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Court Grammar School

THE COURT CHIMES

2026 - Respect for God

From the principal's desk - Ms Patricia Rodrigues



Term 4 began with the farewelling of our Year 12 students. We marked this milestone with our Thanksgiving Service and Graduation Assembly. This year our students commenced their Guard of Honour from their respective house stairwells in the new Sapling centre. It is always a privilege to witness our Year 12 students, take their next steps into adulthood. I wish them all the very best, especially those who are currently sitting their ATAR exams.

We celebrated our Arts Academy Awards in Week 3. The level of talent and commitment from our students in the Arts continues to grow, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements, we even had the opportunity to watch students donning their wearable Art and I must say there is definitely a future for some in the fashion and creative industries.

This week we paid tribute to our fallen Service men and women, and those still serving in our Armed Services, at our Remembrance Day Assembly, and over the coming weeks, we look forward to celebrating our Sports Awards, Year 6 celebrations, Carols on the Green, Nativities, and our Annual Presentation Night, which will be held on Thursday 10 December at 6.30pm. This evening is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together and celebrate the achievements of our students throughout the year.

I recently met with both the Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire and Road Safety Commission (RSC) to discuss Traffic congestion around the school. As families will be aware all schools' struggle during student drop off and pick up times, however we have the added pressure of both Soldiers and Bishop Road being main roads with speed limits of 80km, and additional congestion with trucks that are supporting future road developments.

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Term Events

- WACE Exams Monday 2 - 20 November
- Sports Awards Night Wednesday 18 November
- PP - Y7 Orientation Thursday 19 November
- Y9 Rite Journey Retreat Friday 20 November
- Carols on the Green Friday 20 November
- Y11 Exams 23 - 30 November
- ELC Nativity Wednesday 25 November
- Y7-9 Police Rangers End of Year Excursion Monday 30 November
- Y10 Exams Tuesday 1 - Friday 4 December
- Y11 Week of Challenge Tuesday 1 - Friday 4 December
- Y6 Celebration Friday 4 December
- Y7-9 Exams Monday 7 - Wednesday 9 December
- Presentation Night Thursday 10 December

During our discussion I received feedback from the recent “Smiley Face” Speed Camera Project and one of the main concerns raised by the RSC and Shire is around families parking on Soldiers Road (the side closest to the Railway Line), with students and parents needing to cross Soldiers Road there have been a number of what is classified as “near misses”. We ask families to please practice patience and courtesy with other members of the School Community who are also wanting to drop off and collect their children.

We encourage families where able to adjust your drop off and pick up times slightly (even by 10mins) to help reduce the congestion. We are continuing to work with both the RSC and Shire to come up with some solutions to ensuring our school community members are safe.

As we move towards the end of the year, and the festive season, it becomes increasingly important to focus on connection and coming together as community. I thank all our families, students and staff who continue to support one another and care for those members around us who are less fortunate and need a helping hand.

Head of Secondary School - Mr Brad Krokosz - Police Rangers

Police Rangers have had a busy and exciting Term. Rangers have had the opportunity to engage in more orienteering up at Jarrahdale, developing their sense of distance and direction. Rangers have also been blessed to have Mr Walker’s golfing expertise to show them the finer art of golf.

We have also been actively involved in the Remembrance Day service, paying tribute to all those who have served and continue to service in our Country.







Head of Primary School - Mrs Patricia Mcloughlin

Value Awards for our Early Years Stars

We are delighted to celebrate our awards for our Early Years section of CGS. These awards recognise students who have consistently demonstrated our school values in compassionate and reflective ways, as outlined on the left-hand side of the school reports.

Each year level (EY) will have award winners, selected for the ways they show community, integrity, and humility in their learning and relationships with others. These students model the heart of our school community through their care for peers, their willingness to reflect on their actions and their ability to learn from challenges. We are proud of all students for their ongoing commitment to compassion and reflection, and we look forward to celebrating the achievements of this year's winners with you.

Presentation of Awards - Certificates will be presented at the Nativity Presentation on Wednesday, 25 November. Families are warmly invited to attend as we celebrate our Nativity, as well as the achievements of our students.

Pre-Primary to Year 6 Class Selections for 2027 and Orientation Day

Court Grammar Primary School has an established process for allocating students into classes for each new school year. This procedure ensures that the professional judgment of both teaching staff and primary leadership is applied consistently throughout the placement process. The primary team follows a set five criteria, prioritising students' needs and interests in our decisions made by the school. Classes are formed to provide the best possible learning environment for each year level. Class Lists will be electronically sent to families shortly before the Orientation Day on November 19th.

Celebrating the Primary Years Journey

As we near the end of another learning-filled year, it's time to celebrate our Year 6 students' achievements and growth as they prepare for an exciting new chapter, moving up to Year 7! This transition marks an important milestone in their educational journey. We are incredibly proud of the hard work, resilience and enthusiasm that our Year 6 students have demonstrated throughout the year. From mastering new content to participating in sports, arts and community projects, etc., they have shown remarkable dedication and growth. Their teachers have prepared them well for the adventure that awaits in secondary school. To commemorate this momentous occasion, we will be holding a Year 6 Celebration Assembly. Families are invited to join us as we recognise our Year 6 students and wish them the best of luck as they move forward. The ceremony will feature student performances, speeches and, of course, the presentation of certificates to mark their successful completion of primary school.

The details of the event are as follows:
Date: Friday, December 4th
Time: 8.40 a.m.
Location: CGS Wellstrand Centre
Please save the date and get ready to cheer on our future Year 7s!

Grandparents Day

What a wonderful afternoon we had celebrating our very special grandparents!

Our Kindy and Pre-Primary children were absolutely delighted as a swarm of grandparents made their way through our gates. The smiles on our children's faces said it all as they eagerly welcomed their loved ones into our school.

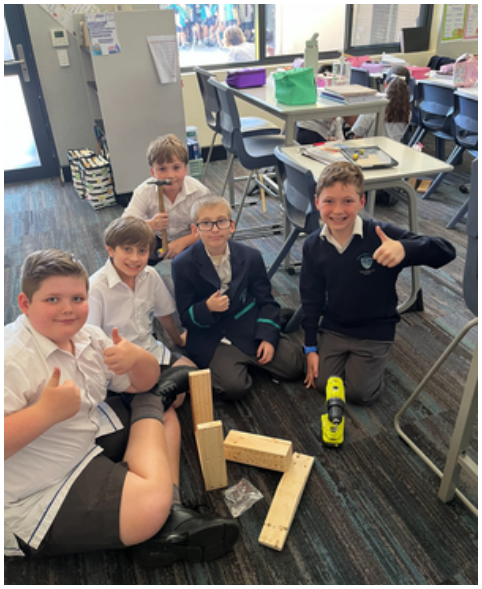
Our learning environments were buzzing with excitement as grandparents joined in a variety of activities, including games, craft, reading and plenty of opportunities to explore, play and create special memories together.

It was heartwarming to see the beautiful connections between our children and their grandparents, with lots of laughter, cuddles and precious moments shared throughout the afternoon.

A huge thank you to all the grandparents who joined us and made the afternoon so special. We loved welcoming you into our classrooms and sharing a little glimpse of the wonderful learning experiences your grandchildren enjoy each day!

What's happening around the School

Insect Hotels - Ms Waddell



Our year 5s have been busy building Insect Hotels! This is a collaborative project with the SJ Men's Shed and SJ Junior Landcare. The students have been busy using hammers, drills etc to create their master pieces. Once the insect hotels are finished, the students aim to sell them and donate proceeds to the Black Cockatoo Conservation Centre. We are very proud of our year 5s for their care for the local environment and their wonderful community spirit.





Year 9 and 11 Dance Showcase - Mrs Hook

Our Year 9 and 11 Dance students recently enjoyed the wonderful opportunity to showcase their classwork to an enthusiastic audience of Year 6 students.



The Year 9 students performed their very own Viral Dance creations, demonstrating their creativity, teamwork and developing performance skills. Our Year 6 audience members were given the exciting task of voting for their favourite performance as part of the People's Choice Award. A big congratulations to Mason Sullivan, Marlee Rowland and Savannah Carnaby of Year 9, who were crowned our People's Choice winners!

Our Year 11 Dance students also took to the stage to showcase their recent Spanish Cultural Dance, which formed part of their Term 4 assessment. Their Flamenco-inspired performance celebrated the expressive movements, rhythms and traditions of Spanish dance. We look forward to seeing them perform this piece once again at our end-of-year Presentation Evening.

A special thank you to Mrs Rodrigues and Mr Jenzen for the wonderful positivity, enthusiasm and support they brought to the event. The students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to share their hard work with an audience and gain valuable performance experience.

Well done to all our dancers for their efforts, creativity and willingness to step outside their comfort zones!





1,000 Paper Cranes for Peace - Miss Hall

During Term 2, the Year 4 students explored different forms of energy, how they work and the ways they can impact communities. As part of this unit, they investigated nuclear energy, considering both its beneficial uses and its devastating consequences.

The students read the picture book Sadako by Eleanor Coerr, a moving story about a young Japanese girl who became ill because of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. Inspired by a Japanese legend that folding 1,000 paper cranes would grant a wish, Sadako began folding cranes in the hope of getting better.

Deeply moved by Sadako's story, the students decided to take on a challenge of their own: to fold 1,000 paper cranes as a symbol of hope and peace. The project began towards the end of Term 2, and during the Term 2–3 holidays, Miss Hall travelled to Japan, taking with her a paper crane signed by every student. This crane was left at the Children's Peace Monument in Hiroshima, a memorial dedicated to Sadako and the children affected by the atomic bombing.

Over the following two terms, the students demonstrated remarkable determination, perseverance and patience as they carefully folded their cranes and linked them into beautiful chains, which were proudly displayed in the classroom. Each crane represented a small but meaningful contribution to their shared goal.

On the 20th of October, the students finally reached their incredible milestone of 1,000 paper cranes! To celebrate, they each made their own wish for peace, reflecting on the powerful message behind Sadako's story and the importance of hope, kindness and working together to make a difference.





The Physics of AFL

As you watched this year's AFL Grand Final, you were probably be impressed by the players' skill, speed and athleticism. What you may not realise is that every kick, tackle and mark is also a demonstration of physics in action.

The Science Behind the Drop Punt

One of the most important skills in AFL is the drop punt. When a player kicks a drop punt, the ball spins backwards as it travels through the air. This backspin helps keep the football stable, allowing it to fly accurately towards its target.

The spinning football behaves like a gyroscope. In physics, spinning objects possess angular momentum, which makes them resist changes in direction. This means the football is less likely to wobble or turn sideways during flight. The faster the ball spins, the more stable it becomes.

The spinning ball can also create a small aerodynamic force known as the Magnus effect, which can slightly influence its flight path. A similar effect can be seen in sports such as soccer, cricket and tennis, where spinning balls curve through the air.



To learn more about the Magnus effect, visit the link below:

🔗 The Magnus Effect: The Science Behind Swerve Ball, Planes, Basketball

Why Spinning Objects Stay Stable

The same physics that keeps a football stable can also be seen when riding a bicycle. Spinning bicycle wheels possess angular momentum, making them resist changes in their orientation. The faster the wheels spin, the more stable the bicycle becomes and the harder it is to tip sideways.

Although an AFL football and a bicycle are very different objects, both take advantage of the stability provided by spinning motion.



To learn more about gyroscopic forces, visit the link below:

🔗 Gyroscopic Forces Explained

The Physics of a Tackle

AFL tackles are governed by **Newton's Laws of Motion**.

Newton's First Law states that an object in motion will remain in motion unless acted upon by an external force. This tendency to resist changes in motion is called inertia. A heavier player has more inertia than a lighter player, making them generally harder to stop.

Newton's Second Law states that force is equal to mass multiplied by acceleration. To slow down, or decelerate, a moving player requires a force. For the same tackling force, a heavier player will slow down less than a lighter player.

Newton's Third Law states that for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. If Player A tackles Player B with a force, Player B exerts an equal force back on Player A in the opposite direction.

Momentum also plays an important role in tackles. Momentum is equal to mass multiplied by velocity (the scientific term for speed in a particular direction). A player with greater mass or greater speed will have more momentum.

When a player is tackled, their momentum must be changed. Physicists describe this change using the concept of impulse, which is equal to force multiplied by time. A small force applied over a longer period can produce the same change in momentum as a large force applied over a short period of time.

Although players are not consciously thinking about physics during a game, they instinctively apply these principles every time they chase, tackle or evade an opponent.



To learn more about Newton's Laws, momentum and impulse, visit the link below:

🔗 Newton's Laws, Momentum and Impulse

Physics Is Everywhere

The next time you watch an AFL match, look beyond the goals, tackles and spectacular marks. From spinning footballs and gyroscopic stability to momentum and Newton's Laws, physics is at work every second of the game.

While AFL players may not be calculating forces and momentum during a match, their success depends on applying these principles instinctively. Physics is not just something studied in a classroom. It is happening every time a football is kicked.

Try It Yourself: The Stability of a Spinning Football

Want to see physics in action?

Take an AFL football, rugby ball or even a plastic bottle. First, gently throw it without any spin and observe its motion. You will notice that it tends to wobble and change direction during flight.

Now throw the object again, this time giving it plenty of spin. You should notice that it travels more smoothly and remains pointed in the same direction.

This happens because spinning objects possess **angular momentum**, which resists changes in their orientation. The same principle helps a drop punt remain stable during an AFL match.

101 Days in Kindy! - Mrs Clues



On Thursday 12 November, our Kindy students celebrated a very special milestone – 101 Days of Kindy!

Our ELC was transformed into a scene straight out of 101 Dalmatians, with our students and Education Assistants arriving dressed as adorable spotty Dalmatians, while Mrs Clues and Mrs Fuller embraced their mischievous sides as the evil Cruella de Vil!







Throughout the day, the children enjoyed a range of fun-filled activities, including counting all the way to 101 and participating in a variety of creative Dalmatian-inspired crafts. There were plenty of spots, smiles and laughter as we celebrated just how far our little learners have come since their very first day of Kindy.

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It was a wonderful day filled with excitement, creativity and special memories, and a fantastic way to celebrate 101 days of learning, growing and having fun together!

6th Annual Charlie Awards - Mrs Pugliese

On October 29th, the Pavilion was turned into an epicentre of the arts as we celebrated our 6th Arts Academy Awards, known fondly as “The Charlies”.
The night acknowledged the hard work of our Academy students and included a performance by our Musical Theatre students, and our first-ever fashion show from our Visual & Digital Arts wearable art pieces.

The students who were our award winners for the evening:
Award

Visual/Digital Arts: Junior Academy





Most Improved - Mia Hurley
Perseverance - Jasmine Davis
Congeniality- Amelia Victor

Visual/Digital Arts: Senior Academy

Most Improved - Eshal Imran
Perseverance – Kiala Herdman
Congeniality – Ella Spencer

Monet Award JR – Madz Dinsdale
Monet Award – Ruby Snell

Musical Theatre: Junior Academy



Most Improved – Emma Watson, Owen Burgess
Perseverance – Jad Abu Ras, Charlotte Evans
Congeniality - Tiffany Young

Triple Threat Jr Award – Eilidh McKay

Musical Theatre: Senior Academy



Most Improved – Mia Abu Ras
Perseverance – Megan Bailey, Lexi Grey
Congeniality – Sofia Bowler

Triple Threat Award – Kaiden Schwarz

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Xavier Clampett who has been selected to represent Australia in the upcoming U12 Baseball World Cup Qualifiers in Guam in November and also WA in the U14's State Softball tournament in Melbourne in January.





Congratulations to Jack Walling who competed recently in both the WA State Championship placing 4th competing against the highest ranked WA riders and the Australian National Championship where Jack was the youngest in his class . The grade he rode at the National Championship is the second highest class , Trial 2 where he achieved a podium finish of 3rd.

Administration News



Uniform Shop
Our Uniform Shop hours during the term are as follows:

- Mondays 8:00am - 11:00am
- Wednesdays 12.30pm - 3.30pm

If you only need a couple of items for 2027 for existing students, avoid the queues and visit before the end of the year.

Lost Property
As we start heading towards the end of the year, if you child has missing uniform items please ask them to check the Lost Property Bins near the front office as there is various unnamed and unclaimed items.

Student Medication
Families are reminded if you child has medications stored at Students Services please dont forget to sign out and collect this on the last day of the term.

Outside School Hours Care

Newsletter

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Court Grammar

Camp Australia
Guiding Children's Growth

Your OSHC.

ROCKETEERS

A message from your Coordinator

Hello from Camp Australia!

I'm Emma Borg your service leader and Tris Aston is our assistant educator.

This term our them is Jungles! The children are in the process of creating a jungle display, this includes a paper mache lion! Along with other animals and some fun facts!

Each week we hold an art competition which the children choose the theme, this is always popular as the winner receives a prize!

We are open bright and early from 630-830, then again from 3-6pm. We supply the children breakfast and afternoon tea during these sessions.

Feel free to contact us on 0450271718 to answer any questions.





Activities coming up

- Jungle theme art crafts
- Halloween experiences
- Healthy cooking
- Christmas craft
- Weekly art competitions

Make a booking

Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

Book now

Register free and book in 24/7 via our app

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustralia.com.au or by downloading our Camp Australia smartphone app from the Apple App Store or on Google Play. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your account.

Download on the App Store

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Find out more and book now at www.campaustralia.com.au

Byford Carols

Saturday 5th December 2026

BRIGGS PARK RESERVE

Sausage Sizzle: 6:00pm | Carols: 6:30pm



Local Schools



Melville AFA Band



Heritage Country Choir



Byford Volunteer Fire Brigade



Special Visitor

$1 Sausage Sizzle

Ice Cream Van

Coffee Van

Free Kids Craft

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HUGH JONES

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MATT O'SULLIVAN SENATOR FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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Millers FOODS

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Bendigo Bank

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Learning changes lives

Secondary Assistance Scheme

Parents with students in years 7 to 12 may be eligible for up to:

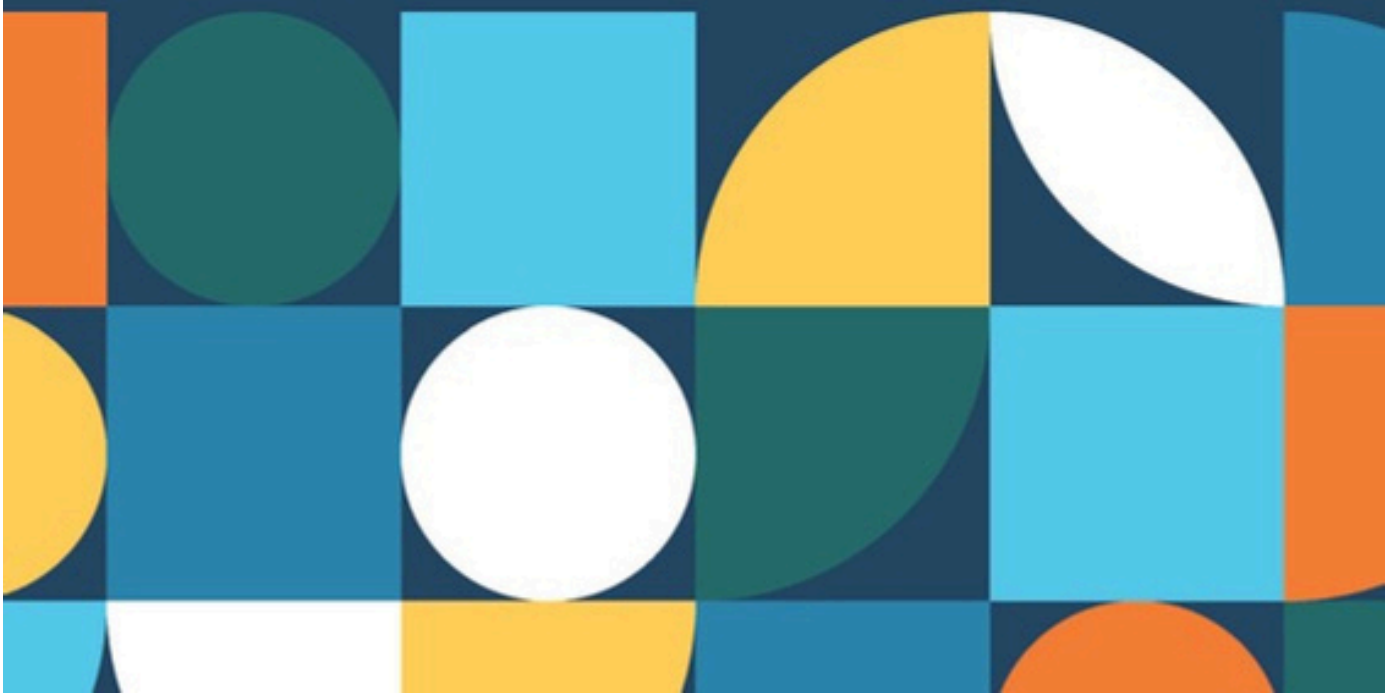
$350

Towards school expenses if you hold a:

- Centrelink Health Care Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card.

Applications close 9 April 2027

Ask school reception for more information or phone (08) 9264 4516

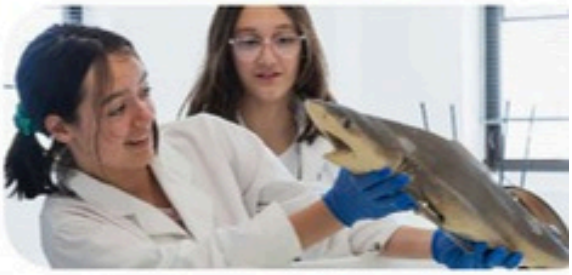




Murdoch University







Experience STEM @ Murdoch

15 - 17 December 2026
8:30am - 3:30pm each day

Dive into the fascinating world of STEM during this 3-day event for Year 9s and 10s!

Packed with hands-on workshops and exciting activities set to ignite your passion, this event is your gateway to exploring your interests and shaping your future. Plus, you'll get a sneak peek into university life and see how Murdoch University can help you achieve your goals.

Tickets are $65.00 per student, and include attendance for all three days, plus a catered lunch on Day 3.

Spaces are limited!

SCAN TO REGISTER

Scan the QR for more information, or visit murdoch.edu.au/events

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SUMMER
POP
FIND OUT MORE
BUILD FRIENDSHIPS
DISCOVER ADVENTURE
CREATE MEMORIES
VARIETY
Over 300 experiences
CONVENIENCE
280+ locations nationwide
VALUE
Child Care Subsidy for eligible families
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