**WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4**

This is a time when students polish their skills and ensure their hopes for the year have been fully explored. Throughout the year, we have celebrated a diverse range of significant student achievement and commended the effort, resilience and commitment demonstrated by your daughters.

Term 4 provides the opportunity to recognize those who will soon be graduating from Prep into Primary, from Year 6 into Secondary and from Year 12 to the next phase of their journey, whether that is to University, further training or employment.

There are a series of special events which connect us as a family at this special time each year. We welcome families to join us for these events which are highlights of the Girls Grammar calendar. Specific information will be published soon.

**JANE MCGRATH FUNDRAISER**

The tradition of fundraising for Breast Cancer Awareness continues in Term 4 at Girls Grammar with Pink Ribbon Week Monday 14 - Friday 18 October.

Girls are encouraged to wear pink ribbons in their hair this week and to support the Jane McGrath Foundation by purchasing merchandise available at Reception.

**PINK COWGIRL FREE DRESS**

On Friday 18 October we have our Pink Cowgirl free dress day in preparation for our Bulls’n’Barrels event on Saturday night.

Students come to school wearing pink cowgirl gear to get in the mood for Saturday's event. As part of our fundraising week, it is a gold coin donation free dress day. We encourage girls to wear the same outfit at the Bulls’n’Barrels Rodeo the next night.

**P&F BULLS’N’BARRELS EVENT**

Saturday 19 October is our night to take over the Great Western Nissan Navara Arena. This Girls Grammar event is organised by the Parents and Friends Association for the whole family including children and grandparents.

Meals can be purchased on the night and everyone wears pink – dad’s too!

Doors open at 5.00pm with Barrel Racing and Bull riding commencing at 7.30pm. Tickets may be purchased at the door. The night raises funds for both
the School and for Breast Cancer research. Please bring your small change for the McGrath pink blanket collection!

Thank you to all families and to all staff for supporting the P&F Bulls’n’Barrels raffle.

We also extend grateful appreciation to the following School supporters:

- The Lacey family for the donation of the first prize of the sensational pink trailer
- Second prize donated by AutoBarn Rockhampton
- Third Prize donated by Fitzroy Nurseries

We also thank School sponsors for their donations and support:

- Brown’s Express - The Brown Family
- The Leyden Family
- John Bell Mowing - The Bell Family
- The Stunzner Family
- MB Plant Hire - The Brennan Family
- The Holmes Family
- Dews of Allenstown
- Something Different
- Terri Williams Hair Stylist
- Webbers Northside Jewellers
- Allenstown Hotel
- Newsome’s Tyre & Mechanical
- Stewarts Department Store

HUoge THANK YOU TO THE P&F

The School acknowledges the tireless efforts of a small group of parents (and past parents) who make up the ‘Girls Grammar Parents and Friends Association’. Together these volunteers manage the School Uniform Shop, organise fundraising events which directly (and indirectly) benefit the students and support friend-raising activities and working bees throughout the year.

The 2013 P&F membership includes:

- President – Leonie Carroll
- Vice President – Greg Mackenzie
- Secretary – John Dargel
- Treasurer – Pia Hughes

This group of active supporters continues to make a valued contribution to the school through:

- Family Welcome BBQ
- Garden and landscaping working bees
- Contribution to the GAIA Festival & Open Day
- P&F Spring Morning Tea
- Bulls’n’Barrels
- Managing the Uniform Shop (staffed by Brenda Fisher, assisted by Julie Murphy)

The students and entire school community are extremely grateful for the financial support offered this year. In 2013, the P&F have donated:

- $26,000 for student heritage seating
- $9,000 for a compactus for museum archives
- $6,000 for a mobile farm (arrives in 2014)
- $3,500 for a handball court

HERITAGE CENTRE PROJECT

A group of dedicated volunteers meet each Tuesday morning in the staff work room to collaborate with Mark Avery (History Teacher and Museum Director). Together they are on a mission of discovery, sifting and sorting through a wealth of treasured memorabilia which the School has in its possession. The group is commencing the process of cataloguing, assessing and protecting each artefact.

The Museum & Heritage volunteers include:

- Dorothy Mulder
- Bev Mouritz
- John Mouritz
- Helen Bredhauer
- Jill Bredhauer
- Sandra McClelland
- Margaret Littleton

The Museum & Heritage Group is ahead of schedule to open our Paterson Hall Heritage Centre in 2017.
when we celebrate our 125 Anniversary. We have a small and growing display of archived material already in Paterson Hall.

We extend our gratitude to Kylie Dwyer and Don Close for providing temporary display cabinets so that we can move forward while we fundraise to secure permanent museum cabinets for Paterson House. Thank you also to the P&F Association for their support in providing storage solutions which will protect our historic items for future generations.

GIRLS’ ROCK AT THE PILBEAM

Girls’ Rock is an exciting night which showcases the diverse talent of Girls Grammar students. This is a student-led event which has become a highlight for the Girls Grammar family.

This year, due to the scheduled refurbishment of McKeague Hall, we are relocating to The Pilbeam Theatre. Due to the relocation we have had to change the date to Wednesday 13 November. Girls Rock will now be held in the same week as Speech Night.

Every Girls Grammar student will be assigned a seat at the front of the Pilbeam Theatre where she will sit with her teachers. Therefore, families do not need to book a seat for daughters who are enrolled students at Girls Grammar. Your daughter’s seat will be charged to her Term 4 fee account.

Tickets for family members may only be purchased through the Pilbeam Theatre, not through the School. Tickets cost $10.00 each. To book and pay for tickets for family members (other than enrolled daughters), families have three options:

1) Book and pay for seats in person at the Pilbeam Theatre. There is no additional fee for this transaction.

2) Book and pay for tickets online at the Pilbeam Theatre website www.pilbeamtheatre.com.au Families paying by this method will be charged an additional $1.25 per seat.

3) Book and pay for seats over the phone by calling 07 4927 4111. Note that an extra $5.00 ‘per transaction’ fee applies (this fee is charged once per booking, regardless of the number of tickets being purchased).

* Please note, there is an additional fee to pay by credit card, regardless of the booking/payment method used.

Tickets may be purchased right up to the commencement of the performance at 7.00pm on Wednesday 13 November (unless tickets are sold out earlier). While there are more seats available in this venue, every year we have more people wanting to attend than there are available seats. We recommend that you secure your booking quickly!

ART SHOW EXHIBITION

Please visit Paterson House to enjoy our exhibition of student artwork. The official opening will be held on Friday 8 November at 5.00pm. The Annual Art Show will be held in two locations in Paterson House, utilizing Paterson Hall and an upstairs function room.

We hope you will join us to enjoy the creative and imaginative work of our Primary and Secondary Visual Art students. We are requesting a gold coin donation on entry.

SPEECH NIGHT PREPARATION

You will soon receive an invitation to attend Speech Night. This is a compulsory event for Girls Grammar students.

Speech Night will be held on Friday 15 November at 6.00pm at The Tabernacle in Norman Road. Students will be required no later than 5.45pm.

This is a wonderful evening and we are committed to ensuring that we finished by 8.00pm. Speech Night is followed by a shared supper on the lawn and we warmly invite all families to attend.

On this night we honor all our students, acknowledge special achievements and farewell our Year 12 Seniors. For the graduating class this is their final event as a Girls Grammar student before they become ‘Old Girls’ and join the extended alumnae family of past students.

Every student, Prep to Year 12, will participate in a rehearsal in the morning of Friday 15 November. All students will be transported by bus to and from the rehearsal. We request that all students travel together to and from the venue with their teachers. The School day concludes at 1.05pm, following the ‘final
countdown’ for Year 12. This allows students and staff time to prepare for Speech Night.

Students should ensure that they have a clean uniform ready for the evening. Therefore the day dress should be worn to the rehearsal.

On the evening of the Speech Night event the following is required:
- Full formal uniform with blazer is to be worn by students in Years 7-12
- The Day dress will be worn by Primary students
- The School tie with the School badge
- White hair ribbons should be worn (not gold or blue)
- Fold down white socks (not stockings)
- Polished school shoes
- Any medallions presented in 2013 should be worn on the night (students in Years 4-12)
- Colours should be displayed on blazers (Years 7-12)

Some reminders:
- Remove name badges and House badges from the School tie
- Hats are not required at rehearsal or on the evening
- School bags should not be brought to rehearsal or on the evening
- No food is permitted in the auditorium during the rehearsal or on the evening
- No phones, iPods or technology should be brought to the rehearsal or on the evening
- Licensed student drivers may not drive their own vehicles to or from the venue for rehearsal.

Detailed information will be provided closer to the event.

**SPEECH NIGHT AWARDS**

Semester 2 Academic Awards are announced at the commencement of the following year for students in Years 4-11. Students in Years 7-11 will be awarded Colours. Medallions are awarded to students in Years 4-6. Comprehensive academic reports will be posted after the conclusion of Term 4, 2013. At Speech Night the following achievements are acknowledged:
- The highest and second highest academic achiever in each Year level, including the Dux of the school. (Medallions Years 4-6, Colours Year 7-12)
- The student from each year level who has made the most significant cultural contribution (Medallions Years 7-12)
- The student from each year level who has made the most significant sporting contribution (Medallions Years 7-12)
- The student from each year level who has made the most significant contribution to School and community service (Medallions Years 7-12)
- The highest achieving student in each Year 7-12 subject is acknowledged. These achievements are not Colours.
- Special Awards may also be presented which may have merit, bursary and/or scholarship funding attached. These achievements are not Colours.

The tradition of Secondary Colours was reintroduced in 2010. It has required significant fine-tuning and we are grateful for your patience as we have made subtle changes to ensure access, equity and rigour in the awarding of Colours.

Colours are highly prized by students and require a determined and sustained effort to attain. This has assisted in focusing every student’s effort and has contributed to recognizing a significantly improved academic achievement across the School. Colours are respected by peers and proudly worn by those who earn them.

Please note that Colours may only be included on the blazer with documented permission from the Principal’s Office.

**END OF YEAR SCHOOL PARTY**

Term 4 concludes on Friday 29 November at 12.45pm. On the final school day of 2013 the Year 11 students, our 2014 seniors, host the traditional School Party.

School Party traditions include everyone dressing up. The Year 11s have set the theme of ‘Disney’, which provides many options! The morning involves activities for all students Prep to Year 10, a shared morning tea and a brief Farewell Assembly in the CAB Undercover Area at 12.30pm. We warmly invite you to attend this Assembly which is immediately prior to pick up time.