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COLLEGE CHRONICLE

**EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION IN
AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

An Independent Public School

FRIDAY 26th MARCH 2021



Dear parents/carers and community

I am writing this entry as I am busily preparing to pack for the Year 12 Leadership camp. The group will be woken for an early breakfast, and be loaded and ready to leave the College at 6am! We will then have a bus trip up to the Swan Valley Adventure Centre for three days of physical challenges. Students will have the opportunity to participate in canoeing, rock climbing, orienteering, raft building, high ropes, flying fox, team building challenges and a commando course.

The camp was originally planned for the first week of Term 1 but due to COVID restrictions and camp site availability, it was rescheduled to Week 8. Thank you to Mr Wray for managing changing dates and numerous changes to the participant list. I am sure all of the students attending will have a great time and have many stories to tell upon their return. Also a big thank you to those staff who have volunteered to attend the camp, Ms Corsini, Mr Dewing and Mr Hough.

Chronicle schedule

We decided to trial a fortnightly Chronicle as it was time consuming for staff to prepare decent pieces for each of their areas on a weekly basis. Staff felt it would be more interesting to parents if we increased the number of posts on Facebook, on daily activities, and had a more detailed write-up of section happenings in the Chronicle on a fortnightly basis.

As promised, I have included a link to a one question survey to see which option parents prefer. Based on the responses, we will adjust the frequency if needed.

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Motor X

A number of students have shown an interest in riding their bikes on campus. Unfortunately, we are not able to accommodate this activity on site due to issues with the track locations and additional safety and insurance requirements to get qualified supervisors and the track formally accredited. I attended the AGM for the local Motor Cross club last week, and it is possible for the students to join the club, apply for a recreation or competition licence and ride at the club track.

This would be possible when residential staff with the appropriate supervisory qualification were rostered on.

Please contact the club via their Facebook page for further information and dates for registration.

Narrogin Dirt Bike Association or ngnmx2020@gmail.com

Hair

Please remember to remind your child that all students will be required to have hair tied back if below the collar and to keep long hair clean and brushed. Students will not be able to participate in practical sessions if they do not have hair secured, neatly.

College Board Year 10 Parent Representative

We are still looking to fill one more position for a Year 10 parent representative. If you would like to nominate, email the College with a short explanation of how you could be of assistance.



P & C MEETING
THURSDAY 1st APRIL 11.30am
ALL WELCOME

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - Mark Pascoe



Term 1 Progress Reports

A link to access Term 1 Progress Reports will be emailed out next Thursday 1st April. This link is live for 28 days, after that you will not be able to access the reports. Please can you download the reports and save them to a device. The reports are a brief snapshot on how students are progressing and if any concerns are arising. If a staff member has requested an interview, can you please follow the links provided in this College Chronicle and book an interview with that staff member on the interview day – Friday 23rd April.

Stymie

Stymie is an anonymous harm reporting tool that we are proactively using to support our students to say something without fear. Stymie helps us overcome the bystander effect by enabling students to report incidents of harm, safely and anonymously. Previously it has been used to report incidences of students being concerned for others for a wide range of reasons, as well as events of harm they have witnessed. Selected wellbeing staff receive a message showing the details of the concern, the messages are anonymous and there are no identifying features. Stymie can be accessed through a search engine using the following link <https://stymie.com.au/> and click on 'Make a notification'.

Good Standing

Schools are required to have a Good Standing Policy outlining the effect on the ability of students to participate in activities due to behaviour, which also includes attendance. Students can lose their *Good Standing* through the accumulation of Demerit Points, or due to either a school based suspension or residential withdrawal of privilege. Loss of *Good Standing* will forfeit the opportunity to attend extra-curricular activities, with Country Week and the Ball as examples, and to have access to such things as a car on site and being able to ride horses outside of instructional hours. In early Term 2 we will be reviewing the attendance data for Term 1 to evaluate which students are at risk of losing their *Good Standing* due to their attendance falling below 90% because of unacceptable reasons such as taking holidays during school term.

Please follow this link to find the policy on the College's website and contact either Clare or myself if you wish to discuss the policy -

<http://www.narroginag.wa.edu.au/images/pdf/2021%20good%20standing%20policy.pdf>



HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING - Leanne Sjollema



As the term begins to wind down, students are encouraged to make the effort to complete outstanding tasks and finish the term off on a positive note. Moving through classes, it is clear that students of all years are learning a variety of different skills and knowledge in their classes and I encourage them to continue to take advantage of the opportunities provided here at the College.

In the interest of continuing to upskill class staff, Mrs Quinn, Miss Sjollema and Mr Pascoe are completing professional learning by participating in a program known as Teach Well –

an evidence based approach to learning, which integrates elements of explicit teaching and aims to increase student participation and engagement in lessons in order to improve student learning. The Year 10 classes in particular have noticed a change in strategies used in class already and are benefitting from this program.

OLNA is all completed for Round One with results released around May. All students should be proud of how they conducted themselves during the testing. They were very respectful of each other and focused on trying their best in each session. Thanks again to Mrs Vogel for coordinating the program this year.

HEAD OF RESIDENCE - Heather Rae



Hi everyone

Last weekend we headed to WA College of Agriculture, Harvey for the annual Ag Wing Carnival with 34 students and five staff members and what a great weekend we had.

Students participated in a range of sports such as Frisbee golf, touch rugby, table tennis, tenpin bowling, croquet, basketball, netball and many others. We had many champions over the weekend and walked away with the lawn bowls trophy for the second year running. It was a pleasure to spend the weekend with such a great bunch of young people who represented the College with pride and showed great sportsmanship giving things a go that they had never tried before. I would like to thank all the staff that attended and the students for a great weekend away.

This weekend Mr and Mrs Haydock will be heading off to Carousel with a group of students for some shopping therapy.

Over the holidays we have two groups using our facilities and the cleaners also need to do the end of term spring clean, so we ask that all students clear their rooms out during this time, they can store belongings in the store rooms attached to their dorm.

Also a quick reminder to all, if you could please ensure when your child returns next term that they do not bring any form of aerosol cans and that any medication is brought to the duty room and this includes Panadol, Nurofen, Cold and Flu etc.

Have a great Easter break and I look forward to hearing all the great holiday stories next term.

Heather



AG WING CARNIVAL



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ENGINEERING

This term has been a busy and productive term for the Engineering students.

To date all the students have been busy working on completing their project work in Engineering.

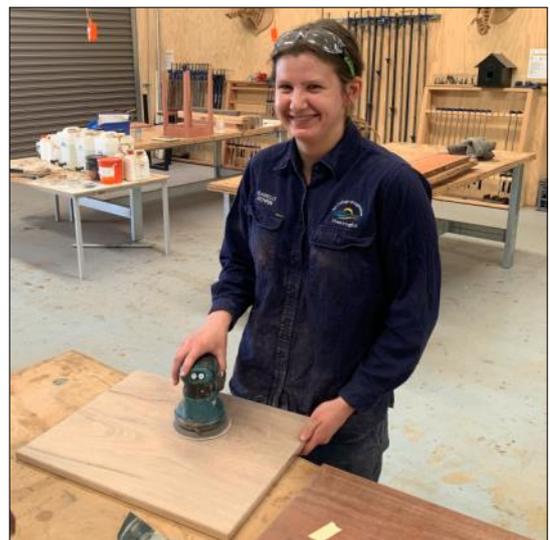
The Year 10 students have completed two of their set project tasks; the Thread square and Paint Stirrer and now are working on their ornamental windmill. I have been impressed by the positive work ethic shown by the Year 10 students in showing a willingness to learn how to utilize workshop machines and equipment to undertake their project work.



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TRADES - John Ryan (Continued)

The Year 11 students have been very busy completing set project tasks in the workshop. This term the students have been inducted to follow standard workshop procedures when using workshop machines and equipment especially when using the metal lathe. Currently the Year 11 students are working on the construction of the Bar stool or the Soft Faced Hammer.



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TRADES - John Ryan (Continued)

The Year 12 students have been busy working on their major projects. I have been impressed by the standard of project work being done by the students and look forward to seeing their projects finished for display on Open Day.



ON FARM



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TEACHER - Louise Eastwood

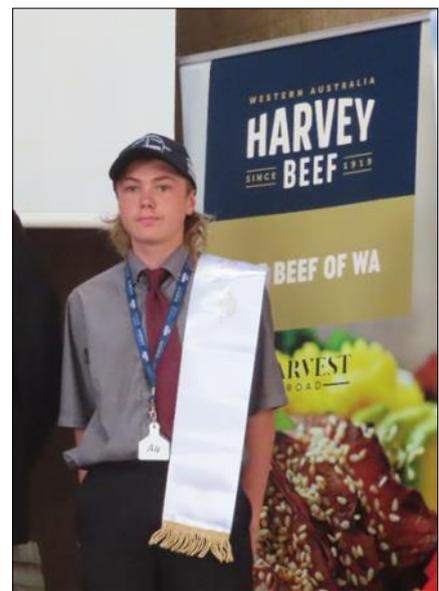


The Harvey Beef Gate 2 Plate Schools Challenge is an interschool competition aimed at Year 11 and 12 students. The competition has a strong commercial focus and cattle are evaluated only on commercial attributes that are important for supply chain profitability and efficiency and product quality with detailed feedback provided to the producer. This year we took our Year 11 ATAR students and the Cattle students to have a go in the competition.

The first part of the day students attended a lecture on "Early Phosphate Run Off" with Bruce Radys and a lecture on "How Carbon Credits are likely to affect Agriculture" with Dr Scott

Strachan. Then they went outside for a practical demonstration of Low Stock Stress Handling with Steve Moir and Understanding the Carcass Cuts with a Butcher. Then they returned for a final lecture on "Making your money work" with Ms Thompson from Bendigo Bank. Students were then split up into different numbers to perform quizzes on what they had learned during the morning.

After the quizzes everyone had the opportunity to inspect the feedlot where the Cattle in the Harvey Beef Gate 2 Plate Challenge were being held whilst lunch (fresh beef burgers) was being prepared. After lunch there were a few guest speakers who talked to the students about the best ways to get a job in the Agriculture Industry, how to deal with mental health and how to pull a calf with ropes. Then it was presentation time for the Harvey Beef Gate 2 Plate Schools Challenge. Our students did very well up against the other Colleges Year 12 ATAR students with James Densham coming 3rd Place in the Early Phosphate Run Off Challenge.



TEACHER - Louise Eastwood (Continued)

On Friday 12th March all of the Equine students attended the Narrogin Races. They did not go just to watch, instead they went to learn about all the work behind the scenes to run a race meeting. Mr Mills and Mrs Dowling had the Year 12's and Tiana working hard all afternoon as strappers. The students assisted trainers with strapping horses which included leading/parading horses in the mounting yard, grooming, washing down and cooling down racehorses. They were all tired by the end of the day and enjoyed leading the horses into the winning bays at the end of each race.

Meanwhile the rest of the students went with Miss Eastwood on a tour of the grounds and were introduced to a range of people and discussed their roles at the races. The students observed the race day procedures and had turns assisting stewards with Identifying horses, gate keeping, raking in the divots on the track and viewing swabbing procedures. They all watched very carefully as on our next trip to the Narrogin Races in April all the students will have their Stablehand licence and everyone will get to assist the trainers as strappers.



TEACHER - Louise Eastwood (Continued)



CHAPLAIN'S CHAT - Sandie Blakiston (Mrs B)

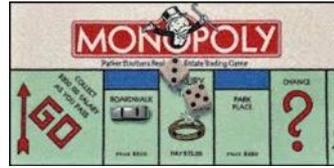


Dealing with Fear

During the American Revolution, Spain gained control of the Bahamas. In April of 1783, Andrew Deveaux, a lieutenant-colonel from South Carolina, recruited a handful of militiamen and Harbour Island settlers to retake the capital of the Bahamas using a clever strategy. Deveaux had only two hundred men with him, a far smaller force than that of the Spanish, but he managed to capture the high ground on the island after a brief skirmish. The Spaniards then watched as boats repeatedly ferried load after load of men from Deveaux's ships to his defensive position on the shore. What the Spaniards didn't know was that the *same* men kept going back and forth, standing up on their trip over to the island, and hiding themselves by lying low in the boat on the trip back to the ships. The leader of the Spanish troops, fearing a defeat from a larger force in an invulnerable position, surrendered.

When you succumb to fear, you're already beaten. People ruled by fear stay where it's safe. And that's sad, because you can't reach your potential by staying where it's safe. Shakespeare said, 'Our doubts are traitors, and make us lose what we often might win, by fearing to attempt.' What would *you* attempt in life if you were sure you couldn't fail?

**HOW TO
OVERCOME
FEAR
OF
STARTING SOMETHING NEW**

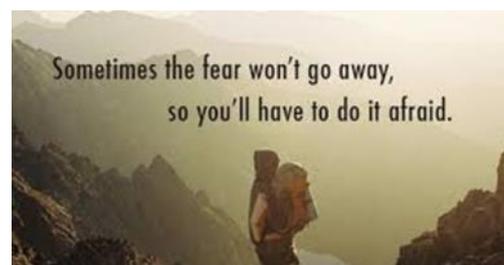


Charles Darrow set a goal when he was in his twenties that he was going to be a millionaire, which was an enormous sum in his day. However in 1929 the Great Depression struck and both he and his wife lost their jobs. They mortgaged their house, gave up their car, and used all their life savings. Although in that situation it looked impossible, they decided to do something to keep the dream alive. Every night they took time to discuss what they would do toward reaching their dream. Soon Charles had an idea of creating play money. Once they had play money, he and his wife pretended to buy things like houses, property, buildings. Finally they turned their fantasy into a full-fledged game with board, dice, cards, little houses, hotels and the game Monopoly was born. In 1935 Charles' family and friends persuaded him to approach a game company, Parker Brothers to see if they would buy it, but they weren't interested.

Perseverance is vital to success. We must persevere, be steadfast, and refuse to give up.

Charles went to Wanamaker's toy store and told them he would get a loan and make several of the games if they would stock it. The game took off, and suddenly Parker Brothers became interested. They played it, enjoyed it, and in 1935 bought it from Charles for ... one million dollars. Charles' dream came true.

Thomas Edison once said, "I failed my way to success." He refused to quit trying and finally invented the light bulb. Failure can be a part of success because failing our way to success humbles us. We also learn what doesn't work. Don't get caught up in the number of failed attempts in life that we refuse to even believe anymore. Step out and attempt the thing you're afraid to do! You'll never be the same again—you'll be liberated.



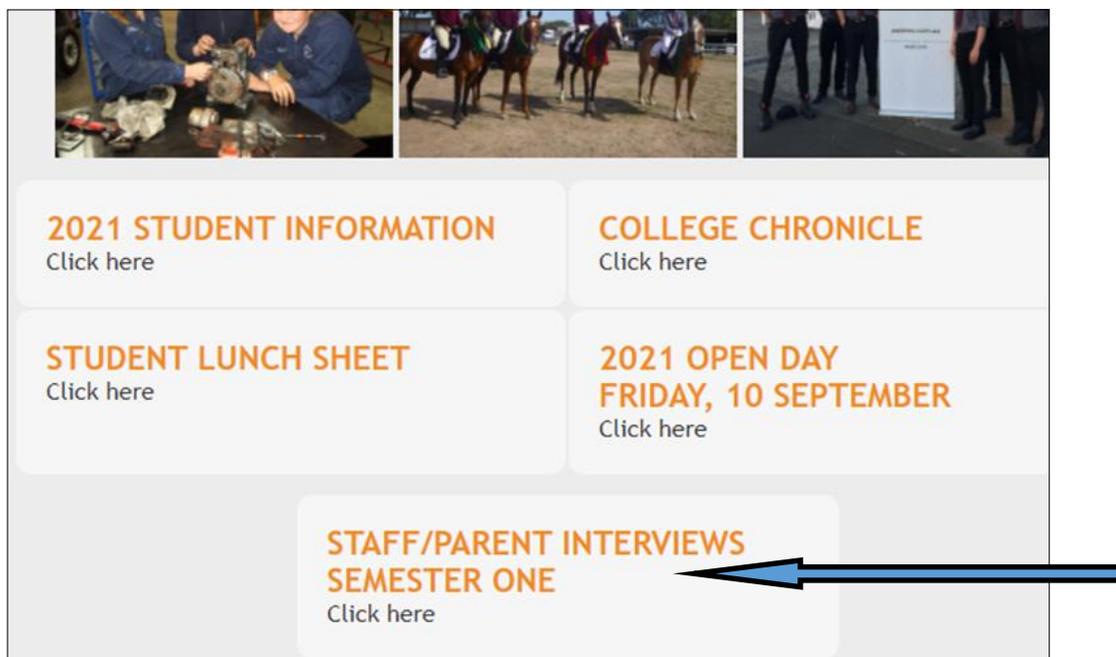
STAFF/PARENT INTERVIEWS

Friday 23 April 12.15pm – 3pm

We have scheduled a staff/parent interview afternoon to allow you as parents/guardians to consult with the teachers of your son/daughter. This has been arranged for Friday 23 April. On this day, from **12.15pm** until **3pm**, teachers, the Residential Manager and the Farm Manager will be available for interview by appointment. Interviews will be conducted in the Lecture area and are of six minutes duration.

To co-ordinate the interviews we have employed an online booking system to assist you in securing your preferred interview times. The procedure is as follows:

- You need to secure an appointment time using this system and if you do not have access to the internet your local library/resource centre may be able to help, or alternatively you can call the admin office.
- The booking system is accessible until **Wednesday 21 April 7pm**. To allow staff to prepare information no interview requests will be accepted after the close off time.
- To make a booking go to the College website and click the link on the front page for **Staff/Parent Interviews** as shown below.



Step by step instructions are on the College's website - [Current Students](#) | [Policies/Information/Forms](#) | [Staff/Parent Interviews Instructions for Parents](#)

Teachers may request an interview with you if they feel there is a matter of importance which should be discussed. Please refer to your child's interim report where a parent interview may have been requested. An email to parents will be sent on **the last day of Term 1** with a link to access the reports.

We encourage your child to accompany you to the interview as this assists the discussion and clarification of outcomes.

Please do not hesitate to contact wendy.hogg@education.wa.edu.au – 9881 9736 (Wednesday to Friday) if you have any queries.

COLLEGE EVENTS

Term 1

- Tues 30th bstreetsmart
- Thu 1st April P & C Meeting 11.30am | END OF TERM 1

Term 2

- Mon 19th April Students commence
- Fri 23rd April 12.15pm Staff/Parent Interviews
2.30pm Students leave - CLOSED WEEKEND
- Mon 26th April ANZAC DAY - Students may return after 3pm

*The Term by Term Planner is regularly updated and can be viewed on the front page of the College website by clicking on **DOWNLOAD TERM PLANNER**.*

Narrogin School Dental Service

The Narrogin School Dental Staff are currently on the annual dental van run to Williams, Wagin and Darkan. Should you have any concerns or enquiries over the next few months please feel free to contact us on our usual email or phone number.

Should a student require an appointment we are of course still happy to see them- however they are required to travel to our current location. I expect us to be back in Narrogin Early - mid term 3.

Reminder that we see all enrolled school aged children from Pre Primary until year 11 and there is no cost associated.

Jade Martens (Oral Health Therapist) | Narrogin Dental Therapy Centre | 0428 984 100 | narroginmobile@health.wa.gov.au

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