



Court Grammar  
School

# THE COURT CHIMES

2026 - Respect for God

*From the principal's desk - Ms Patricia Rodrigues*

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## Term Dates

- Term 2  
• Tuesday 21 April -  
Friday 26 June
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• Wednesday 22 July -  
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• Monday 12 October -  
Thursday 10 December

It is wonderful to be back from my leave, and I must say I did enjoy Britain, Scotland and Europe. I visited my family and had a break but have had to hit the ground running as is to be expected. As we reach the halfway point of Term 2, our school continues to thrive, with a wide range of incursions, excursions, and events enriching student life. Applications for our 2027 Academies and Scholarships have now closed, and we are looking forward to the upcoming academic testing, sports trials, and arts auditions. It is inspiring to see so many students actively engaged in programs across the Arts, Sport, and Academic pathways—an excellent reflection of our vibrant and growing community.

We have moved fully into our new Sapling Centre, housing Years 5-8 at the moment. The students do love the new Dance Studio and the Cafeteria. We will soon finish the staff parking at the rear, and the Aquatic Centre is due for completion at the end of this year.

At the same time, we have commenced our new Sprout Centre for Pre Primary, year 1 and 2 students which will be ready for the 2028 year. This will complete our capacity of 3 classes in each year of primary and 6 classes in each year of secondary schooling

During this period of growth, we appreciate your patience and cooperation, particularly during busy drop-off and pick-up times. To ensure the safety of all students, we kindly ask families to avoid illegal parking on Bishop and Soldier's Roads and to respect designated disabled bays unless in possession of a valid ACROD permit. Kiss and drive must be used for the safety of all students and staff.

Let us all enjoy the second half of the term together, as we continue to build a strong and supportive community.



## Chaplain's Chat - Dr Noah Mbano

The Court Grammar Community was deeply saddened after the tragic death of Tanatswa Darangwa, a much-loved member of our school Yr 7 cohort. He will be deeply missed by all students and staff. Tana lived in Byford, and attended West Byford Primary School before joining our school, where he quickly became known for his kind heart, humour, and love of life.

He treasured his friendships and enjoyed spending time with both his primary school friends and high school mates at Court Grammar School. Deeply religious and guided by his Christian faith, he brought warmth and positivity to those around him.

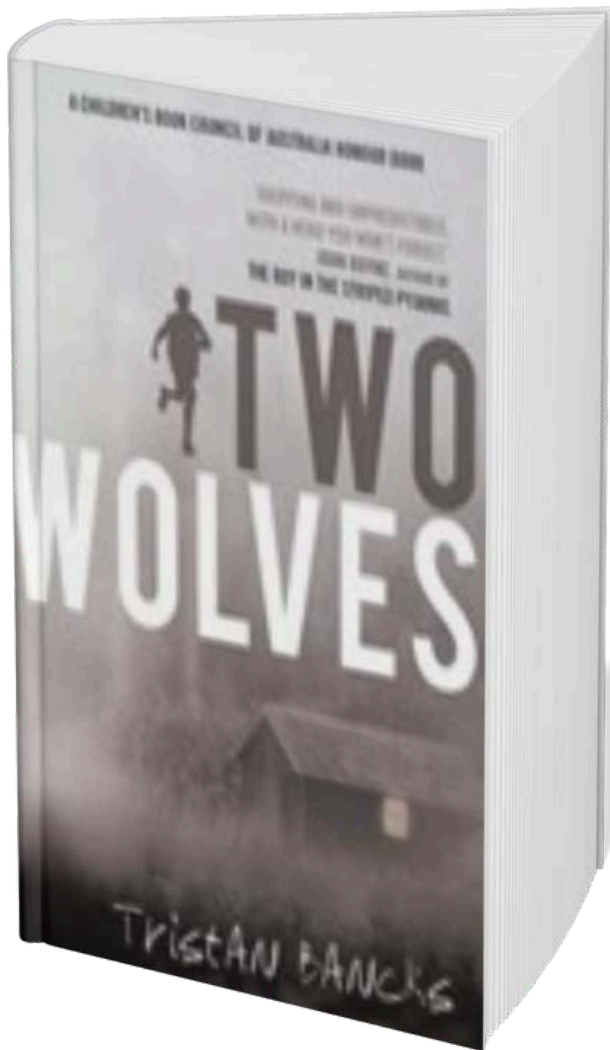
He had a passion for sport and especially enjoyed swimming, cycling, and basketball. He was also a proud member of the Byford Run and Become squad. At school, he particularly enjoyed HASS and Mathematics and was always a valued part of the classroom community.

He leaves behind his loving family, including his two younger sisters, aged 8 and 4. He will be remembered with great affection by students, staff, and all whose lives he touched.



## *Head of Secondary School - Mr Brad Krokosz*

**Why students in Year 8 are reading *Two Wolves* - and you should too!**



I have always made a conscious effort to read the texts studied in English. It often leads to a rich conversation when I work with students, for reasons good or bad. Over the years, I've enjoyed the challenge of unpacking the political subtleties of George Orwell's *Animal Farm* and, on more than a few occasions, have been found shaking my head in disbelief as I've read Fredric Backman's *A Man Called Ove*. If you are a parent of a child in Year 8, they're currently reading Tristan Bancks' *Two Wolves*, and you should too!

Bancks has written an easy-to-read, engaging, and exciting text that challenges readers to weigh in on the great conflict between good and evil (the two wolves). I reflect on my own teenage years and the less-than-engaging books I had to read in English class, which struggled to hold the attention of even the most eager of bookworms (of which I wasn't one). I can assure you, *Two Wolves* will hook you in, and you will find yourself desperate to read on to see how the main character, Ben, manages the next conflict. I encourage all parents of our Year 8 students to read *Two Wolves*; it will no doubt lead to a conversation with your teenager that will be more than the usual 'teenage grunt' or the curiosity of 'When's dinner?'

## *Head of Primary School - Mrs Patricia McLoughlin*

### **Year 4 Mr Fitton - Long service leave**

Mr Gavin Fitton will be taking leave for the remainder of Term Two. During this time, we are pleased to welcome Mr Jack Opie, who will be stepping into the Year 4 teaching role until the end of the term. Mr Opie has already begun working closely with students and staff to ensure a smooth transition, and we look forward to the positive contribution he will bring to the Year 4 class group. We wish Mr Fitton all the best during his leave and thank Mr Opie for joining the team.

## **Duty of Care and the EY Play Equipment**

For the safety and wellbeing of all students, we wish to remind you that students should not be using the Early Learning and Pre-Primary playground equipment before and after school hours. These areas are reserved for supervised use during the school day only. We appreciate our families for their ongoing cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for all students.

## **Term Two - Pre-Kindy Orientation**

At the beginning of Term Two, our Early Years community welcomed a number of new CGS families during our two Pre-Kindy Orientation days. It was wonderful to see our newest students exploring the school, making new friends and beginning to feel at home within our school's learning environment. Orientation visits play an important role in helping children settle into school life, become familiar with their educators, and experience what learning looks and feels like at CGS. During the sessions, students enjoyed spending time in their new classroom spaces, engaging in a range of activities, and beginning their exciting journey of discovery and exploration aligned with the EYLF framework. We look forward to sharing many exciting learning experiences together throughout the year with our newest additions.



## **Week 2 Parent Meetings**

Thank you to all families who attended our recent Primary Parent Meetings. It was wonderful to connect with you and have the opportunity to talk about your child's learning journey, progress and achievements. These conversations are such an important part of building a strong partnership between home and school, helping us work together to support every child's growth, confidence and wellbeing. Thank you for being such an important part of our school community. We look forward to continuing to work together throughout the year.

## **2026 CGS School Readiness Playgroup**

This term, we were thrilled to once again host our CGS School Readiness Playgroup for 2026, welcoming families with children aged 0 to 3 years of age into our school community, supported by Playgroup WA. Our School Readiness Playgroup is designed to support children and families in the important early years of development through interaction, exploration and play. The playgroup also provides a valuable opportunity for families to become familiar with our school setting, connect with other parents and caregivers, and begin building a sense of belonging within the CGS community. These early connections help children feel safe, secure and confident as they transition into formal schooling in the years ahead.

We are delighted with how positively the program has begun this term. Thanks to Mrs Clues for her contribution to coordinating this group.



# What's happening around the School

## Year 1 ANZAC Solider Drawings - Mrs Carnaby

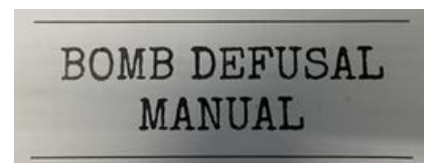
This ANZAC day our Year 1 students completed a directed drawing activity of an ANZAC soldier, just look at their amazing work!



## Police Rangers - Mr Krokosz

Police Rangers have had an exciting start to Term 2. Rangers have been learning how to build campfires, cook over an open fire, and defuse bombs, virtual bombs of course!

Nothing gets the blood pumping like a ticking bomb! Rangers had to work in pairs and communicate with each other before the clock ran out. The person defusing the bomb couldn't see the instructions and had to communicate with the person holding the bomb defusal manual. Much was learned during this session, including how to communicate clearly under pressure. Luckily, only pride was at stake, but the competition between the defusal teams was fierce to see who the alpha unit was.



# Sports Academies - Mr Faulkner

We have had a busy Term within the Academies and Specialist Sports programs and it's great to see so many of our students striving to be the best they can be.

## Basketball Specialist Program

**Congratulations** to our Junior (7-9) Girls Basketball team, who recently competed in the ACC Grand Final.

The girls represented Court Grammar School with pride, determination and teamwork, playing an exciting brand of basketball throughout the competition. Their achievement is particularly significant, as they became the first team in Court Grammar School history to progress through to an ACC Grand Final event.

This outstanding accomplishment is a credit to the players' hard work, commitment and resilience throughout the season. Well done to all involved on creating a memorable milestone for the school and setting a fantastic example for future sporting teams.

### Summary of Results

- Rd of 16 - Won against Chisolm CC
- Quarter Finals - Won against Mater Dei College
- Semi Final - Won against Peter Carnley CC (in overtime)
- Grand Final - Defeated by Kingsway CC



## Netball Specialist Program

### Primary School Netball Carnival

In Week 5, we attended our very first CGS Netball Carnival – the West Coast Fever Primary School Cup!

It was amazing to see so many talented girls from Years 4-6 out on the courts, and we're incredibly proud to have finished as overall runners-up. A fantastic day for CGS netball!

A huge shoutout also goes to our senior students, who did an amazing job coaching and umpiring throughout the day.

Their leadership, support, and encouragement helped make the carnival such a success!



### Senior ACC

This year we proudly had two girls teams and our inaugural Senior Boys team compete at the ACC Senior Netball Championships. After an incredible tournament, our Senior Girls Team 1 finished top of the ladder, won their crossover and secured their place in the **Grand Final in Week 10!** A massive congratulations to all students involved for the way they represented CGS on and off the court.

### SSWA Girls Carnival Day 1

CGS was proudly represented at the SSWA School Girls South Netball Carnival Day 1 in Week 4, with an incredible 7 teams competing across Years 7-9 against schools from across the south metro region.

Our students represented the school brilliantly on and off the court, with our Year 8 and Year 9 teams achieving fantastic results and progressing through to the next round in Term 3!

A special mention to our amazing senior students who stepped up across the day to coach and umpire, showing outstanding leadership, support and passion for the CGS Netball Academy.



## AFL/W Academy

The Court Grammar AFL/W Program has continued to provide students with a wide range of opportunities throughout the term, with strong participation across school competitions, development programs, and elite pathway experiences. A highlight for the term was the involvement of our Year 10 AFLW students in the West Coast Eagles SOAR Program. Students had the opportunity to tour the West Coast Eagles facilities and participate in a specialised training session within the



clubs indoor facilities. The session was led by former Essendon and West Coast Eagles player, and current West Coast Eagles AFLW Coach, Michael Prior. This experience gave students valuable insight into elite-level preparation and training standards. The Year 10 AFLW group will continue to participate in the SOAR Program throughout the term during their scheduled classes.



Students across the AFL program also benefited from specialist coaching sessions delivered by WAFL legend Steven Malaxos. Steven worked closely with students in the Year 6, Year 8, and Year 10 AFL academies, sharing his knowledge and experience of the game.

The sessions provided students with valuable learning opportunities, and we look forward to welcoming him back later in the term to continue working with other groups within the academy.

### Senior Girls

Our Senior Girls Freo Dockers Cup team performed strongly throughout the group stage of the competition, recording impressive wins against Kolbe and Comet Bay, alongside one loss. Their efforts have resulted in the team progressing through to the Division B Finals, which commence on **June 9**. The team has continued to show strong growth, teamwork, and commitment throughout the competition.



# AFL/W Academy

## Senior Boys

The Senior Boys Eagles Cup Glendinning Division team has also enjoyed a successful start to the season. The group currently holds three strong wins against Kolbe, Byford Secondary College, and Corpus Christi. Their performances have placed them in a strong position heading into the final stages of the competition, sitting one win away from securing a finals berth



Our Year 8/9 Boys teams have continued to compete strongly across two divisions this term. While both teams have faced challenging opposition, they have consistently demonstrated resilience, effort, and a willingness to compete. The Division A team currently holds a record of one win and two losses, while the Division B team is continuing to develop despite not yet recording a win. Pleasingly, there has been clear improvement in the competitiveness and overall development of both groups throughout the term.

To conclude the term, several AFL and AFLW academies will participate in upcoming carnivals and competitions. Our Year 5/6 AFL and AFLW students will compete in day carnivals during Weeks 9 and 10, while our Year 7 AFL and AFLW programs will represent the school at WA Football Carnivals in Weeks 7 and 8, followed by ACC Carnivals in Week 9.

Big congratulations to the following students who have successfully been selected in their respective age groups to represent their state.

State Schools Sport WA

- U12 AFL: Chris Clarke
- U12 AFLW: Victoria Bann & Jordan Munro
- U14 AFLW: Scarlett Nunn
- U14 AFLW Train-On Squad: Stephanie Evans, Zoe Clarke, Alyssa Primrose

*Congratulations!*

WAFL Under 16's State Program

- Lincoln Workman

This is a fantastic achievement from all students and a reflection of their hard work. Congratulations to each of you on this outstanding accomplishment.

# Careers Expo - Ms Stringer

Court Grammar School will hold a Careers Expo on **Wednesday 16 June 8.30am to 10.30am** in the school gym for students Years 9 – 12. We invite parents/carers to attend this event. Our Keynote speaker will highlight the opportunities for our future student workforce, particularly in the areas outlined in the map below. The future investments to expand this coastal area will open so many career pathways.

***“Your Future, Your Pathway, Your Expo.”***



To prepare for this event I encourage you to YouTube ‘Investment Ready – Are You?’ A short video that presents some insightful information in relation to future opportunities on our doorstep for our children.

Come along to our presentation and take the opportunity to speak to any of the representatives from our five universities, TAFE and MEGT (Apprenticeships/Traineeships) who will answer your questions and give guidance to future career pathways.

# Student Achievements



**Eilidh McKay - Year 7**  
 Congratulations to Eilidh McKay who was Awarded Runner Up Junior Champion for Armadale Idol 2026. Such a huge achievement for Eilidh.

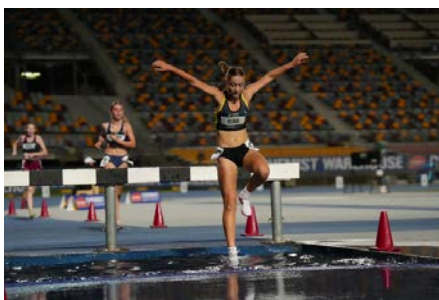
**Bella Godecke and Hannah Floyd - Year 10**  
 Congratulations to both Bella and Hannah for their selection into the State 16s squad.



**Frankie Johns - Year 5**  
 Congratulations to Frankie Johns and her pony, Cimeron Party at the Palace, who were awarded the Overall Primary Championship at the Equestrian WA Interschool Championship



**Christopher Clarke - Year 7**  
 Congratulations to Christopher Clarke who has been selected in the State Schools AFL 12's Team and the WA Little Athletics Team. Well done Christopher.



**Scarlett Nunn - Year 9**  
 A huge congratulations to Scarlett who has been selected to represent WA in the U14's Girls State AFL Team. Scarlett also recently returned from Brisbane where she competed in the 2km Steeplechase in the National Junior Athletics Championships.



**Noah McCabe - Year 10**  
 A huge congratulations to Noah on being selected in to the Australian U15 World Cup Baseball Team, who will be heading over to Mexico to represent Australia. Good luck and Congratulations.

# Administration News

## Uniform Shop

School Blazers have now arrived, if you haven't yet collected your child's blazer please visit the School Uniform Shop.

Our Uniform Shop hours during the term are as follows:

- Monday 8.00am - 11.00am
- Wednesday: 12.30pm - 3.30pm

Any specific uniform questions such as stock availability and orders can be directed to the uniform shop during operating hours either by phone or email: [uniforms@cgs.wa.edu.au](mailto:uniforms@cgs.wa.edu.au).

# Community News



## Before & After School Care may cost less than you think

At Camp Australia, we believe every child deserves access to high-quality Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) and engaging school holiday programs. Through the range of enriching experiences provided in our Before & After school care programs, your child can enjoy fun and learning with their peers while you get peace of mind that they're having fun with friends, as well as getting time back for yourself to work, study, run errands, or simply relax.

The Child Care Subsidy (CCS) makes our services more affordable for eligible families. Through the CCS, your expenses could significantly decrease, offering immediate financial relief. And it's a simple process that could provide you with lasting benefits. So, take advantage of CCS and enjoy the savings!

Court Grammar School				
Before School Care	Hours	Full fee	Fee after max. CCS	Fee after 70% CCS
Recurring	6:30 – 8:30	\$32.62	\$9.56	\$14.69
Casual	6:30 – 8:30	\$35.12	\$12.06	\$17.19
After School Care	Hours	Full fee	Fee after max. CCS	Fee after 70% CCS
Recurring	2:50 – 6:00	\$45.57	\$9.06	\$17.17
Casual	2:50 – 6:00	\$48.07	\$11.56	\$19.67

Did you know that After School Care could cost as little as \$9.06?

- For this, your child will have access to:
- A safe, supervised environment
  - Fun and learning through socialising with peers
  - Masses of toys, games and experiences to suit their interests
  - Afternoon tea

To check your eligibility and find out how much you can save, visit Services Australia or go to <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/child-care-subsidy> to learn more.

For further help with registration, bookings, CCS and more at Camp Australia, contact the friendly Customer Care team on 1300 105 343 or email [oshc@campaustralia.com.au](mailto:oshc@campaustralia.com.au) for more information.



## READY FOR A MIX OF FUN, FRIENDSHIP AND ADVENTURE?

### JOIN THE GIRL GUIDES FAMILY

Girl Guides is a girl-led organisation which aims to empower, inspire and guide girls and young women to take on challenges, develop new skills and become leaders of their world.

Girl Guides provides a safe and supportive learning environment for girls from all walks of life.

We encourage our Guides to challenge themselves in the areas of practical skills, mental and physical resilience, and relationship-building with their peers.

Serpentine Jarrahdale Girl Guides is currently taking new members between 8 and 16 years old.

Thursday, 5-7 pm at the Byford Scout Hall, 91 Linton St, Byford, WA, 6122

Contact Vicki at [membership@girlguideswa.org.au](mailto:membership@girlguideswa.org.au) for a 2 week free trial and to find out more.

