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Principal's Report



Welcome to the first News Review of the year. I would also, once again like to welcome the families who have joined our school community in 2015.

It is an historic year for our school as Year 7s enter high school for the first time and we have the double intake of Year 7 and 8 students. Our school celebrates its 55th birthday this year so it is fitting that this milestone should be remembered for the first group of Year 7 students.

I am delighted that the planning we put in place over the past three years has resulted in such a smooth start. Congratulations and thank you to the staff and parents who worked to create a seamless transition and develop a nurturing learning environment for our youngest students.



Full school assembly

Despite early misgivings and although it was a tight fit, we were able to accommodate the whole school in the gym for the first assembly.

It was a pleasure to welcome our School Patron, Dr John Owen, to present the students with their Councillor badges and to hear our Year 12 leaders take their Oaths of Office. The list of student leaders is included in the Student Services section. We will have elections for the Year 7 and 8 Councillors and House representatives towards the end of the term.

At the assembly we congratulated the 2014 Year 11 students on their academic achievement. Special congratulations to the ATAR Dux, Juliet Williams and the VET Dux, Shirlene Streicher for their outstanding results.

A particular highlight of the assembly was in welcoming back some of our high achievers from 2014. Danny Todd (the 2014 School Dux) and Marco Trimboli both scored an ATAR above

99.5. This places them in the top 0.5% of students in the State, an exceptional achievement. The boys were joined by the VET Dux, Tegan Allum who together with Danny and Marco were awarded Certificates of Commendation. These State-wide awards are given to students who have 20 or more 'A' grades across Years 11 and 12.

All three spoke of their pride in their success and in the hard work they had put in. However each also commented on the need to find a balance between hard work and a time to relax. They also acknowledged the contribution and support from their teachers and families in being able to be so successful.

Year 12 achievement 2014

As I have mentioned some of our students achieved outstanding results and Kalamunda was placed in the top 50 schools for ATAR in 2014. This is an outstanding achievement and recognition of the hard work of our students and staff.

A little disappointing were the 3 students who failed to graduate and others who not complete their Certificate II qualifications in Year 12.

Mrs Emma Cannell, the Head of Senior School, has now completed an analysis of Year 11 results. She is putting in place a plan to work with Year 12 students who may be at risk of not graduating, of not achieving an ATAR of 60 or above or at risk of not completing their Certificate II courses. We are aiming for 100% graduation with all students achieving to their capabilities so they have productive pathways when they leave school at the end of Year 12.

Year 7 Scholarship Winners

The 2015 recipients of academic scholarships are:

Mika Berman – Kalamunda Primary School
Adrian Cowin – Edney Primary School
Madeleine Green – Kalamunda Primary School
Naomi Taylor – Edney Primary School
Benjamin Taylor – Kalamunda Primary School

Year 8 Scholarship Winners

The 2015 recipients of academic scholarships are:

Ruby Austin – Darlington Primary School
Riley McCallion – Gooseberry Hill Primary School
Olivia Trimboli – Maida Vale Primary School
Chloe Todd – Edney Primary School
Ellie Van Kwawegen – Eden Hill Primary School

P&C News

I was delighted to see such a wonderful turn out of new parents to the first P&C meeting of the year. I am sure they will continue

their interest in supporting our school and we welcome all of you to future meetings that are held on Tuesday in Weeks 3 and 7 of each term.

Chaplain Fundraising

As you know we lost Federal funding for Desi, our extraordinary Chaplain, for 2015 and 2016. We have received an overwhelming response to the prospect of losing Desi and fund raising continues across many parts of the school community. This has included a staff verses student netball game, a parent donating the funds from a music gig and a Year 8 student emptying the contents of their piggy bank on the front counter. We will need ongoing support to raise the \$30,000 that will be required for both 2015 and 2016. Hopefully we will be successful in our bid for Federal funding for 2017.

As a starting point can I urge all families to pay the Chaplain levy that appears on fee sheets. If all families pay we will raise over \$20,000 which will be an excellent starting sum for both years.

Term One

It has been a very busy start to the year. Some highlights include the Year 7 camp and swimming lessons, the Interhouse swimming carnival and parents information evenings for Years 7, 8 and 10. Still to come is the 2015 OLNA (Online Literacy and Numeracy) testing for Year 10 students who did not achieve a BAND 8 in Year 9 NAPLAN, the school photo days and the Interhouse cross country and Year 12 School Ball.

We hope you regularly check our school website to see what is happening and to celebrate the achievements of our students.

School Board

Thank you to those parents who voted in the election to be your representative for 2015-16. It is the first time we have used an electronic voting system and it resulted in far more families voting than when we used the old paper and pen method.

The successful applicants were Christine Erbe and Jeremy Hogg. They join Katrina Todd, Angela Trimboli and Michelle Hutcheon as the parent representatives on the Board.

The Board is the peak decision making group in the school and we welcome your input into school policies and financial and governance issues. Board meetings are open to the school community and we welcome your interest.

I would like to thank those members who are retiring from the Board. To the Board Chair, Jennie Collins, whose youngest child has now left school, a special thank you for her excellent leadership over the past two years. Jennie's work, especially during the IPS external review was greatly appreciated. To Emeritus Professor David Jones, one of the three community representatives on the Board. David brought a wealth of wisdom and knowledge and we acknowledge his contribution as Deputy Board Chair. I would like to thank Richard Brake for his contribution over the past three years and to Nicole Dawson for serving on the Board in 2014. Appreciation and thanks also to Anita Phillips, one of the staff representatives who is retiring from the Board.

Outstanding student achievement

I am always looking for information on the achievements of our students outside school. Please let the school know of any achievements, so we can acknowledge these both at assemblies and in our News Review.

To start the year I would like to congratulate:

- Courtney Greaves and Danny Todd for receiving Curtin University scholarships.
- Albert Jalipot for winning a scholarship and place in the Apex Australia Teen Fashion Awards. Albert will travel to Melbourne in March to represent our school at the Virgin Australia Melbourne Festival Future Runway 2015.
- Ryan Harris and Sam Hunt for winning places in the WA State Indoor Mixed Netball team to compete in the National Championships in May.

Staffing Matters

In addition to welcoming our new students I would also like to welcome our new staff. They have won positions in the school and are needed to work with the additional 300 students we have in 2015.

GATE Art Coordinator :	Mrs Zoe Wittber
Year 7 Learning Team:	Mrs Amber Minchin (Maths/ Science) Ms Lea Richards (English/HaSS)
English:	Mr Ashley Meaden, Ms Nicolee Laird, Mrs Orietta Stokes, Ms Heidie Vanzetti
Mathematics:	Mrs Vanessa Barrable, Mrs Nicole Sijka, Mrs Donna Hartley Turner
Humanities and Social Sciences:	Ms Melinda Davies
Science:	Ms Jacquilyn Ahern, Ms Laura Cheetham
The Arts:	Ms Michelle Vivian
Health & Physical Education:	Miss Teagen Cowton, Miss Leanne O'Malley
Languages:	Ms Caitlin Lee

We also welcome back Mr David Eassie (Learning Centre) and Mr Roly Ritchie (Technology & Enterprise/Maths)

Home Economics Assistants:	Ms Kathleen Putland, Mrs Hayley Williams
Laboratory Technician:	Mr Jason Webb
Education Assistants:	Mrs Vanessa Hart, Mrs Natalie Kither, Ms Kathryn Reeder, Mrs Leah Riddle

Mrs Kathy Ritchie
Principal

Associate Principal's Report



Welcome to all our new students, and especially our Year 7 and 8s. We hope that your transition to our school has been a smooth and happy one.

I have enjoyed spending time with our Year 7s during their camp and more recently with swimming. It has been pleasing to see new friendships formed and a group very confident in their space at high school. I know their teachers are now looking forward to all settling down to a normal routine.

Our Year 8s have transitioned very smoothly indeed. They appear to be a mature year group and I wonder whether this has something to do with the fact that they are not the youngest in the school this time round. They can look forward to starting the Bibbulmun Challenge shortly.



Both year groups have been very active in using their BYODs and these devices are proving to be highly effective learning tools. Can I remind parents and students that lockers are available for students to place these devices in when they are at sport in particular. The cost is \$5 hire for the year, which will provide you with a secure padlock.



After settling in to high school, now is the time to make sure all students are putting every effort into their studies. In particular, our Year 7 and 9s will be sitting NAPLAN tests early next term. Testing dates are from Tuesday 12 May to Thursday 14 May and all students are expected to sit these tests. If you have any questions, queries or concerns about you child sitting these tests, please contact me as soon as possible.

With the new WACE (Western Australian Certificate of Education) being introduced in 2016, all students are expected to reach a minimum standard in literacy and numeracy. Any Year 9 student who achieves a Band 8 (or above) in NAPLAN on any of the three tests (Reading, Writing and Numeracy) will pre-qualify for this standard (OLNA – Online Literacy Numeracy Assessment).

I would also like to draw your attention to homework classes that currently run after school - other classes may become available during the year and students will be notified in daily notices. Thank you to those staff who volunteer their time to provide extra help to students.

Maths – 3-4pm	Wednesday	Room A5
Follow the Dream	Monday	Library

The school offers other academic support for students through our Academic Excellence Program and our Learning Centre, and whilst these are targeted programs to identified students, we encourage all students to take full advantage of every learning opportunity.

Finally I would like to extend a big thank you to the Year 7 teachers, our wonderful team of Education Assistants, Mrs Archdall, Mr Pettit and all those who assisted in the Year 7 Camp and the smooth transition of two cohorts of students. It certainly has been a packed few weeks and we are very appreciative of staff going above and beyond in their efforts for our students. We do have an amazing staff!

Mrs Helen Deacon
Associate Principal

Senior School Report



The Senior School students have hit the ground running this year and it is hard to believe as I write this that we are still in the first half of the term.

Year 12 students seem to have settled in well, coming to terms with the demands of being in their final year of school. Although there are many important academic events happening this year, the number one priority for the students is the up coming ball and the arrival of the Leaver's Jackets. Invitations and all the paper work have now been distributed to all the students and forms, payments and permissions forms should be handed in as soon as possible. The Ball this year is being held at the Hyatt in Adelaide Terrace. It is always a great night and I look forward to seeing the Year 12s looking fine, and some of the teachers practising their daggy dance moves.

Leaver's Jackets are due to arrive in the last week of February, and after their arrival I am able to place an order for new students and those who didn't place an order last year.

Hopefully all Senior School students have now managed to put study plans into action. All students will now have their course outlines and will be aware of task and assignment due dates. The school diaries, which were issued to all students, are a great source of information about study tips, establishing a good study routine and general organisation. It is also important to be aware of the Upper School Assessment Policy and for Medical Certificates to be obtained if assessments or deadlines are missed. I can't stress enough how important it is for students to write down the due date of any assessments. A really good idea is to have this information in a central location so as parents you can give your children an extra nudge when they say "they have no school work to do." Another really good tip is making the kitchen table the venue for study and homework. This is a great way of ensuring they stay on task.

OLNA testing is happening in Weeks 6 and 7 and we have some Year 11 students re-sitting these test. If your child is one who will be required to sit any of the three tests you will be advised of this. It is important to remember that from 2016 students will have to pass OLNA in order to graduate. The tests are held twice a year. Your child will have been given a link to some practise tests, so they can log onto the site at home and have a go at doing the test before the big day.

Senior School is one of the most demanding times of student's lives, so as well as working to the best of their ability, it is also important to have some down time, or things in place to relieve some stress or pressure. I am a big believer in exercise as a way to relieve pressure, and there are also some great apps available to help relieve stress. It is worth looking into because it is really important to be both mentally and physically healthy to help with the demands of Senior School.

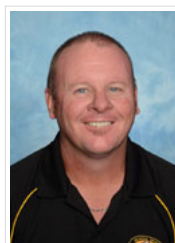
I also have a selection of information regarding universities and revision courses if your child needs any further information or help.

Jane Sayer-Henderson, who is the Head of Senior School is away on leave for the whole of 2015, so I will be filling her shoes

for Term One. At this stage it is unsure who will be doing the role for the remainder of the year, but please feel free to contact me with any questions, or queries. Email tends to be the best way of contacting me Emma.Cannell@education.wa.edu.au

Mrs Emma Cannell
Head of Senior School

Middle School Matters



I am sure everyone will agree that this has been an amazingly busy start to the year. From my point of view, considering all of the goings on in our school I am really proud of the way our Year 7s and 8s have settled in...and this is in small part due to the great work of our Year 7 and 8 teams. I want to publically acknowledge the work done by all

of the staff and a special thank you to:

	Maths	English	Science	Humanities and Social Sciences
8.01	Mr Jim O'Neill	Mrs Emma Cox-Flory	Mrs Robyn Stewart	Ms Melinda Davies
8.02	Mr Jim O'Neill	Ms Nicolee Laird	Mrs Robyn Stewart	Ms Melinda Davies
8.03	Mr Jim O'Neill	Ms Nicolee Laird	Mrs Robyn Stewart	Ms Melinda Davies
8.04	Mr Dean Todd	Ms Nicolee Laird	Mr Andrew Brennan	Miss Ainsley Free
8.05	Mr Dean Todd	Mrs Emma Cox-Flory	Mr Andrew Brennan	Miss Ainsley Free
8.06	Mr Dean Todd	Mrs Emma Cox-Flory	Mr Andrew Brennan	Miss Ainsley Free

I would also like to introduce our Year 8 mentor teachers as well. They deal with students everyday at the start of the day and are pivotal in our pastoral care program so if you have any questions then mentor teachers are your first port of call.

In Year 8 we have :

8.01	Mrs Robyn Stewart (AEP)
8.02	Mrs Jess Rogers (KPA)
8.03	Ms Zoe Wittber (GATE Art)
8.04	Ms Teagan Cowton (OAP)
8.05	Miss Ainsley Free
8.06	Ms Belinda Davies

8.07	Mr Dean Todd
8.08	Mr Andrew Brennan
8.09	Ms Nicolee Laird

Our Year 7 team have been flat out and have done an amazing job to get the year started. The Year 7s can now really settle down and get into a high school routine as they now know their teachers well and are acclimatised to our wonderful school. So again, a big thank you to:

7.01	Mrs Nicole Sijka
7.02	Mr Rob Roper
7.03	Ms Cristi Jonas
7.04	Ms Susan Archdall (Year 7 Coordinator)
7.05	Miss Claire Connor
7.06	Miss Leah Richards
7.07	Mrs Amber Minchin

Coming up soon we have our Bibbulman Challenge for our Year 8 students so that will truly develop the school value of Resilience. These dates are on the school calendar so please check them out on the website. Our Year 9s are now right in the middle of high school and most of them have come back from holidays with a very positive can do attitude which has been pleasing and very soon will have the chance to participate in the Triple Challenge being organised by our amazing Chaplain, Desi.

Two things I would like to finish on.

School Journal

Each student was given a journal at the start of the year. This is a valuable tool for not only organisation and planning when it comes to assessments and homework, but as a communication tool. If you are concerned about something in your child's class than please write a note to the teacher in the journal and have the staff member sign it so you know they have seen it. By using the journal it helps with the communication process but also builds organisational capacity for the student.

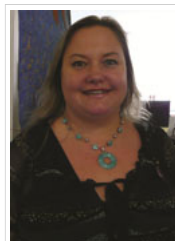
Attendance

If your child is going to be absent from school or has been absent then please contact our Absentee Officer, Mrs Colleen Hockley. Students who miss school place themselves at educational risk and for prolonged absences there may be somethings that we can do to ensure that the impact on learning may be lessened.

Just in closing please stay in touch with your child's teachers as high school is a partnership. We need and want your input on how things are travelling so please do not ever be afraid to get in contact with us. Generally the best way to do this is by email or contact the front office and they will be able to put you in touch with the relevant staff member.

Mr Mark Pettit
Head of Middle School

Student Services Report



A BIG welcome to all new staff and students to Kalamunda SHS for 2015 and also a BIG welcome back to staff and students who are recommencing this year.

It has been an extremely busy start to the year but we are now back into the swing of things and students are aware of the clear expectations of the school which are;

Attending school 90% or above at all times, wearing the school uniform and working to their best ability in all classes.

I would like to introduce the Student Services team for 2015 and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or issues.

A/ Head of Senior School:	Mrs Emma Cannell
Head of Middle School:	Mr Mark Pettit
Year 10 Coordinator:	Mr Carl Stott
Year 7 Coordinator:	Mrs Susan Archdall
Academic Excellence Program Coordinator:	Mrs Robyn Stewart
VET Coordinator:	Mrs Jane Rebeiro
Learning Centre:	Mrs Shelley Swithenbank
School Psychologist:	Mrs Jenny Edmonds
School Chaplain:	Ms Desi Chapman
School Nurse:	Mr Jared Kealley
School Attendance Officer:	Mrs Colleen Hockley

Celebrating Semester Two achievements

Our final assembly on 2014 was an opportunity to celebrate students who excelled through the semester and maintained 100% attendance. Congratulations to all the worthy winners.

Year 8			
Thomas Andrews	MG8.04OAP	James Longa	MG8.10
Jayden Booth	MG8.08	Keyuri Naidoo	MG8.01AE

Final Assembly Winners 2014

Year 8			
Briony Bray	MG8.03GA	Declan O'Hanlon	MG8.01AE
Riley Caswell	MG8.02PA	Kristiana Pivac	MG8.04OAP
Krystal Haigh	MG8.07	Liam Scott	MG8.01AE
Georgia Jackson	MG8.02PA	Grace Todd	MG8.03GA

Year 9			
Liam Andrews	MG9.11	Emma Masters	MG9.02KPA
Lara Geronimo	MG9.10	Liam McClenaghan	MG9.10
Jonathan Hoey	MG9.01AE	Josephine Murray	MG9.05
Jared Hughes	MG9.07	Dredd Semblance	MG9.10
Par Kanyawong	MG9.08	Jacob Smith	MG9.11
Jayden Kelley	MG9.04	Brianna Zlaman	MG9.11
Calum MacLeod	MG9.03OAP		

Year 10			
James Baglin	MG10.07	Nathan Ogden	MG10.03
Jack Edwards	MG10.04OA	Rihana Orr	MG10.01AE
Harry Lowe	MG10.01AE	Mia Palmer	MG10.03
Tomika McCormick	MG10.02PA		

Year 11			
David Borger	MG11.07	Amelia Millard	MG11.05
Patricia Cainap	MG11.09	Sean Plunkett	MG11.02
Jessica Chisholm	MG11.01	Jackson Pollard	MG11.05
Wayne Dreyer	MG11.06	Thomas Rogers	MG11.03
Sarah Goddard	MG11.07	Bradley Smithies	MG11.01
Clayton Hughes	MG11.03	Devi Wiguna	MG11.01
Aleksa Kovacevic	MG11.01	Tony Zhong	MG11.06

Award	Winner
John Day Citizenship Award	James Grylls (10)
Nathan Morton Wisdom and Courage Awards	Jaxon Holt (8) Maddy Ehlers (9) Brittany Clark (10)
Samantha Rowe MLC Citizenship Award	Emma Benfield (10)
Year 8 Citizenship Award	Casey Terrill
Year 9 Citizenship Award	Cormac Healy
John Owen Incentive Award	Daniel Robinson (10)
CWA Award-Home Economics	Khayla Elliot (8) Jayde Sholte (9) Phoebe Minett (10)
de Rosario Music Awards	Amy Stewart (10) , Amberley Bradley (10)
Steilberger Literature Awards	Kaylea Cinquina (10) , Aiden Ross (10)
Steilburger Musical Award	Brody Honey (10)
Australian Defence Award	Damian Jaskolski (10)
Sportsperson Awards:	Megan Halse(8), Denholm Melrose (9), Ellen Bottrell (10)
100% Attendance Awards: 8,9,10	Thomas Andrews (8), Grace Todd (8), Declan O' Hanlon (8), Briony Bray (8), Blake Walsh (8)
Letters of Commendation Silver Awards	Ewan Pollard (8), Grace Todd (8), Yuval Berman (9), Sarrah De Jose (9), Allira Payne (10)
IGA Attendance Incentive Award	Krystal Haigh's Mum, Lee-Anne Dennis
Dux Awards:	Grace Todd (8) Yuval Berman (9) Allira Payne (10)

Commendation Certificates 2014 Semester 2

Bronze Winners

Year 8:

Leah Addison, Hailey Albertsen, Nina Almeda, Renae Cavanagh, Julia Colman, Sian Crossman, Tim Hutcheon, William Jewell-Tait, Ethan Nairn

Year 9:

Krystal Adriano, Ayesha Arnold, Emma Catchpole, Brooke Colpitts, Aiyana Erbebing, Grace Fowler, Lara Geronimo, Meaghan Haggart, Jonathan Hoey, Corey Ireland, Kreshia Jalipot, Montana Knight, Allyssa Lim, Sidonie Moran, Madison Pearce, Michael Reeves, Alexandra Snow, April Thwaites, Jaxson Vaughan, Deborah Weatherley

Year 10:

Alec Weatherley

Silver Winners

Year 8: Ewan Pollard, Grace Todd

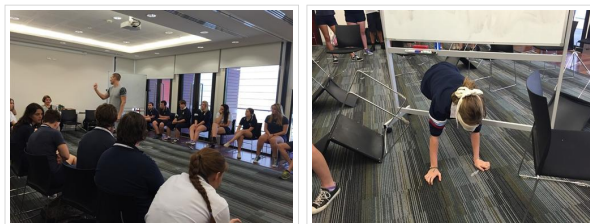
Year 9: Yuval Berman, Sarrah De Jose

Year 10: Allira Payne

Student Leadership Day

I would like to congratulate our incoming leadership group who went through a rigorous process last year of nominations, voting and in some cases interviews for Head Boy and Head Girl. For those who missed out this year there will be plenty of other opportunities to enhance your leadership skills and I encourage you all to nominate again later on in the year.

House Representatives			
	Year 11	Year 10	Year 9
Draco	Tahlia Caubo	Taylah Duns	Michael Cranfield
Orion	Shai Hollingum	Thomas Griffiths	Riley Hughes
Pegasus	Brodee Kempton	Denholm Melrose	Grace Todd
Phoenix	Emma Benfield	Grace Smith	Dylan Todd



On Monday 23 February the leadership group attended a leadership day at the Zig Zag Cultural Centre. They were addressed by the Principal and then were led in team building and leadership activities by Adam and Tam from Armed to life. As you can see by the photo's the students were engaged and had a lot of fun whilst learning about what it takes to be a functioning team. The group were split into four groups and had to name their team, so we ended up with; The Jets, Up Town Funk, The Royal Corkies and the Cyan Squids. The Jets narrowly won followed by Up Town Funk!

After the activities and lunch it was time to get down to some action planning for the year run by Jenny our School Psychologist and Desi our school Chaplain. Jenny explained to the group that as an Act Belong Commit school it is important to run as many activities and events that demonstrate the key message of Act Belong Commit. The teams then brainstormed ideas for coming events such as; the 40 hour famine, No bullying day, RUOK day, The Greatest Shave and lunchtime activities for students. After hearing all the students ideas for these events I know that the school is in great hands with this leadership group.

We look forward to welcoming the new Year 7 and 8 leadership group at a later date and they will also attend a leadership day and encourage you all to nominate when nominations are announced.

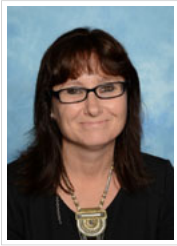
Mrs Amanda Morton
Student Services Manager

Year 12	
Head Girl	Bethany Hickson
Head Boy	Brodie Leuba
Deputy Head Girl	Maya Simpson
Deputy Head Boy	Bradley Smithies
Prefect	Amie Rovacsek
Prefect	Shirlene Streicher

Student Councillors	
Year 11	Kala Sullivan, Felix Jahn, AJ Nash, Laura Goodlet
Year 10	Yuval Berman, James Falzon
Year 9	Annabella Graham, Kristiana Pivac, Liam Scott, Declan O'Hanlon

House Captains	
Draco	Mitchell Cutler, Rebekah Deaman
Orion	Ryan Harris, Renee Fleming
Pegasus	Shaun Moeller, Anna Palma
Phoenix	Jack Reid, Jamie Turner

Transition News



Welcome to all our Year 6 families in our feeder Primary Schools who are eagerly awaiting their chance to transition to Kalamunda Senior High School as our 2016 Year 7s. I will use this News Review to keep you informed with important dates and information for the transition process. Next

week our first Transition Newsletter will be sent out to students in all feeder primary schools. If you wish to receive one digitally visit our school website and register your email address for instant electronic reminders of information updates.

Parent Information Evening

A Year 4-6 Parent Information Evening, which looks at the school history, facilities, pedagogy and values, is a great place to start if your family is new to KSHS. Parents will be led through the way the Year 7 and 8 teams work, the Specialist Programs available and the Academic Achievement of KSHS over many years. A few parents speak on why they chose Kalamunda for their families and there is time for a question and answer session. Most new families find this very useful.

The Parent Information Evening will be held on Wednesday March 18 at 6.30pm in the School Cafeteria.

Specialist Programs

Applications for our Specialist Programs will close on Thursday April 2. Information is available on our school website or as hard copy brochures from our front office.

If you have any questions or queries about Transition please do not hesitate to ask Susan Archdall on susan.archdall@education.wa.edu.au or on 92936400.

YEAR 7 NEWS

The Year 7 team has had a fantastic start to the year with their Year 7 Values Camp and Swimming Lessons.

Year 7 Values Camp

Undoubtedly the highlight of beginning Year 7 in 2015 has been the three day Year 7 Values Camp. A fantastic opportunity for students to establish strong, positive relationships with both their new peers and their teachers in a risk taking environment removed from the academic forum. Each group had a one night sleepover at school, feasting on pizza and watching a movie. After an early 6am wake up and breakfast, students bussed to Bickley Outdoor Recreation Camp to participate in team building and risk taking activities such as raft building, flying fox, crate climb, canoeing, orienteering and search and rescue. The second day was a 10.5km walk around Victoria Reserve and the third day at school familiarising students with resources such as the library and their BYOD and ironing out any connection issues. Students and teachers have reflected on the great 'flow on' into the classrooms and the establishment of a great 'bond' in the Year 7 Team.



Swimming Lessons

All Year 7 students had the chance to participate in a week of hour long lessons provided by the Education Department Swimming Instructors at the Kalamunda Pool. The lessons were a cool reprieve from the warm weather and a great chance for students to extend their swimming skills.

If you have any questions or queries about the Year 7 Program please do not hesitate to ask Susan Archdall on susan.archdall@education.wa.edu.au or on 92936400.

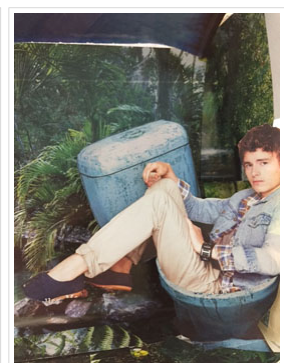
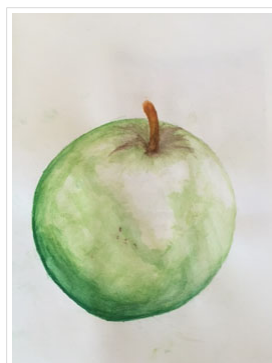
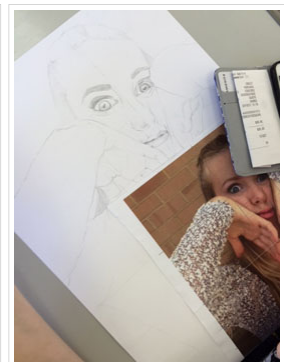
Mrs Susan Archdall
Transition Coordinator

Did you know?

Under Traffic Law stopping or parking within 20 metres of the approach side and 10 metres of the leaving side of a pedestrian or children's crossing is an offence.

Please drop your children in a safe place well away from the crosswalk (Central Road is a good option). This ensures the crosswalk attendant has a clear view of oncoming vehicles when escorting children across the road.

GATE Art Update

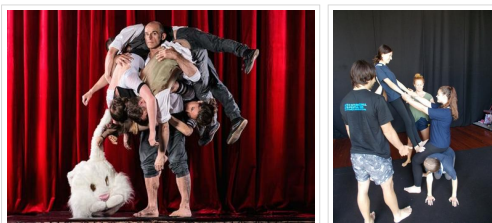


As the new GATE Coordinator for Visual Art I have hit the ground running. There are 8 tutors this term delivering a wide variety of studio areas including ceramics, textiles, jewellery making, oil painting, watercolour, drawing and digital art. We have Gordon Mitchell exploring ceramics with the theme of gargoyles which has engaged the students very quickly. Eden Lennox is working with a predominantly Year 8 group making ceramic jewellery using a riso printing technique to transfer a self-portrait onto their work. We have a watercolour workshop run by Jock, a very talented watercolour artist, who is demonstrating high level skills and techniques that the students are picking up quickly. Sally Florisson is enhancing our students' traditional drawing techniques with the non-traditional theme of warped portraiture. Students spent the first session contorting their faces with tape and string, taking photos, and working from them to create some unusual pieces. Nick Mahony is using mixed media including magazines, boxes and plastimake to hook students into thinking 'outside the box' and create their own personal dioramas. We have a textile workshop run by Heather Davis who has done shibori dyeing with the students. They are then working on designs to create riso stencils that can be screen printed onto their fabric. Rebecca Morgan is teaching students all about oil painting including the variety of mediums available to the application of paint. They are creating surreal landscapes from photographs and their own imagination. Our photoshop guru, Chris Hyland, has the Year 7 group working very hard on some digital artwork. The 7s are so engaged that they are difficult to get out of the lab on Saturdays – very motivated!

Overall it has been an excellent start. I look forward to seeing the wonderful results from these talented students.

Ms Zoe Wittber
GATE Coordinator for Visual Art

Kalamunda Performing Arts



Beyond

On Wednesday 18 February, the Year 10 Kalamunda Performing Arts students attended a show from the International Arts Festival called Beyond. The students sat in awe at the Regal Theatre watching Circa an exceptionally talented group of acrobatic performers, deliver a bold new vision of contemporary circus.

Beyond is warm, surreal and unexpectedly moving. Blending dynamic circus acts like trapeze and Chinese pole with cheeky feats of strength and multiple bunny heads, set to a bewitching mix of show tunes, ballads and electronica, this creation delights and enchants. *Beyond* is set on multiple stages within stages – small red-curtained worlds that offer a glimpse of this rich and empathetic world. Over the course of *Beyond* we meet

the artists, marvel at their skills, enter their personalities and emerge into a strangely beautiful and curiously tender world.

The next day the Year 10 KPA students participated in a workshop. Kalamunda was the only Perth school to be given a circus workshop by the performers. The students were so excited to meet the artists and learn new circus skills. The Year 10s will be writing a detailed review on *Beyond* for their assessment task and were delighted to have the opportunity to ask the artists a series of questions at the end to help them with their task. Overall the students loved the workshop and found it invigorating, educational, inspiring and fun!

Mrs Jessica Rogers
Performing Arts Coordinator

Hosting a French student (16 July - 19 August 2015)

For the last 9 years a program has been in place offering the opportunity to young French students aged 16-17 years to discover Australia and its education system.

The student will attend a high school.

The purpose of the program is for the French student to experience living with an Australian family, to see how an Australian school operates, to improve their English language skills through this full immersion and to create a strong friendship with their Anglophone peers. The program is highly successful and both Australians and French students greatly enjoy the exchange. Many families still keep in touch with each other.

He/she will be fully covered by appropriate insurance.

Please contact **Martine Floyd**, email :
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if you are interested in hosting.

One of the major challenges for parents of teenagers is knowing how to encourage them to develop the skills they need to be independent and responsible. This can sometimes be a difficult time for young people and their parents. Triple P offers a series of 3 seminars aimed at providing parents support and strategies to make this transition into adolescence as smooth as possible.



The seminar series is offered over 3 evenings. The first seminar provides strategies to parents to manage the change within the home, the second seminar looks at how to help your teenager make the most of their time at school and the final seminar examines ways to encourage your teenager to become connected with the wider community.

The seminars will be conducted on Thursday evenings 12 March, 19 March and 26 March at 6:00pm. These will be hosted at Kalamunda SHS in the staffroom.

Door prizes, refreshments and gift vouchers are provided.

For more information regarding the seminars or to RSVP email Jenny Edmonds at Jennifer.edmonds2@education.wa.edu.au or call 9293 6413.

Relationships Australia Parenting Courses

Parent Child Connection

Thursday 12 March x 4 weeks at 22 Southport Street, West Leederville. 6.30-9pm \$50 per person/ \$75 per couple. Raising children should be one of life's greatest experiences, but as any parent knows, it is not an easy task. People with children under ten are invited to this four-week course to learn new skills, feel better about their parenting and gain confidence. For further information please phone 9489 6322.

Understanding Stepfamily Relationships

A weekend course – 13, 14 and 15 March being held at 22 Southport Street, West Leederville. \$75 per person/ \$120 per couple. Stepfamilies and blended families operate in a different way to intact biological families. The dynamics of a stepfamily are more complex and there is a need for special understanding and management from both biological and stepparents working together for a healthy stepfamily growth to happen. For further information please phone 9489 6322.

Rock and Water Programme

Saturday 21 March held at West Leederville Primary School 8.30-12.30 \$50 per pair.

Physical exercises are constantly linked with mental and social skills. The Rock and Water program leads from simple self-defence, boundary and communication exercises to a strong notion of self-confidence. The program offers a framework of exercises and ideas to assist boys and girls to become aware of the purpose and motivation in their life. Topics include: intuition, body language, mental strength, empathic feeling, positive feeling, positive thinking and positive visualising. For further information please phone 9489 6322.

Dads Raising Teenage Girls

Thursday 19 March 6.30-9 \$25. The father-daughter relationship is particularly important during the teenage years to help girls navigate this difficult time. Find out how you can build a more rewarding relationship with your teenage daughter. For further information please phone 9489 6322.

Kids and Today's Technology

Wednesday 11 and 18 March at Fremantle; and 23 and 30 March at West Leederville. \$35 per person/\$50 per couple.

Technology is now being used by very young children and most teenagers are proficient users of many aspects of technology. Your knowledge of what's out there, how it's being used and how you manage it in your home will have a direct impact on your kids' learning and safety. For further information please phone 9489 6322.

Fathering after Separation

Thursday 26 March 6.30-9pm \$25.

It's important for fathers to distinguish between their parenting role and the relationship break-up. This seminar is held in a male-only environment, suggests ways in which fathers can keep in touch with children, even if hindered by formal access arrangements. For further information please phone 9489 6322.

For further information on Relationships Australia Parenting courses follow this link <http://www.wa.relationships.com.au>

SAVE THE DATES!!

To celebrate and recognise the wonderful jobs our Mothers and Fathers do this year, we will host a Mother's Day and Father's day Breakfast.

On Friday 8 May students and their Mothers will be invited to attend a before school breakfast to celebrate the day.

On Friday 4 September students and Fathers will be invited to do the same.

More details will be provided closer to these dates. But mark them in your diary now!

Don't miss out on communication from the school. Please inform the school of your current email address.