

THE COURT CHIMES

2021, "RESPECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT"

WELCOME

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

PATRICIA RODRIGUES, PRINCIPAL

Welcome everyone to another year, here at Court Grammar. After a rather unusual start to the school year, with a "lockdown" I think we are starting to settle and before you know it, it will be Easter! After the "COVID year" last year we decided we will spend 2021 concentrating on "**Respecting our Environment**".

We know we should do this all the time, but we have added an extra Student Captain at Year 6 and Year 12 to keep us focused. Every little bit will help!

In line with recommendations, we have obtained a **SafeWA QR code** and ask when visiting the school, that you scan the code.

As we were unable to hold our usual **Welcome Assembly** at the start of the year, to welcome everyone back and present pins to those students who achieved all "A's" on the left hand side of their reports, we improvised and Mr Jenzen and I visited each year group and presented the pins to the students in front of their peers. It wasn't quite the same, but if 2020 taught us anything, it was that we had to be adaptable and adaptable we were!

Last week, we held our annual "**Marron Cup**" in trying to boost our House spirit we started the day with a whole school assembly - students sat in their Houses - it was a mass of orange and purple!! Thank you to everyone who attended the afternoon festivities - there was a wonderful atmosphere, the weather was kind and the ice-cream van and bouncy castles were very busy.

Thank you too to those primary parents who attended the information sessions that were held, to better inform you of what to expect for this year.

Our **Sir Charles Court Futures Assembly** held on Wednesday was especially significant, as this was the first year that we had a former student in Jake Branley, Head Boy - 2014 give the oration. Jake emphasised the meaning of community, from Sir Charles Court's view, his own personal view and the school's view, especially as "community" is one of our core values. We were incredibly proud of a member of our alumni.

We also inducted Shrie Muthamagesan (91.0), Grace Lamont (95.0) and Max Ritchie (98.8) into the **90's Club** following their outstanding results in last year's ATAR exams. Congratulations, once again.

The Class of 2021 were presented with their pins as were our Year 11 Peer Support Leaders.

We inducted our primary and secondary student leaders who received their leadership badges from Ms Elizabeth Court, representing the Court family.



Court Grammar
School

Upcoming Events

Monday 1 March

Labour Day Public Holiday

Monday 2 March - Friday 6 March

Yr 7 Albany Camp

Friday 5 March

Art Centre Opening

Wednesday 10 March

Yr 7 - 12 Assembly

Wednesday 17 March

ACC Swimming Carnival

Friday 19 March

Yr 6 Assembly

Tuesday 23 - Friday 26 March

Yr 10 OED Camp

Monday 22 March - Thursday 1 April

Primary Parent Conferences

Tuesday 23 - Friday 26 March

Yr 10 OED camp

Wednesday 31 March

Primary Cross Country
Primary Disco

Thursday 1 April

Easter Assembly
Secondary Cross Country
All students conclude

90's Club Inductees



Shrie Muthamagesan and Max Ritchie - 90's Club Inductees
and Mr Brad Krokosz



Year 6 Leaders

Madison Roberts	Environment Captain
Kaylee Campbell	Sport Captain
Suyay Donoso	Whitby Captain
Sebastian O'Keefe	Whitby Captain
Jed Martin	Yarrabah Captain
Ruby Goode	Primary Captain and Yarrabah Captain
Zakk White	Primary Captain and Arts Captain

Year 12 Leaders

Christian Inglis-Hodge	Whitby Captain
Abigail Farrance	Arts Captain
Thomas Piotrowski	Yarrabah Captain
Bridget Ritchie	Academic Captain
Dannielle Smith	Environment Captain
Rebecca Curran	School Captain and Service Captain
Nicolaas Lotter	School Captain and Sport Captain



Class of 2021



Year 11 Peer Support Leaders



Mr Jake Branley, 2021 Orator, Mr Ken Court, Ms Elizabeth Court and Miss Sophie Court.

Year 12 Ball



Before school had even begun for most of our students, the graduating class of 2021 were celebrating at their Year 12 school ball. This year the venue for our ball was Optus Stadium and it certainly did not disappoint.

Our Year 12 students arrived ready for an evening filled with friends, food, laughter, dancing and prizes. A wonderful evening was had by all with students and staff dancing the night away. The amazing venue was a highlight for many of our students and the mirror photo-booth was also in hot demand all night.

Janko van Eden and Bridget de Lacy were crowned Beau and Belle of the Ball, Christian Inglis-Hodge and his partner were awarded Cutest couple, Best Dressed went to Takara Smyth and Claus Lotter and Most Transformed was awarded to Deklan Creamer.

A special thanks go to all the staff who attended on the night and in particular to the Year 12 amazing PCAs Mrs Koshy and Mrs Johnson who were there from beginning to end ensuring the event went smoothly and all students had a great time. We were particularly grateful that we missed the lockdown which commenced at 6pm the very next day!

Mrs Tupicoff

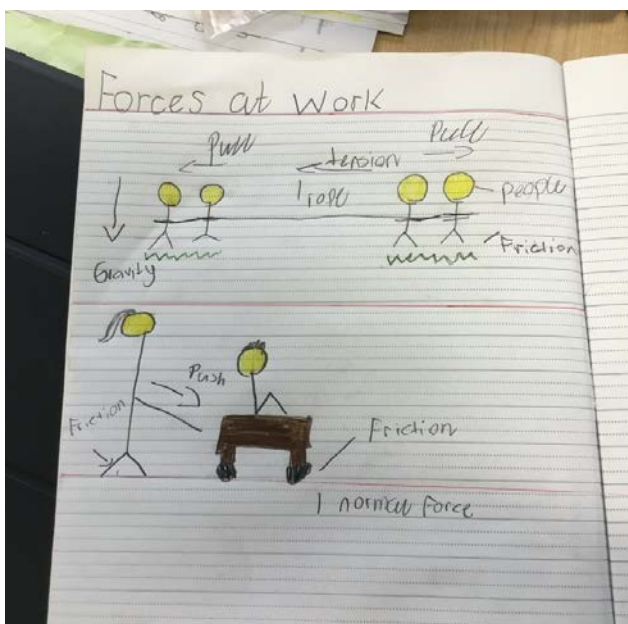
Yr 12 Coordinator



Year 4 Science



The academic year has started off with much joy and excitement in the Year 4 Science lessons. The students are learning about forces and have been involved in games of tug of war, pushing each other on carts, building pop-stick catapults and dragging different types of shoes across different surfaces to test friction. There is a buzz of excitement in the room and students are loving it. We have even noticed some little eggs on the eucalyptus leaves that we feed to our Spiny Leaf Stick insects!



Arts and Technologies Update

It's only been half a term, but a mountain of activity has been occurring in Arts and Technologies:

This term has seen the introduction of Automotive studies, and the Year 10 students are enjoying their journey to becoming "grease monkeys". Old auto parts are scattered around Mr Ferreira's newly developed workshop to create an authentic learning environment for the students.

While Ms Hills is on leave, Miss Pike has been whipping up a storm with her Food Science and Hospitality studies students. Already they have helped cater for events such as the recent Charles Court Assembly. Hopefully some parents have been able to sample their child's culinary skills, but most dishes don't seem to last past lunch!

Ms Dreher has been enjoying her new facilities in the brand-new Arts building, with students continuing to learn to code and analyse data. Year 8's are becoming quiz masters by creating interactive online quizzes. Ms Dreher's robotics cocurricular has just commenced on Thursdays after school with Mr Couzens, and I look forward to seeing these students bring their inanimate objects to life. For more information, see the notices on SEQTA.

Mrs Parry and Miss Stanton have been working with visual art students to bring some vibrancy to the school. VET students have been exploring murals and street art and are currently experimenting on the newly constructed urban playground at the back of the Arts building. Miss Stanton has also been working with our foundation Visual Arts Academy students, where they have been exploring mixed media and printmaking in their sessions.

I will also be joining Miss Stanton with the Year 11 & 12 Photography excursion next week, where students will take photos for their travel and architectural photography portfolios.

Mrs Barlow and I have also been busy with the foundation students of the Musical Theatre Arts Academy. We have been teaching them choreography and harmonisation for songs that will appear in our musical later this year. Rehearsals are also underway during lunchtimes for Aladdin Jr. and all students involved should have collected their scripts and rehearsal schedules from me. A weekly rehearsal schedule is also available on SEQTA each week for performers to reference.

A lot more is happening in Arts and Technologies, and I look forward to updating you throughout the year.

I look forward to badging all foundation Arts Academy students next week at our official opening ceremony of the Arts Building.

Jocelyn Pugliese
Arts and Technologies Coordinator

1000 Hearts Project

Last Year the Year 11 Pastoral care groups got involved in the 1000 Hearts Project. The 1000 hearts project was started in 2016 as a way to spread love and compassion. Our Year 11 students became “Heartists”, who learned to make their own pocket hearts. These were collected and kept and this year the same students who made these hearts distributed them to our ELC students. Our ELC students each got a pocket heart to keep. They put their hearts in their pocket and know that there is someone who is thinking of them when they feel a little down or miss their parents at school.

Ms Tupicoff

*Yr 11/12 Coordinator/Learning Area Coordinator -
Mathematics*



Road Works Notification - Soldiers Road between Turner and Cardup Siding Roads

Commencing 1 March for approximately 11 weeks

The Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale have advised of planned road works on Soldiers Road between Turner and Cardup Siding Roads, commencing on 1 March for approximately 11 weeks.

Parents are asked to keep this in mind when attending the school to plan ahead to avoid delays.

The Shire appreciates your patience while they carry out these important road upgrades.

Chess Club

The first CGS Chess Club event for the year happened this Thursday. We are excited to announce that the club has now been opened up to a wider range of students. Lower Secondary students will have their own group, alongside Upper Primary who will have a second group. The lunch time event was a huge success with 14 games happening and over 30 students in the room, all trying to strategise and outmanoeuvre their opponents in order to call "Checkmate!" While the gameplay wasn't to the standard of 'Queen's Gambit', the level of excitement is palpable and we are looking forward to a great new year with many new members. Mr Lucian Watkins, the new Primary Music Teacher has come on board and will add his expertise to the club! The club runs on Thursday lunchtimes in MPR- (R2). If you wish to be involved and are in Years 4-6 or 7-9, please see your PCA or Class teacher for more details. Alternatively, you could just come to the MPR - (R2) on a Thursday at lunch.



Seasons for Growth® Program

At Court Grammar School – Primary School.

Learning to live with change and loss Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At Court Grammar School we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce and related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful education program called Seasons for Growth which has recently commenced. This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research which highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks.

Families interested are encouraged to contact Stuart Learmonth Head of Primary School, Robert Taylor Head of Primary Pastoral Care, Elizabeth Vos Early Learning Co Ordinator or Alisha Sah the School Social Worker, who is facilitating this program. We would be happy to forward more details to you about the Seasons for Growth program. If you think your son or daughter would benefit from Seasons for Growth, we would also encourage you to talk to them about participating in the program.

We are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who request to be involved.





A\$X \$HAREMARKET GAME

**CHANCE TO
WIN CASH
PRIZES**



When: Competition runs for 10 weeks
starting mid March

Where: Online + Optional Lunchtime
seminars available

Who: Game is open to all students's
SEQTA Mr Campbell to register

Why: Chance to win Cash Prizes,
also chance to gain Academic
Colour points



Welcome to 2021

Whether you are an existing CGS family member or new to our School, welcome one and all! We have had a busy and productive start to the year, in spite of lockdown! The children in the Primary section of the School have settled very well into new routines and structures. As with any year, there are often some teething issues, but we are happy that these seem to have been addressed at our recent parent information evenings in Week 3. Just a friendly reminder that if you need anything, we are here to help and listen. SEQTA is our preferred communication method for whole School matters, whereas See Saw is used for individual class news and information sharing. Don't forget that the Student Organiser is a great place to share notes and news too. Parent conferences will be arranged soon. These will take place during Term 1 Weeks 8 and 9.

Kiss and Drive

After an understandably busy start to the year at Kiss and Drive, we are now fully into the swing of drop off and collection. In the mornings, we have noted that many parking bays are empty. Please feel free to park in one of the ELC car parking bays or the bays at the front of the School and walk your child over to the collection area where there are many staff members on hand to welcome your child. Similarly, at the end of the day, you are most welcome to park and wait for your child at the collection area as opposed to waiting in your car until your child is delivered to you. Staff work tirelessly to make this work and, as always, we lean on you for support in this area. It is undeniable that our system works to reduce separation anxiety in our children and increases learning time.



Homework

Different year levels across the School have different homework protocols and systems; this is due to children of different ages having different needs and concentration spans. Homework is something that strengthens learning and reinforces what has been taught in class. Homework comes in many forms, sometimes just a discussion! Homework was a topic area at each recent parent information session. If you have any questions in regard to this area of your child's learning, please speak with the class teacher in the first instance.

Parent Information Booklets

Recently, and as we do each year at this time of year, you received some information booklets pertaining to the areas we receive the most questions about from parents. These were distributed via SEQTA. The booklets shared were: Pedagogy, Inclusive Education, Social and Emotional Learning and Protective Behaviours, Reading, VCOP and BIG Write (Writing), Co-Curricular Activities and Uniform. Communicating with you about our policies and procedures is important to us and if you feel that you would like more information about anything in particular, please contact us. For matters of Curriculum and Pastoral Care in Pre-Kindergarten to Year 1, Mrs Vos is the main point of contact. For Curriculum matters in Years 2-6, please contact Miss Schutz and for Pastoral Care matters in Years 2-6, please contact Mr Robert Taylor. Alternatively, our teaching team are always on hand to answer any questions or queries you may have.



SECONDARY NEWS

BRAD KROKOSZ, HEAD OF SECONDARY

Why Year 10 Semester One counts so much

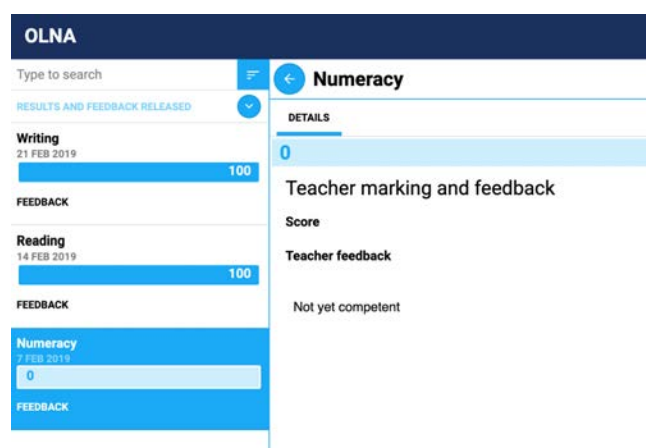
Now that students have settled into their subjects for the year, if there is one piece of advice I can give to Year 10 students, it's that Semester One counts! The reason is, that early in Semester Two we begin talking about subject selections and some students will also consider applying for Off-Campus TAFE/VET in Schools courses. Entry to courses will be based on students performances in Semester One, hence my reminder that Semester One counts! I've now handed out to all students in Year 10 a booklet that outlines the prerequisites they need to have by the end of the Semester for entry into ATAR subjects in Year 11. Included in the booklet is also the criteria that TAFE will judge applications on.

CAREERS

All students are welcome to visit Room S1 at lunchtime each Monday to receive specific assistance in careers research. Students can come and explore future career pathways, look at entry requirements for University or TAFE and find out what is required to gain an apprenticeship. Individual career pathway mapping is available for any interested students.

OLNA testing

Some students in Year 10, 11 and 12 are currently participating in the March round of the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA). There are three components to the OLNA, and students must pass each of the Writing, Reading and Numeracy components to meet the requirement for the Western Australian Certificate of Education. Students are only required to sit the components of the OLNA that they are still to pass. Students and parents can check their OLNA status by logging on to SEQTA. An example showing a student who has passed Writing and Reading but is yet to pass the Numeracy.



WACE Practical Examinations for Physical Education Studies

The School Curriculum and Standards Authority of Western Australia have published the examination dates for the WACE practical examinations. This will affect students studying ATAR Physical Education Studies in Year 12.

The practical examinations will be held during the first week of the Term 3/4 holidays. Candidates will be scheduled to take their examinations on one of the days from Saturday, 25 September to Sunday, 3 October inclusive. This will include weekends and public holidays. The exact day of the student's examination will be published by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority on 9 September. Please be aware these dates are set by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority. Feel free to contact myself or Mr Bristow if you have any queries regarding this.

Marron Cup

Last Friday, saw the school again hold the annual Marron Cup. The event is the traditional launch of the House competition between Whitby and Yarrabah. This year for the first time the day began with an assembly during which the history to both the Marron Cup and the Houses were explained to the students.

When the School first began, the leadership team were mapping out all the competitive events the two Houses could earn points for. Wanting to begin the House competition as soon as possible, it was decided the opening event should be a cricket match, given it was cricket season and, at the time, the school was located adjacent to the Mundijong cricket club and had full access to the cricket oval and facilities.

Much like Australia and England playoff for the Ashes, it was decided the winning House should not only enjoy the bragging-rights of winning, they should also receive some sort of trophy.

Given the limited funds available the staff scrounged around looking for ideas. In the corner of the staff offices was a box of toys that had been left over from the play-group that had recently vacated the hall. One staff member pulled out an orange rock lobster toy, and said 'what about this?' Another staff member commented that "it looked like a marron, only orange!" Given the Yarrabah farm had marron ponds on it and was well known for this famous Western Australian delicacy, it was decided.

The woodwork teacher quickly whisked the orange rock lobster off to the workshop, gave it a spray of gold paint and mounted it on a polished jarrah shield, and in doing so created the most prized possession, that of the 'Marron Cup.'

Much argument followed that the Marron Cup, wasn't actually a cup, but none the less, the name had such a ring to it, no one disputed it. Besides, the little secret that the Marron is actually a spray-painted orange Rock lobster toy, will just be between you and me!

This takes nothing away from the fact that the Marron Cup symbolically represents both the significant history of the Yarrabah marron farm, and the opening event of the House competition.

The battle for the Marron Cup has been fierce since the school's inception and it remains the school's oldest House competition.

It was again a lovely event this year and fantastic to see all of the families attend after school to picnic and enjoy the slides and food vans. Well done to Whitby too, who were the winners of the Marron Cup on the day!



Uniform Shop - Opening Times

The Uniform Shop is located in S Block and is open during the **school term** as follows:

Mondays: 8.00am - 11.00am

Wednesdays: 12.30pm - 3.30pm

AVOID THE RUSH

Order forms can be sent through to the School, if you know the sizes of the items that you require and we will contact you when your order is ready for collection from Reception.

Credit card details need to be provided on the order form.



Online Canteen

The cut off time for online ordering is 8.00am with QuickCliq.

If items do not appear online, they are unavailable.
Please do not order them.

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

YEARS 7 TO 12
YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO:

\$350

towards school expenses

DO YOU HOLD A: ● CENTRELINK HEALTH CARE CARD
(OR) ● CENTRELINK PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD
(OR) ● VETERANS' AFFAIRS PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD

Applications Close
Thursday 1 April 2021

Ask School Reception for More Information

A note from the Community Health Nurse

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Tarah McLachlan and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school. My working days are Mondays and Thursdays.

Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program. I will be offering free vision and hearing health checks to all Kindergarten children. Please keep an eye out for the consent form that will be provided by your class teacher.

Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child's health or development, please contact me on 0427 525 185 or via email, tarah.mclachlan@health.wa.gov.au



Want to try Rugby League?..
Come along to the SJ Serpents
registration/come and try day

Join us on Saturday 27th February from 10am to 2pm @Briggs Park
lower oval (behind the BMX track)

Meet some of the committee members and families.
Have a go at some drills or just kick a ball around.
Open to ages from 5 and up, boys and girls welcome.



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BRIGGS PARK LOWER OVAL
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