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Dear parents, carers and College community

COVID Update

The Premier recently announced; as of 12.01am Saturday 8th May, students and staff will no longer be required to wear masks during the school day. We will continue to encourage social distancing and maintain the expected level of hygiene and cleaning. Please actively monitor the updates provided by the Health Department, over the weekend.

College Board Representative

I would like to offer a warm welcome to Tress Walmsley, who nominated for one of the Year 10 parent positions on the College Board. We still have one more position available to a parent of a Year 10 student. If you would like the opportunity to help shape the future of the College, please consider putting your name forward, by emailing the College at: narrogin.wacoa@education.wa.edu.au

Prefect Business

This week I was pleased to be able to announce our Year 10 and 11 Prefects for 2021. Patrick Crapella, Libby Hardingham, Annie Dewar and Riley McIlree joined our Year 12 Prefects for their weekly meeting with me, on Wednesday. The group focused on the structure of the whole school Wellbeing Day, scheduled for Term 3 and possible improvements to some of the sporting facilities on campus.

Student Surveys

All students have recently completed health and wellbeing surveys. The results will be analysed by staff; and information gained will be used to assist in developing our Care and Support Policy. Parent input will be sought once our Student Services Team have a draft version ready.

Student Safety

As always, the safety of our students is at the forefront of everything we do. The Department of Education has clear guidelines for all activities conducted on site and also for excursions and recreational activities, offsite. I am aware that some safety measures may seem extreme to some people and I often hear the comment, 'I don't have to do that at home'. Regardless of how things may be done in a private setting, all students are expected to adhere to College guidelines when participating in a College managed activity,

in particular, recreational riding. The College has a comprehensive Equine Policy and Procedures document that is given to students who ride a College horse or have their own horse on site. Students who fail to follow these guidelines are putting themselves at risk of serious injury. This has recently become a regular issue and as a result, there will be some restrictions in place for the remainder of this term.

Student Behaviour

Our College and Residential Operating Procedures documents are updated each year and are available on the College website; they are also included in every new enrolment pack. It is a condition of enrolment that parents become familiar with these and ensure their child is aware of the consequences attached to breaches of the guidelines and rules. From time to time damage to school property occurs which may or may not be accidental. In the case of it being proven the damage was deliberate or due to some form of unacceptable behaviour, parents will be invoiced to cover the replacement or repairs. For those in the Residential facility, each dorm has its own fire alarm system, with individual smoke detectors in each room. Our policy states that: *"dorm areas are fitted with smoke and heat detectors. DFES (Department of Fire and Emergency Services) charges \$920 for call-outs caused by false alarms. Students who have triggered a false fire alarm through deliberate or irresponsible behaviour will be billed for the cost of the fire brigade attendance"*. A common cause of alarms being triggered is aerosol deodorant sprays; these are not permitted on campus.

We hope you are enjoying the much needed rain as much as we are!

Have a safe weekend.



HEAD OF TEACHING AND LEARNING - Leanne Sjollema



Firstly, I would like to welcome Ms Tania Jaskiewicz to the class staff in the capacity of English teacher. With years of experience teaching English and a passion for the subject, Tania has been a wonderful addition to the class team.

We have been fortunate enough to secure support from SDERA to run an education program called *Keys for Life*. This will be open to all year 10 students and their parents and aims to support our students to make safer choices about driving, socialising and avoiding risks on the road. This program also gives students a head start on gaining their driver's licence. The focus of the parent component is to support parents in their role of driving supervisor and the College is running a one hour session from 1:30pm to 2:30pm on Friday 4th June.

Class is in full swing this week with the Year 12 students all rigorously preparing for their upcoming exams and Externally Set Tasks (ESTs). While this can be a stressful time for students, the staff have a range of support programs in place to assist students with their study routines and revision. Please encourage your child to access the after school tutoring sessions that are offered by class staff, take advantage of prep time where assistance is available from staff most nights of the weeks and the study activities on Connect to help them with their preparation.

Please see the exam timetables below for information on the timing of these upcoming assessments. If your child is going to be absent for these dates, please contact me to enable us to arrange an alternate date for your child to catch up on these tasks.

EST Timetable – students will sit ESTs for each class that they are enrolled in.

	Date	Subject
Week 4	Tuesday 11/5/21	Animal Production
	Wednesday 12/5/21	Plant Production
Week 5	Tuesday 18/5/21	MDT
		General Math
		Foundations English
	Wednesday 19/5/21	Foundation Maths
		General English

HEAD OF TRADES - Mitchell Wray



Year 11 Materials, Design & Technology

Week 3 + 4

The Year 11 Materials, Design and Technology cohort have been busily working away at this semester's main assessment task. The assessment task required the students to design a product manufactured out of their context material (metal), incorporating another material from outside of their context area i.e. plastic, textile, glass, resin etc.

The students are currently researching ideas for their projects with some already starting to put pencil to paper designing coffee tables, dining tables, clocks, toolboxes, table tennis tables and dartboard cabinets. We look forward to seeing how the student's designs progress over the coming weeks before they model their projects up in our 3D software. We hope to publish some of their computer rendered projects in the next College Chronicle.

Year 12 Materials, Design + Technology

Week 3 + 4

The Year 12 Materials, Design and Technology classes have now commenced their builds in the Engineering workshop, with some students setting an excellent pace. A reminder to all students that due to our strict safety standards here in the Trades Centre the students are required to wear their Trades uniform when setting foot in the workshop. We had a number of students this week show up without the correct uniform and subsequently miss out on their practical time.

PREFECTS - Sammantha Perry and Libby Hardingham



After a few wet days and a couple of break downs we have finally started seeding for the year, with canola being the first lot of seed in the ground. The Year 12 Certificate III cropping students have ripped their paddock and are preparing for seeding as well.

Country Week training is well and truly underway, with everyone putting in 100% effort. All students are getting excited for this event and are keen for the opportunity to represent the College.

With the news of Country Week preparations coming along, we have our sports carnival against the High School coming up on Thursday in week eight. Here the students will be able to grow within their Country Week teams (all other students are invited to participate in this as well) and be able to work together in a real game environment.

This week the year 10 and 11 prefects were announced. Congratulations to Libby and Patrick, our year 10 prefects, Annie and Riley, our year 11 prefects. We look forward to working together to give our peers the best experience the College can offer.

Thanks, Sammantha and Libby

HEAD OF TRADES - Mark Batt



Construction

Week 3 + 4

Year 12

This term the Year 12 Construction class has been very busy in and out of the workshop, out and about on Farm. The Equine department requested the Construction class help construct a new wash down bay to safely clean horses and the students were happy to help. The class started the task by taking measurements at the site to create a plan using our SketchUp software or by hand drawing. A list of materials was created where quantities were determined so the total cost of the construction job could be worked out.

After getting the go ahead from Mr Madson, work started on preparing and levelling the ground for the wash down bay with students learning practical skills in levelling, falls, screeding and setting up form boards parallel and square, to form the concrete up to. These skills directly coincide with the construction course unit of competency *CPCCO2013A Carry out Concreting to Simple Forms*. We will continue on with the wash down bay over the next couple of weeks and will show off the finished pad in a future College Chronicle article.



MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINATION REMINDER

All Year 10 students have been given information and a consent form to take home for the Meningococcal vaccination.

Please complete the consent form and return it to the College by **MONDAY 24th MAY**. (A copy has been attached to this Chronicle)

The vaccinations will take place on **Tuesday 15th June**.

HEAD OF RESIDENCE - Heather Rae



Hi everyone

Well, what a crazy start to the term with the ups and downs of COVID-19, hopefully this will all settle soon. We have been able to go back to one seating in the Dining Room which is taking a bit of time to get used to for

both staff and students, so we do ask students for a little bit of patience at this time.

Unfortunately our weekend excursions have not gone ahead partly due to COVID-19 but also due to numbers. We had changed this Saturdays excursion to Bunbury to avoid entering the Perth region but due to lack of numbers it has also been cancelled. Next weekend we have a trip to Bounce organised.

Mrs Haydock has started up her cooking classes with the Year 12 students and this seems to be going well and is very well supported.

I have just purchased a portable projector and screen so that we can enjoy movies, footy etc. on the big screen in the gym or outside and I am looking forward to seeing this utilised.

This year's Hockey competition started last Thursday in Narrogin, we have two teams entered this year and will follow up with scores etc. each Chronicle. A big thank you to Mr Haydock who puts a lot of time into organising this each year.

Last week's score was Rangers 7 v Collegians 0

Good luck to both our teams this week.

This week I have had to speak to students about some behaviours that have been happening around the dorms, this includes; blocking drains and flooding bath rooms, throwing

toilet paper around the bathrooms and just generally damaging things in their dorms. I would ask for your support in this and would appreciate if you could talk to your child about respecting College property.

I am looking at getting our cricket nets, tennis and netball courts fixed up so that students can utilise these areas during their recreational time and would much rather focus on this then deal with vandalism.

Reminder to all parents if your child is unwell please keep home until they are well again, also if injured whilst at home can this please be sorted before they are returned to the College. Due to COVID-19 any student who becomes unwell at the College will be required to be collected.

If you wish to contact me through the week for any issues I am contactable on the College number between 7am and 4pm Monday to Friday. If for any reason you need to contact me out of these hours can you please call the residential staff in the Duty Room who will pass on a message and I will call you back either straight away or when I return to the College the next day. Thank you.



TEACHER - Louise Eastwood



Back to the Races again for the win!!

Horse racing is the second biggest industry in Australia and there are many varied jobs that are related to it. Equine students had the privilege to once again help out at the Narrogin Races on Thursday 22nd April. This time the Year 11s could

also strap and lead horses with their brand new Thoroughbred Stable Hand Licences alongside the Year 12 students. Everyone had a great afternoon and even led a few winners into the winners circle.



Winning jockey and trainer with Chloe Howell (Year 11)



TEACHER - Louise Eastwood



TEACHER - Tania Jaskiewicz

On Mondays Ms Quinn and Ms Jaskiewicz join classes for Health, this term the focus is on Resilience.

The last two Mondays students have had to undertake several practical team building activities to self-test their resilience together with a positive attitude. In the 'fit into the space' activity the girls were quick to form a human pyramid, it was good to hear them encourage one another as they ascended higher! The boys took the approach of cramming into the space like sardines. I think the girls won that round. The next activity was to construct a spag tower using marshmallows as joiners – such creative efforts!

On Monday 3rd May, students worked in pairs to complete an obstacle course. It was like an old fashioned, two legged race while balancing an egg on a spoon. I will add that it was interesting to see some groups become impatient and rush to get to the finish line, while several thoughtful participants carefully navigated the course with egg intact! Well done Tenisha!



CHAPLAIN - Sandie Blakiston (Mrs B)



Although we are only in week three things are flying along here at the College.

In the first week I attended the ANZAC service with the students. I was so impressed with the speeches from the schools and each was touching in its own way. Our representative, Austin Shotter had an especially touching speech and brought tears to my eyes as he said it was hard to comprehend youth his age going off to war. We also know often they lied about their age to get in and some were only 14, 15 or 16, all dedicated to serving their country, no matter what.

Last term we had our Pool and Table Tennis Competition. Many thanks to Mr Wray who made the trophies for the students and did a wonderful job of them. Our final two in the Table Tennis were the fast and furious Seton and Riley. It was tense, it was fast, and it was close. In the end the winner was Seton Fasanini, with the runner up going to Riley McIlree. In the Pool Competition the winner was Joel Reynolds and runner up went to Cooper Solomon-Maere. Congratulations boys. Who will get their names on the Shields this term?

In the previous College Chronicle there was a copy of the Chaplains Activities for Term 2. One of the activities in week 10 will be a Cookie Bake Off. Students from each dorm who want to participate will pick one cookie recipe to make, and there will be a 'Dorm against Dorm Bake Off'. Our Principal, Mrs Roser, has offered herself for the sacrificial duty of being the judge and having to try all those lovely cookies. Other activities will be the Games nights, a 10 Day Challenge and the Pool and Table Tennis Competitions. I encourage all students to be a part of this busy term.



OUT & ABOUT



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RESIDENTIAL SUPERVISOR - Donna Milne

Has anyone spotted a pine tree growing in a gumtree? I first noticed a tiny pine sapling growing out of a fork in a gumtree back in 2003. It is quite a bit larger now so easily visible.

It is on the driveway entrance to the College and can be seen when leaving the College and is on the right hand side of the road.



SCHOOLS SYSTEM SUPPORT OFFICER / FINANCE - Jill Norwell



I hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter and holiday break.

The next statement will be posted home to parents before the end of May.

Please refer to the statement for the closing balance.

Just a few reminders -

- 2nd Instalment \$2960.00 was due by 15th April 2021
- 3rd Instalment \$2960.00 is due by 15th July 2021

(Boarding Away From Home Allowance of \$1477.00 will be offset against the 3rd instalment leaving a balance of \$1483.00)

All other charges are due now.

For any students claiming Assistance for Isolated Children where the payment is coming to the College, *(as is our preference)* the payments will be deducted off your account. Please provide the Centrelink entitlement statement as soon as possible with the Boarding Away From Home Allowance application form.

Payments can be made by direct deposit, EFTPOS, cash, cheque or credit card over the phone.

Our banking details are -

Narrogin Agricultural College (CBA Narrogin)

BSB - 066 522

ACC - 00900281

Please state your student name as the reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries: jill.norwell@education.wa.edu.au or 98819733.

Baby and year one photos for Graduation & Yearbook 2021

To make Graduation a more memorable experience we are asking all of the parents / guardians of the **Year 12** students to loan us two photos of your son or daughter.

1. Baby Photo (in clothing)
2. First day at school photo or a photo taken around their first year at school.

You can post them in or drop them off at the front office. Alternatively you can scan and email the photos to -

wendy.hogg@education.wa.edu.au.

You may collect the photos immediately after the Graduation Ceremony or we will send them back to you via registered mail.

Thank you.



ALL YEARS COLLEGE YEARBOOK

The 2021 whole College Yearbook is currently being compiled.

The book is \$30 and this cost can be placed onto your account.

If you would like to order one please place your order by Friday 28th August.

An order form was attached to the College Chronicle dated 23rd April 2021.



Year 10 Meningococcal ACWY School Based Immunisation Program 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

The Department of Health is offering parents of students in year 10 the opportunity to have their child vaccinated against Meningococcal ACWY.

Your child has been given a consent form to bring home for you to complete, along with a fact sheet providing information about the vaccine offered to your child.

Please complete the consent form and return it to the school by Monday 24th of May 2021.

Students will be vaccinated in school by a nursing team with experience in immunisation on Tuesday 15th June 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact me on the details below.

Kind regards

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Year 10 Meningococcal ACWY School Based Immunisation Program 2021

Student's Name: School:

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Department of Health is offering parents of students in Year 10 the opportunity to have their child vaccinated against Meningococcal ACWY. Please read the enclosed information and visit the related websites (link found on fact sheet) for more information about the vaccine offered to your child.

► **If you would like your child to be vaccinated through the Year 10 Meningococcal ACWY School-Based Immunisation Program, please follow the below instructions in completing the consent form.**

1. Complete the sections 'Student details' and 'Parent/Legal guardian details'
2. In the consent section, specify if you would like your child to receive the Meningococcal ACWY vaccine by placing a tick mark in the Yes (green) box or No (red) box on the consent form.

Enter your signature and date on bottom of the green box

► **If you DO NOT want your child to be vaccinated in the Year 10 Meningococcal ACWY School-Based Immunisation Program, please follow the below instructions:**

1. Complete the sections 'Student details' and 'Parent/Legal guardian details'
2. In the consent section, tick the red box to specify that you do not want your child to receive the vaccine. This will ensure that the nurses will know that you have received the information consent pack and declined the offer of vaccination for your child.
Enter your signature and date at the bottom of the box.

Note that all students are vaccinated in school by a nursing team with expertise in immunisation. We thank you for taking the time to review the enclosed materials and for returning the completed form to your child's school. If you have any questions, please call your local public health unit (regional schools) or the central immunisation clinic/local government (metro Perth schools) – phone numbers on reverse side of envelope

Please complete the enclosed form and return it to your child's school



Year 10 School-based immunisation program – information for parents

What is meningococcal disease?

Meningococcal disease is an uncommon, but sometimes life-threatening illness. The disease is a result of a bacterial infection of the blood and/or the membranes that line the spinal cord and brain.

Although treatable with antibiotics, the infection can progress very rapidly, so it is important that anyone experiencing symptoms of meningococcal disease seeks medical attention promptly.

At any one time, approximately 10 per cent of healthy people carry meningococcal bacteria harmlessly in their nose or throat, and do not become ill.

How is meningococcal disease spread?

Meningococcal bacteria are spread by respiratory secretions (coughing, sneezing or kissing). The bacteria do not survive more than a few seconds in the environment.

The disease is most likely to be spread only to very close contacts, such as people who live in the same household, sexual contacts and children attending the same day care for more than four continuous hours.

Why does WA Health offer a vaccination program for Year 10 students?

Meningococcal disease can affect any age group. However, some of the highest rates of meningococcal carriage and illness occur among adolescents and this age group can transmit bacteria to people who are at an increased risk of infection, including young children.

It is anticipated that immunising Year 10 students will reduce transmission of the bacteria to others and help prevent infections within the larger community.

Which vaccine will be used and how effective is it?

Meningococcal ACWY vaccine will be used. This vaccine protects against four serogroups of meningococcal bacteria: A, C, W and Y. The vaccine brand Nimenrix® will be used in this school-based program.

These vaccines are safe and effective. Meningococcal ACWY vaccination programs have been implemented in adolescents aged 13–15 years in the UK since 2015 and adolescents aged 11–12 in the US since 2005 with no significant concerns reported. The vaccine is routinely offered as a single dose. Further doses are recommended for those at increased risk of this disease and those travelling where this disease is common. Studies have shown that the effectiveness of the meningococcal ACWY vaccines are between 80–85 per cent in adolescents.

Who should not get this vaccine?

Tell the person giving the vaccine if:

- **you have any severe, life-threatening allergies.**
If you have had a life-threatening allergic reaction after a previous dose of a meningococcal ACWY vaccine, or if you have a severe allergy to any part of this vaccine, you should not get this vaccine. Your provider can tell you about the vaccine's ingredients.
- **you are pregnant or breastfeeding.**
Meningococcal vaccines are not routinely recommended for pregnant or breastfeeding women but can be given where clinically indicated. Please discuss further with your GP if you could be pregnant or are breastfeeding.

What are the vaccine side effects?

With any medicine, including vaccines, there is a chance of common adverse reactions. These are usually mild and go away by themselves. Serious reactions are also possible, but are rare. There is a very remote chance of a vaccine causing a serious injury or death. You cannot get meningococcal infection from the vaccine.

Common adverse events include pain, redness and swelling at the injection site, fever, irritability, drowsiness, decreased appetite, headaches, rash and nausea. However, serious general adverse events are rare.

The safety of vaccines is always being monitored. For more information, visit: www.tga.gov.au or www.immunise.health.gov.au



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What if there is a serious reaction – what should I look for?

Look for anything that concerns you, such as signs of a severe allergic reaction, very high fever, or unusual behaviour. Signs of a severe allergic reaction can include hives, swelling of the face and throat, difficulty breathing, a fast heartbeat, dizziness, and weakness – usually within a few minutes to a few hours after the vaccination. For any severe reaction, call an ambulance or go to your closest emergency department.

What should I do?

Paracetamol can help reduce mild fever or pain and a cool damp cloth can also reduce pain at the injection site. Please seek medical advice or go to the local emergency department if you have any reaction you think is serious or unexpected.

Or call **healthdirect Australia** on 1800 022 222.

All immunisation providers in WA are required by law to report an adverse reaction following immunisation. Parents can also report concerns about any serious reactions after immunisation. Learn more at healthywa.wa.gov.au/WAVSS or call 6456 0208.

Further information

If you have any queries about meningococcal vaccinations, contact **healthdirect Australia** on 1800 022 222 or your local provider using the contact details provided on the back of the envelope containing your consent paperwork.



For office use only

Immunisation provider comments

	Consent		Date given	Batch	Vaccinator	Site: Left arm	Site: Right arm	Record entered in AIR
	Yes	No						
Meningococcal ACWY								

Notes

Telephone consent: Office use only

Verbal consent for vaccination was given Yes No

Time : Date / /

Signature

Name

Consent provided by (name)

Contact number

Relationship to child
(e.g. father, mother)

Data entry: AIR webPAS CHIS WINVAC MMEX

Comments