

THE COURT CHIMES

2019, THE YEAR WE HONOUR INTEGRITY



Court Grammar
School

Upcoming Events

4 - 6 September
Yr 11/12 ODE Camp

Tuesday 3 September
Mountain Bike Club

Wednesday 4 September
YOH Fest Heat
Yr 10-12 Hospitality - SJ Shire
Senior Citizens Expo
RKAS Sport
Yr 5 Camp Parent Information
5.00 pm

Thursday 5 September
Selected Yr 7-10 Students Zero
2 Hero Excursion

Friday 6 September
Yr 1-Clues Assembly

Monday 9 September
ACC Athletics
Police Rangers

Tuesday 10 September
School Tour
Mountain Bike Club

Thursday 12 September
Primary Athletics
Spotlight on Students

Friday 13 September
Yr 9 Bibbulmun Track Walk



PATRICIA RODRIGUES, PRINCIPAL
FRIDAY, 30 AUGUST 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As I write this, I am not sure if I will be taking my month's long service leave in September as planned due to my travel companion's health. However I am sure that whatever happens, Mr Mike Jenzen will look after our School in my absence.

I was incredibly proud of our students who recently took part in the annual Anglicare Sleepout at Optus Stadium in support of the homeless. Our School had the largest School's contingent.

This week, I hosted the Yr 12 lunches again. This is something that I like to do every year, it is an opportunity to hear from the Yr 12's as to their aspirations for their after school life and their reflections on their time at CGS.

Primary Learning Journey

Thank you to the parents who enjoyed visiting the School to discover how much their children have done this year. Thank you to Mr Learmonth and all the Primary Staff for their superb effort in making learning such a desirable experience for our young ones. Some of us could benefit from experiencing some of the learning in our Early Learning Centre. Well done all!

Book Week

Last week we celebrated Book Week with a variety of activities taking place in both the primary and secondary schools. See further in this issue to catch up with all that happened.

Rocket Launch

Thank you to Mr Andersson and the Science staff for the successful launch on the second attempt of the rockets from Science Week. Congratulations to the students who had successful launches.

Secondary Assembly

On Wednesday, at the Secondary Assembly we heard about the recent Yr 7 School on the Road trip to Canberra and Sydney, the School's progress to the finals in Literacy Planet's Word Mania in all year groups from Yr 1 to Yr 9, the escapades of the Mountain Bike Club and Book Week. Well done everybody!

Immunisation Updates

In line with new legislation concerning Immunisation, parents are asked to forward updated Immunisation History Statements obtained through the mygov website to the Enrolments Officer, whenever their child receives any vaccines, this is particularly relevant to our children in the early learning centre. Your assistance would be very much appreciated.



Book Week

Primary

Last week, Kindy to Year 6 students participated in a variety of activities to celebrate Book Week. The week started with a Year 1 to Year 6 Book Week Costume Parade.

On Wednesday, the Kindy and Pre-Primary students had their Costume Parade.

Throughout the week, students were involved in Community Reading sessions, pre-loved book swaps and art activities that focussed on short-listed books.

An art display of Book Week pieces will be featured in the Mundijori Public Library during September. Ms Shutz



Secondary

Many thanks to those who participated in our Book Week activities last week, especially those who went to the effort on Monday to dress up as a book character. There were many participants but only a small number felt their costumes were in the running for their Year level prize.

We look forward to seeing next year's efforts and hope everyone had a good time participating. Ms Tolhurst

Yr 7 Sydney/Canberra/Snowfields - School on the Road

In the early hours of 2 August, 59 lucky Year 7's were off on the biggest camp of their lives. We arrived in Sydney with our first activity being a visit to Taronga Zoo. A cheer erupted as we crossed over the Harbour Bridge and the Opera House came into view. Students and teachers alike were buzzing all day as we spent our first day in one of the world's most iconic cities.

Day 2 had the group venturing inside both the Opera House and the Harbour Bridge to see the equally impressive views from the inside. After which, we had our very own team building "Bridge Climb" underneath, where most students and a couple of silly teachers traversed along the pylons. This was followed by a walking tour of the historic Rocks area which we were luckily enough to be staying in, then a trip to Paddy's Market to pick up some knock-off hats and hoodies. Later that night we took a trip up to the Sydney Tower Eye to gaze at the beauty of the city from above at night.



Day 3 we were off to the nation's capital! The Physical Education fans were delighted to begin our visit at the Australian Institute of Sport, where we got to see state of the art training facilities and our aspiring athletes even had a go in the interactive performance zone. We backed this up with a visit to a multi-story National Science & Technology Centre, Questacon where the gift shop and free-fall exhibit got a good work out.

Day 4 involved a visit to the epicentre of Australian politics; Parliament House. The role plays were a particular highlight here. This was followed by a visit to the Royal Australian Mint and National Museum of Australia. After such a big day on their best behaviour, the students were rewarded with a trip to the movies to watch The Lion King.



Day 5 began by heading off to Old Parliament House. This time, sitting right amongst the Senate's plush rich red leather couches for another fun role play. Second venue of the day was a rushed visit to the CSIRO for a quick team challenge research-based activity. After lunch we were off for a memorable trip to the Australian War Memorial to pay our respects and contribute to The Last Post Ceremony by laying a wreath on behalf of our School. After another long day, we were treated to some laser tag and arcade gaming in the evening.

Day 6 we were off to the snow! After picking up our gear, the excitement was palpable... Up we climbed to the top of the Perisher slopes and there it was; cold white gold. We immediately broke out into full-on snow fight warfare – No one was safe. Not even the beloved Pastoral Care Advisors, who were pummeled with powder.

Day 7 we geared up again and were ready to take on the slopes, ski-style. After a lesson from the pro's, we split up into our respective capability ski and snowboard groups and charged as hard as we could for the rest of the day. I couldn't believe how good the snow conditions, student and staff attitude was. We had an absolute ball; snowmen were made, snow angels ascended to heaven, the slopes were carved to shreds and some epic slams were delivered! As if we weren't already tired enough, we rocked out at the disco that night too. Some serious dance moves were laid down, but none more-so than Tysen's turbo "flossing" at the inaugural Floss-Off. Holey smokes he was fast!

Yr 7 Sydney/Canberra/Snowfields - School on the Road continued

Finally, our last day was upon us. We acknowledged our driver "Big Mic" with chanting and applause as he left us at Canberra Airport, then we settled into our seats and tuned out everyone for our first taste of alone time in a week with our in-flight entertainment.

Overall, students and staff had an amazing time that will not be forgotten. I am so proud of each and every one of the camp group for their positive attitude and respectful behaviour. Thanks go to Ms Bell, Ms Dreher, Ms O'Sullivan, Mr Snashall & Mrs Southwell for making the camp possible.



I would also like to acknowledge the following students for receiving the prestigious Camp Awards;

- "Best Manners": William Goode
- "Best Attitude": Finn Mallon
- "Most Helpful": Jaxon Daly
- "Tough Cookie": Mae Jackson
- "Snow Leopard": Jake Paterson
- "Best On Camp": Jack Hawking

As notified in previous newsletters, the School is eligible to receive a Parliament and Civics Education Rebate of \$310 for each student who attended. This rebate is taken into account when setting the fee.

Mr Ben Freel - Yr 7/8 Coordinator

More from Science Week!



Last Friday, students in Years 3 to 6 worked hard with their families to plant some native plants, as well as tidy up the Wild Space. This was a fantastic experience as the children had the chance to get in touch with nature, and witness the hard work it takes to encourage a much loved space to grow.

Thank you to all the families who donated a plant and who gave up their time to assist during this time. It was wonderful to see so many helping hands; proving, that we have a fantastic and wonderful school community here at Court Grammar School.





PRIMARY NEWS

STUART LEARMONTH HEAD OF PRIMARY

I must express a huge thank you to all of the teaching and non-teaching staff for their hard work and dedication in hosting our annual Learning Journey on Wednesday evening. Thanks must also be given to all of the children and families that came along to support us and share in the learning of our wonderful school. As many of you know, I was tucked away in the sausage sizzle area for the evening! Being in the very centre of the school offers me the ability to meet and chat with families as they come through. The buzz in the air was palpable and the enthusiasm for learning from all who attended was a joy to observe. It is evenings like these that make me so very proud to be the Head of Primary at Court Grammar School. Being able to share with you what we offer each and every day is a great privilege. However, the greater privilege is being able to develop our young people into the successful learners that they are all becoming. Many families shared feedback with us, and I have highlighted a few comments below:

'I love the informal feel of the evening, so relaxed and pressure-free'

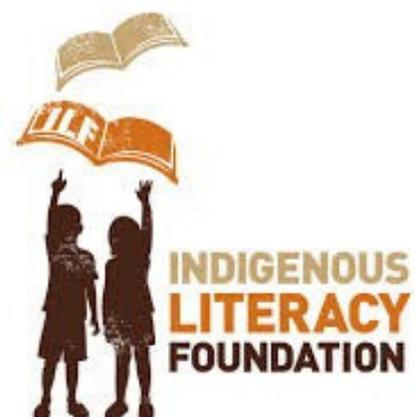
'The new programmes that have been introduced in Writing and Spelling are really working, my children are making super progress here at Court Grammar'

'The staff are so dedicated. We are lucky to have such a great team of people'

'I can't wait until the Art building is open, this will be so exciting'

'Thanks for creating such a warm and nurturing environment for my children'

You may remember that we held a Book Swap last week as part of Book Week activities. This was a huge success and the event raised just under \$300 for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Many parents, carers and children decided to offer a gold coin donation for their sausage sizzle at our Learning Journey. This added to our total for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation and we look forward to donating around \$450 to this worthwhile charity. Thanks to everyone involved and thank you to Mrs Carnaby, Mrs Fuller and Ms Schutz for organising our Book Week programme.



SECONDARY NEWS

BRAD KROKOSZ

HEAD OF SECONDARY

Opportunity Knocks – but sometimes it's at 5 am!

Having just completed six weeks of this term I feel it is time to draw breath. Term three usually feels like a long term, squashed between a shorter term two and the promise of spring weather, but these six weeks have felt anything but. When I reflect on the calendar of events in the first six weeks I quickly discover why – there's been a lot happening!

I spoke to the secondary students at an assembly on Wednesday and reminded them of all the opportunities we've had for students to get involved. Opportunities to participate, make friends and try new things. These opportunities aren't compulsory, no one's forcing you to participate, but there's a buzz you get when you do. Be aware, some of these opportunities are difficult, require hard work, dedication and commitment, and some start at 5 am!

I spent some time backstage during Shrek and was amazed at the dedication of the students. A cast that stretched across both Primary and Secondary School, involved multiple rehearsals, hours of practising lines and four consecutive late-night performances.

Some of the Shrek performers jumped straight from the stage onto a plane with their Year 7 classmates for a week in Canberra, Sydney and the snowfields. During the assembly on Wednesday, we heard just how much they were able to fit into a week away. A holiday, it wasn't! An adventure, it was.

For some, it was a quick wardrobe change from the stage of Shrek to the schoolyard for Book Week. I think I saw a few costumes get another re-run! Not to be outdone the Science department put on a show for Science Week that went off with a bang! (literally). Culminating in a rocket show, I was delighted to be invited to judge the best-engineered rocket.

I must acknowledge the students and staff who participated in the Anglicare Sleep Out raising much-needed funds for Street Connect. On what was probably the coldest and wettest night this year, students experienced the frustration and exhaustion of what a night on the streets is like.

The following morning (after the weather had cleared) I joined an enthusiastic group of mountain bike riders as we headed to the trails of Kalamunda. I was most impressed with the agility of some of our students on the steep and rocky downhill trails of Mt Gunjin.

Not a week later and a group of students and staff braved a cold morning to participate in the annual City to Surf, with most setting their personal best time. Meanwhile, on the same morning, a group of enthusiastic students were tacking up their horses in preparation for a day's eventing at the Dragon Cup inter-house equestrian event.

There are certainly some fantastic opportunities to participate in events at Court Grammar School!

Cheron City to Surf

On Sunday 25 August, two Yr 9 students, Darcy Mead and Degan Fowler along with Mr Andersson, my husband and I ran the 4km Chevron City to surf for the Year 9 year of challenge.

Motivation and spirits were high, the sun was shining and a great time was had by all.

Mr Andersson smashed his time and is now 2nd on the leader board with a time of 18:39. The highest a teacher has achieved so far at Court Grammar!



Degan Fowler made a great time of 25:01 and Darcy Mead made an admirable time of 29:03. I even managed to improve my time from 32:59 last year to 26:40.

It was great to see students challenging themselves and representing our school.

I look forward to seeing a larger team next year and an even more competitive spirit!

Mrs Riseley - Yr 9/10 Coordinator

R U Legal?

A guide for parents in the digital world.

On Monday **16 September** at 5.30pm we will be hosting a talk from Casey Johnston, a solicitor from Legal Aid WA. The focus of the talk is on the legalities that young people are faced in today's digital world.

Topics covered will include:

- Sexting
- Image-based abuse
- Cyberbullying
- Filming young people fighting
- Legal consequences for young people who break the law

Did you know?

10+ Any person over the age of 10 can be charged with a criminal offence.

U18 It is against the law to share an image of someone who does not consent OR is under the age of 18.

It is against the law to create, keep, share or ask for material that shows a young person under the age of 18 being subject to torture, cruelty or physical abuse.

Many of our young people today have become oblivious to the law when it comes to the use of social media. They run the risk of getting themselves into serious trouble as well as potentially damaging their future for jobs or for travel.

The presentation is open to ALL parents.

Dragon Cup 2019

Our annual Dragon Cup event was held at Baldivis Equestrian and Pony Club on Sunday, 25 August. We were blessed with perfect weather and the day was a success with all students riding impressively in their chosen events.

All results were announced on the day and it was a pleasure to announce the Champion and Runner Up riders.

Primary	Runner Up: Lincoln Workman	Champion: Zoe Whittington
Lower Secondary	Runner Up: Indie Smyth	Champion: Ava Tinsley
Upper Secondary	Runner Up: Tiarnna Clarke	Champion: Rebecca Curran



Each year an award is presented to a student who not only performs well in their nominated events but also shows determination and persistence. This year it was decided that two students were very worthy recipients and we awarded the 'High Achiever' to Carla Lane and Zac Workman.

Congratulations to WHITBY who are the 2019 Dragon Cup winning house.

We were very grateful to Mia Joy and Amelia Gal who provided their judging expertise on the day for the Dressage and Showman events. Jill Wood-Ainslie was again a magnificent help before and during the event and it certainly would not have been as successful without her wonderful knowledge and assistance.

Oakford Stockfeeds, SJ Rural Supplies and Serpentine Rural Supplies donated our amazing prizes and we thank them for their amazing generosity.

Thank you to all families for supporting this years event and I hope that everyone had an enjoyable day.

Primary Chess Club News

The CGS Primary Chess club continues to expand. Today we had 18 players all battling each other with their best strategies to ensure that they won the game. A number of students ended their game in a stalemate. A stalemate is caused when one of the players can not make a legal move anymore. They are not in check, but any move that they do will put them in check. This means that the game is a draw. The standard of play has improved greatly since the start of the year. Chess finals will start next week! Mr Taylor



Cert 1 - Sport and Recreation

Students have been working with the coaches at Byford Lawn Bowls to learn the organisation that goes into running a Country Club, also the training and teaching techniques involved in the sport. We would like to thank all the lovely staff at Byford Country Club for the sessions, and hope to continue our partnership in the future. Ms McLean



Students completing their recent Provide First Aid Training. This is a compulsory requirement of their course. Congratulations on all students who achieved their certificate. Ms McLean

Uniform Shop - Opening Times

The uniform shop is open every
Monday 8 am to 11 am
Wednesday 12.30 pm to 3.30 pm

Students are also able to access the Uniform Shop during Monday's recess and Wednesdays lunch times.



Student Sign In

Parents/Carers of students arriving late to school (with the exception of the late bus) MUST provide authorisation advising the school of the reason for late arrival.

This can be done via;

1. Phone call to 9526 5001
2. Email absences@cgs.wa.edu.au
3. Signed note in diary that students are required to show to reception staff upon tagging in via lpad in front office.

Online Canteen

Ordering Time

Please remember the cut off time for ordering is **8.00 am**.

It may be wise to place an order the night before.

Issue 6 Orders close on Monday 9 September

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Bottle tops

The Primary School are collecting plastic bottle tops like the ones from, milk bottles, soda bottles, yoghurt squizee lids, soy sauce lids, juice lids and water bottle lids.

Did you know that the lids are turned into prosthetic limbs!

Please send in clean bottle tops to your primary class room teacher.



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FREE PARENTING SEMINARS

You are invited to attend the Triple P Seminar Series. You will learn practical, positive and effective ways to deal with common behavioural problems and ways to help your child achieve their best at school and in the future.

Parents are encouraged to attend all 3 seminars:

- 1. Children's behaviour – the tough part of parenting*
- 2. Raising Confident Children*
- 3. Raising Emotionally Resilient Children*

The next **FREE** 3 Series is held:

When: Starting Tuesday, 12th November 2019
Location: Gosnells Child and Parent Centre
RSVP: Bookings are essential and places are limited



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