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CHURCHLANDS SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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**CHURCHLANDS**  
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



## India, Here We Come!

Backpacks laden, visas and “smartraveller” registrations obtained, fifty one students, six teachers and three expedition leaders met at Perth International Airport very early on 29 November to embark on the trip of a lifetime! The students have prepared as much as they can for a leap into the unknown and I am sure they will rise to the challenge.

On the first few days, however, the most common question aimed at the adults is “What are we doing today?” The answer? “We are waiting for you to tell us, so ask today’s leaders!”

*(cont’d on the back page)*





# From The Principal

**I wish to wrap up this year's newsletter with a focus on the increasing and concerning challenge facing today's youth, a challenge which I believe is not given its due, as evidenced by a lack of community understanding and a lack of resources by government required to address this at the Year 12 Presentation**

The following is a fictional anecdote but it does convey some insight into and a way of introducing this topic.

*The first time Faith-Ann Bishop cut herself, she was in Year 9. It was 2 o'clock in the morning, and as her parents slept, she sat on the edge of her bed at her home with a metal clip from a pen in her hand. Then she sliced into the soft skin near her ribs. There was blood - and a sense of deep relief. "It makes the world very quiet for a few seconds," says Faith-Ann. "For a while I didn't want to stop, because it was my only coping mechanism. I hadn't learned any other way." The pain of the superficial wound was a momentary escape from the anxiety she was fighting constantly, about grades, about her future, about relationships, about everything. Many days she felt ill before school. Sometimes she'd throw up, other times she'd refuse to attend and stay home. "Going to school some days was like asking me to climb Mount Everest in high heels," she says.*

*It would be three years before Faith-Ann told her parents about the depth of her distress. She loved her parents and knew they'd be supportive if she asked for help but she couldn't bear seeing the worry on their faces which in turn created further anxiety for her. For Faith-Ann, cutting was a secret, compulsive manifestation of the depression and anxiety that she and thousands of teenagers are struggling with. Self-harm, which evidence suggests is on the rise, is perhaps the most disturbing symptom of a broader psychological problem: a spectrum of angst that plagues too many 21st century teenagers and I will admit that as a parent I have had to deal with this myself over the last ten years.*

What is the root cause to this challenge facing you or your children? No single thing can be eradicated from our lives to solve this issue as it is characterised by a smorgasbord of symptoms which impact on every child in different ways. Some experts talk about today's youth being exposed to a cocktail of effects that were not prevalent in the previous generation. These can be but not limited to:

- Dwindling socialisation skills because of the influence of social media
- Social media pressures themselves
- Non-stop exposure to our planets many issues
- Cost of living concerns
- Drug experimentation/dependency
- Job and career prospects
- Body image
- Relationships, both theirs and yours

Whatever the reason the data constantly brackets as age groups either the fifteen to nineteen year olds or more often fifteen to twenty five year olds.

Other readings suggest that a generation of changing trends whether in society, whether the way we parent or whether the way we educate now tend to avoid exposing our children to circumstances in which they might experience failure. It begs the question - Do we wrap our children up in cotton wool?

Consider this recent example reported in the press on August 4 this year.

*Apparently the Southern Districts Junior Football Association decided it was appropriate to reverse results in two matches. Why! There fallback position was that the Western Australian Football Commission had introduced a statewide margin cap of sixty points for every game. That is a team was not allowed to beat its opposition by more than ten goals. In their wisdom the Association recorded a forfeit for the Mount Barker under 15s who won by seventy three points. Their reason - Mount Barker as winners ignored the spirit of the game. I am not casting any judgement on the WA Football Commission's position or the Southern District Football Association's accompanying decision, however the Mount Barker coach was quoted as saying "are we bringing up a generation of kids who will be known as the entitlement generation". You may judge this rightly or wrongly but it is an example of how current society has changed its view on competition.*

I still remember like it was yesterday the look of panic on my wife's face when I arrived from work to my five year old son's birthday party. An additional child turned up unexpectedly and she was one bag of lollies short for a game of "pass the parcel". My mission was to get to the shops and back at record time to save this poor child from the embarrassment of not "winning" a prize.



# From The Principal

This was twenty years ago and I still can't believe it to this day, but then I did not have to deal with the parental fallout as apparently that child was entitled to be a winner along with every other child present. I don't know about you but I remember when I was a kid playing birthday party games there was only one winner but now every five year old gets a prize. EVERYONE WINS!!

So are today's children suffering from protective parenting? Without going into any depth consider the following couple of examples:

- In Australia, even with an increasing population, children's bike sales are down twenty one percent in the last ten years. They seem to have been traded in for the Xbox
- The term 'helicopter parents' has been around for a while and it describes parents who micro manage their children's lives and there is sufficient belief out there to suggest this creates a danger of transferring parent angst on to their children.
- In recent articles by Perth paediatrician Elizabeth Green and supported in comments by Britain's Child Laureate and children's book author Lauren Child suggests that today's children are not encouraged to play and get dirty for fear of contagion, or to walk the narrow fence line for fear of falling, or to climb trees for fear of an accident. They question whose fear are we talking about?

I have also spent some time reflecting on the following aspects of our education system and its potential contribution to student angst?

- Did you know more and more students are now home schooled? Why?
- Our system has an ever increasing testing regime which now commences in the first year of their schooling. Can this be a cause?
- Or is it that the idea of failure to achieve academic standards is almost gone in many levels of schooling. For many years now you always got a grade never a fail.
- I have not seen any literature that indicates the existence of a cause effect relationship however it is worth noting that this is the period of a young person's life which also coincides with a possible first experience of real and meaningful failure.
- Consider a typical fifteen year old. He or she is likely to be a Year 10 student who by the end of Year 10 will have to make choices on their future. Depending on their schooling success level they

may or may not have access to a Year 11 course of study required for their future aspirations. Is this the very first barrier to their hopes and dreams?

- Twelve months later in Year 11 this same student is over the moon because results achieved are an endorsement that he or she is on track to make it. Or are they? The pressure to perform academically is building and becomes more explicit in Year 12. Students study hard and sit exams which determine their ATAR which in turn determines their entry into a chosen field. For many the door remains open however for some that door shuts. Even though this is a temporary closed door it no doubt impacts on well-being, particularly when a young person has no coping skills. Again as a nineteen year old did our child meet the requirements to continue in their TAFE Diploma or did they pass into second year University because around twenty five percent of the population don't, they drop out. Over these five years the opportunity to fail becomes more prevalent. For many it may be the first time failure is experienced particularly when you think back on what I have already said tonight. This period of education I have described is clearly aligned to the passage of life for a fifteen to nineteen year old young person. Remarkably I have seen no literature which examines this connection but it does beg the question. Is there a cause and effect link here to the increase in youth anxiety?

So what is our role as a school, as parents and as society to assist in helping young people meet this challenge?

The often political message and echoed in the press is that we should teach our children resilience. That will be the solution. But resilience cannot be taught from a text book. Resilience is built through experiences that test character such as academic failure, or loss on the sporting field or falling off your bike or something similar. Such experiences, given what I have written above, are now seemingly often denied by society, or by our education system or by some parents. Resilience is developed – not taught – through a range of experiences starting from the cradle – experiences where a child strives to overcome failure, by rebounding and having another go if at first they did not succeed.

**Neil Hunt**  
**Principal**





## Associate Principal Senior School

### The 2017 Year 12 Presentation Ceremony was held in the Riverside Theatre at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on Saturday 18 November

1300 parents, staff and of course the "Class of 2017" attended this prestigious event!

It was my pleasure to MC this special occasion and it was a real treat to witness the impeccable behaviour, friendliness, enthusiasm and accomplishments of our students.

We were honoured to have Neryl Joyce - the mother of two former Churchlands SHS Class of 2016 students – as our special guest speaker. Her interesting story and advice was well received by all.



Guest speaker  
Neryl Joyce

It was a very successful afternoon and showcased the outstanding achievements of our students across many areas including academic, musical, community service and citizenship.



I'd like to particularly thank Head of Year 12, Steve Galuin, office staff Claire Curtis, Sharon Edmonds and Kylie Hearle, the Year 12 House Coordinators Bronwyn Carter, Pash Hollands, Leeana Manifis-Gott and Anne-Maree Liddelow for the great work they have done with the "Class of 2017". There were many outstanding students recognized. (Please refer to pages 6-9 for the full list of prize and award winners.)

**Paul Housley**  
Associate Principal - Senior School

## Congratulations



**Sasha Underhill-Pomeroy and Meg Howard CSHS Physical Education Teachers** have been appointed as Coach/Manager to the School Sport WA Cross Country Team for 2018.

### ACADEMIC TASK FORCE

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# Associate Principals (shared duties) Middle Secondary School

**Strength doesn't come from what you can do; it comes from overcoming the things you once thought you couldn't.**

*Anonymous*

We want to wish the Year 10 students all the best for 2018 and congratulate all Year 10 students on what they have achieved over the last two years.

Our message: Senior School years will have its challenges. Students will need to overcome things that they thought they could not do. If students consistently aim high they will face off with adversity and build strength. Things will not always be easy, students need to commit to their goals and their plan (it is okay for the plan to change); celebrate successes; and reflect and reassess when things do not go totally to plan. We wish you all the very best and look forward to seeing students up on stage at the Year 12 Completion Ceremony in 2019 or hearing about their chosen further study or work pathway.

## Something to think about

At the recent Year 12 Completion Ceremony, Mr Neil Hunt focused his presentation on the concerning pattern of mental health in youth today. He gave the school leavers the task to assess what is causing this. He questioned the impact of society avoiding situations where young people can fail. Are we leaving the 'fail' experience too late with senior school course decisions for some students being the first time they are unable to do something they want to do?

## Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment

The OLNA Business Plan target for Middle Secondary is eighty percent of Year 10 students. Post-September OLNA testing has met the standard, we have achieved this target. We would like to acknowledge the work of the Literacy and Numeracy Specialists with small groups and individual students, the support given by parents and the commitment of students to meet the standard.

## English Channel Swim Students

We do not have the words big enough to acknowledge the achievement of our English Channel Swim students. Congratulations to all students and staff involved in the preparations and on the day.



## STEM Staff Professional Learning

A small group of staff took part in a STEM Day on-site to familiarise themselves with the 'gadgets' and processes students are using in STEM Club and during the Year 9 & 10 STEM elective. We are constantly surprised by what students are creating and achieving.



## World Challenge

Fifty one Year 11 and 12 students are about to embark on World Challenge trips. Year 10 students will have this opportunity next year and we look forward to hearing about all of your adventures throughout your last years at high school and beyond.

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**Karena Shearing and Leah Crawford**  
Associate Principals Middle Secondary School

# 2017 Year 12 Award Recipients

**The Year 12 presentation ceremony was held at the Perth Convention Centre on Saturday 18th November**

It was a very formal affair to mark the final rite of passage for our students. In front of their families and teachers, each student was presented with a certificate by Mr Hunt and major prize winners were announced.

In an extraordinary display of generosity, the Year 12 students and parents fundraised enough money to purchase three panoramic prints of Perth by a photographer and to donate \$160.00 to our World Vision sponsorship of children.

2017 SPECIAL AWARDS	
AWARDS	RECIPIENTS
Certificate of Excellence for Science and Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Don Benny</li> <li>• Aden Carlton</li> <li>• Marsha Chin</li> <li>• Sam Ryan</li> <li>• Sam Sun</li> <li>• Gizelle Van Wyk</li> <li>• Steven Zhang</li> </ul>
W.R. Liddelow Award for Chemistry	Isabel Weng
Head Girl	Pinithi Siriwardana
Head Boy	Liam Birch
2017 Sportsman of the Year Award	Liam Birch
2017 Sportswoman of the Year Award	Sarah Hynes
Citizenship Award	Esther Luce
Defence Force Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Award	Bryce Johansen
Community Services Award	Ethan Giacomel
Caltex All Rounder Award	Brian Khoo
Commitment to Excellence Award - Nmero	Steven Zhang
Consistent Achievement Award	Jack Gardner
VET Dux	Abbey Walker
Runner Up ATAR Dux	Isabel Weng
ATAR Dux	Marsha Chin
Year 12 Coordinator Award	Ollie Ernst



**Gizelle Van Wyk**  
- Receptient of the  
Certificate of Excellence  
for Science and  
Mathematics Award



**CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS** - Don Benny, Aden Carlton, Sam Ryan, Boyi Sun, Steven Zhang (photo on page 7), Marsha Chin (photo on page 7) and Gizelle Van Wyk (not present to receive the award)



# 2017 Year 12 Award Recipients



**ATAR Dux Award**  
Marsha Chin. Also received the Mathematics Specialist ATAR and Physics ATAR Awards



**Runner Up ATAR Dux**  
Isabel Weng. Also received the W.R. Liddelow Award for Chemistry, Literature ATAR and Politics & Law ATAR Awards



**VET Dux - Abbey Walker**



**Commitment to Excellence Award Nmero** Steven Zhang. Also received the Certificate of Excellence for Science and Mathematics



**Year 12 Coordinator Award**  
Ollie Ernst



**Consistent Achievement Award**  
Jack Gardner



**Defence Force Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork - Bryce Johansen**



**Community Services Award**  
Ethan Giacomel



**Caltex All Rounder - Brian Khoo**  
Also received the English EALD, Accounting and Finance ATAR and Economics ATAR Awards



**Citizenship Award**  
Esther Luce



**Head Girl**  
Pinithi Siriwardana



**Sportswoman of the Year**  
Sarah Hynes



**Sportsman of the Year Liam Birch.**  
Also received the Geography ATAR and Head Boy Awards

# 2017 Year 12

# Award Recipients

## 2017 SUBJECT AWARDS

ARTS		MATHEMATICS	
Dance ATAR	Holly Tunstall	Maths Application ATAR	Emily Rose
Dance General	Marcella Cooper	Maths Essential General	Abbey Walker
Drama ATAR	Amone van Heerden	Maths Methods ATAR	Steven Zhang
Drama General	Sophie Roberts	Maths Specialist ATAR	Marsha Chin
Design: Photography General	Allannah Carrick	MUSIC	
Media Production and Analysis: - ATAR	Owen Lawie Teriah Forrest	Music - Western Art ATAR	Ariel Tan
- General		Certificate II: Music	Raras Sukardi
Visual Arts ATAR	Michelle Shean	SCIENCE	
Visual Arts General	Kasey Marks	Biology ATAR	Isabel Weng
HASS		Chemistry ATAR	Ariel Tan
Accounting and Finance ATAR	Brian Khoo	Earth and Environmental Science ATAR	India Sadd
Ancient History ATAR	Sophie Roberts	Human Biology ATAR	Jo Cavanagh
Certificate II: Business	Areeshay Renata	Integrated Science General	Bianca Varrone
Economics ATAR	Brian Khoo	Physics ATAR	Marsha Chin
Geography ATAR	Liam Birch	TECHNOLOGIES	
Modern History ATAR	Nisarg Dave	Applied Information Technology -ATAR -General	Jaun Pieters Victor Arul
Philosophy and Ethics ATAR	Michele Shean	Certificate II: Automotive	Lachlan Stead
Politics and Law ATAR	Isabel Weng	Certificate II: Community Service	Mathew Quintana Somerville
ENGLISH		Certificate II: Hospitality	Madison Lambly
English ATAR	Ariel Tan	Certificate III: Visual Arts CAD	Leon Armanasco
English General	Kwannapa Suknoi	Certificate III: Visual Arts Furniture	Lachlan Stead
EALD ATAR	Brian Khoo	Computer Science ATAR	Andy Zheng
Literature ATAR	Isabel Weng	Food Science Technology General	Ella Carter
HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION		WORKPLACE LEARNING	
Certificate II: Sports Coaching	James Main	Workplace Learning	Ella Cream
Health Studies ATAR	Husna Salman		
Phys Ed Studies ATAR	Jeet Patel		
Phys Ed Studies General	Mackenzie Allin		
LANGUAGES			
Chinese: First Language ATAR	Suying Ren		
Chinese: Second Language ATAR	Jo Cavanagh		
French: Second Language ATAR	Indira Savory		
Japanese: Second Language ATAR	Gabriel Ng		



# 2017 Year 12 Award Recipients



Mackenzie Allin



Leon Armanasco



Victor Arul



Alannah Carrick



Ella Carter



Jo Cavanagh



Marcella Cooper



Ella Cream



Nisarg Dave



Teriah Forrest



Madison Lambly



Owen Lawie



James Main



Kasey Marks



Gabriel Ng



Jeet Patel



Jaun Pieters



Mathew Quintana Somerville



Suying Ren



Areeshay Renata



Sophie Roberts



Emily Rose



India Sadd



Husna Salman



Indira Savory



Shean Michelle



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Raras Sukardi



Kwannapa Suknoi



Ariel Tan



Holly Tunstall



Amone van Heerden



Bianca Varrone



Andy Zhang



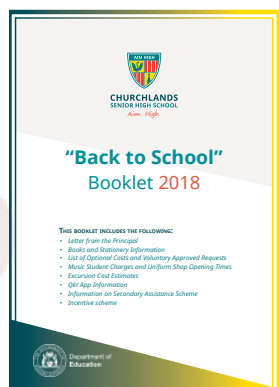
# Associate Principal Junior Secondary School

**The Junior School students have been fantastic in all areas of their school life and have displayed all the positive values we are trying to build in our young people**

This year has been extremely rewarding for all people involved with the Junior School. A special thank you to Head of Year 7 Ms Campbell and Head of Year 8 Ms Kitto for all their hard work this year.

## Timetables

Parents should have recently received a package for 2018 including the subjects each student is studying in 2018, booklist information, uniform shop information, a "Back to School Booklet 2018" and a Contributions and Charges sheet. The timetables for all students for 2018 have been completed and they will receive them at the beginning of term next year.



## Year 9 2018

Good luck to all our Year 8 students who will be moving into Middle School next year and will be promoted to wearing teal green polo shirts. The House Coordinators in Ms Rushforth (Brighton), Ms Davy (Floreat), Mr Cross (Scarborough) and Ms McPhail (Trigg) will all follow their group into Year 9. Ms Karena Shearing and Ms Crawford are the Associate Principal's for Middle School and Ms Hudson will be Head of Year 9 in 2018.



Ms Rushforth



Ms Davy



Mr Cross



Ms McPhail

## Building Update

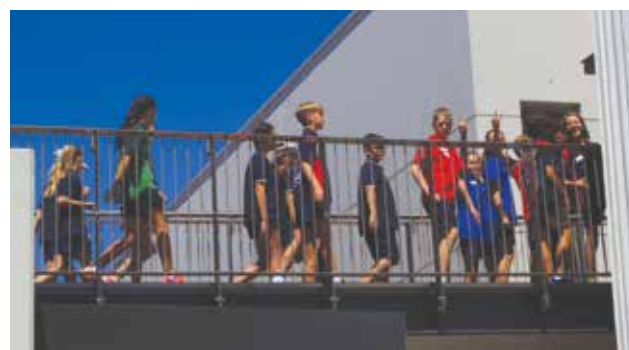
The Technology Building is now completed which concludes the \$38.8M building program at the school. The school facilities now are first class and the inconvenience of construction fences around the school is a thing of the past. We have also put in extra bench seating in the new Mathematics and Science/Arts block and have re-grassed the area at the back of the school. Thank you to the P & C who have assisted in funding these projects.

## Welcome Year 7 Student 2018

In particular welcome to the large group of Year 7 students beginning high school next year and we look forward to an exciting 2018. The Orientation Days on Thursday and Friday 23-24 November were brilliant and the students were very excited about being in a high school environment. The Year 9 Peer Mentors were excellent guides for the day and the feedback from them about our incoming Year 7s was very positive.



Getting a feel of Year 7



Enjoying a tour of the school

I wish all the Churchlands SHS community a very happy and safe festive season.

**Mr Bernie Dunn**

**Associate Principal - Junior School**



# 2018 Incoming Year 7s Orientation Day

**On Thursday 23 and Friday 24 November 485 Year 6 students from eighty five different schools attended the annual Churchlands SHS Year 6 Orientation Days**

The students were greeted by Mr Dunn and Mrs Kitto before taking off on a tour of the school with our fabulous Year 9 Student Leaders.

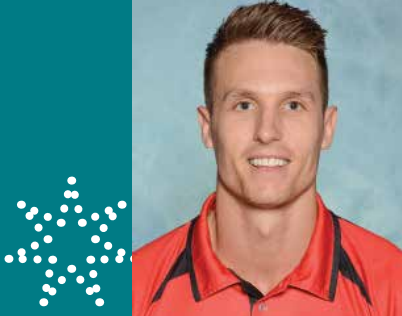
After recess the students attended their first high school lesson. All learning areas were involved in the Year 6 lessons and provided highly engaging activities for our incoming eager students! The Year 9 Student Leaders cooked a sausage sizzle for the Year 6 students for lunch and new friends were made on the lawn.

By the end of the day the students were exhausted but left with a big smile on their faces.

**Jane Kitto**  
**Head of Year 8 - Program Coordinator**







# Year 7 Report

As the end of the school year quickly approaches, it has been fantastic to see our Year 7 students maintain their high standards which they have set all year

Term 4 has seen a continuation of students working conscientiously and showcasing their vast array of talents in the sporting, arts and academic fields.

At the recent 'A' Division Interschool Athletics Carnival, Churchlands SHS retained the title as the Premier Athletics State School for the sixth year in a row. This was a huge team effort which cannot be understated, and the strong contingent of Year 7 athletes played a critical role in ensuring Churchlands SHS' success. Congratulations to the following dedicated Year 7 students who represented the school with distinction; we are all very proud of your efforts.

- Wesley Adriansz
- Arthur Baker
- Claudia Bates
- Hyrum Birks
- Tara Davidovich
- Ruby Dunn
- Holly Fraser
- Annabelle Jones
- Rohan MacNeill
- Charlie Martin
- Kyan Minor
- Connor Morris
- Emma Morris
- Tess Morris
- Mia Pronk
- Harry Simpson
- Sam Van Rooyen
- Keala Veale
- Jack Verhoef

Finally, special mention must go to Arthur Baker who was awarded Year 7 Champion Boy! Well done, Arthur.



Year 7 Boys Athletics Team



Year 7 Girls Athletics Team

Champion Boy  
Arthur Baker



Girls Relay team - Mia Pronk, Claudia Bates,  
Holly Fraser and Tess Morris



Boys Relay team - Hyrum Birks, Arthur Baker,  
Charlie Martin and Jack Verhoef



Year 7 Interschool Athletics Team - warmed up and ready to go



# Year 7 Report

At the time of this article printing, the Term 4 House Activity was also well underway, with each form participating in a knockout Table Tennis competition. The house spirit shown was fantastic and the competition fierce. Each house is to be represented by two champion students in a Grand Final Tournament in Week 10. Well done to all students who have participated!



Celebrations at the Table Tennis competition



Students battling it out in the Table Tennis House activity

As we enter the final weeks of the year, some of our Year 7 students have taken a moment to reflect on some of the highlights of their first year at Churchlands SHS. We have been very impressed by the mature demeanour of the year group and it was great to read some of the positive experiences of the students:

*"My favourite experience this year was the 'World Vision Day'. The effort that went into setting it up was astounding. We raised an unbelievable amount of money for such a worthy cause."* **Ruby Bishop**

*"I vividly remember the 500 unfamiliar Year 7s I saw on my first day and it shocks me to know that many of them are now my friends. Year 7 was a great experience and I look forward to Year 8."* **Gabrielle Vasquez**

*"My favourite experience this year was the athletics carnival. It was really fun dressing up and doing sports with all my friends."* **Jordyn Craft**

*"The best thing about high school is the amazing friends I have met this year. Coming from a school where I was the only one was very challenging, but with the support of my new friends, they made this year one of the best"* **Lucy De Leo**



Fun time dressing up at the athletics carnival



Amazing friends made in Year 7

2017 has been a year characterised by much perseverance and diligence which has culminated in a collection of outstanding achievements and much personal development. As a reward for this exceptional year, our Year 7s will be given the opportunity to take part in an end of year activity day at The Maze – Home of Outback Splash. It is sure to be a fun-filled day and a great way to finish the year.

I would like to once again congratulate our Year 7s for their excellent efforts across the year and wish them all a safe and enjoyable Christmas break.

See you all in 2018!

**David Bongiascia**  
Year 7 Trigg House Coordinator



# Year 8 Report

## And that's a wrap...

Congratulations Year 8s on completing your second year of high school and your final year in lower school. Gone are the days of blue shirts, designated play areas and satellite canteens.

Bring on the teal shirts, the new middle school and getting to select your own electives. Dance, tech, cooking, outdoor ed... the options are endless.

### Our fearless leaders

This year we have had some amazingly well run house activities and some excellent house spirit due to a group of very talented people. Well done to our student leadership group for Year 8 2017:

Hamish Cowell, Emlyn Leyte, Connor Hynes, Sharna Lyell, Shay Natalotto, Chantilly Lund, Lucy Maynes, Jake Darlington

A special shout out to our Student Councillors Oliver Freeman, Oscar Holt, Kaiya O'Brien, Ashleigh Ward for all their hard work planning assemblies and attending many riveting meetings this year.

Next year we will have a new group of leaders who are sure to do an equally as awesome job. Make sure any students interested in putting their leadership skills to good use apply for the jobs in Term 1.

### More awesomeness for our 8s...

Some other awesome students need to be recognised for their fantastic efforts lately:

Congratulation to Jacob Hristianopoulos for his amazing efforts in receiving Champion Boy for the 2017 Interschool Athletics Carnival!

Churchlands came away with a fantastic win over all on the day to keep the winning streak alive. Many Year 8 students were pivotal in the result! (*See the Athletics article for more details.*)

Jacob Hristianopoulos was also officially selected as a Baton Bearer for the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games and will be doing the Scarborough leg! Amazing stuff!



Another Star Year 8 student, Patrick Gleeson coordinated and ran a fundraiser (Ping-Pong-a-thon) to raise funds to stop human trafficking.



Ping-Pong-a-thon to raise funds to stop human trafficking

### Year 8 Exams

The Year 8s have experienced their first end of year Exams and have come out the other side alive. With content being tested in all core subjects and languages, the 8s had a lot of revision and organisation to prioritise



Year 8 exams done and dusted



Everybody came out alive from the Year 8 exams this term



# Year 8 Report



Year 8s enjoying their Drama classes in the new classrooms

But wait there's more....

To finish off what has been a sensational year, we are off to bowling and movies on the last day of term. With a large portion of the cohort attending, it is sure to be a celebration to remember. Thank you to Mr Cross and Mrs Rushforth for all their organisation of the event.

From all the house coordinators and your teachers, we wish all Year 8s a happy and healthy break! We look forward to having you all back and refreshed for Year 9!

## *A good bye from your councillors*

*Year 9 is coming up and I'm sure everyone has some things they are nervous or excited about. Finally, we can rid ourselves of our navy shirts and feel slightly more mature as we slip on our teal shirts every morning for school. Though we may be nervous about the exams, new course outlines or the new colour of our shirts, Year 9 is a new year and a fresh start. We get to refresh our minds with a good six weeks away from school when we come back, (possibly a little jetlagged from our holiday vacations or maybe just missing the sleep ins) it's a new start for all of us.*

*I'm confident that we're all excited about the new friends we'll meet in our new classes, along with all the new teachers and each of their unique teaching techniques. Maybe for some of us, Year 9 is an opportunity to do better in our subjects or experiment with new study methods. Maybe Year 9 is just a new year to learn new things and expand our knowledge. Whatever the goal is, I'm positive that next year will bring new memories for all of us that we will carry for the rest of our life here at CSHS. So next year, on your first day back, tell yourself one thing you wish to get out of Year 9, 2018 and whilst working hard, you may in fact, achieve it.*

*By Kaiya O'Brien*



Girls at the law courts



Year 8 Girls PE Loving 'Just Dance' program in the new gym



Year 8 boys joining in 'Just Dance'



Tom Shepherd, Jacob Collis and Ryely Hammond looking the part

**Amber Davy**  
**Year 8 Floreat House Coordinator**





# Year 9 Report

**Term 4 has been a very busy term and I have been very impressed with the way the Year 9 students are maturing into young adults, ready for Year 10**

I would like to specially mention our Student Councillors (Zahra Amos, Amelia Dyton, Sophie Smith and Ash Hough) and our House Leaders (Jaime Horn, Zoe Colmer, Parsa Vahdani, Jane Harwood, Blake Longshaw, Ryan Pottier, Owen Spicer and Thomas Noordzy) for doing a fantastic job at leading and speaking on behalf of the Year 9 group.

This term, we received the results from the Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC). The AMC was introduced in Australia in 1978 as the first Australia-wide mathematics competition for students. It has since spread internationally, with students in more than thirty countries attempting the same problems. The problems are designed to test mathematical thinking and questions are designed so that they can be answered just as quickly without a calculator as with one. The problems get more difficult through the competition, so that at the end they are challenging to the most gifted students. Eight Year 9 students achieved a High Distinction. Samuel Chan and Ryan Pottier tied for first place at Churchlands and both achieved in the top one percent of all Year 9 students in WA. Garry Tsui, Matthew Fidler, Cameron Morrison, Isabella Rowe, Kun Yu and Shaun Giacomel all achieved in the top three percent of WA. This is a fantastic result and all students who participated should be commended on their efforts! *(Photos on the congratulatory page)*

Fifty one students were nominated to attend Leadership Camp at Point Walter Recreation Centre from the 30th – 31st of October. The purpose of the camp was to foster team building within the year group and also to develop leadership skills. Over the two days, students did goal setting, worked through group activities, reflected on their experiences in high school, practiced effective communication skills and faced their fears while on the flying fox and abseiling.

“The Leadership Camp was an amazing experience. The activities were awesome, especially the abseiling! I have never been abseiling before, but the incredible instructors helped me progress from the beginner wall to the free fall. Even after going to Churchlands for nearly three years, I still got to meet and get to know people better.”



Leadership Camp



# Year 9 Report

*The dance competition on Monday night was something I'll never forget. Kudos to Ms McPhail for organising the dance competition and the music. The whole camp was really amazing, so I would like to thank every teacher involved in this unforgettable camp!*

**By Blake Longshaw - Scarborough House Leader**

*This term, a group of enthusiastic students set off to Point Walter to learn more about how to be a student leader. In our teams, we completed a booklet on leadership, friendship, and how to support 2018 Year 7s through their first year at high school. It wasn't all writing, though - we went on the flying fox, did abseiling and even got to watch Aladdin! Overall, our student leaders had a great time at the leadership camp and I think that we've done a fantastic job of making the Year 6s feel welcome in a big school!*

**By Amelia Dyton - Student Councillor**

The skills learned and practiced during the Leadership Camp were put to use during the orientation days for the year six students coming to Churchlands in 2018 as year seven students. The year nine mentors conducted school tours for ten groups of year six students. The tours included visits to various classes around the school. The year nine mentors also took over the barbequeing duties to cater for the year sixes and cooked hundreds of sausages for their lunch. I know the year six students had a great day and are looking forward to next year!



**Year 9 Orientation day sausage sizzle**

The End of Year Activity Day takes place on Thursday, 14th of December. Students, form teachers and house coordinators will be walking to the cinema to watch the movie 'Daddys Home 2', then will have sausage sizzle at Jackadder Lake. We look forward to a great day.

Congratulations to all Year 9 students on a successful 2017, and best of luck next year!

**Kim Jones**  
**Year 9 Trigg House Coordinator**

## 2017 Act Belong Commit School Fun Run

Thank you to everyone involved in the 2017 Act Belong Commit School Fun Run. Congratulations on fundraising an amazing \$5619 for child health research at the Telethon Kids Institute.

Your fundraising has a direct impact on the Telethon Kids Institute's mission to improve the health and wellbeing of children through research. With your support, we can continue to Discover, Prevent, and Cure.

Thank you for your hard work, fundraising efforts, and sweating it out for the kids of WA.





# Year 10 Report

## It's the end of middle school for Year 10s and time to step up into senior school

No more teal shirts and moving on to the prestigious white shirts. During the time as teal "shirters", we have seen many of our students become taller, certainly more mature and increasing the amount of neurological matter in their craniums. Before we move on to upper school, let's recap at what has happened in the last few moments of Year 10.

Final year in teal t-shirt

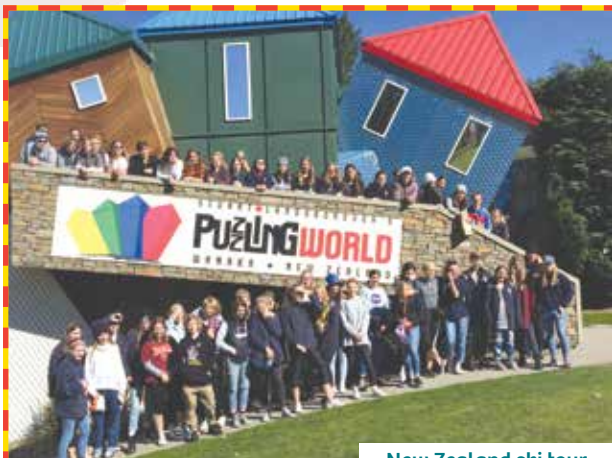


The final Year 10 Assembly was held on the 20 October. In this assembly students received awards for Science and Mathematics competitions. Over sixty four students had participated in these competition from Year 10. In the UNSW Global ICAS Science competition, high distinction winners were Michael Biddle and Benjamin Jowett; the distinction winners were Charmaine Chin, Conor McElligot, Joel Bellisini, Sashadern Nair and Paige Reeves. Congratulations to our high achieving students in these competitions.



Year 10 Assembly

During the Term 3 holidays, a group of students went on the Churchlands ski tour to New Zealand. Some of our Year 10s took the opportunity to frolic in the snow on the ski slopes. All under the watchful eyes of our teachers supervising the trip. Sounds like all had fun with no serious injuries.



New Zealand ski tour



Lakoya Abdullah the winner of the AIME GOT GAME competition sang a traditional song at the assembly. She had won a nationwide indigenous performing competition and was chosen to perform and record a song over in Sydney. What a talented individual and Congratulations Lakoya!



Lakoya Abdullah



# Year 10 Report

Again, Churchlands SHS had won the A Grade Public Schools Athletics Carnival. Many of our Year 10s have contributed to this excellent win. Let's keep this momentum going.



**Athletics Carnival**

All Year 10 students sat the Semester 2 exams in November. It was their third year of exams and by that time, they have gotten used to it. They can now look forward to much more challenging exams in upper school in the next two years. The best way to beat exam anxiety is preparation - start preparing for exams early. Study and practice and the exams will be a "cinch".



As a reward for all the hardwork during the year students enjoyed their time at the end of year activity day. The Year 10s went on a river cruise in fancy dress – black and white themed. All the students had a great time. What a great way to end the year and to finish off middle school.

Community service is a voluntary service, especially for lower school. I would like to recognise the effort that some of our students have given towards our community. Thank you to all student who had volunteered their time and service. In the Trigg house the highest number of community hours done by a student this year goes to Zoe Limpanyalers with sixty seven hours. Closely behind is Brooke Sydney Smith with sixty three and a half hours. Thank you for your contribution.



**Community service volunteers**

This year we have had our elected Student Councillors and House leaders for year 10: Marcus Granger, Oliver Lane, Jared Savage, Peung Padith, Jared Savage, Cameron Taylor, Imogen De Graaf, Sofia Kerr, Zoe Limpanyalers, Siri Missula and Zoe Newton. These are an exceptional group of students who have given up many hours organising, planning and running events for our Year group. Thank you on behalf of the Year 10 student group for doing such an outstanding job.

Finally I would like to thank Ms Kim Hudson our Program Coordinator for overseeing everything for this cohort in Year 9 (2016) and Year 10 (this year). She has been there faithfully for every student in our year group. She has spent many hours caring for their overall wellbeing. Ms Hudson will remain in middle school. To all the parents and students, I hope that you all have a great summer holidays with Christmas and New Year.

Bring on upper school next year...

**Richard Massang**  
**Year 10 Trigg House Coordinator**



# Year 11 Report

## Our Year 11 students have made it to the end of their first year in Senior School and what a year it has been!

They have battled through Semester 1 and 2 examinations, attended Workplace Learning placements, danced the night away at their River Cruise and Dinner Dance, and in a blink of an eye, they are now on their way to being the most senior students at the school.

In the final term, we saw a change in leadership with Mr Tomlin retiring and Mr Cross taking on the role as Head of Year 11. Mr Cross has shown exceptional leadership this term and we thank him for all he has done for our students. We look forward to working with the new Head of Year 11 in 2018.

A big congratulations to Shrushti Jethva and Ethan Blume for being elected as the Head Girl and Head Boy for 2018. They will both be a welcomed addition to the student leadership team and will be exemplary role models for the school.



A special mention to the Ball Committee who have been meeting regularly to plan and organise the 2018 Year 12 Ball. Their positive attitude and enthusiasm has made them a pleasure to work with and we are all looking forward to a night of glamour "under the stars". At the Year 11 final assembly, the students had their first dance lesson in preparation for their Year 12 ball in 2018.



The 2018 Leavers' jackets have now been finalised and are currently in production ready for the students' final year of high school. A big thank you to Mrs Sandy Hunt and the committee who were instrumental in the design and organisation of these jackets. We look forward to our students wearing them proudly next year.

The Dinner Dance was the final social event for the year. Students arrived at the Rendezvous Hotel looking smart and glamorous, and were eagerly awaiting a night of fun and excitement. They enjoyed the fabulous food provided by the hotel, were mesmerised by the Magician and danced the night away, making it an evening to remember! It won't be long until the students are celebrating at their Year 12 Ball and hopefully this evening will be just as memorable.



# Year 11 Report



I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Year 11 students and their families a wonderful holiday and happy New Year. We hope you have a restful break from the rigour of this academic year and I look forward to seeing everyone back again for what will be an exciting and unforgettable final school year.

**David Coles**  
Year 11 Brighton House Coordinator





# Year 12 Report

**It was with great sadness that we said goodbye to our Year 12s when they left the school to embark on the next chapter in their lives**

In keeping with the strong community spirit of the cohort, we had a wonderful two last weeks with them at the beginning of term - before they started their ATAR exams. They have been a wonderful group of individuals who we will miss very much.

## Last Days

Having completed the mocks at the end of Term 3, the Year 12s come back for last minute revision tips in the first two weeks of term to help them with their ATAR exams.



A major highlight for our Year 12 representatives on the Athletics team was winning the Interschool Carnival. Liam Birch and Sarah Hynes, as captains, were able to stand triumphant on the podium in their final carnival. For both, it was the reward for years of dedication to their sport and the school team.

On their last school day, students in tie dyed shirts were treated to a BBQ breakfast by the Home Economics staff and their teachers. After having their fill of bacon, eggs and hash browns, they then collected their leavers' books and made their way down to their final assembly.



## A final assembly to remember

The final 'Survivor' themed assembly was a joyful occasion. With streamers flowing, whistles blowing and phones glowing, the year 12s celebrated in style. Tributes from Mr Hunt and Mr Hollands were punctuated with memorable musical interludes from Trinity Emery-Rowe who sang Frank Sinatra's 'That's Life' and an up-and-coming band managed by Alistair Wetherall. Alex Bogle and Angela Sullivan provided the vocals for the band's rendition of Arctic Monkey's 'Do I Wanna Know', whilst Finbar McCarthy, Jaleen Weerokody and Ben Hetherington provided the instrumentals.





# Year 12 Report



Head Girl Pinithi Sirawardana, and Head Boy Liam Birch, provided a heart felt speech to all the Year 12s and the school, thanking everyone who supported the cohort in their five year journey. Both struggled, on occasion, to hold back their tears, providing a reflection of the mixed emotions of joy and sadness which swirled within their peers.



After their last day of school, the 12s headed off to the Hyatt Regency for a night of dining and dancing.



## Parting Reflections

The Year 12 House Coordinators will definitely miss this group. They were amazing; brave, dedicated, kind and funny.

Personally, I cannot think of a single person in Trigg House I was not proud of. Overall, they were terrific role models to other students, showing how you can create strong relationships, embrace difference and work towards goals.

I would especially like to thank Liam Birch, Brian Khoo, Mina Mitric, Claudia Hall and Tylah Hubbard for their work as House Leaders and Student Councillors over the years.

I will also be watching the progress of everyone in the years ahead. I expect I will be seeing a lot more of Fred Lee as he carves up the golf circuit but I am also interested in how Meg Stephens goes with her swimming and Liam Birch – well where will he go from here? Politics? Flying for Qantas? Coaching the next generation of athletes? Radio DJ? The options are endless! And this is just the tip of the iceberg – there is so much talent in this group which is waiting to be exploited.

As we go to press we also offer Wil Powell our congratulations for being drafted to the Gold Coast in the AFL.

**Anne-Maree Liddelow**  
Year 12 Trigg House Coordinator

**As a kid I remember this time of year staring out classroom windows at grass fading to its usual summer beige and sweltering in front of blackboards with a hypnotic fan carrying our thoughts to unriden waves at Scarborough Beach**

Of course some of us were also waiting for Christmas. This is indeed a time of waiting. In the Christian tradition it is the time of Advent (from a version of the Latin "waiting" or "coming"). Christians around the world wait for this time of year as a celebration and to kick-start the next calendar year. For many people the Christmas story is a myth, a child's fairy-tale and possibly even a point of division.

For some it is the expectant wait for an illogical, subversive and even miraculous arrival of an unassuming baby (born to unassuming parents) that would alter history and to this day provide an alternative to the same old win lose patterns of living. Waiting is a very difficult task for us these days. At the moment students are waiting to throw off the routines of period sirens and eating at prescribed times, parents are nervously waiting with their offspring for exams results or transitioning from school to other opportunities and staff are patiently waiting for a break from marking and term four excursion paperwork.

We live in a world of instant results, instant communication and instant gratification. Hopefully for some the summer break is a period of slowing down and possibly catching up with friends and or family (which can seem like an illogical, subversive miracle in itself!) Many diverse religions like Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism, Judaism, Buddhism and many others, celebrate events, festivals, seasons and commemorations throughout the year which often mean retreating and eating!

On behalf of the chaplains Andrew, Susan and Narelle and no matter what your religion, belief, position or philosophy, we wish the whole Churchlands School community a safe summer break that may involve some retreating and a heck of a lot of eating.

God Bless and see you next year!

***The Chaplains***

## Good Start Breakfast Program

The Breakfast Program has continued throughout this term with the support of Foodbank WA and Brumbys City Beach. Due to staff room renovations we were moved to one of the demountable classrooms for the remainder of the year. It took a week or so to settle into our new home but has proved to be a pleasant change of scenery. We have seen a gradual decline in numbers over the term as the Year 11 and 12s wind up their studies. However, we have seen an increase of swimmers come along for toast and Milo after their early morning training.



Thank you to the Community Service Volunteers who consistently help out each week and also the Heads of Year, Chaplains, First Aid staff and others who volunteer their time to keep this school wide program going.



**Khia Armstead (7-F1)**

**Andrea Stacey**  
**Student Support Officer**





# Calendar

## Term 1/2018

### January

- 24 School re-opens for Business  
31 Students start School

### FEBRUARY

- 9 P & C Sundowner 4:30-6:30pm  
12 Personal Planning Interview with STopley and CSlodecki begins (ends 15 March)  
12-16 Year 7 Orientation Camp  
14 Years 10-12 Swim Carnival  
15 Year 12 Art Gallery Excursion  
19 Year 9 Swim Carnival  
Year 11 Parent Info Night 6:30-8:00pm  
Music Parents Committee (MPC) AGM 7:30pm  
20 Photo Day - Years 8-12  
21 Dismantle Bike Program  
22 Year 7 Swim Carnival  
23 Photo Day - Years 7 and 12 Music  
Year 8 Swim Carnival  
26 P & C Meeting 7:30pm  
27 Year 12 ATAR Parents Info Night  
28 Photo Day - Catch up

### MARCH

- 1 Year 11 Art Gallery Excursion  
Year 12 EES Field Trip  
Years 7-8 Girls' Wellbeing Program  
2 School Tour 9:30am  
5 PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Labour Day  
6-9 OLNA Testing  
Years 7-8 Girls' Wellbeing Program  
9 Whole School Assembly  
12-29 Year 10 Career Voyage  
13-14 Year 8 Immunisation (1)  
14 Interschool Swimming  
15 Year 7 P & C BBQ  
Years 7-8 Girls' Wellbeing Program  
16 **SCHOOL BALL**  
**PD Day. No students**

- 19 Years 7-9 Girls Interschool Tennis  
MPC Meeting  
20 Years 7-9 Boys Interschool Tennis  
Years 11-12 Dance and Choreography Night  
Year 8 Young Writer's Program  
21 **Years 7 and 11 Interim Reports available**  
22 Years 10-12 Girls Interschool Tennis  
Year 7 Young Writer's Program  
Years 7-8 Girls' Wellbeing Program  
23 School Tour 9:30am  
Years 10-12 Boys Interschool Tennis  
26 P & C Meeting 7:30pm  
28 **Years 7-12 Parent-Teacher Interview**  
**No Students**  
29 Parent ICT Workshop  
Years 7-8 Girls' Wellbeing Program  
30 PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Good Friday

### APRIL

- 2-3 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS - Easter  
4 Year 12 Biology Excursion 1  
5 Year 12 Biology Excursion 2  
Years 7-8 Girls' Wellbeing Program  
Years 8-10 Netball Carnival  
Year 9 Young Writers' Program  
Years 9-12 Surf Competition  
Years 7-12 Rugby 7s Tournament  
Year 11 EES Field Trip  
9 Year 12 Integrated Science Excursion  
9-11 Years 7-8 Koping Program (selected students)  
9-13 Multicultural Week  
10 Year 10 Young Writers' Program  
11 Fun Run  
12 Senior Concert  
Year 11 Body Board Competition  
Years 7-12 Rugby Carnival  
13 **END OF TERM**  
**ANZAC Service**  
*Students return on Monday 30 April*

## Year 7 Specialist Program

This squad has been the biggest one since the inception of the program. A round robin competition between three AFL Specialist Schools was a highlight for the program. Churchlands locked horns against Wanneroo SHS and Warwick SHS in an after school contest to consolidate the skills and strategies learnt from training.

### The Victory Athletic Cup

Game 1: Churchlands 8.9 (57) def Wanneroo 2.3 (15)

Game 2: Warwick 4.5 (29) def Churchlands 1.9 (15)

Grand Final: Warwick 4.6 (30) def Churchlands 3.4 (22)

### Eagles Cup – Year 8/9 competition

**A Grade** (Claremont, Subiaco, West Perth Districts)

- Churchlands acquitted themselves well in the preliminary games with big games against schools from three districts. Declared Claremont district champions, a big win in a cross over final against Corpus Christi (East Fremantle district) saw them in a second semi against Clontarf College. Unfortunately the Churchlands team could not sustain their winning formula against this strong school and were defeated.

**B Grade** - Solid wins in all games from the boys saw them declared eventual Claremont winners for 2017. Both grades performed well in most situations under pressure and were able to use the skills and strategies learnt to their advantage in a competitive environment.

Well done to all boys involved.

### Redimed Cup – Senior Boys competition

After last year's narrow defeat in the preliminary final by La Salle College, 2017 had the boys wanting to prove a point in the Jakovich Division.

Round 1: Churchlands 6.10 (46) def JTC 4.1 (25)

Round 2: Churchlands 11.7 (73) def Shenton 4.5 (29)

Round 3: Churchlands 13.3 (81) def Carine 6.4 (40)

Crossover Final 1 saw a very narrow win over St Marks (Subiaco District) by one point. A further final against last year's competition winners La Salle (East Perth district) resulted in a solid win by four goals. In another preliminary final, Churchlands travelled to Murdoch to play against Kennedy Baptist College. An absolute training run saw Churchlands victorious by seven goals. Churchlands were to play in a Grand Final game the following week. The mood was electric.



Eagles Cup 1



Eagles Cup 2

A huge congratulations to the players, officials, helpers and parents who witnessed an historical win against Frederick Irwin School to secure the 2017 Redimed Cup premiership.

Grand Final Churchlands 7.8 (50) def Frederick Irwin 6.4 (40).

- Best on ground in the grand final was Sam Coombes (Year 10).
- Fairest and best for the competition was Wil Powell (Year 12).
- Captain – Jack Dingle (Year 12)

### Dockers Cup – Girls competition

Well done to the girls from Year 8 – 12 who had an exciting time competing in this event. The sheer number of girls who put up their hand every week to play was indicative of the strong interest of Girls Footy at school level.

Round 1: Iona 5.4 (34) def Churchlands 1.1 (7)

Round 2: Churchlands 4.6 (30) def Carine 2.4 (16)

Round 3: Churchlands 3.4 (22) def Perth Mod 3.1 (19)

Round 4: Warwick 9.6 (60) def Churchlands 1.1 (7)

Round 5: Churchlands 7.7 (49) def St Marks 1.8 (14)



# Sports

## CSHS AFL



Year 7 AFL Dockers Cup team



Years 8, 9 and 10 WAFL Development Squad



Years 8 and 9 AFL Dockers Cup team



AFL Dockers Cup

### Development Squads

Twenty nine students from Churchlands Specialist AFL Program were involved in the 2017 WAFL Development Squads. This is testament to the ability of our young players coming through the program.

- Year 8 13 players
- Year 9 14 players
- Year 10 2 players

Congratulations to Kyle Lim (Year 9) who was voted as Fairest and Best for Claremont Football Club for the Year 9 Development Squad team.

### WAFL Football

Two of the up and coming Year 12 Football stars from Churchlands have represented their respective WAFL clubs in Colts level footy.

Wil Powell (Claremont) and Josh Leunig (Subiaco) have both served their club well and have played to a very high level in 2017.



AFL Senior Boys Premiers

Congratulation to Josh Robbins (Year 12) who was nominated as "Fairest and Best" player for the 2017 season across the three WAFL districts of Claremont, Subiaco and West Perth. Hopefully a solid 2018 Colts season at Claremont will be the next step for Josh.

### Dockers Cup Year 7 – 9 girls carnival

Churchlands were represented by two Year 7 teams and one Year 8/9 team in this year's competition. Well done to all girls who played, especially the Year 7 team who won the Grand Final.

Congratulations to Charlotte Tompkin (Year 7) who was nominated as "Best on Ground" in the winning Grand Final Game. Charlotte is a member of the Year 7 Special Football Program and is progressing very well.

**Chris Tan**  
AFL Coordinator

# Sports

# English Channel Crossing



Our proud Churchlands Barracudas Channel Crossing team - Coach Pauline Pratt, Nadia, Georgia, Lauren, Jane, Emma, Scotia and Jessica

## The Churchlands Barracudas Channel Crossing Team coached by Pauline Pratt made an impressive crossing of the English Channel on the 17th September 2017

The girls were fortunate to have completed two swims - the first was the twenty six mile England Inshore swim, setting a new world record after finishing the swim in eight hours ten minutes.

The team thought they had missed their opportunity to cross the English Channel as the weather was not cooperating. Unexpectedly, on the last possible day they were given a late call up and had just forty minutes to prepare themselves - grabbed their bathers and headed to the beach at Dover. The girls hit the water fast and overtook several teams and soloists along the way.

The all girls team successfully crossed the prestigious English Channel in a cracking time of exactly nine hours - making them the first to ever complete two swims and fifth fastest team to ever do the crossing. They became quite the talk of Dover with their achievement.

The team consisted of locals Jessica, Georgia, Jane, Lauren, Nadia and Emma. Ex-student Scotia Broome had been training hard in Canada and flew in to meet and swim with the team.



Before the England Inshore swim...Aussie Aussie Aussie

The girls trained solidly for two years - six days a week both weekends and weekdays. Some days they also trained in the Hillary's marina for cold water training and to get dark water swimming experience, they trained at 4:30am.

Well done girls - it must have been very exciting and CSHS is exceptionally proud of your efforts!

**Chris Van Maanen**  
**Head of Health and Physical Education**



# Sports

# English Channel Crossing



The 26 mile England Inshore swim track from Dover to Broadstairs



Celebrations for breaking the world record in the England Inshore swim from Dover to Broadstairs. Cliffs of Dover on the background.



Morning training session - 15 degree water



Joyous moment finding out they were about to swim the English Channel



English Channel swim track



Medal presentation at the caravan park.

## English Channel Crossing Facts

- A unique and demanding swim, considered by many to be the ultimate long distance challenge.
- It takes approximately thirty two kilometres (twenty one miles) to cross the Channel - between England and France.
- Swimmers have to adhere to the Channel Swimming Association (CSA) code of rules.
- It is one of the busiest shipping lanes in the world with 600 tankers passing through and 200 ferries/seacats and other vessels going across daily.
- Swimmers must book one to two years ahead for a slot to attempt a crossing.
- Australian long distance swimmer Trent Grimsey (born 4 May 1988) holds the world record for the fastest crossing of the English Channel (2012) with a time of six hours and fifty five minutes.
- Swimmers are not allowed to touch another human during the course of the swim - any fuel in the way of food will be passed by a long pole from the escort boat.
- During the swim season of July to September, the temperature in the water ranges from fourteen to eighteen degree celcius and can plummet to six celcius. Swimmers must complete a six-hour swim in similar temperature before attempting a crossing.



History lesson at the Dover castle learning about the Battle of Britain

## Interschool Athletics Carnival 2017 held on 18th October at the State Athletics Stadium, Floreat

Congratulations to all 130 students and coaches (Mr Tan, Mr Van Maanen, Mrs Pomeroy, Miss Haigh, Miss Carter, Miss Howard and Mr Morton) who attended trainings that began back in Term 2. Thank you to our Captains Liam Birch and Sarah Hynes for their leadership at training, their warm-ups and inspirational speeches!

It is an amazing achievement to win again, making us state champions every year (except once where we still placed second) for the past ten years!

A special mention to the individual champions below and also to those that broke an OUTSTANDING twenty three school records!

### Results - Individual

Year 7	Champion Boy Arthur Baker
Year 8	- Champion Boy Jacob Hristianopoulos - 3rd Place Boy Aidan Ismail
Year 9	Runner-Up Girl Zahra Amos
Year 10	3rd Place Girl Jade Whyte
Year 11/12	Champion Girl Sarah Hynes

### Results - School

1st	Churchlands SHS	1530 points
2nd	Melville SHS	1384 points
3rd	Rossmoyne SHS	1298 points
4th	Carine SHS	1290 points
5th	Kelmscott SHS	1250 points

### Results - School Records

<b>Year 7</b>
• Annabelle Jones - 800m 2.48min
• Rohan MacNeill Discus - 31.26m
• Holly Fraser - 200m 29.01sec, 100m 13.76sec
• Arthur Baker - 200m 25.23sec, 100m 12.33sec
• Tess Morris - 400m 1.08min
• Emma Morris - Long Jump 4.41m
• Kyan Minor - 1500m 5.05min
<b>Year 8</b>
• Jacob Hristianopoulos - Hurdles 13.14sec, Long Jump 5.99m, Triple Jump 12.16m, 100m 12.06sec
• Aidan Ismail - 200m 24.68sec, 400m 56.46sec

#### Year 9

Connor Leigh - Triple Jump (equalled record) 11.88m

#### Year 10

Ben Waterman - 800m 2.06min, 1500m 4.34min

Alyssa Teng - Triple Jump 10.09m

Jade Whyte - 200m 26.08sec, 400m 1.00.14

#### Year 11/12

Sarah Hynes - 800m 2.25min, 1500m 5.06min

### WA All School State Track and Field Championships

Congratulations to the following students who participated at the State Athletics Championships held recently at the State Athletics Centre, Floreat.

Year 8	- Jacob Hristianopoulos - Aidan Ismail
Year 9	Zahra Amos
Year 10	Chloe Gurner



**Hurdles**  
- Jacob Hristianopoulos (8-T4)



**100m**  
- Chelsea Humphrey (9-B4)



**400 m start line**  
- Aidan Ismail (8-B3)



**1500m winning interview**  
- Ben Waterman (10-F3)



# Sports Athletics

A special mention to both Zahra and Aidan who were selected for the State Team to represent WA in Adelaide in December 2017. Good luck!

**Sasha Underhill-Pomeroy**  
*Health and Physical Education Teacher*

The team wearing our new team warm-up shirts



Captain Liam Birch and Sarah Hynes  
receiving the State Champions Trophy



Champion Girl Sarah Hynes  
receiving her medal



Hurdles - Zahra Amos (9-B1)



200 m - Chloe Gurner (11-S3)



200m - Alex Sundquist (11-B2)



High jump - Jacob Stafford (12-B3)



100m - Harry Pearce (8-T1)



# Sports Netball



Years 8 and 9 Netballers End of Year Carnival

## The Special Interest Netball Program celebrated the end of a very busy year with the biannual Netball Carnival held at Warwick Stadium

Five Year 8 teams and two Year 9 Teams competed in a new format of a one-day Round Robin competition now named the West Coast Fever Cup, which enabled our Churchlands' Netballers to play some quality games against other Specialist Netball Schools. Netball WA provided certificates for all participating athletes and a winning trophy for each age division. Two of our Year 8 teams made it to the grand final with Churchlands # 3 narrowly taking out the trophy for Pool B over Churchlands #2.

After lots of fun, enthusiasm and expended energy the girls enjoyed a Subway lunch, then headed back to school for a well-deserved cool off in the pool. A special mention must go to all the Year 9 Netballers who volunteered to umpire for the Year 8 teams throughout the day.



Year 8 Pool B winners

Congratulations to all on another successful year of Netball. Merry Christmas, have a safe and happy holiday and see you all next year.

**Mrs Amanda Monaghan**  
**Netball Coordinator**

*Thank you*  
*Thank you*  
*Thank you*

A very big thank you to Mrs Mary Lawson from the English Department for her assistance this year as the Editor of the Churchlands Newsletters.

A big thank you also goes to all staff for contributing articles and photos for our newsletter.



# Sports

## Junior Girls Water Polo

### Our fantastic Boys and Girls Water Polo teams, represented Churchlands at the Schools Junior Water Polo Championships in Week 7 this term

The boys had a great day out on Thursday, playing a new sport and being coached by Churchlands Yr 11 student and Australian Junior representative Lewis Putt. Many new skills were put into practise during the games and there was a big improvement in the games as the day progressed.

We had three girls teams on Friday with a combination of one team of experienced and two teams of new players. It was great to see the new players excited to jump into the pool and use some skills they learnt at training in a competitive situation. These teams were ably coached by Yasmin Snowdon and Ellie Connor. They all had a fantastic day and some students have expressed an interest in playing again in the future.

The team of experienced players, Churchlands 'A', played teams with a mixture of abilities throughout the day finishing on the top of their pool. The final saw Churchlands play Newman for the championship. The girls were coached by Natasha Oberman who took them all the way, defeating Newman 7-3 to bring home the shield.

All students were impeccable in their behaviour and sportsmanship over the two days of competition and we commend them on this.

**Fiona Haigh and Samantha Shead**  
**Water Polo Coordinator**



Year 9 and 10 girls team



Year 9 and 10 boys team



Year 7 and 8 boys team



Year 7 and 8 girls team

### Can you see yourself working as a Gardener, Handyperson or Cleaner?

Starting in July 2018, North Metropolitan TAFE (RTO code: 52786) are running a one semester course on the skills required to be a successful gardener/handyperson or cleaner. The course is a preparation for entry into gardening, handy work or cleaning work. In addition, we support you in applying for work as a gardener or cleaner.

We have feedback that there is high demand for people to fill these roles and the chances of gaining employment are strong. This course is suitable for existing gardeners/cleaners that want to up skill, people looking to change career or people looking for work.

#### Course details

Date: Starts 7 February 2018 and ends 22 June (18 weeks)

Days: 3 days per week - Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Time: 9:15 am to 2:45 pm

Cost: \$180 (course fee for 17 weeks) based in Leederville and on site

Contact: Paul Clarke - [paul.clarke@nmtafe.wa.edu.au](mailto:paul.clarke@nmtafe.wa.edu.au)

# Year 12 Graduate Arts Exhibition

One of the highlights of the year for the Performing and Visual Arts Department is the annual Year 12 Graduate Arts Exhibition featuring work from our Year 12 Visual Arts, Photography and Media students

The Exhibition was held in the Visual Arts Gallery on Friday, October 13th and again proved to be a great success with more than 200 parents, students, staff and friends attending.

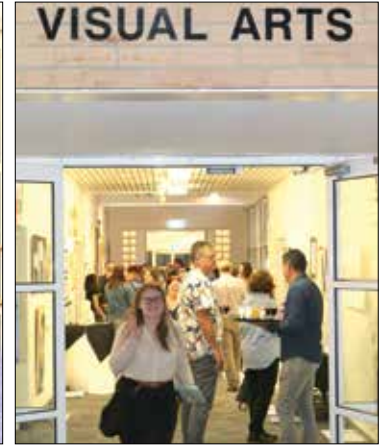
This year's Exhibition was opened by Mr Neil Harris, our recently retired Head of The Arts at Churchlands. Neil spoke highly of the efforts of teachers and students alike to produce the extraordinary display of work in the gallery.

In his opening address, Neil reminded us of the importance of Arts Education in our lives. He said...

*"Can I suggest that an Arts Education does two things? We challenge our students to develop lifelong, transferable skills such as analytical thinking, working collaboratively, being creative, resilience, with a love of lifelong learning."*

What this means is that our students are being prepared for a rich, meaningful and engaged life that goes beyond just a job. They are being taught to try new things, to take risks, to manage and learn from failure...skills that will hold them in good stead throughout their lives.

The second, is to help us make sense of the world... to enable us to imagine the unimaginable and to connect to the past, present and future. We can be transported to different places, experience different cultures, and see ourselves and our community through a different lens. It encourages us to explore who we are and where we fit into the grand scheme of things.







The Exhibition again showcased the exceptional ability of our Year 12 students, reflecting their passion, creativity and talent in a number of different media. Featured work included painting, drawing, sculpture, textiles, digital photography and films, including the practical examination productions from the Year 12 ATAR Visual Arts and Media Production and Analysis students.



Thanks and congratulations go to all our Year 12 students and their teachers for their enthusiasm and efforts this year and for mounting another very successful exhibition.

**Tracey Baker**  
*The Arts*



## Excursion

# New Zealand Ski Tour

**A collection of Year 10 and 11 students had the opportunity to participate in the school's annual ski trip to New Zealand during the September school holidays**

Sixty students and seven teachers explored the South Island of New Zealand for ten days of skiing or snowboarding and sightseeing. Students spent five days participating in snow activities at three different mountains (Remarkables, Cardrona and Mt Hutt) where they learnt the fundamentals of skiing and snowboarding. In addition to the snow activities, the students experienced cultural activities, including the chance to participate in a traditional Maori Haka and visit Quake City in Christchurch. The students also participated in a range of other activities including Mountain lugging, Puzzle World, shopping, dining and sightseeing. As the long days ended, students spent their time bonding at the luxurious accommodations, swapping "warm fuzzies" and sharing stories about their day.

The students left the tour with new skills, experiences and friendships. Below are comments from some of the students that attended.

"Skiing down the mountains in New Zealand was an amazing life experience, but having a dance rave in a wheat field when the bus broke down was hard to beat."

*Olivia Burgess*

"Best days of my life!  
Made new life-long  
friends and experienced  
the best of NZ!"

*Annabelle Stead*

"Definitely the best trip  
for school, full of great  
people and great times  
in an awesome country."

*Tyler Nahajski*

"Most likely the best  
tour this school has to  
offer. Great hotels, food,  
teachers and of course,  
great skiing."

*Justin Chinnery*

"Definitely one of the  
best trips I have ever  
been on. I would go  
again in a heartbeat."

*Charlotte Basei*

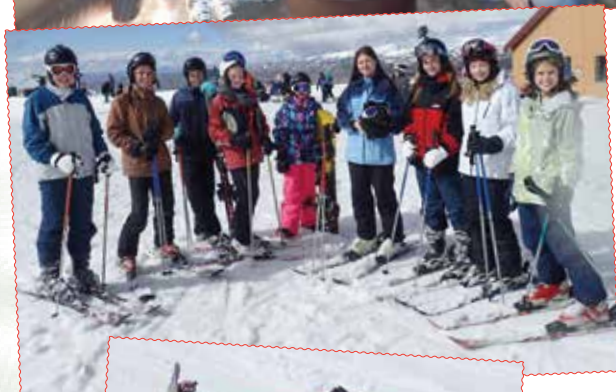
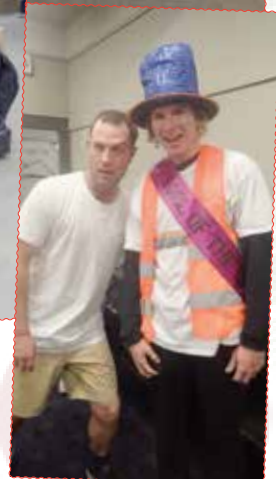
"An amazing opportunity and best experience of my life. Spent quality time with friends and met many new people. Everyone was super nice and we shared way too many laughs. Would do it again in a heartbeat. Thanks to everyone who came and made it possible. I had the time of my life."

*Tasneem Matthews*





# Excursion New Zealand Ski Tour





# Languages Class Dinners - Years 11 and 12



Year 12 Chinese Class Dinner



Year 12 French Dinner



Year 12 Japanese Dinner





# Languages

## Class Dinners - Years 11 and 12

Recently our Year 11 and 12 Chinese, French and Japanese students had the opportunity to visit local restaurants and enjoy a well-deserved meal together after exams

The students were able to sample a range of delicious foods and had the opportunity to use their language skills in a real-life context. It was a fantastic way to end the year and reward the students for all their hard work!

### Languages Staff



Year 11 Dinner - Chinese First Language Class



Year 11 French Dinner



Year 11 Japanese Dinner





# Languages Year 10 French

The Year 10 French students have been studying healthy eating and what better way to celebrate that than with a French lunch complete with baguettes and patisseries!

Students thoroughly enjoyed their French experience and it was a great way to reward them for all their hard work this year. Bon appetit!

## Year 10 French Teachers



Paige Reeves, Sarah Hinscliff, Rachael Rowland, Yashil Kouhnavard, Holly Chappell, Brooke Sydney-Smith and Sophie Lowry



Miranda Savory, Charmaine Chin, Caleb Thompson-Fanciullii, Bianca Fudge and Jenna Perelson



French Lunch

## The Year 10 Japanese students attended the 2017 Japan Film Festival screening of Chihayafuru at Hoyts Carousel

The movie was enjoyed by all and gave the Year 10s a chance to further their cultural understanding of Japan while providing them with a valuable opportunity to enhance their listening skills in a real environment. The excursion was also a great way to reward our hard-working and enthusiastic students.

## Year 10 Japanese Teachers





# Humanities and Social Science (HASS)

## Year 7 and 8 AEP

The Year 7 and 8 AEP classes have been out of the classroom and travelling around Perth over the last few weeks, to participate in some learning experiences that link to the HASS curriculum

The Year 7 classes headed down to Fremantle to the Pompeii exhibition. In this exhibition the students saw artefacts that have been recovered from the ancient city of Pompeii and heard stories from the two Plinys. This reinforced the history themes covered in Roman History and gave the students the opportunity to experience what it may have been like during the Vesuvius eruption. The students had the added bonus of exploring the Maritime museum while we were there.

It was about law for the Year 8s. The Francis Burt Education program gave the students numerous learning opportunities in the area of Civics and Citizenship. They had the opportunity to sit in the public gallery of the district courts and watch some real live cases. They also took part in a mock trial, with students participating wearing the traditional robes and wigs of the courts. It was a fabulous experience and reinforced all the learning that had taken place in the classroom

**Leanne Rushforth**  
2IC / HASS Teacher



Year 7 AEP - Pompeii Exhibition



Defence barristers Ashton Lavender and Molly Timcke



Prosecution barristers Anna Bond and Jacob Shurmer



Judges Luke Armstrong and Haylee Dallin and Judge Associate Lauren Humphryson



Year 8 AEP - Visit to Law Courts

# Technologies

## Year 9 Jewellery

### This term the students did exceptionally well with their Dichroic Glass projects

They designed their own pieces, cut and ground the glass then fired them in the kiln. Some incorporated some sterling silver with eye catching results. The final steps included attaching a bail and choosing a necklace. These presentation photos were taken by the students as part of their assessment.

**Rohan Hutchinson**  
Jewellery Teacher



Sofia Timour (10-B3)



Natasha Oberman (10-S2)



Stevie Dahlin (10-S1)



Elsa Raju (10-B1)



Hailey McNight (10-B1)



Madeline Hunter (10-T4)



Rebecca Shepherdson (10-B4)



Nicole Kostova (10-B4)



Katy Donachie (10-B1)



Victoria Vernon Harwood (10-T1)



Sophie Hillmer (10-B3)



# Technologies

## Year 10 Jewellery



Saya Middleton (9-F2)



Yiman He (9-S2)



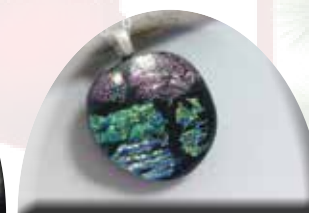
Ella Craig (9-B2)



Ella Foran (9-T3)



Anjali Nagar (9-B2)



Annika Van De Ploeg (9-F3)



Aimee Donaldson (9-T3)



Abigail Van Zyl (9-F2)



Rosa Marshall (9-B3)



Sophie Siah (9-B2)



Sophia D'cruz (9-S1)



Jiani Dai (9-S1)



Julia Paris (9-F1)



Sienna Briggs (9-S1)



Sarah Brick (9-B1)



Grace Harvey (9-F2)



Ellie Collis (9-B1)



Priscilla Anderson (9-T1)



Lauren Parcej (9-S3)



Kaitlyn Tran (9-B2)



Kahlaya Turner (9-F1)

# Technologies

## Year 10 Looking Good

### This term students have been working on their recycled fashion garments

As part of their assessment we had a fashion show to show case their designs. We were fortunate to have the fabulous facilities of the concert hall to give all the effects of a real show. This is a great experience to develop group work skills and develop confidence.

Some of the girls got to experience it all again for our Technologies Fashion show which was held a couple of weeks later.

LIGHTS CAMERA ACTION!

**Jo Clarke**  
Home Economics Teacher



Looking Good class fashion show



Sarah Ahmedin and Becky Liao



Genaya Casement and Indian Bywaters



Bianca Carlton



Alana Waters



Alyssa Teng

# Technologies

## Year 10 Food for Entertaining

For their assessment in Term 4 students had to work collaboratively with others to create a beautiful high tea that does not just look good but tastes great

They had to investigate current trends and ingredients that are in season. Planning the plating and producing the foods over two lessons took preparation and excellent team work. The skills of plating and portion control they have learnt would be of great benefit to them if they continue to do Cert II Hospitality in Year 11.

**Yvette Long**  
Home Economics Teacher





# Technologies Exhibition

## On Thursday 23rd November the Technologies Department hosted its Exhibition

To showcase what was made in the textiles classes from Home Economics we hosted a fashion parade involving twenty students. The students were treated to an afternoon tea before getting their makeup done and then getting ready for the show.

The students modelled the hoodies made in Year 9 Creating with Textiles. These featured reversible applique and were made using the overlockers.



**Hoodies by the Year 9 Creating with Textiles Class**  
Tanvi Kushal, Annika Wilson, Rose Mansfield, Arabella Vande Voorde, Ethan Giumelli and Sanya Mehta

In Year 10 Creating with Textiles the students had to design a skirt to tailor to their body shape. Students had to choose their fabric and use on-line tutorials to complete their garments.

Lastly in Year 10 Looking Good students modelled their recycled fashion garment. Students had to come up with a theme and make a garment accessing recycled products and then complement with hair and makeup to match. Some of the themes modelled were disco, music, Boho and Moanna. Recycled materials included records, mosquito netting, plastic, tablecloths, old clothes, bottle tops, straws, old scarfs, hairclips, wire etc. Some of the outfits looked amazing and it is unbelievable this comes from rubbish or unused items.



**Skirts tailored to body shape by**  
Sarah Ahmedin and  
Indira Fowler

**Recycled outfits by Arielle**  
Savoury and Kate Bramley



**Make up by Jenna Childs**

A very big thankyou to one of our parents Sue Childs and her daughter Jenna in Year 11 who volunteered their time and expertise and did all the makeup for us.

Also well done to all the students who volunteered to model!! You were amazing!!!

**Jo Clarke**  
**Home Economics Teacher**



# STEM Program Projects



STEM Specialist Course students working on soldering projects speedometer



Tana Glascock (10-S4) designed and rigged his skateboard with an Arduino-powered remote speedometer



Problem solving with electrical circuits



Sandy Chen STEM Specialist class student 3D modelled and printed a car shell for an Edison Robot, which responded to a remote control



More students participating in the Solar Car Challenge at UWA



A screenshot from Fly or Die, created by our talented Year 9 STEM Club students



A screenshot from Goldberg, the winning entry to the STEM Video Game competition



STEM Club was treated to an incursion of Steve the NAO humanoid robot



A screenshot from Factory Reset, a game developed by our talented Year 9 STEM Specialist students

## Churchlands SHS students continue to build their STEM skills by undertaking a series of new and innovative projects as we end another amazing year of STEM

The National STEM Video Game design competition award ceremony was held this term and all participants from CSHS had an excellent result!

A massive congratulations to Kye Ziebarth, Kenji Mcauliffe and Fabian Scheffler for winning the STEM Video Game Challenge 2017 in the Unity Category with their game Goldberg. *(Please refer to page 49 for photos of the winners.)* The students each won a Samsung Tab with upgraded memory and earphones. Their game was also on display at the PAX Australia Conference in Melbourne where gamers from around the country tested their game with some wonderful feedback received.

Congratulations to Nicholas Sadounikov, Christian Delattre and Ewan Davidson for making the finals of the Unity Category with their game titled Factory Reset.

Congratulations to Cameron Ke, Helen Yang, Kendrick Lai and Philip Pranoto for also making the finals of the Unity Category with their game Fly or Die.

All of the games can be found on the CSHS STEM Club website Student Gallery for anyone who wants to take a look – <http://stem.puseyscience.com>

It's not just about making video games in STEM. Three teams from Churchlands SHS STEM Club also participated in the Solar Car Challenge held at UWA. Our teams spent time in STEM Club designing their cars to go around a figure-8 track using the lightest materials they could find. It was inspirational to see the students come up with unique designs that all went around the track with style. We missed out on a win this year, but the students are excited to have another crack at it in 2018.

In addition to developing their electronics skills, STEM students investigated robotics and were treated to a visit from one of the most advanced robots around – the NAO Robot. Although the NAO Robot lives elsewhere, students will hopefully be given the opportunity to program it in 2018 and test their code throughout the year.

**Dr Grant Pusey**  
**STEM Coordinator**



# STEM Program

## ANSTO Big Ideas Forum

### Students Experience Nuclear Science at ANSTO

Earlier in the year, Year 10 students Elsa Raju and Layla Clarke entered a competition with their Science Teacher, Dr Pusey to participate in the ANSTO Big Ideas competition held at the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) in Sydney. The students created a video to ask their Big Question about Dark Energy and its potential uses for human benefit. The video was a hit with the judging panel and the students won a trip to Sydney for five days to explore how Nuclear Physics plays a vital role for Australian and Global Science.

The students met in Sydney with nineteen other winning pairs from schools around Australia. They received a tour of the Nuclear Reactor and the ANSTO facilities including the neutron beamlines, radiation detector workshops and 3D printing laboratories. Students conducted experiments with ANSTO Scientists and learned about the various types of research happening around the reactor. The students were also treated to a private museum tour and dinner cruise at Sydney harbour, having some time to take in the wonderful sights of Sydney.

**Dr Grant Pusey**  
**Science Teacher**



Students treated to a private tour of the Australian Museum in Sydney.



Time for sightseeing



Students spend some time as forensic scientists looking at the different types of trace evidence at crime scenes.



Elsa Raju and Layla Clarke met key scientists



Learning about different types of nuclear radiation and how to detect them.



The high calibre student participants at the ANSTO Big Ideas Forums



Saying goodbye



### The Year 7 Academic Extension Science class spent the day at Herdsman Lake analysing the health of the ecosystem

Using data loggers, students tested the water quality of the lake and conducted surveys of the macro-invertebrate community. They learnt about the history of the wetland and the impact humans have on the local flora and fauna.

**David Coles**  
Year 7 AEP Science Teacher



Kalani Paul and Seren Sweeney with other Year 7s getting their feet wet in the name of science



Students collecting data on water quality



Joonwoo Kim and Daniel Tygers



Elliot King and Annabelle Jones



Harrison Lanigan and Brandon Zadnik

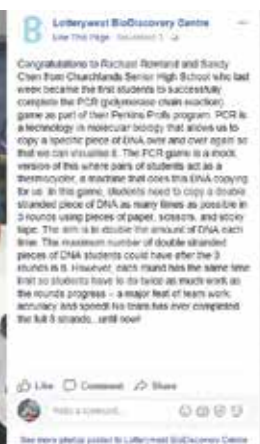
### Year 10 Science

Congratulations to Rachael Rowland and Sandy Chen from Churchlands SHS who became the first students to successfully complete the PCR (polymerase chain reaction) game as part of their Perkins Profs Program

PCR is a technology in molecular biology that allows us to copy a specific piece of DNA over and over again so that we can visualise it. The PCR game is a mock version of this where pairs of students act as a thermocycler, a machine that copies a double stranded piece of DNA as many times as possible in three rounds using pieces of paper, scissors, and sticky tape.

The aim is to double the amount of DNA each time. The maximum number of double stranded pieces of DNA students could have after the three rounds is eight. However, each round has the same time limit so students have to do twice as much work as the rounds progress - a major feat of team work, accuracy and speed!

No team has ever completed the full eight strands - until now!



*Taken from the Lotterywest BioDiscovery Centre Facebook post*

**Dr Amanda Webb**  
Year 10 Science Teacher



# Student Achievements Congratulations



**Lakoya Abdullah (10-B3)** won the AIME GOT GAME nationwide indigenous performing competition and is chosen to perform and record a song over in Sydney. Lakoya also presented the Welcome to Country at the Government House during the 2017 Edinburgh's Gold Award presentation.



**Kye Ziebarth (10-F4); Kenji McAuliffe (10-F4) and Fabian Scheffler (10-S4)** won the STEM Video Game Challenge 2017 in the Unity Category with their game Goldberg. They each won a Samsung Tab.



**Elle Chentang (8-S2)** won the Best in School Award in the online Australian Mathematics Trust Competition held in July 2017. She is ranked in the one hundred percentile.



**Will Powell (12-F1)** has been drafted to the Goldcoast Suns AFL team.



**Olivia Hu (11-S1)** won first prize in the WA Black Swan Prize for Portraiture - Hospital Competition.

**Yanika O'Brien (12-F4)** was the winner of the Youth poetry in the Katherine Sugannah Pritchard and Peter Cowan creative writing competitions -winning poetries were part of her Year 12 literature studies



**Maxim Pare (9-B1)** won first place in the Youth B Category at the 2017 WA State Bouldering competition and will be participating in the Youth Nationals in Sydney in 2018.



**Luke Francis (7-S2) and Lachlan Smith (7-T5)** obtained high distinctions in the online Computational and Algorithmic Thinking Competition held in March 2017. The two are ranked in the top ninety nine percentile.



**Sid Stephens (9-T1)** won first place in the 2017 Junior International Gymnastics competition held in Geelong in November 2017 and was also selected onto the Junior National Squad and travelled to Tokyo, Japan for the National Training Camp which also forms part of the selection process for the Australian Senior International for the Toyota International competition in Tokyo Dec 8-10.



**Gabriel Pare (10-B2)** won third place in the Youth A Category at the 2017 WA State Bouldering allowing him to qualify for the Youth Nationals in Sydney in 2018. Gabriel also competed in the toughest grade - Open A Men's category competition

and managed to go all the way to the final and ranked fifth out of thirty adult climbers in the National Bouldering competition in November.



**Zahra Ussi (11-T4)** jointly did a show with Garden Gurus presenter Travor Cochrane on 'Soil Health'. She submitted a video explaining how she gets her soil right and was invited to film with him. The Garden Gurus episode 15 was aired on Channel 9 on

November 15. The recording of the show is also available on [www.yourlifestyle.tv/gardengurus](http://www.yourlifestyle.tv/gardengurus)

# Community Service 2017 News

## And that is a wrap!

### News of our sponsor children

After just over a year of sponsorship, we are starting to get to know Huoy Y (Brighton), Mebrhit (Floreat), Laxmmi (Scarborough) and Solomon (Trigg). Mid way through the year, the Student Councillors organised what will become an annual event, to raise the money required to cover our sponsorship costs and commitment for the next financial year. A free dress day was held with a whole variety of activities occurring at lunchtime. Each year group amongst the councillors ran a small fundraiser such as lucky dips, can skittles, throwing wet sponges at teachers and pizza sales. The event was also used by the English Channel swimmers who ran a cake stall and the World Challenge students who did a sausage sizzle which added to the carnival atmosphere.

We also ran a promotion for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and had a Pledge Wall to launch and promote our status as an "Act, Belong, Commit" School. The student councillors had a debrief session after the event and have plans to make it even

more successful next year. At the time of writing we have received year-end report cards for all four children, Huoy Y, Mebrhit, Laxmmi and Solomon and they have all grown up so much in the space of a year.

We finally received long awaited news from the boys and indeed, we have had several letters from Solomon. It was lovely to hear how excited he was by the glittery stickers we sent him with birthday greetings earlier in the year – he said it made him feel very special. In the last week we have had Christmas cards for each of the children sitting in the Library so that our students can sign them if they wish to. Unfortunately we are unable to publish photos of the children, but do check out our notice board behind the Library if you get the chance, as recent communications and photos are posted there when we receive them.

In general terms, our Year 9 students have recently had a brief assembly to introduce the Community Service program, targeting the students who are already volunteering as surf lifesavers or for other community

groups. They can start accumulating hours as of January 1st when they officially become Year 10 students. During the second half of the year, every Year 11 and 12 Form class has been

visited to encourage the students to get hours recorded before it is too late for Curriculum Council submission – every year, there are several students who realise, almost too late, the value of volunteering OR of making the

effort to get hours that they have done, recorded; often this happens when they see the application forms for university, TAFE or jobs! Our graduating Year 12 group has accumulated a creditable 20,600 plus hours at an average of just over sixty, so the vast majority of our students are participating and making a difference! We have continued to support all of our usual community events such as the Wembley Downs Community Fair and I really appreciated the support of four of our teaching staff who assisted me with seventy students at this year's City to Surf. Once again we probably had the largest group of volunteers. Recently we have also had volunteers at Kapinara Primary School's 50th Anniversary celebrations and also at Yuluma Primary School's fete. Although many of these events are hard work they are rewarding too and many of the volunteers at these events come to my office seeking more opportunities. (cont'd on next page)



City to Surf



Serving drinks to participants



Mikayla Dunstan at Wembley Fair

Free dress day to raise funds for World Vision



# Community Service

## Duke of Edinburgh's Award

### The focus this year has been on encouraging more students to sign up to this amazing program

The award encourages young people to commit to learning a new skill or improving on an old one, to take up a form of Physical Recreation and undertake volunteering for different lengths of time depending on the level being tackled, as well as planning and undertaking an Adventurous Journey with a group of their peers.

This year fourteen more students have signed up at the Bronze or Silver Levels, which is fantastic. Two of our students, Jo Cavanagh of Year 12 and Kimberley Clifton, of Year 10, have completed and been presented with their Bronze Awards, which meant they had to commit to one category for six months and the other two for three months.



**Kimberley Clifton**  
(10-F4)



**Jo Cavanagh (12-F4)**

For the Adventurous Journey they were required to complete a two day one night Practice Journey and a Qualifying Journey of the same length. Jo is graduating and has not decided whether to tackle the next level at University, but Kimberley is already making good

progress on the Silver Award.

At the time of writing, we have two more students very close to completing all elements of the Bronze Award, five have started on the Silver Award as they are old enough to do so, and the others are working on Bronze.

Students can begin the Bronze Award in Year 9, but can start at the Silver level if they are sixteen years old. They can continue to work on various levels of the Award until they are twenty five years old.

Recently I had the chance to attend the presentation for Gold Awardees for 2017, which was held at Government House. We heard many inspiring stories about these young people and how they achieved this Award with distinction. Although Churchlands does not yet have any students working on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award at the Gold Level, we did have a part to play in the proceedings. Lakoya Abdullah of Year 10 was asked to present the Welcome to Country for the ceremony and did this beautifully, which must have been a daunting task in the stately ballroom of Government House in front of the Governor, Kerry Sanderson, an ex-pupil of Churchlands SHS, several government Ministers, the Gold Awardees and their families. Hopefully, in the not too distant future, a Churchlands student will be the recipient of this prestigious Award.



**Lakoya Abdullah (10-B3) and Governor Kerry Sanderson**

**Sue Wogan**  
**Duke of Edinburgh's Award Unit Leader for CSHS**

For those looking at the options available, it is worth looking at opportunities which enhance employment opportunities such as those interested in medicine or nursing – several of our students are St John's Ambulance Event First Aiders, or the Emergency Services where volunteers play an important role. We can all find ways to assist others whether it be through giving up some time or donating money – the staff and students of Churchlands SHS can be proud of the contributions being made to assist not only our school community, but also local groups and overseas charities.

Well done on another fantastic year!

**Sue Wogan**  
**Community Service Coordinator**



**Victor Arul and Isaac Bergl helping with sausage sizzle at the Wembley Fair**



**Kane Alexander clearing rubbish**

## The West Australian Young Readers' Book Award 2017

The West Australian Young Readers' Book award has come to an end for another year. It was great to see so many students get involved in reading books from the nominated lists – it shows that fiction books are still very popular among the younger generation. There certainly was a lot of competition between the top readers, one or two being very strategic with their voting.

We held a morning tea at recess during Week 8, Term 3, to reward the top readers from each of the year groups. Their English teachers were also invited to help congratulate them on being the top readers. These students were:



Morning tea to reward top readers

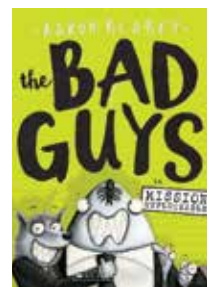
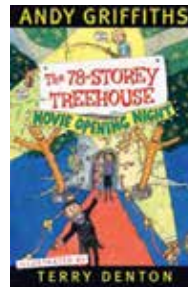
Year 7: Hannah Rankine and Pattina Halden  
 Year 8: Arlyne Sony and Nandita Sharma  
 Year 9: Negar Esmaeili and Bhakti Sharma  
 Year 10: Amelia Owers and Kimberley Clifton  
 Year 11/12: Charlotte Owers



Hannah Rankine (7-T4), Pattina Halden (7-F3), Negar Esmaeili (9-F4), Kimberley Clifton (10-F4), Amelia Owers (10-T4), Bhakti Sharma (9-S3) and Nandita Sharma (8-S1)

## Top three books in each section as voted by Churchlands Students

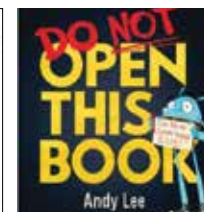
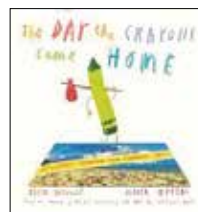
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 Picture Book List



Young Readers' List



Older Readers' List



Picture Book List

Thanks again to all staff and students who supported the competition. We look forward to another exciting year next year.



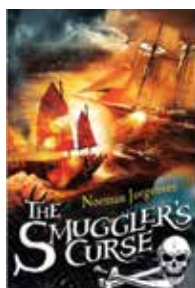


# From the Library

## NEWS FLASH! Winners of the 2017 WAYRBA

Congratulations to the 2017 West Australian Young Readers' Book Award winners as voted by students throughout Western Australia:

- **Picture Book:** "Do Not Open this Book" by Andy Lee and Health McKenzie;
- **Young Reader:** "Grandpa's Great Escape" by David Walliams;
- **Older Reader:** "The Smuggler's Curse" by Norman Jorgensen (The Hoffman Award, currently presented to the highest ranked author from Western Australia, has not been awarded this year as Norman Jorgensen won the Older Reader category). Well done, Norm!!!



'jam packed with action and adventure' (Reading Time). A young boy named Red, is sold by his own mother to the 'most infamous and dangerous man in the colony', Captain Black Bowen. This book contains mild violence and readers from eight to sixteen years of age will enjoy this treacherous tale of Red working on Captain Black Bowen's ship, The Black Dragon. Red is at first laughed at by the crew, but is it possible that he earns their respect? Filled with ship-speak, "The Smuggler's Curse" is sure to make you squirm in your seat. Jorgensen's book isn't catchy in the first chapters, but as you progress, the story changes into an ocean roaring tale. Excitement builds and, suddenly, you cannot put the book down. "The Smuggler's Curse" is a book I would recommend to anyone. **Ruby Bishop**

## Audio Books Have Arrived at CSHS

Yes we have added audio books to our eBooks platform. They can be accessed via Seqta.

## Book Reviews written by students who participated in the WAYRBA

"The Smuggler's Curse" is an action-packed adventure novel for young adults, following a Western Australian boy, Red Read, as he travels the Indian Ocean on a ship: The Black Dragon. He encounters pirates and dangerous storms throughout his journey – the story is a real page turner! There is a lot to learn too about the late 19th century with its smugglers of weapons and liquor, and also the Dutch colonies in Indonesia (then, known as the Dutch East Indies). It's a truly exciting and memorable tale and a great read. I thoroughly enjoyed it and I'm sure anyone reading it will too!"

**Amelia Owers**

"The Smuggler's Curse" is a great book. Red Read's life changes forever after his mother sells him to a smuggler who travels along the north-west coast of Australia. The book has a great storyline and lots of adventure. You learn a lot of real-life history along with the fighting of other pirates and the battling of forces of nature making the book hard to put down. I recommend this book to Year 7s and above. **Josh Cavanagh**

Norman Jorgensen has hit the target with his new novel, "The Smuggler's Curse". Published in October 2016 by Fremantle Press, this story of pirates and gold was short listed in the 2016 West Australian Young Readers' Book Award (WAYRBA), and won the 2017 WAYRBA. This adventure packed book is Jorgensen's greatest yet. "The Smuggler's Curse" is aimed at young adult readers and is



Audio Books

## Home Work Club

Another great year in Homework Club where all students having time to do their work with teachers.



Homework Club

Happy Holiday and happy reading time from your Library Staff!

**Library Staff**

# Celebrating Aboriginal Culture Moorditj Wongki

## Big Splash

This year our students were involved with Big Splash – a program that centres around mental health issues for young people. The Big Splash WA dolphin trail will see between thirty five and fifty life-sized dolphins take up residence in iconic locations around Perth. Our students were lucky enough to meet with local Wadjuk Nyungar Elder Marie Taylor to hear stories about Nyungar interactions with dolphins on the Swan River.

Following this, over a series of four workshops, students worked with local Wadjuk Nyungar artist Jane Dolman. Jane worked with the students assisting them in telling their own stories through painting a dolphin sculpture for Churchlands SHS which will become a part of the Big Splash WA. All dolphins will be displayed together at a public event which will take place on the 17 – 18th March 2018, which will take part at either the Perth Convention Centre or Elizabeth Quay – so watch this space, we would love for everyone to check out our students work.



All hands on deck

This opportunity for the students to express their own and traditional stories through the medium of art also prepares for the development of future projects at CSHS, including the development of an Indigenous Logo and an Indigenous Sports Jersey design.



Dolphin before painting



Dolphin after painting

## New email signature

Recently the school created a new email signature for all staff to use when sending email communication both internally and externally. The email signature acknowledges the Wadjuk Nyungar people as the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we work.



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## Year 7 and 8 AIME Program Day

Fifteen excitable Year 7 and 8 Indigenous students attended their first AIME Day of the year on October 18th. It was all aboard the bus for a day of fun activities at ECU Mount Lawley. It was a big day with many other schools from the region attending and a good opportunity to make new friends. Students watched video clips from the founder of AIME and other students involved in the program across Australia. The clips highlighted small acts of gratitude and then we were asked to write a note of appreciation to someone who had made a difference to our lives. Afterwards we spent some time outside partaking in physical activities to expend some energy and mingled with other Mentees and Mentors during our long lunch. After bidding goodbye to new friends it was back on the bus for the journey home for fifteen exhausted students, our two Mentors and two worn out staff members. Thanks to Lakoya and Trent for doing themselves and Churchlands proud in their roles of Mentoring on the day.



Breanna Anderson, Alayah Hill and  
Rachael McCoy



Trent Barwick as AIME  
Mentor



# Celebrating Aboriginal Culture

## Moorditj Wongki

### Year 9 and 10 AIME Program Day

November 8th was KINDLING – ECU, Day 5 of the AIME Program for the Year 9 and 10 Indigenous students. Once again Trent Barwick rose to the occasion in performing mentoring duties and was singled out as one of the best Mentors of 2017 by the Program Coordinator. This was the last day on campus for 2017 and we celebrated the year that was with a variety of performances from Mentees and Mentors. One of the highlights was listening to



Girl time at AIME

our very own Lakoya Abdullah perform a song in front of a packed auditorium. We were treated to cultural performances that included a father/son traditional dance accompanied by didgeridoo. They also showed us how to throw a boomerang and kick a football after our awesome feast of Kangaroo and damper. After lunch Nick, Trent and Shaq showed how to kick a football Churchlands style and did themselves proud outkicking everyone else. Our students received their AIME Hoodies in recognition of achieving the expected outcomes. It was back to Churchlands after an adventure



Jyrone Rings sharing his point of view



Learning how to catch a kangaroo

packed day full of fun activities and games. Our thanks to the AIME Crew for the great program days you put together and also the Churchlands Phys Ed staff for providing transport to and from ECU on the day.

### Follow the Dream

Our Follow the Dream outreach students attended the Yanchep Cultural Camp in September. The students were invited to bring along a non-Indigenous friend to share the experience and learn about the Noongar land around Yanchep

National Park, or tribally known to Aboriginal people as Nyanyi-Yandjip. The day was led by Dr Noel Nannup who shared stories of connecting with country and the girls reported having an information packed day that was enjoyed immensely by the friends they took along. The students and I will be going along to the wind up and end of year celebration for Follow the Dream on 30th November at the Kurungkurl Katitjin Centre at ECU Mount Lawley.

### Yarn Club

Yarn Club has seen consistent numbers participating throughout Term 4.

We have moved to the demountable classroom where the Good Start Breakfast Program is held. It has proved a



Mr Harris sharing a story at Yarn Club

positive decision moving Yarn sessions to where the food stores are kept as we save time setting up which means we get to spend more time as a group and sharing stories. On occasion we have been joined by Pia, Imara and Sienna from AIME as they seek to strengthen their rapport with the students. Thank you to Roger Harris and Lorraine Keeney for their weekly commitment and to a handful of other staff who have volunteered when the regulars are unavailable.

### Tutor Squad

Tutor Squad has been running during Term 4 with the Support of Science teacher Carole Elliot and the AIME Tutors. Most weeks have seen numbers between four to eight students although Halloween coincided with Tutor Squad and unfortunately trick or treating held more sway than doing homework, who would have thought that possible? Thanks to the wonderfully enthusiastic AIME Mentors who assist the students with their homework and assignments and who role model appropriate behaviour and high expectations.

**Paige Everingham - Committee Member**  
**Supporting Aboriginal Students**  
**& Andrea Stacey - Student Support Officer**



# 2017 World Challenge

All three teams flew via Darwin and Singapore to Kochi, on the south western coast of India, which faces out onto the Arabian Sea. They then parted company to follow their own itineraries.

Over the course of three weeks they will be navigating their way around Kerala, up into the Cardamom Hills where they will trek through spice and tea plantations, down the coast to various resorts for some Rest and Relaxation time and to the town where all three teams will be based at different times, for six days on community projects. The students will all return having acquired numerous new skills, a different outlook on life and a greater appreciation of the comforts of home.

All three teams have set up a blog/on line diary and the links to these are on the school website if you wish to follow our travels. Teams are named in the Malayalam language - the native language of Kerala.

Entries and pictures will be posted as often as possible depending on our location and the availability of internet service. A full report of our adventures will be published early next year.

**Sue Wogan**  
**World Challenge Coordinator**



Kate Molloy teaching some kids to 'dab'



Team 1: Home on first two nights



Team 2: Kira Pannek patting an elephant



Team 3: Helping the locals catch some fish



Team 1 - Lucy Turpin with the village kids

Churchlands SHS  
wishes you a  
Very Merry Christmas and  
A Happy New Year 2018.