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Associate Principal Senior School

Parent Information Evenings

On Monday February 19 we held a very successful evening for around 250 parents of Year 11 students. The focus was to develop an understanding of the senior school structure in Western Australia, the expectations of senior school students at Churchlands and how parents could support their sons and daughters adopt good study skills. This section was led by Hudson from Elevate Education, a group who we use to provide motivational study skills strategies to our Year 11 and 12 students.

On Tuesday 27 February, we ran an Information Evening for parents of Year 12 ATAR students. I was able to provide a lot of valuable information to help improve knowledge and understanding of scaling, the complex ATAR requirements and university entrance process. Our Careers Advisor, Clare Slodecki, provided information on the various scholarship opportunities open to students and we finished off with a session from our School Psychologist, Claire Morrison, on managing stress and "Setting Your Teen Up For Success In Year 12". A copy of the material presented is available on our website. Check out Learning – Senior Schooling – "Scaling, ATAR and Scholarships".



Parent Information Evening

Year 12 Breakfast Club

On Friday 23 March over one hundred students, staff and parents attended the second Year 12 Breakfast Club for the year. The Breakfast Club is designed for those students who have a predicted ATAR of 95+, placing them amongst the top 5% of students in WA.

It was held at the Rendezvous Hotel in Scarborough and participants enjoyed a yummy cooked breakfast and listened to a very interesting talk by former CSHS student who was also the Head Boy in 2007, David Gozzard. David has just completed his PhD in experimental Physics. As part of this he worked



David Gozzard

on developing new signal stabilization technologies for the Square Kilometre Array radio telescope and other space science experiments. In 2017, David was awarded the ExxonMobil Student Scientist of the Year at the WA Premier's Science Awards. David was an interesting and energetic speaker and came back to the school at lunch time on Wednesday 4 April to speak to all interested Physics students and staff.



Students and parents at the Year 12 Breakfast Club

Paul Housley
Associate Principal - Senior School



Associate Principals (shared duties) Middle School

We can't believe that we are nearly at the end of Term 1

Congratulations to all of our Year 9 students who have successfully transitioned in Middle Secondary. OLN was a big focus for many of our Year 10 students and we congratulate you on your efforts.

No Woman Left Behind

For International Women's Day our Head Girl, Miss Shrushti Jethva and a group of female leaders from the school attended the United Nations (UN) Women Breakfast at the Convention Centre. UN Women is an organisation that is dedicated to gender equality and the empowerment of women. The organisation works in the areas of: leadership and political participation; economic empowerment; ending violence against women; and peace and security. Leave No Woman Behind was the key message at the breakfast. One of the achievements they celebrated was the Solar Lantern Project, where women in Syria have been issued with solar lanterns to improve their security and safety.



We encourage you to view their website: [UN Women](http://UNWomen.org).

The Future will be Human

ECU Watermark GetLinked event was held at the Joondalup Arena in March. We thought we would share some interesting predictions and facts. The predictions and information shared below is from Dr Kate Raynes-Goldie's research. She believes that forty percent of jobs will be lost to automation. The four skills that she promoted as those desired from now and into the future include:

- Creativity
- Emotional Intelligence
- Intelligence
- Entrepreneurship

Gamers are future humans

Dr Raynes-Goldie promotes the idea that gamers are future humans, as we move in to an era where virtual reality is becoming reality. For example, occupational health and safety courses are more frequently using software to simulate the operation of heavy vehicles for safe practices training.

She also discussed that it will become more common for people to have a portfolio of jobs, not just one job, and jobs where people,



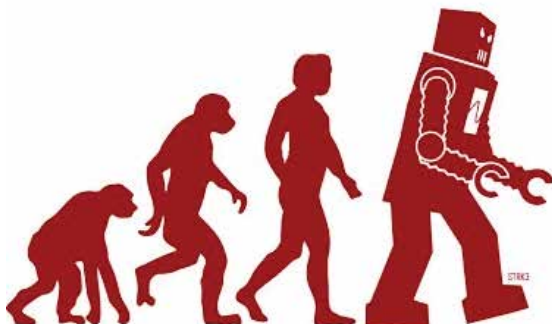
Dr Raynes Goldie

- work anywhere;
- continually update their skills;
- create their own opportunities; and
- have a high level of technical, emotional and social skills.

If you would like to know more we would encourage you to view the Future Human Academy online.

Term 2 will consist of some big decisions for our Year 10 students. We encourage students to work consistently to the best of their ability, to achieve their potential. In doing this, students will enable the widest breadth of Senior School course options to be available to them. It is perfectly understandable that students may not have a clear direction as to where they want to go post-school and students can change their minds. Middle Secondary is about keeping options open.

Karena Shearing and Leah Crawford
Associate Principals
- Middle School





Associate Principal Junior School

We have had a very busy term in Junior School with a range of different school activities including, the Year 7 Camp, Year Level and Interschool Swimming Carnivals, Academic Extension Program, Writers' Festival, Year 8 Immunizations, the Year 7 Parent BBQ, School Photos and the continuation of doing hard work in class



Year 7 Swimming Carnival



Parents and students at the Year 7 P & C BBQ

2018 Student Council and House Captains

I would like to acknowledge the whole student group who have started the year so well and compliment all the parents who have been very supportive of their children and the school.

Congratulations to the Year 7 and 8 students who were elected Student Councillors and House Captains for 2018 (*names available on Year 7 and Year 8 House Co reports*). These are important leadership positions in the school that gives students a really good opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills.

Diary Use and Homework

The effective use of a diary is a very valuable skill to teach students which will follow them throughout their lives. We need to ensure students use their diary at school to plan what they need to do including preparing for tests, study, due dates for assessments/tests and bringing the required equipment. Generally, most students use their diaries quite well and any assistance parents can give, including signing the diaries regularly, is greatly appreciated.

Research shows that students who get targeted and relevant homework can increase their academic performance at school. Year 7 students should get approximately five hours homework a week and Year 8s approximately five to eight hours a week. Music students will get more as they have instrumental practice.

The study skills picked up in Junior School give the students important building blocks leading into the rigorous requirements of Senior School.

Year 8 Examinations

To best prepare students for Senior School it is necessary for students to be exposed to examination conditions early in high school. Study skills, time management in examination conditions, stress management and hard work are very important skills to develop. Year 8 students will sit their first one hour examinations in English, Mathematics, Humanities and Social Sciences and Science from 21-24 May (Week 4 Term 2). Teachers will brief the students on the content covered in the examinations and give valuable study skills for their specific subject.

Uniform Shop

The school would like to take this opportunity to thank the Uniform Shop Manager, Mary Rose Kaourelias, who has been in charge for all of 2017 until the present. Mary Rose came to the aid of the P and C to take an interim role as Uniform Shop Manager in what is a very complex and busy role. Mary Rose has been a very hard working and organised person who has developed an excellent team within the Uniform Shop and we wish her all the best in the future. Natasha Madams has recently taken over as the new Uniform Manager and we wish her well in her new role.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or concerns. Alternatively you can contact the Head of Year 7 Ms Kitto jkitto@churchlands.wa.edu.au or Head of Year 8 Ms Campbell lcampbell@churchlands.wa.edu.au.

Mr Bernie Dunn
Associate Principal - Junior Secondary



Churchlands Foundation Music Scholarship

Foundation Awards - Music Scholarship to talented students

Gifted and Talented Year 7 students; Marcel Howell and Abigail Brook, were awarded a Churchlands Foundation Music Scholarship at the Year 7 parent barbeque on March 13.

Mr John Gillon, Chairman of the Churchlands Senior High School Foundation, and also a 1968 Churchlands graduate encourages parents to support the Foundation to increase the number and range of scholarships awarded each year. Students benefit directly from funds raised through different campaigns and events.



Marcel Howell and Abigail Brook

Every year the Foundation grants two music scholarships to gifted and talented students based on academic merit and financial assistance.

The Scholarship provides a sum of \$2000 in the first year of the program (Year 7) and \$500 in the consecutive years up to their last year of High School (Year 12). The Scholarship aims to assist with expenses related to musical studies and education expenses such as:



- Purchase of a musical instrument
- Stationery and books
- Excursions and camps
- Laptop
- Uniform
- Others

Congratulations to our bright students!

Nawal Kurson
Marketing and Media Officer



Churchlands Senior High School
FOUNDATION

P & C Community Art Exhibition



The popular CSHS P & C Community Art Exhibition will be held between Friday 25 May to Sunday 27 May.

The exhibition is open to professional, emerging and student artists in the community to exhibit a wide range of artworks including paintings, drawings, collage, photography, ceramics, glass, jewellery, sculpture and textiles.

All artworks are for sale and 20% of the sale price goes to the CSHS P&C to fund facilities and services for students.

If you, a family member or friend would like to exhibit artworks please visit the CSHS website at www.churchlands.wa.edu.au

Our Community > P&C > Art Exhibition > Forms

Entry forms need to reach the Treasurer of the CSHS P&C Association by Monday 30 April at 20 Lucca Street, Churchlands, WA, 6018 or email churchlandspc@westnet.com.au

Please share this information with any other artists you know who may like to exhibit at the exhibition.

Year 12 Ball

A Night Under the Stars is a Night to Remember

The Year 12s had their much anticipated ball at the Perth Convention Centre during Week 8 of this term, and with 500 people present it was a dazzling sight to behold. The ladies sparkled in their evening gowns and the gentleman looked dashing in their tuxedos as they glided down the red carpet, eager to commence their celestial soiree.

To enrich a luminous night of frivolity, we were honoured to have the angelic voices of Gen Arnold, Manai Long and Tayah Lawrence entertain us. We are fortunate have so many shining talents in Year 12 and relish the opportunity to have them grace the stage at our events.

Gravity was defied as our students swung around the dance floor, unveiling their sparkling ballroom dancing skills they acquired over several lessons with the radiant Gemma Graffin.

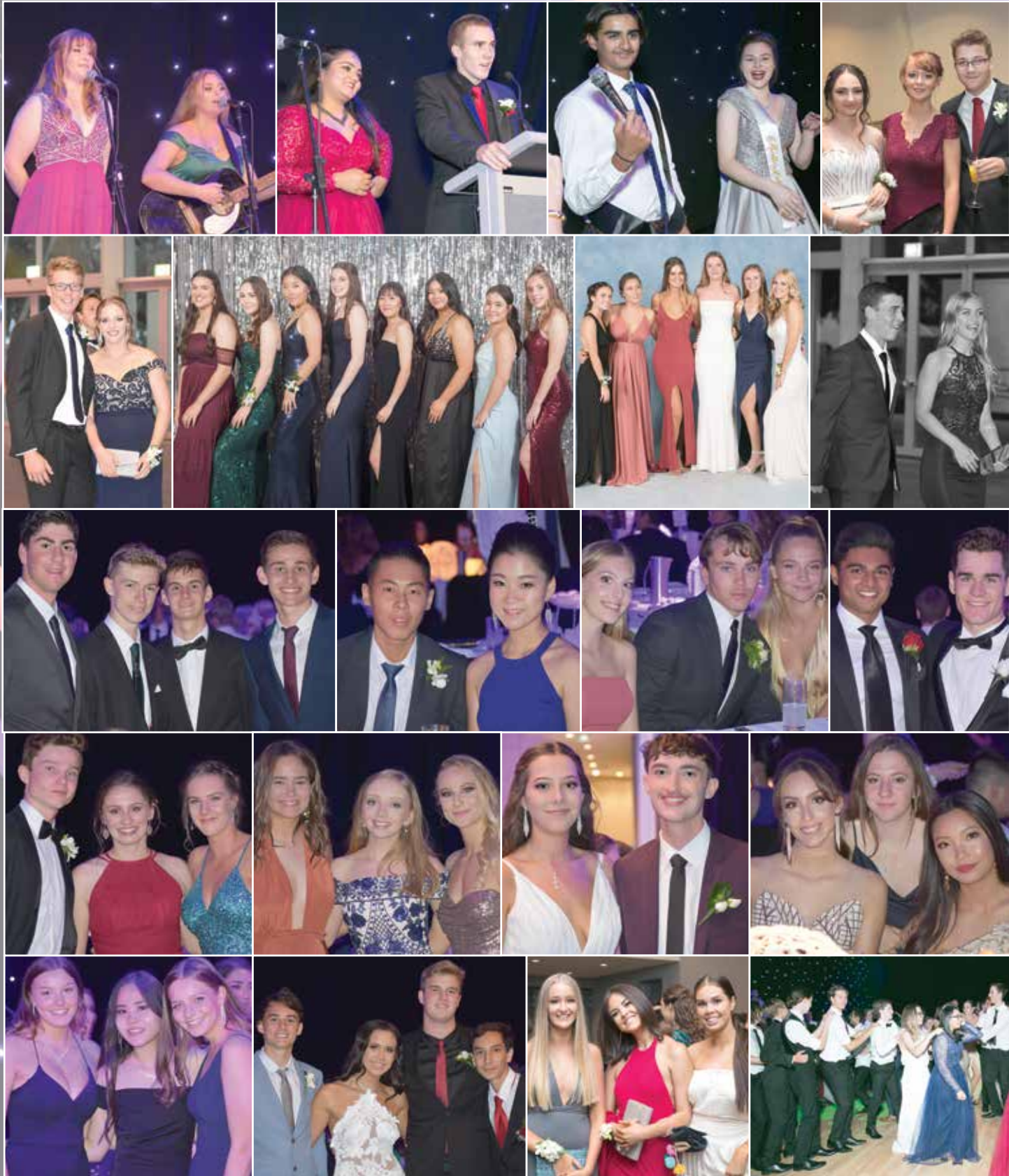
Our two rising stars, Head Boy, Ethan Blume, and Head Girl, Shrushti Jethva, took a moment to reflect on the significance of the ball and all that our amazing students have accomplished so far.

A special mention must also be made of the glowing Belle and Beau of the Ball, Lauren Siggs and Sohail Bajaria. Congratulations on this prestigious recognition!

To end a glamorous evening of fun, laughter and dancing, students rocketed around the dance floor in a Congo line, grabbing anyone they could reach to join their orbit.

It was clear that the stars aligned for a scintillating 'night under the stars'.

Year 12 Ball





Year 7 Report



Welcome Year 7s!

It's hard to believe that you have been at Churchlands SHS for a whole term! Time flies when you are having fun! So far our Year 7s have made a great start to their secondary schooling – with plenty of exciting events taking place during the term, including the Year 7 camp and swimming carnival.

Year 7 Camp

The Year 7 camp at Point Peron took place throughout Week 3, with each house going for two days and one night. The camp was full of fun activities including rock climbing, kayaking, raft building, beach games and making movie trailers. We were treated to fantastic weather during our stay, which topped off a great camp! The students were fantastic and really got involved in all the activities. New friendships were made, with form groups having plenty of opportunities to bond through team building activities. I would like to thank all the staff (both from Churchlands and Point Peron) and students for making the camp such a wonderful experience for the students.

Student Leaders

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected as 2018 Year 7 Student Councillors and House Leaders.

Student Councillors

- Raafat El-Mongi
- Zachary Resnik
- Nicola Archibald
- Salma Ahmed

House Captain

Brighton

- Sienna Pallavicini
- Corey Larter

Floreat

- Sophia Roberts
- Vas Middleton

Scarborough

- Makayla Claussen
- Vasilis Kerr

Trigg

- Indianna Arnott
- Bailey Hayman

Year 7 Report

Swimming Carnival

The Year 7 swimming carnival was held in Week 4 on Thursday 22nd February. It was great to see the Year 7s not only participating in a range of events but cheering on their house and supporting those swimming! We certainly have some incredible swimmers in our Year 7 group and a big congratulations to the below students:

Champion Girl: Mia Angeleski

Runner up: Sophia Roberts

3rd place: Sienna Gale

Champion Boy: Max Wagenaar

Runners Up: Nathan Pierce-Jones and Sebastian Broley

Year 7 P & C BBQ

The Year 7 BBQ was held on the 15 March and was an excellent opportunity for the Year 7s parents to meet key school staff and representatives from the P&C in an informal setting. The evening was a great success with many parents, staff and students in attendance.

A big thank you to Sue Wogan and the student volunteers who cooked the BBQ and provided the music!



Student volunteers at the Year 7 P & C BBQ



Year 7 Swimming Carnival

Lastly, a big well done to our wonderful Year 7s on their fantastic start to their time here at Churchlands. We are looking forward to a great year ahead!

Rick Johnston
Year 7 Floreat House Coordinator



Parents at the Year 7 P & C BBQ



Year 8 Report

The Year 8 cohort have hit the ground running in 2018, continuing their all-round impressive start to High School life

Although still in blue shirts, they have adapted quickly to the new expectations and responsibilities that are associated with climbing the 'Churchlands School ladder'. It really has been fantastic to see our Year 8s embrace all the new challenges in their stride and start the year in such a positive manner.

The Maze - End of Year Activity 2017

As a reward for a great 2017, students celebrated completing their first year of High School by attending a reward day at The Maze. The Maze had it all; water slides, pools, mini golf and trampolines were just a few of the attractions enjoyed by all students. The school received much positive feedback from the community regarding student behaviour and it was great to see everyone socialising and enjoying each other's company. It was very much a well-deserved finish to the year!



The Plummet slide - a real hit with the students



Students enjoying one of the many attractions at the Maze!

House Captains and Student Councillors

Congratulations to the 2018 Year 8 House Captains and Student Councillors who were elected by their peers and staff. This fine group of young leaders have already been busy organising house activities and year assemblies, whilst they also attended a GRIP (Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity and People) leadership excursion in Week 8.

Below our Student Leaders share their thoughts on what they learnt on the day:

"I learnt how to spend my time wisely and how to have more meaningful discussions. I am also now more confident when talking to older peers and teachers." - *Chelsea Wilson*

"I learnt that the four ways to grow integrity are to admit mistakes, follow through on promises, back up words with actions and to always display good values." - *Sienna Rawson*

"I learnt to always create clear and effective plans to make your thoughts come to reality and to always work as friends and not just teammates." - *Ben MacDonald*



Student Councillors at the GRIP Leaders

"I learnt many ways to get people involved in school events and how to interact better as a leadership group." - *Jaymon Briggs*



House Captains (back row from left) - Kalani Paul, Alayah Hill, Annabelle Jones, Alice Harwood, Ruby Dunn, Cooper Stephens, Grace Young and Gemma Etheridge (Absent: Holly Fraser)
Student Councillors (front row from left - Ben MacDonald, Chelsea Wilson, Sienna Rawson and Jaymon Briggs).

Year 8 Report

Swimming Champions

Huge congratulations must be given to all Year 8s for their performance and behaviour at the Year Swimming Carnival in Week 4. House colours and spirit were in full display and it was very impressive to see some truly exceptional swimming skills. Students either competed for championship points or enjoyed a large range of fun-filled novelty events. Well done to Scarborough House for being crowned the Champion House and to our Champion swimmers who are listed below:

	Boys	Girls
Champion	Daniel Gardiner	Alice Harwood
1st Runner up	Ben Austin	Lucy Knight
2nd Runner up	Jaymon Briggs	Mia Jackson

Year 8 Swimming Carnival final results:

1st	Scarborough (685)
2nd	Brighton (683)
3rd	Floreat (625)
4th	Trigg (590)



Champion girls Lucy Knight, Alice Harwood and Mia Jackson



Champion boys - Jaymon Briggs, Daniel Gardiner and Ben Austin



Girls from the Specialist Swimming Program



All smiles from Trigg



Brighton girls showing their support for their house



Good times in Scarborough House



Thumbs up from Floreat

I look forward to seeing the Year 8 cohort finish the term in the same positive style in which it has begun. Finally, on behalf of the entire Year 8 Team, I would like to wish everybody a happy and safe Easter!

David Bongiascia
Year 8 Trigg House Coordinator



Year 9 Report

The end of a busy term has arrived in a hurry and we are already a quarter of the way through Year 9

The bowling and movie day that we all really enjoyed before Christmas are now just a distant memory. Many of you have made a great start and are working really hard. Keep those letters of commendation coming- it is so good to see all the wonderful things you are achieving.

The swimming carnival was a great success again this year. The participation rate was high with the PE department commenting that it was the best year group of all. This holds us in good stead to have our own Year 10 carnival next year. Even better news is that Brighton came second this year, which is one better than last. Very exciting for the fabulous Brighton team.



End of Year activity day

The Interschool swimming team competed at the recent A grade swimming carnival, finishing second to Shenton College. Well done to all the Year 9 swimmers in the team, namely Maverick Cake, Charlotte Gale, William Larkin, Emma Putt, Kirby Kneeshaw, Eva Butler, Harry Pearce, Olivia McCleod, Cooper Mason, Eve McRoberts, Ashton Lavender and Luke Maxton - congratulations on a great day. And while we are on the topic of school teams, congratulations to Jack Flaherty who is the only Year 9 in the Churchlands Chargers basketball team. The games are well advertised so get to the sports hall and give Jack some support.



Swimming Carnival

Our latest house "nofriendo" Mario Kart activity saw some very keen competitors. It was awesome to see some new faces representing their teams. Trigg were the eventual winners, despite Mr Cross running secret coaching sessions for the Scarborough team! Well done to all participants.



Mario Kart activity

Year 9 Report

Congratulations to our Year 9 leadership team for 2018. We look forward to seeing them leading the assemblies and house activities this year.

Student Councillors

- Arjie Alviar
- Tyra-Jay Kelly
- Steven Vanderputten
- Alexander Warland

House Captains

Brighton

- Simon Eason
- Ashleigh Ward

Floreat

- Eva Butler
- Clare Nageleca

Scarborough

- Maverick Cake
- Praneel Margale

Trigg

- Jacob Hristianopoulos
- Lucy Maynes



Jacob
Hristianopoulos
and
Lucy Maynes



Maverick Cake
and
Praneel Margale

House Captains



Simon Eason
and
Ashleigh Ward



Eva Butler
and
Clare Nageleca

Recently our very own Jacob Hristianopoulos was one of the thousands of local legends who shared the dream to carry the Queen's Baton on its journey to the Gold Coast for the Commonwealth Games. Nominated by his peers for his achievements and contributions to his community, he represented the spirit of the Commonwealth and inspires others to be great. Awesome work Jacob.

A word on sleep. Remember that you are all growing and need at least 8 hours every night. You may need more sleep if you are often late for school, feel sleepy during the day, feel moody or grumpy, and maybe not getting good grades. At night, try to stop using technology earlier, dim the lights earlier, and start to relax earlier. Here is a challenge. Buy yourself a cheap alarm clock and leave your phone in the living area. Try it for a week and you will be amazed that you can actually survive, and will feel much better!

Have a happy and safe Easter break and holiday. I hope the Easter bunny brings you lots of chocolate.

Leanne Rushforth
Brighton House Coordinator



Year 10 Report

So, we enter what will be an exciting concluding chapter wearing the middle secondary teal shirt

The clean, crisp white polos of upper school are just around the corner... you can almost smell the Nappy San.

This year is going to be more jam packed than ever before, the Year 10s will experience some new, electrifying, and super important events that are going to help them towards fantastic futures.

Year 9 Activity Day

Before we talk about the present and future one must go back in time, all the way back to the activity day last year. The Year 10s believe it or not, were Year 9s back then and started the morning off with a lovely scenic drive in the school buses to Event Cinemas in Innaloo to have a good old giggle for a few hours whilst watching Daddy's Home 2.



Then came a lovely stroll down the hill to Jackadder Lake for a barbeque which was professionally and perfectly cooked by



Mr Marson, Mr Tan and Mr Davies. After lunch everyone played some exceptional frisbee and footy, and if you didn't know who they were it may have looked like an Ashes test between Australia and England.

A fantastic day full of laughs, frisbees, snaggers and good times!

OLNA

This term some of our students participated in the OLNA testing in which those involved deserve a huge congratulation for their hard work and study during this time. Well done!!

Swimming carnival

Earlier this term a portion of our Year 10 cohort nominated to be involved in the Years 10-12 swimming carnival. Throughout the day we saw some thrilling races in all strokes of swimming over multiple distances, and what swimming carnival would complete without the world famous Churchlands SHS novelty races.

Well done to our champions of Year 10!

Girls

1st
2nd
3rd

Seria Hasebe
Jane Harwood
Emily Cook

Boys

Thomas Noordzy
William Wiggett
Parsa Vahdani



Champion Girls: Emily Cook, Seria Hasebe and Jane Harwood



Champion Boys: Parsa Vahdani, Thomas Noordzy and Will Wiggett



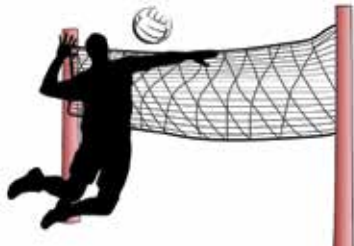
Kirby Jackson - novelty

Year 10 Report

House Volleyball Competition

Our first house activity for the year brought out some energetic, powerful... and interesting volleyball games. Each house had their own day of the week to joust it out for the one of four positions in the finals.

During the finals series on the Thursday no team wanted to lose which brought on some nail biter finishes. Unfortunately, in the end no house was strong enough to take down the mighty team from Brighton. Great digging Brighton!



Girls having fun during the competition

The future

Before the Year 10s are able to purchase and iron... even steam press their white polos there is much to accomplish throughout this year. Later, in Semester 1 all Year 10s will need to make some very important decisions in their subject selections for Year 11. Once again, the time will come for another round of exams, and the final lightning carnival for school life at Churchlands will come and go... but all will be remembered.

It is going to be an exciting year, full of experiences, ups and downs, juicy and in depth learning, and of course enjoyment.

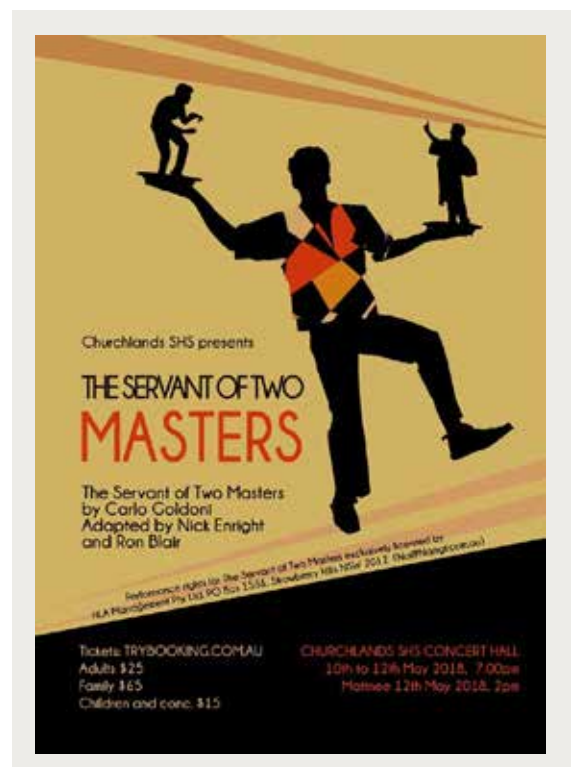
Sam Marson
Year 10 Floreat House Coordinator



House volleyball competition



Volleyball winning team





Year 11 Report

The Year 11 cohort have had a very exciting and, at times, challenging start to the year

Having the opportunity to start new subjects with new teachers has been met with much anticipation and excitement.

Reflecting back on the end of Year 10 saw many of the students attend the River Cruise on the last day of term. With all students dressing to the theme of Black and White, the cruise provided a great fun way to end such a busy year. It was obvious that the DJ played all the right music as the dance floor was packed with dancers for the majority of the cruise.



The Year 10 leadership team finished off 2017 running Pancake Fridays, raising funds to donate to the MANNA foundation. The team worked hard making and selling pancakes to Year 7-10 students on the last two Fridays of term at lunchtime. As a result, they raised \$237.50. Well done to Zoe Newton, Zoe Limpanyalers, Imogen De Graaf, Marcuz Grainger, Sri Missula, Oliver Lane, Sofie Kerr, Cameron Taylor, Pheung Padith, Jeetstrey Parikh and Jared Savage on a job well done.

The 2018 Leadership team were presented with their badges at the recent whole school assembly. Congratulations to the following students:

Student Councillors:

- Oliver Lane
- Oliver Stark
- Zoe Limpanyalers
- Sean Armstrong

House Captains:

- **Brighton** - Betheny Smith and Cameron Taylor
- **Trigg** - Kate Easton and James Strutt
- **Scarborough** - Rebecca Haywood
- **Floreat** - Simon Nakada and Kate Roux



Year 11 Leadership Team: (back row) Cameron Taylor, Bethany Smith, Simon Nakada, Kate Roux, Rebecca Haywood and James Strutt

(front row) Sean Armstrong, Zoe Limpanyalers, Oliver Lane, Oliver Stark and Kate Easton



Year 11 Report

The start of 2018 has seen numerous Year 11 students excel at their chosen sporting or cultural activity.

- Congratulations to Imogen De Graaf who participated in the Lions Youth of the year at the Floreat Lions Club. While Imogen did not make it through to the next round, the public speaking experience was most valuable.
- Taylor Grace Williams participated in the Rotary 4 Way test speaking competition. Congratulations on making it through to the semi finals.



Imogen de Graaf 11-T2



Taylor-Grace Williams
11-S2

The 2018 annual school swimming carnival saw many Year 11 students swim in a number of events representing their house. Well done to Holly O'Brien, Jessica Cake, Oliver Stark and Cyrus Milne on receiving age champion. Their achievement was also acknowledged at the whole school assembly.



Swim champions: Jessica Cake, Holly O'Brien,
Oliver Stark and Cyrus Milne

Mid way through this term we had the first Whole School Assembly for 2018. This was an opportunity to recognise academic achievements from Semester 2 2017. Congratulations to the Year 11 academic award recipients.



9A Grade achievers in Semester 2/2017: Hannah Rayment, Luci King, Michael Humphryson, Sreyam Das, Charmaine Chin, Sean Armstrong, Brianna Lewis and Holly Chappel



8A Grade achievers in Semester 2/2017:
(back row) Rick Yu, Olivia Bunter, Cara Richardson, Hannah Rubie, Paige Reeves, Felicity McNeilage and Nicole Kostova
(front row) Bianca Fudge, Joel Bellesini, Kate Roux, Zoe Limpanyalers and Kimberley Clifton



Daniel Hill Ahmeida -
Achieved 10A Grade in
Semester 2/2017

Megan Lebihan
Year 11 Scarborough House Coordinator



Year 12 Report

The Year 12s have had a great start to 2018 with a great deal of support from the Senior Schooling and unquestionably the House Coordinators

- Mr Paul Housley - Associate Principal Senior Secondary
- Mr Steve Galvin - Head of Year
- Mrs Clare Slodecki - Careers Advisor
- Mrs Carlee Ingleson - VET and Work Place Coordinator
- Mrs Claire Morrison - School Psychologist
- Mrs Helena Francis - Year 12 Secretary
- House Co's
 - Tom Werner - Brighton
 - Sandra Boujos - Floreat
 - Justine Watson - Trigg
 - Myself - Scarborough

Whole School Assembly

The newly elected Head Boy Ethan Blume and Head Girl Shrushti Jethva did a fantastic job hosting our first whole school assembly. We were pleased to welcome 160 parents to our assembly; now that we have our newly built large sports hall. Ethan and Shrushti have done a great job as leaders of their cohort so far this year and we wish them much success and enjoyment in their leadership roles this year.

The following students are selected as the Year 12 Student Councillors and received their badges at the Assembly.

- Halynn Moon
- Branden Stewart-Richardson
- Tamsin Kepes
- Tom Sobey

Congratulations to the Year 12 leadership team.



Shrushti Jethva, Halynn Moon, Branden Stewart-Richardson, Tamsin Kepes, Tom Sobey and Ethan Blume

A number of students were acknowledged at the whole school assembly for their excellent academic achievements in Year 11/2017.

Chris Zhu, Lisa Xu, Shrushti Jethva, Rami Lee-Newman, Kane Alexander, Arun Muthu, Caitlin Davies, Emily Overmeire, Halynn Moon, Tom Sobey, Ryan Lam, Dylan Ponton, Lia Elaine, Shivangi Rajgopal, Jordan Morrison, Natalie Lim, Verlyn Lim, Isaac Bergl, Raija Karhunen, Nicholas Stubbs-Ross, Kieran Daly, Anna Hartley, Sophie Geevers, Grace Ffrench, Ethan Blume, Abigail Tyers, Ella Walsh, Salina Poletto and Erika Knott.



5A Grade achievers: (back row) Rami Lee-Newman, Ryan Lam, Isaac Bergl, Dylan Ponton, Emily Overmeire, Raija Karhunen, Sophie Geevers, Christopher Zhu, Kieran Daly and Kane Alexander (front row) Nicholas Stubbs Ross, Thomas Sobey, Verlyn Lim, Erika Knott, Shrushti Jethva, Ethan Blume, Grace Ffrench, Aulia Elaine and Lisa Xu (Absent - Ella Walsh and Salina Poletto)



6A Grade achievers: Abigail Tyers, Shivangi Rajgopal, Arun Muthu, Jordan Morrison, Halynn Moon, Natalie Lim, Anna Hartley and Caitlin Davies

Personal Planning Meetings

Students have had personal planning meetings with Sally Topley and Claire Slodecki. They have also now made it through the six weeks of rigorous testing.

Year 12 Report

Year 12 Swim Championships

Congratulations to all participating Year 12s for their performance at the Swimming Carnival held on 14 February. Well done to the Champion swimmers below:

	Boys	Girls
1st	Lewis Putt	Rebecca Deck
2nd	Matthew Oberman	Bella Bryant
3rd	Jack Beattie & Flynn Mason	Annie Kinsella



Champion girls Bella Bryant, Rebecca Deck and Annie Kinsella



Champion boys Flynn Mason, Matthew Oberman, Lewis Putt and Jack Beattie

School Ball

The students certainly had a night to remember under the stars at the Perth Convention Centre as they celebrated their final year of high school. The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves engaging in professional photos, a photo booth, dancing and of course taking numerous photos.

This evening was made possible by a number of students on the Ball Committee led by House coordinators Justine Watson and Sandra Boujos. Appreciation goes to all of the other Churchlands Staff members who participated in a myriad of ways to ensure students had a memorable evening.



Sandy Hunt
Year 12 Scarborough House Coordinator

Arts

Visual Arts



Left to right: Miranda Savory, Madeline Hunter, Mia Millard with ATAR Visual Art teacher Sharon Andrews

Year 11 ATAR Visual Art Excursion to 'Skin Deep' Art Exhibition in Fremantle

Year 11 ATAR Visual Art students are currently exploring the theme, "Differences – The Human Condition" through the use of traditional and non-traditional portraiture.

On Saturday 10th March, some of the current Year 11 Visual Art students, and their parents, attended the annual WA Portrait Artists Exhibition, "Skin Deep" at The Moores Building Contemporary Art Gallery in Fremantle. It was a great opportunity for the Year 11 students not only to enhance their current studies in Visual Art, but also to see works from local WA artists who have been finalists in major portraiture awards such as the Black Swan Portrait Prize, Doug Moran National Portrait Prize or The Archibald.

During the exhibition, some of the artists held demonstrations and artist talks for members of the community to engage in, and our students were lucky enough to meet and speak with renowned Perth Artist, Peter Ciemitis.

Graduate Exhibit Year 12 Perspectives

With over 300 works from across the state nominated, and just over 50 pieces selected, it was wonderful to see once again that Churchlands had a work selected. Michelle Shean's work "Take a closer look" is a fantastic example of the high quality arts works which Churchlands students are producing, and it was fantastic to see her work selected for this prestigious exhibition.

At the opening Michelle received numerous compliments on her work, including personally from the The Hon. David A. Templeman, MLA. Minister for Local Government; Heritage; Culture and the Arts. Michelle has recently started her BA in Illustration at Curtin University.

If you would like to see Michelle's work Year 12 Perspectives is on display at the Art Gallery of WA until July 16

Michelle's work was also included in the West on the weekend, please find online story here: <https://thewest.com.au/entertainment/art/the-world-through-fresh-eyes-ng-b88771528z>

Sharon Andrews
Visual Arts Teacher



Michelle Shean's gouache and watercolour on paper

Three hours a day on public transport often causes immense boredom and, to combat this, I find myself in a world of my own, which challenges me to see the unexpected amongst the ordinary and the interesting amongst the mundane. I find that a stranger on a train can be anything if the mind wills it. On your next train ride you'll rarely see a dragon-tailed dog or a man with elf ears. However, you may find something unexpected, that captures your attention and imagination, if you only look closer.

~ Michelle Shean



Michelle Shean with The Hon. David A. Templeman, MLA Minister of Local Government, Heritage, Culture and Arts and her Visual Arts teacher Sharon Andrews



Michelle Shean at the opening of Year 12 Perspectives at the Arts Gallery of WA

Arts

Dance

Year 12 Dance Workshop with CO3 Thursday 15th March 2018

CO3 is the leading contemporary Dance Company in Perth. The Year 12 dance class was lucky enough to have Ella Rose come to Churchlands to workshop with them. The Year 12s are going to watch the work 'Frank Enstein' in April and Ella taught them some of the repertoire that is in the work.

The students learnt a part of the floor section that 'Frank' does towards the beginning of the work. There was laughter, focus and concentration as the students were learning. The students thought that the workshop was very helpful and enjoyed the experience very much.

Ruth Sutherland
Dance Teacher



Meraki Dance Competition

The Year 11 ATAR Dance students have been working hard to choreograph for the upcoming Meraki Dance Competition, which is a new Festival coordinated by APAN. Up to one hundred students from Year 7-11 have auditioned and been selected. The selected students now rehearse on a Monday afternoon. The performance will be held next term in Week 8 at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Molly McPhail
Dance Teacher

Arts

Dance

Attractor Performance and Workshop

The Year 11 and 12 Dance students went to the State Theatre this term to attend the performance of "Attractor" as part of the Perth Festival. The piece was a collaboration between Gideon Obarzanek, Lucy Guiren, Dance North and Senyawa. This contemporary dance was an assault on the senses and provided a great opportunity for the students to see live dance performance.

Following the performance, the Year 11 Dance students were privileged to participate in a workshop with Gideon Obarzanek, an internationally renowned Australian choreographer and former Artistic Director of Chunky Move. His works have been diverse in form and content – stage productions, installations, site-specific works and film – and have been performed in many festivals and theatres around the world in the U.K, Europe, Asia and the Americas.

This was a wonderful experience for the students to engage in the work after seeing the Performance of "Attractor" at the State Theatre and hopefully will assist them on their journey towards their WACE exams.

Molly McPhail
Dance Teacher



Photos courtesy of Emma Hewitt
- Perth Festival

Arts Drama

The start of the year is always exciting in Drama because of the Fringe Festival and the Perth International Arts Festival

Upper School students were treated to "The Barbershop Chronicles". Then they were challenged by "The Far Side of the Moon". In conjunction with the latter play, Year 12 Drama students were privileged to participate in a Robert Lepage workshop that was provided here at school by a professional teaching practitioner from WAAPA.

Lower School students are not missing out on their Drama fix however, as a talented group of Year 8s and 9s are working with Miss Simes to prepare to enter YoHfest later on this year. This will be the first time we are participating, and we are excited to see what our creative students can do!!

And, as always rehearsals are well underway for this year's school production of the comedy, "The Servant of Two Masters". We look forward to seeing you there.

Angela Padley
Drama Teacher

Year 12 Drama students in a workshop with Robert Lepage



Rehearsals for the school production 'The Servant of Two Masters'

Student Support Bike Rescue Program

Bike Rescue at CSHS

On Wednesday the 21st of February, Churchlands SHS had the amazing opportunity of having Bike Rescue join us on campus to work with a select group of students.

Bike Rescue is a dynamic program that integrates hands-on skill building, to engage and mentor young people, who need support. The students learnt to fully strip and rebuild a bike before trialling and getting to take them home.

Throughout the program, mentors assisted the students in building their knowledge, social skills, self-esteem, confidence and teamwork that is transferred to further opportunities in their lives

Overall this was a fun and engaging day enjoyed by both students and staff.

James Webb
Student Support Office



Languages French

Activities in Year 7-12 French Classes

Amy Cottam, Christine Fontaine and Laurence Lin
French Teachers



Languages Chinese

A snapshot of what's happening in Chinese Class

Kelly Seow and Susan Wei
Chinese Teachers



Languages Japanese

Activities in Year 7-12 Japanese Classes

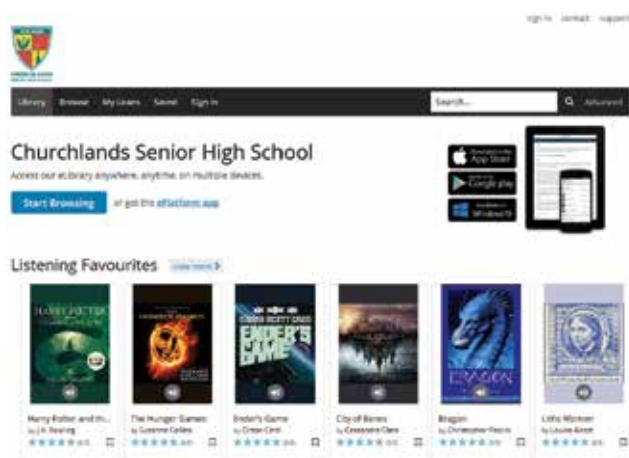
*Rick Johnson, Katrina Meldrum and Lee Ellis
Japanese Teachers*



Library E-Books and Audio Books

The library reminds all students and parents that they have access to a fantastic collection of EBooks and Audio books on our eBook platform

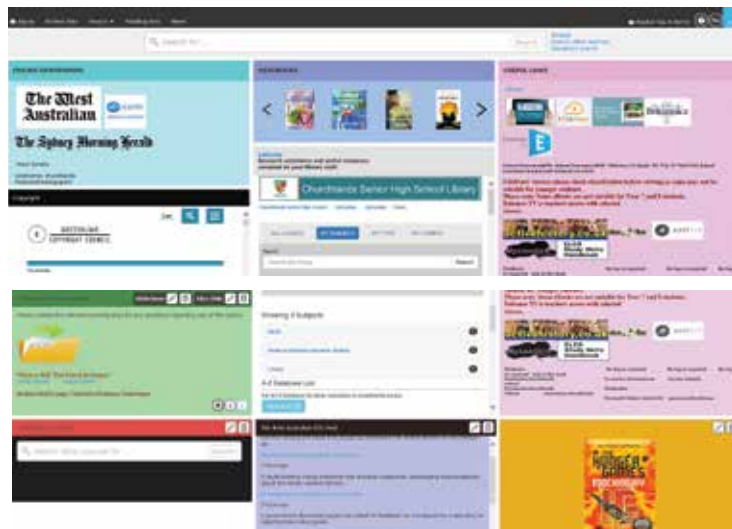
All Year 7 students have been shown how to access these and listen or read online or download to their laptop during their reading sessions. Have a look now and enjoy some great titles.



Our new search interface has been launched and is designed to be just like Netflix!

Watch out for updated reading lists coming soon.

Log onto the library via seqta and check it out.



Have you checked out our Online Newspapers yet or maybe the Online Study skills, what about downloading a template on Think Drive? Find these and more on Seqta splash or the Library page.

Coming soon – displays of Year 7 English from Mrs Giannasi and West Australian Young Readers Book Awards competition and display.

Library Staff

Science Integrated Science

Year 11 Integrated Science students are having a taste of real science in the classroom when conducting an experiment on the effect of salinity on germination and growth of wheat seedlings.

Students were invited to work in teams to solve a real-world problem, mimicking the style of learning that they will face in the workplace.

Roger Harris
Senior Science Teacher



Liam Young, Cody Hawksley, Hudson Hope and Zac Byrne



Isabella Urry and Naida Marazzato

Technology

Home Economics

Gastronomy Class

This term Year 10 students have been learning about different spherification techniques using a range of liquids including fruit juices and yoghurt. They have been creating fruit caviar and coconut and mango panna cotta that resembles a fried egg. Spherification was the focus of the assessment this term and there were many outstanding dishes created in class. Students have also started using chocolate in cooking and learning about how to manipulate this widely used ingredient. We created Eton Mess but a refined version using white chocolate gravel and some popping candy. It has been such an exciting and busy class where we have learned from mistakes and having lots of fun along the way.

Yvette Long
Home Economics Teacher



Food - Eton mess



Gwen Leong and Emma Lim preparing egg for eton mess

Food for Social Occassions

Our Year 10 students have been busy this term designing, cooking and presenting share plates.

The design brief was to cook three savoury dishes, including one vegetarian option, and to cook and plate up in the hour. Students learnt some valuable skills such as teamwork, co-operating, time-management skills and working under pressure.

The sweet share plates happen next week and they include making three sweet dishes with one being a chocolate option.

With our love of tapas and sharing food, this has been a popular task.

Food Around the World

We have seven classes of Food Around the World running this semester. This term it has all been about food from Asia.



Savoury share plate - Elise Gardner Antonello, Sophie Smith, Seria Hasebe, Patricia Halden and Grace Barry



Students have prepared rice paper rolls, dumplings and many other Asian dishes.



Food around the world noodle dish- Kaiya O'Brien, Jess Han and Zoe Ferreira

As part of their assessment, students had to choose a noodle dish to cook and present one week and then the following week do the same with a rice dish. Do you know how many different Asian varieties of rice and noodles there are? LOTS!!!

Jo Clarke
Home Economics Teacher



Savoury share plate - Abbey Wingfield, Naysha Devir Connelly, Hallie Paul, Olivia Donaldson and Zoe Colmer



Savoury share plate - Alex Pollock, Ethan Brynjolfson, Damon Dinh, Jake Bailey, Aidan Corry and Kade Barrow

Technology Jewellery, Metal, Wood

Various student works

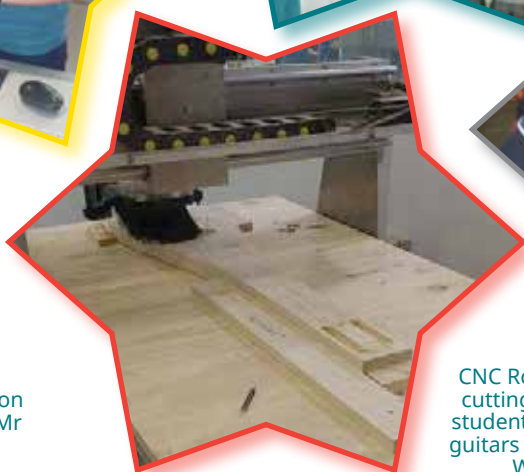
David Mance
Technologies Teacher



Jasmine Hicks and Linnet Grolton working on their brass ring in Mr Hutchinsons Jewellery class.



Back yard cricket stumps being constructed in Mr Brittains Year 9 Metal work class. A variety of skills are used ranging from welding, grinding and cutting.



CNC Router in action - cutting trenches in to students Lap steel slide guitars in Year 10 Wood Work class.



Year 7 Design and Technology boys Cayden Innes and Kenzie Koesnadi watching the 3D printer in progress making their LED torch cases.

Year 8 Home Economics

This term saw the first group of Year 8 experience Home Economics. The groups are currently either completing the food and nutrition unit and finalising their Vegetable Snack assessment task or constructing pencil cases.

Megan Lebihan
Home Economics Teacher



Zucchini Chocolate Muffins



Pizza pinwheels



Pencil cases

Sports

Senior Boys Basketball Team

A skilful group of Year 9-12 boys were selected at the beginning of this term to represent Churchlands SHS in the All Schools Championship Basketball Competition

With a large number of students vying for the thirteen spots offered, Mr Werner and I were presented with the difficult task of narrowing the squad of thirty three. With much deliberation a talented group of thirteen boys was eventually selected.

I would like to acknowledge all the students who tried out for the team, as the level of skill on display throughout the tryouts was some of the best I've seen in my time here at CSHS.

The following students were selected in the thirteen-man squad.



Back row: Left to right – Mr Cross, Benton Dowling, Kai Lingard, Zane Donato, Jacob Van Rooyen, Alex Sundquist and Mr Werner

Front row: Left to right – Tyrone Van Wees, Kai Harwood, Bhashi Botejue, Seb Komatsu, Jack Flaherty, Ben Goard, Bryn Robilliard, Winston Ko



Once selected, the team was put through its paces, with two training sessions a week to ensure they were ready for the 2018 campaign.

With the opening game of the season taking place against Shenton College in week 5, the team demonstrated that their hard work had paid off with a polished performance, winning 47 – 32 in front of a parochial home crowd.

Furthermore, in what was set to be a blockbuster 2017 semi - final rematch against arch rival Newman College, the Chargers put on an offensive clinic, defeating Newman by an impressive thirty points.

Rob Cross
Basketball Coordinator

Sports

2018 Interschool Swim Carnival



Churchlands SHS swimmers

Our Churchlands Swim Team made their way to HBF Stadium with the aim of reclaiming the A Grade Trophy

Eight other schools stood in our way and we knew we would have to swim at our best to challenge for the win. The students had been training hard in the early mornings, had competed in house carnivals and in the Tri-Meet with Perth Modern and Shenton.

Shenton proved to be too strong and now have back to back titles. Churchlands came a reputable second and were in the hunt all day.

I can only speak in the highest manner of our swim team. They are a terrific bunch of kids and I am proud of every one of them. There were so many special swims on the day - it was inspiring to watch.

Special mention must go to Holly O'Brien (Year 11) and Seria Hasebe (Year 10) who both won Champion Girl for their respective year group - a true achievement and testament to their training and hard work.

Thanks to Swim Coach Pauline and the HPE Faculty for all of their support of the swim team.

Chris Van Maanen
Head of Health and Physical Education



Year 12 Leadership Group



Champion Girls Seria Hasebe and Holly O'Brien



Annie Kinsella, Rebecca Deck, Renee Rechichi and Bella Bryant

Thomas Noordzy, Will Wiggett, Lachlan Duggan and Tom Lawson



HASS

Year 11 Geography



Getting instructions from the experts



Lucy, Kate and Tyler-group work has its advantages



Maddie overcoming any obstacle with help from Michelle and Martin



Real geographers in the field



Students welcomed to the Hills Discovery Centre



Sam and Ben working out the percentage of canopy cover



Nazin and Kimberley consider fuel load calculations

Fire Hazard Excursion

As part of Year 11 ATAR Geography, a full day excursion was organised on Tuesday March 20th for both classes to attend the Nearer to Nature program at the Perth Hills Discovery Centre. The excursion was part of the fieldwork component which is a curriculum requirement of this ATAR course.

This program helped the students understand the importance of fire management in the biophysical and managed environment, discover the difference between bushfires and prescribed burns are critical for protecting life, property and the environment. Prevention, mitigation and preparedness for this natural hazard was investigated in the field as it forms a large part of the Semester 1 depth study looking at natural hazards.

Students enjoyed the outside classroom, using field instruments to improve their skills in identifying slope steepness and aspect, direction and bearings.

Leeana Manifis-Gott
Geography Teacher

HASS

Harmony Day

Harmony Week runs from the 15th to the 21st of March each year with Harmony Day being celebrated on the 21st of March

This year, the Year 10 AEP HASS students attended the Harmony Day debate, run by the Office of Multicultural Interests. Students had the opportunity to watch a debate on the issue “Cultural diversity is a threat to the Australian way of life” presented by a number of students from Perth universities, including a judging panel of University professors and lecturers.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience which challenged their own beliefs and opinions on the topic. A number of CSHS students had the opportunity to ask questions of each debating team further challenging their own understandings. On returning to school the students were excited to share their experience with peers and continued discussions back in their HASS classes.



Year 10 AEP students attending the Harmony Day debate

Helen Steadman and Justine Lee
HASS Teachers

Year 9 HASS Food Production

As part of the Year 9 Geography course the students learn about biomes, food production and security. We put our green fingers to the test to see if we could grow some herbs in the classroom. Using recycled plastic bottles, we provided our seedlings with everything they would need to grow. We practiced some patience as we gave it all the love and attention it would need. Every day we made sure they had enough water and were getting enough sunshine. Some seeds are already growing very well and the students have had a great time learning about how to be successful gardeners!

Sam Shead
HASS Teacher



Students with their first planted seeds



Students having fun planting seeds and filling with soil



Seeds when first planted and three weeks later

Student Achievements Congratulations



Oliver Lane who has been offered a place in the Western Australian Youth Jazz Orchestra.



Chloe Green (11-B3) won three national gold medals in the 7.5km, 5km and relay in the Open Water National Championships in Adelaide 26-28 January. With these winnings, she has made the Junior Australian team to compete at the Junior World Championships in September in Israel.



Ashlyn Chong (8-S2) and Bridie King (8-B5) for outstanding results at the 2018 Artistic Swimming National Championships in Brisbane in April. They won a bronze medal at their team event and Ashlyn also achieved a Silver Medal in the Open Combination routine. Fantastic job girls!

Callum Storey (12-S4), Matthew Oberman (12-S4), Lewis Putt (12-S1) and Renee Rechichi (12-F1) represented WA in the U18 Water Polo National Club Championships in Canberra in March.



The Choate siblings Alexandria (formerly 12-T4) and Jack Choate (10-T4) are selected to represent Australia in the Australian Canoe Slalom 2018 Junior Team and U23 World Championships in Ivrea, Italy in July 2018.

Alexandria has also won a scholarship to pursue an International Bacclaireate at the United World Colleges, International School of Asia Karuizawa Japan in August 2018.

Alexandria has left CSHS to train for her upcoming competition in July as well as prepare for her move to Japan.



Flynn Mason (12-B1) won a silver medal in the 7.5km event at the Australian Open Water Swimming Championships held in SA in January.



Karel Cronje (11-S4) on his selection in the Western Australian Under 18 Hockey.



Tom Regan (7-F4) is selected to compete in the U14 National Club Waterpolo Championships in Canberra in April.



Maxim Pare (10-B1) and Jeremy Gabriel Pare (11-B2) are selected to represent WA in the National Youth Rock Climbing Championships 2018 in Sydney 11-13 May. They will also participate in the upcoming National Bouldering Championships in Perth 14-15 April.

Science Technology Engineering Maths STEM Club

Churchlands has an exciting STEM program for students in Years 7-10 wanting to pursue their STEM interests

This all starts with the Monday after-school STEM Club, where students get to hang out and immerse themselves in the latest and greatest STEM activities including Electronics, Coding, Robotics and Video Game Making. We have a range of activities to suit a variety of skill levels, with an assortment of puzzles to keep our students switched on.

So far this term, students in STEM Club have participated in coding with micro:bit, a Minecraft Bridge building competition, Breakout challenges, a Solar Car Challenge and just recently we had many students participate in our Annual Pasta Car Challenge!

Students in the year 9 and 10 STEM Course have been busy in Term 1 designing and completing their first individual projects, with some especially amazing work being showcased already.

"I was happy to find that the STEM course has a lot of freedom allowing you to design your own project and not telling the whole class to do the same boring thing" - STEM Course Student

For more information about STEM @ Churchlands, visit <http://stem.puseyscience.com>

Dr Grant Pusey
STEM Coordinator



Students are building a trike to race in the upcoming Pedal Prix in Busselton



Students working with our e-textiles technology



Our new Year 7s taking on the Minecraft Bridge Building challenge in STEM Club



Students testing their pasta car designs, made from just pasta and glue



Students with their Solar Cars

The range of extraordinary pasta cars built from this year's competition



Students using the various tools in the new Makerspace facility at Churchlands



Community Service

2017 World Challenge

Southern India

World Challenge is a bit like The Amazing Race, in that several teams are in an unfamiliar location and making their way from place to place using local transportation to meet deadlines, BUT it is not a competition! At Singapore Airport on our way home, one of the World Challenge Expedition Leaders made it clear to us that we should not try to compare notes and see "whose trip was best"! Each group has a unique experience due to team and leader composition, differing itineraries and at times, different weather conditions. I am sure that if any one of our fifty one students and six teachers are asked, they would all say that it was the experience of a lifetime.



Chinese fishing nets

Fort Kochi, where all three teams began and finished their adventure, was charming and a reminder of Portugal's occupation of this part of India in colonial days – splendid Catholic basilicas, lovely timbered buildings, the unusually named Chinese fishing nets with massive cantilevers, which were a tourist attraction at sunset and Team Two even managed to visit the town's laundry to see washing being done by hand and acres of clothes lines in operation, with hotel sheets flapping in the breeze. Combined with the cultural Kathakali performances, where the stories were conveyed through music and hand and eye movements, a wonderful array of restaurants, including some selling pizzas to those who needed a change from curries, stalls selling spices and everything lit up in anticipation of Christmas, there was always something to wonder at.

All three teams completed the same trek, but weather conditions meant that some teams had a shortened day or needed to go around domed hills rather than over them. We were trekking in the Cardamom Hills, in the Western Ghats on the border between Kerala and Tamil Nadu, which was very appropriately named. On all six days of the trek, we spent some time walking through cardamom plantations, but also traversed tea plantations, passed through mountain villages, navigated huge steep faced domed hills and followed elephant tracks.

On two of the days our two trekking guides were accompanied by an elephant tracker who roamed ahead of us. No team saw elephants but were amazed at the landscape they were used to navigating – we saw and nearly stood on, plenty of evidence that elephants were not far away! Our campsites each night were fantastic with western toilets and even hot water provided, at times heated in a cauldron over a fire for us – bliss after a hard day's walking, especially on the days we encountered leeches after heavy rainfall.



Arrival for welcome ceremony at the Town Muslim School

The contrast between Northern India from our 2015 expedition, to Kerala, in the south western corner of India, could not be greater. It was lush and tropical, and much quieter than we all expected. There were stunning beaches overlooked by tourist resorts, with stalls selling happy pants, jewellery, musical instruments and spices, a range of amusingly named hotels such as the Exotic Marigold Hotel (not the "best" one from the movie though), and a huge range of restaurants to choose from – foodie heaven!

A half day cruise on the famed Keralan backwaters was the reward for the hard work of the project or a chance to recharge the batteries before embarking on the trek; we saw fishing boats, water taxis, working barges, boats for one or two, through to the overnight house boats and even an Ice cream seller on a boat, who "found" us at our lunchtime mooring spot. Needless to say, he made several sales.

Community Service 2017 World Challenge



Team 1 at the end of trek



On the trek



Team 2 at Town Muslim School



Team 3 outside Sri Guru School

The project phase is always the most inspiring and humbling. All three teams were based in Haripad, a small town about two hours south of Fort Kochi, and were at two different schools. Team Three were working at Sree Guru English School which had very dilapidated buildings for about 120 students, while Team One were followed by Team Two at Town Muslim Lower Primary School, which had 35 tiny and REALLY cute kids. Team Three could have been at Sree Guru for weeks as there was so much to do, but concentrated most of its efforts on one large classroom, where the challengers lifted the old concrete, retiled the floor and sanded down and repainted the walls.

The outside of most classrooms received a makeover and the school also had some handsome new signage and decorations painted by the more artistic members of the group. Team One had the task of adding two extra toilets to the two aged existing ones and also of more than doubling the size of the kitchen. The students dug foundations, mixed cement, learned how to do bricklaying and also demolished the old kitchen wall to make the new larger kitchen open plan. We also organised repairs and replacement seats for the old playground equipment and put in a garden for the school. One of the students designed both permanent and portable gardens and the latter was chosen by the school's Principal. By the time Team One left, the building work was finished and the roof was on the new facilities, so Team Two was charged with plastering, tiling and painting the kitchen and toilets. They also gave an extra coat of paint to the playground equipment as the local kids were using them almost as soon as the paint went on (and was therefore rubbed off!)

The highlight for some was at Campsite Four where the camp cook taught interested students how to make paratha and the chicken curry we were having for dinner that night – much fun was had making the flat rounds of dough before “slapping them” down on the bench top and twirling them up into the finished paratha. On the final night of camping the kids cooked the entire dinner under the watchful eye of the cook and trek guides – the meal was delicious too.

Community Service 2017 World Challenge



Town Muslim School before work



Town Muslim School final view after renovation



Sree Guru School before renovation



Town Muslim School painted toilets



Sree Guru School post reno

Both schools made us feel incredibly welcome, with ceremonies when we arrived and just before departure. They fed us constantly, so that despite the hard work, we may have actually put on weight during the project. Our local coordinators, who represented the In Country Agents, also went above and beyond what was expected, taking us to local temples to experience the culture first hand. We saw hundreds of lit candles, a huge fire pit and an elephant at one, while the Snake Temple was a peaceful haven which seemed as if the jungle was trying to swallow it up.

All three teams had managed to save money so stayed in much more luxurious accommodation for a couple of nights before the end of the expedition – a reward for everyone's efforts. Although everyone was delighted to be heading home for family reunions and Christmas, it was sad saying good bye to our Expedition Leaders and also knowing that we would not see some of our fellow challengers in the New Year as they have graduated from high school and some have moved interstate. The memories, however, and the skills and confidence gained, will last a lifetime!

Sue Wogan
World Challenge Coordinator

Lunch stop
Leech sock
lineup



Calendar

Term 2

EXAMS AND WORKPLACE LEARNING (WL)

May 7-11	Year12 General External Set Tasks (EST) Assessment
May 14-17	Practical Exams: Years 11-12
May 15-18	NAPLAN Test: Years 7 and 9
May 18-June 1	Exams and WL: Years 11-12
May 21-24	Exams: Year 8
May 28-June 1	Exams: Years -10

April 29	Students return to school	June 7	Year 12 Art Gallery Excursion
May 2-3	Senior Ensembles Workshop	June 8	Year 7 Girls' Wellbeing Program 5
May 5	AEP Testing		History of Emotions English
	Relay for Life (24 hours)		Nexus Dance Concert at UWA
May 7-10	Year 12 Biology Excursion (one class per day)	June 11	Year 10 Young Writers' Program
May 7-11	Year 8 AEP Coray Bay Camp		P & C Meeting 7:30pm
May 10-12	School Production (public performance)	June 11-15	Year 10 Outdoor Ed Camp
May 11	GATE Music Testing	June 12-15	Coray Bay Cadet Camp (depart Monday night)
May 14	P & C Meeting 7.:30pm	June 13	Chamber Concert 2
May 15	Year 8 Lightning Carnival	June 14	Year 11 Art Gallery Excursion
May 15-18	Year 10 Try-A-Trade Program		Year 9 Lightning Carnival
May 17	Years 9-12 AIME Program		Years 7-9 AEP ICAS Writing
	Year 7 Girls' Wellbeing Program 2		Year 7 Girls' Wellbeing Program 6
	Year 8 Girls' Wellbeing Program - Reconnector	June 15	School Tour 9:30am
May 18	School Tour 9:30am	June 16	Music Farewell Concert
May 20	Chamber Concert 1 3:00pm	June 18	Skit tour parent/student meeting 1
May 21	MPC Meeting		MPC Meeting
May 24	Year 7 Girls' Wellbeing Program 3	June 18-19	Year 10 Transition Program
May 25	PD Day. No school for students	June 19	Year 8 Young Writers' Program
	Cross Country	June 20	Music tour departs (return 10 July)
May 25-27	P & C Community Art Exhibition		Years 11-12 AIME Program
May 26	Sorry Day		Years 9-10 Course Promotion Session
May 29	ICAS Science Testing	June 21	Year 7 Young Writers' Program
May 29-30	Year 10 Immunisations	June 21-24	Senior Band and Orchestra Festival
May 30	Year 7 Lightning Carnival	June 22	Chinese High School Day
May 31	Intermediate Concert		Lower School Arts and Technologies Exhibition
	Year 7 Girls' Wellbeing Program 4		Year 8 Yuluma PS Netball Umpiring
June 1	Junior Concert	June 25	Year 10 Lightning Carnival
June 4	PUBLIC HOLIDAY - WA DAY		Year 11s into 12 Parent Info Night
June 5	Year 10 AEP Science Excursion	June 26	Year 10s into 11 Parent Info Night
June 6	History of Emotions English	June 27	Year 12 ATAR English Literature Conference
	Year 9 Young Writers' Program		Years 7-12 Rugby 7s Tournament
June 5-7	Children, Family and Community Virtual Babies	June 28	Year 11 GPES Golf Day
June 7	Music Masterclass		Year 8 Wembley PS Netball Umpiring
	Nexus Dance Rehearsal at UWA	June 29	UK and Switzerland tour departs (return 13 July)
	Year 10 ICAS Writing		Years 7-12 reports available
			END OF TERM (return July 16)



(left back) Jane Harwood (10-F3), Lauren Johnson (11-S3), Rebecca Deck (12-B3), Ms Haigh, Jack Beattie (12-T2), Cyrus Milne (11-S2), Mr Van Maanen.
(left front) Mr Tan, Mr Morton, Jessica Cake (11-S3), Georgia Ongarezos (11-S3), Emma O (11-B1), Ben Waterman (11-F3), Mr Bongiascia and Mr Marson

Incredible experience

Congratulations to; Rebecca Deck and Jack Beattie (Year 12), Cyrus Milne, Georgia Ongarezos, Lauren Johnson, Ben Waterman, Emma O and Jessica Cake (Year 11) and Jane Harwood (Year 10) and staff member Fiona Haigh for completing the Rottneest Swim. It was the culmination of many months of planning and training.

According to teacher Fiona Haigh training consisted of many hours in the gym getting stronger, doing drills to refine swimming strokes, learning to eat in the water and of course 1000s of kilometres swum.

Training to eat and drink whilst in the water is an integral part of the preparation for an event like this. It is essential to keep up fluids and food in order to have the energy to get across without suffering from energy depletion.

In addition to the pool and gym training all swimmers had to undertake open water training, often as part of qualifying events. Solo swimmers must qualify for the swim by completing a 10km open water swim in under 4h 15m.

The conditions were favourable in the morning with a lovely easterly breeze keeping the water calm and warm. The swell picked up midway across which was a minor thing to deal with compared to some people seeing their support boat capsizing! The biggest threat was being told to exit the water after a 4m white pointer shark was seen in the area. Luckily all of our swimmers avoided that situation to make it across the finish line.

Around the 15km mark you can start to see sand underneath you, giving the false idea that you are closer than you actually are. Being able to see Rottneest Island at this point was a big tease as it didn't seem to get closer until you reached the boat exclusion zone at 18km.

Once in the chute to the ramp it's one stroke at a time until you feel the sand under your hands, find your feet and make it over the ramp. This is a great feeling with smiles, cheers, and tears as you are interviewed and reunited with people on shore who helped you get there.

Big thanks also go to several members of staff that helped and paddled on the day; Chris Van Maanen, Tim Morton, David Bongiascia, Chris Tan and Sam Marson. Fantastic effort!

Churchlands SHS Year 9 student Jacob Hristianopoulos was the baton bearer for the Queen's Baton Relay as it made its way through Perth ahead of the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games on April 4

Jacob carried the baton about 200m along West Coast Highway as it arrived in Scarborough on February 25.

Jacob also competed and recently won the long and triple jump men's under 16 titles at the State Track and Field Championships, which qualifies him for the national competition.



Jacobs after winning his medals at the WA State Track and Field Championships

When interviewed by the Stirling Times Community Newspaper in February on his accomplishments, he said "I'm excited and it's rewarding knowing I have put in a lot of work and sacrifices following a year of injuries and setbacks. I enjoy the thrill jumping higher and further with every jump. When asked about his selection as one of the baton bearers in February, Jacob said, "I feel proud and excited to be part of this at a home Commonwealth Games. I'm honoured for this once in a life time experience."

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