

THE COURT CHIMES

2022, "RESPECT FOR SELF"



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

PATRICIA RODRIGUES, PRINCIPAL

Board News - At our Board's Annual General Meeting held earlier this month, Mr Ken Court and Mr Dudley Stow who have been members on our Board for the past seven plus years stepped down. Both men were presented with certificates of appreciation by Mr Dave Gossage. In other Board news, I am pleased to advise that Mr Gossage was reappointed Chair, ably supported by Ms Elizabeth Court as Vice Chair and Mr Jeff Thorne as Treasurer. I thank all members of the Board, especially Mr Court and Mr Stow, who volunteer their time to support our school.

ANZAC -Our Head Prefects, Lewis Hales and Isabella Noble-Andrew represented our School at the Byford ANZAC ceremony. We thank the Examiner Newspaper for forwarding this lovely photo.

We as a school commemorated this occasion with a whole school Assembly.



Photograph courtesy of "The Examiner"



**Court Grammar
School**

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 31 May

School Tour

Thursday 2 June

Yr 7-12 ACC Cross Country

Monday 6 June

WA Day - Public Holiday

Friday 10 June

Yr 6 Combined Assembly

Wednesday 15 June

PP-Yr 12 Cross Country and
Ningaloo Assembly

Thursday 16 June

Primary Athletics - Field Day

Friday 17 June

Primary Athletics Track &
Team Events

Monday 20 June

NAIDOC Assembly

Tuesday 21 June

Yr 7 ACC AFL Carnival
School Tour

Wednesday 22 June

Yr 10-12 RKAS Carnival

Friday 24 June

Secondary Athletics
Students conclude Term 2

Tuesday 19 July

Students commence Term 3

Wednesday 20 June

Yr 1-12 Principal's Assembly

**Monday 25- Wednesday 27
July**

Yr 6 Camp

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK CONTINUED....

Cross Country- Fun Run - Our inaugural Fun run was an terrific success, there is a full write up with photos further in.

Year 9 Ningaloo - Our Year 9's enjoyed the wonderful sunshine at Ningaloo, we look forward to their return later today. More information to come with the next issue of the Court Chimes.

Free RAT Tests - last week we distributed free RAT tests provided by the State Government. If you have not received yours, they are available from Reception. We have kept some as we are testing prior to excursions and camps. We don't wish to keep them and will see how many we have left.

Secondary Cross Country Results

Year 7 Boys

1st Xavier Allen
2nd Samuel Simmons
3rd Ethan McFarlane

Year 7 Girls

1st Alyssah Nunn
2nd Lillee Rowe
3rd Sophie Colley

Year 8 Boys

1st Zac Workman
2nd Colm Galvin
3rd David Magorwa

Year 8 Girls

1st Emma Mladenovic
2nd Ava O'Neill
3rd Leni Earney

Year 9 Boys

1st Jai Allen
2nd Eliot Wardrobe
3rd Jarrah Johnston

Year 9 Girls

1st Esther Amory
2nd Tayla Langlands
3rd Ava O'Neill

Year 10 Boys

1st Jaxon Artemis
2nd Danny Keaveney
3rd Marko Borich

Year 10 Girls

1st Phoebe McQuade
2nd Charlotte Mateljan
3rd Sophia Schaller

Open Boys

1st Seamus Galvin
2nd Tayten Smith
3rd Ethan Logan

Open Girls

1st Tayla Cooper
2nd Olivia Cooper
3rd Siena Jezierski



Overall Boy Champion: Jai Allen Year 9

Overall Girl Champion: Allyssah Nunn Year 7

Year 10 - Keys4life

Over Term 1 and into Term 2 the Year 10 students have been participating in the Keys4Life, a pre-driver program. The program helps to educate young people about safer road use and allows them to sit their Learner's Permit Theory Test. Preparing young people for safer driving is an important component of the Western Australian road safety strategy as each year young drivers are over-represented in road crash statistics. The students in Year 10 have been working hard in learning the road rules, simulating scenarios and workshopping the risks associated with being a new driver. All students in Year 10 will have completed this program within the next week.



Year 10 Mother's Day

In week 3 of this term we had the pleasure of having many of our Year 10 mum's or mother figures attend a Mother's Day Morning Tea with their child. The students and their mums' had the opportunity to have some fun, learning and making Tie-Dye shirts. This was a new experience for many and it was lovely to see the students learning something new with their mum. The fantastic turnout made this community event a highlight of the year so far, and I am looking forward to seeing some of the shirts the students made.

Mr Andersson - Yr 10 Coordinator



National Sorry Day - 26 May



On 26 May, across the school, students and teachers found meaningful ways to teach students about Sorry Day. They engaged in discussions, completed a range of activities, and deepened their compassion and understanding about Sorry Day.

The “crinkled heart” was one of the activities completed on Sorry Day. It provides a visual element to a meaningful metaphor. The Pre-Primary classes engaged in a discussion about what Sorry Day is, and why it exists. They talked about the Aboriginal Flag and what the colours represent. Students coloured in heart shapes, utilising the Aboriginal flag colours, and wrote “sorry” on the back. They were told the hearts represent the hearts of the Stolen Generations. They were then asked to crinkle and scrunch the hearts up into balls. This represents how the hearts of the Stolen Generations were broken. Students were asked to try their best to make the hearts perfectly flat again; to fix them. Students soon realised that they couldn’t! This is like Sorry Day. While it does help, and is necessary in the path of healing, it doesn’t fix everything. The Aboriginal people, and Stolen Generations are still hurting.

The hearts of both Pre-Primary classes were used to create a collage, to signify unity and coming together in the name of compassion and understanding. Sorry Day falls just before the commencement of Reconciliation Week, which will see the continuation of such work throughout the school.

Miss Bedford and Miss Parmenter



Expedition Time for Duke of Edinburgh International Award Students

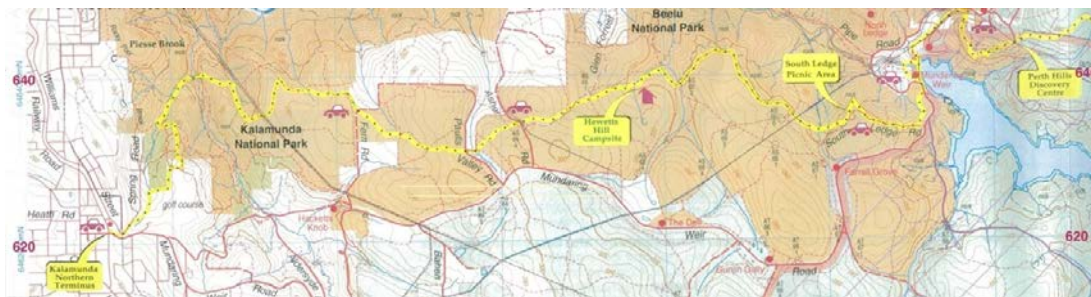
After a long wait and some changes to the original plan, as Covid regulations waxed and waned through Western Australia, the first ever group of 'D of E' students at Court Grammar found themselves leaving the safety of the minibus for the great outdoors.



A mixed group of 8 students, spanning Year 8 to Year 10, have been training every Monday after school in skills such as expedition planning, route cards, mapwork, and camp craft. With full rucksacks and an autumn chill in the air, our explorers set out from Kalamunda, which is the northern terminus of the Bibbulman Track. They were hoping to reach their destination of the Perth Discovery Centre, near Mundaring, some six hours and 17 km later. The key difference between a 'D of E' expedition and the average outdoor activity is that the students are unaccompanied.

They plan their route and walk their route as a team, independently and unaided. The teachers set up check

points along the route, wherever there was access by road or forest path to the Bibbulman Track, timing the progress of the students against their classroom calculations.



Students tend to overestimate their ability to navigate and walk up and down hills with heavy packs for hours at a time. However, this first group of Court Grammar students got it right first time and hit every checkpoint either on time or slightly early. This gives them useful feedback for their assessed expedition in Term 3. This was an amazing walk through some outstanding landscapes, including the forested hills of the Kalamunda National Park and across the O'Connor Reservoir as the path crosses the weir and into the hills on the Eastern side. On the way, there were spectacular views, including the lunch stop at South Ledge. Not content with the view from the ground, Jack flew his drone high above the forest and snapped the birds-eye view across the treetops and down to the O'Connor Reservoir



Lunch at South Ledge Picnic Area

Expedition Time for Duke of Edinburgh International Award Students cont...



The students finished the day by putting up tents and cooking themselves hot dogs. Ideally, we would have spent the night under canvas followed by a second day of hiking. However, Covid regulations relaxed too late for this to be planned safely. This is not the end of the track for our first expedition group, however. Any Duke of Edinburgh student will tell you that you have to go through the whole thing not once but twice. Next time, there will be two days of hiking and an overnight camp, and there will also be a project to complete during the expedition. There is also the small matter of completing 3 or 6 months of a skill, a physical activity, and a service activity until someone becomes the first student to achieve a Bronze award at Court Grammar. Good luck to Tayla, Yasmyn, Keanah, Mitchell, Evan, Jack, Drew, and Matthew. We'll keep you posted. In the meantime, have a hot dog! "

Mr Sullivan - Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator



3T Students Publish Their Writing In The West Australian!

This term our class have been looking at persuasive writing. We have looked at the structure of a persuasive text, internally debated hot topics like: "Should Wearing a Mask be Voluntary At School", "What Does the Ideal Playground Look Like for a Child?" And many other topics.

Last week, in preparation for the election, we tackled the topic, "Should Children Be Allowed to Vote?" Our goal was to learn how to construct a strong argument with detailed paragraphs that follow a TEEL model. Students helped to shape the text and give their ideas about ways to be persuasive and reasons why their voice should be heard!

At the end of the writing time, we looked at our text and analysed it. We felt that it was so well put together that we ought to send it to Mr Scott Morrison. I joked that we could send it to the West Australian. Later that afternoon, I did send it off to the West Australian and they sent a quick reply saying that they would love to publish it in the Saturday paper in the 'Letters' section. Congratulations to the Year 3T students on their wonderful work!

A picture of the article is attached (Saturday's paper, 21st May: page 137)

Mr Taylor

Children should be allowed to vote

Dear Mr Scott Morrison, I am a child and I have a voice.

Children are important and we are born full of outstanding ideas and a wonderful imagination. You need us! I am confused as to why you don't want to hear our ideas. *It is my future . . . it should be my say!*

In my view, children have great ideas and see things from a different angle to adults. How do you know what is important to us if you don't ask? If we had the right to vote, we would show you that the important issues are: safety, helping everyone (whether they are poor or rich), looking after animals, happiness and awesome playgrounds. *After all, it is my future . . . it should be my say!*

In my opinion, children are kind and care about the environment, animals and family. Some parents are so busy worrying about work that they forget to play, to see the nature around them. If you let us vote, we will help remind adults about what is important. *It is our future . . . it should be our say!*



Court Grammar School students.

To my mind, if children had the right to vote, Australia would be a better place to live. Most problems in the world are caused by adults and not by children. We will choose leaders who care about learning, health care and looking after our grandparents.

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, 20 per cent of Australians are children. If you don't hear from us, you are missing out on one out of five Australians! How can you ignore us? *It is our future . . . it should be our say!*

Obviously, this proves that children should have a right to vote. Let's end the foolishness today and allow children to vote this weekend! *It is our future . . . it should be our say!*

Year 3 students at Court Grammar School, Mundijong

Mountain Bike Club - 2022 Launch

Term 2 has seen the mountain bike club start the season, with a good number of past & new students attending and committing to the season.

The first week saw the students meet the teachers & lab technician helpers, for 2022. We covered bike maintenance, endurance nutrition, hydration, along with expectations. Thank you to those helpers for their commitment to the MTB Club.

Week two, saw the group ride to the Byford BMX track, to learn a few skills & test our bikes.

The following weeks, have seen us travel to Langford MTB park for enjoyment on the many single tracks and multiple jumps. Our male students and our only 2022 female student, Makayla Rimbas, really enjoy riding in this serene location.

Mrs Gallatly



Court Grammar School Equestrian Team 2022

On Thursday to Saturday, 21-23 April, the Court Grammar School Equestrian Team participated in the Saddles Plus 2022 Interschool WA Equestrian Championships Festival. Due to illness of some of our riders, we managed to have a team of nine riders and their horses competing in the disciplines of dressage, show jumping, combined training and show horse.

Some of our riders also competed in eventing at the WAYER International Horse Trials earlier in April.

We had many of our riders receive awards over the competition including the following:

- **Lahnee Pozzebon** - Highest Placed Individual for Years 4-6 and Champion Overall Primary Rider
- **Shania Benbow, Lily Hennessey and Bianca Ettridge** – Champion Secondary School Team in Dressage
- **Bianca Ettridge, Shania Benbow and Lily Hennessey** – Reserve Champion Secondary School Team in Show Horse
- **Shania Benbow** for High Point Off the Track – Dressage and High Point Off the Track – Show Horse

The amount of time and effort that goes into preparing a horse and rider for these types of events is unbelievable and a massive credit to all of our riders and their parents and families.

A big thank you goes to the Team Manager, **Susan Hennessy** who oversaw everything for our team during competition and helped to answer questions in the build-up to the event along with informing our riders of any important information.

The Court Grammar School Equestrian Team would like to say a very big thank you to our sponsors **SJ Rural Supplies** and **HB Horsewear** for the generous donation of horse rugs for each of our riders. Their support and generosity is greatly appreciated.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank **Shania Benbow and her mum Stacey** for their amazing contribution to our school equestrian team over Shania's years here at Court Grammar School. As Shania is in Year 12, it is the last year that she will be able to represent our school and she will be very much missed. As seen below in one of the photos, Shania has represented our school team for 9 years from 2014 to 2022. We wish you and your horses all the very best and know that you will continue to do amazing things in the equestrian sport.

A huge congratulations to all of our riders for how well you did individually with your horses, some receiving places in different classes and for all of you who represented our school so well and showed great sportsmanship and team spirit. Looking forward to 2023!



Yr 11/12 Woodwork

On 27 April, the Year 11 & 12 Woodwork students left to visit the Forest Product Commission (FPC) at Harvey. Students were given the opportunity to see first hand how a Marri log was sawn up into slabs by Mr Steve Davis at the FPC site near Harvey.

A lecture was also given by Mr Davis on the management of our local forests and the process to recover timber from state managed forests. Court Grammar would like to thank FPC and in particular Mr Davis who is always willing to accommodate our students.

Mr Ferreira - Woodwork Teacher



Yr 10 First Aid

The Year 10 students recently participated in the St John of God First Aid focus training. This was a practical course that focuses on developing students' skills. The aim of the course was to provide every student with an opportunity to practise the priority first aid skills. By the end of the session the students were able to demonstrate the management of an unconscious casualty who is not breathing normally by using the DRSABCD action plan and CPR.

The First Aid Focus program aims to train and equip students with the skills to assess and respond to first aid situations, while developing strategies to seek help for themselves or others. The practical skill-based sessions support students learning by teaching them how to enhance their own and others' health, safety and wellbeing in varied and changing contexts.

The sessions also provide opportunities for students to:

- Develop and refine resilience skills.
- Learn and practice the ability to make safe decisions, manage risk and take actions to promote the health and safety of themselves and others.
- Learn to take a critical approach to access, analyse and apply a variety of resources for the benefit of themselves and the community.

For the first time at CGS, the students also had the opportunity to use the skills learnt on the day to respond to a variety of first aid scenarios, using state of the art VR goggles. This was a highly engaging activity and excellent viewing for the spectators.

Mr Andersson - Yr 10 Coordinator

Whitby & Yarrabah

"Do It for Dolly" Fun Run

Thank you to the entire School community for getting into the House spirit for the inaugural Fun Run event. This year, we aligned with the "Do It For Dolly" charity, fundraising to create a kinder and safer world for Australia's kids and communities.

Thanks also to our suppliers, SJ Rural Supplies, Active Games Entertainment and the Brazier family for helping us get the event off the ground.

The activities began with a lovely "Buddy Lunch" sausage sizzle, followed by the Houses splitting up to gather in their respective areas before marching to the centre of the oval for the "Chant Off". After a heated chant and return from each House, it was decided by Ms Rodrigues that Whitby were to be deemed the victors – Mr Taylor and Mrs Johnson's choreography proving too strong.

After which, the students all had a go at each of the six "Fun Run" stations along side their Buddies. This saw some of the students enjoying the sunshine and taking it easy in the company of their friends, while others were absolutely whipping through!

The speedy and competitively inclined students were then given the opportunity to rush through the course in the "Hall of Fame" year level races.

Congratulations to the following year level champions for clambering, crawling, stepping, balancing, dodging and climbing their way to victory in the Fun Run "Hall of Fame" races:

Year 3

Girls: Jordan Munro

Boys: James Healey

Year 8

Girls: Leni Earney *Fastest Girl

Boys: Fletcher Tinsley

Year 4

Girls: Zoe Lamont & Emery Herdman

Boys: Noah Wainwright

Year 9

Girls: Esther Amery

Boys: Jobe Riseley

Year 5

Girls: Scarlett Nunn

Boys: Callum Van Houwelingen

Year 10

Girls: Sophia Schaller

Boys: Dan Johnson

Year 6

Girls: Sarah Mladenovic

Boys: Levi Zanich

Year 11

Girls: Brianna Maxwell

Boys: Tayten Smith *Fastest Boy

Year 7

Girls: Mia Leinarsars

Boys: Jye Rowe

Year 12

Girls: Mufaro Wachekwa

Boys: Jamie Knight-Farrell *Fastest Boy

Staff

Female: Ms O'Sullivan

Male: Mr Bristow

These students are to be commended for contributing 20 points towards the House Shield as well as gaining 20 House Colours points for themselves (Secondary School honour system)!

With that being said, congratulations to **Whitby** on winning overall; 220 – 200.

As per tradition, students of the winning House are permitted to wear their House Uniform (*date T.B.C.) to celebrate, while Ms Bedford and I will be forced to don the Orange as well.

Moreover, special mentions to the following “Best Dressed”. These students also gain 20 House Colours points for their colourful efforts;

Primary	Secondary
Sabella Ogbonna , Year 4	Jye Rowe , Year 7
Eilidh McKay , Year 3	Seth Grover , Year 7

Finally, honourable mentions to the “Respect Bear” recipients, who exemplified the school's core values of Integrity, Humility and Community on the day;

Primary	Secondary
Ruby Fisher , Year 6	Finn Mallon , Year 10
Emelia Crossley , Year 2	Brea McInerney , Year 7

Next up; the Giant Ring Toss Challenge, Week 8 and the highlight of the sporting calendar, the Interhouse Athletics Carnival Friday, Week 9...

BRING IT ON!

Mr Freel - Secondary **Yarrabah** Coordinator





"Balance" Station



"Crawl" Station



"Clamber" Station



Mr Taylor's winning choreography at the "Chant Off"



The Rivals

Overall Hang Challenge Results - Secondary

Hang tight, results are in...

Whitby 420 – Yarrabah 500

What a great time it has been for House; the Hang Challenge really gained some traction this year!

It was a close battle, with Whitby wiping the floor with us in Years 7 & 8, but overall Yarrabah came out on top thanks to the might of Years 9 – 12!

Thank you to all those who came to support the students and offered assistance to Mrs Johnson and I in running the event – Your help was very much appreciated! Thanks also to those of you who promoted the event behind the scenes, whether that was during PCG, in class, at Recess / Lunch, on Seqta or certainly by having a crack yourselves!

*All students who registered a time of 30+ seconds (below) = 10 House Shield & Colours points

*Champion Boy & Girl from each cohort (highlighted) = 20 House Shield & Colours points

MASSIVE shout out to **Hall of Fame** inductees;

- Ms Stawski: 1 minute 26 seconds
- Mr Greeff: 3 minutes 50 seconds
- Phoebe McQuade (Year 10): 3 minutes 15 seconds
- Oliver Anderson (Year 10): 3 minutes 49 seconds

Individual Cohort, Staff Results and a few pictures below

Hang Challenge Results
(30+ Seconds Club)

Year 7

Whitby		Yarrabah	
Name	Time	Name	Time
Myalee Brennan	0:36	Hayden Symons	0:31
Oskar Kimberley	0:37	Rufaro Dhliwayo	0:32
Keeliah Wall	0:42	Ryan Gullotti	0:34
Jake Regan	0:44	Kayden Cooper	0:34
Blake Wardle	1:07	Gabriel Breglia	0:36
Hadlee Baldacchino	1:13	Jett Koster	0:39
Dakota Bonham	1:19	Jessie McQuade	0:46
Beryl Miller-Garlett	1:32	Ruby Wilson	1:12
TOTAL	100	TOTAL	80

Hang Challenge Results
(30+ Seconds Club)

Year 8

Whitby		Yarrabah	
Name	Time	Name	Time
David Magorwa	0:32	Fletcher Tinsley	0:33
Emma Mladenovic	0:37	Alfie Thomson	0:36
Charli Peck	0:37	Amelie Brylewski	1:06
Jack Henneberry	0:42	Colm Galvin	2:26
Haemish Fisher	0:55		
Jasmine Waters	0:56		
Matilda Peck	0:56		
Tylah Foreman	1:19		
Zac Workman	2:15		
Jake Anderson	2:50		
TOTAL	120	TOTAL	40

Hang Challenge Results
(30+ Seconds Club)

Year 9

Whitby		Yarrabah	
Name	Time	Name	Time
Jack Worthington	0:31	Chevy Grayson	0:31
Koby Sullivan	0:42	Lucas Green	0:43
Talyn Wall	0:45	Bradley Buchanan	0:43
Joshua Smith	0:49	Taj Gullotti	0:44
Logan Visser	0:49	Charlie McCoy	0:45
Jye Rooke	1:12	Luke Pratt	0:46
		Karl Magon	0:56
		Eliot Wardrobe	1:16
TOTAL	60	TOTAL	90

Hang Challenge Results
(30+ Seconds Club)

Year 10

Whitby		Yarrabah	
Name	Time	Name	Time
Finn Mallon	0:30	Keanah Winter	0:30
Jake Paterson	1:53	Brodie Scorer	0:30
Cody Visser	2:11	Blayde Read	0:43
Jason Lette	3:40	Yasmyn Roeszler	2:06
		Phoebe McQuade	3:15
		Oliver Anderson	3:49
TOTAL	40	TOTAL	80

Hang Challenge Results

(30+ Seconds Club)

Year 11

Whitby		Yarrabah	
Name	Time	Name	Time
Gurbaaz Gill	0:30	Seamus Galvin	0:30
Curtis Inglis-Hodge	0:32	Tristan Sgarlata	0:32
Greg Graham	1:00	Josh Beattie	0:33
Chloe Young	1:06	Tyson Pascoe	0:33
Tighe Shaw	2:38	Aidan Lester	0:34
		Sam Piotrowski	0:47
		Olivia Cooper	0:56
		Jack McCoy	1:09
		Tayla Cooper	1:22
		Courtney Read	1:36
		Coen Baird	1:40
TOTAL	60	TOTAL	120

Hang Challenge Results

(30+ Seconds Club)

Year 12

Whitby		Yarrabah	
Name	Time	Name	Time
Jamie Knight-Farrell	0:30	Milla Semple	0:30
Ethan Marsh	1:37	Tariq Raad	0:37
Charlie Johnston	2:46	Luke Bell	0:45
		Darcy Mead	0:48
		Emily Anderson	0:49
		Cy Evans	0:51
		Michelle Nyamukubva	1:06
		Zane Pozzebon	2:07
TOTAL	40	TOTAL	90

Hang Challenge Results

(30+ Seconds Club)

Staff

Whitby		Yarrabah	
Name	Time	Name	Time
Mr Curulli	0:30	Mr Jones	0:30
Ms Stawski	1:26	Mr Garrett	0:43
Mr Bristow	1:29	Ms Tolhurst	0:46
		Mr Andersson	2:43
		Mr Jenzen	3:00
		Mr Greeff	3:50
TOTAL	40	TOTAL	70



House Activities Hall of Fame **(All Time Highest Scores)**



Court Grammar
School

Hang Challenge

Male: **Oliver Anderson**: 3 minutes 49 seconds (2022)

Female: **Phoebe McQuade**: 3 minutes 15 seconds (2022)

Staff – Male: **Mr Greeff**: 3 minutes 50 seconds (2022)

Staff – Female: **Ms Stawski**: 1 minute 26 seconds (2022)

Half Court Challenge

Male: **Riley Finerty** & **Ethan Logan**: 3 (2021)

Female: Nil

Staff: **Mr Freel**: 7 (2021)

Giant Ring Toss Challenge

Male: **Tayten Smith**: 6 (2021)

Female: **Georgia Bett**: 1 (2021)

Staff: Nil

Crossbar Challenge

Male: **Cameron Young**: 5 (2021)

Female: Nil

Staff: **Mr Sullivan** & **Mr Freel**: 2 (2021)

Spelling Bee

2021 Champion: **Natalie Jarrold**

The Great Debate

2021 Winners: **Yarrabah**

1. Colm Galvin (Year 7 Captain)
2. Jobe Riseley (Year 8 Captain)
3. Seamus Galvin (Year 10 Captain)
4. Zane Pozzebon (Year 11 Nominee)
5. Pachedu Musamirapamwe (Year 11 Captain)

Pi Day Challenge

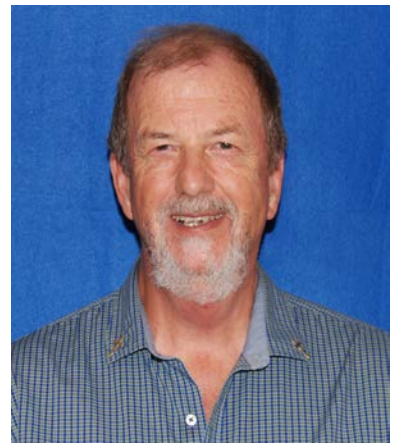
Tayla Altieri: 107 decimal places (2022)

Staff: Nil



CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

REVEREND NOEL OAKEY



I have been fortunate enough to spend some time this year talking to some primary classes about prayer. No matter how old you are, or whether you go to school, university or are working, starting the day with prayer is always a great idea.

With that in mind, here are three things you may want to consider praying about before you go to school each day. You can pray these things in just a couple of minutes, and they will help you focus on living each day for the glory of God.

1. Give thanks

Think about your life and all the good things God has given you. Thank Him for these things. It always concerns me that students in Australia look so sad when they come to school. Having worked overseas with young people who have been blessed with the opportunity to learn, the response to school is different.

Thank God that you are able to go to school, to learn and grow as a person. With almost 60 million children around the world who don't have access to education, give thanks that you do.

Especially, let us pray for the children and educators in Ukraine who have had their education disrupted and perhaps denied. We give thanks to educators who in refugee and makeshift situations are still endeavouring to give students the opportunity to learn.

2. Pray for someone else

If you find someone difficult to deal with at school, pray that you will have patience with them & be able to love them.

If you know someone is going through a difficult time, pray that you can get alongside them and show them God's love in action. It is important that these two go alongside each other.

3. Pray for yourself

Ask God to help you be a shining light for Him in your school today.

Ask God for strength to do the right thing and to live in a way that pleases Him.

Ask God to help you treat teachers and other students with love and respect.

These three things are very simple, but also practical and not time consuming..... instead time well spent.



Sickness and Bugs

As you all know, the world is full of nasty bugs and infections right now. Not all of these are COVID, but some seem just as bad! Could I please make a polite reminder that if your child is sick and presenting with symptoms of cold, flu, nausea, or general sickness, please keep them home from school. If you are a Pre-Kindergarten to Year 2 parent and have not collected your free RAT tests, please collect these from Reception.

Like all schools, we have had very erratic attendance over the last two terms, and we are trying our best to keep all our children and staff as well as can be. Can I also remind all parents and caregivers that when children have had gastro, whether this be sickness or diarrhoea, children should be 24 hours clear of symptoms before returning to school. Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding with this ever-present matter.

Assemblies Resume!

It is with great excitement that we will resume our assembly programme later this term. With restrictions now reverted to baseline conditions, we can comfortably house our Primary students and families for assemblies in the Wellstrand Centre. 6GB and 6VB will come together for a combined Year 6 assembly in Week 7 of this term. Future assemblies will be advertised as they approach. Our student leaders are certainly excited about being able to lead these assemblies – even if it is almost two terms into the year!



Sports Carnivals

Following the success of our recent Cross-Country Carnivals and Fun Run, Miss Cavill, the PE department and our House Coordinators Mr Peter Taylor and Miss Bedford are now busy getting ready for the Athletics Carnival. The Primary Carnivals will take place in Week 8 of this term with more detailed information coming home from Miss Cavill over the coming weeks. As we have become larger in size, we will hold an Early Learning carnival for our younger students and a Year 3-6 carnival for our Middle and Upper Primary students. Keep an eye on SEQTA for updates.

The Importance of Communication

Could I please remind all parents and caregivers that SEQTA is our main form of communication for school events, messages from our leadership teams and general information sharing. Please check this regularly and do not hesitate to contact us if you need help in any way.



Examination Dates 11 & 12 ATAR Courses

Year 11 & 12 ATAR examinations have now begun and run from Friday 27 May to Friday 3 June. Examination timetables have been published and both hard and electronic copies sent to students and parents. Students need to ensure they attend their examinations on time. Outside of their examination time, study rooms will be provided for students so they can prepare for their next examination.

Examinations 7 – 10

Examinations for students in Year 7 – 10 begin on Tuesday 7 June and run through to Friday 10 June. Teachers have been assisting the students in their preparation, as for many students, particularly those in Year 7, it may be their first experience. We are wishing all students the very best during these assessments. Should students miss examinations due to illness (COVID included) please ensure you contact Reception.

NAPLAN results

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 recently sat NAPLAN testing. Results are expected to arrive in late July/ early August. Individual student performance will be shown on a national achievement scale for each assessment. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student has demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level.

Police Rangers

Court Grammar School Police Rangers have been sharpening their proverbial steak knives in the culinary art of Trangia cooking. In preparation for the upcoming State Rangers Camp the Police Rangers have been learning the art of Trangia cooking. Last week the cadets faced the challenge titled 'The Omelette.'

Eggs, butter, extra virgin olive oil, parmesan cheese were among some to the publicly available ingredients, others were kept strictly confidential, not to give away the magic recipe. By the end of the session the Rangers had satisfied the taste buds and gained new skills and techniques in cooking in a Trangia stove.

Police Rangers is open to all students Year 7 or above and runs every Monday from 3:15 – 5:00 pm. If you are interested, please see Mr Krokosz for more information.

Mr Krokosz



"Student Voice"

This term as a School we have enhanced the effectiveness of students having a say in how their school runs through what we call 'Student Voice.'

In the Secondary School, each PCG (Pastoral Care Group) from Years 7 – 11 has a PCG Representative. Along with the Primary School leaders, these students meet each Monday lunchtime with the two school captains – this year Isabella Noble-Andrew and Lewis Hales – and form the Student Council.

The purpose of "Student Voice" is to provide a forum where students can raise and discuss issues which they feel are important to them. These items then form the agenda for the two School Captains to take to their Prefects meeting the following lunch on Tuesdays.

Once discussed there, if agreed, successful items are taken to the Principal, Ms Rodrigues for discussion. Examples of some of the items discussed and raised with the Principal include:

- Out shirts for boys
- Two earrings in each lobe for students
- Basketball nets on the basketball rings
- Student diaries for 2023
- Access to YouTube for ATAR students
- Study rooms during examinations for Senior students

In addition, sometimes events and concerns are raised by the School Captains with the PCG Representatives and Primary School leaders for them to take back to their groups and discuss. These have included:

- Cross-Country
- Do it for Dolly Day
- Litter
- Uniform
- NAIDOC week

It is already proving an active space with many good discussions and issues coming to the fore and is another way we are connecting our students with their school.



Uniform Shop Opening Times

Mondays: 8.00 - 11.00am
Wednesdays: 12.30pm - 3.30pm

As always, if you know the size and item, please complete an online order, which will be made ready for collection from Reception.

2022 Calendar - updated

Term Two

Monday 25 April

ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 26 April

Students Commence

Monday 6 June

Western Australian Day Public Holiday

Friday 24 June

Teaching Staff and Students finish Term Two

Term Three

Monday 18 July

Staff Professional Development Day - Pupil Free

Tuesday 19 July

Students Commence

Friday 26 August

Staff Professional Development Day - Pupil Free

Friday 23 September

Teaching Staff and Students finish Term Three

Term Four

Monday 10 October

Staff Professional Development Day - Pupil Free

Tuesday 11 October

Students Commence

Thursday 8 December

Presentation Night - Students finish Term Four

Tuesday 20 December

School Office Closes

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