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head of junior school

Throughout this year I have been asked by so many of my friends, family and former colleagues the following question; what is St Andrew’s Cathedral School really like?

I always smile widely and say ‘well, it is full of the loveliest students from the most caring and supportive families’. I tell them that I am working with many wonderful people in the most amazing school. I quickly describe an extremely unique concept in schooling, one that blends the best of tradition and heritage with modern facilities and practices. I go on to explain how students are extremely well behaved and the staff are of very high quality. Those inquiring often question me further, perhaps doubting my sincerity, and ask whether I could really be ‘enjoying’ such a challenging job, juggling my own family life and travelling such long distances. Well, then I smile widely again and tell them, well, whilst it has had its challenges, it is absolutely true, I do really love it, I love the students and the opportunity to work with such high quality staff and to know we are making a difference. I honestly enjoy getting up each day and coming to St Andrew’s. We are a great School. And yes, I feel extremely proud and privileged to be part of St Andrew’s Cathedral School.

The essence of who we are as a school appropriately analogous with our Patron Saint Andrew, the namesake of our school. St Andrew, a disciple of Christ, and his brother Simon (known as Peter), were fisherman by trade. In fact, it was Andrew who introduced his brother Peter to Jesus, (John 1:41-42). Andrew, virtually still a teenager when he met Jesus, became his humble and devoted servant. He was a man with whom many of us can identify. He expressed doubt at times, did not always understand or comprehend the Lord’s teaching, and he occasionally lacked faith. However, Andrew persisted. His qualities of humility and persistence are two virtuous qualities on which this school is founded. These qualities are evidenced in daily interactions between staff, students and parents.

Families come to St Andrew’s to receive a high quality education based on the truths of Christ Jesus. The high quality teaching and learning programmes occurring in the Junior School sees proportionally high percentages of our students score well above the State mean in both Literacy and Numeracy.

This is significant given that we are a comprehensive school, educating across a range of abilities. We particularly thank Mrs Terry and her dedicated team for their invaluable assistance to our students in their Support Programmes.

Our students also performed exceptionally well in the various competitions that the school entered throughout the year. In the University of NSW competitions, our students achieved 32 Credits, 23 Distinctions and 3 High Distinctions across Computer, Science, Mathematics, English, Spelling and Writing, competing with over 1000 000 entrants internationally. This was a significant result, as many schools are excited to achieve just a few distinctions. We indeed surpassed all statistical expectations averaging close to 40% of those who entered attaining the highest level awards. Our Stage 3 students (and one Stage 2 student) also attained impressive marks in the Mathematical Olympiad.

We saw a return to the Annual Song and Dance Concert in June this year, a celebration of the fine musical programme occurring daily in our Junior School. Although our Junior School is small, our students have access to a world class Musical Staff and a plethora of Music opportunities, including a multitude of ensembles and high quality Music Tutors. Our Stage 3 students and the Gawura and Junior School Singers gave a breathtaking performance at the IPSHA Music Festival held in the iconic Town Hall in August. This was an occasion the children will remember for many years to come and we thank Mrs Belshaw, Miss Scarfo, Mrs Anderson, Mrs Smart and the music staff for their outstanding contributions to music in this school.

Highlights this year have included our highly successful Grandparents’ Day, Outdoor Education Camps, Easter Hat Parade, Book Week Parade, John Madin Workshops and Concert, Debating, Fellowship Groups, Choirs, Ensembles, Bands, Fathers’ Day Breakfast, Mothers’ Day High Tea, the Music Festival, Song and Dance Concert, Christmas Concert, a range of excursions, incursions, ASISSA Interschool Sports, Sporting Carnivals, visits from notable professionals, and a range of guest speakers in our Term Services.

I would like to acknowledge the immense contributions of all our teachers. I particularly commend Miss Watson for her three years of hard work and dedication to the education of students at St Andrew’s Cathedral School, noting her admirable work in leading the Student Representative Council. I congratulate her for her new position in Port Macquarie at St Columba Anglican School.

I also acknowledge Miss Stephanie Smith, who leaves us after three years of valued assistance as a Teacher’s Aide, following her time here as a student. She has now completed her Degree in Education and is ready to embark on a career as a Primary School Teacher. I know that whilst both Misses Watson and Smith will be missed, they will always be a part of St Andrew’s and St Andrew’s will be a part of them.

I thank all of my staff for all they have done to support me in my first year, but more importantly, the work they have done to support our students. I particularly thank the amazing Miss Banks, who looks after all of us. Thank you also to Mr David North as Head of Gawura, and his warm welcome and encouragement. Thank you to Mrs Blackwell for her work with supporting the students. Thank you to all the Specialist Teachers for the much valued contributions they make to educate our students. I thank Mr Graeme Kightley, our Deputy Head of School for his patient and wise counsel this year and Dr John Collier for his support and for allowing me the opportunity to be a part of such a special place.

Mrs Rhonda Robson, Head of Junior School, with Howie and Charlize
We commend all those students who have held leadership roles within the School this year, our Junior School Captain Daniel Cahill and our Vice Captains Genevieve Smith and Wills Damjanovic, also our House Captains: Andrei Cheng, Jessica Stewart, Connor McGimpsey, Max Powell, Siming Han, Bella Rose Alderton, Paris Robinson-Hicks, Sean Perry, Tom Duysart, Luke Sanjay. Thank you for your willingness to jump in and serve your school whenever needed.

On behalf of the children and the teachers I thank all our school families for their support, encouragement and practical assistance. I also thank our P & F Association for their fundraising activities and considerable support.

Finally, thank you our students. We thank you for being cooperative and willing to take responsibility for your part of the learning process. We recognise the efforts and achievements of all of our students and we want to congratulate you, which is the right thing to do.

So, my thoughts on St Andrew’s after one year? This is indeed a unique, thriving and busy place. I won’t lie, it has been, at times, a challenging first year for me. Have I enjoyed it? Every minute. And I look forward to another great year in our great school in 2012.

May the New Year continue to see blessings abound on you, the students and this school.

Mrs Rhonda Robson
Head of Junior School

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junior school captain

As the Junior School Captain for 2011, I would just like to say what an amazing year it has been for the School and for me. I would like to thank the Leadership Team, our fantastic teachers, support staff, parents and everyone in the School for their support during the year. The School and all of us have changed since the start of the year, whether the changes were big or small. One of the most significant changes was our new Head of Junior School, Mrs Robson. Mrs Robson has been a fantastic addition to the Junior School and I am sure she will lead the Junior School exceptionally well. Another change is the number of girls, 2011 being the first year where the girls outnumbered the boys in a year group (Kindergarten). It is great to see the school advancing in coeducation and the number of girls at St Andrew’s is sure to continue growing.

With the end of the year so close, now is a good time to reflect on our year and think about how much we have grown and the experiences we have enjoyed. Each and every one of us has come a long way since the start of the year and I’m sure that there is not a single one of us who hasn’t done something they are proud of. It is great to see so many outstanding achievements throughout the Junior School, whether they are academic, musical or sporting. Throughout the year we have had various carnivals in which to compete against each other. We have also had numerous performances in which to showcase the musical talents of our Schools. It is pleasing to see so many people trying out all sorts of events and being able to hold their head high, regardless of the outcome. It is this willingness to participate, have a go and try new experiences that has helped us all develop.

Another attribute that truly makes St Andrew’s an amazing school, is the friendly, caring and accepting nature of everyone. So, to all the students in the Junior School, thank you for making St Andrew’s the wonderful learning environment that it is, because without you, the spirit of the Junior School would not be the same.

Finally, to finish up I would like to wish all of my peers the best of luck in Year 7, regardless of whether they will be remaining at St Andrew’s. I understand that about a third of our Year 7 class will be made up of current St Andrew’s students, so we will have the opportunity to introduce many new faces to our fantastic school. We will need to work together to welcome these new people to our school. For those remaining in the Junior School, be sure to look after our new Kindies.

This year has had some memorable moments, which I will cherish for the rest of my life. I look forward to creating some new and equally exciting memories in the Middle School.

Wishing you all an enjoyable Christmas break and a Happy New Year.

Daniel Cahill
Junior School Captain

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Early stage 1

Seated Row: Livinia Clegg, Jennifer Li, Vanshika Soni, Lara Newton, Sienna Monahan, Poppy Evans Prouse, Zoe Parker, Charlize Augustine

Second Row: Howard Renshaw, Samantha Panchenko, Samaira Bhojani, Rashay Shankar, Amalie Borthwick, Alicia Pullen, Christopher Sawyer


Staff: Mr Rhys Finemore, Mrs Joy Rohrlach

Early stage 1 worksamples

Sharks – a Cinquain by James
Sharks
Fins, grey
Have pointy teeth
Swim in the ocean

Report about a Dolphin by Liberty
Dolphins are mammals and have live babies.
They are grey and cannot breathe under water. They have to surface to get air.
They like warm weather and live in the ocean. They enjoy jumping out of the water.
Dolphins are carnivores as they eat fish, squid and octopi.

This year we went to the Sydney Symphony and we went to Darling Harbour. I like going on excursions.
By Luke

This year in Kindergarten I went to the rocket ship and flew to the moon.
By Aaron

This year we went to the pool. I went swimming.
By Livinia

This year in Kindergarten I liked playing with my friends Zoe and Amalie and Livinia.
By Poppy
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Second Row: James Sitz, Jayden Elhassadi, Hugo Foster, George Giese, Jai Saksena, Liberty Thompson, Bree Foley, Rafael Henderson, Maximus Scutella, Oliver O'Connor, Aidan Breen, Jackson Chong


Fourth Row: Rowan Hassey, Zach Kaplan, Cameron Smith, Edward Foster, Bruno Bersten, Jeffrey Pullen, Marcus Vrondas, Darcy Holmes, Jonathan Clinton, Max Parker

Staff: Mr John Ralph, Miss Danielle Watson, Mrs Joy Rohrlach

Stage 1 work samples

Some of our highlights were creating tally marks in maths groups and drawing graphs on our favourite class pets, creating fish artworks for Grandparents Day, going to music class which makes us feel like dancing, having lots of fun playing Finska on the roof in maths groups, enjoying K-2 sport every Thursday on the roof and at Darling Harbour, having a go at doing the Year 3 Naplan Assessment and doing lots of different science experiments.

By Christina, Joshua, Cameron, Marcus, Rowan and Elle

I like Maths with Mr Ralph because you can do Finska, do addition, subtraction and multiplication. I also like Science because you can find out interesting things.

By Max P

I like Science and making Corny Goo, it is so gooey. I like playing on the roof with my friends and going to Darling Harbour to play in the park.

By Viola B

I liked it when the Japanese students came to our classroom because they told us how to say and write our names in Japanese.

By Jarrod Choi
Stage 2

Seated Row: Daniel Magee, Marcus Tacey, Gina Kim, Annabel Murphy, Amelia Edsor, Eleni Newbery, Lucia Li, Vaani Ahluwalia, Jason Inglezos, Samuel Tien
Second Row: Nikola Vasic, Marcus Possi, Jerry Tan, Davis Ding, Kevin Liu, Samuel York, Dominic Kerin, Benjamin Hui, Ashley Chu
Third Row: Chloe Foster, Mark Makram, Patrick Flores-Walsh, Dominic Dunphy, Jaspar Harris, Oscar Warne, Angus Thompson, Helena Jin
Fourth Row: Hugo Warne, Jack Nicholls, Luca Zoccali, James Newbery, Patrick Ma, Tim Park, Ethan Mcgimpsey, James Schots
Absent: Keziah Bailey, Christopher Mills
Staff: Mrs Pam Love, Mr James Mee

Stage 2 work samples

Snozzcumber Poem by Sam
Snotty things they are because they taste very bad
Nobody will eat them because it will drive them mad
Once a person eats it they will wrinkle their skin and frown
Zebras won’t eat them and elephants won’t guzzle them down
Zipping across the snozzcumber is a lot of red stripes
Cutting a whitish stripe when it ripens
Useful in giant country because there’s nothing to eat
Mistaking it for a cucumber you will end up throwing up in your seat
Berries are much better than it
Every people that eat it will get a nasty fit
Rural giants eat it because they need to survive
Stupid people eat it and need to be revived

You Can’t Run, You Can’t Hide By Ashley
My heart was thumping. I couldn’t stop believing what was coming towards our country. “Give me a phone” said the scientist shivering. The helper walked calmly to the scientist trying not to be afraid. I ran out to hear father talking about what was going to happen. He gasped when he realised it was all over the news!

We hurried of to our house and turned the TV on. Then a gabble of chatter started. It was all about the huge flood. “I just had to evacuate the building and the houses because the flood height was 20 meters! You will not survive this. Farewell.” The TV screen cut off.

Suddenly we felt the floor vibrate. We knew it was the wave! So we made a run for it but it was catching up. We drove the E63 AMG instead. We dodged the bits and pieces and made a plan to go to the airplane. When we got there we said the last words to the AMG and took off to the terminal. We got on the plane and flew to USA.

We watched the waves crashing over buildings and houses silently.
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Stage 3

Seated Row: Kaila Famiglietti, Paris Robinson-Hicks, Isabella-Rose Alderton, Daniela Nicholls, Sophia Scott, Ella Clarke, Genevieve Smith, Jessica Stewart, Siming Han, Beth Sanderson, Claire Tien, Madeleine Moy, Jasmine Brooker

Second Row: Noah Oshiro, Num Burnett, Nicholas Austen, Riley Anderson, Nathan Jahja, Kevin Xi, Josh Smith, Andrei Cheng, Lincoln Williams, James Clinton, Simeon Bates, James Inglezos

Third Row: Gokul Kirubakaran, Nathan Harrison, Matthew Watson, Fynn Stafford, Nathan Tran, Nicholas Mayson, Chelsea Paton, Jason Cleary-Gorton, Maximilian Powell, George Cowan, Daniel Fang, Tom Duysart, Alexander Higgs

Fourth Row: Peter Karantzias, Sean Perry, Thomas Parker, Lachlan Burgess, Thomas Hetherington-Welch, Mateja Vasic, Leith Olly Elhassadi, Barnaby Brown, Caelan Shaw, Benjamin Driessen, Andrew Waldin, Benjamin Grennell

Fifth Row: Connor McGimpsey, Vincent Kerin, Daniel Cahill, Sean Sayer, James Jin, Connor Chen, Lachlan McLean, Wills Damjanovic, Nicholas Carnegie


Staff: Mr Selwyn Wu, Miss Susanne Robinson, Miss Stephanie Smith

IPSXA Term 3 by Noah
The IPSHA concert in Term 3 was one of my year’s highlights. I played a cello introduction accompanied by Lucia on piano; we were both in the spotlight in a darkened Town Hall. Dancers moved around us as we played representing the music. The Town Hall was packed with parents and students from many schools and as I was playing I felt really proud of myself.

My First Year at St Andrew’s by Paris
I really like this school, especially compared to where I’ve come from. One good thing is that I was voted House Captain which is really good because there weren’t opportunities like that in my previous school. Another great thing is that I’ve met lots of new people and made lots of great friends. I have also achieved a lot of new and exciting things this year which has helped it to be a really great year.

Kirrikee by Thomas
At Kirrikee we learnt a great deal about God through our leaders. One of the highlights was kayaking between the reeds to get to the lake. Olly and I became stuck amongst the reeds about four metres before the shore but it was much too thick to row through. I then jumped into the water and dragged the kayak to the shore. After that I helped other crews get to shore so we could enjoy a spot of lunch and then abseiling.
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St Andrew’s Cathedral Gawura School: The Whale inside the School

The continued strong growth in Gawura this year has been extremely encouraging. It is wonderful to see the children’s day-to-day effort and enthusiasm for all aspects of School life. Each day begins like the last. Smiling faces, a chat with Mr Dennis Blewitt our bus driver, a race around the roof and into class to make the most of every opportunity. This love of School is infectious and it is promoting tremendous success both individually and collectively.

Gawura is blessed with highly dedicated teachers who invest considerable thought and energy into establishing learning environments that target “best practice”, encourage success and promote a love of learning. The Gawura programmes are rigorous and emphasise the acquisition of core literacy and numeracy skills. Assessment measures are ongoing and include formal and informal data. Progress is monitored through both Individual Learning Plans (ILP’s) and Personalised Learning Plans (PLP’s), and tracked longitudinally. The underlying aim is to ensure that practices are effective, tightly structured and transparent. The students recognise that the high expectations in Gawura are par for the course and thoroughly enjoy launching themselves into the academic challenges that are presented.

A strong cultural climate has permeated the Gawura programme throughout 2011. Wiradjuri classes continue to be one of the great highlights of the week. Wiradjuri classes integrate Language and Drama, and the children always take great pride in expressing themselves through their cultural performances. This year the children had opportunities to perform at school assemblies and music concerts; for parents and guests at our NAIDOC Week Assembly; at State Parliament; and for the Governor General and dignitaries at the Federal launch of Indigenous Literacy Day in the Great Hall at Parliament House during our annual excursion to Canberra in Term 3. Over the course of the year, Gawura has also recognised and participated in a number of significant cultural events and our Library based Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Perspective mini units have continued to provide powerful forum to investigate a range cultural issues.

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In Gawura we recognise that strong collaborative partnerships between staff, students, parents and the wider community are paramount. Success is due to the hard work of many. I would like to thank the Gawura parent body for their unwavering support and ongoing involvement in school life, the Gawura Parents Advisory Committee (GPAC) for their guidance, the Friends of Gawura, community members and organisations, our fabulous volunteers and all the hard working teachers and staff who assist Gawura.

Special mention needs to go to the Gawura students for embracing School with such enthusiasm, for their engagement in all aspects of School culture and for all their wonderful achievements this year.

“Education strengthens Aboriginality” (Chris Sarra, n.d.).

Mr David North
Head of Gawura
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It’s been a big year doing all subjects from Day 1 to Term 4 and also going on excursions and meeting new people. There are lots of memories from this year in Gawura. It’s also been a big year for those who started Kindy at Gawura and for students who are in year 6, their final year in Primary School. I’m looking forward to moving into Secondary School and meeting new teachers, just as those who are moving from K-2 into Year 3-6 will have a new teacher too. We’ve been really busy with sport carnivals, excursions to Canberra and the Kirrikee Outdoor Education Centre and many music performances.

Reading

Well done to all children who completed their Holiday Reading Contract. Those who finished the contract were rewarded with milkshakes! We received a variety of books from the Books in Homes programme – a big thank you to Ms Susan Lucas and Ms Lucy Crook for organising this.

Cultural events

National Sorry Day and NAIDOC week

We recognised National Sorry Day by reading and discussing “Took The Children Away” by Archie Roach and listening to the sound track. We found the song left us with feelings of peace and respect. In the afternoon we went to the Cathedral and listened to the Junior School reading from a book about the Stolen Generation. I hope everyone saw our artwork in the library for NAIDOC Week. The paintings were about our lives and our future.

The Australian Museum excursion

We had a great time when we visited the Australian Museum to see their Indigenous exhibit and be part of the “Descendance” performance, which is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dance theatre. The male dancers were wearing lap-laps and some were playing didgeridoos, while the women were playing clap sticks. The dancers got us up to follow them in a tribal dance. We were taken through the museum by an Aboriginal guide who was from the Kamilaroi tribe.

Designing and Making Jewellery with Vicki

Thanks to Vicki (Jacqueline’s mum and Riley’s nan) for teaching us how to make and play “Hunters and Gathers”. We made the playing pieces by painting animal symbols on rocks and other materials. We thoroughly enjoyed the activity and some of us have played the game at home with our families.

“How the sun was made”

Michelle (Izak’s aunt) visited Gawura and worked with us on the dramatisation of the Kamilaroi Dream Time story: “How the sun was made”. Michelle got us to move and make noises like animals such as emus and birds which were characters in the story.

Indigenous Literacy Day

We went to Canberra for Indigenous Literacy Day and we performed in the Great Hall at Parliament House for the Governor General. While in Canberra we also visited the National War Memorial and the Tent Embassy, and we had lunch with Mr Heath at Radford College.

Music

IPSHA Performing Arts Festival – Term 3

Congratulations to all the Gawura and SACS children who performed at the IPSHA Performing Arts Festival.

Sport

Congratulations to Tyreek, Biwali and me for doing our best at the ASISSA Cross Country Carnival. Biwali finished a close 3rd in the 8/9 years age group and he represented ASISSA in the CIS Selection Trials at Eastern Creek Raceway and did very well coming 43rd out of 100. We had a lot of fun at the SACS Swimming Carnival. We all cheered our teammates on as they raced down the pool. Congratulations to Tahira and me who received age group ribbons. I was proud to represent the SACS Swimming Team at the ASISSA Swimming Carnival. At the ASISSA Swimming Trials I was placed 4th in the 11yrs Freestyle, 8th in the 11yrs Backstroke, 7th in the 11yrs Breaststroke, and 4th in the 11yrs Butterfly (a 10 seconds improvement in time).

Conratulations

Tyreek Naylor-Hireme received certificates for amazing results in ICAS competitions – a credit in Maths, a distinction in Science and a distinction in English.

Outdoor education

We had a great time and lots of fun at the Kirrikee Outdoor Education Programme, especially when we played Mystery Man and Spotlight. The staff made us a delicious breakfast of pancakes and maple syrup – thank you!

In closing, I would like to congratulate the Gawura students for the wonderful attitude they bring to school each day and for all their hard work and over the year. I would also like to thank the Gawura families and staff for the unconditional support they show us. I have been proud to do to the acknowledgement at assembly every Monday in the Cathedral and to represent Gawura and SACS as the Gawura School Captain for 2011.

Thank you to our teachers for helping us throughout the year.

Rhianna Kinchela-Packer
Gawura Captain
Gawura

**Seated Row:**  Noah Taaffe, Imani Hewitt, La-Sean Naylor-Hireme, Nakyah Mundine Hickey, Sadie Green, Wolmorry Wellington, Torey Thomas Martin, Jaylen Munro

**Second Row:**  Jaspa Eatock, Izak Rigney-Sebastian, Raymond Morgan, Kade Dawson, Keon Dawson, Biwali Bayles, Tyreek Naylor-Hireme, Trangi Speedy Coe

**Third Row:**  Keith Dungay, Tahira Hewitt, Jacqueline Jacky, Rhianna Kinchela-Packer, Charlene Buchanan Jarrett, Tanisha Naylor-Moran, Riley Moran

**Staff:**  Mr David North, Miss Rachel Webster, Ms Louise Hamilton, Mr Dennis Blewitt
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Junior School concert band

Students used to wake up bright and early for rehearsals on a Monday morning in terms 1, 2 and 3. Now we rehearse on Friday at lunchtime. Their commitment and enthusiasm has allowed them to play a wide range of pieces this year, including Skywalker, Hawaii 5-0, Star Wars, Man in the Mirror, Funky Town, Processional Overture, Chorale and Cannon and our favourite-Wallace and Grommit!! We have thoroughly enjoyed rehearsing and performing these pieces in a range of styles from formal processions, to more light hearted themes.

Mrs Robyn Smart

Junior School orchestra

We play a variety of pieces like jazzy, classical or just classic pieces. Orchestra likes to do it the fun way by dancing or singing first. Once you get into it you just go with the flow and enjoy yourself. Our teachers include Mrs Belshaw, Ms Scarfo, Mrs Smart, Ms Mito, Mr Belling, Mr Fairburn and many others. We practice a lot for different occasions. One of the big ones this year was IPSHA. We had many rehearsals but in the end our hard work paid off. I personally think that our School’s orchestras, bands, choirs and percussion groups always stand out when we perform with other schools. For those who don’t play a “musical” instrument they can still join orchestra. You can play the boom whackers, drums or other instruments.

Lucia Li Year 5

Junior percussion group

In percussion we mainly use different kinds of xylophones. In percussion we play a lot of songs. One of them is I wanna CCC! We’ve performed at Mothers’ Day Assembly and Grandparents’ Day. We enjoyed Jon Madin coming. We had fun in percussion and hope you like it too!

Bailey Steijpen Year 1 and Gladys Turner Year 2

Junior School/Gawura singers

Junior School/Gawura Singers is an amazing experience. Getting together with other students each Monday and learning more songs to perform at stunning concerts is great. Junior School/ Gawura Singers is conducted by Ms Scarfo and the piano is played by Ms Mito. We sing songs from all over the world. We also sing all different variations of songs including classical, jazz and songs that get you up and dancing. All the getting up early is worth it. We are an enthusiastic choir that involves students from Kindergarten to Year 6. This year we have had amazing opportunities to perform in concerts and ceremonies including IPSHA, Grandparents’ Day and plenty more. IPSHA is a concert performed by different schools and this we were lucky enough to join this performance and take part in a breathtaking show. With dancers, musicians and extra singers we definitely held the spotlight. Grandparents’ Day was entertaining and I am sure the Grandparents loved it. It was a beautiful mixture of rapping, singing and the sweet sounds from the instruments. Personally I can’t wait till next Monday!

Sophia Scott Year 5

Junior School rock band

The SACS Junior School Rock Band has continued to grow and develop over the past year. This particular ensemble is made up of a wide range of students from Year 2 to year 6. It consists of instruments such as drums, percussion, bass guitar, electric guitar, acoustic guitar, piano and vocals. Over the past year the Junior Rock band has learnt a number of songs and music styles such as pop, rock, dance & R&B. Highlights of the year are the various performances in the Cathedral and the Fathers’ day breakfast. Well done to all students that have been involved in the Junior School Rock band this year!

Mr Luke Galea

Junior School strings

This year was my first year of Junior Strings and it was great. Mr Paterson is our conductor and he teaches music the fun way. We can earn stars by being the first one ready when the baton goes up or by answering correctly during musical hangman. It’s like normal hangman, but the words will be based on a part of the music we are playing. We have been practicing a few pieces, Viva La Musica, Zum Gali Gali, the School Anthem and Advance Australia Fair. We performed most of them at Grandparents’ Day and on other occasions.

We are a hard working bunch and most of the time our teamwork is the best.

Lucia Li Year 5
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Junior School band

Row:
- Mrs R Smart (Staff), Zack Bailey, Sean Perry, Connor Chen, Jessica Stewart, Sophia Scott, Eleni Newbery

Absent:
- Ben Grennell, Nathan Harrison, Daniel Magee, Lachlan Mclean, Nathan Tran

Junior School chapel choir

Back Row:
- Haiyun Jin, Nathan Jahja, Benjamin Grennell, Andrew Waldin, Daniel Fangmiddle

Row:
- Marcus Tacey, Amelia Edsor, Eleni Newbery, James Schots, Mark Makram, Shuai Tan

Seated:
- Sarah Hughes-Narborough, Hyun Jin Kim, Annabel Murphy, Marcus Vrondas, Vaani Ahluwalia, Jada Thompson, Yoon Seo Lee

Junior School orchestra

Back Row:
- Benjamin Grennell, Lachlan Mclean, Connor Chen, Sean Sayer, Daniel Cahill

Third Row:
- Miss R Mito (Staff), Bella-Rose Alderton, Claire Tier, Sean Perry, Jessica Stewart, Maximilian Powell, Nathan Harrison, Mrs R Smart (Staff)

Second Row:
- Miss K Scarfo (Staff), Jasmine Brooker, Noah Oshiro, Max Makram, Amelia Edsor, Eleni Newbery, Zac Bailey, Gokul Kirubakaranfirst

Row:
- Max Parker, Darcy Holmes, Lucia Li, Liberty Thompson, Annabel Murphy, Lachlan Breden

Seated:
- Luca Crothers, Jarrod Choi, Samuel Tien, Keziah Bailey, Lucas Pezzano, Jada Thompson, Hyun Jin Kim
Junior School percussion ensemble

Back Row: Amelia Edsor, Dominic Dunphy, Eleni Newbery, Chloe Foster

Middle Row: Miss K Scarfo (Staff), Annabel Murphy, Hyun Jin Kim, Hugo Foster, Edward Foster, Jada Thompson, Gladys Turner

Seated: Jackson Chong, Charline Augustine, Yoon Seo Lee, Zach Kaplan, Luca Crothers, Bailey Sleijpen, Samantha Panchenko

Absent: Jaspa Eatock

Junior School and Gawura singers

Back Row: Nathan Harrison, Sophia Scott, Beth Sanderson, Chelsea Paton, Jessica Stewart, Eleanor Clarke, Sean Perry

Third Row: Noah Oshiro, Amelia Edsor, Bella-Rose Alderton, James Inglezos, Eleni Newbery, Chloe Foster

Second Row: Miss K Scarfo (Staff), Joshua Prestwich, Marcus Vrondas, Edward Foster, Jasmine Brooker, Kaila Famiglietti, Lucia Li, Hugo Scott, Miss R Mito (Staff)

First Row: Hyun Jin Kim, Hugo Foster, Christina Sawyer, Bella Inaty, Jada Thompson, Gladys Turner

Seated: Charline Augustine, Yoon Seo Lee, Oliver O’connor, Zach Kaplan, Luca Crothers, Bailey Sleijpen, Samantha Panchenko

Junior School string ensemble

Back Row: Mr D Paterson (Staff), Darcy Holmes, Noah Oshiro, Oscar Warne, Bella-Rose Alderton, Lucia Li, Mark Makram

Seated: Sarah Hughes-Narborough, Hyun Jin Kim, Liberty Thompson, Annabel Murphy, Lucas Pezzano, Jarrod Choi, Gladys Turner
junior school and gawura sport report

What a great year 2011 has been for our Junior School and Gawura students in terms of Sport. We have entered more teams and had more students represent the blue and white than previous years, and the enthusiasm and conduct which has been displayed throughout the year has been second to none!

This year we organised sport a little differently where Year 3 stayed together as a year group and worked on their skill development as well as games in preparation for their introduction into the Thursday afternoon ASISSA competitions next year. This proved to be very successful with many students increasing their skill level and gaining a greater understanding of games played. Years 4 – 6 enjoyed participating in a range of different activities and sports including football, netball, oz-tag, tee-ball and cricket against other ASISSA schools across Sydney. Here their true competitive colours came out showing that they are super keen to compete in as many sports as possible and have the ability to contend with many primary schools in the state.

Some of the outstanding individual achievements that came from our Junior School and Gawura athletes include:

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Once again our Swimming and Athletics carnivals were successful with all students getting in and having a go to gain points for their House. The inclusion of an extra event (Turbo Jav) at the athletics carnival proved to be popular as well as fun! Unfortunately the weather was unkind to us (for the second year in a row) and we were unable to hold our Cross Country carnival, but I am hopeful that it can’t be three years in a row!
Congratulations to the following age champions:

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Winning House: WESTMINSTER
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Many thanks must go to our staff, parents and friends who have supported the students throughout the year. Without your enthusiasm and encouragement the year would not have been so successful. Thanks must also go to our fantastic coaches for their time and effort that they have placed into their ASISSA teams each week.

Bring on 2012!

Mrs Michele Hall
Head of Junior School and Gawura Sport

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junior school and gawura

ASSISA athletics team

Back Row: Lachlan Mclean, Sean Sayer, William Damjanovic, Mateja Vasic
Row: Caelan Shaw, Genevieve Smith, Vincent Kerin, Jessica Stewart, Beth Sanderson
Third Row: Sean Perry, Maria Nicholls, Sophia Scott, Eleanor Clarke, James Newbery, Clare Tien
Second Row: Jonathan Clinton, Tom Duysart, Simeon Bates, Isabella-Rose Alderton, Nathan Harrison, Lincoln Williams, Paris Robinson-Hicks
First Row: James Inglezos, Peter Karantzias, Luca Zoccali, Alexander Higgs, Hugo Warne, Chloe Foster
Seated: Luca Crothers, Dominic Kerin, Kaila Famiglietti, Num Burnett, Noah Oshiro, Keziah Bailey, Jason Inglezos

CIS athletics (middle left image)

Row: Alexander Higgs, Jason Cleary-Gorton, William Damjanovic, Caelan Shaw, Jessica Stewart, Nathan Harrison

Junior School CIS swim team (middle right image)

Jarrod Choi, Sean Sayer, Maria Nicholls.

ASISSA football (bottom left image)

Standing: Vincent Kerin, Lachlan Mclean, Sean Sayer, William Damjanovic, Daniel Cahill
Seated: Luke Sanjay, Nathan Harrison, Lachlan Burgess, Caelan Shaw, Andrew Waldin, Matthew Watson, Tom Duysart
ASSISA netball
Standing: Siming Han, Genevieve Smith, Chelsea Paton, Jessica Stewart
Seated: Paris Robinson-Hicks, Claire Tien, Eleanor Clarke, Maria Nicholls, Isabella-Rose Alderton

ASSISA oz tag
Standing: Vincent Kerin, Lachlan Mclean, Sean Sayer, William Damjanovic, Justin Cheng
Seated: Luke Sanjay, Nathan Harrison, Lachlan Burgess, Caelan Shaw, Andrew Waldin, Matthew Watson, Tom Duyshart

ASSISA swim team
Back Row: James Newbery, Caelan Shaw, Lachlan Mclean, Sean Sayer, William Damjanovic, Daniel Cahill, Jessica Stewart
Middle Row: James Clinton, Maria Nicholls, Eleanor Clarke, Beth Sanderson, Nathan Harrison, Chloe Foster
Seated: Willaim Nhan, Keziah Bailey, Num Bernett, James Schots, Hugo Warne, Lucia Li, Jason Inglezos