Welcome to the first e-Newsletter for 2015. You will notice some changes to our college this year including our new college name and logo. I would like to thank all parents, students and staff who contributed in the process of coming up with our new brand. We believe that our College has made significant improvements over the past 5 years and our new brand is reflective of this.

The new college brand is inspired by the Mark Twain quote:

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things 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.”

At Coodanup College we want to inspire in our students to take every opportunity to ensure they have the capabilities to achieve anything in life. We want them to ensure they do not waste the precious time they have at Coodanup to learn and grow so they are not disappointed or limited into the future. So they can Sail into any direction they wish to go.

Our logo is a compass to represent sailing into any direction they choose. Our House Factions are the points of the compass, North, South, East and West.

We have had a great start to the year as the new Coodanup College. The students look fabulous in their new uniform and I would like to thank parents and carers for supporting the college in ensuring all students are in uniform every day. One thing that needs to be mentioned is the confusion with the Sports Uniform. This is only to be worn during sport and therefore students are to change into and out of the uniform for Physical Education. There has been some misunderstanding around this particularly in terms of the Sports Shorts. (The one with the white stripe down the side). These are not to be worn during regular lessons throughout the day.

I am keen to get more parent representation on the College Board. This group meets 6 times a year on a Thursday from 9am to 11am. Please contact me at the college if you have the time to spare to be part of this important team. The College Board oversees the directions of the school so it is vital we get the views of our parents and carers as we continue to strive for excellence.

Ms. Vicki McKeown
Principal
Lego Robotics

On Tuesday the 24th of February, The Lego Robotics Team held its first meeting in the Inspire room. While I was there we had to start building a robot as a practice and we had some help from a Murdoch student named Jacob. He is studying all different kinds of courses that are related to robots and computers.

For me to be able to do Lego robotics is a privilege and I think that Lego robotics is really fun because you get to work with really cool stuff like sensors and heaps of other things. We are going to be entering competitions with our robots and we are determined to win. All of the guys there work together really well and we have a really good system of doing things.

Richard Stack

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2015 Secondary Assistance Scheme

The Western Australian Department of Education provides an allowance to assist eligible families with secondary schooling costs.

To be eligible for the allowance the parent/guardian must hold a Department of Human Services (Centrelink) current Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card or a Veteran’s Affairs card which lists the student as a dependant. Independent student’s may also be eligible but will require a letter from Centrelink.

The allowance consists of two components:

- $115 Clothing Allowance paid directly to the parent/guardian.
- $235 Educational Program Allowance paid directly to the college.

Applications are made by the parent or guardian for student/s enrolled in Years 7 – 12 at a secondary school.

Please note: The final date for applications to be completed is Thursday 02 April 2015. The college cannot accept applications after this date. Please be advised that Eftpos facilities are now available at the college.

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MURDOCH UNIVERSITY

Creative Industries Careers Evening

When: April 29, 2015
Where: Murdoch South Street Campus - Kim Beazley Lecture Theatre
Time: 6.00pm

For Students to find out more about opportunities in the Creative Industries, learn a wide range of Undergraduate courses.

Undergraduate courses covered include:

- English and Creative Writing
- Games Art and Design
- Graphic Design
- Journalism
- Marketing
- Photography
- Public Relations
- Radio
- Screen Production
- Sound
- Theatre and Drama

Postgraduate courses covered include:

- Staff will be on hand to answer course enquiries, questions on admission and application requirements, as well as support services.

Please see Chris Bennett for more information.
Year 7's meet Phoebe - Peter Darch's Fully Trained Assistance Dog.

Our Year 7's were wonderfully attentive, asking relevant, probing questions when Peter Darch visited to talk about his background and how his Assistance Dog Phoebe increases his independence and improves the quality of his life.

Peter told the students that as a person not much older than them, he was injured when jumping off the Old Mandurah Bridge. This resulted in a severe spinal injury, which has severely restricted his movement and confined Peter to a wheelchair since the accident.

The students were extremely interested in Peter’s talk, and asked a wide range of questions about how he manages home, studies and career; they were also very interested in Phoebe’s training through Assistance Dogs Australia, and the skills she uses to assist Peter. Phoebe demonstrated how she assists Peter with his home tasks and his shopping.

Coodanup College students have some experience with Assistance Dogs as the college is fortunate to have a puppy in training on site some of the time.

We were proud of the students throughout Peter’s presentation. They listened attentively, asked very good questions and unearthed a wealth of information about Assistance Dogs and what they do for people with a physical disability.

School’s Clean Up Day

On Friday 27 February, Coodanup College Year 7’s participated in the national School’s Clean Up Day, an initiative of Clean Up Australia Day. The Year 7 cohort were split into six groups and given designated areas of the college campus to collect litter.

Students divided the litter into three categories as they collected it: aluminium cans, recyclables and landfill. All litter collected was then disposed of in the correct bin.

The students had a great time outdoors on a beautiful afternoon collecting the litter, and all remarked on the grossest rubbish they found. Hopefully activities like this will make students think twice before disposing of rubbish thoughtlessly, instead encouraging them to use the correct bin.

Participating in School’s Clean Up Day is part of the Waste Wise Initiative the Year 7’s are participating in which has been sponsored by the Waste Authority and a generous donation from Alcoa.

Fleur Higginbotham
Year 7 Teacher
The Arts

Ready, set GO! Welcome to 2015 and one to the biggest years the Arts team has lined up!

This year we welcome several new staff to the arts department and several new and exciting projects. Firstly we would like to welcome our newest team members:

Carson Griffiths: Will be taking on Music and Design and Technology.

Tolo Auvaa: Is joining Media.

Nicole Mason: Has joined the Media crew again this year!

Elisa Dumitru: Will be taking over from me in Drama, Stagecraft and English while I am on maternity leave.

This year we also have some amazing Arts projects and excursions to look out for. Media are working again in collaboration with Murdoch University to produce another short film and have also taken on a game design program! The PAC is getting a brand new look just in time for our variety night. Murdoch University and Louise Helfgott are also coming on board with the college to produce one of Louise’s original plays “The Prevailing Good,” which will be shown as part of NAIDOC week and tour Mandurah and Murdoch. We also have a group of our students working on the local STRETCH festival coming up in May.

As always we have many incursions and excursions planned to supplement the great work students are doing in class, and our first and biggest trip was to see “The Giants” as part of Perth festival.

Finally, thank you to the team for their support and encouragement through my pregnancy, I leave both nervous and excited and will be back throughout the year to see the amazing work The Arts are doing.

Amie Thompson
The Arts, Team Leader

Drama:


A group of 50 Coodanup staff and students braved the crowds in Perth to see the little girl giant settle down for a bedtime story and a nap as part of the Perth International Arts Festival. It was a warm day and we had a lot of waiting to do as she made her way to Wellington square, but we kept our spirits up by sharing a picnic and a chat.

Once the Giant puppet arrived it was a bit crazy with everyone trying to get the best photo, but we were very proud of our students who moved back to allow for the smaller primary school students to take our spot at the front, in order to let them see. The journey home on the train bought with it very welcomed air conditioning and a chance to be in a comfy seat for a while!

What a day!


Students in Year 9 Drama had the chance to work with one of Black Swan State Theatre Company’s tutors at the start of the week. The workshop focused on building the dramatic elements into their plays as well as allowing the students to let go and come out of their shells. We looked at status, high stakes, relationships, conflict and situation. The most fun was had when we got to put together our own Shakespearean insults to end the very energetic two hour session. Caitlyn, our facilitator, left with a huge smile on her face, praising our students for their high level of ideas and how amazing they were at trying every activity she threw at them. Black Swan will return again in Term 3.
The Arts continued...

Drama:
“The Prevailing Good.” – Louise Helfgott and Murdoch University.

Auditions were recently held to cast for Louise Helfgott’s original play “The Prevailing Good.” The plot centres around the Adam Goode’s incident where he was called an ‘ape’ during a football match, and the consequences on the life of the young girl who made the comment. The students who auditioned were very brave and we were impressed with their level of skill in a high pressure situation. Congratulations to all who were successful. Keep up to date with the plays progress on Facebook and through our newsletters.

Stagecraft:
“STRETCH Festival.” – City of Mandurah.

Students in Year 9 stagecraft have been given the amazing opportunity to work with local and international artists to produce their own giant puppet for the City of Mandurah’s STRETCH festival in May. They are currently learning how to work with Rattan and bamboo and are working up some big muscles as they use only their hands to bend and manipulate the materials. We were incredibly lucky to have Cecile, French director of “The Giants,” come to work with our students while she was here working on the Perth Festival. Unfortunately there was a language barrier but the chance to interact and work with artists who are touring the world with these fantastic shows is more than we could ever ask for! Our Creative Industries students are then going to help manage the performance with the puppets on the night. If you would like to see our Giant Osprey puppet in action, come down to the Mandurah foreshore, May 1st, for the festival opening.

Peel Zonta Club’s International Woman’s Breakfast

The Zonta Club’s International Woman’s Breakfast was held recently at the Mandurah Offshore Sailing and Fishing Club.

Coodanup College students had the opportunity of attending the breakfast which attracted 200 guests where they were treated to an array of amazing stories from Anne Banks-McAllister about United Nations Women and the projects that they were involved with across the world.

Alongside is Serena Nannup and Gemma Bonney with Dr. Margaret Sturdy, Chief Executive Officer from Peel Health Campus at the breakfast.
FIONA STANLEY HOSPITAL’S EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT IS OPEN

Changes to emergency care in your area

At 7am on Tuesday 3 February 2015 Fiona Stanley Hospital’s Emergency Department opened and Fremantle Hospital’s Emergency Department closed.

Fiona Stanley Hospital is now your nearest Emergency Department.

If you would like further information about the changes to emergency care in your area or changes to the delivery of health services in the south metropolitan area, please email reconfiguration.smhs@health.wa.gov.au or visit southmetropolitan.health.wa.gov.au.

Fiona Stanley Hospital’s Emergency Department will provide comprehensive emergency care, including medical, surgical, mental health and diagnostic services for adults and children. The entrance will be accessible from Robin Warren Drive, off Murdoch Drive, with separate entrances for adults and children.

It is important to know where your nearest public Emergency Department is in case of an emergency. Other metropolitan Emergency Departments that may be close to you are:

• Armadale Health Service, Armadale
• Peel Health Campus, Mandurah
• Rockingham General Hospital, Cooloongup
• Royal Perth Hospital, Perth
• Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, Nedlands

No matter where you receive emergency treatment, we will continue to provide you with the best possible care.

IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY DIAL 000.
IF YOU REQUIRE MEDICAL ATTENTION AND IT IS NOT AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE CONSIDER GOING TO YOUR NEAREST GP OR AFTER-HOURS GP, OR CALL HEALTHDIRECT AUSTRALIA ON 1800 022 222.

Hockey Registration

To All Parents, Guardians and Secondary School Students

Peel Hockey is now taking registrations for the 2015 winter season for secondary school students and is desperately seeking “NEW” players to our “NEW” competitions.

The competitions available in 2015 are

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All games are played on turf at the Mandurah Hockey Stadium

Halls Head Recreation Centre, Fuchsia Court, Halls Head.

These competitions are a “NEW” strategy for Peel Hockey in 2015 where previous competition only provided for Years 7 – 10. Fees for both competitions in 2015 are estimated maximum of $200.00 may be less depending on registration numbers (KidSport vouchers welcome).

Fees are payable as follows:

• $30.00 payable with registration • Balance payable on 1st game TBC

Players are to provide own equipment - stick, shin pads, mouthguard and own uniform – shorts & hockey socks. Players will be advised of team shirt & colours prior to commencement of season.

Teams will be filled on a first come, first paid basis with players being allocated to our local affiliated clubs or will form an independent association/school based team depending on number of player registrations.

Register on-line at www.peelhockey.com

New Players Only – Existing Players Must Register with their club.

In preparation for the season Peel Hockey is offering a pre-season clinic for all registered players.

Development Clinic

Years 5 – Years 8 Saturday 18th April 9am – 12 noon FREE

Proudly Supporting City of Mandurah Youth Week


For more information on everything hockey & KidSport Application visit www.peelhockey.com. All enquiries email registrar@peelhockey.com

School Teams welcome coordinators please contact registrar@peelhockey.com
Trade Skills Centre

Construction of our Trade Skills Centre is due to commence and is scheduled to be completed by November 2015.

A portion of the Wanjeep Street car park will be utilised by the builders whilst the centre is under construction and the Car Park is no longer available as a Student drop-off point. The designated Student drop-off area is on Coodanup Drive and visitor parking is available on Wanjeep Street.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Ways to maximise your school success throughout the year

- **Skills Development Program** - A unique program held in April for years 7-10 to help students revise important concepts and skills and prepare for NAPLAN testing.
- **Head Start Program** - Held in January for Years 7 - 10.
- **WACE Revision Programs** - specially designed programs to help revise WACE course content and teach you how to maximise your school and WACE results. Classes held in the January, April, July and October school holidays.
- **Weekend Classes** - Tutoring classes with small groups available each school term to provide on-going help and attention as you need it. For years 7 - 12.
- **Master Classes** - Weekly teaching classes by expert WACE teachers who aim to extend your knowledge and teach you how to earn top marks.
- **Individual Tuition** - In your own home or boarding school. All ages, all areas.
- **Study Guides** - Containing revision questions and material to help you succeed in exams.
- **Creelman Exam Questions** - The past WACE exam questions arranged in topics, with model answers.

Enrol early to secure a place in the course of your choice.

Skills Development Program for years 7, 8, 9 & 10

**MATHS – ENGLISH – LEARNING SKILLS – ESSAY WRITING**

3 Venues - 6 hours per course - 3 hours per day over 2 days

Classes available between 7 - 17 April 2015

See inside to select from our extensive subject program

What our students say about our April Skills Development courses

“My grades in school have dramatically improved since I started coming to ATF. I really liked the constant one on one help. ME + ATF = Good Grades” Javith (Swan Christian College)

“I gained a higher level of understanding in my mathematics. I particularly liked the friendly learning environment, approachable teachers and I made some new friends.”

Hejan (Perth Modern School)

“Having attended this course, my marks are now very good, I was getting around 50% for English and now I’m getting 70% and 80%.”

Martin (St Stephens School)

“I now understand the basic formula, how to write a proper paragraph and I have increased my writing skills. I really liked the way the teachers explain, give examples and make it easier for me.”

Simran (Leeming Senior High School)

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Revision and exam preparation courses available in WACE and ATAR subjects plus our popular Study Skills and Essay Writing courses. Various times and venues in both the first and second week of the holidays, with 6 hour and 10 hour course options to choose from.

**Years 7 – 10 April holiday Skills Development program**

Learn from specialist teachers who inspire and build student confidence. You can choose to enroll in NAPLAN Preparation to refine skills and hone in on recurring problems, advanced Maths or English that will extend and challenge talented students, transitional Maths or English to improve the foundational skills all students require to succeed in high school, plus our popular Learning Skills and Essay Writing courses.

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ACHIEVE SUCCESS AT SCHOOL

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The College has been requested by the Education Department to have all students apply for a new student number. This is called USI meaning Unique Student Identifier. All students in Australia need to have this number to enrol in further education once they leave school and to receive any certificates they achieve whilst at school.

The College cannot enrol any student in VET, TAFE or Traineeship courses without this number.

Applying for unique Students Identifier Numbers

All of our students will need a USI number so please support our College in this process and ensure your child has their USI number by logging on to the website below.

You will need to have identification for your child once you log onto the website. This can be one of the following:

- Learners Permit
- Medicare Card
- Australian Passport
- Visa
- Birth Certificate – NOT an extract

If you are unable to access the internet at home our Library will be available during Recess and Lunch time for the students to log onto this site and apply.


Select Create USI, follow the prompts and fill in the form.
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

Just a reminder for college policies regarding mobile phones and computer use.

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

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.

Communicating with the College

Educating young people requires a collective effort between home and the college. Research shows that student achievement is improved when families and schools actively work together.

The first person you will speak with at the college will be a College Officer. This person may often be able to provide the information you are seeking. Examples of this are: taking absentee details, providing dates and times of events, organising payments of fees or excursions. If you are requiring to speak with someone regarding your child’s education or wellbeing please ask for your child’s Homeroom Teacher in the first instance.

Each student at Coodanup College is allocated a Homeroom Teacher. This Homeroom teacher will phone you at the earliest convenient time. Please appreciate that due to teaching commitments there may be some time prior to the teacher returning your call, you might prefer to ask to have an appointment arranged for you to come in to meet with them.

Your child’s Homeroom teacher will seek clarification from you and arrange for you to be connected with the Year Coordinator if necessary. Should you have a concern that you feel needs to be addressed by a college administrator in the first instance let the Office staff know you wish to speak to the Year Coordinator when they are first available. Should there be urgency please inform the Office staff when you call or alternatively ask for a meeting time to be scheduled for you. The Year Coordinator will liaise with the Junior or Senior Deputy when required.

I am aware that there are times when things trigger emotions due to the care families have for their child. Pleased be assured that we have most concern for every student and wish for a positive outcome in every instance. This requires calm and respectful communication between all parties to ensure a successful resolution to any issues that may arise. We would like to thank the vast majority or parents and carers for their support in this regard.

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.

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