



JOHN WILLCOCK COLLEGE

Newsletter Term 4 Issue 8

Year Six Transition Week Activities

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Principal News



Julie Campbell
Principal



REMINDER:

- Look for turning traffic when exiting the 'Drive and Drop' zone - give way to right prevails.
- Have you finalised your fees yet? Please contact the College by 14 December 2017 to enable this to happen.
- Please encourage your child to wear a hat as the days get warmer. With the building underway, shade areas are at a premium.
- Any contact details changes? Please let the Front Office know- 99 658 300.
- Look out for letters from the College during the holidays:
 - Due Week 10 T4: Academic report, stationery list, fees letter with contributions and charges, newsletter, calendar, Secondary Assistance/ AbStudy information.
 - Due late January 2018: Set fees for individual students, direct debit authority, Secondary Assistance/AbStudy information.

Please make sure your contact details are current with the Front Office

• 2018 School Development Days

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

- 29/30 January
- Mon 30 April
- Mon 16 July
- Mon 8 October



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



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Towards 2019

It is official! I have received official confirmation from Central Office that from 2019 the College will be named Champion Bay Senior High School! This an exciting milestone for the re development of the College. Now we can begin the task to look at our uniform and logo...

The building program is making changes daily. Work has commenced on the Materials and Technology Centre at the south end of the College. At present, we are working towards an early completion date for the project – which will be of enormous benefit to our community.

Some changes this week...



Conference Room



In the Cafeteria

Carpark update

This system has been in place for over one term now and seems to be working well. The bus zone is very successful .

JUST A REMINDER -there are a couple of 'ground' rules that go with the parent pick up area:

1. In the 'Drive and Drop' zone, pull up as far as possible,
2. One lane of cars only,
3. ALWAYS look before pulling into the traffic.

Under no circumstances are students to run between cars to meet you.

Please follow instructions given to reduce the disruptions for everyone.

The traffic was hectic during Wednesday of Week 7 due to having nearly 300 extra students on site – as well as our normal cohort of Years 7,8,9. We expect delays during Week 1 of 2018 as families explore different options for getting their students to school. Police assistance was requested last week and we will be approaching Main Roads for the start of next year.

Attendance (as at 30 November 2017)

Attendance rate and unexplained absences have remained stable, however the overall regular attendance rate has dropped since week 3 from 42.2% to 39%. Please ensure that your child is at school until 14 December and inform the College if your child is going to be absent.

Attendance Rate % = 77.4% (79.9%) (82%)

Yr 7 77%
Yr 8 78.8%
Yr 9 76.5%

Regular attendance % = 39% (45%)

Yr 7 37%
Yr 8 45%
Yr 9 35%

Unexplained Absences % = 43.9% (37%)

Yr 7 39.8%
Yr 8 41.1%
Yr 9 50.9%

There is still sickness affecting a number of students and staff.

High Quality Teaching and Learning

Year 6 Transition

Last week we hosted year 6 students from our partner schools for two phases of transition. Wednesday was a hectic day as we had all students on site for the day. Chapman year 9 students went to GSC for the day and the remaining Year 9 students went to a Law and Order day at PCYC, where there were a number of events and tabloids organised.

Phase One saw our partner schools of Wandina, Mt Tarcoola, Rangeway and St John's come into the College - they began on Monday and finished Wednesday. Phase Two schools were Waggrakine, Bluff Point, Geraldton and Beachlands and they came in for the first time on Wednesday and stayed until Friday. This was the last 'huge' transition that we will be undertaking, as of 2018, we will work exclusively with our intake schools.

After surveying both phases of students, the following information became clear:



I enjoyed being at JWC:
88%



This week has helped me feel confident at JWC
85%

These figures are an increase on transition last year, which is fantastic.

Staffing

I am pleased to announce that we have secured two outstanding teachers for 2018. Mr Alan Evans comes to us from Rangeway PS, after a wide career in teaching early adolescents and in administration. Alan will be working in the HASS Learning Area and we welcome him to the College.

Ms Kayla Schilling joins us as a graduate teacher in the HASS Learning Area. Kayla is a John Willcock College alumnus, having completed Years 8 and 9 here. She comes to us with a law background, and I welcome her to the team.

The Sub School Leader process was conducted during Week 6 and I am pleased to advise that the position was over-subscribed. This meant that an Expression of Interest process went to interview.

We were pleased to be able to offer Sub school Leader positions to :

- Rebecca Bright Abrolhos
- Ronan Croft Batavia
- Jo Crothers Chapman
- Derek Goforth Greenough
- Sean Richards Moresby
- Alison McCarthy Murchison

All offers have been accepted for 2018.

STEM – Lego League

Once again the College team has performed significantly well in this competition. STEM Coordinator Hollie Roberts described the performance of the team as really solid and this performance can only be enhanced by the introduction of Robotics as an option in 2018. It was awesome to see that Hollie's students from 2016 – now at GSC, were very successful and will now be on their way to the national competition.

Bring on next year!

University of Western Australia – ASPIRE camp

This week a group of Year 9 students travelled to Perth to attend UWA and get a first-hand look at the Sciences area. They were accompanied by Jayme Clarke and were fortunate to stay at University Hall and experience the university life. This is a valuable experience for regional students and arises as part of our partnership with UWA ASPIRE.

JOHN WILLCOCK COLLEGE PURSUES EXCELLENCE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

Priorities: Quality Teaching and Learning /Attendance

ICT

As I write, Mr Pound is busily unpacking the next fleet of iPads due to be rolled out at the start of 2018. These devices are part of the replacement schedule developed to ensure that our program remains current.

ACARA Digital Technologies in focus: Supporting implementation of Digital Technologies
We have attended our first report webinar with regard to this project and we have received some useful feedback about our project as a result.

During the after hours session during Week 6, all staff were surveyed and asked to complete a self assessment matrix with regard to using ICT in lessons and their perceived proficiency with ICT. The results have been collated and will form the basis of one of the aims of this project, which is to develop teacher understanding of ICT capabilities across all learning areas through targeted professional learning to assess student capabilities.

HEALTH AND WELL BEING

During Week 9 the Student Services team will meet to undertake a review of all programs offered in 2017 and examine data to determine the successfulness of the programs.

On behalf of the John Willcock College community, I wish all our families a safe and happy break and we look forward to seeing you in 2018.

Key dates for Term 4:

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| • Week 8 | UWA Aspire Science Camp |
| • 5 Dec | Board of John Willcock College meets |
| • Fri 8 Dec | Celebration Assembly |
| • Thurs 14 Dec | Last day of Term |

2018

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|----------------|------------------------|
| • Wed 24 Jan | School Officers return |
| • Thurs 25 Jan | Admin team returns |
| • 29 Jan | Teachers/EAs return |
| • Wed 31 Jan | Students commence |

Year 7

Associate Principal



Phil Pound
Associate Principal

iPads

Once again, the end of year has rushed up to us and the students have made good use of the iPads with their work with minimal damage this year. Thank you to parents for ongoing support with reinforcing the best uses of the devices. We will have some rotation of older iPads and purchase of newer ones for next year which will help students manage work quicker and easier as the fleet standardises with more similar models.

Currently it is still not possible for students to bring their own devices to school and use them on the network. Our Device Management System for loading Apps and ensuring a generic safe working environment means they are not the same as home owned devices in their setup and function. That may change in the coming years and we will let you know if that happens. In between time, we ask that any personal devices remain safely at home to reduce loss or damage.

The changes to the network this year have given us faster speeds and access to more online toolsets. Parents will be invited to participate in the use of the Department's system using Connect by midway through next year. This will enable you to see what students courses are covering in a variety of ways. Staff will all be using this again with all classes from the start of next year and once it is under way we will be able to provide parent access.

Year 7

This has been a great year for most of our Year 7 students and I have enjoyed being able to see the progress they have made. The move to High School has been a smooth transition for so many and the maturation as the year progressed has been good to see as they settle in. I congratulate them on making such good progress. Thank you for the support from home along the way. Please contact the class teachers or Sub School Leader if you would like to have more information than you receive in the reports that are going to be mailed out.

Finally, I hope everyone makes the most of the break over the Christmas holidays to prepare for the busy year ahead.

Mr Pound

Year 8

Associate Principal



Helen Lydon
Associate Principal

This has been a great term for Year 8 students and it has been really pleasing as I visit classes to see so many students actively participating in their learning and the classroom activities. With Sub Schools selecting Year 9 Student Councillors for 2018, I would encourage students to consider nominating for these positions and selecting your representatives wisely. Being a Student Councillor provides a wonderful leadership opportunity for you, particularly as our school looks towards Year 10 in 2019.

I would like to thank all the students who helped the Year 6 students during the transition week. The Year 6s certainly appreciated it and have commented on our friendly students. I would like to particularly acknowledge the students who assisted the transition classes each day, acting as guides and mentors by attending classes with students and navigating them around the College.

- Hayden Young
- Logan Cocker
- Emily Linton
- Paige Sindelar
- Chloe Duffy
- Alfred Criddle
- Ewan Shephard
- Brianna Hansen
- Chacha Westwood
- Sienna Forsyth
- Brooke Martin
- Jackson Patten
- Ashley Edwards
- Allirah Jefferies
- Abdul Vanlierop
- Jaxon Dodson
- Charlotte McAuliffe
- Dakota Tesling
- Gage Conley
- Shenay Blignaut
- Leisl Crowe
- Seamus Gadsby

Semester Two Reports

Semester Two Student Reports will be sent to all parents and caregivers in Week 10. Some parents will receive the report electronically by email. The report is summary of your child's achievement, attitude, behaviour and effort in each of their courses for this semester at John Willcock College. Each year level has a set of knowledge, skills, understandings and values that student's need to learn. The achievement for each course gives an overall and component grade. What do these grades mean?

A - Excellent: student demonstrates excellent achievement of what is expected for this year level.

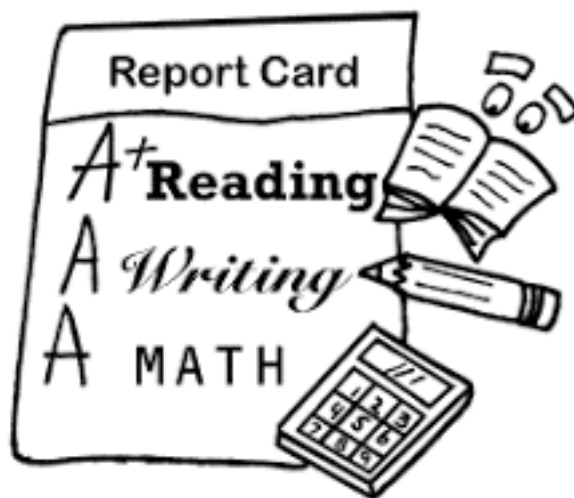
B - High: student demonstrates high achievement of what is expected for this year level.

C - Satisfactory: student demonstrates satisfactory achievement of what is expected for this year level.

D - Limited: student demonstrates limited achievement of what is expected for this year level.

E - Very Low: student demonstrates very low achievement of what is expected for this year level.

Some students have an additional component to their student report. For example, students who have Literacy Enrichment, Literacy Support and Careers and Study or are on documented plans which describe specific areas of need in a course. SHINE, BLING or AIM students also have a report which describes the progress being made in these programs which have been developed to improve student attendance, retention and participation in schooling.



Year Six Transition Week



88%
I have enjoyed
being at JWC!

82%
My timetable was
helpful to me.

85%
This week has
helped me to feel
confident at JWC.

86%
My teachers at JWC
have been helpful.

67%
I am not worried
about starting
secondary school at
JWC.

81%
I enjoyed the
lessons at JWC.



259 students from 12 primary schools
completed a survey after their three
days transition at John Willcock
College. These are the results.

63%
I have made new
friends this week.

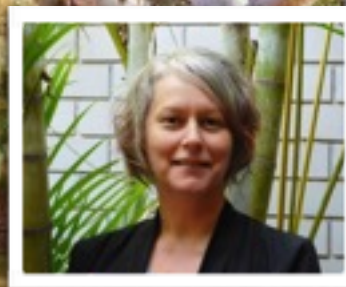


60%
I know where
everything is at
JWC.



Year 9

Associate Principal



Waneen Bennett
Associate Principal

As the year closes in, I would like to take this opportunity to express just how proud I am of our Year 9 students whose JWC journey is fast coming to an end. It has been an absolute pleasure working with the cohort and witnessing each student grow, develop and mature over the past three years. Whilst I am extremely excited about seeing them embark on the next part of this journey, I am sad to have to bid them farewell, as I will miss the array of personalities across the cohort who have brought me so much joy and happiness on a daily basis.

Year 9 PCYC Police Day Out

During the busy Year 6 Transition Week in week 8, the Year 9 students attended a day out on Wednesday 22nd November at PCYC where they participated in a range of fun activities organised by our local Western Australian Police Youth Team. The purpose of the day was to build positive relationships between students and the police, further strengthen the relationship between the police and education, to gain further knowledge and understanding of the law and to be exposed to some first-time experiences such as sheep shearing, boxing, working out in a gym and stripping down demolition cars. Feedback has been extremely positive from students, staff and the Police Officers. A massive thank you to Senior Constable Jonine Harrison and the team for all the work done behind the scenes and for running a successful day and to the staff at PCYC for assisting on the day.

Year 9 Transition to Geraldton Senior College

In week 8, the Year 9 students attended the Geraldton Senior College for an Orientation Day. Students enjoyed the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the school, meet staff and to ease their concerns about transitioning in 2018. In conversation with many students after their visit, feedback was extremely positive with students sharing that they are excited, feeling ready and are less worried.

Geraldton Senior College VIP Presentation

In block two on Wednesday 29th November forty Year 9 boys attended a presentation in the theatre by Mr Shaw and three Year 10 students from the Geraldton Senior College. The program caters for sixteen male students. The boys had an opportunity to learn more about the VIP program and how it has positively impacted on the education of current students. Students were able to ask questions as well as submit their expression of interest forms.

I would like to wish all students and families a blessed Christmas and a relaxing holiday. To the Year 9 students in particular: all the very best in 2018 and beyond. Dream big. You never know what you can achieve until you try. Stay focused, go after your dreams and never give up!

Abrolhos News

Neil Wyatt, Sub School Leader

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What an exciting term it has been with many events taking place. It has been fantastic to see all the Year 6's here for transition in Week 7 and we look forward to welcoming our new Year 7's in 2018. Our Year 9's have also had an opportunity to participate in an orientation day at Geraldton Senior High School and we wish them all the best in 2018 and beyond. You all have so much to offer and will be missed by the Abrolhos staff.



APPLE REWARDS

The recent Abrolhos Apple award winners were Natasha McNeill, Lacey Ware and Ellenor Meeway all from 7A1.



Where's your
moustache
girl?



Celebration Certificates

Congratulations for our Form class students that were awarded certificates for showing respect and aspiring to be their best.



We will also be having our end of term Abrolhos Celebration at the Aquarena on Friday 8th December.

This is to acknowledge all the hard work Abrolhos students and staff have put in for 2017 and to have a last farewell to our Year Nines.



I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the students and staff in Abrolhos over the past three years. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as Sub School Leader and look forward to my next challenge as Program Coordinator - Staff Development at John Willcock College. I would like to welcome Rebecca Bright to the role of Abrolhos Sub School Leader and look forward to seeing Abrolhos students continue to be successful into the future.

Neil Wyatt
Abrolhos Sub School Leader

Greenough News

Derek Goforth, Sub School Leader

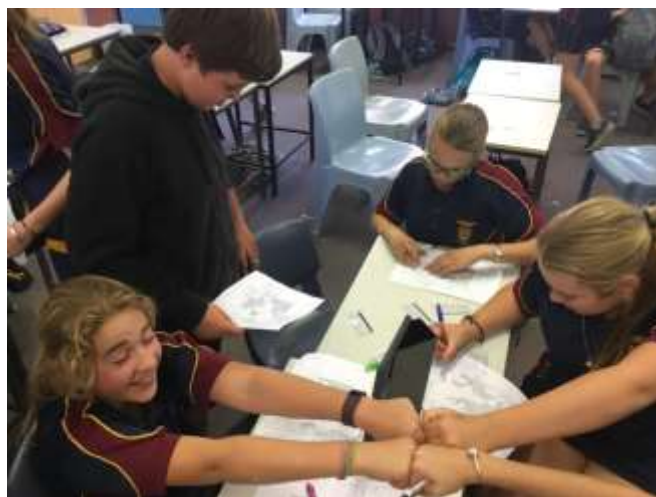
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We are fast approaching the end of term and the end of the year, our thoughts turn to the future and also to the past.

We have had an interesting year full of challenges and successes; I am proud of our students' participation in lunchtime activities, carnivals and school challenges. My personal highlight is our Foodbank challenge where we exceeded all our expectations and won a reward day for our sub-school.

We also look to the future, I believe I speak for all the Greenough staff and students when I say we are very much looking forward to the break and a deserving of 6 weeks of relaxation.





We say goodbye to 9G1 and 9G2, I wish all Year 9's the best for their time at GSC and hope they understand that hard work and commitment will offer success and reward.

To our Year 7's and 8's, the majority of you will return to Greenough next year, I would encourage you to rest up and arrive to school in 2018 fully ready to take responsibility for your own learning and give everything a go.

Mr Derek Goforth
Greenough Sub School Leader



Murchison News

Alison McCarthy, Sub School Leader

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End of Year Celebration

Check your child's bag at the end of this week for a note regarding this year's Celebration Excursion.

Murchison Sub School students are 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.

We've hired the Tarzan Rope, BIFF and inflatable volleyball equipment for the students to use throughout the day.

A number of staff will be attending on the day, which promises to be great fun!

Watch out for Mr Hunter's antics on the Tarzan Rope!

Absences

As we move to the end of the year we have found a number of 'unexplained' absences.

Please check your child's diary or better yet call us to check any outstanding absences and notify us of the reason/s for absence.

Year 7 Girls' Workshop

The In Real Life workshops with our Year 7 girls have run very smoothly and the students have been very engaged in the learning outcomes. We are starting to see the results in the new social skills the students are displaying – they are reporting times where they've managed to grow their friendships using the skills they are learning. Well done to these girls, who have participated so well over the term. The workshops finish in Week 9.

Murchison students everywhere!

I take this opportunity to congratulate our Murchison students on a great year and wish everyone well on their well-deserved holiday break.

Recently, Murchison students have participated in the Bands Spectacular, Techtrails incursion and excursion, SHINE camp, Clontarf Academy camps and talks from visitors such as Geraldton Senior College staff and students. On these occasions, it is pleasing to see the mature way they conduct themselves – they are polite and respectful.

We wish our departing Year 9s all the best for their transition to Geraldton Senior College and the learning that awaits them in their final years of formal education.

Thanks

Alison McCarthy
Murchison Sub School Leader



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.

Just remember:

Thirty years from now, it won't matter what shoes you wore, how your hair looked, or the jeans you bought. What will matter is what you learned and how you used it.

Source unknown.



Batavia News

Ronan Croft, Sub School Leader

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It has been a great year in Batavia with the majority of the students across all year groups doing the right thing and representing yellow with pride.

We have had representation in a number of extra-curricular activities around John Willcock College including the SHINE program, SHINE camps, Literacy workshops, Clontarf Football Academy, Country Week, ASDAN, various sporting lightning carnivals and a range of musical programs. We are very proud of our Batavia students as they show all the qualities and values that John Willcock College stand for. I would also like to thank our Student Councillors Shakiera Gibson and Shianne Brockman, your leadership makes you such positive role models for the younger members of Batavia.

Celebration Day:

Wednesday the 13th marks the Celebration Day for the Batavia Sub School. I am hoping to take most students from the sub school to the even. The criteria to attend are:

- Attendance for the year
- Worth ethic in class
- Following school values and displaying them throughout the school

We will be attending the Geraldton Aquarena for the day, hiring the outside pool with equipment, the BIFF and volleyball area. The staff will be putting on a BBQ and there will be a supply of juice box's as well as the canteen for food.

It will be a fun day for staff and students to wind down, reminisce and enjoy the times they have had this year. Students received their notes this and are asked to bring it back by Friday the 8th of December.

Attendance:

As we move to the end of the year we have found a number of 'unexplained' absences. Please check your child's diary or better yet call us to check any outstanding absences and notify us of the reason/s for absence. Notes are sent home and all that is required is a reason written down and a signature from the guardian.

We asked even though reporting is done, that students still come to school every day, prepared with the correct equipment and ready to learn. Work out-put is still expected this late in Term 4.



Happy Holidays

Finally on behalf of the Batavia staff I would like to thank everyone involved in getting their students to school, letting the school know about absences and providing their students with the correct equipment. We hope that you all have a wonderful break and look forward to seeing and hearing from you next year! GO BATAVIA!

Thank you
Mr Croft

Don't believe
anything he
says!



Moresby News

Ben Gadsby, Sub School Leader

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This is our final newsletter item for 2017 and our last chance to farewell our Year 9 class who will venture to Geraldton Senior College to continue their learning journey. To help ease their nerves the Year 9s participated in a transition to the Senior College in Week 7. The students enjoyed the cafeteria and the numerous food choices available. Other positives of the day included the Music and Photography subjects, the Science experiment conducted and the tour of the D&T facilities. Many students enjoyed the Sport lesson but not the efforts of Bartley and Megan to bounce up and down on the balance beam.



To cap off a fine day out Megan "Megz" Gray somehow collected enough Lighthouse Points to win a trip to the movies.

During Week 7 the Year 6's from all local Primary Schools attended JWC to gain an insight to the school and what it takes to be a high school student. Some of our Moresby Year 7 students were able to assist as mentors and tour guides and all performed the role with true Moresby professionalism.

To free up space for the attending Year 6's transitioning to John Willcock College, our Year 9s also spent a day at the PCYC engaging in activities. These activities included boxing bouts, a police talk, a sheep shearing demonstration and canvas painting. The highlight was the fitness session at the gym and the Subway for lunch.

A number of Moresby students, as members of the school band and choir, recently completed a Primary Schools Tour. In addition a number of students have attended Midwest Football Academy Camps.

With teachers busy finalising end of year reports it is important that all students maintain their high standards of work and effort all the way to the end. Moresby will be holding a reward day on Monday 11th December for all those students who have worked hard throughout the year.

Finally, congratulations and good luck to all our amazing Year 9 students who will embark on the next stage of their education. To the Year 8s and 7s, have a safe and happy holiday. Have fun, read a book and we will see you all next year to lead the Mighty Moresby Redbacks on another amazing adventure.

Ben Gadsby
Moresby Sub School Leader



Staff and students would like to wish Ben Gadsby and his family all the best in the next chapter of their lives. Ben is leaving the John Willcock College community at the end of 2017.



Chapman News

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2017 IN PICTURES



Good luck to our outgoing Year 9's
Thank you to all staff and students
Have a safe and happy holiday



Future Police Force & CSI's In the Making

During contact time in Week 6 the year 8 Midwest Academy lads had a tour of the local Geraldton Police Station as a part of our Future Employment Prospects Tours. On arrival at the station we were met by Senior Constable Jonine Harrison who would conduct our tour.

The boys were very keen to have a look through the recently refurbished station and gain an insight into the possibility of become a police officer in the future. We were shown around every part of the station except for the holding cells as there were a few people in there at the time.

The highlight of the tour was definitely the armoury which houses all the glocks, tasers, riot gear, assault rifles and any other weaponry needed. Senior Constable Harrison explained how every weapon is personal issue and that any time it gets fired it is then sent for testing and fingerprinting so do not under any circumstances touch anything in here.

The boys all got to have a sit in the back of a police car on the proviso that they wouldn't get comfortable riding around in the back. Then we headed into the evidence storage room that had over 1000 pieces currently in stock whether they were evidence items or stolen goods or items found and handed in.

Following this we headed into the Forensics room and found out all about gathering evidence and how it gets done. Photographing of footprints, lifting fingerprints, hair follicles and loose pieces of clothing are some of the ways the Forensic guys track down criminals successfully.

The boys were on their best behaviour for the entire tour and had a great time with quite a few coming away discussing joining the Police force once they complete school and some that are definitely interested in the forensic science side of the force.



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On the Pulse

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Water – The Facts

- The human body can last weeks without food but only days without water.
- The body is made up of 55-75% water (higher in men than women).
- Water forms the basis of blood, digestive juices, urine and sweat and is present in muscle, fat and bones.
- Adults lose 2-3 litres of water a day, more in hot water and with prolonged exercise.
- Foods provide approximately 1 litre of fluid; therefore the rest of what we need must be obtained from drinking water.

Why Drink Water?

Many of us have been told at some time or other that drinking water is good for our health, but for most of us, drinking water isn't a habit. It's too easy to drink fizzy drinks, juices and coffee which dehydrate us and result in us taking in extra calories we don't need. So here are a few reasons to try and drink at least 1.5 litres of water a day, **EVERY DAY!**



Energy levels – Dehydration saps your energy, making you feel tired and lethargic. By the time you feel thirsty you are ALREADY DEHYDRATED and this can lead to muscle weakness, dizziness and nausea. One of the easiest ways to see if you are drinking enough water is to look at the colour of your urine (pee). It should be clear and a light straw colour, dark colour can be a sign of severe dehydration – so keep on topping up throughout the day. Exercise and outdoor activities require more water so be sure to hydrate before, during and after any exercise.

Preventing headaches – Many students who come to see me are chasing painkillers for headaches and often haven't had anything to drink or eat at school all day. Headaches are another common symptom of dehydrations – so before asking for painkillers try having a couple of glasses of water and something to eat!

Healthy skin – Water helps to flush toxins out of your body and can improve the look of your skin, improving acne (spots) – why do you think those models drink litres of water every day???

Cancer risk – Because of the effects of cleansing toxins out of your body, water consumption is also linked to a reduction in the risk of colon cancer by up to 45%. Studies also indicate that it can also reduce the risk of bladder cancer by 50%.

Weight control – Water is the healthiest drink we can have. Often when we think we are hungry, we are really thirsty. In addition to a balanced diet, drinking water is one of the most important things we can do to maintain health and wellbeing, it has no fat, no calories, no carbs and no caffeine in it!



Try and make drinking water a habit for life – one way to ensure you are drinking enough is to keep track of what you are drinking by taking a large bottle (1 litre or larger) to school with you and refill at recess and lunchtimes. Remember, by the time you feel thirsty you are already dehydrated.

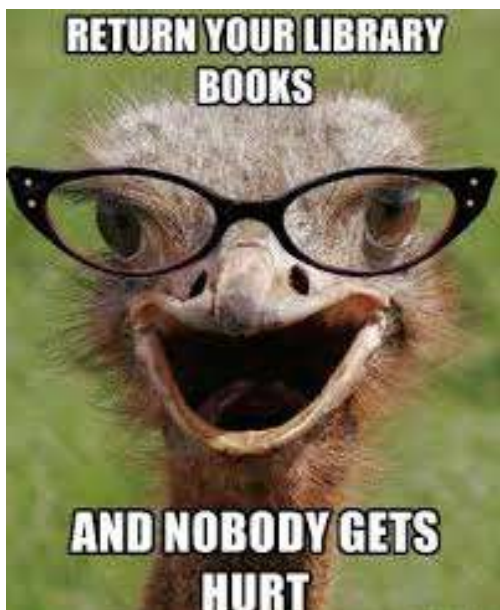


**Call Health direct 1800 022 222
Or local Community Health Nurse
(John Willcock School T: 99658313)**

Library News

Does your child enjoy writing and meeting authors?

The Year 6, 7, and 8 *Young Writer's Workshops* will be held at the JWC Library again next year. The *Youth Literature Day* for Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 will be hosted by Geraldton Secondary College. The visiting authors will be James Moloney, J.C. Burke, Lucy Christopher and Michel Pryor. The cost for attending these four sessions (one per term) is \$120.00 per student, per year (current 2017). Information about registration will be distributed early in 2018.



Borrowing

As the end of the school year is fast approaching, could you please return borrowed Library items as soon as possible?

Year Six Transition

During lunchtimes the Library was overflowing and buzzing with eager Year 6 students. This was awesome. Don't forget the Library opens before school and after school as well.



Thanking you for your support and patronage this year.

Olga Cotterell

Teacher Librarian

You coming
or what?





Willcock
Waste
Warriors

Starts 2018



Garbage in landfill causes huge problems for the environment – often releasing harmful substances and greenhouse gases.

We want to reduce the amount of garbage that students and teachers produce.

Tip of the month:

- avoiding 'one use' plastics such as straws and spoons

Terracycling

Students may have already noticed that there are 4 recycling boxes in the library.

When these boxes are full we send them off to be recycled – and our student committee gets 4c for every valid item in the box.

Objects that can be recycled include all Colgate products (including used toothbrushes, pastes and boxes), Garnier products, coffee pods and Australia post satchels. If you use any of these products at home and usually just throw the empty packets away, please think about saving them and bringing them to school for recycling!

Would you like to make a difference to the school environment in 2018?

Student Committee

In 2018 we will be starting a student committee to encourage students and teachers to reduce, reuse and recycle waste.

Our goals are to:

- Introduce plastic recycling bins at JWC
- Campaign to reduce, reuse, recycle
- Do a waste audit of the school
- Come up with creative ways to reduce waste at the school
- Come up with awesome upcycling ideas
- Reduce waste of water and electricity around the school
- Beautify the school environment
- Introduce terracycling
- Promote environmental awareness days

If you think taking on any of these projects sounds like you be sure to get your ideas together – we will be recruiting members in term 1.



A.I.M.

Ambition in Mind

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Where has this Term gone? It was buzzing, quick and lots of fun! The A.I.M. boys were fantastic and busy as always.

We completed our Tree of Life resilience program in Life-Skills and the boys gained some valuable insight into their histories and futures.

Valuable life-skills the boys learnt over the year were put to the test when the boys planned our end of year three-day local excursion. They did a great job, and everyone had a blast. Some of the activities included sandboarding, swimming, fishing, movies, sleep over, raft building, archery and lots of laughter.

We also attended the March Against Violence that Desert Blue Connect hosted to create awareness on family violence.

In term 4 we also planted seeds and learnt about growth not only in plants but in humans too.

Massive congratulations to all the students that managed to increase their attendance during the year. The ones who didn't make it, next year we try again.

To everyone that supported A.I.M. in any shape or form this year, thank you very much! A.I.M. is a new program that we kicked off in 2017 and with your help it was a fantastic year. 2018 Will be better and stronger and I cannot wait to share it with all of you.

Safe travels to everyone over the Christmas holidays and have a blessed time with friends and family. Be safe, be responsible and see you all in the New Year.

I'll leave you with this quote from Chewbacca: "Uhhhhhhghhhh Ahhhhhghhrrr Uhhgggharraar uhhaaa!"

Frederick Pritchard
A.I.M. Co-ordinator





Year 9 Police Day Out





Year Six Transition Week

During Week Seven we welcomed the incoming students for 2018 from Geraldton, Mt Tarcoola, Wandina, Bluff Point, Chapman Valley, Allendale, Waggrakine, Rangeway, Beachlands and St John's Primary School.

The Year 6's participated in a range of lessons and activities throughout the week giving them a taste of life at John Willcock College.



No, seriously, you should try this!



MATTY KNIGHT BASKETBALL CAMPS



WILDCATS CHAMPIONSHIP CAPTAIN
BRAD ROBBINS



2 x NBL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYER
CORBAN WROE

MARGARET RIVER

THURS 4TH & FRI 5TH JAN
MARGARET RIVER RECR CENTRE
TIME: 9AM-3PM COST: \$160

ALBANY

TUES 16TH & WED 17TH JAN
ALBANY LEISURE CENTRE
TIME: 9AM-3PM COST: \$160

PERTH METRO

TUES 9TH & WED 10TH JAN
CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE
TIME: 9AM-3PM COST: \$160

GERALDTON

MON 22ND & TUES 23RD JAN
GERALDTON BASKETBALL STADIUM
TIME: 9AM-3PM COST: \$160

NORTHAM

THURS 11TH & FRI 12TH JAN
NORTHAM RECREATION CENTRE
TIME: 10AM-2PM COST: \$120

DONGARA

WED 24TH & THURS 25TH JAN
IRWIN RECREATION CENTRE
TIME: 9AM-3PM COST: \$160



FOR BOYS & GIRLS

- 7-11 YEARS
- 12-15 YEARS



ONLINE REGISTRATION

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NEW TUTORING BUSINESS



The tutors you need.

JB Tutoring is a new local business now available for holiday tutoring in the areas of Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry.

Specialising in all topics within Primary and Secondary schooling, our two tutors are both high-achieving Year 12 graduates who both received Dux awards from Geraldton Senior College.

We are available for one-on-one in-home tutoring on weekdays and weekends.

Contact us at jbtutoringau@gmail.com for more information, or visit our Facebook page at [@JBTutoringAU](https://www.facebook.com/JBTutoringAU).



Centacare Back to School Project 2018

Centacare Family Services is offering basic stationery packs to eligible families with children attending school from Kindergarten to Year 12.

To be eligible for a stationery pack, parents/caregivers must hold and present current Concession Card (Health Care Card) and have children in their full-time care.

Packs will be distributed on the following dates:

Monday 22 January 2018 – Wednesday 31 January 2018 (or earlier if sold out)
Closed Friday 26 January (Australia Day)

Where: Centacare, 3 Maitland St, Geraldton – follow the signs

Time: 9:30am – 12:30pm weekdays

Cost: \$2:00 per pack

NB: Orders will not be taken in advance; orders must be collected by the named Health Care Card holder.



Soccer for Change Program

PROGRAM NAME **Soccer for Change School Holiday Program**

PLAYER DETAILS

TITLE	MR	MISS	MS	MRS
GENDER	MALE	FEMALE	ABORIGINAL	Y N
FIRST NAME				
MIDDLE NAME				
SURNAME				
FFA NUMBER (IF KNOWN)				
DATE OF BIRTH	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	
ADDRESS				
	POSTCODE			

PARENT/GUARDIAN DETAILS

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME	
RELATIONSHIP TO PLAYER	
PHONE / MOBILE	
EMAIL	
PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME	
RELATIONSHIP TO PLAYER	
PHONE / MOBILE	
EMAIL	

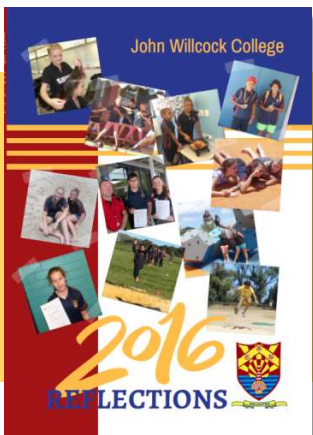
EMERGENCY CONTACT

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME	
RELATIONSHIP TO PLAYER	
PHONE / MOBILE	
EMAIL	

OTHER INFORMATION

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PROGRAM				Soccer for Change
DATE				Monday 18 th December – Friday 22 nd December 2017
TIME				9.00am – 12 noon
VENUE				Alexander Park – Rovers Soccer Club
COST				Free
FACILITATORS				Tim Flicker and Ronnie from Monash Gryphons Football West Staff/Coaches GJSA Coaches
DATE	DAY	SESSION TIME	SESSION PLAN/ACTIVITY	
18 th December	Monday	9.00am – 10.00am	Development of Soccer Skills	
		10.00am – 10.20am	Morning Tea	
		10.30am – 12 noon	Small Sided Games	
		12noon – 12.30pm	Lunch and Brief Health/Lifestyle Discussion	
19th December	Tuesday	9.00am – 10.00am	Development of Soccer Skills	
		10.00am – 10.20am	Morning Tea	
		10.30am – 12 noon	Small Sided Games	
		12noon – 12.30pm	Lunch and Brief Health/Lifestyle Discussion	
20th December	Wednesday	9.00am – 10.00am	Development of Soccer Skills	
		10.00am – 10.20am	Morning Tea	
		10.30am – 12 noon	Small Sided Games	
		12noon – 12.30pm	Lunch and Brief Health/Lifestyle Discussion	
21st December	Thursday	9.00am – 10.00am	Development of Soccer Skills	
		10.00am – 10.20am	Morning Tea	
		10.30am – 12 noon	Small Sided Games	
		12noon – 12.30pm	Lunch and Brief Health/Lifestyle Discussion	
22 nd December Family Day	Friday	9.00am – 10.00am	Mini World Cup Tournament	
		10.00am – 10.20am	Morning Tea	
		10.30am – 12 noon	Mini World Cup Tournament	
		12noon – 12.30pm	Lunch and Presentations	



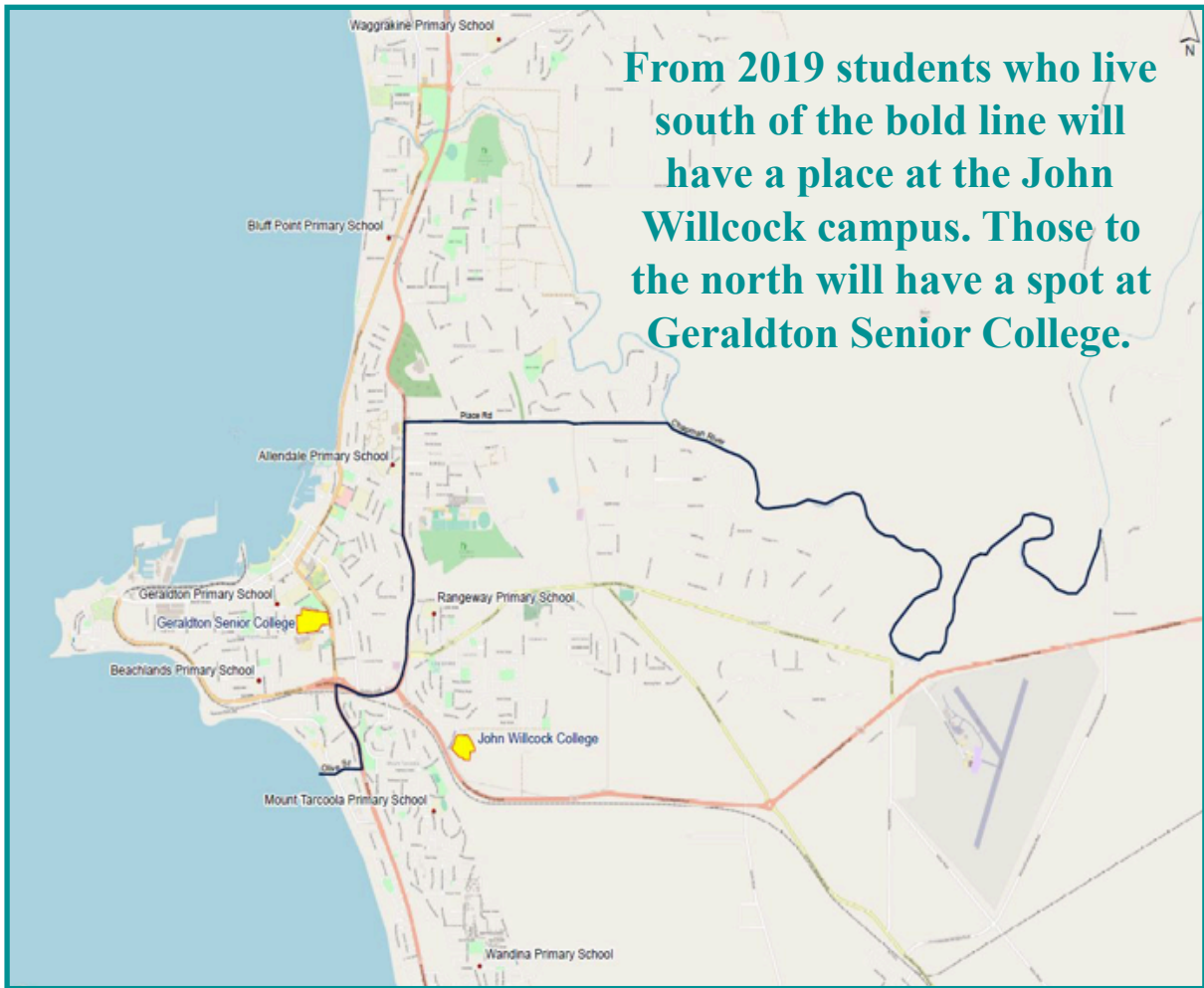
The John Willcock College
yearbook Reflections 2016

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

If you were wondering what all the 'Where's Wally' pictures of our beloved Chaplain are doing in the newsletter we wanted to show our appreciation of the work that he has done in his time at John Willcock College. Bruno will be moving to another position in Geraldton at the end of the year.

Good Luck Bruno!!





Principal Julie Campbell had a lovely surprise when Kesh Marasingha presented her with flowers. Kesh and his family are moving away from Geraldton. Best wishes to Kesh and his family.



The ASDAN students held stalls outside the staffroom on Friday selling goodies for Christmas.



Brendan Oakley
9G1 with his
incredibly
plasticine
sculptures of aliens





CLONTARF APPLE CHALLENGE

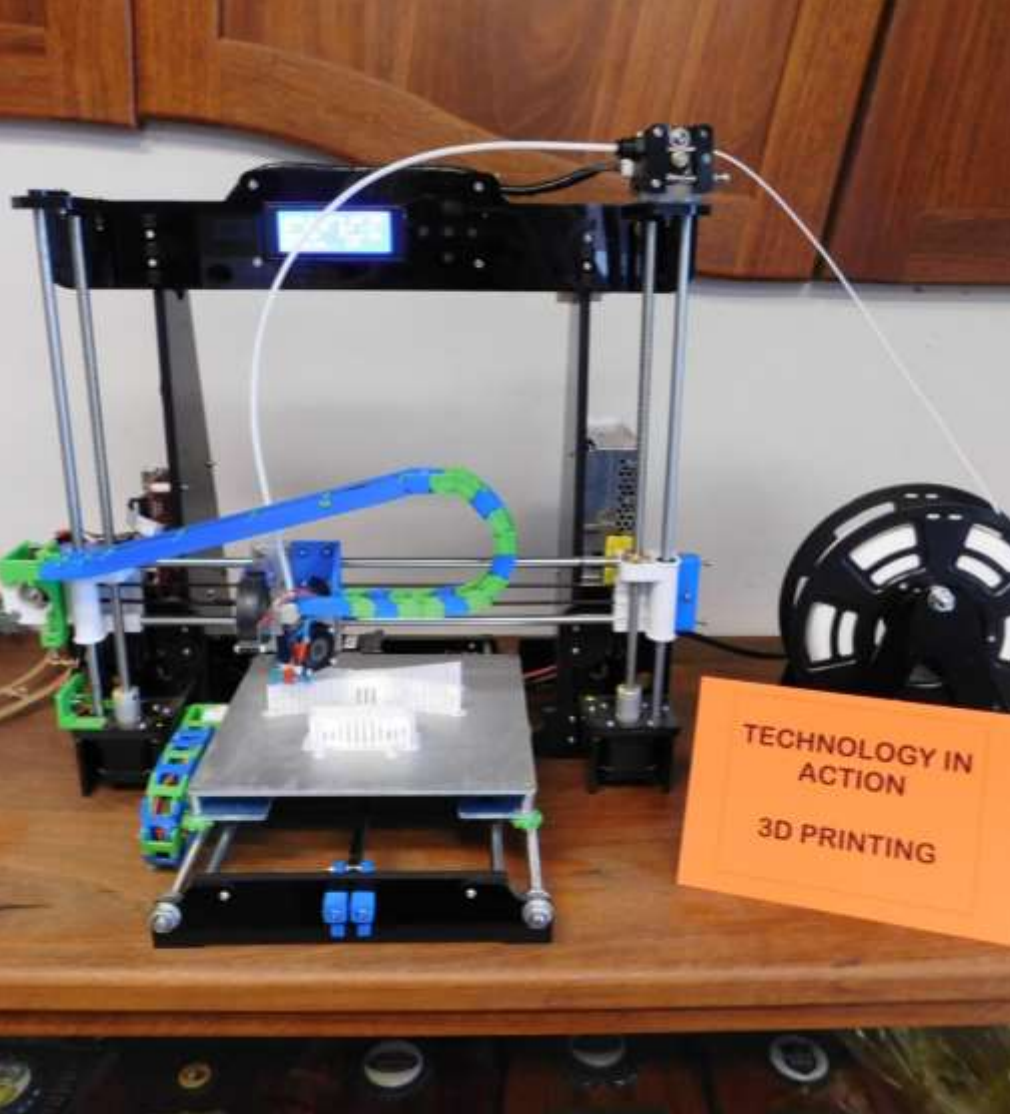


Jarrold strikes it lucky



Congratulations to Jarrod Brlic who was successful in the student prize section of the 2017 Critics Choice Completion conducted by Smarter than Smoking and the Heart Foundation. Year 7 students took part in this year's Critics Choice Competition as part of Health Education. Over 600 hundred students took part in Western Australia. Students had to analyse and rank various anti-smoking advertisements and register their opinions on line.

Jarrold has won a \$30.00 iTunes voucher. Congratulations to all who took part.



We have had one of the College's 3D printers set up in the front office for the last few weeks.

Parents and visitors have been fascinated with this technology which is available at John Willcock College.

School Dental Clinics

Enrolment Policy Information for High School students

After primary school, the School Dental Service continues to provide free general and preventative dental care across WA for all enrolled students in Years 7-11, up to the age of 17 years. This service is provided by a fixed or mobile Dental Therapy Centre. If you are not already enrolled at a Dental Clinic, it is not too late to enrol now! The address and phone number of each Dental Therapy Centre can be found the Dental Health Services website at www.dental.wa.gov.au, or alternatively the phone number is listed under the school name in the Business and Government telephone book. For students already enrolled, it is important to advise your Dental Centre of any address changes, as all appointments are sent to the home address. The following dental clinics operate in Geraldton – Allendale: 99214218, Bluff Point: 99231289, Rangeway: 9921 4373.