

# NEWSLETTER

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### Important Dates to remember, Term 2:

- 5-7 May: IPS Review
- 9 May: School Ball
- 29 May: Student Travel Day
- 1 June: Western Australia Day
- 4-5 June: Muresk Excursion
- 22 June-3 July: Year 11 & 12 Work Experience
- 22-26 June: Try Out Week 1
- 29 June-3 July: Try Out Week 2
- 3 July: End of Term 2, Student Travel Day



Above: Major Warren Coaker delivering an address at the 2015 ANZAC Service



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Dean Carslake**

It was with regret that we were unable to get a second Newsletter out last term and I apologise to any parents who may have been inconvenienced by this. I thank School Officer, Kristen McDougall who has taken over the production of the College Newsletter. The front office are working hard to improve parent communication via email, and a new system being installed at the Residential Campus will make improvements in the booking and recording of student leave. This will also assist with the recording of attendance and knowing exactly where every student is. This system, "REACH", will ensure new levels of efficiency with student leave, attendance, student tracking and SMS notifications. It will be able to assist with catering for numbers and with audit by providing up to date data. I look forward to the implementation of this system, recommended as best practice by the Australian Boarding Schools Association over the coming term.

This week, the Morawa Education Cluster, Morawa DHS and WACOA Morawa, will have a three year Independent Public School review undertaken by the Department of Educational Services, a body independent of the Department of Education. Two reviewers will be at each school for three days to conduct the review. Students and Parents will be interviewed along with a broad and comprehensive cross section of College staff. This review is to assess the progress that has been made against the targets

and claims made in the College Business Plan 2013 – 2015. The reviewers have had an Executive Summary and USB containing supporting documentation for four weeks and will visit to verify the findings that we have made during a School Self-review during Term 1. I thank all parents, Board and Ag Advisory members and staff for their work in the lead up to this review and look forward to the recommendations and commendations that will result. This review report will be available on the DoE Schools online site when complete.

Attendance – As part of the School Self-review in preparation for the IPS Review the college attendance data was closely examined and urgent improvement identified as a recommendation. A letter went home to all students with Term 1 Interim Reports showing individual student attendance. I encourage all parents and carers to think very carefully about attendance, a compulsory parent obligation. The biggest inhibitor to student progress and education is attendance; we cannot teach you when you are not at school. It is essential that all leave that involves students missing school class/instructional time is negotiated through the Principal. This can be done via phone or email [dean.carslake@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:dean.carslake@education.wa.edu.au).

Individual student attendance must be closely monitored by the school and supported by parents. Lorraine





# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Dean Carslake**



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Pederick, Deputy Principal, managing student attendance and I monitor this daily through information sent through from the Residential Campus each morning. If you have any questions regarding student attendance, please contact Lorraine or I. I thank you for your close attention to assisting your child to maintain the best possible attendance record and giving themselves the best possible opportunities into the future.

2015 has seen an overall increase in student numbers across the WACOA System of 11% with Morawa achieving a 48% increase. This of course will put pressure on resources and facilities that had been the result of a very targeted marketing program and I am very pleased with the result. Marketing will remain a strong focus with the aim to retain this increase in student numbers over time.

A developing focus for the Board and Ag Advisory, over the past six months has been the formation of sub-committees to oversee the further improvement of college facilities to cater for the increasing student numbers. A land purchase subcommittee has been formed to look into the purchase of a further 1,000ha of productive farming land to supplement the current land holding which includes about 1,800ha of salt lake country that is only able to carry stock for approximately one to two months each year. Jim Cook and Jim Milloy represent the Board, Peter Smith and Craig Topham represent the Ag Advisory Committee and Gavin Clark and I are the College members. Jim Cook and I will co-chair the group to ensure that all avenues are explored. A Building subcommittee is also being developed to look into the building of thirty to forty extra residential rooms and laundry facilities to enable the college to grow to 100 students and possibly cater for 10 DHS students. I thank these members of the college community for their guidance and work in advancing the college for the benefit of students and the region.

I was recently able to put a very strong case for the above at the Shire of Morawa Meeting, following the Opening of the Town Square and Freight Road to Minister for Regional Development Mr Terry Redman, and several other National Members for the Agricultural Region, Liberal MLC Brian Ellis and Chair, Murray Criddle and CEO, Gavin Treasure of the Midwest Development Commission. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the need for further land and residential rooms and included an admin and school building program. The Minister was receptive to the case and real interest was shown. Terry Redman also has a strong link with the College, being Head of Department, Agriculture and Trades, in the late 80's and going on to be Principal of Demark College of Agriculture before entering Parliament.

Fingers crossed, watch this space!

The 2015 Student council led by Matthew Pyke and Holly Crowley, with assistance from Miss Gaunt and Mr Taylor, are doing a sensational job for the student body. Fundraising for the Canberra/Snowy Mountains/Qld Tour early Term 3 has been a major priority. A couple of meals cooked at the Morawa Golf And Bowling Club and a Quiz Night last Friday evening which saw very good attendance and support from College Families, staff of both schools, and the community. Special mention must be made of Mr Matthew Purser who was an entertaining Quiz Master. With work well advanced for the combined Ball at the end of this week, staff and students have been very busy.

The 100 Year celebrations of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli was marked with a combined Service at Morawa DHS with Student Councillors again heavily involved. College Captains, Holly and Matt, shared the MC role and attended to the flag, with Year 10 and 12 Councillors, Mike, Caitlyn, Alby and Ashley, laying wreaths and Year 10's, Jessica and Mikyla, reading a poem. In full dress uniform our students looked great and their behaviour was excellent. Thank you.



Above: Jessica Williams and Mikyla Roberts reading a poem.

The Ode was read by WW2 Verteran, Mr Dick Sasse and local farmers son and enlisted soldier, Major Warren Coaker, gave an address providing an enlightening perspective on recent overseas campaigns he has served in, and contrasted this to the extreme difficulties and enormous loss of life of Gallipoli and the Great War. Students who were in residence over the weekend also attended the 10.45am ANZAC Service at the Morawa Memorial run by the Morawa/Gutha RSL. Thank you to Mr Roy Townsend-Crisp who attended with the student



who were, again, a credit to the college. I received many positive comments about the student's appearance and the respectful manner in which they conducted themselves. Thank you!

This term we welcome Mrs Julie Burr 0.5 to the Teaching Staff in Agriculture and English, working Tuesdays Wednesdays and Thursdays. Miss Nadine Hollamby has also joined the Teaching Staff 0.8 this term continuing with the classes taken for her professional teaching practice. Nadine and Julie worked closely in Term 1 and it is great to have them both on board our growing teaching staff. This has allowed more time to be allocated to the VET/RTO Coordinator role undertaken by Mr Matthew Purser and freed up Deputy Principal Lorraine Pederick from 0.8 to 0.2 teaching load, giving her more time to work with student health and well-being, attendance, curriculum management and teaching staff leadership. I thank Lorraine for her work in her Deputy role when under such a heavy teaching load and look forward to the extra help in administration and student services matters as we move forward with a slightly modified timetable next week.

Local Community Youth Development Officer Sally Hoad, employed by the Shire of Morawa who manages the Shire funded Youth Centre has been a tireless worker for youth in Morawa and has worked hard to ensure that there are a variety of regular events and activities for local youth. Sally has provided opportunities, guidance and support to college students and I thank her for this and wish her well in the future, as she takes up

employment in Perth.

With another very busy term well underway, I encourage you to communicate closely and regularly with college staff to ensure the best possible outcome for your child, and do contact me if there are any issues that concern you.

With every best wish.



Above: Caitlyn Swift, Alby Kelly, Ashley Parker and Mike McCagh laying the wreath.



## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

**Lorraine Pederick**



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Term Two already! The year is speeding away—time flies when we're having fun! Most students have been working well, although there are a few who are dragging their heels with getting work in on time. Students who either hand work in late, or fail to hand in at all, take the risk of not completing courses and not graduating in Year 12.

If you had an interview requested in the Term One Report and have not already done so, please take the time to contact teachers and discuss your child. Also, if you have a concern about your son or daughter, we encourage you to ring or email to arrange a suitable time to discuss this with the relevant person or people.

During Term1, all Year 10 and 11 students who had not previously qualified for OLN, undertook testing in OLN Reading, Writing and Numeracy tests. Students require a Level 3 in OLN to complete Year 12 graduation from 2016 onwards, so we are working towards getting as many to this level as possible, but students need to play their part too, in this aspect of schooling.

We are expecting the results from this last lot of testing to be released on 12th May: so very soon. If you are unaware of your child's level and would like to know (Year 10 & 11 only), please contact me by email after 12th May. This OLN testing is part of the "New WACE" and does not affect the 2015 Year 12 students who are completing their graduation under the previous WACE arrangements and requirements.

This Term Mrs Julie Burr has taken over the Year 11 Foundation English class, the Year 11 General Animal class and one of the Year 10 Maths classes. We look forward to the students benefiting from her knowledge and expertise with these students for the rest of the year.

It is now only a term until our annual Open Day. We encourage you to plan to attend and look forward to speaking with you on that day.

Kind Regards,

Lorraine Pederick





# FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

**Bronwyn Thornton**

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Welcome to Term Two.

Thank you to those parents/care-givers who have contacted me regarding fees and charges and have provided forms and Centrelink letters for the Boarding Away from Home Allowance (BAHA).

An up to date statement will accompany this Newsletter. Please contact me should you have any questions regarding your child's statement. If the college is receiving the AIC and we have your statement/letter from Centrelink we have receipted all payments along with the BAHA.

The final payment of \$1782 for the Canberra Tour will be due Friday June 12.

The eagerly awaited School Ball is on Saturday 9th of May.

Miss Gaunt, Mr Taylor along with Miss Jones from the District High School have planned a great evening for the students. It should be a fantastic night.

We plan to trial a fortnightly Communication Note to Parents via email. This will be a PDF document and will include any information relative to the coming fortnight ie: dates from the Term Planner, information from Teaching Staff regarding any assessments that are due. Let us know after you receive it what you think and what you might like included; your feedback would be appreciated.

We continue to hear great things regarding student behaviour at official functions such as the ANZAC services and trip to Geraldton over the long weekend. We have a group of students at the college that we are all proud of.



Left: Amy Matthews excited about the 2015 school ball.

Right: Tom Stammers and Mike McCagh timing for the swimming carnival



# FROM THE FARM MANAGER

**Gavin Clark**

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<b>RAINFALL</b>	January,	Feb,	March,	April	Total
Admin	6mm	7mm	77mm	15mm	= 105mm
Cobweb	28mm	7mm	85mm	15mm	= 135mm

## CROPPING

400 tonne of lime has been spread at the rate of 2 t per hectare. We have worked up a number of paddocks to help incorporate the lime and are getting good depth with the bar.  
A number of students have had the opportunity to get in some extra tractor driving thanks to the early rain events.

Most paddocks have been sprayed for caltrop, tarvine and small melons. The new Hardi Navigator 80ft boom spray unit is proving to be a good purchase and is user friendly. All Agras Extra and Super phosphate has been carted.

Dry seeding started on 20 April with three paddocks being sown to Brusher oats for hay, lupins were sown on the 29 and Sturt canola (to replace Tanami) is currently being sown.

There are a number of wheat trials earmarked for the college this year and these will give students the



opportunity to learn about different seeding and fertiliser rates etc.

## **CATTLE**

Mr Hook and students have started to break in the young bulls and heifers in preparation for upcoming shows. Students are shown how to handle and walk the cattle in the safest way possible along with washing and grooming of the cattle.

Calving has started with two Gelbvieh cross Brahman already born.

Heifer selection will be done in the near future and the culls will be either sold or grown out and put through the college abattoir for meat supply to the hostel.

## **SHEEP**

Farm staff and students have been busy dismantling the old sheep yard panels at the rear of the shearing shed in preparation for the installation of the new Withnell stockyards that were purchased in late 2013. Hopefully we will commence installation over the next couple of weeks if the weather and seeding operations permit.

Hand feeding of the ewes has commenced as paddock feed has declined, lambing has also started and so far there looks to be a large number of twins being born. Foxes and eagles are still a problem at lambing and we manage this as best we can.

## **PIGS**

Porker sales to Hagan's Abattoir, Geraldton, are still holding steady and should continue over the coming months. Students travel to the abattoir to help unload the pigs and are given the opportunity to walk through a working abattoir.

## **GENERAL**

A new fence line is currently being constructed at our Granville's block, west of the main admin area. The new fence line helps to split the 1000 acre block into three larger paddocks. Staff and Students have been working on the new line over the past couple of weeks, helping to install and cement eight strainer posts and struts, sight and line the fence posts, strain ringlock and install the new gates.



Above: Two Gelbvieh cross Braham calves



Above: Danial Renton, Jeremy Harrington, Jack Upham and Amy Matthews



Above: Students with Mr Tynan doing some fencing.



Above: Seeding away.





# FROM THE RESIDENTIAL MANAGER

Steven Taylor

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Winter sports are in full swing with students representing the College in the local community sporting program; Football, Netball and Hockey. It is very encouraging for our students to participate in these activities each weekend providing an opportunity to extend their social network. All students are encouraged to support their peers and attend as spectators.

## Residential Campus Leave Management System

REACH - school boarding house system is being introduced to the residential campus during term two 2015. Staff, parents, students and hosts can create and approve leave from any device in an instant. Students will request leave via iPads, emails will automatically be sent to parents/guardians for approval ensuring all parties are notified, speeding up the process and eliminating errors.

Other features include:

- Student behaviour
- SMS communication
- Attendance
- Student tracking
- Catering management
- Audit and compliance



The system is aimed at improving the monitoring of student attendance and leave. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with the system at [www.reachboarding.com](http://www.reachboarding.com)

## Weekend Leave

I would like to remind parents that written permission must arrive at the College by no later than 9.00pm Thursday in the week of departure. Leave will not be approved in the following circumstances:

- Appropriate parental authority not forthcoming.
- Student is gated for disciplinary reasons.
- Student rostered on farm duty.

We know parents will support the College's policies and we realise there may be exceptions and we will deal with these when the need arises.

## General Leave and Travel

The College provides transport ONLY on the assigned student travel days to and from Geraldton via Dongara for all boarder weekends and term breaks. Transport requirements outside normal authorised Department of Education scheduled travel days will incur an out of pocket cost to parents for fuel. Parents are asked if possible to make specialist appointments during term breaks. If for any reason you require your son or

daughter to leave during school hours, permission must be approved by the Principal.

## Travel Arrangements

Transport details for your son or daughter must be faxed to the College (9971 1334/9971 1351) by no later than Thursday in the week of departure. I wish to remind parents/guardians it is your responsibility to book your son/daughter Transwa tickets.

## Travel Arrangements Boarders Weekend Friday 29th May 2015

- Parents may collect their son/daughter Thursday 28th from 4:00pm at the residential campus.
- Perth students to be booked on Transwa, departing Dongara Friday 29th May at 9:20 am, arriving Perth 2:30pm

### Or alternatively

- Students need to be booked on Transwa, departing Morawa Friday at 1:56pm, arriving Perth via Dalwallinu/Northam at 7:50pm.
- Dongara students are to be collected from Transwa Stop Friday 29th May at 9:10am.
- Geraldton students are to be collected from the Geraldton Railway Station Friday 29th May approximately 10:30am.
- Other arrangements, please notify the College A.S.A.P. with your details.

Geraldton Airport students will be transported by separate vehicle to the airport 45mins prior to departure.

## Travel Arrangements, Boarders Weekend, Monday 1st June 2015

- Parents may return their son/daughter to the hostel between 12:00pm – 5:00pm.
- Perth students need to be booked on Transwa departing Perth Monday 1st June at 8:30am, arriving Geraldton Railway Station at 2:30pm.

### OR Alternatively

- Students need to be booked on Transwa departing Perth at 7:15am, arriving Morawa 1:10pm via Dalwallinu/Northam.
- Geraldton students will be collected from the Geraldton Railway Station Monday 1st June at 2:30pm.
- Dongara students will be collected from the Transwa stop Monday 1st June at approx 4:00pm.
- Geraldton Airport students will be picked up and transported by separate vehicle from the airport

Bookings can be made up to six months in advance from anywhere in Australia on 1300 662 205.

**Please confirm times are correct with Transwa.**

## General Health and Sickness

Students at all times must maintain the utmost of hygiene, as the poor actions of one can very quickly impact



on others whilst living in a communal environment. Staff at the College are not General Physicians and are not able to make judgement about medical conditions. If requested by the student, or deemed necessary by the staff member, a doctor's appointment will be made. Students unwell will be confined to the Student Services to recuperate. Parents will be notified if this condition persists.

Parents, please ensure your son/daughter have the necessary items like soap, shampoo etc to maintain an acceptable level of hygiene.

### Bullying

Bullying in the student community is a continuing concern for staff. Students are made aware of the issues of bullying through staff, written material and education courses, yet there are still students who fail to realise what they are doing in the name of fun. The traditional approach to controlling the bully with an aggressive intervention in the early stage has been replaced with "Choose Respect Code of Behaviour".

To **CHOOSE RESPECT** is to make a conscious effort to:

- Treat others with respect, no matter how they treat you.
- Treat yourself with respect.
- Forgive others who do not treat you with respect.
- Resist your natural desire to pay-back or take revenge.
- Apologise when you do not treat others with respect.
- Support others who are not being treated with respect.
- Ask for support when others do not treat you with respect.

**Once again if your son/daughter feels this is happening please let staff know so we can deal with their concerns**

### Visitors to the Site

Parents will be aware that when visiting the residential campus they are required to 'sign in' this allows staff to accurately know the number of persons on site in the case of evacuation. It has recently been pointed out that this system is not working, highlighting a potential risk for us. Please remember, all parents to the residence are required to sign in before they move to the student dormitories. I'm sure parents will understand the need for heightened security and a record of visitors to our site, and we apologise for any inconvenience.

### Mobile Phones

Mobile phones have many benefits, but they also pose many possible problems in a residential environment. Parents who wish to provide a student with a mobile phone, the following conditions apply:

- Students will not be permitted to carry mobile phones during normal instructional hours (during school).
- Phone calls can be made and received only during times designated as free or recreation time, not during meal times, or compulsory prep time, or where the use is likely to cause annoyance or inconvenience to others.
- Students with camera phones are reminded that it is illegal to photograph any person without their consent.

**Parents and students are reminded that phones will be confiscated for one week each incident if breached.**

### General Concern

It would be appreciated if parents could please stay with your son/daughter until the College Bus arrives at the Train Station in Geraldton on the day we collect students. Our bus arrives at the Station approximately 2.30 pm for a 3 pm departure.

We aim in the residential campus, to meet the needs of students and parents and rely on feedback to ensure we are successful. If not then we can take steps to address any concerns. I am contactable on 9971 1237 or mobile 0409 048 975, or [steven.taylor@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:steven.taylor@education.wa.edu.au)



Above: Shae Sundstrom, Jack Upham and Colby Hobbs at Harvey Ag Carnival.



Above: Year 12 Students having fun at Residential Activity Night



Above: Tom, Jessica, Colby and Anne-Margaret



Above: Alex, Blake, Thomas and Harrison ready for a game of tennis





# FROM THE HEAD OF ENGLISH

**Francene Challen**

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Most students have settled back into their work schedule with few hiccoughs. Each student has been given an envelope file to keep their draft English work in. I ask parents to support me in encouraging the students in bringing their English files, homework diary, computer with charger, and pens to every class. When any one of these four items is left behind, your student can be disadvantaged and fall behind in their work.

## **Year 10**

The students have been covering a variety of activities, including a novel study, movie and documentary responses, and developing their skills in reading, writing and speaking. Congratulations to Donna Hodder who has been awarded an Award Certificate for her enthusiasm and helpfulness in all class activities.

## **Year 11 General English**

A recent Award Certificate winner is Chelsea Cosgrove, for always approaching her tasks with diligence and enthusiasm. Congratulations, Chelsea!

The students have been working on a formal report. They have chosen an area around the College, studied

the current processes and are reporting on possible alternatives in approach, for improved outcomes. Each report writer has a particular audience in mind while writing their report and will consider presenting this to the person or committee, for their consideration. Their reports, along with their recommendations, will be accompanied by a covering letter – the final task for the semester.

## **Year 12 Stage 1, Unit C**

The students are studying the topic of Representation with a focus on 'Youth in the Media'. By studying news and magazine articles, a documentary, movie and advertising, the students are realising the difference between the reporting of youth for factual reasons - to impart information, as opposed to reporting for entertainment purposes. The students are completing mini-activities which will assist them in preparing their final assessment for the semester – a discursive essay on the Representation of Youth in the Media.

Congratulations to Kahli Brown for receiving an Award Certificate for meeting all requirements of tasks with quiet enthusiasm.

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The Independent Public School Board for the WA College of Agriculture - Morawa is holding a board meeting on Wednesday the 24th of June, 2015.

This meeting is open to any parent, community member or College staff member who may wish to attend.

The meeting will commence at 4pm in the College Administration Building which is located on the College farm.

If you wish to attend, could you advise me (for catering and seating arrangements) via email [Maryanne.Milloy-rakich2@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Maryanne.Milloy-rakich2@education.wa.edu.au) or on 0428 810 436.

Thank you.

Maryanne Milloy-Rakich  
Morawa IPS Cluster Assistant

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# FROM THE TEACHER OF PLANT PRODUCTION SYSTEMS

Nadine Hollamby

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## Plant Production Systems

To begin Term 2 ATAR students are looking at plant structure and function. General Plant students are looking at the economics of plant production. About 70% of the native plants we grew in Term 1 have survived. Some have been planted into the school garden. Others are ready to be re potted as we plan to sell them at Open Day in August.

## Muresk Excursion

All students are invited to be involved in a trip to Northam on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th of June. This trip will allow students to see the wide range of career opportunity available in Agriculture. We will be spending the night at Muresk, a university that specialises in Agricultural education, just outside Northam. Following this by a visit to Wongan Hills research station where we will get our hands dirty with trial work. Places on the bus are limited, **PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR STUDENT TO ATTEND THIS EXCURSION**. It will be fun and good career development. Plus, it's free of charge! The event is sponsored by the Northern Agricultural Catchment Council.

## History-Ms Hollamby and Ms Challen

You might ask why an Agricultural school is studying history and this is a fair question. Our year 10 students must follow the Australian Curriculum set by the government and this includes History. This is however an excellent opportunity for students to understand why our society is put together in its current form and how it might change in the future. The History course teaches students empathy, perspective, how to fairly argue a concept and how to communicate (verbal and written) ideas. Term 1 covered World War II and in Term 2 we will focus on Immigration.



Above: Armandt Schreuder holding a bottlebrush he is preparing to propagate.

Below: Eremophilla cuttings the students are propagating



## STUDENT LAPTOPS

We MUST all be vigilant when around students with their laptops. They must be in the carry bag to move from classroom to classroom at the College or room to room at the Residential Campus or at home.

They should not be carrying notebooks around anywhere open, failure to follow these rules may mean in the event of notebook damage, it won't be covered by our insurance and parents will be liable for the damage.





# FROM THE MARKETING TEAM



## Maryanne Milloy-Rakich & Nadine Hollamby

We are well into planning this year's shows. We are visiting Mullewa, Chapman Valley, Perenjori, Northampton, Moora, Dalwallinu and this year we will be including Bindoon show in this year's calendar – which is an exciting new edition.

As part of our preparations for Open Day 2015 (August 8th) we have had two new banners made for the streets of Geraldton advertising the date and time. Remember for this year's Open Day we have gone back to a Saturday to host the event. Pencil in the 8th of August – we hope to see as many family, friends and prospective students and parents attend.

Remember to like us on Facebook and keep up to date on what's happening around the College campus. Term two and three will see the Marketing team coordinating school and career day visits. If you think

there is a school in your area that has students that could benefit with a visit from us, please let us know.

If you are a past student, or know any past students of the College and would like to be involved in an 'Old Collegians' group please pass on your contact details (email address) to :-

Maryanne.milloy-rakich2@education.wa.edu.au or Nadine.Hollamby@education.wa.edu.au

The Old Collegians is really just a way to reconnect, network and keep up to date with what is going on around the College. Initially we will just start by emailing out the newsletter, but eventually we hope to include past students in College projects and functions.

So, another busy term has commenced, and hopefully rain will soon follow.

# FROM THE V.E.T COORDINATOR



## Mathew Purser & Marg Hogben

### Unique Student Identifier

From 1 January 2015 any student undertaking nationally recognised training by a registered training organisation needs to have a Unique Student Identifier (USI). The USI is linked to the National Vocational Education and Training (VET) Data Collection.

This means an individual's nationally recognised training and qualifications gained anywhere in Australia, from different training organisations, will be kept all together. When applying for a job or enrolling in further study, you often need to provide your training records and results.

One of the main benefits of the USI is that students will have easy access to their training records and results throughout life.

Mr Purser and the students are working together to create their USI's. Students are then required to complete their USI account setting-up process by creating their own password along with two check questions in case they forget it.

Given the strong likelihood of students forgetting their password and even the check questions, it might be

worthwhile if parents ask students to share their login information with them so that they too can store this information somewhere safe.



Above: Alex Harms on his work experience in 2014



# FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL



**Amanda Gaunt & Steven Taylor**

## Quiz Night Fundraiser

The Student Council hosted a quiz night on Friday 1st of May at the Morawa Bowling Club and successfully raised over \$2000 towards the Snowy Mountain-Canberra tour. The Student Council served meals, sold raffle tickets and facilitated the quiz rounds.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the following companies and individuals for donating prizes: McDonalds Geraldton, Midwest Technologies, McIntosh

and Sons, Malaga Cycles, Morawa Drapery, CJ Swift Transport, Karen Chappel, Sgt Jason Gough and Ken Stokes at Geraldton Fuel.

Also we would like to recognise and give a special thank you to Matthew Purser for his outstanding work as Master of Ceremonies. So far the student council has raised over \$3000 and are planning more fundraising events in the near future.



Above: Mr Taylor with his winning auction prize.



Above: Amy Matthews, Caitlyn Swift, Miss Gaunt and Mr Purser



Above: Mr Purser the host of the evening, holding a donation from McIntosh & Sons



Above: Alby Kelly, Vanessa Kelly, Peter Kelly and Lee Jones with her winning prize generously donated by the Kelly's.



Above: Amy Matthews, Ashley Parker and Jessica Williams selling tickets



# MORAWA 2015 SWIMMING CARNIVAL



The swimming carnival was held on the 6th of March in perfect swimming conditions. We had over 35 students participate on the day which was a fantastic effort. Congratulations to all our championship winners.

## Overall Results:

### **Year 10 Female:**

Ashley Parker: 3rd place

Jessica Williams: 5th place

### **Year 10 Male:**

Stewart Morgan: 4th place

Chayce Denham: 5th place

### **Year 11&12 Female:**

Amy Matthews: 3rd place

Tiarna Kanny: 5th place

### **Year 11&12 Male**

Arran Teakle: Runner-up

Champion Boy

Kobe Simpson: 3rd place

Jeremy Harrington: 4th place

Jae Wells: 5th place



Above: Chris Cangemi, Amy Matthews, Thomas Stammers, Mr Tynan and Mike McCagh



Above: Students with their ribbons enjoying the day



Above: Jack Upham and Miss Hollamby



Above: Arran Teakle our Runner-up Champion Boy



Above: Grace Turner diving off the starter blocks



# TERM 2 PLANNER 2015



WK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
3	4	5	6	7	8 SCFM Training DoE NEWSLETTER	9 SCHOOL BALL	10
		IPS REVIEW 5 – 7 MAY					
4	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	IPL Midwest Regional Forum for School Officers, Library Officers, Business Managers & Registrars- Geraldton Kiah & Kristen – Monday, Marg – Tuesday, Bron - Wed pm to Friday						
5	18 WACOA Exec Management Meeting	19	20	21	22	23 WACOA Harvey Open Day	24
6	25	26	27	28	29 Travel Day	30	31
7	1 June Western Australia Day	2	3	4 Muresk excursion	5 Muresk excursion	6	7
8	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9	15 CAAC Budget Meeting	16	17	18	19	20	21
10	22	23	24 IPS BOARD MEETING	25 MEITA	26	27	28
	Yr 11 & 12 Work Experience				2016 Try-Out week (Week 1)		
11	29 SHS Country Week commences	30	1 July	2	3 End Term 2 Student Travel Day	4	5
	Yr 11 & 12 Work Experience				2016 Try-Out week (Week 2)		
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Accommodation-Royal School of Church Music Camp for the dates 7 - 12 July 2015						
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
						CANBERRA-SNOWIES-GOLD COAST TOUR DEPARTS	



# TERM 3 PLANNER 2015



WK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	20 July	21 Term 3 Students Commence	22	23	24	25	26
2015 CANBERRA-SNOWIES-GOLD COAST TOUR							
2	27	28	29	30	31	1 August	2
2015 CANBERRA-SNOWIES-GOLD COAST TOUR							
3	3	4	5	6	7 NEWSLETTER	8 WACoA Morawa Open Day	9
4	10 WACoA Exec Meeting	11 PRIMARY AWARENESS DAY	2015 WASSRA Convention - August 12 - 14			15 Perenjori Show	16
5	17 CAAC vehicles & mach meeting	18	19	20	21	22 Dalwallinu show Boarders Long Weekend	23 Boarders Long Weekend
6	24 Student Travel Day	25	26 Dowerin Field Days	27 Dowerin Field Days	28	29 Mullewa Show	30
7	31	1 September	2 IPS BOARD MEETING	3 MEITA	4 NEWSLETTER	5 WACoA Denmark Open Day	6
8	7	8	9	10	11 Cunderdin Open Day	12 Northampton Show	13
9	14 WACoA teleconference	15	16	17 Mingenew Expo	18 Mingenew Expo	19 Moora Show	20
10	21	22	23	24	25	26 Perth Royal Show	27 Perth Royal Show
	28 Perth Royal Show	29 Perth Royal Show	30 Perth Royal Show	1 Oct Perth Royal Show	2 Perth Royal Show	3 Perth Royal Show	4 Perth Royal Show
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11



# TERM 4 PLANNER 2015



WK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	12 October Travel Day	13 Term 4 Students Commence	14	15	16	17	18
2	19	20	21	22	23	24 WACOA Narrogin Open Day	25
3	26	27	28	29	30	31 YEAR 12 GRADUATION	1 November
4	2	3	4	5	6 NEWSLETTER	7	8
					Pastoral Care Camp Year 10 & 11		
5	9 WACOA Exec meeting	10	11	12	13	14	15
6	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
7	23	24	25 IPS BOARD MEETING	26 MEITA	27	28	29
8	30	1 December	2	3	4 NEWSLETTER	5	6
9	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			WACoA Ag Ed Conference - Cunderdin				
10	14	15	16	17 End of Term 4 Students Finish	18 Instructional & Admin Staff finish	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27
	28	29	30	31	1 Jan 2016 New Year's Day	2	3
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10





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