

THE COURT CHIMES

2021, "RESPECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT"



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

PATRICIA RODRIGUES, PRINCIPAL

If the year 2020 was chaotic, 2021 has been full of adventure on many levels and has flown by. It is in times like this once in a lifetime epidemic that we see what we are made of. I can truly say that we have seen our Court Grammar values of "Integrity, Humility and Community" rise to the surface and bind us together as one. Our families have been wonderful, our staff extra ordinary and our students getting better every day. It has been a joy to be part of a leadership team that has kept our ship safely on a path to 2022.

We have celebrated student achievements recently at the AFLW Launch, Sports Night and Presentation Night. Congratulations to all the students recognised for their achievements during the year in both the sporting and academic arenas. Congratulations once again.

At the Presentation Night I also announced our Student Leadership portfolios for 2022. There are in the Primary Mariam Abu Ras - Environment, Joscelyn Goldsmith - Arts, Caitlin Green - both Yarrabah Captain and Primary Head Girl, Jack Hall - Whitby Captain, Sarah Mladenovic - Whitby Captain, Javier Pozzebon, Yarrabah Captain and Lachlan Tinsley - both Sports and Primary Head Boy.

The Secondary portfolio holders are Rebecca Brown - Academic, Jamie Knight-Farrell - Whitby Captain, Lewis Hales - both Environment and Head Boy, Sarah Johnson - Service, Isabella Noble-Andrew - both Arts and Head Girl, Zane Pozzebon - Yarrabah Captain and Mufaro Wachekwa - Sport.



Court Grammar School Upcoming Events

Friday 17 December
School Office closes

Monday 10 January
School Office opens

Thursday 27 January
Yr 12 ATAR Students commence
Yr 11 Peer Support Training

Friday 28 January
Yr 7 Transition

Monday 31 January
All students commence

Friday 4 February
Sir Charles Court Futures Assembly
Pre - K Orientation

Monday 7 February
Pre-K Orientation

Friday 11 February
Marron Cup

Tuesday 15 February
School Tour

Wednesday 16 - Friday 18 February 18
Yr 6 Camp

Monday 7 March
Labour Day - Public Holiday

Tuesday 8 March - Friday 11 March
Yr 7 Camp

We wish a fond farewell to the following temporary and ongoing staff who are leaving, Caroline Parnham, Emma Cannon, Stacey Ashton, Candice Brown, Rebecca Bell, Laura Schwehr, Jade Dhu, Naomi Dreher, Kathryn Tupicoff, Laura Keane and Aaron Hancock. We thank them for the contributions that they have made to our School and wish them the very best in their new endeavours. Mrs Clues and Miss Silvi will also be taking maternity leave for 2022. We are looking forward to when we will get to see their little ones next year.

10 Plus Years of Service

On Wednesday this week, we started a new tradition for our School whereby we held a ceremony officiated by Reverend David Bradbury to recognise the following staff who have served our school community for 10 years and over.

2008 - Mr Rob Furzer

2009 - Mrs Karen Johnson and Mrs Tania Wareham

2010 - Mrs Claire Blyth, Mr Ben Freel, Mr Brad Krokosz, Mrs Jill Petley and Mrs Lee-Anne Sexton

2011 - Mr Aaron Hancock, Mrs Laura Keane, Mrs Sandra Mellor, Mrs Karen Parry, Mrs Jocelyn Pugliese and Mrs Skye Riseley

2012 - Mr James Bristow, Mrs Jodie Brown, Mr Gavin Fitton and Mrs Kathryn Tupicoff.



It was wonderful to have Revd. David with us as it connected us to the start of the School. We lit their candles as a symbol of the joy and light they pass on to the students at our School.

On behalf of all of our staff, I want to thank our families who continue to trust their most precious ones to us. It is an honour.

Wishing you all a very peaceful and blessed Christmas and safe holiday period. We look forward to welcoming you all back next year.



Environment Colours - Update

To round out our Year of Environment and the launch of the Environment portfolio, Primary classes and Secondary PCGs were challenged with the task of creating sustainable Christmas trees and/or decorations.

The creativity was definitely flowing through the school with some very inventive uses of repurposed items.

Congratulations to the Year 1 classes and the Year 7 PCGs who were the winners of the competition.

Below is a selection of the entries from both primary and secondary classes.

Mrs Pugliese – Environment Colours Co-Ordinator



2021 Primary Spelling Bee Competition

On Friday, 19 November, our annual Spelling Bee which has been running for the last 3 years was held. Competitors from Year 1 to Year 6 competed for the title of Spelling Bee for their Year Level.

There were 10 students from each year level who tried out to be selected with the top 10 from each year level making it through.

Congratulations to all of the competitors. It takes a lot of courage to get up on stage and have a go in this competition.

Placings for the competition are...

Year 1

- 1st Zoey Lonsdale
- 2nd Brock Desmond
- 3rd Cainan Young

Year 2

- 1st Leila Paton
- 2nd Pemberton Brown
- 3rd Molly Collins

Year 3

- 1st Charlotte McLaren
- 2nd Arlyah Wardle
- 3rd Xavierra Goh



Year 4

- 1st Storm Kingston
- 2nd Cade Young
- 3rd Toiamai Tipoki



Year 5

- 1st Summah Withers
- 2nd Riley Pike
- 3rd Nataan Fearon

Year 6

- 1st Ruby Goode
- 2nd Matthew Paton Galanek
- 3rd Jye Rowe



Mrs Higgs - Primary Curriculum Coordinator

Secondary House End of Year Report



Whitby & Yarrabah



“YOUUU BEEEEAUTY!!!” – I simply could not contain my excitement when the House Challenge Shield was announced to Yarrabah at Presentation Night.

The Purple Pride was absolutely terrific this year; whether it was participating in the Hang Challenge, Spelling Bee, Talent Show, Half Court Challenge, Giant Ring Toss, Crossbar Challenge, Great Debate, Promotional Poster Competition, House Chant Competition, Lunchtime Sport, competing or dressing up for the Court Cup, Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals. Congratulations to every student in Yarrabah, you all played your part in making us back-to-back champions in 2021 – Let's make it 3 in a row in 2022!

Congratulations to all those who represented their House with pride this year. Every Whitby and Yarrabah student in the Secondary School should have gained at least 10 points on their way to 100 for Bronze House Colours!

Honourable mentions in particular though must go to:

- Natalie Jarrold (Year 10): Overall Spelling Bee Champion
- Tayten Smith (Year 10): Overall Giant Ring Toss Champion
- Cameron Young (Year 7): Overall Cross Bar Challenge Champion
- Riley Finerty (Year 12): Overall Half Court Challenge Champion
- Wilfred Evans (Year 9): Overall Best Dressed
- Madison Gesah & T'Kaiya Fearon (Year 8's): Overall Chant Competition Champions
- Kiana Carnaby (Year 7), Brody Johnson & Logan Visser (Year 8's): Overall Promotional Poster Competition Champions
- Seamus Galvin & Carla Lane (Year 10's): Overall Hang Challenge Champions

Special mention also to the Year 7 – 12 Whitby & Yarrabah House Captains, who have really grown in their roles. I have truly appreciated their assistance and support of activities run this year. They have now set the bar for what an active House Captain can achieve. Next year, the respective teams will be led by Year 12 Prefects, Jamie Knight-Farrell & Zane Pozzebon, as announced by Ms Rodrigues at Presentation Night. I anticipate seeing a few more names nominating in Years 7 – 11 for the prestigious roles in Term 1 now!

Speaking of new roles, the Orange Army will be pleased to know that you have someone officially in your corner for next year... Mrs Johnson will be joining me coordinate Secondary House Activities in 2022!

Mrs Johnson is a worthy adversary; competitive, passionate, dedicated and best of all... a former Yarrabah (now defector)!

Secondary House End of Year Report

Whitby & Yarrabah continued

With two lunatic House Coordinators next year, you know that 2022 is going to heat up!

With that, I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of Miss Silvi who has been campaigning for House in the Primary School. It has been great working along side you this year – no one can beat you for best dressed on any given day! Mr Peter Taylor has some big shoes to fill next year!

Hoping you all leap into action for a merry Christmas & rise to the occasion for a safe and enjoyable new year,

Mr Freel, House Coordinator



2021, Year 11 Yarrabah House Captain:
Pachedu Musamirapamwe, looking spectacular



Year 10 Yarrabah House Captain, Seamus Galvin and
Mr Freel, accepting the House Shield from Ms Rodrigues
at Presentation Night

Ceramics at CGS

Art students have experienced ceramics this term with their work being fired in the new kiln. Students enjoyed a new medium of art, practicing their modelling and sculpture skills with clay. Across primary and secondary, students have practised pinch pots, slab rolling, indent & relief combined with a variety of mark making. Miss Stanton has been enthusiastically leading the charge with the kiln continually firing students work so they can be painted before the term ended. Students of all year groups have been actively participating by making lizards, monster fish, insects, tiles and marine life.

Written by Shay-Li Reid, Year 10



Year 10 Peer Leadership Training Day

Just before the last day of school, the Year 10's were treated to a scorching day out at Serpentine Falls for the annual Peer Support Leadership Training Day.

The objective of the day for students was to participate in teambuilding games which shall be replicated with the new Year 7 cohort in 2022.

The objective for the Teachers was to scout the leadership talent in order to select Court Grammar School's best mentors for a limited group of Peer Support Leaders!

The day began with multiple teambuilding games amongst an audience of kangaroos, facilitated by the current Year 11 Peer Support Leaders and 2022 Year 12 Prefect group. Unfortunately, we could not swim in the falls for the highly anticipated "Greasy Watermelon" game due to water contamination. However, all students took this in their stride to participate in the bushwalking alternative, then headed back to the picnic area for more group problem solving activities.

As a reward for their efforts and flexibility during the day, the Year 10's were treated to a bountiful sausage sizzle cooked by the Year 11's in their first service role as 2021 Prefects, as a handover for the current Peer Support Leadership Team (who all did a mighty fine job).

Thank you again to the 2022 Prefect group, current Year 11 Peer Support Leaders, Ms Stanton, Mrs Pugliese, Mr Couzens, Mrs Barlow & Mr Jenzen for their assistance. Thanks also to the Year 10's for their positive attitude and participation throughout the day.

Mr Freel - Year 10 Coordinator



Workplace Learning

On Wednesday 8 December, Year 10 students were given the opportunity to undertake a Work Shadow Day. For some students, the Work Shadow Day is their first taste of a workplace and the day aims to get our students thinking about skills, training and future education requirements for specific careers.

Many students spent the day shadowing their parents or another family member in their workplace whilst others spent the day in workplaces specific to careers that interest them for the future. All students who indicated a desire to participate are to be congratulated for their initiative and willingness to participate in the day.

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the many businesses that have hosted our students, not only for the Work Shadow Day but over the course of the year for various placements. Thank you to the following businesses that have provided guidance and invaluable experience to our students in 2021.

Michelle Krokosz - Workplace Learning Coordinator

Thank you

AUSCOR Pty Ltd
Australian Native Nursery
Baked in Byford
Barber Nation Rockingham
Bertram Primary School
Bibra Lake Fabricators
Byford Cape and Scissors
Creative Soul Management
CSI (Kwinana) / MRL
Baldivis Family Medical Centre
Blackman Fabrication
Bridgestone Select Baldivis
Castle Equipment
Court Grammar School
Darling Range Wildlife Shelter
Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions - Metropolitan Marine Parks
Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions - Serpentine National Park
Dr Tan's Development Clinic
Foothills Cycles
Frankie's Hair Studio
Frenchline Industries Pty Ltd
Fugro Australia Marine
Goodstart Early Learning Baldivis
Goodstart Early Learning Stratton
J Finch Carpentry

Kings Electrical Solutions
Kleenheat
Kuanua Training Stables
LM Poole
Marine Force One
Mobichanics
Murray Vets
Nathan's Cabinets
New Era Vet
Newhaven Electrical Services
Penske Australia
Perm-a-Pleat
PowerCare
Pronto Electrics
Quarry Farm
Reading Electrical Group
Riley's Rentals and Maintenance
Salvado Catholic College
Serpentine Jarrahdale Community Resource Centre
Serpentine Primary School
Spectrum Family Eyecare
Speedy Spanners
Steven Ford Haulage
Strange Animals
Subcon Technologies
TAB Radio
TT Air and Electrical

Year 11 Week of Challenge (Nanga Bush Camp)

After a week of ATAR exams and work experience, it was great to see the year group reunited. As they prepared to board the bus, our 36 healthy and willing students were divided into Houses. Ah, well... When I say 'healthy' I forget to mention Sarah and Darcy. If anyone believes that the night before camp might be a good time to skateboard downhill whilst holding hands and filming, they should first inspect the staples in Sarah's head and the places where Darcy's skin used to be.

Laden with trolleys piled high with bags, one beautiful sunny morning in the jarrah forest of Lane Poole Reserve, the competition began. Students had to earn their right to reach the camp by tackling Mr Krokosz' fiendish roadside challenges. Somewhere between 2 and 4 hours later, they were settling into rooms and counting up the scores for the leaders' board. Team 'Night' took an early lead and were therefore the team to beat throughout the four amazing days of this camp. Qualities of character and leadership, critical thinking and courage were challenged and developed.



The success of this camp hinged on the enthusiasm of the students, the energy of the staff, and the eclectic mixture of activities aligned to so many skill sets. There were the physical outdoor challenges: the rock climbing, raft-building,

and kayaking. There was problem solving on a large or small scale, critical thinking in the 'low ropes' challenge, and team-building activities run by *Anywhere Adventures* who were superb throughout. In the evenings we had our home-grown entertainment: a team quiz, a dance off, and a Lego build. We had speed jigsaw puzzling and toy car-building, tarpaulins and scavenger hunts. Involvement and enthusiasm in these challenges of the intellect, of coordination, and of creativity was total, from staff and students alike.

On the final morning we headed to Treetop Adventures, a few kilometres down the track, to enjoy the forest from a completely different perspective, zipping through the canopy on wires. Suddenly, it was time to say farewell to Dwellingup and to one another until we all meet again at the Year 12 Ball. Team "Night" won, as Mr Freele predicted, but if anyone thought this was a foregone conclusion, they did not see the hour-on-hour effort and focus the four students put into ensuring that Team "Ocean" were kept at bay. Ethan, Rebecca, Cy, and Milla were superb whether inside or outside their comfort zones. As the students look forward to their final school year, they may draw upon what they learnt at camp about the need for detailed planning, teamwork, and courage when tackling the physical, intellectual and emotional challenges of Year 12. Well done, Year 11!

Mr Sullivan - Year 12 Coordinator



The Giving - One of the Rite Journey Challenges

During Term 3 and into early Term 4 most of the Year 9's participated in a fundraiser for a charity that each group had a connection with. The Year 9's did most of their fundraising during recess and lunch over five separate Fridays.

In total the Year 9's managed to raise a total of \$905. All the money that was raised was donated to the Beyond Blue Foundation, The Perth Children's Hospital, The Royal Flying Doctors, the RSPCA and the Starlight Children's Foundation.

It was a very successful process as many students learnt the significance of giving time to others, and why finding a cause that has meaning helps with motivation when trying to make a difference in the community.



The Homecoming - Year 9 Rite Journey Programme

This year, the Year 9 students celebrated CGS's first ever Homecoming celebration. Students and their families arrived at school for an evening that acted as an opportunity to bring staff, parents, and their child together to celebrate the end of the Year 9 Rite Journey. There was a fantastic turnout with over 220 people in attendance. After some short speeches, everyone stayed to share a picnic and enjoy the evening.

I would also like to take a moment to thank the Year 9's, their parents and of course the staff involved with this years TRJ programme. By all accounts it has been a very challenging and successful programme that has really brought our year group together as a community. The staff have been so committed to the growth of the students in their group, and it has been wonderful to see the relationships that have formed throughout the year. I have truly enjoyed working closely with the students in this year group and can't wait to continue to help them grow and develop to be the future leaders of both our school and in the community.

Mr Andersson - Year 9 Coordinator



Year 9 - Rite Journey



Chess Club News

Another successful year of Chess has drawn to an end. It was fantastic to have Mr Watkins come on board with the team this year, who gave lots of great mini lessons on famous chess games and skills that are important to improve the way the students play.

This year we had a mix of secondary and primary students involved in the club, although most of the students that joined were in the Primary school. On Tuesday 30 November the finals were held in the school Board Room and they were hotly contested by two Year Five and two Year Four students.



Ms Rodrigues came along to cheer on the students and offered some refreshments. In the end, Noah Goulter took home 1st place, edging out Hayden Hendry for 2nd (who led the leaderboard for most of the semester). Lachan Tinsley played Toia Tipoki for the 3rd place match and although Toia started very strongly, Lachlan managed to come home strongly and win the game, taking out 3rd, with Toia earning the 4th spot in the competition.

Next year we are definitely looking at running a separate secondary student club. So keep your eyes peeled for this new opportunity coming in 2022!

We look forward to participating in competitions again next year.

Mr Taylor - Chess Club Coordinator



Lego Robotics 2021

In 2021 students were delighted to hear that there would be a Lego Robotics club that was run on Thursdays after school. The programme was run by Ms Dreher and myself, Mr Couzens.

The initial focus of the programme was to just have fun with over a dozen boxes of mixed up lego pieces that ranged from regular lego to lego technics. At peak we had over 20 active participants. We started off making battle bots which was lots of entertainment but we then heard about a Lego Robotics Competition which was run by Curtin University.

With no idea on how the competition worked, we were keen to enter a team. We named ourselves "We're Going to Court" and had a team of 10 very interested students ranging from Years 6 to 8.

Our robotics kit arrived two weeks late than planned which severely hampered our preparation for the tournament. We weren't however going to give up without a fight and when our kit finally arrived we remained positive and just had to work quicker.

Over the next few weeks we frantically made a robot to complete a series of missions that had to be programmed. Once we had a working robot we proceeded to plan which challenges to complete and begun the task of making a programme that would work.

Week after week passed. Along the way we had times of celebration when our robot completed challenges but then there were times of frustration when what worked one day suddenly didn't work the next day.

The last week before the tournament we worked over lunches and more days after school in an attempt to get a working programme. On the day before the tournament we finished with a partially complete programme and a robot that seemed to have a mind of its own and would not consistently complete challenges.

The day of the tournament arrived. Saturday, 20 November we had a team of 7 students to represent our School. Unfortunately Ms Dreher couldn't make it to the tournament day as well as a few students due to prior commitments.

When we arrived at Armadale Senior High School we were up against 48 other teams to see who would make it to the state titles. Students and parents were nervous especially knowing that we didn't have a working robot.

We had 30 minutes to practice and fix the programme before our round 1 battle. What happened next showed me the strength of our students. They worked together with such purpose and intent under the most extreme pressure, the last thing we wanted was to leave round 1 with no points.

Round 1 we planned a simple programme to complete a few challenges. With fingers crossed we all watched on as the robot started its battle. Nervous frowns were soon replaced with smiles as the robot successfully completed many missions and gave us a score of 105 points.

Students cheered and high fived each other. Our competitive spirit shone even brighter.

We had two hours until round 2. Students rushed back to the practice table and together worked with fierce intent to complete more programming to make the robot finish more challenges.

Lego Robotics 2021 continued...

As round 2 started we watched in amazement as our robot completed one, then two, then three challenges and still kept going. We had a few minor incidents knocking over obstacles where we received penalty points but overall the robot worked. We waited intently as the judges announced 190 points. A massive cheer carried through the tournament room from our very excited students and parents. From what we were hearing 200 points was near the top of the leaderboard.

We had just 15 minutes until round 3. Students stopped celebrating and ran back to the practice table to fine tune the programming. We were now ready. Back to the battle room we went with a mission to not just do well but make the state finals.

Round 3 was incredible. The robot completed challenge after challenge and seemed to do a lot better than round 2. As the judges added up the points all 7 team members were gathered around the judge adding up the points. The judge called out "190 points". Students looked shocked and in total disbelief. We were still learning the rules so took it on the chin and accepted our score.

To celebrate we went to the café where I bought the students an iced chocolate each. I was still in shock as to how the students managed to complete, starting with a robot that was not working. The discussion around the table was whether we were going to make state finals to which was agreed was impossible at the start of the day.

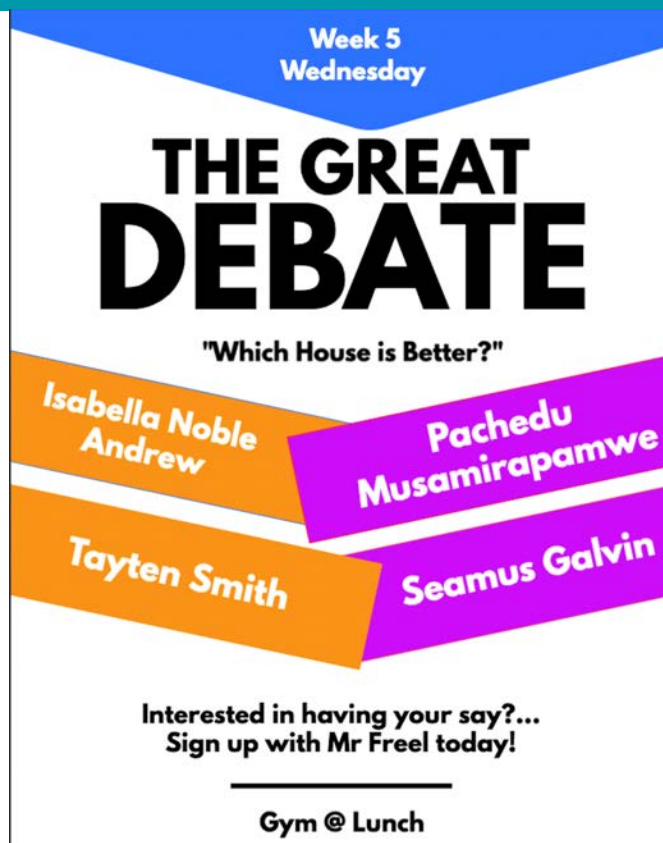
Finals awards started and students sat quietly with nervous anticipation. A few schools won awards for various things and then our name was called. "We're Going to Court" has won the breakthrough team award for the team which has shown the most improvement. The 5 students who stayed for the awards rushed up to collect the trophy.

What a day it was. We must have just missed out on making state finals but it was a day that our students showed that no matter how impossible a challenge seemed with an internal belief to succeed and exceptional teamwork, the most impossible challenges seemed very achievable.

On behalf of Ms Dreher and myself I would like to thank all students involved in the 2021 Lego Robotics Club. In 2022 we know that our destiny is to not just make state finals but achieve well at state finals. I look forward to seeing this years participants and new students next year. We had no girls participate this year, so we are keen to find some interested girls to show the boys how lego robotics is really done.

Mr Couzens





So it turns out that Yarrabah ARE the better House... I knew it!

Thank you to all those who attended to cheer on their House / heckle their counterparts at The Great Debate during Week 5. It was a wonderful war of words.

Special mention to Mr Krokosz for rallying the Whitby team, he was a worthy adversary.

Overall, congratulations to all students who participated, not just the Yarrabah victors. There were some great arguments exchanged, all in the name of healthy rivalry.

The following students are awarded 20 House Points in their Colours Booklets for their efforts;

Whitby

1. Lachlan Mateljan (Year 7 House Representative)
2. T'Kaiya Fearon (Year 8 Nominee)
3. Tayten Smith (Year 10 House Representative)
4. Rebecca Brown (Year 11 Nominee)
5. Isabella Noble-Andrew (Year 11 House Representative)

Yarrabah

1. Colm Galvin (Year 7 House Representative)
2. Jobe Riseley (Year 8 House Representative)
3. Seamus Galvin (Year 10 House Representative)
4. Zane Pozzebon (Year 11 Nominee)
5. Pachedu Musamirapamwe (Year 11 House Representative)

Mr Freel, House Coordinator



Semester 2 Reports

As the term comes to a close, all families from Kindergarten to Year 6 will receive their Semester 2 reports in the mail. These will also be uploaded to SEQTA as the term finishes. I have enjoyed reading all of these reports individually and making my own personal comments to all students. May I take this opportunity to encourage all parents and caregivers to read the accompanying letter to all reports. This letter explains how reports are formulated and how we use the judging and achievement standards put forward by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority to do so. They are not simply made up!

May I also offer a reminder that a 'C' grade (or Satisfactory in Pre-Primary) is the expected and satisfactory grade for all students across all subjects. Students who receive this grade are on target in their learning. Students who receive a 'D' grade should not be overly despondent. 'D' grades are not the end of the world and can happen across all year levels, but it would be remiss of us to award a 'C' where evidence is not in place to support this.



Farewell Year 6 Students

It was a great pleasure to attend our recent Year 6 Celebration Assembly. This assembly offered the Year 6 students the opportunity to showcase how much they have grown in learning and in their personal and social development across the year. In my traditional poem to the Year 6 students, I reminded them that change is never easy, but it is a part of our lives that we learn to accept and embrace more and more each year. Mrs Balla, Mr Fitton and I feel that the children are ready to take the next step in their learning journey and we are proud of their achievements this year. I wish all Year 6 students the very best as they move to Secondary School, whether that be at Court Grammar School or elsewhere.

Jump Rope for Heart

Term 4 is always a busy and quick term in all schools. This term has been no different at Court Grammar School! I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the students and staff who took part in the Jump Rope for Heart initiative set up and led so well by Miss Dhu. As a school, we have supported this worthwhile charity venture for many years and, each year, we manage to surpass our previous goals. A staggering amount of just over \$7000 was raised for The Heart Foundation this year with children jumping from Kindergarten to Year 6. This is an amazing achievement – well done to all involved.



Early Learning Centre Nativity

Last week saw one of our most popular events across the School year take to the stage – our ELC Nativity. I would like to express my thanks to Mrs Clues and the ELC staff for putting on such a brilliant Nativity performance. We were entertained by around 200 of our youngest students as they sang and acted out the greatest story ever told. The singing, acting, reading and costumes were all wonderful and it was humbling to have our young students remind us of the importance of the Christmas story.

Choir Performance: Graceford Hostel

On Tuesday last week, Mr Watkins and Mrs Greeff accompanied some of our Senior Choir students to Graceford Hostel where they entertained the residents with some Christmas music. This was a beautiful little concert that we have already received such warm feedback from. As well as entertaining the residents, this is a great way for our students to offer service in their local community. We look forward to continuing this relationship with Graceford into the future. Thanks to Mr Watkins for organising this event as well as organising a tour of the choir around the school in the last few days to entertain staff and students alike.



PRIMARY NEWS CONTINUED

STUART LEARMONTH, HEAD OF PRIMARY



Best Wishes

Finally, may I take this last opportunity to thank our students and families for the part you have all played in our Court Grammar School 2021 journey. We have had a strong and successful year and I look forward to continuing this positive trajectory with all of our community into 2022 and beyond. Merry Christmas to you all and may I wish you every blessing for 2022.

SECONDARY NEWS

BRAD KROKOSZ, HEAD OF SECONDARY

As I reflect on 2021, I must say, it has been an exciting year in the Secondary.

Our student numbers continue to grow, which allowed us to add the fourth stream in year 7 this year. We've seen the addition of new subjects such as Automotive and the expansion of others such as Dance. We've introduced the Social Emotional Learning programme in Year 8 and The Rite Journey in Year 9. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the School Board for their direction and investment in our building programme as it has enabled us to have our first full year in the New Arts building and as a result, we've seen an explosion of interest in the Arts and Digital Technologies subjects for next year.

We've continued to see strong academic results across both ATAR, General and VET courses, with several students successfully accessing off-campus TAFE courses. Our students continue to have a strong presence in the community through our work placement programme and some students have been offered traineeships and apprenticeships because of their hard work in these programmes.

Some highlights this year include winning a trophy in the Lego Robotics competition on our first year of entry, the First inter-house AFL game during Court Grammar Day, the Inaugural year of the Arts Academy. Our School on the Road programme was once again impacted by the alpha, the beta, the gamma, and the delta strains', however, we managed to complete a Year 7 trip to Albany, Year 8 camp at Dwellingup a doubleheader of Year 9 & 10 to Ningaloo, and Year 11's have just finished the Week of Challenge.

I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all the teachers, EA's and other support staff for all their hard work in making 2021 our most successful year yet.

Congratulations to all the students who were presented with awards on Presentation Night. Your continued hard work and dedication to your studies is to be commended. During the evening it was exciting to have the 2022 Head Boy and Girl announced. Congratulations to Isabella Noble-Andrew and Lewis Hales, I look forward to your leadership guiding our journey in 2022.

As we look forward to 2022 a quick reminder of booklists. Please ensure your child is prepared upon return in 2022 with the correct resources. Resources and books can be purchased through Box of Books. Refer to the information that has been sent home via SEQTA.

We begin 2022 with our Year 12 ATAR classes commencing on January 27, followed by Year 7 Orientation Day on January 28. All other students will begin on January 31.

Have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.

**MIKE JENZEN,
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**



How do you 'break the news' to your kids about Santa?

This is something I came across which I am sure resonates with all us parents...

"Dear Ryan,

You asked a really good question, 'Are mum and dad really Santa?'

We know that you want to know the answer and we had to give it careful thought to know just what to say.

The answer is 'no' we are not Santa. There is no one, single Santa. We are the people who fill your stocking and choose and wrap the presents under the tree – just as our parents did for us and their parents did for them, and you will do for your kids some day.

This could never make any of us Santa, though Santa is lots and lots of people who keep the spirit of Christmas alive. He lives in our hearts - not at the North Pole. Santa is the love and spirit of giving to others. What he does is teach children to believe in something they can't see or touch.

Throughout your life you will need this capacity to believe: in yourself, in your family, in your friends and in God. You'll need to believe in things you cannot measure or hold in your hand.

Now you know the secret of how he gets down all those chimneys on Christmas Eve – he has help from all of the people, whose hearts he has filled with joy.

With full hearts, people like Mum and Dad take turns helping Santa do a job that would otherwise be impossible. So no, we are not Santa. Santa is love and magic and hope and happiness. We are on his team and now you are too.

We love you and we always will.

Love Mum and Dad"

Wishing you and your families a lovely and safe Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year.



Absence, Illness and Punctuality

We ask that you kindly notify the school by 9am of students being absent for any part of the day. If your child is sick, late or has an appointment during any part of the school day, please email absences@cgs.wa.edu.au or call 9526 5001 to record the absence. Importantly, please state your child's name, year and the reason for the absence and a time of arrival/departure for appointments.

If the school doesn't receive a response prior to this time, an absentee SMS is sent. The SMS will be sent to parents/carers each day that no contact is received regarding the absence. Please assist absentee processes by being prompt with notification of absences.



Music Tuition - 2022

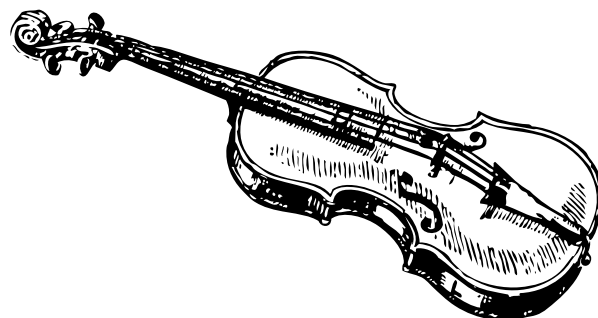
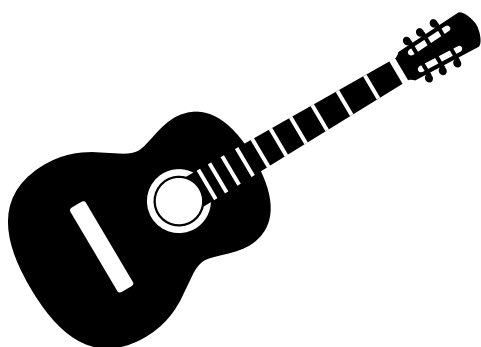
There are currently spaces available for Drum, Voice, Piano, String and Guitar lessons. Lessons are charged at \$30 per half hour lesson and students will be on a rotation based timetable for the term.

Instrument Hire is also available to Violin and Cello students.

Application forms are available from Reception or by contacting the Music Coordinator Kim Barlow at kbarlow@cgs.wa.edu.au or via Direct Message.

The cut off for beginning lessons in term one is the end of week 5.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs Barlow



Uniform Shop

School Holiday Hours

Thursday, 27 January: 8.30am - 12.00 noon and 1.00pm - 3.30pm

Saturday, 29 January: 9.00am - 12 noon

Online ordering is the preferred process

If you know the sizes of the items that you require, please complete and online order form (make sure your credit card details are included) and we will contact you when your order is ready for collection from Reception.

2022 Price List

Please note that as our suppliers have increased their prices, we have had to increase the price on some of our items. Please check the website for the 2022 price list.

Dental Therapy Centre News

As we approach the end of another school year, we would like to take this time to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas.

If you are planning on moving over the holiday period, can you please let the staff in the dental clinic know so we can update your contact details. Also, if your child is heading off to high school next year, please be advised that School Dental services will continue to see your child until the end of Year 11 or the age of 17 whichever comes first.

To all our families with children starting pre-primary in 2022, we will be sending dental enrolment forms home early in the school year for you to enrol in our service. Keep an eye out for these in your child's school bag early next year.

Lastly, we will be closing for the school holidays at the end of the term. If you have any dental emergencies over the holiday period, please call the clinic phone number. All the emergency contact information will be on there. There will also be a sign on the clinic door.

Once again, have a very Merry Christmas and a fabulous new year.
Enjoy the holidays, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you next year!!

Staff at Beenyup Dental Therapy Centre

2022 Calendar

Wednesday 5 January
Monday 10 January
Wednesday 26 January

School Office Opens (Limited)
School Office Opens
Australia Day Public Holiday

Term 1

Thursday 27 January
Friday 28 January
Monday 31 January
Friday 4 March
Monday 7 March
Friday 8 April

Yr 12 ATAR Students commence and Yr 11 Peer Support Training
All Yr 7 Students and Yr 11 Peer Support Leaders commence
All classes commence
Staff Professional Development Day – Pupil Free
Labour Day Public Holiday
Teaching Staff and Students finish Term One

Term Two

Monday 25 April
Tuesday 26 April
Monday 6 June
Friday 24 June

ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Students Commence
Western Australian Day Public Holiday
Teaching Staff and Students finish Term Two

Term Three

Monday 18 July
Tuesday 19 July
Friday 26 August
Friday 23 September

Staff Professional Development Day - Pupil Free
Students Commence
Staff Professional Development Day - Pupil Free
Teaching Staff and Students finish Term Three

Term Four

Monday 10 October
Tuesday 11 October
Thursday 8 December
Tuesday 20 December

Staff Professional Development Day - Pupil Free
Students Commence
Presentation Night
School Office Closes

*Dates as at 14 December 2021. Dates may be subject to change.

** Uniform Shop Opening Hours in January are by appointment