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Principal's Report



Earlier this term parents and carers were invited to come along to the College to discuss their child's progress throughout Semester One. Many of you took advantage of this valuable time to speak with your child's teachers and support them to set goals for the remaining semester of the year. Please also know that you can contact us to arrange a parent/teacher meeting or just discuss your child's progress over the phone at any time, as we value the interest taken in our student's education by our families.

Thank you to those of you that came along to the Gala Night in our newly renovated Treasure Box Theatre. I am always so impressed with the quality of the performances and the students yet again shone on the night.

The new Faction House System is well and truly up and running. We launched this earlier this term and the Student Faction Leaders are doing a fabulous job organising activities and competitions. Students have recently signed up for the Athletics Carnival events. I hope that you may come along to show your support during the day.

We recently held RUOK? Day which was a lot of fun for the College. We had a drone photo taken and the students all got involved in the right spirit. Although a lot of fun, the real message of the day is to take a global lead in preventing suicide by making more effort to have regular, meaningful conversations with anyone who might be struggling.

Our Inspire Program continues to go from strength to strength and we have recently launched new Inspire Hubs into our three local primary schools. Students in Year 6 and later in Year 5 will be involved in Inspire activities and will be mentored in their schools by our Inspire staff. This is a very exciting venture and we look forward to developing strong partnerships with the schools as well as the parents of these students.

I was very pleased that once again our College attendance has improved this year. Latest research tells us that every day at school counts and any amount of absence can affect student learning. I encourage you to ensure your child is attending every day unless they are unwell and if there is going to be an extended period of time off school, please contact your child's Homeroom Mentor to arrange some work to do at home.

With one week to go before the term break, I would like to thank our students for their hard effort to get the best results they can this semester. They certainly deserve a very restful break.

Ms. Vicki McKeown
Principal



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"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do.

So throw off the bowlines.

Sail away from the safe harbour. Catch the trade winds in your sails.

Explore. Dream. Discover."

Mark Twain



News *The Inspire Academy*

The Inspire Academy's students achieved successes this term, from the Creative Arts Film to the Lego Robotics Competition held at Curtin University.

The Year 12 students prepared for the Special Tertiary Admissions Test, and it was held at Murdoch in Rockingham on the 9th of September. The students have received extra tutoring from Murdoch to help them pass. When students complete this test they are given a score, if high enough they can obtain entry into Murdoch University. We wish them all the best and look forward to hearing their achievements.

The Inspire Academy has been busy interviewing our future Year 6 students from the network schools. I'm really pleased to say that the interviews have been successful, with the Inspire Academy growing in numbers. Congratulations to all new members of the Academy.

Upcoming events for the Inspire Academy include: Year 11 Canberra trip next term, Busselton Inspire camp, and two trips to Murdoch University.

Chris Bennett
Inspire Academy Coordinator



On Wednesday the 26th of August, the Inspire Academy went to Murdoch University at the Peel Campus to take part in Science Week.

Students got to meet Dr Chris Smith and had some photos taken with him. Dr C Smith is from Cambridge University and he came to Mandurah to do a science show in front of several schools. Some of the experiments that he did were making water glow, exploding a giant balloon with hydrogen and exploding liquid nitrogen in a lemonade bottle and a rubbish bin. We also had a great morning tea provided by Murdoch. It was a great day, thank you Murdoch University and Dr Chris Smith.

Jack Pepper Year 7

Careers Corner *and Work Place Learning*

We have started Term 3 with our Year 11 and 12 students seeking and in many cases, gaining some impressive work placements.

The students are looking at doing a minimum 55 hours' work placement, developing their employability skills to further assist them in their future endeavours.

The Year 10 carer's classes are currently involved with IZRA, a local company running one hour programs here at the College to expand the consideration of career choices and ideas for our students. The students have been engaged in a variety of workshops and they are enjoying the different experiences.

SKILLS WEST EXPO

On Friday 21 August, a compulsory event for our Year 11 and 12 students for Skills West Expo was held at the Perth Convention Centre. Students travelled via Transperth, meeting and returning to the Mandurah depot.

This was a great opportunity for students to look at options for their future. Friday VET teachers also accompanied the students to the venue and guided them in their choices prior to the event.

Tamara Gavrilovic
WPL Coordinator



CIA Project

On the 25th of June 2015, Coodanup College commenced filming the Murdoch University CAI (Creative Arts Industries) PROJECT short film.

To start off this journey we participated in two workshops prior to filming, the first based around story line which included an activity where participants had to attempt to finish the script, illustrations and words. Then the second workshop was all based on the acting side of things. This was where the children were to express their inner actor/actress.

From that, Myles and Jennieka set up auditions for the various roles in the short film. This was where the main characters Alex aka Brandon Evans, Charlie aka Nathan Feeney-Butao, Jesse aka Keisha R. Burrows, Taylor aka Jack Pepper, Skip aka Ethan Winmer, Billy aka Olivia MacLachlan and Sam aka Willow Sounness were chosen.

Directed by Myles Pollard and produced by Brad Major, this short film is based around the storyline of a Mad Scientist attempting to take over a high school full of promising future generations. The Mad Scientist achieves the brainwashing of all students except for a small group, consisting of Alex, Charlie, Jesse, Taylor and Skip. This movie is full of adventures, plot twists and will certainly be entertaining.

On the day, Amber, Jasmine and I were journalists for the exciting event and we got to experience a variety of entertainment cultures, which included going behind the scenes, up close and personal with the 'lights, camera, action!', gaining knowledge of how the whole editing process went and being able to 'be a cast member'.

OUR THOUGHTS ON THE EXPERIENCE

Jasmine: "I got to experience the make-up and hair side of productions and filming. I was able to sit in the make-up chair and was taught about how all the make-up and special effects work."

Amber: "I enjoyed talking to the crew members and understanding their line of work. I felt as though it was VERY full on and just in general full of commitment. Overall it was a great experience to remember for life."

Jacinta: "The whole experience was amazing, there was so much I never even thought about when it came to movies, but now that I've been there and seen how much effort, support, commitment, technical things that all go on at the same time, I have realised that there is literally a lot. Just to get 5 minutes worth of perfect footage, it took a good 2 hours, and that's just filming. I definitely commend Myles and his amazing team for all their efforts and commitment to making this film come alive."

This was definitely a new and unforgettable experience for most of the Coodanup College students. An opportunity of a lifetime that has definitely given some students the insight on what it's like in the entertainment business, and for those who not only wanted to be in front of the camera but also backstage.

A huge thank you to Chris Bennett for making every minute worthwhile, without Chris, we would have no short film.

Congratulations to Chris and everyone else for such a great success! Looking forward to the screening!

Written by Year 11's Jacinta Grimshaw, Amber Gardner and Jasmine Raymond.



Reminder to Parents & Carers

All outstanding fees and charges for students must now be paid. We now have EFTPOS onsite for ease of payment and payment can also be made directly to our bank account.

**ANZ Bank
BSB: 016 742
ACC: 4395 00159**

Please quote student surname and year as reference.

Year 12's -TLC Experience

At the beginning of the school year, six Year 12 students were fortunate to be given the opportunity to attend a course that would help them reach a potential goal of an entryway into university.

These Year 12 students were selected to represent Coodanup College. During the program, students are given a unit of work that focuses on one topic of personal choice that branches into different categories of work, including an essay of 1500 words and an oral presentation.

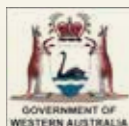
As a result of the course so far, all six students are successful in their studies and are continuing to represent Coodanup College in a respectful and positive approach.

"TLC is very beneficial for my future."

"TLC is a good entry way into university for those who can't get ATAR from their classes. The course helps prepare you for university life and can help find what course you would like to do."

"TLC has broadened not only my horizons but also the group in many different ways. It has given us all the insight to what is expected of those who attend university both work wise and socially. Not only that, but the work has helped us succeed in our normal school classes. If ever given the opportunity, I would 100% recommend for those lucky enough to be selected."

iZRA News



Creative Vocational Workshops at Coodanup College

Youth unemployment in the Peel region is estimated at around three times the official rate. In response to this, iZRA is running Creative Vocational programs with the Year 10 students at Coodanup College.

iZRA's presenters, including a DJ, Artist, Personal Trainer, Rapper and Fashion Blogger share on how they have turned their passions and hobbies into a career with practical tools and activities.

Students then develop a career pathway plan and are connected with iZRA's online magazine for continued engagement and support. We are happy to report that the students are responsive, engaged and developing future goals.

Thanks to the funding and support of the Peel Development Commission and Coodanup College.

Cassie Fox iZRA



For more information, contact Cassie Fox on 0438 931 612 or visit www.iZRA.com.au/schools

iZRA Creative Industries Career Development Program

The iZRA's Creative Vocational Workshops with the year 10 students continued through Term 3 thanks to the support of the Peel Development Commission, Royalties for Regions and Coodanup College. The most recent workshops have been around:

- Personal Training and Fitness,
- Entrepreneurialism,
- Job interviewing skills, and
- Social Media and Blogging.

Students have had the opportunity to look at:

- Different business models,
- Inside tips from an a formal Coca Cola executive,
- How to develop a marketing strategy and online promotion tools.

The ideas, questions and creativity coming from the students has been exceptional and we look forward to the future weeks including topics such as Videography, Photography and Rapping.

Goals 4 Girls - (G4G)

Coodanup College receives inspiring visit from Gold-winning Paralympian hero following community grant win.

Coodanup College has been awarded a \$5,000 SGIO Community Grant for its "Goals 4 Girls" Engagement and Employability Skills Program. The crime prevention project will assist girls to help develop important life skills and equip them to make responsible and safe decisions.

To help celebrate the grant announcement, local Paralympian Priya Cooper visited Coodanup College to share her advice and stories about how vital the right support and guidance can be.

"In order for our young girls to have the best chance of succeeding, it's so important for them to have guidance, stability and support," said Cooper.

"I was fortunate enough in my career to have a great team around me, and I know the difference a strong support network can make," she said.

The Goals 4 Girls program coordinator Lisa Webster says that schools have a responsibility to their students to ensure employability and help resolve issues they face.

"Schools have a critical role to play in addressing young women's issues and unemployment being our future providers for community and the workforce. This project helps support Coodanup College to resolve these issues and reduce unemployment in the area," she said.

Mr David Templeman MLA, Member for Mandurah welcomed the announcement of the Community Grant.

"Congratulations to Coodanup College on receiving a Community Grant and for their dedication to helping our community. Coodanup College is already doing wonderful work and this funding will see them make an even greater impact in the local area," said Mr Templeman.

Lisa Webster
Coordinator G4G's Teacher PE/Health



Notice from the Coodanup College Board

The Board invites parents and carers to an open Board Meeting, which will be held at the College on Thursday October 8th between 10am and 11am.

At the meeting we will present a brief report of the Board's activities during the year and we will discuss the school's directions and the outcomes described in the Annual School Report.

Parents are not expected to participate in the meeting agenda; this will be a session where you can hear about the work of the Board and ask questions you might have.

Parents who would like to attend are asked to telephone the College on 9581 0900, or contact Beth.Aitken@outlook.com to let us know you plan to attend.

You will be very welcome at the meeting.

Beth Aitken Board Chair



The Arts

Wow! What a stunning start to the second semester with the success of our inaugural Gala Night opening for The Treasure Box Theatre. Performances by our incredibly talented Fashion, Dance, Circus and Music students, along with special guest performances by our very own teachers and Perth hip hop rapper, Marksman Lloyd, made the night a truly wonderful celebration of The Arts in our College.

Renovations were completed over the holidays and students were greeted this semester with freshly painted hallways and doors, new carpet and signs along with a creative mosaic tiled kitchen bench in the foyer, all in preparation for the Gala Night and future events.

Gala Night photos are a special feature in this edition of the newsletter. The Catwalk Show by Instagram favourite Angeline Lloyd (@lovethread) and our very own classy College staff member Jane Timmens displayed the beautiful transformation of some of our senior students, with tears of happiness marking their entrance into the world of style. Thanks also to the staff that 'repped' their departments on the catwalk – Ms Kerr, Mr & Mrs Bennett, Mr Dalgetty, Mrs Halliday and Mr Pearce.

Top grade Circus, Dance & Music pieces delighted and wowed the audience, who came from as far as Perth, to view the incredible level of talent we are privileged to have here at Coodanup. Congratulations to Tracey Harrington for working tirelessly with the Circus and Music students and Louisa Brown from Wicked Dance Works for assisting with the Dance students.

Our foyer looked wonderful with black and gold themed decorations and a wonderful Art display on the gallery wall by our students and a special feature by local artist Deborah Zibah. Thanks to Jane Bradbrook-Mann and Samantha Sheridan for organising the Gallery and Art work.

I would also like to personally thank the many volunteers and friends of mine who came from as far as the USA and

UK to help with the catering, decorating, backstage work and cleaning in the week leading up to the event and on the night.

There are definitely more treasures to be found in the College and the future looks bright as we begin to explore, dream and discover the possibilities of our students in The Treasure Box Theatre.

Please keep reading as the team updates you on other exciting events that have occurred in The Arts this semester including the success of the Murdoch Film program with a special media feature of the film shoot.

Thanks again to all the team for your assistance in the Gala Night and beginning of second semester.

• Tracey Harrington • Jane Timmens • Jane Bradbrook-Mann • Samantha Sheridan • Jeremy Britton • Annette James • Tolo Auva

Elisa Dumitru
Performing Arts



The Arts *continued...*

Visual Arts News

Senior school students from Years 10, 11 and 12 attended an art exhibition at the Alcoa Mandurah Art Gallery on Friday 7th August and were fortunate to hear one of the practising artists give a Gallery Talk. Susan Flavell talked us through her experience and introduced all the displayed artworks; she referred specifically to the background to her pieces and their fruition. In 2013, she and six other Western Australian artists undertook a residency at the Freud Museum London 'to reconsider Sigmund Freud and his work in relation to his domestic context'. They spent time at the house and home of Freud and were allowed access to areas and possessions not normally shown to the public. "An Internal Difficulty" showcases the artwork produced by the group on their return to Australia. The artists all work in a variety of ways: using photography, sculpture, drawing, ceramics and textile art. The students were excellent in their behaviour during the excursion, and also very mature and respectful as the show has some nudity and potentially controversial content. However they used the event as a thought provoking one and interacted well with both the artist and Gary Aitken, the curator of

the gallery. They asked stimulating questions and were interested in Susan's journey as an artist. As Gary said, "consider yourselves artists, think in a creative way and this will help you in your future". Exposure to both the exhibition and meeting the artists ought to inspire our students and fuel their creativity.

Jane Bradbrook-Mann
Acting Head of Arts



Commedia in Coodanup Some Commedia dell'arte photos



Alcoa Partners with Coodanup College to develop *Employability in Aboriginal students.*

For the second year running Coodanup College has partnered with Alcoa to resource programs that develop employability skills in Aboriginal students.

Programs will be delivered that teach life skills such as willingness to learn, motivation, interpersonal skills, time management, coping with pressure, initiative, team work and ethics. These are all key competencies that assist young people to cope with complexities of life. Peel employers report that these are also the same sets of skills that employers most highly regard when recruiting school-leavers. Students are engaged with activities that allow them to work through issues, link with support workers and develop appropriate response strategies. Thanks to the continued support of Alcoa, Coodanup College will expand the 'Employability Skills' program with additional activities that will include personal physical fitness training, dance, arts, circus skills, Aboriginal cultural heritage training and life coaching.



AGLINKED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Coodanup College students continue to pursue excellence within Agriculture with three students applying for AglinkEd scholarships from the Department of Agriculture and Food.

Well done to Amber Gardner, Tiarne Chester and Jacinta Grimshaw who are carrying on the baton from previous scholarship winners in 2013 and 2014.

Home Economics Student TESTIMONIALS

KEIRESHA MORRISON - YEAR 11

I've wanted to be a chef since I was a little girl and this course has prepared me for what is required and expected. I have been in Home Economics since Year 8 and have loved every bit; the food, the company and the experience. I've taken away a life skill. Home Economics has an amazing teacher who shares her experience from being a chef. No one walks from the class without learning something.

AMY LAUGHTON - YEAR 12

I have been participating in Home Economics since Year 8. It has been one of my favourite classes and is a good elective



for all students to take. It's a course that provides life skills that can stay with a person forever. You learn to work as a team and communicate with one another. You learn how to create your own recipes as well as work together on ingredients. We have made everything from a 3 course meal to caramel slice and curries.

Home Economics also gives great skills such as knife skills, confidence, and also to recognise what the labelling on products means and tells consumers. It is something kids can enjoy while also learning a lot of valuable skills that can stay with them for years to come. I would definitely recommend Home Economics to all those who attend Coodanup College.

The News (NORTH, EAST, WEST, SOUTH)

In support of the increasing emphasis on health promotion in schools within formal agreements between the Department of Health and Education and Training, Healthway has provided a grant of \$2,500 to Coodanup College through the Health Promoting Schools Grant Scheme. This is a new initiative from Healthway to support West Australian schools to develop projects that promote the health of their students.



Coodanup College is committed to developing a 'whole school' initiative by focusing on a House Faction system that facilitates the development of the College spirit and student health and wellbeing.

As a Health Promoting College, we recognise the achievements of our House Captains, and envisage that they will inspire active participation and learning amongst the Coodanup College student population. This inspiration links to leadership skills which are developed as students accept responsibility for leading their House Factions and co-ordinating a variety of annual sporting, academic, arts and community activities, including Sports Carnivals and a range of House competitions.

THE HOUSE LAUNCH

At the launch of the House Faction System on Friday the 31st of July, House Captains were announced, mascots, flags and banners were unveiled, and our new house shield was presented to our Principal, Vicki McKeown. Coodanup College was very proud to announce our new house factions being:



NAIDOC 2015

NAIDOC Day at Coodanup College this year was a simple, student-oriented affair.

The activities began with in class cultural learning where junior school students had the opportunity to identify animal tracks and Aboriginal art symbols. Our NAIDOC assembly followed with Year 12 student Jayeden Quartermaine as the MC. Jayeden shared some important cultural heritage about the Binjarup, Nyoongar region in line with this year's NAIDOC theme-

'We all stand on sacred ground.' A number of special awards were presented to Aboriginal students and the highlight was a traditional Nyoongar dance performance by our very own group Coodanup Middars. This was the first time many of the boys had performed and they did an incredible job. Family members and special guests at the assembly joined staff for lunch enjoyed cheesecakes, bush damper and pesto made with native ingredients by AIEO Luwanna Wilson and a group of volunteer student helpers. Students enjoyed a long lunch and a performance by MC Bryte and band The Struggling Kings, courtesy of Abmusic. Unfortunately, our Elders Harry Nannup and Elsie Ugle were unable to attend this year. Their presence, along with several other Elders, was missed, and Jayeden paid respect to them through an acknowledgement of country and elders.

Well done to the award winners listed below:

• Ethan Krakouer Winmar • Kasey Whitehall • Jayeden Quartermaine • Tyson Parry • Amy DeJong • Bradley Peterson
• Tenika Wensdale • Tyra Bonney • Shenara Mahon



Are your *personal details* up to date?

It is very important that we have your current details up to date for our College records. If you change address, change your email address or have acquired one, or have a new phone number, please let our Administration Office staff know, so that we can ensure that you are receiving the relevant information that you require.

Mobile Phone and Computer use

A reminder of College policies regarding mobile phones and computer use.

- Students to have mobile phones off and away in College bags at all times.
 - Students to only use mobile phones out of College hours.
- Students to use their internet account to look for acceptable material that is only related to learning at College.
- Students to only use their own log-in account and keep their personal password secure.
 - Students to make sure internet use is as efficient as possible.
 - Students to abide by Copyright Laws and do not download or install any software.

Facebook

Coodanup College's Facebook page will communicate information and alerts to parents/carers and students.

This is very informative and we would encourage you to use it.

Please "Like Us" then you will receive up to date information instantly.

www.facebook.com/coodanupcollege

College Uniform Reminder

Always wear your full College uniform.

- Change into Physical Education uniform when attending PE lessons.
- Always wear closed in shoes.
- Follow the directions of any teacher to put on your College uniform or ring home to get a uniform brought to the College.

Loving your Reflection Workshop

In a two hour workshop, the female Coodanup College students will be taken aside to learn about the tricks used by the media to make images appear perfect. The girls will be taught about the dangers of eating disorders and the support available to them. Students will learn ways to become more confident in themselves and to support confidence in the girls around them. The girls will participate in insightful activities as they move through the lessons in the workshop.

The workshop is presented by Diane Wilcox from 'Cinderella Kids' and has been funded by the 'Make a Difference Foundation'. All participating students will receive a free 'Loving Your Reflection' t-shirt.