5 September 2014

From the Principal

Working Bee

Thank you to everyone who supported our working bee on Sunday 10 August. We moved soil, planted shrubs and grasses and mulched gardens so the school would look its best for the 50th Anniversary.

50th Anniversary

It is an enormous undertaking to organise one whole school event, let alone a Creative Arts display, a Performing Arts evening and matinee and a Gala Day on consecutive days. This massive amount of work by staff, students and parents has culminated in an extremely successful 50th anniversary.

Many, many people have helped bring this event to fruition but I would like to specifically thank the following people for helping us achieve our goal of delivering entertainment and memories to so many people over these three days.

Our amazing Creative and Performing Arts staff for their determined efforts especially their Head Teacher, Thankam Rydstrand, for her vision and tenacity.

Our music maestro, David Reidy, for his level head in times of crisis and Mitchell Thornton, an ex-student of GRC Peakhurst who has volunteered his time over the past few months to be David’s right-hand man.

Our librarian, Sandra Baker, for archiving 50 years of memories, Derenys Eade for sorting and cleaning the memorabilia and Cathy Osborne and Caroline Boots for their assistance in presenting the memorabilia display.

Our General Assistant, Rob Thornton, whose head was spinning some days with the multitude of requests he received to fix something, move something, build something.

Our office staff for their efforts selling merchandise and tickets while calmly completing tasks when timelines were tight.

The anniversary committee of David Brooks, Kristy Willis and Natalia Esdaile-Watts and our wonderful Deputy Principals, Holly Northey and Scott Wilson who put their hands up to help wherever and whenever.

The school P&C for running the BBQ at the Gala Day and always supporting the school in our many endeavours and two very special members of that P&C, Kevin Manners and Tracey Breen, who are always there when we need them and without whom we would not have had the carnival rides and stall holders at the Gala Day.

To all the staff, from every faculty, I thank you for the additional time and effort you have selflessly supplied and thank you for your patience through this extraordinary time at GRC Peakhurst.

Farewell

This will be my final newsletter for GRC Peakhurst as I finish on Friday 19th of September. I have been associated with the school since I first arrived in 2003 as Deputy Principal, then moving to GRC Oatley Senior Campus from 2011 to 2012 then returning to GRC Peakhurst for the past two years.

It has been a pleasure working with the staff of Georges River College for the past eleven years but the last two have been very special.

As the Principal of a school, you get to see people through a different lens. I have enjoyed the interactions with staff, students and parents on a multitude of levels and thank everyone associated with the school for your assistance over the years and your kind thoughts when hearing of my move from Peakhurst.

The school values of Respect, Responsibility and Excellence are regularly promoted to the students but staff at this school live and breathe these same values. Being able to work collaboratively with such an enthusiastic, effective and dedicated staff has made my job so much easier and it has been a privilege to see them striving every day to produce an environment where every student can achieve their best.

To the students I wish you well for the future and I hope the years ahead are full of fun and success on whatever road you choose to travel.

To the parents, I thank you sincerely for your commitment to the school and your wholehearted support of every initiative the school has developed over the years, the school is a better place because of your contributions.

Keep up the great work that has built this school into a showpiece for public education and never lose sight of the prize… educating children.

Neale Harries
Principal (Rel)
UPCOMING EVENTS

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Year 7 Advisors Report

GRC Peakhurst Campus 50th Anniversary

Congratulations to all of Year 7 for your contribution to Peakview, Peakform and the Gala Day. I have received excellent feedback from Parents and Guests on your efforts.

Subject Selection for Year 8

It is an exciting time choosing a subject, for your Year 8 elective. Choose a subject that you are interested in, do not choose based on what your friends are doing. Please make a sensible decision and do your research.

James Cooper
Year 7 Advisor

Year 8 Advisors Report

Electives for next year

Thank you to all the parents and guardians who were able to make it to the Elective information night. It was great to see such a big turnout and the interest of parents in their child’s future.

It is an exciting time choosing a subject, for Year 9 and 10 electives. I hope you chose a subject that you are interested in and not what your friends are doing. Hope to finalise the subjects for you as soon as possible.

GRC Peakhurst Campus 50th Anniversary

Congratulations to all of Year 8 and their parents for their contribution to Peakview, Peakform and the Gala Day. What a pleasure it was to see so many parents coming to support these events. Thank you again for making it a huge success.

Assessments on line

Please don’t forget to download the school app for receiving alerts for assessment notifications and other news. It is a useful tool for you to stay updated on events in school.

Uniform

The correct school uniform is an important part of school. A number of Year 8 students are, in particular, wearing incorrect jackets and shoes to school. Don’t forget our second hand clothing store is opened at the front office from 8am - 9am every Wednesday. All uniform items are sold at a reduced price.

Yearly exams

Soon Year 8 are going to start preparing for their yearly exams beginning in early Term 4. Regular study is the key to success.

Kind Regards

Harmeet Sandhu
Year 8 Advisor

YEAR 10 Advisors Report

YAP Session – Wired Production

On the 22nd August, Year 10 view the production WIRED presented by Brainstorm. The production focused on issues commonly faced by young adults including stress, worry and anxiety and explained some very useful coping mechanisms.

I would like to congratulate Year 10 students for their exemplary behaviour and engagement during the production. I always feel so proud when I hear people from our external community congratulate you on your manners, presentation and general attitude. The presenters from Brainstorm could not speak highly enough of you. What a fine year group you are! Well done!

Formal

Please ensure your formal instalments are coming in. If you are unsure how much your child still owes for the formal, please ask them to check with the front office staff who will be more than happy to provide a balance.

The total amount of $120 must be paid in full by Monday 13th October 2014.

Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform to and from school. A number of Year 10 students are, in particular, wearing incorrect jackets and shoes to school. Don’t forget our second hand clothing store is opened at the front office from 8am - 9am every Wednesday. All uniform items are sold at a reduced price.

Elise Whiley
Year 10 Student Advisor
From the Mathematics and Computing Faculty

Numeracy Competition for National Literacy and Numeracy Week

The Mathematics faculty held its annual Numeracy competition in Week 7 this term to coincide with National Literacy and Numeracy Week for 2014 (25th August 2014 – 29th August 2014).

This year, each year group was given a different problem to solve of increasing difficulty. Congratulations to the following students for their correct winning submission.

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Winners were announced at the morning assembly on Monday, 1st September, 2014. Each student opted to receive a $10 iTunes Card. Congratulations and enjoy!

Luna Park Excursion

The Mathematical Association of New South Wales (MANSW) runs an exciting program for students at Luna Park, Sydney where students complete various graded activities and ‘learn as they ride’.

On Monday 8th September, Ms De Angelis and Ms Stodart will be escorting students in 9M1 and 10M1 to Luna Park to participate in these graded activities.

Photos from this excursion will be published in the next edition of Peak.

Christine Keir
Head Teacher Mathematics/Computing

Our School App

As mentioned in the previous edition of Peak, Peakhurst Campus was trialling its very own app. Due to the positive feedback received from parents, students and staff, and the extremely generous funding provided by our supportive P&C, our app is now available for download across two platforms (iOS and Android).

The app is developed by Skoolbag (http://skoolbag.com.au/) and is customised for our campus. It is easy to navigate and has all the necessary features (alerts, events, newsletters, news, parent info, contact details, calendar etc.) required in promoting effective communication between school and home.

One of the key features of the app is the ability for the school to send alerts directly to smart phones and tablet devices.

App features include:

- Free Push Notification Alerts
- School events calendar
- Custom Content
- Document Uploads
- RSS Feed, Social Media and Website integration
- Password protected content
- Keyword search
- SMS and email reply options

The app is free for anyone to download from the Apple App Store (for iOS users) and the Google Play Store (for Android users). Windows users can access the app contents by clicking on the School App tab on the school website and visiting the Communication Centre or by pinning the site to the LiveTiles on their Windows device(s).

Instructions from the Skoolbag website on how to install the app are provided in this edition of Peak, as well as a copy of the flyer which was sent home earlier this term, outlining the app’s features and instructions on how to customise your app experience.
All parents, students and staff are encouraged to download the app. Once installed, you will be able to receive the latest assessment task details, news, newsletters and push notifications from GRC Peakhurst Campus directly to your smart phone.

If you have any questions, queries or comments, please don’t hesitate to contact me at school.

Christine Keir
Head Teacher Mathematics/Computing

From the Special Education Faculty

Hi from Special Education faculty. What can I say?

Absolutely fantastic performance on Friday night! Congratulations!!! The students brought the house down! Thanks to our parents for their enthusiasm and support. Special thanks to the staff and especially Mrs Leeke for her outstanding choreography!!!

Here’s what the students said...

Last Friday night was Peakform I went to it with my mum. We waited in the classroom until it was our turn to perform.

Then we changed into our costumes and did our performance. We danced to ‘Boom! Boom! ’ by Justice Crew. It was a great performance. Everyone clapped and cheered at the end. After that we went back to our classroom and waited for the finale performance. Everyone was in the finale. After that we got changed and went home. We were awesome!

By Leo.

I hope you enjoyed our performance at Peakform. It was a lot of fun!

By Mohamed.

I had a very good time at Peakform because the crowd was cheering so loudly!

By Nicholas

Peakview was another outstanding example of our talented students!!

We painted ‘Starry Night’ by Van Gogh! They look great. It’s hard to tell which one is mine. We also used the iPads for photography. It was great fun making them. Our paintings on the canvases look really good too!

By William

A huge thank you to ALL the support staff for their hard work and dedication to make the three day event such a huge success!

A few reminders...

Our camp notes have been sent home this week. Please return them to school at your earliest convenience.

Work Experience last day is this Wednesday - 3rd Sept

Enclave students are displaying exemplary behaviour and attitudes. Keep up the great work!

Hope you are enjoying using the school app.

Enjoy the rest of the term!

Peta Holm
Rel. Head Teacher
Special Education Faculty

From the TAS Faculty

Year 9 Food Art Assessment Task

Year 9 Food Technology students have been studying the topic Food Trends. The unit focuses on food that is in fashion and is current in society. Students were asked to create “food art” as
part of their latest assessment task. The food art needed to be aimed at children and could have incorporated any type of food. Students then documented the design process for the task and made their creations in class time. The standard of work was exceptional with some very impressive art works being created. Some of the work included watermelon sharks, banana cars, funny faces, birds, tropical scenes, ice-creams, apple swans, decorative cakes and Minnie mouse.

50th Anniversary Gifted and Talented Cake project

In line with our school’s 50th Anniversary, some gifted and talented Food Technology students from Year 10 were selected to create the cake for the special event. Students were involved with designing the cake, trimming the cake to size, ganaching the cake, rolling fondant and the creation of lettering. It was a great team effort by all! Thanks to Jade Kearsey, Amelia Kalaiulovski, Elizabeth Montgomery, Yasmin Nikro and Jasmine Handsaker for all of your hard work.

Ms Kristy Willis
TAS faculty

From the PDHPE Faculty

Year 10 Bstreetsmart Forum

On the 22nd August, Year 10 PDHPE students attended the Bstreetsmart forum at All Phones Arena, Sydney Olympic Park. Bstreetsmart is the inspiring initiative of the Trauma Service at Westmead Hospital. Bstreetsmart provides students with first hand experiences and:

- An understanding of their responsibilities as a driver and as a responsible passenger
- Information and strategies to avoid serious injuries and death
- Information on how to reduce risk taking behaviour through greater awareness of the consequences of distracted driving, inattention, speeding, drink and drug driving and driver fatigue.

Our students were captivated by the information presented to them and walked away with a greater understanding of the risks and dangers associated with road safety. Feedback from the students was very positive and we look forward to participating in this initiative next year.

Knockout Netball Report

This year GRC was able to field a college team of girls from Oatley, Penshurst and Peakhurst for the Sydney East Netball Knockout. The squad that headed off to Bellingara on a very warm Tuesday morning comprised:

Oatley Campus: Jordan Hawkes, Kara Matthews, Blanca Nagle, Emily Newham, Joanna Rizzov, Tafiau Young
Peakhurst Campus: Ashlee Day, Sarah O’Brien, Tammy van Steen
Penshurst Campus: Casey Day, Heavenly Suter

We were unfortunate to draw Woolooware in our first game (considered to be one of the ‘gun’ teams in the competition). Our girls started strongly but by half time Woolooware had the edge over us 19 – 9. The girls decided that their goal for the second was to ensure that we reduced the margin.

The girls won the third quarter – outscoring Woolooware by 9 - 5. Under very warm conditions, they continued to power through the final quarter and at the final whistle lost by only 26 – 25. This is a very impressive result and it’s fair to say that the Woolooware girls were a little stunned.

Our second game was against Engadine. Again the girls continued with their red hot form. While the emphasis in the second game was participation and enjoyment, the team still prevailed with a strong 35 – 10 win. Unfortunately our loss against Woolooware meant that we would not progress further in the competition.

Congratulations girls – the college team concept uncovered great depth in our netball stocks across the college and we have a very strong platform for subsequent years. You’ve made an old netballer (Coach Straney) very proud.

Thank you also to the girls who umpired on the day, including Tammy, Ashlee and Kara.
Knockout Baseball report

Boys report

The baseball team is another of our College teams - comprising students from both the Oatley and Peakhurst campuses the team included:

Oatley Campus: Joshua Booth, Brett Howard, Stephen Redmond
Peakhurst Campus: Blake Cato, Craig Emmerson, Ryan Lewis, Sean Lewis, Lachlan Straney, Braiden Toko
Assistant coach: Kaitlyn Beccaris

Our first game was against Engadine. Strong pitching (supported by great team fielding) from the GRC pitchers Braiden and Blake kept Engadine out of the game. A resurgence from Engadine towards the end of the game saw Engadine start a comeback but equally strong batting from the GRC boys saw us maintain our winning margin and come out trumps 22 – 7. All boys made safe hits and crossed the plate to contribute towards the score.

A highlight on the day was the excellent sportsmanship. While they never looked like they would lose the game the boys applauded the good plays/catches from the Engadine team and made James and I proud.

Our next Round (2) has been won on forfeit by Jannali – we look forward to meeting Woolooware early next term.

Footnote: Congratulations to Braiden Toko (Peakhurst Campus) on his selection to the Sydney East Baseball team.

Girls Report

Again another college team from Peakhurst and Oatley including:

Oatley Campus: Harmony Baxter, Kaitlin Beccaris, Tayla Croft, Jackie Moenring, Jasmine Schillert, Tayla Smith, Molly Tollw
Peakhurst Campus: Kirsten Beccaris, Abbey Rivett
Assistant coaches: Lachlan Straney & Braiden Toko (both from Peakhurst Campus)

After progressing straight through to the second round on a bye, the girls faced an enthusiastic Menai team. The GRC team started strongly with some great batting to go 5-1 up in the first innings. Tayla Croft (starting pitcher) and Kaitlyn (finishing pitcher) kept Menai at 1 run for the entire game with good strong pitching. The girls maintained their batting performance with sensible batting that featured good pitch selection when they were swinging at the ball.

As with the boys team, a highlight of the game was the great sportsmanship and the wonderful enthusiasm with which the girls played the game. Brilliant smiles all round when they got a hit! Thanks to the Peakhurst girls (Abbey - Catcher and Kirsten – First base) – wonderful effort.

Thank You to Mrs Straney, not only an Oatley teacher but also a proud Peakhurst Campus parent for coaching the above teams!

Elise Whitey
PDHPE Teacher

Dance

Recently our Dance Company represented GRC Peakhurst at the NSW Public Schools Dance Festival. Our students performed a contemporary work entitled ‘Aztec Warriors’ choreographed by Miss Crampmond and Mrs Johnston. All members of our Dance Company performed brilliantly on the night, amongst other primary and high schools from our region. Our students should be commended on their professionalism and impeccable behaviour at festival.

In addition, our Dance Company competed in the highly competitive McDonalds Sydney Eisteddfod, one of the largest and most successful competitive performing arts festivals of its type in the world. GRC Peakhurst students competed in a section amongst students from public and private schools across Australia and New Zealand. Overall, our Dance Company was honoured with a Highly Commended. This is an amazing achievement and we are very proud of our students, especially competing amongst such a high calibre of schools and young performers.

Dance was again involved in our annual ‘Peakform’ performing arts evening. We had a large number of dance items featured on the night, with our students performing with great enthusiasm and maturity. We received some wonderful feedback from the local community in regards to our dancers’ ability and immense talent on the night.

Congratulations to all of our Dance students, for what has been a very successful and rewarding Term 3.

Mardi Crampmond & Ashly Johnston
Dance Coordinators
SRC News

Term 3 has been a busy term for SRC and the school as a whole, proudly celebrating our 50th Anniversary here at GRC Peakhurst.

Some SRC members have represented our school in contacting ex-students in their successful careers, inviting them to future assemblies and keeping them in contact with our school.

Other SRC members have been involved in our Primary Links Mentoring Day on Tuesday 19th September where students from Year 2-6 SRC from Peakhurst West, Peakhurst South and Lugamo Public Schools attended a workshop led by our students on team building, leadership and goal setting. Our students demonstrated excellent leadership skills and developed their own public speaking and event coordination skills on the day, with very positive feedback received from the primary schools on their friendly, considerate and respectful natures.

Our SRC also attended and represented our school at various 50th Anniversary events over the last week (Peakview, Peakform and Gala Day) where they greeted guests, ushered, gave personal tours of our campus. They enjoyed hearing stories from past students and were very professional in how they looked and acted throughout the entire week, helping out for very long hours which was greatly appreciated by all of the school community. Our school captains Lachlan Beccaris and Olivia McClatchey met our very first school captain Paul Eggert and delivered personal and engaging speeches as a part of the Gala Day and official ceremony for the 50th Anniversary.

Information has been sent home regarding Leadership Camp (Wednesday 10th-Friday 12th September) including a ‘What to Bring’ List and timetable of activities. There is also a theme for the trivia night at camp which was decided by our Year 10 SRC: ‘80s THEME’, so get your outfits ready to rock!!!

Year 7-9 SRC members are also invited to attend the Youthmax Leadership Conference at Parramatta RSL from 9am-2pm on Thursday 18th September. Permission slips are due ASAP to me, with $15 to be paid to the front office. This includes bus transport and all resources for the day.

As always, please contact myself or your SRC members for any questions or suggestions that you may have for our school.

Lauren Osmond  
SRC Coordinator

WELFARE REPORT

Excursions and activities

Welcome to a busy Term 3 for all students and their parents. Firstly, I would like to congratulate all students who took part in our massive schools 50th Celebrations over 3 days and nights from Thursday 28th August- Saturday 30th August. Students took part in many ways either performing to our neighbouring Primary Schools on Thursday matinee ‘Peakform’ performance, having their Visual Arts work or Digital Media pieces exhibited in ‘Peakview’ on the Thursday night or being part of our ‘Peakform’ show on the Friday night and last but not least volunteering in some way on the Gala day which was on the Saturday. Our students were enthusiastic well-presented and showed our school respect in a variety of ways. An outstanding effort! A special mention goes to our SRC students from Year 7-10 who were tour guides on the Gala Day.

YAP DAYS AND YEAR MEETINGS

Later in the term all Year groups will undergo either a YAP (Year Advisors Program) session or Year assembly.

Please be aware that permission notes and payments for these excursions need to be completed on time. Please ensure your child returns all permission notes to the relevant Year Advisors of each Year group, not the school office, as these valuable learning experiences require a lot of organisation.

Just a reminder if you have any concerns about your child’s progress or have planned or planning a holiday please speak to the relevant year advisor for that year group.

Year Advisors

Year 10- Elise Whiley  
Year 9- Sophie Favuzzi  
Year 8- Harmeet Sandhu  
Year 7- James Cooper

We are looking forward to the upcoming events this semester and hope that your child benefits from these worthwhile productions. We look forward to working together to build unity and harmony within the GRC Peakhurst community.

Yours Sincerely  
Michelle Walton  
HT Student Welfare

Free Workshop

I have included a flyer for Mental Health Month regarding a workshop called ‘Be YOUnique’ Sutherland Shire Healthy Minds Seminar and Expo.

For more information please refer to the flyer. You can also visit the website www.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/beyounique or phone Aftercare on: 95328500.

Michelle Walton  
HT Student Welfare
From the Creative & Performing Arts Faculty

Year 8 Gifted and Talented Day Visual Arts

On the 5th of August 2014, a selected group of Year 8 students participated in the ‘Gifted and Talented’ (GAT Day). We participated in three activities; painting (visual arts) screen printing (design) and photograms (photography).

In the Visual Arts classroom we painted water based paintings of landscapes of our choice focusing on reflection. In the screen printing activity we printed our names using fabric paint on bags. We personally enjoyed the last activity ‘Photography’ the most, where we entered the dark room and created images called photograms using various materials such as flowers, feathers, buttons, sticks etc. Overall the GAT Day, in our opinion, was a total success and we would love to participate in similar activities in the future.

We would like to thank Ms Walton, Ms Bell and Ms Rydstrand for organising the day and letting us be creative.

Emily Fabrizio and Anahera – Aroha Rapata Year 8

Visual Arts Assessment Task by Hamza Rafi – Year 10 “Seven Deadly Sins”

Students were asked to choose any medium except drawing to express their concepts around their chosen topic.

Hamza’s major work was based on ‘Wrath’ as one of the seven deadly sins. He used Adobe ‘After Effects’ software and ‘Blender’ software. It took 100 hours of work to put this together. All objects were digitally drawn by Hamza in the software programs and textures were then placed over the top of all objects to create a realistic effect, objects were then moved to simulate an earthquake with the point of view camera angle.

The first five movie clips show the making of “Seven Deadly Sins.” Whilst the last shows the final production.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RQQW4WzSSck
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qPC-a4yL0LA

Debating News

On the 8th of August, 31 of us from GRC Peakhurst travelled to Sydney University to experience the 2014 Final of the NSW Premier’s Debating Challenge for Years 11 and 12.

As we were about to enter the Great Hall at Sydney University, Miss Osmond got a pleasant surprise when the group sang Happy Birthday which she didn’t expect.

Once we had recess and explored the Quad, we entered the Great Hall and the debate began. There was also a live feed of the debate so that those in rural areas could watch and listen to the adjudications, as well as ask questions of the panel judges after the debate.

At the beginning, the chairperson announced that Sydney Boys High School was the affirmative team and North Sydney Girls High School was the negative team. She also announced the topic which was “that we should introduce a compulsory co-payment for medical consultations”. There were three speakers from each team as well as a fourth team advisor, and each student spoke for an average of six minutes each on the topic.

The debate was a very strong debate with both teams engaging the audience. As the adjudicators made their decision, GRC Peakhurst had their own debate about who they thought would win, with the majority of us saying that North Sydney Girls High School would win due to their excellent manner and persuasive language (they also rebutted, or told us all the points that were wrong with Sydney Boys High School). However, the winner of the State Final of the NSW Premier’s Debating Challenge for Years 11 and 12 on the day was Sydney Boys High School due to their outstanding arguments, rebuttals and relevant knowledge of current affairs.

We then had some lunch on the grounds of Sydney University and got the train back to Mortdale, after a great day. Thank you to Miss Osmond and Mr Fisher for accompanying us on the day.

Monique Ilov and Maria Minas
Ski trip report

In week three of this term, students from both GRC Peakhurst Campus and Oatley Senior Campus made the long journey to Jindabyne ready for Ski Trip 2014! We started by meeting at Peakhurst and went through safety information, rules and expectations and then loaded our bags and equipment onto the bus, ready for the long 7 hour bus ride ahead. After the bus ride and of course, two very important McDonald’s stops, we finally made it to Jindabyne Sport and Rec Base Camp.

On the first night we met our Camp leader Trevor who explained vital information that would be important to us whilst skiing and snowboarding. At this time we were also given lift passes and a cool, hot pink neck warmer, which was had to be worn when on the slopes to identify us as Sport and Rec students! All students were then fitted out with ski boots, pants and jackets and given helmets.

The next day we were all awake bright and early, ready for a 6 o’clock breakfast. We travelled by bus from Jindabyne to the Ski Tube, which took us to Blue Cow where we had a base room on the slopes. This room was where we had lunch and was also used if we needed timeout from skiing and roll calls. On day one of skiing we headed over to Perisher for our first mandatory ski lesson. During the first lesson there was definitely a lot of falling over and skies and snow boards were everywhere! In this lesson we learnt how to stop and start. After our first lesson we caught the Ski Tube back to Blue Cow where it was time for free ski. The weather was extremely windy with all chair lifts closed and only the T bar open. It was actually the windiest day the Snowy Mountains had seen in 11 years! However, the crazy conditions did not deter us from skiing or boarding! We all made the most of it and had the best day! When the weather conditions got too much for some, they braved the wind and made snow men and snow angels! When the first day of skiing was over it was time to head back on the Ski Tube and then take the bus back to the camp.

The night activity was a disco and all schools that were staying at Sport and Rec attended. At the disco there were a lot of dance moves being brought to the dance floor but the show stopper for the night was without a doubt Aaron Hau! He even had a circle form around him, impressing everyone with his rendition of Gangnam Styles in particular!

The next day was another early start, with a 5 am wake up, packing our bags and an early breakfast. We once again on to the bus and Ski Tube which took us to Blue Cow. We started the morning with our lessons, where we learnt different types of turns. The weather today was not as windy but very cold and foggy. No bluebird days this trip, unfortunately! All the chair lifts were opened for the day which made for lots of fun. After the ski lesson it was time again for free ski. For safety reasons, we always had to ensure we skied or boarded in groups of 4 or more. All boarders and skiers were pushed to their limit today and well and truly got out of their comfort zones. It was so sad when the day came to an end and we had to farewell our fantastic ski staff and head back to Sport and Rec, ready for the journey to Sydney.

The ski trip was AMAZING and everyone was given the opportunity to challenge themselves! On behalf of all students who attended, we would like to thank Jindabyne Sport and Rec Camp and of course Miss Whiley and Mr Miller, who took time away from school and their families to come on such a wonderful trip! See you next year, Perisher!

Olivia McClatchey and Sean Lewis (Year 10)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TRKeRFj_f_Ss
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C_8ageD3KVo

ST GEORGE DISTRICT- ALL SCHOOLS, SGFA CLUBS & COMMUNITY

SPECIAL NEEDS FOOTBALL (Soccer) SURVEY FOR COMMENCEMENT 2015

In acknowledgement and in response to the recent passing of Carss Park FC President and St George FC Director – Darryl Hancock, a Special Needs Football Fund has been established to realise his vision to establish a St George Club/Organisation for interested players aged 5-adult years with Special Needs, similar in concept to The Sutherland Titans set up in 2006 for a similar purpose. This organisation/club would cater for boys and girls, youth and young adults with developmental disabilities and would play together in a modified team environment. Darryl was a much loved, respected Sports Administrator, Special Education Teacher DET, Program Director, Club President and community member. See background media story link below, including a link to the history of The Sutherland Titans.

http://www.titansfc.net.au/history

We are seeking both the needs and interest level of families, potential players across SGFA Football Clubs, DET, Catholic & SSP schools etc. for this fantastic new initiative. If you are interested in hearing more, or have a child /family member/friend who may like to be part of this fantastic inaugural team concept, please complete the following short survey and return by:

Friday 29th August 2014 or sooner to:
specialneedsfootball@carssparkfootballclub.com.au
or
via mail to: Carss Park Football Club PO Box 242 Allawah 2218.