

What were your favourite subjects?

English & Ancient History. I love my humanities!

Did you ever have a favourite teacher(s)?

Yes of course! Miss Pointer for her humour and strange antics! I always had a good belly laugh in her classes (congrats on your engagement miss!), and Mr Cameron - he is hilarious!! For great teaching, Mrs Woodhams & Mr Stormont.

What was/were the best thing(s) you loved about Girraween High?

Our grade was one big, fat, happy family so the friendships were definitely the best thing. And also actually being friends with the teachers once you get into Year 11 & 12! I must really sound like a nerd now!

Recently, subject/elective selection has become a popular issue, and in this regard, perhaps more so for Senior school students-to-be. Could you give any advice based on your own experiences to assist them in their decisions?

It's true what they say, do what you enjoy! Or if you don't know what you enjoy, do what you know you can succeed in. Two years is a long time to be learning something you hate!

During this latter part of the year where the school atmosphere seems dominated with the issues of Trials and ultimately, the coming of the HSC exams, could you reflect on your own experiences from this strenuous period, and offer advice to those who are experiencing it for the first time?

I'm probably not the best person to get study tips from, but for those in Year 12 at the moment - understand what type of learner you are. I know some people don't need to study very hard to achieve excellent results, whereas other students are more the obsessive/methodical type of studier. If you are the latter, don't work yourself too hard!! The HSC is honestly not as bad as everyone makes it out to be, it's just proving that you have been paying attention in class all year.

Any final words?

If you are an active student who listens in every class, doing well in exams will come naturally. But remember, life honestly isn't about marks. Don't waste your final at high school in a darkened room with pages of equations or

quotations around you, only to get to Uni and realise that you could have done similar courses that were 10 UAI points below what you achieved through maniacal studying. Success is all about doing your best! Enjoy the fun and loving microcosm of school while it lasts!

Year 9 Geography Excursion

Sana Ahmed

Ever dreamed of escaping to the fabulous Central Coast for a dream holiday escape? How about stepping onto soft sand barefoot and letting the fresh, clean air breeze past you, the dazzling sun shining in your hair? Well, Year 9 didn't exactly get to do that, but we did go on a bushwalk until we were tired, hot, thirsty and not-to-mention sweaty.

Mr Scarpinato, Mrs Datt, Mr Sharma, Mrs Payne and Mrs Birrell accompanied us on the trip, with Mr Scarpinato, who knew the area exceptionally well, acting as our resident tour guide. We went on a walk through rainforests, occasionally stopping so the teachers could explain something to us. We were given many interesting facts and speeches on the climate, nature, flora and fauna of the surrounding area. The effects of the recent storms on the coastline and the community were devastating.

We made our way up to The Entrance, whose beauty was utterly captivating. Percy, the sandstone statue of a pelican greeted us from his frozen position, a sign of what was yet to come. A few serene pelicans floated on the shallow, gentle water, and it felt distinctly relaxing sitting on the edge of the suspended concrete bench, our feet dangling a few inches above the water, watching the seabirds. It was a Kodak moment!

Our thanks to our geography teachers for safely leading us through dangerous jungles filled with long, winding tree roots, deep trenches of doom and tree canopies filled with deadly animals. We're lucky to be alive! Well, not exactly, as the only danger was tripping over one of the numerous tree roots, but still, their patience and never-ending supply of facts kept us entertained.



FIELDWORK: exhausted yet hardworking students

Scouts Australia: World Jamboree

Robert Slater, in Year 9, is taking a four-week trip to England and Ireland with another 47000 kids from around the world that cost him absolutely nothing, courtesy of *Scouts Australia*. Jealous? Sana Ahmed went to find out more.

Where will you be going?
England and Ireland.

What will you be doing?
The trip consists of five days in London, sightseeing, looking around, that sort of thing, then a thirteen night camp, with another 47000 scouts from across the globe and then finishes with 8 days with an Irish family in a homestay.

What's the name of the organisation that's planned this?
Scouts Australia.

Can anyone join up?
It's pretty simple, there's a group pretty much in your local suburb or area. They'll meet once a week and then do stuff on weekends. So, probably the best way to get on it is Google it, or ring up Scouts Australia and ask for your nearest group.

How much is it for the trip?
It's \$7000 but I've been lucky enough to earn a scholarship so I'm not paying a cent, and that's been given to me by Scouts Australia.

How long will you be going for?
Four weeks.

What have you achieved to date?
I'm one hike off the highest award in scouts.



PROUD SCOUT: Rob in his uniform

Can you list them?
Well, I have: sportsman's, caving, information and technology, science, performing arts, music, fire awareness and abseiling badges, and then out of the three levels, I've got two and almost the third highest level. [He's also got] First aid, water safety, emergency, camp craft and citizenship for Australia.

What's the point of this trip?
It's centred around the world jamboree, being 100 years in scouting as well, [it's going to be] a pretty big celebration. They've got it in London and the Irish homestead.

What are your expectations before you go?
Looking forward to it, don't really know what to expect.

It'll be a lot of fun, there's going to be 47000 kids there, so it's going to be pretty exciting.

Anything you'd like to say before you go?
Scouts in general is one of the best, if not, the best youth organisation. I've been in it since I was six, moved up with my age, and I encourage anyone to join it because although it may seem geeky from the outside, it's incredible once you're in it!

For more information on Scouts Australia, go to www.scouts.com.au or www.nsw.scouts.com.au or ring up Scouts Australia (for NSW) on 97359000.

Science News

*Ms Harman
(Science/Agiculture Head Teacher)*

NATIONAL TITRATION COMPETITION - Gold And Silver Medalist!

On Saturday 15th September 2007, Nitya, Jaismine Kaur, Sandhya, Meera and Sujee Sathieseelan of Year 12, attended the National Titration Competition at NSW University. After 3 hours of vigilant manipulation of the burette and careful swirling of the conical flask the students achieved outstanding results and were each presented with 3 gold and 3 silver medals. Congratulations to all!! Jaismine received a special mention on the day for her perfect score (an exceptional achievement indeed!!!).

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL CHEMISTRY QUIZ

Each year students from Years 7 to 12 volunteer to enter the Australian National Chemistry Quiz. Earlier this term, several students sat for the competition and once again Girraween High School students have achieved wonderful results. Especially, Kane Kersaitis of Year 10 who was awarded a plaque for achieving results that were in the top 1% of the competition. This is an exceptional feat as this quiz is run nationally as well as in several Asian countries.

Congratulations and well done to all the students who participated.

Overall results:
38 students with High Distinctions
52 students with Distinctions
32 students with Credits

Thank you to Mrs Sharp for all her hard work organising and co-ordinating the competition.

YEAR 12 FAREWELL

On behalf of the Science Faculty, the staff would like to wish all the Year 12 students the best of luck in their exams and the future.

Don't forget there are a number of services to help you with your studies:

- Your teachers
- HSC Advice Line 13 11 12 (lines open Monday 9th Oct)
- The Board of Studies Website (www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au)
- HSC Online (www.hsc.csu.edu.au)

SIEMENS SCIENCE EXPERIENCE

The Siemens Science Experience is a three day hands-on science for students about to enter Year 10. This is an engineering and technology program conducted in Australian Universities. Approximately 600 places are available and Scarlette of Year 9 has been accepted into the Siemens Science Experience to be held at the University of NSW from September 26-28th 2007. We look forward to hearing about the wonderful and interesting activities she will participate in.

SOME UPCOMING EVENTS IN SCIENCE

Year 7

- Assignment 4 due Tuesday 23 October

Year 8

- Assignment 4 due Thursday 18 October

Year 9

- Major Scientific Investigations due Tuesday 16 October
- Assignment 4 due Monday 22 October

Year 10

- Assignment 4 due Thursday 18 October

COMPETITIONS AND OTHER INTERESTING EVENTS

Siemens Science Experience: a 3 day hands on science program conducted in Australian Universities in 2007/2008 for students entering Year 10 in 2008.

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Kwietz Kwiz

Sorry, sorry, sorry - I have lost the names of the three boys in Year 9 who got the correct answers for the September Kwiz to me first. I owe you each a chocolate and promise to publish your names next month. Coming in second were Darshini, Haasika and Annee. Congratulations to all Kwizzerz and good luck for this month!

1. Who was named Australian of the Year in 1992?
2. What is the name of his band?
3. What is the capital of Colombia?
4. On which play is the musical *Kiss Me Kate* based?
5. What is a Rhode Island Red?
6. Who is the primary antagonist in the original *Tomb Raider* video game?
7. What is *Borsch*?
8. Who won the Emmy for Best Male Actor in a Drama series this year?
9. Which novel won the Man Booker Prize in 2006?
10. Where would you eat *pannacotta*?

Girraween Canteen Price List

Effective Term 4, 2007.

Hot Food

Beef burger	\$3.30
Chicken Fillet Burger	\$3.50
Chicken Gravy Roll	\$3.50
Potato Pie	\$2.50
Meat Pie	\$2.30
Lasagne	\$3.00
Sausage Roll	\$2.00
Spinach & Ricotta Roll	\$2.20
Hot Dog	\$2.20
Rissole Roll	\$2.50
Garlic Bread	\$0.80
Chicken Nuggets	\$0.40
Cup Noodles	\$2.00

Cold Food

Pasta Salad	\$2.20
Chicken Pasta Salad	\$2.70
Salad Box	\$3.50
Salad box & meat	\$4.00
Yogurt/Berries	\$2.50
Muffins	\$1.40
Snak Pak	\$1.20

Sandwiches

Chicken/Lettuce	\$3.00
Salad	\$3.00
Cheese/Tomato	\$2.30
Toasting extra	\$0.20
Roll extra	\$0.60

Snack Foods

Chips	\$1.00
Dewberry Tarts	\$0.40
Rice Puffs	\$0.20
Oreos	\$0.80
Gookies	\$0.40
Seaweed	\$0.10
Ovalteenies	\$1.00
Eucalyptus Drops	\$0.40
Jelly sticks	\$0.10

Drinks

Apple Cider	\$1.80
600ml Milk - plain	\$1.00
300ml Milk - plain	\$0.60
600ml Moove	\$2.00
300ml Moove	\$1.00
Mt Franklin water	\$2.00
Ripple water	\$1.00
Pump water	\$2.00
Coke/Pepsi etc	\$2.50
Big M Bottle	\$2.00
Up & Go	\$1.70
Iced Teas	\$2.00
Gatorade Poppers	\$1.00
Daily Juice	\$2.30
Orange/Pash Juice	\$2.30
Orange/Mango Juice	\$2.30

Ice Creams/Blocks

Billabongs	\$1.20
Milo Cups Lge	\$2.50
Frozen Yogurt Cups	\$1.20
Frozen Orange Cups	\$0.60
Juicies	\$0.50

Specials

Monday - Sushi	\$3.00
Wed - Butter Chicken	\$3.50
Thursday - Sushi	\$3.00
Friday - Nachos	\$2.70

Wraps - by order only	\$3.00
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