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THE COURT CHIMES

2020, THE YEAR WE PRACTISE HUMILITY - "OTHERS BEFORE SELF"



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

PATRICIA RODRIGUES, PRINCIPAL FRIDAY, 22 MAY 2020



Court Grammar School

Upcoming Events

Friday 29 May Cross Country Carnival

Monday 1 June WA Day Public Holiday

Friday 5 June - 12 June 2020 Yr 11/12 ATAR Exams

Tuesday 16 June - 19 June Yr 7-10 Assessment Week

Friday 26 June
Term 2 concludes for students

It is truly wonderful to be back to some sort of normality with our students back on site. As I mentioned in my last COVID update, to hear the children's laughter and play reminds us of why we chose either this profession or to work in a school.

Thank you to all of our community for pulling together during this pandemic. Your support and encouragement has been reassuring, whether it be in assisting your children in their remote learning or adapting to the new norm with dropping off and picking up your children. Thank you also for ensuring your children have the correct winter uniforms. We are pleased that we averaging 93% of attendance this last week.

Unfortunately, we still cannot have assemblies or community events, however we are trying to get back to normal routines as much as possible. Our primary, morning fitness started this week and I have also sent a letter concerning the Cross Country Carnival next Friday. We are endeavouring to do as much as possible.

Please take note of the recent announcements in regards to assessments for our secondary students and Mr Krokosz has provided some details further in.

We are getting very excited with the way our new Arts Centre is progressing, as you see, it is really looking beautiful and it is on track to be ready for our students for Term 3.

In these unusual times, we still have much to be thankful for! We continue to be grateful for the parents who believe they do not need COVID 19 fee assistance and have paid their fees in full. One size does not fit all! We are just happy we were able to assist and that we are healthy and back at school.

Congratulations - Mykaila Kershaw -



Photo courtesy of The Examiner, 23 April 2020

Mykaila Kershaw was recently recognised by the Serpentine Jarrahdale RSL after taking part in this year's ANZAC Poetry Competition. Mykaila was the Secondary School winner for her poem inspired by the courage of her great-grandfather - who served during World War II. Congratulations Mykaila

Year 12 Leavers Jackets

The arrival of the Year 12 Leavers jackets last week caused quite a stir among the year 12's students who have been anticipating their arrival since last term. The cold and rainy weather set the perfect stage to hand them out to our Graduating class of 2020. We have had the perfect weather to test them out for warmth and comfort. I think you will all agree that the design looks fantastic. I would like to give a huge thank you to Chloe Howard and Rebecca Jarrold who took the time to design the jacket. A reminder to our students and families that the wearing of the Leavers Jacket is a privilege and that it is only able to be worn on Mondays and Tuesdays.











CGS PRIMARY SCHOOL DRAWING COMPETITION



Well done to all participants for their amazing creative drawings based on Easter and Humility. Students should be very proud of their efforts. The Arts Colours representatives had a hard decision judging the winners.

And the winners are...



Well Done to all participants. Winners can collect their prizes from front reception. All participants have recieved certificates and acknowledgment of entry. These students can collect these upon return to school from Mrs Riseley.



Cert II Timber Manufacturing

Georgia Seymour, our Head Girl, has been working on her final Woodwork project in Cert II Timber Manufacturing.

Georgia designed the Kitchen
Island herself before starting the construction as part of the course.

She is not only showing off her skills in Woodwork but also participates in our Court Motor Works project where she is taking a leading role as part of the team. Truly a lady with many talents!

> Mr Ferriera Woodwork Teacher

Yr 4 STEM Activities

Every Friday, the Year 4's embark on a STEM activity. This week students were put into pairs and given a 1 metre piece of aluminium foil. They had to make a boat that could float and hold as many glue sticks as possible. The students loved the challenge with a few disasters but many successes... The record group scored 13 full glue sticks...an impressive effort!

Mr Taylor

Year 4 Teacher

















This term in Italian cultural studies we have been exploring Italian foods. Our first port of call had to be pasta. The Pre-Primary, Year 1 and 2 students have been exploring the different shapes, using them to make patterns, pictures, spaghetti towers, and bracelets. Next stop pizza! *Mrs Keane*













Yr 9 Sandcastle Competition

This week, the Year 9's should have been soaking up the sun at Coral Bay amidst the beautiful Ningaloo Reef and pristine beaches. However, due to a certain global pandemic, this was not to be...

So instead, the Year 9's being a resourceful and resilient bunch, thought they'd bring the beach vibes to Court Grammar School by continuing on with the annual Sandcastle Competition in the Volleyball pits!

Some of the structures were truly impressive given the students had less than half an hour to complete their masterpieces.

The top three teams were awarded points for the Year of Challenge as follows;



1st Place - 250 points

Left to right: Holly Grainger, Chloe Young & Maddison Humphreys met the brief by making a beautiful mermaid; sporting scales, leafy hair and a cheeky 10c coin winking face.

2nd Place - 200 Points

Left to right: Quinn Wardrobe, Ben Pratt, Tom Tunstall & Shay-Li Reid did a great job with their Ningaloo Reef inspired Sea Turtle, adding texture to the shell and flippers.



Yr 9 Sandcastle Competition



3rd Place - 150 Points

Left to right: Tristan Sgarlata, Chad Tilburn, Noah Raad, Tighe Shaw, Finnian Redman & Ashton Walker worked hard on their interpretation of a Ningaloo Reef island paradise, incorporating their ties to look like the deep blue water and nearby plants to create leafy green atolls.

Overall, the students completed this challenge in good spirit, while all the Pastoral Care Advisors lent a helping hand by offering encouragement, bringing cups to shape the sand and buckets of water to mould it.

Whilst it is disappointing that we did not make it to Coral Bay, it was really nice to see everyone having a bit of fun and flexing their creative muscles with the best we had.

Mr Ben Freel Year Coordinator

Yr 4 - ANZAC's









Each year, at the instruction of the very knowledgeable 'Mrs Mader', Year 4 students spend a week learning all about the history of the ANZACs. Students learn about the reasons behind World War 1, the major events that involved the ANZACs in WW1 and they look at stories from people who went to war. Students enjoy dressing up a bit too! We even made ANZAC

biscuits... Mr Taylor Year 4 Teacher

PRIMARY NEWS

STUART LEARMONTH, HEAD OF PRIMARY



Welcome Back!

We are so excited and pleased to have the vast majority of our children back in the Primary School. Seeing their faces and hearing their voices and laughs is absolutely wonderful and we are thrilled to be getting back to our routines across the school. Thank you to all involved in making sure that our remote learning programmes were put in place successfully.

From what I have discussed thus far, some parents were very pleased for the children to return and others were quite keen to keep a hold of them for a little longer! Either way, we are all glad and happy to have them back.

I have spoken with all classes this week about the need to put in 100% effort in order to recoup lost ground. The staff are working very hard to fill learning gaps and catch up with lost time, although we need the students to be on board with this by ensuring they are on task, focused and on point!

With this being Term 2, our Winter uniform policies are in place and I would like to thank all families for ensuring that children are wearing the correct uniform. I have been advised that most items from the Uniform Shop that were on back order are now here and that contact has been made with all relevant families to collect these items. Our uniform shop is still open on selected days. One parent at a time is permitted to enter and parents must line up outside in a socially distant manner.



Parent Conferences, Reports and Learning Journey Folders

Parent Conferences were obviously cancelled in Term 1. These traditionally take place in Weeks 9 and 10 of the first term. Instead, we issued interim reports to all families. Many parents have asked when parent conferences will go ahead. With government restrictions still in

place in regard to adults on campus, we do not have a definitive answer for this. However, the end of semester report shall be posted to families during the next school holidays along with some accompanying information about how to interpret these. If any parent feels that they would like to discuss progress, please make contact with the relevant teacher and a phone call can easily be arranged. Learning Journey folders will come in in Week 8 of this term so you can see some hard copy learning activities. These are likely to be a little less detailed than normal due to the amount of time students have been away from school.



Cross Country Carnival

There is a palpable sense of excitement across the school at the thought of us holding an event! The children have been training hard with Miss Dhu for our intra-school (within school) cross country carnival. This is being staged in year levels across

a whole day and will offer the children something to strive towards and enjoy; as well as something to develop house spirit. This will take place on Friday 29 May and a letter about this was sent from Ms Rodrigues on Wednesday of this week. Go Yarrabah, Go Whitby!

SECONDARY NEWS

BRAD KROKOSZ HEAD OF SECONDARY



Exam Dates 11 & 12 ATAR Courses

Year 11 & 12 ATAR examinations will now take place from Friday 5 to Friday 12 June. Examination timetables have been published and both hard and electronic copies sent to students and parents. Students and parents are reminded that General and VET classes will run as per normal during the examination period. Students who take a combination of both ATAR and General/VET classes should check the notes that were published on the examination timetable that outlines their expected attendance.

Exams 7 - 10

Due to the impact of COVID – 19, Semester One examinations will not take place for students in Year 7 to 10. We will however run an Assessment Week in Week 8. These assessments will only include content covered in Term 2 and the assessments will all take place inside the normal scheduled lesson times.

Assessments missed, reminder of medical certificate

As face-to-face teaching has now resumed and students are expected to be on campus, parents are reminded that students who do not attend school on the day of an assessment must have their absence verified by a medical certificate for us to generate a calculated score for the missed assessment. Details of this can be found on page 26 of the organiser.

OLNA success

I would like to congratulate all those students who participated in the March round of the OLNA testing. The results are very positive. 100% of Year 12 students have now passed all three components of the OLNA and Year 11 have a 98% pass rate. Some participation in the testing was interrupted due to COVID - 19 and those students will have another opportunity in September.











Co-curricular back on

Co-curricular activities have re-started including Mountain Bike Club, Police Rangers, Automotive Club, Tutoring and training for sport. Please be aware inter-school sport is yet to commence. Students and parents should check with the organising teacher regarding the specifics of activities and events.

School Cross Country

Secondary School Cross Country has moved to Friday 29 May. Due to social distancing restrictions parents will be unable to attend this year. We are hoping the spirit of the day will continue with students encouraged to wear their House sport uniform for the day. The scheduling of the day will see students participate in the Cross Country in small groups during one of their classes, all other classes will run as per normal for the remainder of the day.

MIKE JENZEN DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Choose Kind

Recently I met with our Year 11 Peer Support Leaders. The focus of our meeting was the movie "Wonder". The film follows a young boy as he struggles to fit into his school community because of his physical differences. "Wonder" tells the incredibly inspiring and heart-warming story of August Pullman. Born with facial differences that, up until now, have prevented him from going to a mainstream school, Auggie through his unique face and personality, manages to inspire kindness in his new school and becomes the most unlikely of heroes when he enters the local fifth grade.

The students will use the story as a foundation for their discussions and activities with our Year 7 students as part of our Peer Support buddy programme. Our underlying mantra for this module of the programme is 'Choose Kind'. Through the programme we aim to make our community a 'kinder

place'.



"I choose Kind"

Primary Morning Fitness

It was with some excitement that our morning fitness routine resumed on Thursday morning. Although it was a little windy, our Yr 6 Fitness Leaders hosted the fun and games. This was an excellent start to a Thursday. Mr Greeff, Yr 6 Teacher









Uniform Shop - Opening Times

The uniform shop is open at the following times

Mondays 8 am to 11.30 am

Wednesdays 12.30 pm to 3.00 pm

Students are able to access the Uniform Shop during recess on Mondays and lunch time on Wednesdays.

Online Canteen

Our canteen is continuing to operate on a pre-order basis. Please remember the cut off time for online ordering is **8.00 am** with QuickCliq.



Applications for our AFL/W Academy are NOW OPEN!!

Applications for our highly sought after AFL/W Academy are open for the 2021 Academic year intake. Applications are open to boys and girls who are currently in Years 4-11, and gives students the opportunity to be involved in a specialist football academy.

External students and currently enrolled CGS students are welcome to apply. For more information and to apply for the tryouts, check out the AFL/W Academy page on our website: https://www.cgs.wa.edu.au/view/opportunities/afl-and-aflw

The dates for the tryouts will be advertised when COVID restrictions allow this to occur.

