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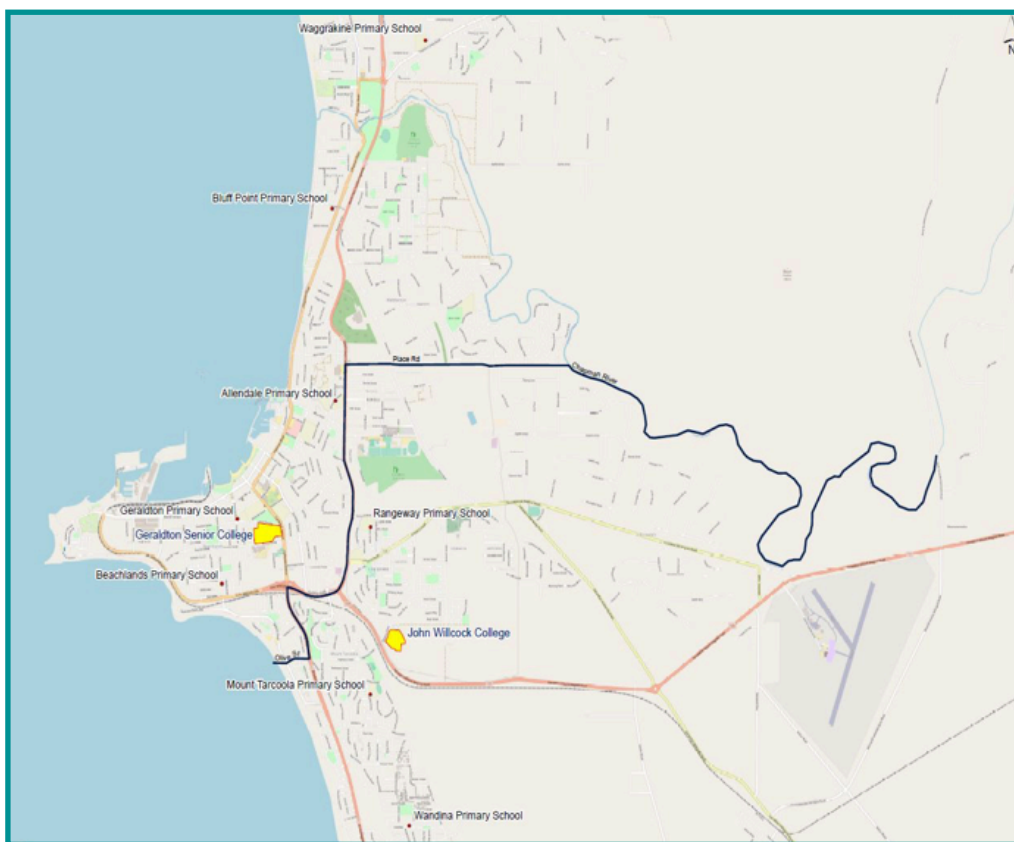
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Principal News



Julie Campbell
Principal

I would like to apologise for this newsletter being late, however, I had been informed by the Department of Education that an announcement regarding the Local intake area boundaries for the two secondary schools from 2019 was imminent. That announcement came yesterday when the boundaries were gazetted by State Government. The map below makes for easier recognition of the boundaries:



School improvements at Geraldton secondary schools

John Willcock College and Geraldton Senior College are expanding in 2019 to cater for students from Years 7 to 12. This enables students to complete all their secondary education at the one local secondary school.

Local intake areas have been established to ensure there are a sufficient number of students at each school. You can find the new local intake areas on Schools Online -www.det.wa.edu.au/schoolsonline.

Students will begin transitioning to their local-intake school between 2019 and 2021.



Have you downloaded the JWC App for smartphones? Go to App Store – communitytogo and download John Willcock College for free! Keep in touch with all that is going on and see the photos in the Gallery – keep in mind that



<https://www.facebook.com/JohnWillcockCollege>

Towards 2019

During the last term, we asked the community to give some thought to the future name of the College. We asked for suggestions and then, in a separate survey, asked the community to rank their top 3 choices of names for the facility.

Students were asked for their input and the suggestions went to the Board for ratification.

On behalf of the College community, and based on the information gathered from the surveys conducted, I presented a proposal for re-naming the facilities currently known as John Willcock College in 2019, to the Department of Education.

Board approval was gained for the submission of the following 3 names for consideration by the Directors, Strategic Asset Planning and Statewide Delivery and Planning:

1. Champion Bay Senior High School
2. Champion Bay Community College
3. Batavia Coast Community college

Building and more building.....



A drone shot (late October 2017)



The walls to the Arts go up

Talking point...

Recently, the Principal of an independent school in Perth raised the question with their community about smartphones and just how much time do young people get, away from these devices?

Their school came to the conclusion that students needed to be off their smartphones at night to give them a break from social issues and contact.

Later that week I came across an article titled 'How smartphones hijack our brains' (The Australian Friday 20 October 2017). The figures about how reliant we have become on the small boxes are scary: typically we'll pull it out 80 times in a day – that's nearly 30 000 times in a year! Most of us would say we can't live without them – they are convenient and allow us to complete many tasks. But... they also breed anxiety. 2015 studies indicated that in a test group, when their phones beeped or rang, the subject's focus got wavered and their work became sloppy (whether they answered the phone or not).

Another test indicated that if the phone rang and test subjects were unable to answer them, blood pressure increased, pulse rate quickened and problem solving skills decreased.

These seem to be a really good reasons to consider 'quarantining' these devices at night – not to mention to allow our early adolescents to get a good night of sleep. As a family you might consider everyone putting their devices in one place after a certain hour at night and be unavailable until an agreed time the next morning. Try it, you might be surprised at the results.



High Quality Teaching and Learning

Congratulations to the following former John Willcock College students who achieved so well at the 2017 Geraldton Senior College Valedictory Awards held at the Queen's Park Theatre on Monday 16 October.

**Course Prizes 2017
For Students who attended JWC**

Gabrielle Spackman Ellie Pead	Modern History – ATAR	Commendation
Emily Eatt	Outdoor Education – General	Excellence
Ellie Pead	Physical Education Studies - ATAR	Excellence
Giorgia Gray	Physical Education Studies - General	Excellence
Taylor Clarke	Mathematics – Foundation	Excellence
Mackenzie Clarke	Mathematics - Essentials General	Excellence
Bailey Booth	Mathematics Methods – ATAR	Excellence
Bailey Booth	Mathematics Specialist – ATAR	Excellence
Olivia Bailey	Contemporary Music General	Commendation
Kelsie Clark	Dance – General	Excellence
Corrina Pardoe	Design – Photography General	Excellence
Caitlin Scully	Visual Arts – General	Excellence
Bailey Booth	Chemistry - ATAR	Excellence
Bailey Booth	Physics – ATAR	Excellence
Ninke Coetzer	Applied Information Technology – General	Excellence
Kial Beard	Automotive Engineering and Technology – General	Commendation
Ashish Patel	Building and Construction – General	Commendation
Ashish Patel	Materials, Design and Technology Metals - General	Excellence
Ashish Patel	Materials, Design and Technology Wood - General	Excellence
Aaron Blair	Food Science and Technology – General	Excellence

**Special Award Winner 2017
JWC Students**

Award	Awardee
Student Leadership Award	Tayla Brown
Augustus Gregory Award	Male – Richard Hamlett Female – Paige Hinfelaar
Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year Award	Male – Kingsley Dawson Female – Quinn McVee
Susette Carr Memorial Citizenship Award	Telisha Riley
Australian Super Vocational Excellence Award	Mackenzie Clarke
P&C ATAR Dux	Winner – Bailey Booth Runner Up – Joseph Pilliner
Rotary VET Dux	Winner – Emily Eatt Runner Up –Kelsie Clark
ADF Long Tan Teamwork & Leadership Award	Gabrielle Spackman

Highest Achiever Award	Gigamen Gawala
Highest Achiever Award	Warlugurra Walgamanyulu

Congratulations to these young adults and good luck on your next adventure!

Staffing

Ben Gadsby has taken the role of Sub school Leader Moresby for Term 4 and also teaches 8M1 HASS (4 blocks). Colleen Byrne (HoLA HASS) has taken on the Year 7 Extension class 7M1 for HASS. These changes are proving to be most beneficial for the students of Moresby.

During Week 2, the positions of Sub School Leaders for 2018 were advertised. Sub School Leaders in 2018 will have a 0.8 FTE (4 Days/week) in the role. They will teach one class (4 blocks) within their Sub School.

Curriculum Days – all Learning Areas

All Learning Areas are undertaking their discretionary 5 days of curriculum development, with most Learning Areas on track to complete their final day this term.

Session Five will be used to complete data examination, complete a final moderation task and finalise 2018 Course and Assessment Outlines.

2018 School Development Days

The 2018 School Development Days (pupil free) have been decided as:

- 29/30 Jan
- Mon 30 April
- Mon 16 July
- Mon 8 October
- Fri 14 Dec

GEMS (Girls in Engineering, Mathematics and Science)

This after school group continues to power ahead, with students from a number of primary schools attending: Geraldton, Wandina, Leaning Tree and St Francis Xavier Primary Schools. We will be opening this up to Mt Tarcoola students by the end of this term. A similar opportunity is planned for male students in 2018. GEMS Coordinator Hollie Roberts is also taking on the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) portfolio from the start of Term 4.

Health and Well Being

Last Friday 3 November, the College hosted a guest speaker Peter Lyndon-James who presented to all students present. His message about his personal journey was both moving and has had a profound effect on a number of students. Peter Lyndon-James is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the West Australian Shalom Group (WASG Inc.), a men's residential rehabilitation program. Shalom House seeks to restore the lives of men and families in our community.

Shalom House was born out of Peter's vision to bring holistic recovery to the lives of men, providing a long-term safe community for those pursuing a life free from addiction. Peter established the first Shalom House in the Swan Valley in 2012. He drew inspiration from his own life experience, recovering from a broken family and associated trauma.

In the words of a Year 8 student *'for some students he has lived a life they are living and for others they can feel sad for what he had to go through'*.

ICT

ACARA Digital Technologies in focus: Supporting implementation of Digital Technologies

This project is funded through the Australian Government's National Innovation and Science Agenda (NISA). ACARA will be conducting a Digital Technologies learning event for schools in our hub for this project. Our partner schools include Morawa DHS and St John's Primary School Rangeway.

After much discussion we have decided that our focus for this project will be:

Integrating Computational Thinking into Teaching Practice

Our aims for the project include:

- To Develop a Scope and Sequence that is contextually relevant to our site for implementation of Digital Technologies curriculum across the Learning Areas.
- To Develop a shared understanding of what Computational Thinking is.
- Identify and provide structured and targeted Professional Learning and resources to enable teachers to develop and implement the Digital Technologies curriculum

To Develop teacher understanding of ICT Capabilities across all and between learning areas through targeted PL to assess student ICT Capabilities.

ATTENDANCE

- **90%**(or better) is the target for all students – this is **Regular** attendance.
- **Unexplained Absence**: this is when you do not let the College know why your students is absent from school. Use the SMS text to return your reason for the absence.
Please EXPLAIN ALL ABSENCES as these Unexplained Absences are starting to ‘creep’ up.

Attendance update Week 3(our target is in brackets):

Attendance Rate % = 77.6% (82%)

Yr 7	77.1%
Yr 8	79.1%
Yr 9	76.5%

Regular attendance % = 42.2% (45%)

Yr 7	40%
Yr 8	49%
Yr 9	38%

Unexplained Absences % = 44.4% (37%)

Yr 7	40.3%
Yr 8	42.9%
Yr 9	50.1%

HELP US MEET OUR TARGETS

CURRENT ENROLMENTS

Current enrolments are:



- Year 7 282
- Year 8 255
- Year 9 259

COLLEGE CLOSURE

On Tuesday 17 October, I had to make a decision at 08:30 to close the College for the day. The reason was that in the building action, the drilling company had inadvertently severed a main water line. As there was no visible water pooling on the surface, this meant that the leak was virtually undetectable on the ground. With the assistance of technology, it was located and the water service was restored by early afternoon.

Of course, no water supply meant that not only was drinking water unavailable, but toilets and bathrooms were also out of action until water was restored.

The whole exercise was a good test of our emergency communications planning and students were accounted for and collected or allowed to walk home by 09:20. Staff vacated the site soon after.

I thank all parents and carers for their understanding and willingness to work with us on this day.

LEGO LEAGUE

Good luck to our students who will travel to Perth this weekend to compete in the annual Lego League competition. Last year – in our first year, JWC was successful in winning the Mechanical Design section with an overall seventh placing. Thank you to our STEM Coordinator Hollie Roberts for once again organising this tour.

SPORTS CARNIVAL

At the end of Week 3 we held our annual Athletics carnival on the oval. The weather was kind and staff and students really enjoyed the day. Despite strong competition between Batavia and Abrolhos, Murchison crept under the radar and won the day by 3 points from Moresby. Chapman had my vote for competition – everywhere I looked there seemed to be a sea of green. Greenough were also strong competitors on the day and certainly had some of the brightest costumes.

Our biggest thanks went to the HPE team who organised and set up the day, made sure we had shelter and water and then packed everything away after the day.

MY FEES (and what happens to them)

There are a number of parts to your student's fees. They are:

- **Charges:** these apply where a student elects to participate in a high cost option
- **Contributions:** these go towards the cost of certain materials, services and facilities directly used by students

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR FEES?

Let's look at **Year 9 Food 1** for example:

This is a semester long option for Year 9 students.

Students could expect to be cooking across each term. With the cost of food increasing weekly, the Technologies – Home Economics team works hard each term to provide choices at reasonable cost. All expenditure made by the staff is budgeted for.

This **problem is increased** if students who choose the option **do not pay** their fees as the fee charges and contributions are factored into the budget for the option.

In short, **a reduction in fees paid means less money for the option.**

Fees for this High Cost option are \$45.00 - \$15.00 Contributions and \$30.00 Charges and there are a number of ways to pay.

For example: \$45.00 over 20 weeks of the year = \$2.25 per week to provide your child with the best educational opportunity. \$5.00 per fortnight will mean that you can pay off the fee in 9 fortnights – (one term and nine weeks).

Key Dates for 2017

Learning Area Curriculum Planning Days will be held during Term 4.

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| • Week 5 | Report data entry completed |
| • Week 6 | Parent meetings Mt Tarcoola/Wandina |
| • Wed 15 Nov | After Hours staff session 15:30-17:30 |
| • Week 7 | Year 6 Transition – Phases 1 and 2 schools |
| • Wed 22 Nov | Finance Committee meets |
| • Mon 20 Nov | Transition Parent Information evening |
| • Wed 22 Nov | Parent Morning tea and tour |
| • Week 8 | UWA Aspire Science camp |
| • 28 Nov | Board of John Willcock College meets |
| • Fri 8 Dec | Celebration Assembly |
| • Thurs 14 Dec | Last day of Term |

Year 7

Associate Principal



Phil Pound
Associate Principal

Ipad update

Our students have been very busy this term getting work done as we head towards Report time and it is excellent to see the range of work being produced on these devices as they are a key part of our curriculum approach. Students have mastered a range of skills with these and the various tasks set by staff have produced some outstanding results. Congratulations go to all who have made the most of the devices for work purposes.

We ask parents to continue to remind their child of the need to look after the iPad and take good care of it. It is always an unhappy experience to have to have a conversation about any damage to iPads as so many students do everything they can to care for it.

Cybersafety

We have run some more Cybersafety sessions by the time you read this newsletter and had the team from Student Edge Learning present to all students on the many important things to consider when being online. You can visit their website for further information and opportunities at <https://studentedge.org> It is always good to check the information also found at <https://esafety.gov.au/>

Year Seven Students

As the end of year draws closer it is imperative for the Year Seven students to achieve the best possible results and ensure they perform as best they can to receive the best possible teacher comments and grades on their reports to finish the year. All this helps with future success.

It has been excellent to see the effort of so many students to achieve their personal best and your continued encouragement is appreciated.

Mr Pound

Year 8

Associate Principal



Helen Lydon

Associate Principal

Term Four is flying and there is always lots happening. The Year 8 students have now received the Elective Information package for 2017. These are due back by the **24 November**. Some high cost electives, such as Outdoor Education, Cake Decorating and Metals Technology (for Greenough, Murchison and Morseby students), are now full. Over half the students have returned their forms for next year. Extra copies of the package are available from the Administration office if your child has misplaced their copy.

Students must also return the following forms (signed) by 24 November – in the plastic sleeve provided:

- **Form B Excursion Information – Aquatics Program 2017 – blue**
- **Student Computer Network Agreement 2017 and Consent form (gold)**

Any student who is learning a music instrument through the School of Instrumental Music at school must select either Class Music or General Music to continue learning their instrument in Year 9.

At this time of the year, Year 8 students are undertaking tests, class assessments and completing long-term projects. Check your child's diary and refer to the green School Course Assessment Timeline for Years 7, 8 and 9 that was posted to you with the Semester One report to see what and when tasks are due.



Year 9

Associate Principal



Waneen Bennett
Associate Principal

Year 9

Year 9 students have had a positive start to Term 4, with the majority of students returning after the school holiday refreshed and recharged. Students are being encouraged to really focus and make the final “push” towards achieving their best academically; in preparation for heading off to the Geraldton Senior College in 2018.

As students begin to mature on their journey towards adulthood, it is time to start thinking about future goals, dreams and aspirations. If students can get in touch with what they want, they can then create it! Although the future is unknown, and many may change their minds along the journey, setting goals with specific desires or expectations will give students direction and purpose. By setting goals, students are taking an active role in driving new and better results in their lives. It is very important to have dreams; something to look forward to. Working towards goals, completely and passionately, will bring happiness. Parents and guardians are encouraged to guide your child in doing some careful thinking and get in touch with those things that make them happy and excited about life. Once a goal or dream has been established it is important that students develop the necessary skills and take the necessary steps to work towards achieving it. The following quote is a powerful reminder that:



"You can't just sit there and wait for people to give you that golden dream; you've got to get out there and make it happen for yourself."

Diana Ross

Follow your
dreams,
believe in
yourself and
don't give
up.

Rachel Corrie

As educators we want the best for all our students. Encouraging them to think in terms of setting and accomplishing goals will help them become their own best source of fulfilment, and provide recognition that they control the outcomes in their lives.



Relay for Life

The very first Relay for Life was run by a surgeon from the USA who wanted to raise awareness of cancer and boost the income of his local cancer charity. In May 1985 Dr Gordy Klatt jogged a straight twenty-four hours on a Washington track and raised over \$27,000 to prove that one person can really make a difference. Now adopted across 20 countries, this inspirational overnight event empowers and unites local communities to fight cancer.

The Midwest Clontarf Academy attended this great Community event in Geraldton with a team of very eager and committed young men who conducted themselves in a very positive matter. As the football Baton made its twenty-four hour journey around the circuit time and time again, great conversation, big smiles and plenty of laughter was well provided.

Day 1

After setting up our team site the boys were pumped and ready to get moving. Our batons for this year were two fresh Burley's, one red footy for day and a yellow for night. With our Clontarf handball target ready to go, all preparations were now done. After a short opening ceremony and a lap of honour for all attending cancer survivors, the starting siren had sounded and we were now on a journey of great support. After a few walking laps and a excellent performance by the JWC Music group, the boys decided there had to be a more challenging way to get the footy around the oval and soon a running relay style was adopted to ensure as much fun as possible was being had all while supporting a great cause. Our running style then evolved into an Indian line jog much to the delight of supportive onlookers. Our hot lap creation was a bright red papier Mache football and it made its journey around the oval all in good spirit at the microphone controller's request.

Day 2

After a valiant effort by our staff and the boys to keep the baton rolling all night, the group were then up and going after a delicious cooked Breaky supplied by the wonderful relay for life team. With energy to burn a slightly slower pace was adopted by staff to keep the footy going but we lost most of our team to the Zumba class at that stage. Along with other talented entertainment acts on stage we were also treated to a performance by Little Miss.

As we counted down the final seconds on the twenty four hour clock a very strong feeling of fulfilment was felt by all involved. We can't wait for the 2018 event and already have begun our planning. Please get involved in this great event if you haven't already done so.

Robert Merritt



RELAY FOR LIFE 2017

“ It has been a long journey to the 21st and 22nd of October. ”

The Relay for Life is a fundraising event that involves teams walking a track for 24 hours. Each team has a tent they decorate based on their theme and many teams dress up in costumes to match.



Early in the year I asked year 9 Chapman students if they would like to form a team. I expected a handful of keen civically minded kids to come forward but what I didn't expect was over 20 students to eagerly volunteer to be a part of this huge commitment.

Once we had our team and picked our theme (Rainbow) we got to work planning ways to fundraise. The students came up with some fantastic ideas and we kick started our fundraising with a bake sale. It was so popular we continued it over two days and raised over \$100.



Our next fundraiser involved a free dress day and a market stall where we sold lots of tie dyed shirts, scarves and headbands. To prepare for this the students spent numerous mornings before school tie-dyeing. The commitment the students showed by arriving early, helping with set up and clean-up was inspirational to see. The market stall added another \$170 to our fundraising total, with students donating close to \$100 for the privilege of wearing free dress.



By far the biggest effort in our fundraising was attending the “Car Boot Sale” organised by the Midwest Relay for Life Committee. With sweets, second hand goods (and of course more tie dye) for sale, students came down and donated their precious Sunday morning to help out. We raised \$215 through this event.

“ Then came the big weekend..... ”



Walking laps with our rainbow baton.

It crept up so quickly, that before we knew it we were planning tent decorations and what to bring to make the inside of the tent as comfy as possible. In the chaos we forgot to create a “Hot laps” car – a new addition to this year’s event. Luckily for our team the industrious Holly Finfe (9C1) came to the rescue with a tie dye cardboard kombi van that was perfect!



Nick taking the Hot Laps Kombi for a test drive.



Down time in the tent.

And so the event began, as we set up and decorated our tent the excitement set in. The welcoming ceremony started and before we knew it we were into it... walking laps and passing our baton from team member to team member.

The team members worked so well together, with everyone stepping up to take the baton when others needed a break. By 8pm we were already weary and welcomed the brief stopping of the laps for the candlelight ceremony. This ceremony involves people purchasing candle bags and writing messages to loved ones who have faced or are still facing a battle with cancer on them. The bags are then being placed around the track with a candle inside. All the lights are then turned off and team can make a slow, reflective lap. Always an emotional part of the event, some tears and hugs were shared. Then as the lights came back on, the lapping began again.



Candlelight ceremony.

“ Then as the lights came back on, the lapping began again. ”

After students being woken a few times in the middle of the night for the “Hot laps” calls and students taking the night shift around the track, the sun rose with some very weary students and teachers.



Keeping warm as the the darkness crept in.



The aftermath...



Enjoying the live music

As the event came to a close it began to dawn on the team what we had achieved, over \$4000 raised for charity and phenomenal team effort in keeping our baton moving for the 24 hour. There were times where it seemed easier to just stop and give in, but each team member took that extra step, even when exhausted, to ensure that we completed the event. The students involved were wonderful ambassadors for the college, with many comments on their manners, care and dedication. I was truly blessed to see the resilience and teamwork of these wonderful young people.

I would like to congratulate and thank the members of the JWC 2017 Relay for Life team:

Angelina Konkoly – Photographer Extraordinaire

Chloe Steenson

Emily Dodson

Emily Wheatley

Emma Stringer – Highest fundraiser (\$400!)

Holly Finfe – Hot Laps Designer and Mechanic, Voted Most inspirational person by the JWC team

Jemma Caudry

Jess Criddle

Kacey Tolley

Nick Pead – Winner of “sleepiest hot lap”

Olivia Bidwell

Twane Janse Van Rensburg

Freya Grice

Lachlan Fry

Kya Rowcroft

Emily Bishop

Danielle Radford





Special mention to Jessica Micono who despite being whisked away on the weekend of the relay for a family holiday, still contributed in every fundraising event in the lead up. And to Tyler Emery who despite registering was kept away on the weekend due to illness.

Thank you to the parents who helped with fundraising events, dropping off, picking up, food deliveries and most of all... putting up with very tired and grumpy teenagers for the following week.



Special thanks also go to the staff from JWC who came down to support – your help was so appreciated and valued.

“ Till 2018.....Jo Crothers ”



Abrolhos News



Neil Wyatt, Sub School Leader

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It has been great to come back after taking some Long Service Leave and see everyone so excited about the upcoming carnival and Term 4. With the warmer weather another reminder that plain navy pants are the school uniform and please reminder your pens, diary, books and a backpack (for the ipad), to ensure you are ready for school each day.

The Athletics Carnival is on Friday October 27. We can't wait to see all Abrolhos Aspire to be their best on the day. Miss Clarke has continued to run the Abrolhos cheer squad each week.





HASS NEWS

This term on the 12th October, Miss Clarke took all the yr 8's on a Geography excursion to look at beach erosion in the local environment. They took sketches and had discussions about the impact of erosion on the social and economic uses in the Geraldton coastline. Once again this was a valuable experience for all of the Year 8's.



We have continued to make improvement with our attendance this year. Parents please ensure if you child is away it is for a valid reason and the absence is explained either by an SMS message, telephone call to the school or a note to your child's form teacher, even if they are late on a day we still need a reason.

For the high attenders (90% and above) we will again reward them with a Pizza lunch, which has been a real hit with the students.

Neil Wyatt
Abrolhos Sub School Leader

Athletic Abrolhosians



Batavia News

Ronan Croft, Sub School Leader

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It has been a busy start to Term 4 with a number of different things happening around the college.

With reporting starting in the coming weeks, it is all systems go at JWC.

Please ensure that students are coming prepared to school with a bag (to carry iPad), pens, pencils and paper to complete all required work.

With only five weeks to go it is a very important time for students to be prepared and ready to work.



Last Friday was the JWC athletics carnival. It was a sea of yellow as the Batavia students marched to the top oval and into their bay. It was fantastic to see so many of our students participating in multiple races and having a go at all events. The participation levels showed as we finished in 3rd place which is a massive achievement and all Batavia students should be proud. We also had two award winners with Gage Conley finishing champion boy in Year 8. As well as Michaela Clarke finishing runner up in for Year 9 girls.

This term will see a 90% and above Attendance Celebration (Pizza lunch) which the students have deserved with getting to school as much as possible. There will also be an end of year celebration at the Aquarena for the students who have behaved and attended all year. The notes and information for this will go out in the coming weeks.

We have continued to make improvement with our attendance this year. Parents please ensure if you child is away it is for a valid reason and the absence is explained either by an SMS message, telephone call to the school or a note to your child's form teacher, even if they are late on a day we still need a reason.

Thank you
Mr Croft



Fantastic, Mr Fox!



In geography, 8B1 and 8B2 are studying Coastal land forms and how these land forms may be impacted by erosion and deposition. Recently, both classes had an excursion to three coastal areas around Geraldton, where the students could see firsthand what they were learning in the classroom and apply this knowledge in the outdoor classroom. Students have gained a deeper knowledge of seeing how deposition and erosion processes do make an impact on the local coast line.

Robyn Maney
Humanities and Social Science Teacher



**Year 9B1 are studying
Business and Economics
this term.**

The students are extending on what they have learned in Years 7 and 8. Currently they are learning about how the economy works, the ways Australia participates in the global economy and how businesses create a competitive advantage.

Presently, the students are working on one of their final assessments, "*Exploration of International Management Strategies.*" This is where the students need to research a company and explore the company's corporate social responsibility.

The final product is to create a Newspaper article of a chosen company and write about how that company has created an image of corporate social responsibility.



Fair Enough!

Year 7B1 are learning how Australia's legal system aims to provide justice, through the rule of law, presumption of innocence, burden of proof, right to a fair trial and right to legal representation.

**As a juror, they are studying and applying the physical evidence, witness statements and arguments of both the prosecutor and the counsel for the defence to determine whether the accused is guilty or not guilty in the trial;
"The State of Western Australia V's Lloyd Rayney."**



Greenough News



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Jam packed semester!!

What a busy time it has been, with the sports carnival, our Sub School challenges and lessons going along at their usual breakneck speed.

We were very proud to take the Student Services trophy for winning the Weekly Challenge, and especially proud that it involved Mr Wyatt not having it any more. Well done Greenough for your efforts.



The Shine girls from Greenough enjoyed their photo shoot this week. Thank you to all those who have contributed to the Shine program in any way. Well done girls!



We thoroughly enjoyed the Sports Carnival despite our propping up the bottom of the scoreboard: but we consider every student who turned up and participated a winner, so in many ways Greenough were in fact the victors of the carnival....at least that is what we are holding on to.

So as we approach the end of the school year, let's not take our eye off the ball, keep trying our best and keep our eye on the prize. All the best to our Year 9's, good luck over at Geraldton Senior College.



Moresby News



Ben Gadsby, Sub School Leader

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The 2017 Athletics Carnival has been run and won, or in our case, run and finished a well-deserved and gallant second. Congratulations to Kaela Riley (Year 7) Champion Girl, Amara Stainton-Owens (Year 7) RU Champion Girl and Blake Tazewell (Year 7) RU Champion Boy. It was huge effort by all participants from all year levels and it is hoped the close finish will serve as inspiration for a victory in 2018! A big thanks to all Moresby staff who supported, motivated and organised our star athletes all day.



Moresby has been celebrating some awesome efforts from a number of students this Semester.

In the Australian Maths Competitions Cael Robson achieved a Distinction with the following students obtaining a Credit, Alex Warhurst, Cael Robson, Henry Patience, Jaylarnee Manado, and Matilda Attwood.

We also had many talented artists submit work to the Genesis Art Exhibition.

Students are now working hard completing their final assessments preparing for their end of year reports. In the case of our Year 9 class it will be their final report from JWC and these last few weeks represent an excellent opportunity for them to make sure they finish their time at JWC in a positive manner and with many excellent opportunities.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Hadley for her excellent work as Moresby Sub School Leader. I have taken over the role for the remainder of the year and invite any parents who wish to discuss any aspect of their child's education to contact me.

Ben Gadsby
Moresby Sub School Leader



The Moresby students below participated in the Band Spectacular performance on the 28th October performing with the JWC Band.



Murchison News

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Murchison Prevails!

Hot off the Press!

With a valiant and spirited effort, the students of Murchison have retained the John Willcock College Interhouse Athletics Shield for 2017!

Last Friday 27 October, the students held a brief rally before the Carnival, where we discussed the importance of teamwork, participation and encouraged them to try everything they could.

For the second year running, our participation level was very high and our students represented themselves, their families and our Sub School by having fun and trying their best in individual and team events.

At the end of the day, a three-point margin separated us from Moresby, whose participation level was very impressive!

Congratulations to our Champions: Richard Bartlett (Year 9 Boys Champion), Quentin Simpson (Year 9 Boys Runner-up), Emily Gronow (Year 8 Girls Champion). Well done to everyone who attended and participated on the day.



End of Year Celebration

Save the date!

I have placed a booking for Murchison Sub School students to spend a day at Geraldton Aquarena on Thursday, 7 December.

This promises to be a fun day for staff and students to reflect on another successful year in Murchison.

Weekly Meetings

Murchison Sub School meetings are held every Tuesday at 11:30am. Parents and guardians are welcome to book a time slot of up to 20 minutes to discuss matters relating to their child/ren. Please contact Alison McCarthy to make an appointment.

Assessments

As we move to the end of the year and the end of the reporting period, students are working hard to complete final assessments. We encourage you to support your child by prompting them to complete unfinished work at home and to make their best efforts in class.

If you would like a copy of the Term 4 Assessment Schedule, please contact us.

Year 7 Girls' Workshop

This term, we are trialling a new program to support girls when dealing with conflict and other issues around their friendships, including social media. The program is called "In Real Life" and was created by Emerging Youth. Mrs McCarthy is running one workshop per week over seven weeks.

Thanks

*Alison McCarthy
Murchison Sub School Leader*



A.I.M.

AMBITION IN MIND

*Term 4 started with an absolute bang!
The AIM boys are back and full of excitement for the last term of 2017.
It is going to be a good one!*



Congratulations to all the boys who participated in the athletics carnival and won some medals. It was fantastic to see participation across many events. And Batavia came third, which is great!

Congratulations to Duncan Bennell for being runner up in the year 7 boys' excellence award for Clontarf.



The boys are doing great in life-skills and learning some valuable skills they can use in the future. These skills are put to the test and they are planning our camp for week 8.

Thanks for all the support we are receiving from all the teachers and the footy academy. You are all legends!

Nelson Mandela said: *'It always seems impossible, until it is done.'* Go ahead and amaze yourself and do what you have never done before!

Good luck in Term 4. It will be a busy one, but quick and rewarding too.

Fredrick Pritchard

Things to put in your diaries this term:

A.I.M Camp – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of week 8.

A.I.M Parents morning tea – Friday Week 7.





Student Services Update!

Wow Term 4!! Here in Student Services we are not slowing down! There has been a lot on so far this term and a lot more to come. Here is a sneak peak!

Together the team have facilitated multiple guest speakers, Celebration Assemblies for Country Week, lunchtime activities, Police engagement sessions, immunisations, engagement sessions for new students and Residential College students and served multiple breakfasts through our Healthy Start Brekkie Club.

Brunno, our Chaplain and Fred our Student Support Officer, have hit the ground running offering a variety of activities and programs for our students. They run an ultimate Frisbee game fortnightly, engage with partner schools for extra transition sessions, have continued their incredible JWC Beats program, continue to up skill our boys with a boys Skill Tools session weekly and have added to their repertoire by introducing 'Tree of Life' to assisting in goal setting and resilience.

Nurse Amy continues to offer our students all the advice they need regarding their health. She has also been busy offering art therapy for individuals and assessing students of concern.

Alana and Casie our two Psychologists have been incredibly busy offering these programs on top of their caseloads.

Girl's Skill Tools Group,



Positive Parenting Seminars,

Anger Management Group Counselling

As well as all these intervention programs, Student Services still offers

Seasons for Growth (grief and loss) through



Kaboom boxing for fitness via Jody from



and access to



to support our students.

We are incredibly excited to announce that



have joined our ever growing list of

agencies supporting our students onsite with one to one individual support and lunchtime activities to come soon!

We are proud to offer our students such a variety of services/programs to assist in their growth.

There is plenty to look forward to for the rest of the year.

Mrs Forrester is starting a friendship and resilience group known as



We have Transition Week 7 that will include a stalls day for Year 6's, our highly anticipated end of year celebration assembly is also fast approaching, a variety of lunchtime activities are planned, all celebration excursions are looking awesome and much much more!!

Thank you to all who continue to support the incredible work the Student Services Team do!

Craig Tapper

Student Services Manager

Hi from headspace!
We are thrilled to be
contributing to the JWC
newsletter!



What is headspace!? Headspace is a national youth mental health foundation dedicated to improving the well-being of young Australians. 12-25 year olds can access headspace for help and support with:



And the great thing is, it is all free! You also don't even need a referral, just pop in and we can register you for available services.

This edition we want to share with you 3 ways to help with healthy headspace!

- 1) **SLEEP** - Get enough sleep. Young people need about 10 hours sleep a night.
- 2) **FOOD** - Fuel your body with good food. This means eating fresh food regularly.
- 3) **EXERCISE** - get that blood pumping! Getting at least 30 minutes of exercise a day can get those feel-good chemicals going in your brain.

If you want more info on how to get into a healthy headspace visit our website

www.headspace.org.au



or drop by our centre in town

193 Marine Tce, Geraldton
(we are the colourful building!) ☺

*"Awesome! Powerful! Hard hitting! Honest!
Relevant! Brilliant!"*



These are just some of the very many positive comments we received from students and staff alike after having the privilege to hear an amazingly powerful, heartfelt and relevant presentation from Mr Peter Lydon James: author of 'Tough Love'.

Peter relayed his personal story focusing on the fact that self-talk can come from either the 'Light' side or the 'Dark' side, and that we make our decisions and perform our actions by allowing one of the sides of thought to take over the other. His message reminded students that negative self-talk will usually result in you making poor choices which result in negative consequences and stressed that students think about where their thoughts and actions are coming from...to listen to their 'light' side so that they make positive choices and reap positive consequences. Peter also reminded us that we are now at the age where we are held responsible for our actions and that we can no longer blame others.

A huge thank you to the seven wonderful ladies', and many sponsors, that worked very hard to provide this incredible opportunity for our Year Eight and Year Nine students, and our local community. Our students' were enthralled, engaged and listened intently: the recess bell went and the kids didn't even move!



Shirley Forrester & Craig Tapper
Student Services Managers

SHIANNE BROCKMAN, LEEUWIN ADVENTURER



Going on the Leeuwin Voyage 1711 was so amazing, I've learnt heaps and gained confidence, it was a great experience and very motivating.



I would like to thank Mr Tapper from Student Services for helping me get on the Leeuwin by taking me on the taster excursion.



I was lucky enough to win a scholarship from the Leeuwin and get sponsorship from GRAMS.



I would like to thank the Batavia staff for the gear they had bought me, I really appreciated it and I also would like to thank Helen Bell from Follow the Dream for helping me get to Perth and for letting me stay at her sister's place that was really thoughtful and I really appreciated all the help you have given me.



Before I got to go on the Leeuwin I was really nervous because it was going to be my first time on a ship and my Mum always said the ocean wasn't for our people. She always thought the ships were going to sink. Every day as I go over the hill to get to town I could see the blue ocean and I always thought OMG I can't believe I'll be out there in a few weeks – I was so nervous.

Once I got on the ship I was still nervous and my legs were going jelly because the ship was rocking but after a while I got used to it. All trainees got to know each other and we played heaps of games and done heaps of good activities. It was really good. We learnt how to tie knots in the lines and also got to learn how the ship runs and how to run it. I made heaps of new friends and I still talk to them today, they were very helpful and always encouraging. They were there for those who needed help and who were sick. They also had a few Navy kids on there, they knew heaps about how to run a ship and they were so good at it.

We had a day where all trainees got to take over the ship and you had to nominate who were going to be the Leeuwin Crew and I was nominated for Watch Leader and I've studied the line so hard I just didn't want anything to go wrong on the day.

On the day all trainees got to take over the ship. We had to navigate where we were going and had to set the sails to go in the direction we wanted to go in. Our navigators weren't very good at navigating because we almost ran into two big container ships and that's when the official Leeuwin Crew had to help us out.

On the very last night on the Leeuwin we had a talent night where everyone on the ship done a talent. It was so good and very funny and they were pretty talented.

LIBRARY

Fremantle Literature Centre Young Writer's Workshop

The Young Writer's Workshop occurred Week 1 with the visiting author being Julia Lawrinson.

Julia Lawrinson hails from the outer suburbs of Perth, and writes for children and young adults. Her first novel, *Obsession*, won the 2001 WA Premier's Prize for Young Adult Writing. Since then she has published more than ten novels.

Julia's novels are often funny, and at times heartbreaking, as she writes about life events involving family and friendship.

Julia's writer's workshop was inspirational. Through role play, students experienced snippets of her novels. When it came time to create, students with guidance and techniques for good editing, produced mind blowing, imaginative short stories.



STUDENTS SAY...

"Way too short! Julia Lawrinson was amazing to listen to; the writing techniques were new and exciting. I loved learning about her books and their stories – it helps to understand how a story evolves and the purpose of it. I love Julia's personality and passion for writing. She made the workshop activities all the more enjoyable. Thank you!"

"Today was loads of fun. I had a great time and learned quite a lot. It has been so much fun to come to these Youth Lit days and I'll be back next year. I wish school was a lot more like this. Awesome days I will never forget."

NEXT YEAR the visiting authors for the Young Writer's Workshop will be:

James Moloney, J.C Burke, Lucy Christopher and Michael Pryor.

The Young Writer's Workshops occur once a term and students attend 1 day per term, 4 days per year. The event is open to all students from year 6 and over. There is a cost involved: \$120.00 per student, per year. (current 2017)

To register students in the programme or to find out more, please contact:
The Fremantle Literature Centre on phone (08) 9430 6869 or email tywp@thelitcentre.org.au.

Chess Club

Chess Club is still running after school on Tuesdays.
All you need to do is turn up and participate.



"To show you how well I understand fractions,
I only did half of my homework."

Homework Club

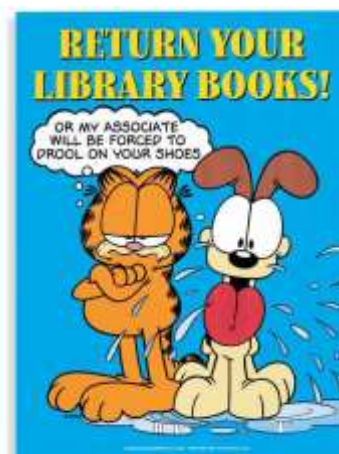
Homework Club happens Wednesdays after school
(3.15pm to 4.15pm).

To join is **FREE** but parental/guardian permission is
required. Phone the Library on 99658308.

Stocktake

The annual Library stocktake is underway.

We would appreciate any overdue items returned as
soon as possible.



Thank you

Olga Cotterill
Teacher Librarian

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SHINE Horrocks Reward Camp!

SHINE loves to celebrate the successes of our girls. This term we held a camp in Horrocks to reward the girls who have made a significant increase in their school attendance and behaviour. With individual student contracts, we work closely with our girls to achieve personal attendance goals, ensuring them a place on camp. This term we took 28 students to Horrocks for 3 days. We went skurfing, visited the sand dunes, had pamper nights and did yoga on the beach. All in all, we had a blast together as a SHINE family.



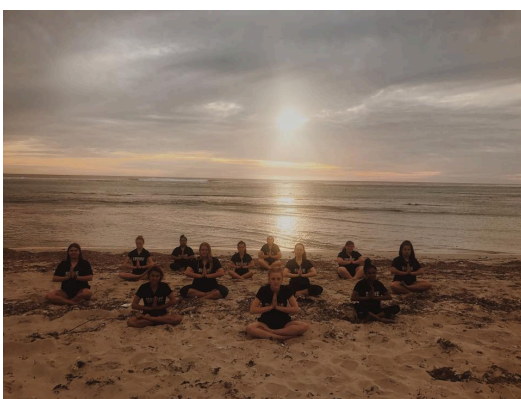
Always challenging ourselves and learning new skills!



Beach antics and selfies with Founder, Mandy Jolley

Engagement Dinner!

Our combined engagement dinners are always a time of celebration of our student's achievements throughout the term. This time we went to Hogs Breath and were lucky enough to have our Art Therapy Presenters join us! This was a great opportunity for our students to get to know some of our amazing presenters on a more personal level and engage in some beautiful conversation together.



Yoga on the beach to finish off a great day



Founder, Mandy, welcoming some year 12 SHINE girls along to dinner. They love to buddy up with our young girls and share stories.

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SHINE girls hanging out with our Art Therapy Presenters

Shimmer & SHINE Keeps Glowing!

Our John Willcock College have continued visiting local Geraldton Primary Schools to share with the younger girls all they have learned and love about SHINE. The mentoring program has been hugely successful with beautiful friendships being formed, knowledge being shared and many, many girls learning they are a princess, worthy of a great future. Well done SHINE students, for sharing the SHINE love in our Community.



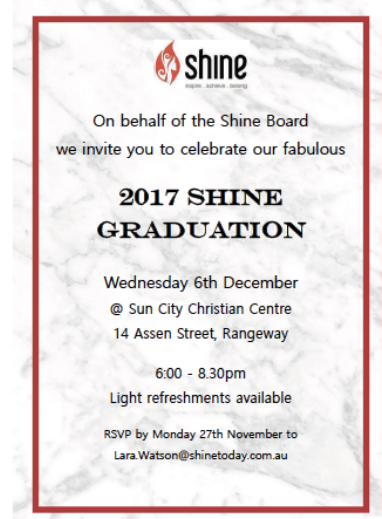
SHINE students with the Shimmer girls!



Our beautiful Jodie with a glowing Shimmer student

Save the Date SHINE Graduation!

The SHINE inaugural Graduation is coming up and we want to share it with you! Our Graduation is always a beautiful time where we can reflect on the challenges and successes of the year with our girls, be reminded of how far they have come and celebrate their journey and future. Please save the following details in your calendar and come be a part of this celebration too:

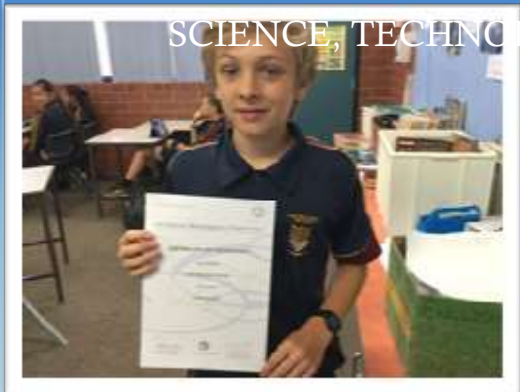


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JWC STEM UPDATE

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS



Honour Roll

Australian Mathematics Competition

Congratulations to the following students who got exceptional results in the AMC

Best in School

Jack Blick Year 8

Distinction

Jack Blick Year 8
Cael Robson Year 7

Credit – Year 9

Danielle Radford
Jake McAuliffe
Ben Pilliner
Judd Walker
Holly Finfe

Credit – Year 8

Cameron Brigatti
Savannah Clarke
Kiona Fry
Keshara Marasingha
Ben May
Michael Scroop

Credit – Year 7

Matilda Attwood
Jack Kirwan
Jaylarnee Manado
Henry Patience
Amara Stain-Owen
Alex Warhurst

Our Science Olympiads

The Australian Science Olympiads are considered the ultimate Science challenge to Year 10, 11 and 12 students, and are a stepping-stone to getting invited to attend the Olympiads Summer School held in Canberra each year. So why did John Willcock College enter the Science Olympiads with year 9 students this year?

That's simple; we want to give our students the best chance when they sit the competition in Year 10. By having a taste of what to expect in advance they will have a better idea of what to expect. They didn't disappoint!

Year 9 students Twane James Van Ransburg, James Attwood and Tyler Emery achieved Credits in the competition, meaning they scored within the top 30% of Australia – not bad given they aren't Year 10's yet.



Save the Date!

ASPIRE camp

27th November

UWA immersion experience – 3 day Perth trip for year 9 students interested in attending university.

Lego League

12th November

The Willcock Warriors will take on the FLL Hydrodynamics Challenge at Curtin University!

Techtrails

30th November

Nominated year 9s will be attending the Techtrails excursion at GSHS!



Space Camp

In the Term 3 school holidays I was lucky enough to attend Space Camp in Huntsville Alabama with 10 other teachers from Australia.

Space camp is based at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, and attendees get to experience training and scenarios similar to the training received by astronauts, and participate in scenarios that imitate actual space missions.

I got to be involved in three missions, successfully as the Chief Medical Officer on the MARS Mission, and as the Commander of the ISS. Not so successfully I was also PAYCOM where they fell out of orbit and crashed into the Pacific Ocean. It only cost 250 billion USD so I'm sure its okay...

Other highlights of the trip included using the centrifuge to experience 3.2x the gravity of Earth (approximately Jupiter), the 1/6 gravity chair (which simulates walking on the moon) and learning to scuba dive in the Underwater Astronaut Trainer (UAT), a 24ft deep dive tank used to practice the neutral buoyancy skills needed in microgravity.

Other learning experiences included building and firing a two-stage model rocket, creating and burning heat shields, and building a Mars lander and rover.

Apart from the astronaut training we also got to explore the Rocket Centre, ride the Space Shot and visit the new IBM innovation Centre!

A fantastic experience that I would highly recommend! Hopefully next time I return it will be with a group of JWC students!





GEMS

Girls in Engineering, Mathematics and Science

The end of term 3 saw the much anticipated heart dissection with our honorary JWC students.

This term they have produced pH indicator from cabbage, made towers with pegs, smashed a few eggstronauts, flown the JWC drone over the new worksite and enjoyed some very delicious science making honeycomb!

GEMS is a program to engage primary aged girls (years 4-6) in STEM. It runs every Thursday during term from 3.30-4.30pm. Activities vary from week to week but generally have a science or engineering component.

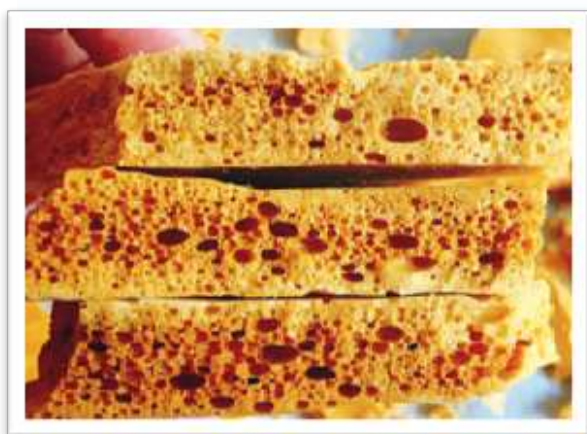
The Science of Honeycomb

The honeycomb we eat is made by trapping bubbles in a sugar mixture (you can find the recipe for this below). But have you ever wondered how they get the little bubbles into honeycomb?

The bicarbonate of soda breaks down with heat to release carbon dioxide – a colourless gas that gets trapped in the sugar mix. This is a chemical reaction known as decomposition.



Why do we need to use a thermometer? The sugar mixture needs to reach what we call 'hard crack stage', which occurs at 146-155°C. When it hardens after melting sugar forms threads, and we want our threads to be brittle, making our toffee crunchy! If it gets hotter it will turn into caramel and start to burn! If it doesn't get hot enough it won't be crunchy! An experienced person can tell when it's ready, but the rest of us rely on a thermometer to get it just right!



Ingredients

100g sugar
1Tbs water
2Tbs golden
syrup
1tsp bicarb

Equipment

heavy pot
wooden spoon
aluminium foil
candy
thermometer
metal tray

Honeycomb Recipe

1. Line a tray with aluminium foil
2. put the sugar, golden syrup and water into a saucepan and place on low heat
3. stir until all the sugar dissolves
4. do not stir from this point anymore
5. turn up the heat until the temperature reaches 149°C
6. take the pot off the heat and add the bicarb – watch the science!
7. pour it into the tray and let it set for an hour and a half
8. break it up and eat! You might also like to drizzle it with melted chocolate! Yum!

Athletics Carnival Results

The Carnival a great Success!

Friday 27th October saw cool conditions and clear skies meet John Willcock College staff and students for the annual inter house Athletics Carnival. Keen competition with many close results was the order of the day.

Many thanks to the HPE staff who have worked tirelessly for many weeks to organise the day. A big thank you to the school gardeners for their assistance in preparing the ovals. A special thanks to Mrs Davies, Ms Roberts and Mr Richards for helping set up and pack away the equipment on the day. To the JWC staff who filled judging and supervisory roles, the day could not happen without you, so again a big thank you.

Murchison - 709

Moresby - 706

Batavia - 611

Abrolhos - 560

Chapman - 510

Greenough - 495

Most of all thank you to the many competitors who filled lanes and just had a go on the day, well done. Murchison just shaded Moresby in one of the closest carnivals in memory.

Well done to all involved who made the day a very exciting and memorable one.



Individual Champions

	Boys	Girls
Year7		
Champion RU	Dawayn Simpson (A) Blake Tazewell (M)	Kaela Riley(M) Amara Stainton-Owen (M)
Year 8		
Champion RU	Gage Conley (B) Judd McVee (G)	Emily Gronow (Mu) Damiris Simpson (A)
Year 9		
Champion RU	Richard Bartlett (Mu) Quentin Simpson (Mu)	Hayley Corlett (A) Michaela Clark (B)



2017 Athletics Carnival



On The Pulse

Information from Student Services Health and Wellbeing Team

SUN SMART AT JOHN WILLCOCK COLLEGE

This term we have been encouraging the students to be sun smart, by following the Cancer Council's guidelines to SLIP, SLOP, SLAP, SEEK, and SLIDE. Students were given a Sunsmart Quiz to do in form time to remind them of the importance of skin cancer prevention.



As many people are aware, there is no such thing as a safe tan, any exposure to radiation damages the skin and increases the risk of skin cancer.

Don't be fooled when it is cloudy, UV radiation can penetrate through clouds and still cause damage. Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world, with over half of the population developing skin cancer in their lives as a result. Over 380 000 Aussies are treated for skin cancer every year and 1300 die every year from the disease. People of all skin types are at risk. Results of the quiz indicate that many of our students had good knowledge of the theory of how to protect themselves but many are still not using a sunscreen and few students choose to wear hats.



Students who forget to apply sunscreen before school can access sunscreen from Student Services.

That's all for now from the Student Services Health and Wellbeing team !

Call Health direct 1800 022 222

Or local Community Health Nurse (John Willcock School T: 99658313)



Music Notes



After an EXCELLENT finish to Term, 3 with John Willcock College's Concert Band achieving an Excellent ranking at the WA Schools Concert Band Festival held in Perth during August, we have gotten stuck into more fun, more music making and more performing!

Week 3 was the busiest yet for our Music Department this year with four 'outside of school' performances showcasing a range of our students' talents. We began at the Mid West Relay for Life, and played on the Saturday afternoon to a receptive crowd. Despite the rain, students powered through and performed like pros. Highlights were the Rock Band's rendition of "TNT" and "Highway to Hell" as well as solo appearances from Emily Bishop and Eliza Gadsby.



We continued the weekend with Sunday afternoon rehearsals for Massed Band - more on that later!

Wednesday saw our Rock Band and Vocal Ensemble trek to Geraldton Senior College for a day rehearsal and performance in the evening for the Annual Massed Choir Event. This involved the JWC group singing a mash up on their own and later joining with choirs from Nagle, Allendale, Wandina, Geraldton, Waggrakine and Bluff Point Primary Schools for a massed choir rendition of "Shine Together" this year's music Count Us In song. If you haven't heard of Music Count Us In before, in a nutshell it's an annual event where a small group of students are selected from around Australia to work with industry professionals to write a song which is sung by thousands of school students around Australia on the same day at the same time. All to advocate for Music Education! Some people in the audience said that the JWC Vocal Ensembles mash up gave them goose bumps! While all of the students enjoyed singing the Count Us In Song with a live backing provided by our talented Rock Band students and conducted by Miss Brook.



Friday night saw the opening of the Genesis exhibition at the Geraldton Regional Art Gallery. Genesis is a showcase of talented students' work from all of the secondary schools in Geraldton. Well done to our outstanding Art Teachers for organising the submission of student work into this wonderful exhibition. The Fifth Beat were happy to open up the exhibition with their chilled acoustic sounds and wowed the crowd, with many guests surprised at the age of the girls considering the smoothness of the harmonies and the musicality they jam packed into their set. Once again Emily, Eliza and Makayla stunned the crowd with their covers of song such as "The Climb", "Toxic" and "Georgia".



The week was capped off with possibly the most anticipated musical event of the year- The 2017 Bands Spectacular. Wow. What a night! (and day setting up and rehearsing). But it was all worth it in the end when the JWC Concert Band performed their set and even more so when we all joined in the Massed Band in the second half of the evening. This component of the evening was dedicated to Mr Greg McMurdo, who served many years at John Willcock College as our dedicated Music Teacher and sadly passed away suddenly earlier this year. The Massed Band played a selection of "World Music" taking us around the world to places such as Russia, India, Africa, America, Ireland and back home to Australia. We were proud to share the stage with local bands including the Geraldton City Band and the Morawa Band. Thank you to all of those who came out to support us and have fun with us on Saturday.



So what's next for us? We are excited to welcome the Combined Schools Training Band to our ranks for the remainder of the year to create a MEGA BAND. We will be jet-setting off on Primary School's tour in Week 8, touring around Geraldton to give the Primary Schools a show and a taste of what is on offer at John Willcock College. In Week 9 we will be having our End of Year Music Showcase which is sure to be another great night. Watch this space for more information. IMSS wind up will be happening in Week 10 on Tuesday from 3-4pm. If you are an IMSS student (Woodwind, Brass, Percussion, Guitar, and Vocals) you will be welcome to join us for an afternoon tea to celebrate all of our hard work this year and to farewell our Year 9's before they head on to Geraldton Senior College.

That's all for now folks!

Signing off,
Miss Music (Brook)

A massive congratulation to the Vocal Ensemble and John Willcock Rock Band for representing the school with such maturity and talent. The many comments we had last night were they were one of the most outstanding choirs. "They gave me goose bumps" was a comment heard often.

Huge congrats to Alyce Brook for her continued efforts this week in giving the school such good PR! If you aren't aware, the Music department has been incredibly busy this week with Relay for Life, Massed Choir, extended rehearsals and Band Spectacular at the QPT on Saturday. She would definitely have earned her daily steps lugging drum kits, equipment and music stands to and from the music room, which, due to the building site, doesn't have the best access.

Dan Connor (who hates accolades) is to be given a special mention for getting the rock band kids performing to such an incredibly high standard and helping with the "equipment lug". Dead set legend!

Thanks to all the teachers who have had kids pulled out of their classes for excursions and so forth this week. We really do appreciate your patience and understanding!

Next on our long list is Band Spec! Those who haven't gotten their tickets yet, I'm pretty sure it is a sold out event. If you are coming, you will be blown away with the standard of these bands!

Anne Williams

IMSS Midwest Region

Flute, Clarinet and Vocals





GERALDTON WIND ENSEMBLE

for anyone who plays a concert band instrument
-woodwind-brass-percussion-
approximately AMEB grade 3 ability required

REHEARSALS: EVERY MONDAY IN NOVEMBER

First rehearsal Monday 6th November @ 7:30pm
Geraldton Senior College Theatre (entry via Shenton St)

for more information: facebook.com/geraldtonwindensemble

Country Week

BADMINTON



A big Congratulations to Danielle Faraone, Liam Meharry, Aparna Paul and Deacon Neal on their fantastic effort on Country Week and leading up to Country Week.

The team trained for two terms every Monday after school leading up to Country Week. They worked hard every training session showing their ability to be resilient, honest, persistent and dedication to be a team.

The first few days we had a strong fight on the court as the week went on we started to get tired, but we continued to put our best effort in. On the last day with the basketball team cheering us on we put in all that we could and ended up coming third as well as winning the sportsmanship award.



Country Week

A GRADE NETBALL



The girls had a stellar week throughout their country week campaign.

The girls played every game with determination, passion and strong teamwork, remaining undefeated to reach the A grade Netball Grand Final on the Friday against Geraldton Grammar. The girls held the score even until the final five minutes of the fourth quarter where Grammar snuck ahead to win by 5 goals. We may not have won the game but the girls represented John Willcock College to the highest standard as our squad was voted by all teams we played to be awarded the sportsmanship award for the A grade netball division.

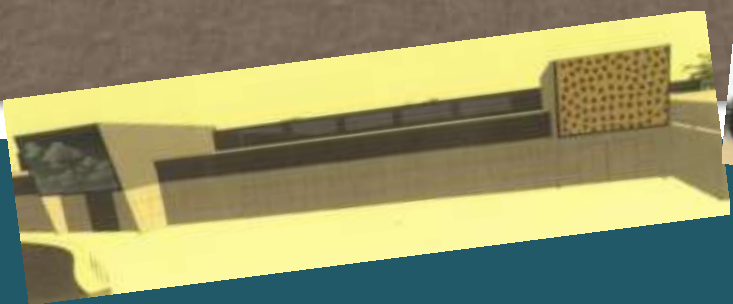
Congratulations to the girls for giving their absolute best every day on and off the court. It was a fun and enjoyable week for all who were involved.



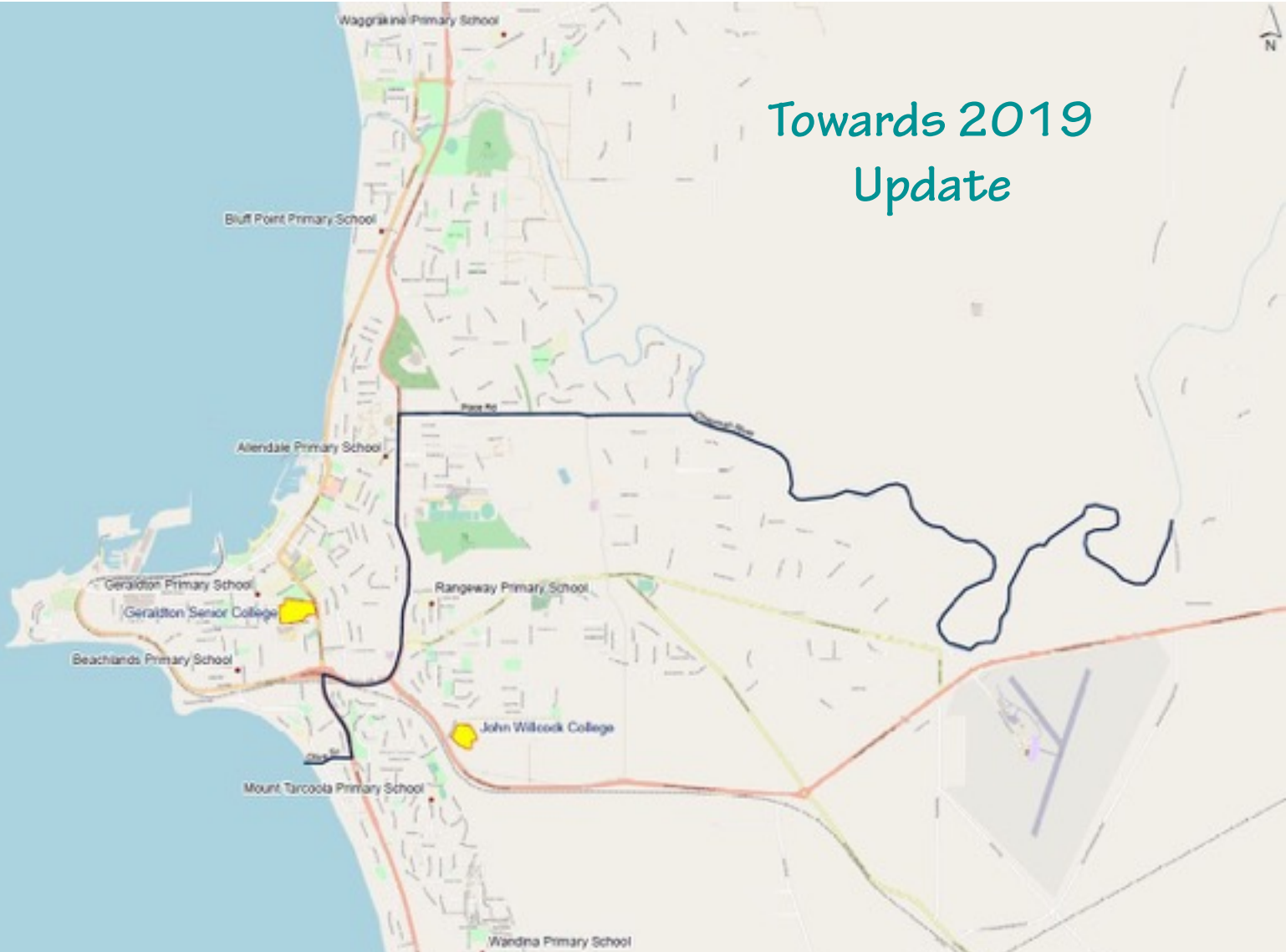
Both Netball teams with members of the West Coast Fever, including Nat Medhurst.



Architect's Perspectives - Towards 2019



Towards 2019 Update



Exciting news. The local intake area for our new comprehensive secondary school has been announced.

We can tell you the street names but the map gives a much clearer explanation.

From 2019 students who live south of the bold line will have a place at the John Willcock campus. Those to the north will have a spot at Geraldton Senior College.

EDUCATION

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SCHOOL EDUCATION ACT 1999

DECLARATION OF LOCAL-INTAKE AREAS FOR SCHOOLS WITH SECONDARY STUDENTS (Pursuant to Sections 60, 78, 79 and 80)

The Hon. Minister for Education has declared that the local-intake areas for the secondary schools listed hereunder shall be as stated in this notice. Children of compulsory school age who reside within the local-intake areas of the following secondary schools shall be entitled to attend the schools to which such local-intake areas apply if there is an appropriate educational program for them at that school. Children who reside outside these local-intake areas may apply to attend the schools to which such local-intake areas apply.

SHARYN O'NEILL, Director General of Education.

GERALDTON SENIOR COLLEGE (4163)

The following will define the local intake area of this school from 2019—

From the Indian Ocean at a point on the western extension of Olive Street, east and north east along Olive Street (north side included) to the Brand Highway, north along Brand Highway (west side included) to the Brand Highway and John Willcock Link overpass, east along John Willcock Link (north side included) to North West Coastal Highway, east, north east and north along North West Coastal Highway (north and west sides included) to Place Road, east along Place Road (north side included) to the Chapman River, east and south east along the Chapman River (north side included).

JOHN WILLCOCK COLLEGE (4996)

The following will define the local intake area of this school from 2019—

From the Indian Ocean at a point on the western extension of Olive Street, east and north east along Olive Street (south side included) to the Brand Highway, north along Brand Highway (east side included) to the Brand Highway and John Willcock Link overpass, east along John Willcock Link (south side included) to North West Coastal Highway, east, north east and north along North West Coastal Highway (south and east sides included) to Place Road, east along Place Road (south side included) to the Chapman River, east and south east along the Chapman River (south side included).

LEST WE FORGET

At 11 am on 11 November 1918 the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare.

This date is now known as Remembrance Day and it falls on the 11th of November each year. (Tomorrow/Saturday)

On the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, a minutes' silence is observed and dedicated to those soldiers who died fighting to protect the nation.

Red poppies are worn on this day to remember the fallen as red poppies were among the first plants to spring up in the devastated battlefields of northern France and Belgium at the end of WWI.



Haley White, Declan Thill, Mrs Sullivan, Mrs Smith and Beau Brennan with the Remembrance wreath they made this week.

Child Not at School??

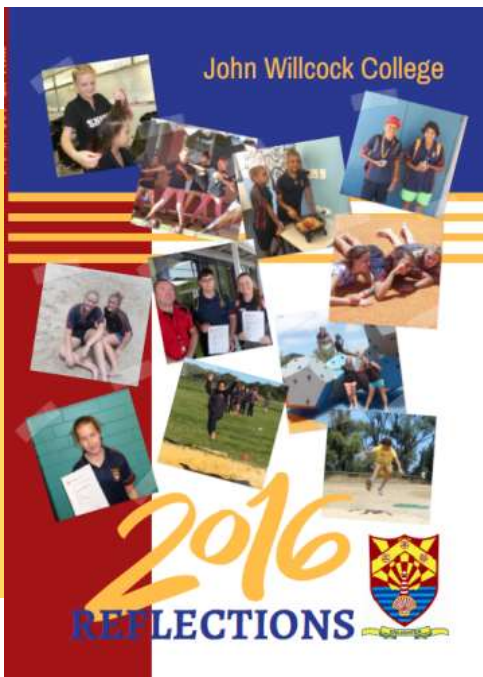
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An explanation is required
for EVERY day your child is
absent.

PICKING YOUR CHILD UP EARLY

If you are picking your child up
early, you must collect them
from the Front Office and sign
them out. It is not permitted for
students to meet their parents
in the car park and leave the
school grounds.



The John Willcock College
yearbook Reflections 2016

is available from the
Front office for
\$30.00 per copy.

Learning how to spot phishing scams, dodge online trolls and manage your digital reputation are just some of the topics JWC students covered this week.

All students brushed up on their Cyber Safety knowledge with presentations from the Student Edge group.

Student Edge us a provider of online safety programs accredited by the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner.



Edward Curley shows off his Dusty Martin skills in a recent football match against Perth Clontarf Academy in Geraldton.



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Foundation Maths and English
Recommended for students in Year 7 and 8 who would benefit from some extra help, skills development, motivation and confidence in their high school studies. The class reviews concepts learnt in early high school years.

Advanced Maths and Intermediate English
Recommended for Year 9 and 10 students who like to consolidate their skills and be extended by learning new concepts and practising advanced questions.

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CHURCHLANDS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th January

9.00am - 12noon □ NAPLAN Preparation - Numeracy	12.30pm - 3.30pm □ NAPLAN Preparation - Literacy
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Thursday 18th and Friday 19th January

9.00am - 12noon □ Essay Writing Years 9 and 10 □ Learning Skills Years 7 and 8	12.30pm - 3.30pm □ Essay Writing Years 7 and 8 □ Learning Skills Years 9 and 10
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Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd January

9.00am - 12noon □ Advanced Maths □ Foundation English	12.30pm - 3.30pm □ Foundation Maths □ Intermediate English
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Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th January

9.00am - 12noon □ GATE & Scholarship Preparation - Maths Problem Solving and Abstract Reasoning	12.30pm - 3.30pm □ GATE & Scholarship Preparation - Reading Comprehension & Creative Writing
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ROSSMOYNE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th January

9.00am - 12noon □ GATE & Scholarship Preparation - Reading Comprehension & Creative Writing	12.30pm - 3.30pm □ GATE & Scholarship Preparation - Maths Problem Solving and Abstract Reasoning
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Thursday 18th and Friday 19th January

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Cost of course:

- ✓ \$190 per 6 hour course
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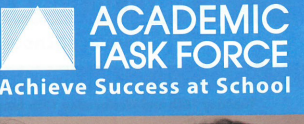
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School _____
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Parent/Guardian's:
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for years 11 & 12



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With our Premium ATAR Head Start Courses you will:

- Gain an overview of the syllabus for your courses of study
- Receive expert teaching by ATAR specialists
- Preview important concepts
- Build confidence and get an academic boost for the year ahead
- Receive an excellent refresher for students who have commenced the year's work in Term 4

Maximise your preparation with:

- STUDY SKILLS:** Learn effective study methods, time management, goal setting, reading strategies and stress management techniques.
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Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd January

9.00am - 12noon □ Chemistry Year 12 □ Economics Year 12 □ Human Biology Year 11 □ Maths Applications Year 12 □ Maths Methods Year 12 □ Modern History Year 12 □ Phys Ed Studies Year 12 □ Physics Year 11	12.30pm - 3.30pm □ Acc. & Finance Year 12 □ Chemistry Year 11 □ English Year 11 □ English Year 12 □ Human Biology Year 12 □ Maths Methods Year 12 □ Maths Specialist Year 12 □ Politics and Law Year 12
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Bus pickups

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Mitchel Street Community Centre – Spalding
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MEN'S BREAKFAST 2017

"Change starts here and now -
Let's continue the conversation and challenge family violence so change will grow"



Men at the 2016 Breakfast share how to stop violence at the start

The Geraldton Club

Men's Breakfast

Men in the Midwest community are rising to stand against family violence. Will you join them?

For more information contact:

Lara Watson

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M 04 0325 9669

E laraw@desertblueconnect.org.au

Date: 24 November 2017

Time: 7.15am – 8.45am

Tickets: \$45

Speaker: Roger Hitchcock,
White Ribbon Ambassador and Community,
Respect & Equality (CRE) Champion

Click Registration Link: or
<https://goo.gl/forms/bSekvn3x8>

"As an employer and father it made me realize
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JOHN WILLCOCK COLLEGE ACCOLADES AND APPLAUSE

Congratulations to Peta Clohessy (862) on her selection into the WA Junior Polocrosse Squad for the national titles to be held in Perth in 2018. Peta's brother Patrick (ex JWC 2016) was also selected in the Under 21 Men's Squad to play.

Congratulations to Sandra Robson who is an ex pupil of John Willcock College. Sandra was awarded the Australian Geographic Adventurer of the Year Award.



Visit <http://www.sandy-robson.com/> to see more of her adventures.