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If any teachers or students would like to have something published in or photographed for Glides please talk to the Glides Reporters or Mrs. Coleman herself. Thank you and please read Glides!

Reporters for 2010 are Casey Byrne (Year 9), Rochelle Witt (Year 11), Jennifer Nguyen, Shallyna Sayachak & Lisa Tran (Year 12).
Welcome back to the 2010 school year with a special welcome to all new families with Year 7 students and also to new students and their families. Liverpool Girl’s High School is a great school with so many varied learning opportunities for all students. The school has as its motto that “Liverpool Girl’s High School is a learning environment that sets high standards”. Over the last four weeks at the school I have certainly noticed this in operation on a daily basis. It is imperative that we continue to build and grow the high standards that help shape our school as a quality learning environment.

When I began teaching in the early eighties at Kirrawee High School I was given a box of chalk, a blackboard duster, a mark-book and my timetable, shown where my desk was in the English Staffroom and told to go and teach, that was my introduction to teaching. When I came to Liverpool Girl’s High School I was given my user name and password and told most things I would need would be available on the school computer network and given lots of help making me feel welcome. I have also attended induction activities available for new staff to ensure that I build an understanding of the school and so that I am supported in my transition to my new school. Times have changed since I first began. It is so important now for our children to be technologically literate and be able to cope in an ever quickly changing world. This is an important facet of life that we all need to be aware of and strive toward.

As the Principal of the school it is my role to ensure that your daughters achieve the best learning outcomes possible. We will be working together as a staff and community to ensure that every opportunity is given to the students to achieve this. Our programs that run in the school cater for the broad range of student interest and there is a full range of subject choices and special programs for students to ensure that their individual needs and interests are catered for.
Principal’s Message cont.

Our focus for the school must stem from the core of teaching and learning – this is what we are about. In all of our school operations, programs and activities, the essence of providing quality learning must guide what we are doing. It will be all of our jobs to ensure that this continues and that we all build on the work that Mrs Orman has done in shaping an outstanding school with very high standards.

As I have been wandering around the school and meeting both students and staff I have been overwhelmed by the passion and the love everyone has for the school. We have great school spirit in a friendly and productive environment. To continue this, I must point out that our high standards must be maintained with ALL students adhering to our Uniform Code and standard of dress by being in full uniform, that behaviour outside of school in the streets of Liverpool and in the local shopping centre is exemplary and presents the school in a positive light. These are things that we all expect of our students showing pride in themselves, their families and their school.

I also remind you that students need to be in attendance at school every day. Students who are absent from school need explanation with a note or Doctor’s Certificate explaining the absence. School begins at 8.45 am and ALL students should be moving towards their first class ready to begin the day. Students should attend all timetabled classes understanding that truancy from class will not be tolerated. Full attendance in all lessons is imperative for students to achieve and meet the requirements of the Board of Studies.

I am delighted and honoured to have been chosen to be Principal at Liverpool Girl’s High School. I look forward to working with you and your daughters to prepare them for an exciting and rewarding future.

David Hargrave
Principal
Welcome to another exciting year at Liverpool Girls’ High School and a special welcome to our new Principal Mr Hargrave, our new staff and our new students in each year group.

**2009 HSC Results**

Congratulations to our 2009 HSC students on their tremendous results. We are very proud of them and are pleased to hear all their plans and to see many of them who have managed to drop in and see us following the publication of their results and University offers.

Liverpool Girls’ High School has achieved their best ever HSC results in 2009 and we have been delighted with the number of students who have succeeded in entering their preferred University courses. At least 70% of students have University offers. Some of the courses they will be studying include Pharmacy, Business/Commerce, Economics, International Studies, Teaching, medical Science, Health Science, Engineering, Psychology, Interior Design, Journalism, Media Communications and Creative Arts.

Some 2009 HSC highlights include:

- **Best All Rounders List:** 2 students achieved marks over 90 in all courses and have received a Premier’s Award. Congratulations to:
  - Milyn Huynh
  - Ngoc Liberty Nguyen.

- 19 students have been recognised in the Distinguished Achiever’s List for achieving marks over 90 in one or more courses, in 42 individual listings, representing 22 different courses.

- **Best in course:**
  Congratulations to :
  - Tina Samardzic: 3rd in the State in Serbian Continuers
  - Jovana Mijatovic: 4th in the State in Serbian Continuers

**ATAR**

From the information collected to date:

- 1 student has an ATAR over 99
- 4 students have ATAR’S over 95
- At least 15 students have ATAR over 90.
Deputy Principal’s Report cont.

**DUX**

Congratulations to Milyn Huynh who achieved the top ATAR at our school of 99.4.

Congratulations to all our students on their results and to the dedicated teachers and administration staff who supported, taught and guided them so well through their years at Liverpool Girls’ High School.

**Deputy Year Responsibilities**

In 2010 I will be responsible for Years 11 and 12. I am looking forward to working with students in those years and meeting their parents.

Mrs Grech will be responsible for Years 9 and 10 and Mrs Pearse Years 7 and 8.

**Year 12**

In Term 4 2009, Year 12 students received their HSC Course Assessment Handbook. It is important for students to familiarise themselves with the due dates for Assessment Tasks and to put in place management strategies to effectively manage and maximise their time. I cannot stress enough the importance of Assessment Tasks for students as the Assessment mark is 50% of the HSC result. I ask parents to support and encourage their Year 12 students to achieve their best in every task they do, not to submit mediocre work or the close enough is good enough approach. Every mark counts.

All Year 12 students have already completed 25% of their course time in each subject. A good study regime is important that includes time for private study at home, working on tasks and note taking and revision.

At times the HSC year can be overwhelming so it is important to keep everything in balance, adequate sleep, good nutrition, a moderate time for relaxation and recreation as well as study. Attendance at school is essential and appointments should be made as far as possible out of school hours.

I wish Year 12 every success in their studies this year.

*Mrs C Screech*

*Deputy Principal*
Kate Coleman, Visual Arts Faculty

First off, I love being a teacher. I started my teaching career a long time ago at LGHS in 1995 as a Visual Arts, Photography and Ceramics teacher. I have worked for heaps of years as a visual arts and photography teacher in high schools. Right now, I am also a student like you, at the College of Fine Arts, University of New South Wales. I basically research the Internet, (yes, its a good gig!) and look at web 2.0 and social networking and how it can enhance teaching and learning in schools and in universities. Because of this I get to present at International e-learning conferences and write papers on blogs and e-learning.

This year I have a Year 10 Photography and Digital Media class (they are all gorgeous!) and am supporting teaching faculties to use Moodle.

Natasha Craig, History Faculty

I attended the University of Notre Dame, Australia as a foundation student and I am excited about learning even more at Liverpool Girls’ High School.
Hello from Mr Fletcher
What to say? I completed my pre-service training at the University of Sydney in the early 1990’s, and returned there to undertake graduate study in the late 1990’s.

I have had a bit of an in-and-out career with the DET – starting at Liverpool Girls upon graduation then leaving to attend Bible College and work for a while in industry. For most of the last 13 years I have been teaching full time at schools including SCECGS Redlands and Sydney Secondary College, Blackwattle Bay Campus, where I taught Chemistry, Biology and Earth & Environmental Science (in 2008 I had HSC classes in each of these subjects).

I am married with 2 little boys who I adore and am very proud of and my wife and I have just escaped the Sutherland Shire to move into the Liverpool area with them.

I am a huge fan of Led Zeppelin, Chris Tomlin, Fleetwood Mac, Bethany Dillon and Cold Chisel, as well as Michael Bay films – who couldn’t love the last two Transformers movies!!!! – and the “comic book” genre of films that have risen to prominence in the last decade or so. However most of the time if you turned on my iPod you would find me listening to sermons from Mark Driscoll, Mark Dever and John Piper.

I am the “head chef” at home doing 99.9% of the cooking, which is one of my favourite pastimes, and on the food issues have already taught my 3 year old that “life’s too short to drink bad coffee!” (ask him and he will tell you!!).

I look forward to being back at Liverpool Girls and being part of her community for some time to come!!
New Staff cont.

Melissa Morabito, Social Sciences Faculty

**NAME:** Melissa Morabito  

**PREVIOUS SCHOOL:** St James College  

**TRAINING:**  

B. Commerce (University of Sydney)  

B. Teaching (University of Western Sydney)  

**INTERESTS:** Travelling, reading, spending time with family and friends.

Natalie Russell, History Faculty

On completing my 8 week practicum here at Liverpool Girls’ High School in Term 3, 2009, I was fortunate enough to be offered a temporary contract for 2010. I completed my four year degree at the University of New South Wales, majoring in English and History and have been recently recognised by the Sydney Morning Herald as a high achiever.

I would like to thank the executive, staff and students for a warm welcome and I look forward to working as part of a team.
New Staff cont.

Urmila Sharma, Technology & Applied Studies (TAS) Faculty

I have been a teacher at Hoxton Park High School for the past ten years, previous to which I taught at various schools in Brisbane and in Fiji. Apart from the day-to-day classroom teaching I also have other school related experiences which include Year Advising, University Practicum co-ordinator, OH&S committee Chairperson, Associate Teacher for University Practicum Students, relieving Head Teacher Computing and Head Teacher TAS (Fiji).

I have experience in teaching various computing subjects in NSW including Information and Software Technology (Year 9 & 10), Information Processes and Technology (Year 11 & 12), Software Design and Development (Year 11 & 12) and Information Technology Vet.

The following qualifications and training enabled me to fulfil the above obligations:
- Graduate Diploma in Education (Computer Education) Queensland University of Technology
- Bachelor of Education: Home Economics (Special Award: A gold Medal in Education)
- Diploma in Education: Home Economics (Special Award: Gold Medal in Education)
- Certificate IV in Assessment and workplace Training Accreditation Project (TAFE: South Western Sydney Institute)
- OH&S Consultation Course

I have only been at Liverpool Girls’ High School since the beginning of this school year, but I must say that I am very impressed with the quality of students and the accepting and helpful nature of the staff here. I am looking forward to my time ahead at this school.
School Uniform

Junior School Tartan Mid & Long Skirt

Junior School Tartan Pants

Junior Embroidered School Blouse

Light Weight Junior Jersey

Senior School Tartan Mid & Long Skirt

Senior School Tartan Pants

Senior Embroidered School Blouse

Woollen Jumper with Emblem

Tracksuit (Jacket & Pants)

PE Shirt & Shorts (Shirt also available in Long Sleeve)

Blue School Socks (Years 7 & 8)

Navy Blue or White Head Scarf (LGHS embroidery on side)

If total package is purchased you will receive a Junior Jersey

If School Tartan Pants (instead of School Tartan Mid Skirt) are required an additional $10.00 should be added to the Package

If School Tartan Long Skirt (instead of School Tartan Mid Skirt) an additional $20.00 should be added to the Package

If PE Shorts are required an additional $25.00 should be added to the Package

Please note: for girls who wear a head scarf they should be purchased from the uniform shop for $10.00 each

Any additional items can be purchased separately

All uniform (except school shoes) are sold at Liverpool Girls’ High School only

Black leather lace up or buckle school shoes are compulsory to wear with the School Uniform

Sports uniform must not be worn to and from school

Glides Term 1 2010

1st Edition
ACCEPTABLE SHOES

CORRECT SHOES:

UNACCEPTABLE SHOES

INCORRECT SHOES:
Premier’s Reading Challenge.
At the end of 2009 Cathareen Garasharatnam (Year 9) was invited to Government House as one of only 29 students who had completed the PRC from Years 3 to 9.

Cathareen was given several books, met the authors and enjoyed a day of special activities in Sydney. She met Minister for Education, Hon. Verity Firth and other PRC enthusiasts.

We hope students in years 7-9 will follow Cathareen’s example and continue reading for enjoyment. Students may sign up on line through their DET Portal and include books read in the January holidays as part of their 20 books read between now and the end of August.

Library Reorganisation:
After the Stocktake at the end of 2009 the Fiction Section has been revamped. Fiction and Non-Fiction books are now in quite separate areas. PRC Books (marked with a green label) are now on the shelves at the appropriate letter for the author’s surname if Fiction or at the Dewey number if non-fiction. There is a special display of supplementary material for Year 12 English, “Belonging,” near the Girls’ Senior Study room.
Library News cont.

Author Nadia Wheatley will be talking to Year 7 about her book “My Place” in Week 5. Nadia proved a very popular writer-in-residence in 2009 for both Year 7 & Year 12.

Thinking Skills lessons are for Year 7 in Term 1: English Week 2; Science Week 3; Maths Week 4.

The Study Centre will operate each Tuesday afternoon until 4.00 pm. Please feel free to use this time after school for assignments and homework.

Come and look at the new locations of resources in the Library and enjoy the delights of reading.

Mrs Knott
Librarian
The annual swimming carnival was held at the Whitlam Centre, with most of the school joining in the activities.

Once again this year, the four sporting groups Beachley (blue), Ellis (yellow), Freeman (red) and Jackson (green) competed for points to go towards their Hagum Cup Scores. Many students participated in races, gaining points for their sport group. The stands were filled with students wearing their sporting group colours. Many cheered on their peers as they raced to the end of the pool.

The swimming carnival was a major success with sunny weather prevailing and fun forecast for the day. Teachers and Students all joined in the activities. Teachers also had a special race against the Year 12 students, ending with the Teachers winning. One sneaky swimmer cheater gave away all hope of year 12 winning.

**Water Activities**

Great performance in 50m races:
- Keerah Eid 7E
- Mladenka Stojanovic 8E
- Chantelle Rumble 9R6
- Nada Abousaada 8S
- Kalen Reed 9R6
- Kylie Newby 12 R4

**Progressive Point Score for the HAGUM Cup.**

How close!

1<sup>st</sup> – Beachley – 180
2<sup>nd</sup> – Jackson – 176
3<sup>rd</sup> – Jackson – 176
4<sup>th</sup> – Freeman – 162

By Casey Byrne, Year 9
Swimming Carnival cont.

The swimming carnival was a day of competition, enjoyment and encouragement to become involved, whether you were a 1st place swimmer diving at the deep end or simply there to make a splash at the shallow end. Most of the students found they were just waiting for the races to be over and done with and for the announcement that they could finally jump in for ‘free swimming’ time. The weather was fine and the sun bright; just perfect for swimming – no need to fear thunder storms!

We had the 50m races for the confident (or just people wanting to be able to say they had a go!) in breaststroke, freestyle, backstroke and butterfly. We also had kickboard races down in the shallow water, right after the cheering on of the teachers versus students relay race (there was no doubt that we’d win!!).

In the end, it was a fun day, and a good break from all those classes and studying.

By Rochelle Witt, Year 11

Photos by
Casey Byrne, Rochelle Witt, Shallyna Sayachak & Lisa Tran
Last year, Liverpool Girls was fortunate enough to have high results in the HSC with many achieving Band 6’s. We would like to congratulate the ex-students for their hard work and high achievements. The following students achieved excellent HSC results.

Ngoc Liberty Nguyen received:
- Chemistry    90  Band 6
- Maths        98  Band 6
- English Advance  90  Band 6
- Maths Extension 1  48  Band 6
- Physics      94  Band 6
- Visual Arts  93  Band 6

Milyn Huynh achieved:
- Chemistry 92  Band 6
- Maths 98  Band 6
- English Advance 90  Band 6
- English Extension 1 46  E4
- Maths Extension 1 47  E4
- Physics 94  Band 6

Best in Subject 2009:
- Tina Samardzic – 3rd in the State in Serbian Continuers.
- Jovana Mijatovic – 4th in the State in Serbian Continuers.

Photos by Lisa Tran
Most of us will have to sit for the HSC exams once in our lifetime but before the exams, we may not know how to deal with all the stress and manage our time properly. Luckily for us, now in Year 12, some successful ex-students of 2009 made a special visit to Liverpool Girls’ High School on the 9th February to give Year 11 and 12 some tips on how to cope with the HSC and have a social life.

**Time Management/Organisation**
- There is stress in Year 12 but you need to have balance too. Have fun as well but don’t have too much going on at the same time.
- Be organised by finishing all class work and homework on time.
- Consistently complete the day’s work.
- Be up to date with study notes – don’t fall behind.
- Don’t leave things to the last minute.
- Organise each subject into a separate folder – easier to find notes.
- Practise writing essays in a certain time frame.
- Have all related texts analysed beforehand.

**Dealing with Family**
- The HSC year can be an emotional time with social stress and emotional stress.
- It is not about friends/families/boyfriends. It is about YOU!
- You will get a lot of pressure from family but at the end of the day, you are the one sitting the exam.
- Family might have a lot of outings/family activities but you need to know when it is family time and when it is study time. Do not get distracted.
- Do not let other people stress you, it will only make matters worse.
- Family problems may occur but try to find a place where you can study without being disturbed.
- There are school counsellors and other school facilities where you can go to for help if indeed any problems do occur.
Tips for Success with the HSC cont.

Not getting the mark you expected

- Most people will freak out instantly when they realise that they haven’t received the mark they wanted.
- There are other ways to get into university.
- Not getting into University is not the end of the world. TAFE and College are acceptable alternatives. You can get into University later after completing a year or two at TAFE/College before transferring into University. This actually gives you more experience.
- Some private Colleges do not require an ATAR to get in.

Most importantly, come to school every day, attend all your classes and help one another out!

By Jennifer Nguyen, Year 12
“Relay for Life is a unique, overnight fundraising event that brings communities together in the fight against cancer. Whether you are a cancer survivor, a carer, supporting friends or loved ones, or simply wanting to make a difference, Relay for Life empowers everyone who participates.

Relay for Life is not a race, teams of 10-15 people take turns to walk or run around the track. A huge part of “Relay for Life” is the atmosphere – it’s a carnival and celebration, but also a heart-warming time to reflect, share experiences and build HOPE for the future”. ([http://www.relay.cancercouncil.com.au/](http://www.relay.cancercouncil.com.au/))

**Where:** The event will be held at Hillier Oval, Hoxton Park Road, Liverpool.

**When:** We start walking or running at 10.00 a.m. Saturday 1 May 2010 and finish at 10.00 a.m. 2 May 2010.

The “Relay for Life” is a 24 hour event: however, participants do not have to stay on the field for the whole 24 hours.

If you are interested in forming a team of 10-15 people, please contact Anastasia on (02) 9354 2008 or on 0415 264 494.

*By Rochelle Witt, Year 11*
It has been a busy start to the year in the English Faculty. The students have been working extremely hard and have already produced exciting work.

Year Seven have been focusing on Nadia Wheatley’s picture book and analysing the visual techniques being used. Nadia Wheatley will be visiting the school in Week five to work closely with the girls, assisting them with their creative writing.

Year Eight have been examining a diverse range of advertisements and critically assessing the techniques used by advertisers to influence audiences in buying their products. To show their understanding they have used these techniques to effectively create their own advertisements and campaigns.

Both Year Nine and Ten are working through an area of study focusing on a novel and analysing how the concept they are studying is shown. This is a way of preparing them for the area of study that they will need to complete in both Year Eleven and Year Twelve.

The Preliminary and HSC courses are well on their way. Students have been completing a diverse range of tasks as preparation for their exams. Students in Year Twelve will also be participating in an intensive workshop at the Casula Powerhouse towards the end of the term. They will focus on the concept of Belonging.

The Jane Austen Book Club will begin again soon, and all students and staff are invited to attend. Look out for the other exciting events throughout the year.
Remember these signs?

The speed limit around schools in peak times is **40 km/hr**.

Please remember to 'Go 40' between **8-9.30am and 2.30-4pm**.

Here are a few valuable safety tips from Council’s Road Safety Officer:

- **Children are small and hard to see**
  Children can have a short attention span, poor peripheral vision and are easily distracted

- **Always drive at 40km/hr during school zone times**
  Driving at a lower speed means you have more time to react to a child’s actions and may therefore reduce the severity of an injury if a collision does occur

- **Obey parking signs such as ‘No Stopping’ and ‘No Parking’**
  You must not stop at all on a section of road that is marked ‘No Stopping’. In a ‘No Parking’ area you can pick up and drop off as long as you stay no longer than 2 minutes and the driver of the vehicle does not move more than 3 metres from the vehicle

- **Always set a good example when crossing the road**
  Children under the age of 10 should always hold the hand of an adult when crossing the road. Always cross the road at the marked crossings or designated safe place to cross. Never call your child across the road

For information regarding safety around schools, please contact Council’s Road Safety Officer on 9821 8835
Thank You from
LESSA

The Principal
Liverpool Girls High School
Barber Street
Liverpool 2170.

January 25 2010

Dear Principal,

The family of the late Mrs. Lorna Lee would like to express their gratitude for your tribute to her and acknowledgement of her contribution to LESSA as mentioned in your recent School Magazine.

We regard your gesture of providing a plaque in the garden as a kind and fitting memorial. Thank you.

I and my family will always cherish the beautiful memories we shared together with LESSA and its members.

With love and best wishes,

Sincerely,

[Signature]
February
4 School Photos
9 Ex-Students Forum
10 Swimming Carnival
11 Year 7 Mind Matters Day
12 Year 12 – Stress Management
16 Year 10 Vaccinations
19 Year 7 Vaccinations
22-23 Nadia Wheatley
Writer in Residence Visit
23 Year 12 Parents Meeting
6.00 – 7.00 p.m.
25 Family Partnership Meeting 1.30 – 2.30 p.m.
26 Zone Swimming Carnival

March
3 Year 11 Meeting with BOSLO
5 Clean Up Australia Day

March cont.
10 Year 12 Mandatory Parent/Teacher Meeting
2.45 – 6.00 p.m.
Year 12 Careers Parent Meeting 6.00 7.00 p.m.
12 Year 8 Mind Matters Day
23 SLC Leadership Training
24 Harmony Day
25 Family Partnership Meeting 1.30 – 2.30 p.m.
29 Year 11 Assessment Week for Practical Subjects
30 Careers Fair – Hall

April
1 Last Day of Term 1

Students First Day Term 2 2010
Tuesday, 20 April 2010