

# Minutes GAT Support Committee

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Date: 7:00pm, Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## 1 Welcome and Apologies

Apologies noted from Tina.

## 2 Attendance

Darren, Rosanna, Louise, Terena, Brad, Anja

## 3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Accepted. Nominated Darren, Seconded Terena

## 4 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

### 4.1 Quiz Night

On hold till we have new committee members.

### 4.2 Voluntary Contributions

Still waiting on outcomes from John's meetings with school staff. A quick straw poll among attendees at meeting as parents of GAT students had 100% support for the idea of a voluntary contribution.

### 4.3 Log of External Events

Waiting on John Pryor for a @mlshspc.org.au email address to be used for contact.

### 4.4 Movie Night

Have info we need, hold off until further notice.

### 4.5 Self Defence Classes

Initial potential provider unable to do class at school. RF contact police Dept for references and info. 3 alternatives tabled. Not just for kids – women and girls, reinforcement. Alternatives not just martial arts, but education, situational awareness, education also. Suitable for short course, martial arts take lots of practice etc. Range of costs. Two providers have history and testimonials of coming to schools to successfully lead such classes/workshops. RF to speak with Student Services to discuss - Neil Hudson. Discussed format, preferred 2 x 90 minute sessions. RF to follow up with M1FC.

### 4.6 Banking

Nothing new to report.

## 5 New Business

### 5.1 Treasurer Position Vacant

Tina has stepped aside as treasurer. Committee expressed their appreciation for Tina's efforts. Hyatt voucher checked. Expires 31-01-2019. RF to contact Hyatt and ask if they can extend.

Anja self-nominated to fill the vacated position. Darren seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Anja is now the GAT Committee treasurer.

### 5.2 Year 9 - 10 Transition

At this meeting, parents raised concerns with Manager, Student Services regarding GAT students being separated from rest of cohort from Yr 7 to 9, and then joining the general cohort in year 10 without additional integration support. Do the GAT kids need more integration to minimise isolation after 3 years of being with same classmates for 5 subjects? Maybe worth having discussion with teachers for their feedback/thoughts – 360 review.

### 5.3 P&C Funding

The P&C recently sent out a request for funding ideas. The idea of language labs was raised. Does not have to be a dedicated room, could also be dedicated software/hardware – iPads etc. Louise to raise with language staff.

### 5.4 DOE Connect

All subjects should now be using DOE Connect for information/grades/outlines etc.

### 5.5 First Aid Kits

St. John have fundraising packs with first aid kits. 25% sales are for fundraising. No minimum or up-front costs. 10 days turn around from submission of order forms. Delivered to school/committee no individuals, so need someone to distribute. Committee agreed was a worthwhile fundraiser.

## 6 Reports

### 6.1 GAT Education Coordinator Report. Louise

Louise provided a written report as attached.

### 6.2 Treasurers Report.

Our account is unchanged since last report.

New Treasurer.

## 7 Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held: 7:00pm, Wednesday, 24th October 2018

## 8 Meeting Closed

Meeting closed at 8:50pm

GAT Parent Committee  
Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Teachers' Report

**Science**

**Year 9 GAT Teacher**

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**Education Perfect Science Championships**

Mount Lawley Senior High School won the Top School Trophy in the 2018 WA Science Championships which ran alongside the World Series Science Championship during term 3.

Yr 9 GAT students were encouraged to compete in this with Mahjoub Emad winning a bronze award certificate for answering over 1000 questions.

**ICAS Science**

GAT students were offered the opportunity to sit the UNSW Global ICAS Science assessment in term 2.

Outstanding results included:

**Year 7**

Nicola De Vos	Distinction
Niall Ewing	Distinction
Raphael Ho	Distinction
Chengyi Zhang	Distinction

**Year 8**

Alex Millar	Distinction
Nevin Soji	Distinction

**Year 9**

Sunny Guo	Distinction
Ariel Nelson	Distinction
Andy Ping	Distinction

**Year 10**

Lucy Dye	Distinction
Aiden Figueiredo	Distinction

**HASS**

**year 9 GAT HASS Teacher**

**Lynne Noack**

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**Premiers ANZAC Competition**

Entries for the Premiers ANZAC Competition, 2019 were completed some weeks ago and 3 students from GAT and AE were chosen by the Principal as the school's year 9 entries to this annual competition. The students had been working on their written pieces all term 3. Harrison Huxham of year 9 GAT is in the finals for the Premiers Anzac Tour 2019 after submitting a great essay.

## **Mock Trials**

### **Year 10-12**

In the most recent Mock Trials the Mt Lawley Mock Trial team went up against St Hilda's in a tightly fought contest. The Mt Lawley team was outstanding again and came away with another win. The next game will be on 12<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> September. Then it's the grand final.

Well done to the team:

Oscar Kasper-Crutchett  
Sophia Prefumo  
Bella Prefumo  
Alix Forster  
Lily McDonald  
Teri Buckin

## **English**

### **Year 7 & 8 GAT/AE teacher**

**Madeleine Thomson**

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Year 7 and 8 GAT and AE English students have submitted entries into the Roland Leach Poetry competition.

In the upcoming weeks students will also be invited to submit an entry into the Write For Life-micro-fiction competition. More info will be put on Connect soon.

## **Maths**

Year 7&8 GAT/AE Maths Teacher

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Maths comps have been held – awaiting results.

- Maths Olympiad continues. One more set date and then will await results.
- We had a guest speaker visit the Year 7 students – Andreas Wicenec (astrophysicist). The students gained a lot of information about the SKA (Square Kilometre Array) and future technological advancements. The use of Mathematics became purposeful and relevant. He also provided us with some further resources useful for STEM activities.
- Three students have been chosen to participate in an 'Intermediate Maths Olympiad' – a level above the current one we are completing. It is a 4 hour long problem solving competition!
- Class work has involved completing some extra investigations and activities such as building a 'Model Home' for the Prime-Minister's brand new home! It will entail building a 3D room of the house, complete with furniture and measuring the volume of each piece (Year 8). Students will also use scale conversion and present their work.
- I am in the process of sending forms and information home about a Problem Solving Program (2019) which is held after school – see info below.

## **Overview of the Program**

*The Mathematics Problem Solving Program has been in operation since it was developed in 1992 by Dr Hoffman. For over twenty years it was supported by Edith Cowan University and located at the Mount Lawley campus. In 2013 the program was rebadged as **The Western Australian Mathematics Problem Solving Program (WAMPSP)**, and in 2016 officially became a program of **The Mathematical Association of Western Australia (MAWA)**.*

*From 2013 to 2017 the program was based at Perth Modern School. For Term1, 2018 was based at Scitech. For the remainder of 2018 it will be based at the University of WA (UWA).*

*The program provides mathematics problem-solving classes for **mathematically gifted students** aged 10 to 15, though highly gifted students of a younger age can apply. Each year more than 200 students are enrolled in the program. The program is year-long and operates during term-time after school. It is linked to the Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians, a national program of the Australian Mathematics Trust.*

*The students are involved in a wide range of significant mathematical problem-solving activities. Each activity is explored to sufficient depth for students to appreciate the solution strategy involved and the process by which it is obtained.*

*The program aims to **develop the mathematics problem solving skills** of the students. It also aims to **develop the students' skills in the logical and effective presentation of solutions**, and, of course, to **increase the students' knowledge of mathematics**. There is a **consistent emphasis on systematic approaches to problem solving**.*

*The attention given to effective presentation of solutions also provides a means of monitoring student progress.*

## **GAT CLUB 3**

14<sup>th</sup> September

Year 7-10 students of Italian – cooking Italian biscuits with an Italian Chef and playing bocce.

Year 7-10 students of Chinese – going to a Chinese restaurant.

## **Chinese**

### **GAT Chinese Teacher**

Rafie Dobbs

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year 8 and 9 GAT - 3 GAT students are taking part in Chinese written and speaking competitions

year 9 - 3 GAT students went to Shanghai on an international camp gathering.

## **Louise Chapman**

### **Italian Teacher and Gifted and Talented Education Coordinator**

### **WAATI Italian Assistant Program**

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Thank you to the Sun Family for hosting Giulia Mazzotti, the Italian Assistant of Term 3, 2018.

Thank you to the Lee Family for also hosting Giulia Mazzotti, the second half of Term 3, 2018.

Giulia is loving her time in Perth with her host families and at Mount Lawley SHS.

Applications for the **TERM 1 - 2019** WAATI Assistenti Program are now open.

Basically you would host an Italian university student for either 6 or 12 weeks and the assistant helps in Italian classrooms at the school.

If you are interested in applying please contact Louise Chapman.

**Deadline: Friday, October 19.**

**Gifted and Talented Education Coordinator**

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**Applications for testing for Gifted and Talented Programs**

Applications for testing for placement into Gifted and Talented programs for 2020 will open via the GTSU (Gifted and Talented) website on 8 October 2018 and close at 11.59pm Sunday 10 February, 2019.

**Gifted and Talented Parent Information Evening testing cycle 2019**

The Gifted and Talented Parent Information Evening for the 2019 testing cycle will be held at Mount Lawley Senior High School on **Tuesday 20th November 2018** conducted by the Department of Education Gifted and Talented Unit. The presentation will start at 6pm upstairs in the blue Main Administration building from Woodsome Street.

The session will contain content and detail the application, selection and placement process for entry to Gifted and Talented Secondary Selective Entrance Programs. During the evening Mount Lawley Senior High School will also provide information on the Gifted and Talented Languages Program. This Parent Information Evening will run for approximately 90 minutes.