



CHURCHLANDS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

OPPORTUNITIES

TERM 3 / 2021

Community Newsletter

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From the Principal

We are now three quarters of the way through the year and have a lot to be grateful for. Term 3 was very busy and productive with some amazing student achievement and performances.

Staff Changes

We welcomed back Kate Grayson (Associate Principal Middle Secondary) and Jayne Kitto (Head of Year 8) from their leave. Kim Hudson (Head of Year 10) continues on extended leave and has been replaced by Leanne Rushforth. New teaching staff for Semester 2 were: Barbara Douglas - ARTS/English; Callum Stewart - HASS; Shenae Casilli - ARTS and Carole Elliot (return from LSL). In our support staff we welcome Mitchell Muilenburg (Chaplain - Senior Secondary) to the team.

Music

Our music department had a very big term with the Opus Concert (August 2, organised by the Instrumental Music School), the Year 12 recital (August 10), the Senior Concert (August 27), Intermediate Concert (September 2) and Junior Concerts (September 1). Our students continue to perform at an exceptionally high standard and I would like to thank Mr Glenn Robinson, his music staff and the staff of the School of Instrumental Music for the work that they do with our students.

Health and Physical Education

Term 3 has seen a huge range of opportunities for our students in a range of sports. The highlight of the term has been the athletics carnivals run throughout the term. Student participation was excellent and we have selected our interschool team in preparation for the carnival early in Term 4. Additionally, I'd like to congratulate Tim Morton and Meg Howard for their work with the state cross country team, Sasha Underhill-Pomeroy for being selected as a state athletics coordinator and Casey Rushforth for being selected as a state water polo coordinator.

Parent consultation with Formative Assessment

A key driver of our Quality Teaching Priority is embedding formative assessment into our teaching and learning at Churchlands SHS. Associate Principal Deb Hoy and her team are working with staff to develop and implement our shared plan in this area.

A key part of this work will be the establishment of a parent working party, with the focus of ensuring that we provide our parents with the information that they would want to know about formative assessment.

Associate Principal, Karena Shearing, is leading the parent group (Called Group D at this stage) which will be responsible for designing, developing

and delivering a parent education program for Formative Assessment. Karena is looking for parents to get this group going. If you are interested to join this group please email Karena at kshearing@churchlands.wa.edu.au.

Covid-19 Information

We continue to monitor the Covid-19 situation closely. The Department of Education (DoE) is encouraging all staff to get vaccinated. The DoE and SCSA have a detailed contingency plan for the Year 12 ATAR exams in November.

Year 12 Students

Our Year 12 students are fast approaching the end of their compulsory schooling journey. The Semester 2 ATAR exams commenced on September 9 with Workplace Learning students undertaking their final work placements. Our performance based courses have been showcasing student work through the Year 12 Music Recital and the Arts MADD night. Our students continue to perform well and these events highlight their performance skills. The Year 12s attend school for the first week of Term 4 and the Monday and Tuesday of Week 2 and then are finished. The Year 12 Dinner Dance is planned for October 20 and the Presentation Ceremony is on Saturday November 20 from 3pm at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Development of the next School Business Plan is underway

The School Based Decision-Making Committee (SBDMC) is meeting regularly to monitor the progress of the current Business Plan and to commence planning for the next Business Plan. Key issues that the group are discussing include the duration of the next plan (3 years or 5 years), identification of the Priority Areas and alignment to school review, system reporting requirements and the Annual Report and the process of developing the strategies and milestones in the plan. This group will develop the plan of how the next Business Plan will be developed and ensure that it progresses.

Parking and Student Drop-off/Pick up

The roads around the school are very busy at the start and end of the school day. I would like to encourage our students to walk, ride or catch the bus to and from school. Congestion around the school is an issue so anything that we can do to reduce the traffic will help. Please report any poor road behaviour to the school with a licence plate if cars are involved.

Take Care

Dr James Kent
Principal



Associate Principal Senior Secondary

This second half of the year is always a busy time for our Senior Secondary students.

Class of 2021

This term marks their final full term as students here at Churchlands and for our Year 11s they are preparing themselves for their final year. Our Year 12s are finishing the year off with either their Mock exams or completing a work placement. The year 11s are also preparing for their second set of exams and likewise our Workplace Learning students are working toward completing a placement in an industry of their choice. Although this is a busy time, I do hope they are all taking time to care for their own wellbeing by eating, sleeping well, exercising and enjoying a balanced lifestyle. Several events in Week 8 as part of the "Health and Wellbeing Week" should have highlighted some wonderful ways in which they can do that.

Each year our Year 12s are fortunate to have two personalised meetings with either Sally Topley or Clare Slodecki. This term students participated in their second meeting and hopefully received some excellent advice in preparing for the upcoming WACE exams or pathway planning for the next exciting step into their future. These opportunities provide students some wonderful insights into ways they can prepare themselves for life after school. Hopefully they have each taken advantage of these conversations and are entering the next phase of their lives with confidence.

This term is also a very important time for our incoming Senior Secondary students. We started the term with the subject selection process for our current Year 10 and 11 students to select their subjects for 2022. Based on what students have selected we will now take on the task of creating a 2022 timetable

Toward the end of Term 4, students will be formally informed of the subjects they have enrolled in later this year. For those students who did not meet the pre-requisite for a subject they would like to study, I encourage them to work toward meeting that target by the end of the year and possibly revisit this option at the end of the year or start of 2022. The availability will depend on such factors as class numbers and other subject choices. Please remember there are many options available to students to achieve their post schooling goals. We always encourage students to investigate all of these and find the pathway that best suits them.

If you have any questions about the courses for 2022, please do not hesitate to speak to either Mrs Slodecki, Mrs Lebihan, Mrs Rushforth or Mr Cross. We would be more than happy to help.

The Breakfast Club 2022

The Breakfast Club is a wonderful program that has been running for more than 15 years now. Students are invited to join the club if they have a predicted ATAR of 95 or more. This places them amongst the top 5% of the students in the state, which is amazing. Entering the Breakfast Club following Semester One results for our Year 11s are 59 outstanding students. As we cycle through more exam periods, students who demonstrate the academic standard required will join the Breakfast Club. Congratulations to the newest members of the Breakfast Club!

The Year 12 Breakfast Club members enjoyed a lovely breakfast at Rendezvous Scarborough earlier this term. Former student Justin Freeman, from the class of 2004 joined us and spoke about his journey following his graduation. His message to the students that there is no limit on learning and to make sure you are enjoying what you do. The pathway he has taken was varied, but he has taken advantage of every opportunity he could find and worked hard to achieve his goals. He also shared some very fond memories of his time at Churchlands and in particular as a member of the Music Program.

It has been wonderful to see how hard our students work throughout all areas within the school, whether that be in music, sport, hospitality or in the subjects they are completing.

Year 12 parents would have received a letter via email with information about the last weeks for the Year 12s. Please make sure you are aware of the standards and commitments for the last weeks at school so that we can have an enjoyable and successful finish to their classes and successful preparation for the future ahead.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Churchlands community and say goodbye. I will be taking up a position at Bob Hawke College that begins at the start of Term 4. It is difficult to leave, as this is a wonderful community and has been an amazing place to work. I wish all our students the very best for their future endeavours. Take care and Aim High.

Carlee Ingleson
Associate Principal - Senior School



Associate Principal Middle Secondary

I have only just returned to my role as Associate Principal in Middle Secondary, after taking Term 1 as long service leave, and then taking up the role as Principal at Cecil Andrews College.

I have enjoyed getting to know the Year 9 cohort, and equally it has been wonderful to see the progress of our Year 10s after my time away. I would like to acknowledge Mr Rob Cross and Mrs Carlee Ingleson for the work they did in the role whilst I was away.

During this term, Middle Secondary students have had the opportunity to engage in a range of activities. These include Indigenous Literacy Day, Wear It Purple Day, Athletics Carnivals, the Coral Bay Camp, The IDL program for AEP students, the intermediate music night and another Try-A-Trade. Try-A-Trade was especially successful with students reporting this as a worthwhile chance to consider their options for the future as they experience different trades. Our Spark students have been progressing well, with positive reports back from teachers and host employers alike.

I was incredibly proud to listen to Alya Hunter's speech at the WASSEA State Conference where she was selected as one of four students to speak to a large group of Principals and executive staff. Alya spoke with passion and knowledge beyond her years and certainly made the school very proud.

Subjects for 2022

The Subject Selection process is now complete and the timetable for 2022 is currently being developed. During Term 4, students will be provided with a list of the options they have been placed in based on their selections. In the vast majority of cases, students will have received their first preferences but if a subject has been cancelled due to insufficient numbers, they will have received their first reserve.

I would like to acknowledge Clare Slodecki for the work she has done with the Year 10 students as they move into Year 11 next year. The transition program she conducted with them in Term 1 has set them up to make wise subject choices. Clare continues to support students and parents throughout the timetabling process when students have to make difficult choices if they are unable to study their first preference subjects.

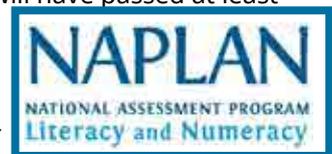


NAPLAN and OLNA

Students in Year 9 will receive their NAPLAN results shortly. If your student has received Band 8 or higher in Writing, Reading and/or Numeracy they will have pre-qualified and not be required to sit OLNA next year.

Some Year 10 students have recently sat the second (and last) round of OLNA for this year. We are expecting most students will have passed at least two of the three tests.

The next opportunity will be in March 2022 and we wish them the best for this round. Early next year the school will again offer before and after school classes for those students who need additional support.



I would like to acknowledge the work of our literacy and numeracy support teachers for the incredible work they are doing with our students.

Term 4

Term 4 looks to be another busy term, with a number of events planned including interschool athletics, girls football carnival, the State Remembrance Ceremony at Kings Park, netball carnivals, Lower School Arts and Technologies Exhibitions and Outdoor Education Camps. We also have the all important Year 9 and 10 exams starting in Week 7.

Kate Grayson

Associate Principal - Middle School

REMINDER

Student Attendance

To correctly record student movement and fulfill our duty of care, students **MUST** sign in and out at Student Services. It is imperative that they have a Leave Pass to leave the school site.

If your child is feeling unwell, or needs to leave for any medical reason, they need to present to the First Aid office where they can be assessed by the First Aid Officer. Parents will then be phoned if the student is required to be collected.

Students must not use their mobile phone while on school grounds to contact their parents or leave without informing a staff member.



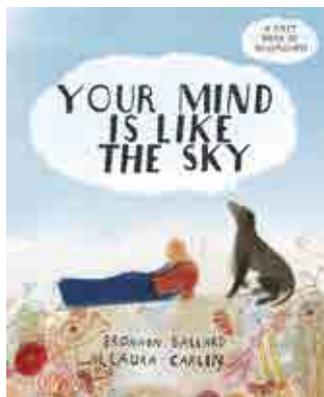
Associate Principal Junior Secondary

This term we have zoomed in on wellbeing to promote healthy headspaces and motivated minds.

Zooming in on Wellbeing

One of my favourite books that I have shared with Junior Secondary students is *Your Mind is Like the Sky*. The book successfully shows students that worries and negative thoughts are normal and helps them develop healthy thinking habits. I believe this beautiful picture book is suitable for all ages as it describes your mind metaphorically being like our changing weather.

We continue to encourage our community to ask each other if they are okay and we ask you to reach out to someone that you know interstate or overseas to ask "Are you ok?"



Ballard, B. & Carley, L. (2020). *Your Mind is Like the Sky*. Francis Lincoln Children's Books.

Churchlands Day 2021

Save the Date Friday December 10, 1:15pm onwards. The countdown has started for our Churchlands Day 2021. We will be showcasing the student experience through parents interaction in the learning process, arts and technology exhibitions, music performances, sporting games and so much more. This day will give our school community the opportunity to celebrate our school pride and community spirit.

The Fathering Project

Staff and fathers engaged in the Fathering Project will be participating in a Project Launch event in mid-Term 4. It is an open event so please scan the QR code below to receive the communications and updates. The Fathering Project is a great way to connect with other Dad's and participate in organised events together with your children.

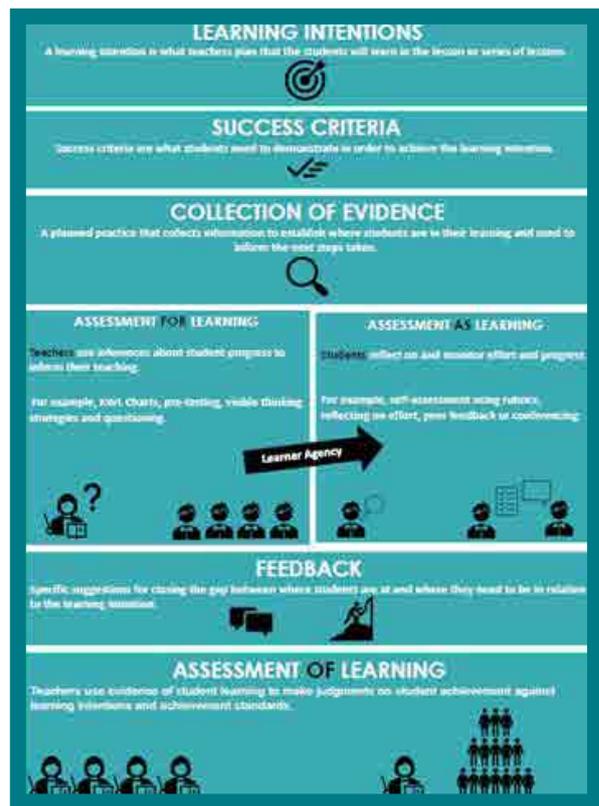


You will also get to see The Fathering Project Team recruiting and sharing information at the Churchlands Day.

Formative Assessment @ Churchlands SHS

The Formative Assessment Working Party has now developed and published their infographic to promote a shared understanding of Formative Assessment. Together we will work to change mindsets to elevate the value we place on learning as opposed to grades. We are currently forming two groups to design, develop and deliver a Formative Assessment education program for parents and one for students.

In the future you will be able to view and see a variety of opportunities to gain a better understanding of formative assessment and be exposed to the student experience. Together this will provide a vehicle for us to embrace and act on student voice and to make a difference to the wellbeing of the school community and all its members.



NAPLAN Online 2021

Our delivery of NAPLAN Online and the engagement of our students was highly successful this year. This is evident in the results that compare to any other year of testing. Well done to our students and thank you to our families for supporting their children. A detailed NAPLAN Online analysis report will be made available in the near future.

Karena Shearing
Associate Principal - Junior School



Year 7 Report

It's been another fantastic and very busy term for Year 7s at Churchlands.

Groups of students have begun leaving the safety of the Year 7 area, to spend their breaks in other parts of the school. This is an important step in their transition, because of course it won't be long until the Year 6s move in!

Athletics Carnival

The full day, participation-style carnival was greatly enjoyed by the vast majority of students. The weather beat us the first time around, but the re-scheduled event was a perfect day of sunny skies. Well done to all.



Mini Masterchef Competition

Two Year 10 students, Sophia Dark and Shreeya Naroth, very kindly organised a great three-week activity for Year 7s to compete as Form teams in a Mini MasterChef Competition.



The teams were cookie decorating, based around different themes. Congratulations to winning House, Trigg.



Year 7 Report

Junior Concerts

Well done to all the Year 7 musicians who participated in the Junior Concert and Junior Band Festival during Week 7.

The Junior Concert was played to a full house of parents and guests.



Synchro Swimmers

It was enjoyable to witness the Year 7 Specialist Swim Program students perform their routines as the culmination of their 6-week synchro swimming program this term.

Here's an amusing picture from that day.



Victory Cup Football

Our Year 7 Specialist AFL Program group proved themselves to be by far the best team in the Victory Cup Competition, trouncing Wanneroo SHS in the Grand Final.

Well done to all the boys including Best on Ground, Gabriel Giltrow and Most Valuable Player in the competition, Benji Van Rooyen. Not forgetting the two girls in the team also Maryrose Bahls Kildea and Winnie Townsend.



AEP English

Term 2 saw the Year 7 AEP English classes undertake a massive project - the collaborative production of a Fantasy Fiction themed magazine.

They worked in small editorial groups to plan, draft, edit and publish feature articles, interviews and advertisements all in line with their theme - no mean feat!

Some of the themes of the magazines included: ballistic battles and underrated Marvel characters to explorations of magical other worlds and even Disney princesses (don't underestimate them!).

Friday September 10, saw the launch of some of their magazines. Parents and school dignitaries were invited to hear the students talk about their inspiration and their processes.



Conclusion of Term 3

With the end of term fast approaching, we look forward to the Cyber-safe assembly on September 14 and then the final Week 10 assembly.

It's great to note that several different groups of students have offered to perform at the end of term assembly including instrumentalists, singers and dancers.

Term 4 contains the Interschool Athletics Carnival, Christmas Carol Concert and of course the Year 7 Activity Day on December 16.

This will be at the Outback Splash Water Park.



Andrew Chapman
Head of Year 7



Year 8 Report

Welcome back to Semester Two!

We would like to thank the students for their cooperation with the wearing of masks when we have been required to do so to keep everyone safe. Our Year 8s have now completed over 18 months of their high school education. We hope that the Semester One reports received are seen by the students as an opportunity to reflect on their achievement and attitude, make decisions about their goals, continue to develop their skills and be rewarded for their effort.

On behalf of the House Coordinators and Mrs Kitto, I would also like to welcome our new Year 8 students to Churchlands. I hope your transition to our school has been seamless and you are making new friends easily.

House Activity – Dodgeball Competition

Doug Cox, our Floreat House Coordinator, ran a fiercely competitive dodgeball competition last term. We couldn't wipe the smile off his face as his House, Floreat, beat Brighton in the first round and went on to beat Trigg, after Trigg beat Scarborough in the second round, to reach the Grand Final. Well done to all our Year 8s for taking part.



Champion Girl and Boy were Gabrielle Maxton and Hudson MacNeill and the Runners Up were Stella De Witt and Jackson Muir with Third placers Caitlin McNiff and Jackson Stubbs. Congratulations to these and all Year 8s that took part.

A big thank you to our Phys Ed teachers for their encouragement and on the spot coaching to get the best out of all our students. The overall placings for Year 8 were:

1st	Trigg (2096)
2nd	Scarborough (2024)
3rd	Floreat (1780)
4th	Brighton (1669)



We look forward to seeing some of our Year 8s representing Churchlands at the Interschool competition later this term and we congratulate them for their efforts.



Year 8 Athletics Carnival

Thankfully a break in the wet weather arrived in time for our athletics carnival. It was so impressive to see all of the students representing their House with great spirit and encouragement. Some fabulous and interesting styles as our Year 8s took on the challenges of discus, shotput and high jump with lots of smiles and cheering for their peers.

Year 8 Report

Raise mentoring

A group of 16 students have been participating in a mentor program designed to guide students in making decisions and facilitate engagement in their education.



Students were involved in a meet-and-greet and then each student was allocated an individual mentor to work with. This program is currently running once a week for one hour and will culminate in 16 weeks. They had an excursion to the yacht club to see them in a relaxed setting.

Here are two of the comments our students have said about the program:

Raise mentoring kicked off this term with 17 Year 8 Churchlands students being selected to partner with a trained mentor for a 20 week program. Some of us were really nervous and uneasy at the start but once we joined in and started doing the activities we realised how much it benefited us with our basic life skills.



In partnership with schools and the broader community, Raise aims to empower young people to navigate challenges and believe in themselves. We got mentors by doing a survey and then a matching activity - we have a lot in common. Our mentors are people that we can trust.



Upstander videos

At our year assembly, our student leaders shared a video about teenagers using their voice to be an 'upstander' rather than a 'bystander'. This video was shared to highlight the ways that students can report bullying behaviour at school and at home.



Mrs Kitto spoke to the year group about the importance of standing up for what is right and the importance of students having high expectations about how they and their friends are treated by others.

For our House activity this term, the Year 8s have been asked to use their creative skills to come up with homemade videos to educate us all on the importance of stamping out bullying and speaking up when they witness bullying behaviour towards their friends. Videos that are entered will be used to share the message throughout the school and the school community.



Lunch times - Speed ball

On Thursdays Year 8s can participate in speed ball run by Mr Ollie Callaghan.

If there are other options students would like to participate in, we encourage their suggestions through our House Leaders or directly to the House Coordinators.

Some students have indicated that they want to run a handball competition so watch in the Notices for news about a mini competition.

Subject Selection Online (SSO)

Subject Selection Online is now complete, and we hope that our Year 8s are excited to have made choices for some extracurricular activities aligned to their strengths and passions, or just to have a go at something different in Year 9.

Continue to strive!

As 2021 seems to be going at such a pace I would like to remind all our Year 8s to continue to strive to do their best. Choices made now in behaviour and attitude set the pattern for future endeavours in Year 9 and we want all our students to achieve their very best and celebrate their successes.



Sandra Harvey
House Coordinator - Brighton



Year 9 Report

Athletics Carnival – by Patrick Mason

This term we held the Year 9 Athletics Carnival, which saw everyone competing in a range of track and field events to win points for their House. In the end Brighton came out on top once again, with Trigg coming a close second, followed by Floreat third, and Scarborough coming fourth. The 2021 Champion Boy went to Aiden McDonald and the 2021 Champion Girl went to Merle George Strickland. It was an overall amazing day and the turnout was fantastic, a big thanks to all the teachers that organised the event.

Patrick Mason Chambers

Why did I choose to become a Student Leader?

Hi my name's Patrick and I'm one of the student councillors. I became a student leader because being in a Student Council truly gives you the opportunity to foster skills like leadership, communication, teamwork, organization and public speaking. Being a Student councillor is a great learning experience and provides transferable skills that are sure to help in whatever your post school endeavours may be!



I strive to support my peers in any way I can and to be their voice and represent them. I also want to inspire others to step up, to voice their opinions and to be heard and to know that they have the ability to make a difference!

I would like to continue my journey as Student Councillor, to support, inspire and be a positive role model for my peers.

Maria Beswick



WACSSO – by Maria Beswick

The WACSSO Conference was an amazing experience and a memorable event for everyone involved. Three student councillors were chosen from all of Churchlands Senior High School, to represent the school with a ten-minute speech of their choice, in front of approximately 300 members of P&C Committees from all over Western Australia, along with parents, teachers and distinguished guests.

This was an opportunity for students to voice their opinions and be heard, to make suggestions on improvements and ultimately enhance the experience for future students in public schools.

I shared my journey on how my schooling experience has impacted me to become the leader I am today and my desire to continue to inspire others to step up, to become great leaders themselves and to make a positive impact on the world.

Why did I choose to become a Student Leader?

Hi, my name is Maria Beswick and I love to play sports and I love acting but most of all I love helping people.

I chose to become Student Councillor as I thrive in knowing that I can make a positive difference in someone's high school journey.



Year 9 Report

Try-A-Trade

The Try-A-Trade programs are run by specialist construction registered training organisations in Perth.

The Try-A-Trade program offers Year 9 students a hands-on experience to try two to three trades, such as bricklaying, carpentry, painting, plumbing, tiling, electrical, plastering and civil construction.



Students get an idea of the key skills needed to do the job, and once completed, they will have gained a better understanding of the skills they need to start a construction career.



This term the students headed out to Forrestfield where they tried their hand at bricklaying and carpentry.

It was rather chilly and free cups of tea were in abundance to keep everyone going.

All had fun, picked up some extra skills and enjoyed themselves.

There was some healthy competition around who built the best brick pier, although to be honest the girls really did give the boys a good run for their money!



I think the best clearer-upper was Josh, however, he did have a slight advantage with the sweeper machine. Maybe you can be the judge!



Sharon Andrews
House Coordinator - Trigg



Year 10 Report

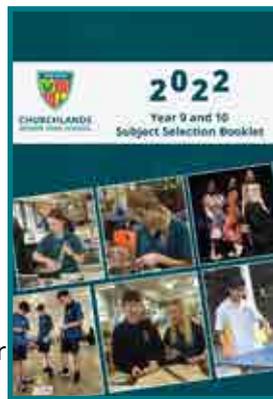
Can you believe we are at the end of Term 3 already?!

The Year 10s are well and truly on their way to senior school with the year fast approaching its end! Some important choices have been made this term as well as some amazing events - it's been very busy with a lot of fun thrown in!

Subject Selections Online

The beginning of this term was manic with subject selections which had you all deeply considering your choices for next year.

Some of you knew where you were heading after year 12 which was brilliant and many of you weren't sure, which is very normal. A lot of hours of counselling (thank you Ms Sloedecki, Mrs Rushforth, Ms Lebihan, and House Coordinators) went in to helping you all make selections that keep your options open and play to your strengths and interests. Next year is going to be a whole different experience and we can already see that Senior Secondary is going to suit you all very well!



Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to our champion girls and boys and to all those students who participated in the Year 10 to 12 Athletics Carnival.

Our students competed in a range of events and cheered on their peers. It was a great day for all those involved!



Athletics Champions		
	Girls	Boys
1	Sophia Dark	Max Wagenaar
2	Hannah Tarzan	Louis Tangney
3	Sienna Pallavicini	Zack Cook

NAIDOC Week, Wear it Purple Day, Well-Being Week and the World's Greatest Shave.

We have had a load of great 'days' this term where we have been part of celebrating and raising awareness of various critical aspects of our community.

Everyone has had the opportunity to raise money, participate in activities and support awesome causes!

Thank you to all those who have been involved in putting these wonderful experiences in our recesses and lunchtimes! And a special congratulations to Harper, Tegan, Abby and Erin for shaving their heads as part of the World's Greatest Shave and for raising (at last count) \$7622.70!!



Harper Freeman, Tegan Waters, Abby Brook and Erin Grant

Mini Masterchef Competition for Year 7 run by Year 10 Councillors

The Year 10 Leadership Team came up with a fantastic idea of a Junior Masterchef Competition for the Year 7s. They planned the event and then ran the whole thing which consisted of several rounds of competition between each House and then a finals series. Well done to all of the leadership team who inspired the Year 7s to culinary greatness!



Nicky Archibald, Shreeya Naroth, Sophia Dark, Rasta Karami and Lucian Coates

Year 10 Report

Change IDL

At the beginning of term and over several days, our AEP students worked together in an Inter-Disciplinary Learning opportunity with the focus of change and being agents of change.

Students examined real world problems to find and plan authentic ways to make a change in their world. It was a huge success with some wonderful projects presented to staff and parents.



Monica Barry, Neve Gaunt, Kat McInerney, Harry Hopwood and Sara McElligott

A few more congratulations...

WA School Surfing Titles

At the recent WA School Surfing Titles, Sienna Pallavicini pulled off a spot prize with her creative tricks gaining attention!



Have Sum Fun

And at the Have Sum Fun maths competition, James Small, Xinnong Cai, Alastair Woolfit and Abheay Ayachit (pictured right) came first place – well done!



Rasta Karami, Shreeya Naroth, Angus Kikeros and Kiana Giltrow

My Experience at the 2021 WACSSO Conference Student Panel

On August 21, three students, including myself, were a part of the student panel at the Western Australian Council of State Schools Organisations (WACSSO) Conference.

This year's WACSSO Conference was special as it marked 100 years since the council was established. We each gave a speech on something we were passionate about, which was followed by a Q&A with our audience. It was an amazing experience – to not only speak in front of a large crowd and at such a special event but also to reflect on what I have learnt in high school and to be able to share that with many people.



My speech was 'Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference'. One thing that I have learnt in Year 10 is that if you contribute to your school in some way, your school can give so much back to you.

Different people will have different ways of contributing to their school – it might be undertaking academic, sporting or cultural feats, or doing something that benefits their community. I wanted to convey to the audience that this all begins with a positive mindset, a good attitude and by contributing to oneself.

When people realise that only they can make themselves truly happy, they can find joy in anything they step into! We just need to take that first step towards finding that thing that makes us happy!

Shreeya Naroth – Year 10 Brighton House Captain

After such a busy term we are all looking forward to a relaxing holiday and we can't wait to get back next term for our last one before we move into Senior School!

Caroline Coates
House Coordinator - Brighton



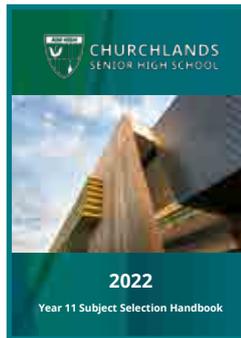
Year 11 Report

What a busy Term 3. An Athletics Carnival, camps, subject selections for next year, designing leavers jackets and planning for the 2022 Ball!

SSO – Subject Selections for Year 11

The subject selection process for Year 11 also got underway early in the term. This proved challenging for some students as there was some indecisiveness regarding subjects and pathways. However, special thanks should be given to Mrs Slodecki, Mr Cross, Mrs Lebian and the House Coordinators who gave up a lot of time to advise students on their selections.

There were lots of positive conversations with many students already showing a passion for future careers.



Year 11 Report

Athletics Carnival

Well done to all those students who participated in the Year 10 - 12 Athletics Carnival.

Students competed in various events and cheered on their peers. The weather was perfect, and it was a great day for all those involved.



Congratulations to the great house Brighton, the champion boys and girls and everyone else who got involved on the day.

Congratulations to the top three students in each division, especially to Ryan (Champion Boy) and Dylan (Champion Girl). Well done!

11 Boys		11 Girls	
Champion Boy	Ryan Woolley	Champion Girl	Dylan Davidson
Runner Up	Connor Morris	Runner Up	Annabelle Jones
3rd Place	Daw! Huang	3rd Place	Tara Davidovic

Leavers Jacket Committee

This large, enthusiastic committee has been working hard on various jacket and rugby top designs. The group has been meeting two times a week to critique the different options put forward by our talented designers. We now have three designs that will be put forward to the year group to vote on. Will the controversial white sleeved jacket get the most votes?

2022 School Ball Committee

Planning for this gala event is well on the way and will again be held at Optus Oval. Fortunately they will have the AFL Grand Final to practise with before catering for the for the real event - 2022 Churchlands SHS Ball!

Camps

The bad weather hasn't stopped students enjoying numerous camps during the term. Two camps worth mentioning (because they are science related and the author is a science teacher) are the Trees for Life Camp and the Biology Dryandra Camp.



Trees for Life

This group grows over 2000 trees and shrubs during the year, to be planted on farmland in the wheatbelt.

Six Year 11 girls (Marianna, Ali, Maclaine, Shreeya, Holly and Erin) formed an integral part of the 25 students that planted over 10 000 trees on farms in Brookton and Corrigin. Rubber boots were an essential part of the trip!



Biology Dryandra Camp

The very cold weather did not dampen the spirits of the two biology classes that travelled to Dryandra Woodland (near Narrogin).

The highlight of the camp was the fauna trapping. Of the 12 traps put out overnight, eight Woylies, two Quenda and a possum were caught.

Other activities included flora surveys, night spotting and a trip to the marsupial animal enclosure at Barna Mia.



Isn't it great we live in a state where students can still go on camps and participate in other extracurricular activities!

A final word from the Year 10 Leadership Team

The Year 10 Student Leadership Team have been very busy this term developing a number of initiatives.

Topics and strategies include a health and wellbeing initiative, preventative health education and organising a No Uniform Day.

These students put a lot of time and effort representing the year group and should be congratulated for their empathy and professionalism.

Michael Barr
House Coordinator - Brighton



Year 12 Report

The Year 12s are nearing the home stretch with their final WACE exams getting closer every day. Term 3 has been a hell of a term, packed with lots of assessments and activities.

The Year 12s have been fortunate over this past term to meet with Sally Topley and Clare Slodecki to discuss life opportunities and pathways after high school. Also, as part of the Year 12 program, students were able to meet with volunteers from Red Frogs, an organisation who aim to reduce suffering and safeguard a generation of young people, focusing their dialogue on the upcoming leavers period. They had very worthwhile points to share with students about the importance of having a plan and making the smart decisions for themselves, and students who chimed in with the discussion were lucky enough to get some red frogs too.

Students were also given the opportunity to have further explanation about applying for university through TISC, through a presentation from Mrs Ingleson.



Some helpful tips were given and an important reminder to all students who are university bound to get on to their applications was imparted. If you have any questions surrounding this process, please speak to Mrs Slodecki or Mrs Ingleson.



Over the term the Year 12s have showcased their athletic abilities and talents through participation in the Senior School Athletics Carnival. The athletics carnival was an awesome day full of great sportsmanship and fun, with Brighton house making it out on top.

Athletics Champions		
	Girls	Boys
1	Genevieve Stanley	Connor Hynes
2	Emma Putt	Brodie Andrews
3	Jessica Hazeldine	Dillon Parry

Ahead of us, apart from exams and work placements, the Year 12s have their Dinner Dance and dress up muck up days to look forward to. Our Dinner Dance will be held at Beaumonde on the Point on October 20.

Music

Year 12 music students have been busy this term with concerts, practise and recitals. As a celebration of their efforts, and all their sweat and tears 24 musos performed to an audience comprised of family and friends. This was a fabulous night as they were able to perform in front of an audience and fellow peers who hadn't heard each other solo since their Concert Prac days and to their parents who have endured listening to them practise on a daily basis, to show them it wasn't all for nothing.

Science

As part of the school's science week, Mr Smithies, Mr Poland and Ms Lucchesi held the annual 'Golden Pipette Challenge', where students tested their knowledge by completing a chemical titration, competing against each other to get the most accurate results (otherwise known as, 'as close to Mr Smithies as possible'). The event was held across several lunch times and was a lot of fun for the groups involved serving as a good reminder of how far students have come with their chemistry abilities. Ultimately, Maansi Patel and Arjie Alviar came away victorious winning the one and only Golden Pipette.



Year 12 Report

The Van Daddy Cup

The Van Daddy Cup is a highlight for many of us, staff and students alike. Year 12 students competed against the Phys Ed staff in this traditional competition in various sports such as volleyball, dodgeball, netball, ultimate frisbee, touch and footy. Although the students had a win in the volleyball and footy it was not enough, as the staff once again claimed victory.

A notable mention to the crowds who came to support this competition - without them the competition wouldn't have been as great as it was.



Senior Boys Volleyball

The Senior Boys Volleyball team entered the Volleyball WA Cup Honours Division as unknown outsiders. We had never entered a team before and it was difficult to predict how they were going to fare.

This particular group of Year 12 boys had certainly earned their chance to represent the school. At least two times a week for the last three years they would knock on the door at lunch time or after school and beg to use the gym to play Volleyball. They took the privilege seriously and always made the most of their opportunity.



Without any coaching the boys looked after themselves, they ran all sorts of plays and worked together like a good team should. They all played to their strengths and worked out a way to compete against the traditional volleyball schools.

After drawing with Gilmore College, they had competitive losses to Aquinas, Hale and specialist volleyball school Rossmoyne. Last game was against Perth Modern and a win in the dying minutes helped the team qualify for finals a week later. With a top four finish under their belt and a week to prepare, the team came up in their first final against the might of Rossmoyne. They fought hard but lost the super setter Yuta to injury, before going down in 2 sets.

They have now earned themselves an invite to a four day tournament hosted by Aquinas. I would like to congratulate the team for their success and school spirit - Kirby Kneeshaw, Ryan Khuu, Jacob Collis, Yuta Uemoto, Dylan Almeida, Kevin Chen, Adam Farabegoli and George Clarke.

Well done!

John Poland
House Coordinator - Scarborough

Science

STEM @ Churchlands

STEM Expands as Students Thrive

Term 3 has brought about many new things for the STEM Program at Churchlands.

STEM Club continues to throw together some pretty amazing activities for students. We're right in the middle of our annual Churchlands STEM Challenge which brings together a series of STEM tasks from Cybersecurity and Maths to Science and Engineering. We've had record numbers of students participating this year – an excellent achievement for all involved.



Getting ready for the Science Challenge

Semester 1 of the STEM Specialist course wrapped up, with students finishing some amazing and unique projects. Our new students this term are coming up with another batch of their own ideas, some projects already nearing completion!



Building a Trebuchet

STEM welcomes its newest 3D printer, "Daisy"! Daisy can print larger and more complex items for students who are modelling intricate pieces.

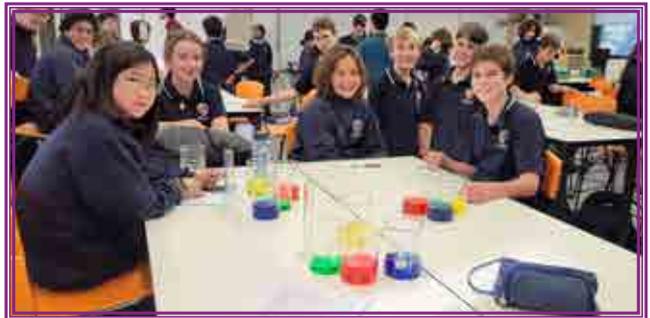


Some completed STEM Specialist Projects on display.



A mighty fin 'Operation' game

Our students have also submitted their home-grown Video Games to the National STEM Video Game challenge – some fantastic games – fingers crossed we get some good results!



Welcome to the pouring challenge

The highlight this term was our Pedal Prix team who had a cracker session in Bunbury. Great news! We are expanding next year – interested in being part of Pedal Prix? Contact a STEM teacher to register your interest.



Creativity can be helpful in STEM Club!

Did you know that students can join STEM Club at any time? Feel free to pop by on Mondays after school in the F activity area. See you there!

For more information about STEM @ Churchlands, visit <http://stem.puseyscience.com>

Dr Grant Pusey
STEM Coordinator

STEM

Pedal Prix Round Two

Pedal Prix – Round 2

The goal was simple, prepare a trike and race it competitively for six hours along a go-kart track. This was Pedal Prix – an opportunity for students to get together and have fun alongside other schools and community groups from across Australia.



Race Day - The before photo

Thanks to the support of our new Principal, our Pedal Prix team now has three super-fast trikes and our team worked tirelessly to get our newest vehicle mobile so they could get some training in before the big day. This meant students spent weekends and time after school in the STEM workshop – the stuff teachers dream about...



Sunday Morning – Race Day – nothing’s more awesome than a 5am wake-up. Before we knew it, we were in Bunbury, all set up and racing around the track. What’s better? Not a single scratch on any of the trikes at the end of it. Just kidding. There were plenty of prangs and even the odd roll-over! The trikes are looking a bit second-hand these days, but that’s for next year’s teams to worry about.



What a fantastic effort from all the students who came to Bunbury this year. You represented the school well, did us proud and everyone had a fantastic day out.

I’d like to thank Mr Uren from Technologies and Mr Newton and Mr H-Bell from Science for spending their weekend with the students. A true STEM effort. A special mention goes to our major sponsors this year including Rosemary Giles, Alfred’s Kitchen and Ruddles Electrical & Air.



Kyle Masterton (12)	Seth Allan (9)
Aayush Padhiar (11)	Callum Stewart (9)
Ben Tavner (11)	Joel Bailey (8)
Jude Wright (10)	Ethan Guo (7)
Darcy Johnson (10)	Cooper Grek (7)
Owen Thistleton (9)	Hayden Uren (7)
Chester Lord (9)	Ewan Johnson (7)
Spencer Adriansz (9)	

Dr Grant Pusey
STEM Coordinator

Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS)

Year 7 & Year 10

Year 7 - Ancient History

In HASS, as part of the Ancient History course, Mrs Marzec's Year 7s learnt about the Ancient Egyptian practice of mummification.

Students were given roles to perform an interactive guided 'mummification' of a fellow classmate.

Using carefully selected props, they went through the different stages of the mummification process and discussed beliefs around why each stage was considered to be so important.

The students then used this new information to write about daily life in Ancient Egypt and explain the importance of beliefs and funerary customs to the Ancient Egyptians' sense of identity.



Bree Marzec
Teacher - HASS

Year 10 - AEP

Year 10 AEP students Emrys Loveday and Sarah Hartley recently met with their local member of parliament, Stuart Aubrey, to discuss their environmental concerns after researching the impact of litter on Scarborough Beach as part of their Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL) project.

The pair used their initiative to turn this learning experience into meaningful action by organising the meeting with their local state representative, who has committed to addressing the issue. As HASS teachers, we are particularly impressed by the girls' application of geographical and political knowledge. Well done!

Sam Shead Gets Ready to be Mum

Sam Shead and partner Vaughan are awaiting the arrival of their baby girl at the end of the term. We wish Ms Shead all the best as she leaves us to get ready for this special event. Sam and Vaughan have endured the impacts of Covid, having to postpone their wedding in South Africa last year, so this exciting time is making up for it. The students have showered Ms Shead with beautiful gifts and good luck wishes which shows how much she is admired and will be missed. We look forward to welcoming her back some time in the future.



Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS)

Year 8 AEP Mock Trials

The Year 8 AEP classes took part in a mock trial criminal court case recently as part of their Civics and Citizenship subject in HASS. Students rose to the challenge and acted confidently in the roles of barristers, solicitors, witnesses, court orderly and judge's associate.

The teams were given a fictional legal scenario and had to come up with their case theory, draft their own opening and closing statements as well a series of questions to ask each witness. The matter was presided over by the Honourable Ms Kitto (Year 8 Head of Year) who kept order in the mock court, delivered a fair verdict and provided feedback to our two legal teams.



Mrs Cornelius' class prepared the prosecution case, while Mrs Wells' students prepared a successful defence case with the accused being found not guilty of the crime. It was a very close finish on points, with the prosecution winning by just one point over the defence's presentation of the case.



Geography

Year 11 Geography

Swan Valley Excursion - Wine Study

During Term 3, the Year 11 Geography classes joined with Carine SHS to enjoy a field excursion to the scenic Swan Valley. The aims behind the day were to study the commodity 'wine' as one of our Depth Studies of Unit 2 and consider the links with tourism in the region.

Upper Reach Winery, eight time Gourmet Traveller winner, opened its door and offered our students an informative tour of the winery which looked at production, processes, sustainability, advancements in technology and marketing associated with their boutique wines. We thank the owner Laura for allowing us into her winery.



The students practised their observation, field sketching and soil sampling skills. The next stop was The Margaret River Chocolate Factory, a venue on the tourist map of the Swan Valley. We certainly supported the domestic market on this stop.



The ladies at the Swan Valley Visitor Centre gave us a brief history of the area and discussed the tourism aspects of this region, which boasts not only 40 wineries but a plethora of fun activities that have a close spatial association with the wine industry.



Year 11 Geography - Wine Study

As part of the Year 11 ATAR Geography course, the students study wine as a commodity. We look at history of diffusion, factors influencing production and consumption, development of the global and Australian wine industry, global distribution and the impact of technology of wine production.



A different activity recently had the class rotating around different study stations that displayed a variety of wine bottles.

The aim was to investigate the wine regions of Australia and the world, types of grapes and wines produced, the history of the wine companies and investigate cautionary information that is now contained on labels.



Leeana Manifis-Gott
Teacher - Geography

ATAR Geography

METROPOLITAN PERTH FIELDWORK

Perth ... here we come!

One of the best and most enjoyable experiences we can offer our students is to get them out into the field. Our Year 12 Geography students had another opportunity this year to do this.

One of the prerequisites in Geography is to integrate fieldwork into the course. This term the 12s headed out on a full day fieldwork excursion looking at the Perth metropolitan area and its land use zones, urban processes, challenges and planning strategies being implemented to address the challenges faced by most cities.



Our studies took the class to West Perth to complete a land use transect, to Kings Park to practise field sketches, to East Perth to look at the \$127 million urban renewal project, to Northbridge to see historical links to ethnic cultures and to Cockburn Central to check out a transit oriented development.

We touched on urban challenges such as housing, urban sprawl and traffic congestion and evaluated the sustainability and liveability of strategies proposed and being implemented in Perth.



The students enjoyed this hands on experience, even though they complained about it being a long day!

Coffee Club makes all the difference.

A coffee, milo or even a cuppa with some home-made biscuits and muffins has created a warm learning environment in Geography this term.

I provided the beverages and the students by way of a roster, provided the treats. We have enjoyed a selection of tasty biscuits and sampled the best of home baking.

It's a great way to de-stress the students (and teacher) on the lead up to exams.



Leeana Manifis-Gott / Larissa Kool
Teachers - Geography

Sport

State Surfing Titles: Years 9 - 12

YEARS 9 - 12 STATE SURFING TITLES

Late in Term 1 Churchlands SHS held its own surfing competition at South Trigg which saw 36 of our students battle it out in epic wind conditions. The day was supported by the The Surf Boardroom, Go Surf and Soul Boardstore. The top 4 students from each division were then selected to compete at the SunSmart WA School Surfing Titles held at Trigg Beach.



On Wednesday August 18, Daymon Hay, Adam Yngstrom, Nick Cameron and Joel O'Neill competed in the Metropolitan Event at Trigg Beach.



It was nice to see the sun out (mostly), some light winds and plenty of great surfing going down! Both our boys teams made it through to the quarter finals. The waves were reasonably big and both had to contend with some wash through sets. Their quarter finals were very close and they were unlucky not to progress to the next round. They came 5th overall. Well done boys.

Our girls teams competed on Friday August 20, with our junior girls Ella Gregory and Bronte Pittaway placing 2nd in their heat. It was cut throat so only the top team progressed to next round.



Hannah Young, Sienna McLaren, Bronte Pittaway and Ella Gregory

Sienna McLaren and Hannah Young placed 1st in tough conditions and progressed through to the semis but missed out on a place in the finals.



Sienna McLaren and Hannah Young

Both senior teams Grace Young, Keala Veale, Sienna Pallavicini and Genevieve Stanley surfed well and made it through the heats to the semis but were out surfed in some tricky washy conditions later in the day.



Sienna Pallavicini, Grace Young, Keala Veale and Genevieve Stanley (Senior Girls)

Sienna Pallavicini pulled off a spot prize with her creative tricks gaining attention. The rain stayed at bay and the girls came away having had a great day in the water.



Sienna Pallavicini



Grace Young and Keala Veale

Sport

Rugby: Years 7 & 8

YEAR 7 & 8 RUGBY TEAM 2021

The Year 7 & 8 Rugby team has had a successful season with over 20 boys playing for the school team this year.

Training started in Term 2, on a Monday afternoon, with the aim of preparing the students for this season's Rugby Schools Cup Competition. A big thank you to Wests Scarborough Rugby Club for donating training shirts to every player that joined the school team.

Matches were held on a Wednesday afternoon, after school at UWA and also at Curtin University. The Churchlands team recorded wins against every school in the competition including John XXIII, Thornlie Senior High School and Aranmore Catholic College and are looking forward to Finals which will be played at the start of Term 4.

The Year 7 and 8 team have been coached by several Western Force players at each carnival and have improved throughout the season.

Bryn Postans
Teacher - Health and Physical Education



Sport

Specialist Swimming

Coral Bay Camp

The Year 9 and 10 Swimming Program students journeyed north in late August to the sunny paradise of Coral Bay. In a much-anticipated camp, the students were looking forward to beachy weather and getting in and under the water.

A 14 hour bus ride and some fitful sleep endured, we opened the bus curtains to be welcomed to Coral Bay with a stunning sunrise.

By 9:00am we had swimmers diving with Mantas, snorkelling with turtles and flying on underwater scooters.

With phones packed away, the students returned from their adventures and spent hours recapping them to anyone who would listen. Camp life was fun – volleyball, card games and hair!

Swim training in the bay is always fun – looking at coral and fish beats the black line any day – thanks Cyrus!

The Friday morning is the annual Coral Bay 2K swim. 61 swimmers jump from the jetty and power home to the bay – with the Ningaloo Current pushing you along you really zoom. Ethan and Seb shared the honours, followed by Cyrus and Remy. Kate was next as the first girl across the line followed by Sophia R. It was an amazing swim – the grey haired observers were stunned as swimmer after swimmer finished. Just fantastic.

We were on the bus home – the sun had just set to the west and half the kids were asleep. Hopefully they were alright for the netball and footy finals the next day. Well done kids – I hope you enjoyed it.

Thanks to Di Wood, Sarah Moore, Jacqui O'Rourke, Jans van vanders Van and Cyrus Milne for their volunteer help, and to Chris Tan and Lisa Campbell who worked 20 hour days for a week.

Chris Van Maanen
Head of Learning
- Health and Physical Education



Sport

Specialist Swimming



Sport

AFL - Year 7 Victory Cup

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The Year 7 AFL Team participated in the Victory Athletic Cup during Term 3. The team went through the competition undefeated and managed to win the Grand Final against Wanneroo SHS comprehensively with the final margin of 39 points.

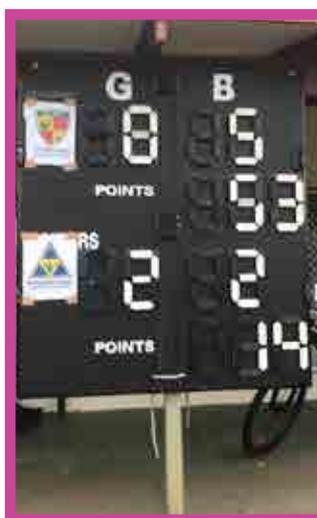


It was a fantastic team effort throughout the competition and the Grand Final. The backline was led well by Harry Eaton and Brent Shepherdson. The midfield controlled most of the play led by Benji Van Rooyen in the ruck and Gabriel Giltrow and Mason Bartle across the ground and the forward line was potent, with tall targets Noah Blakeney and Archie Elton with live wire small forwards Liam Pollard-Smith and Frankie Coats.



Special mention to Gabriel Giltrow for being awarded Best on Ground for the Grand Final and Benji Van Rooyen for winning the Best Player of the Competition.

A big thank you to the parents and staff who supported the team. A special thanks to Wembley Downs Junior Football Club for their support and providing their facilities for our home games. Churchlands SHS hopes to continue to build and nurture community partnerships such as this.



Tim Morton
Teacher - Health and Physical Education

Sport

AFLW - Freo Dockers Schoolgirls Cup

AFL Year 7,8 and 9: Freo Dockers Schoolgirls Cup

During Term 3 our junior girls represented Churchlands in The Freo Dockers Schoolgirls Cup. This is an interschool competition for girls in Years 7, 8 & 9 coordinated by the West Australian Football Commission. The Cup was run on Tuesday afternoons over five weeks.



There were six schools competing in the North Metro Division and Churchlands finished up third on the ladder with Carine and Warwick finishing first and second.



Our team was made of players who play community football as well as students trying football for the very first time. It was lovely to see them all getting involved and improving with every game.



We were very fortunate to have Parris Laurie from the Westcoast Eagles AFLW team run a practical session on athletic movement and injury prevention, protecting yourself in a contest and how to tackle effectively and safely.



She then stayed on to watch our girls defeat Ashdale Secondary College, providing advice and encouragement throughout the game.



**Shannon McLaren and Liam Shannon
Teachers - Health and Physical Education**

Languages

Chinese

Chinese Cultural Activity 'Bamboo-copter'

Both the Year 8 and 9 students enjoyed playing the traditional Chinese toy, bamboo-copter, as part of the end of term cultural activity.

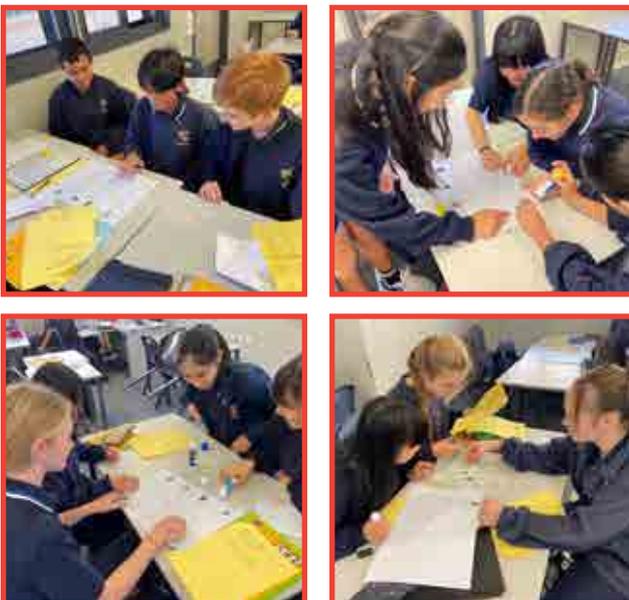
It was also good for students to learn Chinese in a different environment!



Chinese Classroom Activity 'Sentence Unscrambler'

Year 8 students had the opportunity to practise their vocabulary and grammar points through playing sentence unscrambler.

They enjoyed using the target language in a fun way!



Chinese Cultural Activity 'The Chopstick Challenge'

Year 9 students had lots of fun practising using chopsticks in the chopstick challenge.

This challenge included picking up and transferring cotton balls, beans, fruit rings and tiny chocolate buttons.

What made the students even more engaged was they got to eat the food as rewards at the end of the game!



Chinese Cultural Activity 'Making Chinese Dumplings'

The Year 11 and 12 students rolled up their sleeves and got their hands full of flour to make dumplings. They also learnt about the meaning and recipe of the Chinese dumplings. Although it was the first time students learnt to make dumplings, they rolled the dough and folded the dumplings very well!



Ms Susan Wei
Languages Teacher - Chinese

Technologies

Home Economics

BEAUTY AND WELLNESS

Students have been involved in a number of practical activities this term.

Students have made their own body scrub and learnt about the use of everyday household ingredients that can be used as part of their skin care.



We enjoyed two visits from Mimi who is a hairdresser and makeup artist who also performs at Fringe festivals as a hula hoop entertainer.



The girls were given a demonstration on a hair dummy and then had to go and attempt these styles on themselves in class.

We were shown how to achieve a basic up do that would be suitable for a ball or special occasion.

The girls were assessed in class on doing their own hair using only bobby pins and hair elastics as their resources. All students managed to come up with a suitable hair design.

The students have also seen a makeup demonstration and been taught all about the latest trends in makeup including how to contour and highlight.



A very big thank you to Clarissa from Mummy Time Beauty for coming out to visit.

Having some skills in this area can save a lot of money come ball time or when there is a special occasion.



Jo Clarke
Teacher - Home Economics

Community Service

Duke of Edinburgh

Duke of Edinburgh

Wild weather in the July school holidays did not deter four Year 10 students from completing a five-day hike on the Bibbulmun Track for their Bronze or Silver Duke of Edinburgh journeys.

Kaya, Abby, Rose and Grace hiked 82.5 km from Albany Highway, west of North Bannister, to Dwellingup: an amazing achievement especially for Abby and Grace, who had never done an overnight hike before.



Wild wind and rain threatened to blow our hut off the hillside on the second night, but luckily, we did not have too much rain while walking. However some creeks described as 'usually dry' in the track notes were most definitely not! Highlights of the trip included the beautiful White Horse Hills, an echidna on Mt Wells, and managing to cook some marshmallows between rain showers.



Other student groups of Year 10 and 11 braved the wet weather also to complete their Silver and Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition challenges.



Students participated in various activities. Hiking from Possum Sprints to Dwellingup on the Bibbulmun Track hike, some embarked on the Leeuwin Adventure to learn the ropes of sailing at the Fremantle Dock and others partook in the Junior Leaders Course in the Australian Army Cadets.



Students had a great time and learnt valuable lessons through their chosen undertakings. It was certainly a time well spent - a productive term break. Well done all!

Thank you to parents Jo, Louis, Joel and Francois and to past student Kimberley Clifton. Without your help, these hikes would not be possible. Well done everyone.



Community Service

What's Been Happening?

Never believe that a few caring people cannot change the world. For indeed, that is all who ever have.

40-Hour Famine

Our amazing students have been yet again volunteering in great numbers! It seems to have been a term of nothing but fundraising.

At the moment we are busy collecting student sponsorship money for the 40-Hour Famine. Once again, a number of students signed up and at the time of writing our online donations are totalling \$1734.65 and rising, from only a few students. I hope that by the time this newsletter is being read, all participants will have brought in their contributions and with a bit of luck we may reach or surpass last year's total.

Aboda Festival

The Aboda Senior and Junior Festivals saw a number of students volunteering as usual.

The Rotary Stirling Markets have had four teams of 16 students every week this term again. It is always so much fun to work with such kind and caring students who are willing to give up their time to help others in our communities.

World's Greatest Shave

Seven very brave students raised \$7622.70 (with more money still coming in) in the "World's Greatest Shave" event held at the school on Thursday September 2.

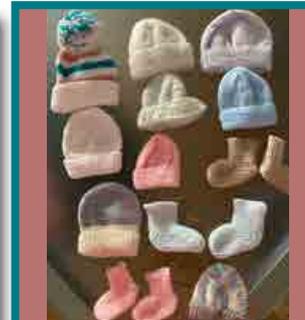


Abbie Brook, Erin Grant, Tegan Waters, Luella Martin – Hiller, Harper Freeman, Guy Archibald and Oscar Robinson

The Salvation Army Social Connection Project, Wheelchairs for Kids, and King Edward Neo-Natal Unit

We gave out the last of our blankets this term and sent all the knitted teddies to Wheelchairs for Kids. The bonnets and boots to King Edward Memorial Hospital Neonatal Unit. Thanks to the Rotary Club Karrinyup for helping us with all of this. Also thank you to all of our wonderful knitters.

Well done to Jiun Wei Cheong and Alex Jackson for all your help over the last year as our knitting club leaders.



Christina Kolodij Community Service Coordinator

Adopt-A-Spot Clean Up Trip

On Monday August 23 the environmental group headed down to Abbeybrook Reserve (the bushland located near our school) to clean up the concerning amounts of rubbish that had been untouched prior to the application of the Adopt-A-Spot program.

Overall, we collected four fully packed bags across the 30-minute period that we were out for, the trash we collected included plastic bags, food wrapping and battery packs.



The experience helped us members of the environmental group to put our ideas into action and set a social norm around cleaning up within our school community.

Adopt-A-spot is a program initiated by the City of Stirling which attempts to target specific areas

which are prone to having excess amounts of litter. As the year progresses, the environmental group will be



expanding our Adopt-A-Spot area to target the coastal areas within Perth such as the beaches or down by the dunes. We look forward to expanding this project as we continue to keep Australia clean.

Alex Jackson and the Environmental Group

Community

Indigenous Literacy Day

With the cancellation of NAIDOC Week celebrations due to lockdown in Term 2, students and staff celebrated Indigenous culture for Indigenous Literacy Day on September 1.

The aim of Indigenous Literacy Day is to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous literacy.

Only 36% of Indigenous Year 5 students in very remote areas are at, or above, national minimum reading standards, compared to 96% for non-Indigenous students in major cities, according to the 2019 National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN).

The situation is improving but there is still a long way to go and the challenges are immense. Apart from the historical, health, social and educational disadvantage issues, many remote communities don't have many, if any, books. Most of the remote communities that the Indigenous Literacy Foundation work with report there are fewer than five books in family homes.

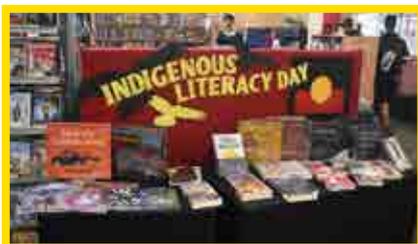
To raise money for this issue, students were encouraged to wear free dress in the colours of the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander flags

and make a gold coin donation to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. We are happy to report that we raised \$1,046 to help students in remote areas access books.

Our school's fundraising efforts will help the Indigenous Literacy Foundation supply remote communities with new books. New, culturally appropriate

books are gifted to schools and organisations operating in remote communities. They also have a Book Buzz program which aims to develop familiarity and engagement with books for children under five through a daily dedicated Story Time session, so children can start school with the pre-literacy skills they need to feel confident.

As well as our fundraising activities, Churchlands' Indigenous students ran some amazing activities for staff and students to celebrate Indigenous cultures.



They painted Noongar symbols on river rocks, made badges from images designed by our Indigenous students, made friendship bracelets, contributed messages of reconciliation to our "Sea of Hands", and had their faces painted.



During the activities, students listened to an all-Indigenous playlist from the likes of Baker Boy, Flewnt and Briggs from the Churchlands Friday Beats Crew.



Staff and students could further expand their knowledge of Indigenous cultures by reading some of the new books in the library display.

Rochelle Coleman
Teacher - English
Aboriginal Education Coordinator

Health and Wellbeing Week

R U OK? Day

Health and Wellbeing Week 2021

Week 8 was Health and Wellbeing Week and what an important week it was.

We kicked off the week with an enthusiastic Student Services team lead by the amazing Mel Hutflesz. The Health and Wellbeing Team wore as much yellow as fashionable and hosted lunchtime games including 'oversized' Jenga, Connect 4 and Ring Toss.

Our students also had the opportunity to meet and talk with some local agencies. Thank you to Mercy Care, Headspace, Mission Australia, Shift, Youth Beat, Days, City of Stirling Youth Community and Development Team and Sabine from Core Confidence for taking the time to chat, play games with our students and to the wonderful library staff for accommodating them.

And what is Health and Wellbeing Week if you don't have an Assistant Therapy Dog? So, we had TWO! Billy and Fudge allowed for mindfulness pats, and this was the cherry on top for a great week.

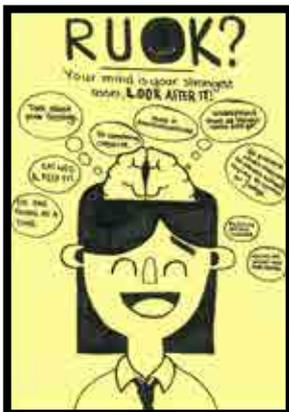
R U OK? Day

Our R U OK? conversation activity got the students excitedly engaged and involved by asking them to write down what they would say if a friend needed help. The student's words of wisdom were then displayed in the library. Our packed week also included a sausage sizzle and cupcake sale with proceeds going to Lifeline.

Thank you to both staff and students for asking the question R U OK? and for all your activities and discussions that took place to bring focus to it. We look forward to next year!

Wear It Purple Day

We know firsthand how life-changing it can be for an LGBTQIA+ young person to see the rainbow flag flying proudly at their school. And we know of the wonderful positive impact inclusivity and visible allyship has on entire communities. So we're incredibly proud that this year Churchlands Senior High School, along with 249 other primary and secondary schools nationwide, celebrated our very first Wear it Purple Day!



Poster designed by Yr 10 student Vivian Nguyen



Fudge

On Friday August 27 many students and staff participated in our very first Wear it Purple Day by wearing purple and rainbow accessories. The day began with students decorating each of our Student Services areas in purple and rainbow decorations. We then all moved out to the flag poles and raised the rainbow flag for the very first time at Churchlands Senior High School. At lunch time we had some amazing Friday Beatz music while we handed out friendship bracelets. Our amazing canteen also supported us with some awesome colourful food for the day which was a hit. Below are some personal accounts from students on the day. At Churchlands we have an amazing group of students who come along every Wednesday to our Youth Diversity Lunch Group, and we want to thank them all for their bravery and time on the day.



STUDENTS ARTICLES

'My day for WIP day was awesome! Seeing all the teachers, students and staff wearing purple and being so supportive was so awesome! It really created a supportive environment for anyone questioning their sexuality or gender, or anyone gender or sexuality diverse. My favourite part would have had to have been when everyone was dancing to music in the quad and wearing pride flags. I'm so proud to have been a part of the very first Wear It Purple Day at Churchlands!'

Cass Bouwer -Year 9 Student

'Wear it Purple day was an amazing day that was really inclusive for the LGBTQ2+ kids that attend Churchlands and for everyone that participated in our activities for the day. I hope that we can get more days like Wear It Purple Day again soon.'

Year 8 Student

**Student Services Team
Junior, Middle and Senior**



Library

WAYRBA Competition 2021

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The West Australian Young Readers' Book Award Competition is the longest running Children's Choice award in Australia. Each year students have the opportunity to read novels and picture books from a list produced by the WAYRBA committee based on nominations from students from around Western Australia.

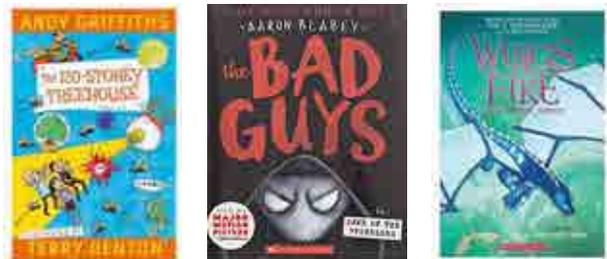
Students read and vote on the books on these lists. These votes are sent to this same committee and collated to find the overall winners in each of the categories.

The 2021 WAYRBA competition has now finished for another year, and after tallying the students' votes, the top three books (as per votes from students from Churchlands) in each section are:

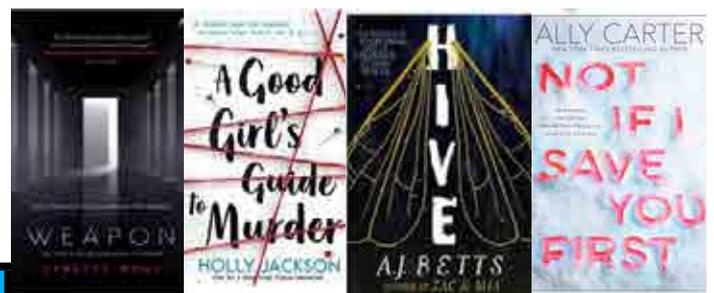
Picture Books		
1	John, Jory	The Good Egg
2	Dumbleton, Mike & Sommerville, Hannah	Anisa's Alphabet
3	Blabey, Aaron	Pig the Blob



Younger Readers		
1	Griffiths, Andy and Denton, Terry	130 Storey Treehouse
2	Blabey, Aaron	Dawn of the Underlord
3	Sutherland, Tui T	The Lost Heir (graphic novel)



Older Readers		
1	Noni, Lynette	Weapon
2	Jackson, Holly	A Good Girls Guide To Murder
3	Betts, AJ	Hive
3	Carter, Ally	Not If I Save You First



Congratulations to the following students who were the top readers' in each of their year groups. They were rewarded with a delicious morning tea, certificates and book vouchers.

Year 7:

Emma Wade, Caitlyn Burbridge, Olivia Byrne, Duke O'Brien and Maryrose Bahls-Kildea

Year 8:

Holly Turnbull, Sophia Bell and Lauren Gale

Year 9:

Jordannah Fauntleroy-Brown

Year 10:

Abigail Porter and Kaya Lacey

Year 11/12:

Poorani Thiru

Thank you to the Hospitality students who supplied the morning tea, and to Deb Hoy, Carlee Ingleson and the English staff for attending and helping us to celebrate the efforts of our top readers.

Nominations required for 2022 lists

Students are encouraged to nominate books for the 2022 WAYRBA lists. If you have read a book you have loved, please come into the library and fill in a nomination form. Your nominations will be forwarded to the WAYRBA committee where they evaluate whether or not to include it on the list.

Thanks and we look forward to WAYRBA 2022.

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WAYRBA Competition 2021



WA Council of State School Organisations WACSSO Annual Conference

WA Council of State School Organisations (WACSSO) Annual Conference 2021 and Centenary Celebrations

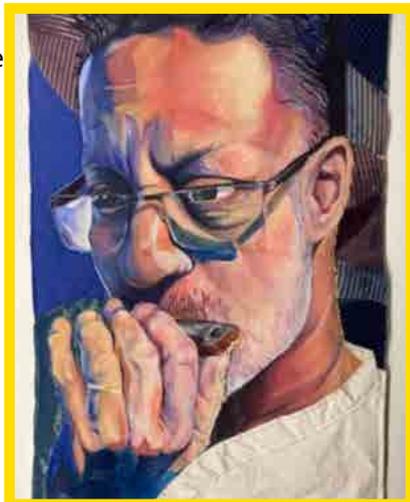
WACSSO Conference and Centenary celebrations were held over the weekend on August 21 and 22 at Crown Perth. Founded in 1921, WACSSO has been partnering with parents and carers in public education across Western Australia to improve the outcomes of students in government schools. Our school participated in the Student Art and Student Panel sections of the Conference.



Student Art

Student Art by our Year 12 General Art student, Eloise Hunter, was on display at the Conference and was much appreciated and highly commended by the delegates and organisers.

The work was a textiles, mixed media piece of her father playing a harmonica, titled 'Who Do You Think They Are?' - An amazing work of art about family and identity - and about what makes someone unique.



Student Panel

Our student panel at the WACSSO Conference, with their inspirational speeches on the below topics, enthralled the audience of over 300 delegates from all over WA at The Grand Ballroom in Crown Perth.

In the words of WACSSO:

"The WACSSO Conference student panel show us that the future of WA is in safe hands. Thank you to the panellists for their inspiring presentations."



Guy Archibald (Yr 12)

'What teachers can learn from Palliative Care Physicians'



Shreeya Naroth (Yr 10)

'Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference'



Maria Beswick (Yr 9)

'How school has impacted me to become the leader I am today'

Achievements Congratulations

LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Certificate of Commendation

We are excited to share that Churchlands Senior High School has been awarded the Certificate of Commendation by Hon Sue Ellery MLC Minister for Education and Training and Lisa Rodgers Director General of the Department of Education WA for having a significant, positive impact on the progress and achievement of students and maintaining a strong focus on WACE completion.

The analysis was based on the 2020 senior secondary student performance data that took into consideration the progress of the Churchlands SHS Year 12 cohort based on their Year 9 NAPLAN results, as well as the students who commenced in Year 11 and completed Year 12 with a WACE. A big 'thank you' goes to our committed and capable leadership, teachers and staff for this huge success.

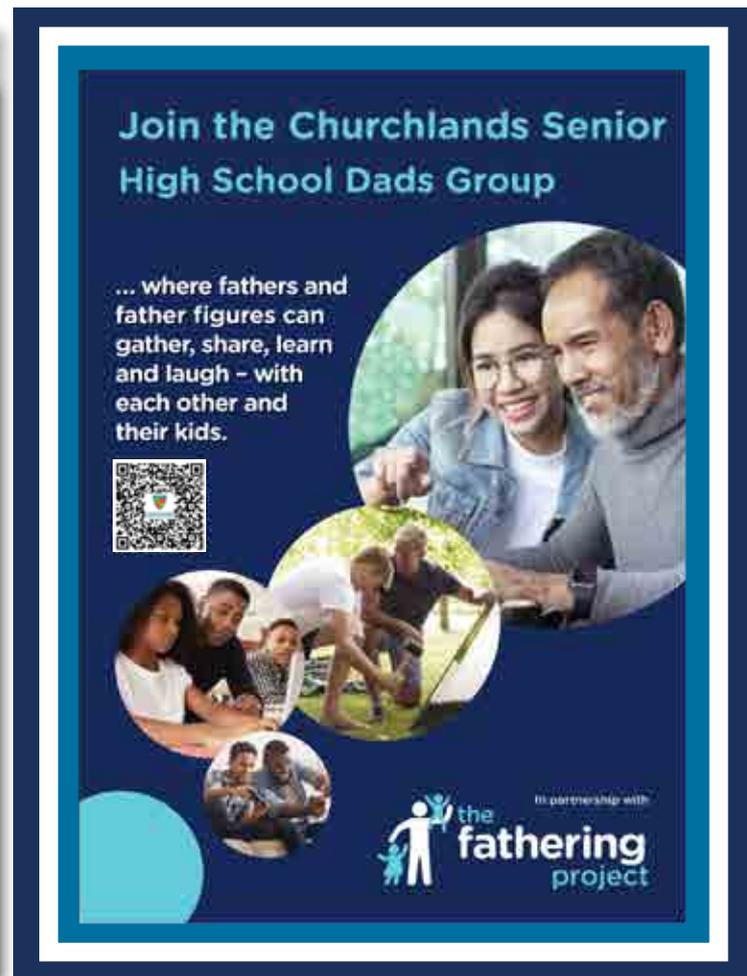
Congratulations

Brooke Missen (Year 9) has been selected as a representative of the Diving State Team. Unfortunately, School Sport Australia Championships have been cancelled in 2021 and regrettably this team will not have the opportunity to travel.



State representation is an honour and often represents a significant stepping stone in the ultimate achievement of senior and national selection.

School Sport WA works very closely with State and National Sporting Organisations to ensure that school sport forms a significant part in the sequential development of the school student.



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If you know of any Churchlands SHS alumni who may not be aware of the Churchlands Alumni Association, please feel free to share the magazine with them. Please encourage them to join the alumni database to receive Alumni information. We produce an annual online Alumni magazine edition *PastBlast* and from time to time we send out special editions of the school newsletter and other information about events and meetings. Access to contact details will only be by school staff to send out official alumni material. Let any friends from your Churchlands days know about this so we can build the database of interested people.

Churchlands SHS



Year 13

Sundowner

WE WELCOME YOU BACK TO SCHOOL!

Join us for a fun casual evening and share your stories - if you are studying, working or taking a gap year. Come meet your past teachers and catch up with your peers.

Date: Friday 26 November 2021

Time: 4.00pm to 5.30pm

Venue: Concert Hall, 20 Lucca Street

Dress Code: Smart Casual

Free nibbles and juices | Drinks on sale

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