



Newsletter

2019 Term 2 - Issue 1

CHAMPION BAY
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



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For a copy of our 2018-2020 Business Plan, please contact the Administration

As the days become cooler, please ensure your student attends school in the correct uniform — including jacket. Students not in the correct uniform will be required to change when requested

Year 8 immunisations—if your child was not included in the Week 8 Immunisations, please make an appointment at the clinic to follow up

It is difficult to believe that we are already into Week 5 of Term 2. It still feels like the Summer term, with little rain, but the days are becoming cooler. With this drop in temperature, we are seeing more students wearing more layers of clothes. Please ensure that your student is wearing the correct uniform – including the CBSHS jacket. For Years 8-10, this item was part of the Uniform package issued to eligible students at the beginning of the year. Students not in correct uniform will be asked to change.

NAPLAN

This term is very much about curriculum. We began the NAPLAN testing in week 3 for Years 7-9 and we are hoping to see some excellent results. While the connectivity fallout was not good, the issue was a national one and managed efficiently.

We have already undertaken the provision of the first round of Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessments with Year 10 students who have not previously qualified and I am pleased to write that the Writing assessment saw a 29% improvement from our 2018 NAPLAN data. This is an enormous growth and my thanks go to the Literacy Coordinator Natalie Worthington and the Literacy team, as well as to the diligent and hardworking staff at CBSHS. Those students who have not qualified as yet across Reading, Numeracy and Writing, will have another opportunity to sit the assessments in September. Qualification across these three assessments is one criterion for gaining a Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) in Year 12.



CBSHS Artist of the month....

June - Jasmin Carcuevas
Year 10

Jasmin's latest work will be displayed in the Administration – look out for it when you visit us.

School Board

The Board will hold its third meeting of the year on Tuesday 21 May at 3:30pm. Items on the agenda will include ratification of the 2018 Annual Report (John Willcock College), Code of Conduct and Complaints Management process. These documents will be available on the CBSHS website after this meeting.

In order to introduce the Board Chair and Vice Chair to the community, they have very kindly provided this profile information to be published in the newsletter:

BOARD CHAIRPERSON - MRS WENDY RADFORD

My name is Wendy Radford and I am the proud mother of two girls now aged 18 and 16 who both attended John Willcock College (now Champion Bay Senior High School). My eldest daughter has Down Syndrome and blossomed under the guidance of the wonderful special needs EA's and all the other teachers, and my youngest daughter was an inaugural Year 7 student. Both of them enjoyed their time at this school and that is what prompted me to first join the school board in 2015 as a parent and to continue on the school board as a community member. I have loved being involved in the development and growth of the school during its transition to Champion Bay Senior High School and look forward to continuing to support the school over the next two years. I run a local business with my husband so do not get a lot of spare time, but when I do I enjoy reading, walking and catching up with friends.

BOARD VICE CHAIRPERSON - Dr MORT HARSLETT

I came to Geraldton in 1988 as Superintendent of Education. Though retired, I retain an interest in education supervising student teachers in Geraldton schools. In 2005 I took up a position at Geraldton University Centre as lecturer in Education with Curtin University, then later as tutor and academic coordinator of the Central Queensland B.Ed. Program at the GUC until retirement in 2016.

Prior to working at GUC I was Principal of Geraldton Secondary College, Research Fellow at Edith Cowan University and Superintendent of Education in the Western Australian Education Department. I commenced my career (a long time ago) as a Primary then Secondary teacher, became Head of Department and then a District High School Principal.

I have long had an interest in the development and direction of public secondary school education in Geraldton. Not only because of the impressive school campus and facilities but also the palpable feeling of renewed vigour, no hesitation in putting up my hand to be on the School Board to contribute and participate in the journey and success that lies ahead for Champion Bay SHS.

I look forward to working with the Board, supporting the Principal and her school and up-dating my knowledge of secondary education. When not doing this I enjoy Grandfather and family things, reading, cycling and patronizing coffee shops.

Parent Teacher Evening

This event was held on Thursday 9 May from 5:30-7:30 pm. There were around 140 parents who requested around 540 interviews. This is the largest number we have had – since we started keeping records for target setting purposes.

Pathways and Transitions

Week One of this term saw the start of the CBSHS Aboriginal School Based Traineeship program at TAFE. Identified students will attend TAFE one day per week during Terms Two and Three and will be working towards a Certificate Two in Conservation. This valuable qualification will count towards their WACE in Year 12. These students are based at the Batavia Coast Maritime Institute on their day at TAFE.

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 students who have nominated will be completing work experience during Week 10 of Term 2. For some students, this will be their first experience of this nature and hopefully placements can be found in the areas of their interest. It is with interest that I report several students have gained part time employment in local businesses. Working with the Literacy team teachers (and others) during Workplace Literacy lessons has enabled students to create and 'polish' up their resumes. Congratulations to all those students.

CBSHS P&C

The P&C held their first fund raiser on Thursday 9 May at the Parent Teacher Meeting evening. A sausage sizzle and raffle were on the agenda. Thank you to the members of the P&C who provided much needed food to many students, families and staff. It is great to see you out in our community doing fantastic things for our school community.

In order to introduce the CBSHS P&C Committee, they have very kindly provided some profile information for the newsletter:

P&C President

Justin Mallard

Where you went to school/studied?: Rangeway Primary School / John Willcock College

What you are currently doing?: Currently employed with the Clontarf Foundation as Director of the Champion Bay Academy

Why are you involved in the CBSHS P&C?: Just to see how a P&C committee runs and also to have my voice heard in regards to the decisions being made around our Champion Bay community and its development

What is your vision for this group?:

Support the Champion Bay Community

Favourite hobby?: Basketball and Fishing

P&C Vice President

Julia Gourley

Where you went to school/studied?: Rossmoyne Senior High School

What you are currently doing?: Currently studying full time at University.

Why are you involved in the CBSHS P&C?: To give back to the school for all the support we were given when we first moved to Geraldton and I believe CBSHS is a school that offers so much opportunity to the children in our community through the dedication of the staff and teachers.

What is your vision for this group?: To support CBSHS through fundraising and work with the school to help reach their goals so our children can have the best education and provide additional resources so that our school community can continue to thrive.

Favourite hobby?: SUP Boarding

Favourite sporting team?: All Blacks Rugby Team



P&C Secretary

Mandy Fry

Where you went to school/studied?: Morawa District High School, then Murdoch University

What you are currently doing?: Volunteer/Mum

Why are you involved in the CBSHS P&C?: I think joining the school P&C is an ideal way to engage with the school community, and a simple way to make a difference. Champion Bay SHS has been a fantastic school for our family, and I can only see great things for the school in the future

What is your vision for this group?: I would love to see the Champion Bay SHS P&C grow into a larger group of parents and citizens, committed to building the community around the school, engaging with public education issues, and supporting the potential and values of the students and staff of Champion Bay Senior High School.

Favourite hobby?: Reading

Favourite sporting team?: West Coast Eagles

My thanks to these members of our community for their massive commitment to our school. P&C Short term goals include:

- funding to assist the Year 10 students to purchase their outdoor furniture for the Murchison building area. The Year 10 students are already along the way here after a highly successful Bake Stall which raised in the area of \$300.
- Creating a successful raffle to be drawn later in the year

This is a really great group of people and I urge everyone to consider joining us twice a term. The next meeting to be held in Term 2 is set for Wednesday 19 June at 6:30 pm in the Staffroom.

See you there!

STEM Enterprise Schools – Pioneer Schools

CBSHS has been invited to join this program for 2019/2020. CBSHS has been recognised as having a high level of ambition and unity around clear values and beliefs about what learning should look and feel like for young people. This program will enable us to develop the processes, structures and guidance to understand learner needs, co-design, test and measure impact in an innovation environment. It is recognised that we have a positive and effective professional learning culture throughout the school with active engagement and buy-in from the senior leadership team in sustained innovation initiatives.

In short, we are ready to create powerful new practices that best supports learners' engagement in STEM. A team from CBSHS travelled to Perth in Week 2 to begin this work. They included Helen Lydon, Trixie Kerr, Kellie Hunter, Andrew Iseppi, Hollie Roberts and Andy Bleach.

This is an exciting time for CBSHS as we finalise the details around our Approved Specialist Program in STEAM.

Learning Area Progress Statements

At the end of Term One, CBSHS sent home a Learning Area Progress Statement for each student.

This document gives parents and carers an indication about how their child has settled into the new academic year. The statement indicates Work Effort and Behaviour (Appropriate) in each Learning Area. This year there has been a slight increase in the number of students with a consistent work effort (3-5%) and appropriate behaviour (1-7%).

The most notable improvement is the improved consistent work effort and behaviour for male students in Year 10 – with an increase of 10-13%.

This data is valuable to us because in 2018, the data from the Sub School Progress Statements was a clear indicator of data collected in the Semester Two reporting period.

Year 7 Student Leaders

This term our Year 7 Student Leaders are:

Team One (Mr Pritchard): Bobby-Jo Mongoo and Sean Gardener

Team Two (Croft): Jonathon Black, Ashleigh Blignaut

Team Three (Mrs Overstone): Katese Bland and Robert Bonney

We congratulate these students on their recognition from peers and look forward to working with them. They received their badges last week.

Helpful acronyms:

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STEAM	
Studies	in Science, Technologies, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics

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A word from our Associate Principal

Year 9

This has been a busy term and along with the usual curriculum challenges, students have tackled the NAPLAN testing despite nationwide technical issues. After the system glitches were resolved, students were able to settle in and manage the process with their usual good efforts. We wish them well with that and look forward to seeing their results in due course.



Parents are reminded that staff are happy to discuss your child's progress and if you leave a phone message or email, they will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible around their work duties. If you have not signed up for access to Connect, the Department system for monitoring and communicating regarding your child's progress, this can be done by contacting the Front Office staff who will assist with the process for setting that up.

At this stage of the term, students should be very busy completing tasks and ensuring they are submitting their best effort, on time, and not missing out on valuable instruction time or completion time for their work. This is also a good time to give a reminder of the Homework Club that operates after school each Wednesday in the Library from 3:00 to 4:15pm, with an afternoon snack provided as well as free support and assistance for homework and class tasks. Please contact the Library staff for further information on this.

iPads

While most students have had no issues with their iPads and other computer gear onsite, there have been some students who have found themselves facing the consequences for deliberate damage despite training, advice and warnings on the fragile nature of these devices. Please encourage your child to take best possible care with the iPad as no money needs to change hands for the use of these; unless the students deliberately cause damage.

Historically this school has made provision for this kind of technology to assist the educational process and opportunities, and while this continues to be financially possible, we appreciate the support from home to encourage best possible use of the devices, in keeping with the Network Agreement and Online Policies, for work purposes only.

Mr Pound

Associate Principal.



As we welcome in the colder weather; hopefully bringing with it some much needed rain, I am reminded of just how quickly this term is going. It is fair to say that our Year 7 and 8 students are well settled into this academic year and, having the privilege of frequently visiting classes, I have witnessed students regularly demonstrating our core values of RESPECT, ASPIRE and RESILIENCE. It is pleasing to see students making positive choices about their academic achievement and, for many, an improvement in their behaviours.

The introduction this year of *Student Team Leaders* has allowed our Year 7 and 8 students an opportunity to develop and demonstrate their leadership qualities by assisting within their Teams as well as on a whole school level under the guidance of their Student Services Manager, Mr Tapper. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all Student Team Leaders on their eagerness, reliability and maturity when fulfilling this role.

We value your leadership!



Team Pritchard



Team Croft



Team Overstone

NAPLAN Online

We did it!

We are so proud of the Year 7 and Year 9 cohorts who completed the four NAPLAN tests online from 14th – 24th May 2019. Students are to be congratulated on the mature and positive manner in which they sat the tests. I had the pleasure of visiting all classes during the various testing sessions and was highly impressed with the respect and effort students showed during testing conditions.

To help students prepare for NAPLAN, our School Psychologists and Mr Tapper presented the two cohorts with some handy tips on how best to set themselves up for success, and students were encouraged to apply these handy tips the night before and on the day of the tests.

I would also like to thank the staff for their support and professionalism when administering the test sessions. It was crucial that staff upskilled themselves with NAPLAN Online prior to the testing period. Their knowledge and understanding of how to administer NAPLAN Online lead to the successful outcome.

Attendance

As always, students are encouraged to attend school regularly by achieving an attendance percentage of 90% and above. Besides the academic benefits that regular attendance brings, student attendance is acknowledged and celebrated at Champion Bay Senior High School. We enjoy rewarding our students with individual cafeteria vouchers, whole class pizza lunches and even a whole cohort party.

Winter is known to bring in the sniffles, and historic data shows that as a result the attendance rate declines. Our unexplained absences rate is currently at 36%. We would like to reduce this so that all absences are explained. There is a lot of behind the scenes work done by staff to follow up on absences, which is often time-consuming and resource intensive. To assist the school, parents/guardians are reminded to please contact Student Services, the Form Teacher or the Team Leader when your child is away to explain their absence(s).

Contact can be made either by phone or note in your child's school diary. If there are other reasons for your child's absence, please contact the school so that we can have the opportunity to work with you to help re-engage your child in their education.

Make every day count!

Mrs Waneen Bennett
Associate Principal



Team One

Welcome back to Term 2 after a well-deserved holiday. We have hit the ground running this term with NAPLAN, excursions, assessments and reporting.

To Team 1 and everyone associated with this team, thank you for all your hard work. This commitment and dedication makes this ship sail smoothly.

To all Team 1 students: Remember that it is better to aim high and miss, than to aim low and hit. (*Les Brown said that*). This will be my Term 2 focus and I really encourage you all to give everything a go. Congratulations to all students receiving Awards of Commendation this term.



ANZAC Assembly: "Lest We Forget"



RAR Certificates

Congratulations to all our students who received a RAR reward in Term 1.

You have all put our school values on display and we appreciate your efforts in doing this.



Team One—cont'd

Year 7 team captains

Congratulations to our newly selected Year 7 Team Captains for Term 2.

I know you will do an amazing job; Shaun Gardner and Bobbie-Jo Mongoo.

These students will work with Mr. Tapper in Student Services to develop their leadership skills and will be involved in community projects .;



Willie Connor motivational talk

We were lucky enough to have Buccaneers basketballer Willie Connor visit and give a motivational speech for one of our Year 8 classes. He shared some of his life experiences and the students got to play a game of kickball with him.



Year 7 Ancient Civilization Archeological to Recover Artefacts Dig

Mr. Evans had some fun with our Year 7 students and they recovered some artefacts. The students and staff loved this wonderful experience and were fully engaged.



Team One—cont'd

Student of the week:

This initiative is run by our awesome Student Services Team and celebrates students that follow our school values. Students get nominated each week according to the following criteria:-

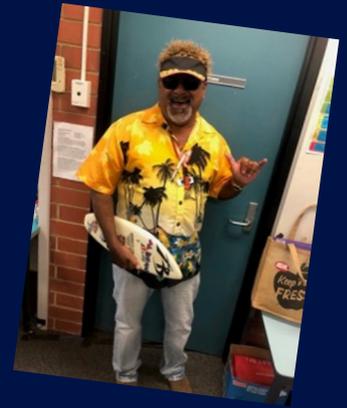
- 1 Attendance greater than 80%,
- 2 Always in correct school uniform,
- 3 Show respect towards staff and students,



Mr. Tapper organized a day where these nominated students could enjoy some time playing games, go on bouncy castles, play ultimate Frisbee and have some snacks. This is a highlight for some students and we can't wait to see what the Term 2 reward will be!

National Careers Week

Ms. Kempton ran a dress up day for staff to showcase their dream jobs. Some staff went all out and it was a great day. We even went on a catwalk.



Attendance plays such an important role in a students' schooling career. I urge everyone to please make sure students attend as much school as they possibly can. In the event of a student not being able to make it to school, please let the school know. Teachers can provide work that might have been missed. Our attendance as a team is pretty good, but we need to maintain this and increase it as the year progresses.

Assemblies. We will continue to have our team assemblies every fortnight. These assemblies do not affect class time and are extremely important to get together as a team and discuss issues, general information and successes. We will also do Apply draws during these assemblies where students can win stationery, vouchers or other random prizes on offer.

Apple tickets can also be traded in for icy poles, free time, Milos, muffins and many more awesome things.

Upcoming events:

Friday June 7th

Attendance party! (Criteria: Attendance >95% for Term 2 and displaying our school values)

Have a great Term 2!

Mr Fredrick Pritchard

Team 2

This term has gone so quickly with the amount that has been happening across Champion Bay. Year 8's were the odd one's out as our Year 7 class completed their NAPLAN tests during Weeks 3 and 4. There were a large number of students completing the tests across the school which was great to see.

Uniform – With the weather becoming quite cold it is encouraged that students still stay in the correct uniform. Please send your child to school with the correct uniform of Champion Bay shorts/pants/skort, and a school jacket with school shirt underneath. Please do not let them come to school with a coloured jumper under their jacket. If for some reason the student can't be in uniform, please write a note in their diary to let us know.

Attendance –

Team 2 attendance is right up there with the best in the school. This term I have set goals based on regular attendance (90% and above).

7.3 – Goal 97%. Sitting on 97%

8.4 – Goal 86%. Sitting on 87%

8.5 – Goal 82%. Sitting on 81%

8.6 – Goal 86%. Sitting on 89%

8.7 – Goal 86% Sitting on 86%

With the forms being close to these targets I urge students to continue to come to school. Our attendance is awesome and we would like it to stay that way.

If your student is unable to attend, PLEASE make sure you contact the school with a reason. This stops the absence being unexplained which is also a CBSHS priority.

iPads –

With iPads becoming part of the routine, please be vigilant on students **NOT** taking their iPad home. There is no insurance once it leaves school grounds, and they are now loaded with a program which tells students and the technician whether iPads have left the premises. If the student does take their iPad home, please contact the school or drop it in to the front office.

Equipment –

Students achieve their best when they come fully prepared to learn. This includes bringing a bag, pens, pencils, books and their diary. Please ensure you are sending students to school with all of these things.

This part of the term is a lead up to reporting. All aspects discussed above are pivotal in helping your child succeed. Please make sure your child is ready to come to school prepared to learn, and if not, the school is notified why.

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At the end of this term, Team 2 will be holding their end of semester celebration. This takes into account behaviours and attendance shown throughout the semester. More information will be sent out about this closer to the time.



Year 10 News

Semester One has been a busy period for our Year Ten students. Students have been engaged in a wide range of activities that will help to inform their subject selection and upper school pathway choices later this term. These include excursions, the Aboriginal Schools Based Traineeship in Conservation and Land Management, the Western Australian College of Rural Health Student Health Academy, and Careers Week.

In the last week of Term One, students visited the Geraldton University Centre to learn about the locally available university study options, as well as those from the five Perth-based universities. It was great to see our students participating in this event with such enthusiasm. The excursion generated plenty of discussion about future career options and how senior schooling links with these.

On Thursday 16 May, students visited Central Regional TAFE and the Batavia Coast Maritime Institute to learn about locally available post-school training options. Students took a keen interest in the many options available that cater to a wide range of interests, such as Childcare, Hair and Beauty, Healthcare, Aquaculture, Building and Construction. While on this excursion, it was great to catch up with a few former John Willcock College students who were thoroughly enjoying completing their Fisheries Operations school based traineeships.

This week, Year Ten students have been preparing for their exams next week. To provide additional support, we have given students access to subject-specific after school study sessions throughout the week. Take-up of this offer has been outstanding and I commend all students who have attended these for their mature and studious approach to their exam preparation.

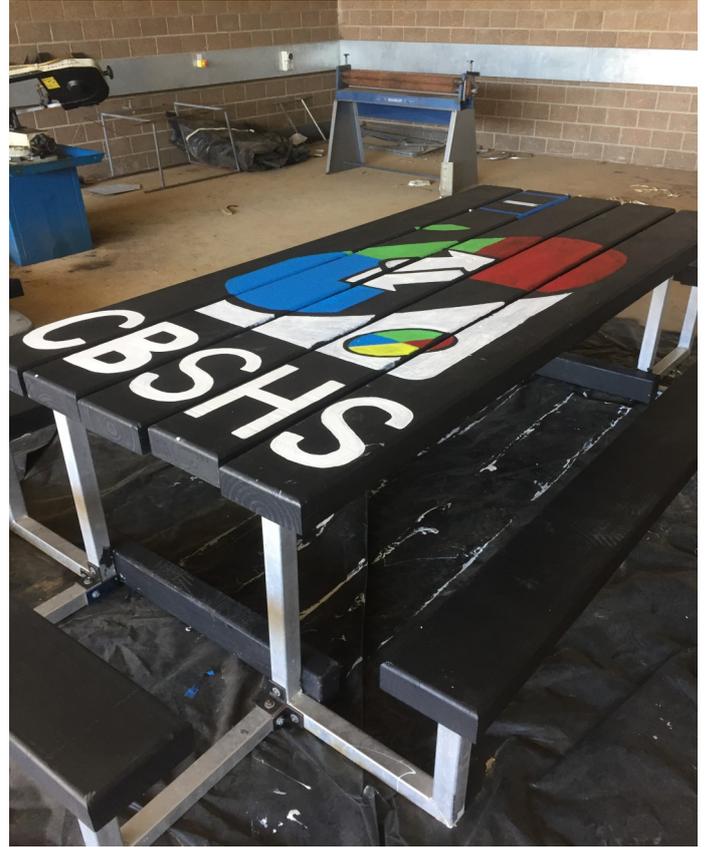
I encourage all students to look after themselves during the exam period. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Tim Collier
Year Ten Coordinator



Year 10 Fundraising - Benches

Construction of these benches is complete! Student designs have been submitted, voted upon and are now being applied by a Yr 10 Materials Technology class. It is great to see a number of students taking ownership over this collaborative project.





Year 10 Work Experience July 1 – 5

We are currently in the process of organising and finalising placements for those Year 10 students who have successfully submitted work experience applications. We would like to thank all of the local businesses and employers who are coming on board to support our first cohort of students to attend work experience.

If your child has applied to be involved in the program a meeting will be held soon with the students and the applicable paperwork will be sent home for signing by parents and guardians. Please ensure this paperwork is returned to the school in a timely manner so we can make sure it all goes smoothly.

We are very excited to have our fabulous students out in the wider community representing the school and themselves, and learning a little about the world of work.

If you have any queries, or if you own a business that would like to offer support to this program, please don't hesitate to contact Deb Kempton at your convenience.

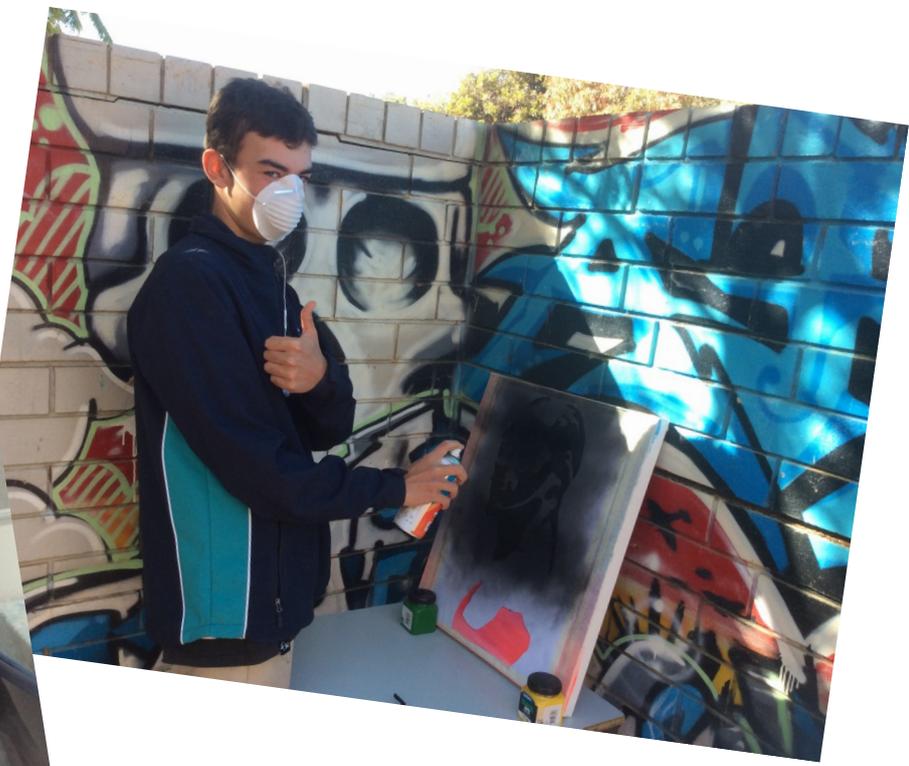




A new term and our awesome Year 10 artists are off to a flying start. Students have explored colour, texture and pattern, carefully cut out stencils and spray painted their designs onto canvas. The effort and enthusiasm they have invested into their work has been sensational, as has been the teamwork, camaraderie and support they have given each other along the way. Outstanding members of our school community, they should be immensely proud of themselves, and the artwork they have produced!

Mrs Natali Cooper
Visual Arts Specialist





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Education Perfect – English Competition

Improving literacy skills for life!

Students at our school participated in a global competition that ran for 5 days at the beginning of May. They answered 88,231 questions and gained 48,877 points in that time, giving them 2nd place out of 43 schools in WA and 10th place in Australia out of 286 schools. What a fabulous effort!

The CBSHS student who performed the best was Shannon Wild in 8.9 with a massive 8239 points! This is the equivalent of over 24 hours working time. Well done, Shannon, you are a worthy winner of a \$100 voucher!

More chances to win...

Later on in the term, there will be another opportunity for Year 7 and 8 students to compete and practise their literacy skills with a national Literacy Planet competition. The students can use this resource at school, but the app can also be downloaded for free on a device at home and their individual login used. There's always literacy homework to complete on Literacy Planet, which will help improve results in all Learning Areas.

Our Year 9 and 10 students will not miss out as they have logins for OLNA-WA.com.au and we'll be running a school based OLNAWA competition, with great prizes to be won. However, the most important reward is that students who have to sit OLNA tests in September and beyond, will be fully prepared and confident in their ability to demonstrate the minimum standard in Literacy and Numeracy.



Library Orientation Programme

Week 10 last term, Year 7 classes completed a term Library Orientation Programme.

During the library sessions students were rewarded with Apple tickets for participation and the borrowing of resources. At the end of the term a raffle was drawn for each class with the prize being cinema tickets. The winners were: Nitarsha Finch 7.1, Paul Hatch 7.2, Asheigh Blignaut 7.3, Reza Mazlen 7.4 and Mark Antonio 7.5.



Western Australian Debating League Regional Competition



WADL is running a mini debating competition in Geraldton on the 21 and 22 June. Our students will be competing against students from other schools. It is a very rewarding and educational experience. Before the competition, students will be taught how to debate.

WADL is always looking for adults in the area interested in adjudicating. Contact Mrs Cotterell in the Library if you are



Visiting Authors

Dr Anita Heiss is part of the Big Sky Festival and has agreed to speak with our Year 10 cohort on Friday 14 June. If you would like to check her out, visit the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1f8ew23tLl0>

Anthony Eaton will be running literacy workshops for the Talented Young Writer's Programme on 26th and 27th June.

He will then go to Geraldton SHS for the Year 9 – 12 session.

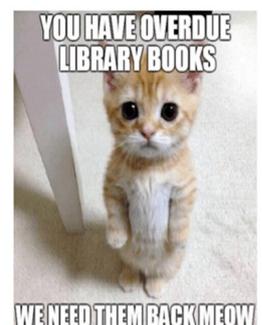
Over Due Items

Please take the time to check if your library resources are overdue and renew them or return them.

Thank you.

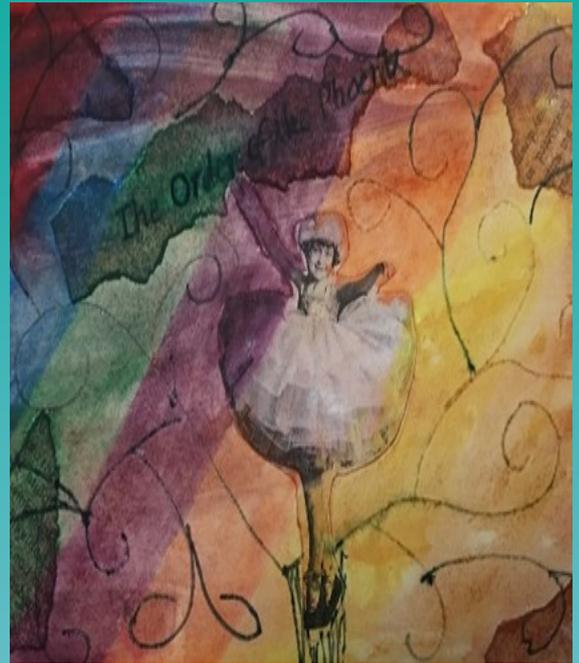
Olga Cotterell

Teacher Librarian



On The Pulse

This term is whizzing by and we have been having lots of fun and creative times in our student support groups. This term we have been recycling old school diaries into art journals and using old books and vintage photographs to make some wonderful images. The old photos stimulated lots of conversation about how different life is today with technology being a huge part of our lives and how we all need to slow down and enjoy the moment. Well done to our amazing Art n Relax student groups! Please contact Student Services if you feel that your teen would benefit from our support.



Hi Everyone

On the 7th of April 4 students, Mal Maloney and myself, Crawf, left on the Fusion Pilgrimage to Uluru. We travelled by bus from Geraldton to Ellenbrook Christian School to meet up with the rest of the Team and students. We then left on a big coach that had done this trip 8 times before with two really “awesome “ bus drivers. The bus had over 2 million kilometres on the clock. There were 20 students, 10 staff, 2 cooks and 2 drivers.

We stayed at Merredin in an old church, Laverton Primary School grounds and Warburton Caravan Park. At Laverton and Warburton, we engaged with the youth centre and the school to play games with the students there and gave away a heap of footy balls and resources from our fundraising activities.

Next stop was Docker River camp ground and then we got to Yulara Caravan Park for 3 nights and met with other Pilgrims from QLD, NSW, VIC, SA and Tasmania. There was a big top tent that we all met in a few times and got to do a walk around Uluru with the Mutajulu People who are the Indigenous custodians of Uluru.

After a dawn viewing of Uluru on Sunday morning we started the journey back to Geraldton and WA. Travelling back, we stopped at Warburton again and Chookalyearla Road House where we were informed that the Great Central Road was cut off outside Laverton and we would have to stop for the night.

The road was reopened at 9.30am Tuesday morning and we drove straight to a station between Kalgoorlie and Leonora arriving at 7pm. We then were shown around in the dark by a local Indigenous family who had knowledge of the area.

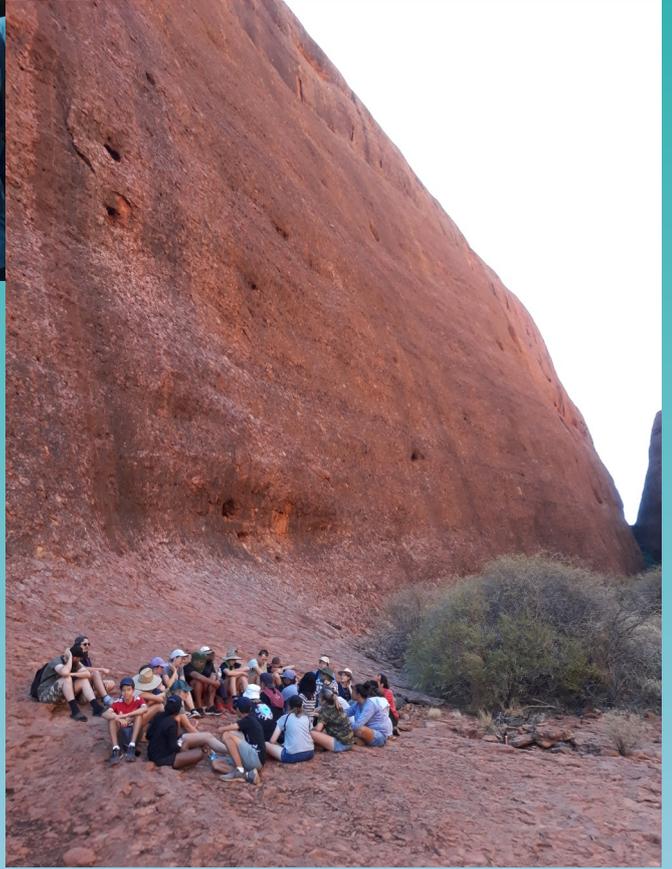
Our last sunrise was on Wednesday morning and we arrived back at Ellenbrook Christian School at 3.45 pm. Then the Geraldton crew jumped onto another bus to drive back to Geraldton. We dropped everyone off and got home by 11pm.

The Champion Bay students were very well behaved and were great ambassadors for our school.

For most of our students who attended it was their first time interstate and out of Geraldton.

Crawford Lindsay and Malcolm Maloney.







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Future Leaders Of Champion Bay

With our future leaders coming back to school in the New Year, we had to ready them to confront new challenges and obstacles that would be faced by year 9 students and to build resilience for their coming school year. The first challenge for our Year 9 Clontarf boys was making their way onto our Shark Bay Leadership Camp, this camp further enhanced their understanding of Clontarf's culture and expectations.

This excursion was a leadership camp for the Year 9 Academy members to set the expectations for the year in terms of behaviour, attendance and participation. Students had the opportunity to interact with each other and staff in a quiet and relaxed environment where they felt safe and their thoughts and opinions were welcomed.

On this year's camp itinerary we tried to find activities that were unfamiliar to the boys, so with this in mind we started locking activities in. These included a Basketball clinic at Binnu Primary School, a tour of the local Ocean Park Aquarium, dolphin feeding on the sea front at Monkey Mia Resort, beach clean ups in Denham and a restaurant meal, but it is fair to say that the boys are always excited for the annual game against our legends from Carnarvon Clontarf Academy.

With every camp that we plan for, we try and have themes and key areas that we identify as areas to improve on. This camp to Shark Bay was the perfect time that we could work on "being in a relaxed state but not bored", because if we cannot control this aspect of whom we are then chaos is one of the options that can pop its head up and influence some of our decision making. On a whole I think this was achieved as we were able to spend precious time working together to bring the change and we were fortunate enough to be in the beautiful coastal surroundings of Shark Bay.



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