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COLLEGE CHRONICLE

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

An Independent Public School

FRIDAY 30th JULY 2021

PRINCIPAL - Clare Roser



Welcome back to Term 3. Although some families may have had their interstate holiday plans thrown into chaos, once again; I hope everyone was able to spend time together and enjoy the two week break. It has been wonderful to see the students come back full of enthusiasm.

Term 3 is the business end of the year for Year 12 students, with General course students being eligible for release on **Friday 24th September**; pending the completion of all their course work, VET qualifications and having completed the exit process. Year 12 ATAR students will continue into Term 4 to prepare for and complete their final Exams.

Staff Changes This term we welcome some additional staff to the College; Mr Peter Zielke has joined the Farm team for the rest of this year. Mr Zielke brings a wealth of industry knowledge and will be a great addition to the team. We also welcome Mrs Sharon Ward who has joined our wonderful Admin team in the front office. Mrs Ward also brings a great deal of expertise to the team, having worked in a larger senior high school for a number of years.

There are also several staff on leave during this term; you may notice some changes to staff rosters and availability while those absences are being covered by casual staff.

College Improvements On Monday 19th July, all staff worked together to develop our Care and Support Policy. Sections of this policy have already been presented to the College Board, in draft form. When the final documents are ready to be released to all parents, you will notice the focus is very much aligned to current research in the mental health and positive behaviour support domains.

As part of the focus on recognising those students who are consistently following the College Code of Conduct guidelines, we have re-vamped our reward system. Blue Slips have been replaced with 'Goldies'; the idea being that staff from across the campus can recognise appropriate student behaviour, on a more frequent basis; and use these opportunities to reinforce the College Expectations of **Personal Excellence, Unity, Respect and Responsibility**. The previous Blue Slip system saw students receive a prize if their slip was drawn out of the box, each week. Student leaders communicated that the majority of students were not keen on this process. Our new model will work on a tally system. Students will receive a reward once they reach 25, 50, 100,

200 and 500 'Goldies'. Each fortnight, there will be a list of students who have reached the targets, so that parents can also celebrate with their child.

At the end of last term, all parents were given access, via the Chronicle, to the new Mobile Phone Policy. In general, students have acted responsibly and are leaving their phones in their dorm or at the front office, when they arrive. The policy clearly outlines the consequences for not following the NO PHONES rule.

The Chronicle in Week 6 will contain a link to the Good Standing Policy, which has undergone some changes to focus on teaching appropriate behaviour and to align with the Care and Support Policy.

Our Student Services team have been working closely with our student leaders to prioritise improvements to the College resources. Today I will be seeking approval from the finance committee to approve a refurbishment of the weights gym, replacement of goal posts on the bottom oval, replacement of netting on the cricket nets, construction of a BMX track and storage facilities and purchase of gaming consoles and PC's for use on the big screen and Club. We hope to get the majority of the works done before the end of this term. I will also be submitting an application to finalise works in the Buttfield Dorm.

Clubs The Prefects and Dorm Captains have risen to the challenge, this term; and have taken a leadership role in developing 'Clubs', with assistance of staff. I would like to thank Mr Galsworthy for assisting to set up the Gaming Club, Mr Madson and Mr Argæet for assisting with the BMX Club and Mr Gooley for coordinating the Gym Club. I hope students take up the opportunities to get involved in the planning stages of these initiatives and make use of the new facilities once completed.

College Ball The College Ball is fast approaching, hard copy permission forms are available from the front office. We hope to be able to run with the original plan but do have a Plan B, just in case COVID restrictions are in effect.





Year 11 Short Courses

This past week we had Year 11 students complete their First Aid through St John and their Defensive Driving Course with Peter Ramsay. Feedback from the presenters was all positive and they were impressed with the way our students conducted themselves. What was a standout for me was talking to a number of students after the driving course; their feedback was that it was good to be able to try out ABS braking in a controlled environment as they had not experienced it before, with some not even being aware of what it did. They also learned how to steer a vehicle whilst braking which did result in some casualties with Traffic Cones.

Mobile Phones during the school day

Last week the College introduced its new Mobile Phone Policy where phones are not permitted at school during the school day. If a student realises that they have a phone on them at the start of the day and hand it in, there will be no penalty; after that, phones will be confiscated if a staff member becomes aware of them. In the past fortnight, there has been a marked decrease in the number of phones that staff have found on students and it is great to see the majority of students supporting this change. The premise of the change was to start training students for employment outside of College, where many companies/employers have strict and rigid phone policies, where instant dismissal is the outcome for employees having a phone on them.

Census Night

You will be aware that Tuesday 10th August is Census night and all boarding students will do their own Census form here at the College. I will be supervising the students doing it after dinner. There is a question in the Private-dwelling form (which parents and families will complete) about if there is anyone missing who would reside there normally. Please complete that part of the form for your child as they will complete their own forms here as that is where they will reside on that night.

Timetable Swap

Just a reminder that the timetable for next Tuesday (3rd August) and Wednesday (4th August) have been swapped so a large group of staff can attend a training session.

Hillside Christian College

The Year 9 group from Hillside Christian College visited the College in the second last week of term 2. They camped out in the paddock for two nights (amongst some of the coldest weather we have had all year) and participated in a number of farm activities to give them a taste of farm life. Steve Williams who led the camp was a Cropping teacher here at the College from the late 90's to mid 2000.



Dowerin and Newdegate Field Days

Year 12 students have the opportunity to attend Dowerin on Thursday 26th August whilst Year 10 and 11 students will have the opportunity to attend Newdegate on Wednesday 1st September with the College. Students will need to be on Good Standing to attend. More information to follow in the next Chronicle.



HEAD OF TRADES - Mitchell Wray



Week 1 & 2 Trades Training Centre

Year 12's

Welcome back to Term 3, a busy term jam packed with plenty of Field Days, an Open Day, the College Ball and more. This term, Mondays with the Year 12's is purely focused on the completion of qualifications and

projects, as the Year 12's focus turns towards the end of their time here at the College.

The Year 12's progress is monitored weekly and I am very happy to say that we are well on track for some excellent results this year. Some students need to lift a little due to absences, however for the most part we must congratulate the 12's on their efforts to this point, with only a few units in most Trades areas to complete.

Year 10's

The Year 10 cohort have traded sides and are now trying out the two Trades they did not see last semester. All Trades areas have completed their safety inductions and are ready to commence their set tasks and units of competency.

The Construction Year 10's have started learning about carpentry and carpentry materials, through their garden bench project. Students will be exposed to different joinery techniques, preparation of timbers, different tools and terminology used in the industry and finishing techniques. This week the students prepped their materials and will look to complete the benches to display at this year's Open Day.

Automotive Year 10's have been learning the ins and outs of dismantling and re assembling a small motor. The 10's have been learning about the different components of a small motor, industry terminology and tools and equipment used within the Automotive industry whilst completing this activity.

Year 10's in the Furniture Making course have been busily completing machine sign offs within the Furniture Making workshop whilst constructing their picture frames with Jarrah inlays. Students have to model the picture frame using the three dimensional software SketchUp, then export their set views into the sister program Layout, where they add view titles and dimensions to scale, so they have to scale drawings to work from in the workshop.

Engineering students have been completing a set task producing a thread square. Whilst producing their thread square the students are exposed to various metal working tools and machines and their associated terminology.

Congratulations to the Year 10 Trades cohorts, who have started the semester off with great attitude and a willingness to give everything a go!

With the situation in the Eastern States the Trades staff have been focusing on the completion of practical tasks over theory tasks at the present moment. Hopefully we can manage somehow to dodge another lockdown, however we are working away in the background to be prepared for online delivery if another lockdown is to eventuate.



HEAD OF TRADES - Mitchell Wray (Continued)

Thank you - P & C Funding

Last term the College's P&C asked for submissions for them to finance. The Trades Centre put two items forward for consideration and luckily enough we were fortunate to secure both submissions. Pictured are our two new machines down in the Trades area. Firstly, is the Laser Cutter, which the students have already embraced and the little machine gets a work out most Fridays with students now starting to learn its capabilities. The Laser Cutter/ Engraver was also purchased to engrave our own trophy plates and honour boards around the College. The second machine is our new CNC Plasma Cutter for the Engineering section. Although not in action yet due to electrical work, we look forward to seeing what this machine can produce. Once programmed students will be able print out their designs to be incorporated with their bigger projects.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the P&C for their commitment to the College and we look forward to seeing how the new machinery furthers our student's skills, knowledge and engagement.

Have a great weekend.



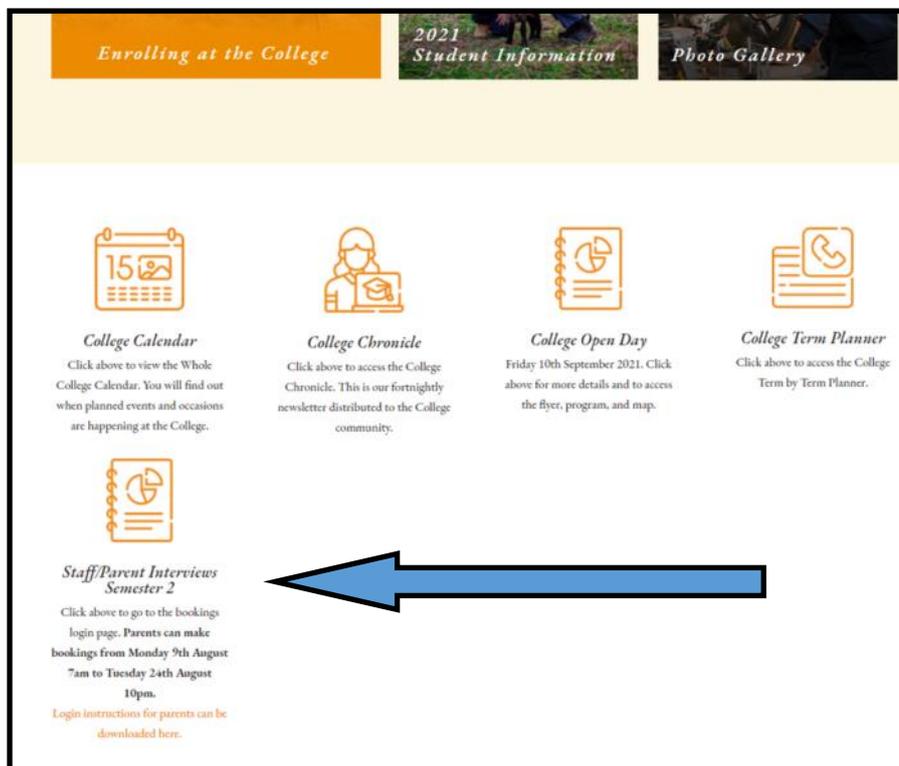
STAFF/PARENT INTERVIEWS

Friday 27 August 12.30pm - 2.30pm

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 27 August**. On this day, from **12.30pm** until **2.30pm**, 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 from **Monday 9 August 7am** until **Tuesday 24 August 10pm**. 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 semester 2** as shown below. *Login Instructions for Parents* can also be viewed at this link.



Teachers may request an interview with you if they feel there is a matter of importance. Please review your child's Semester 1 Report. Staff will have ticked the "Interview Requested" option if they require an interview.

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.

DEFENCE FORCE'S VISIT



ON FARM



ON FARM



COLLEGE BALL - P & C Parent Dinner

All parents are welcome to attend the Parent Dinner that is to be held at the
Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle - 7.30pm Friday 27th August.

At this stage we will be ordering off the menu so please check their website for the menu.

If you are interested in attending please let Helen Murnane know -
her email is helen@lapteksystems.com.au ASAP



GRADUATION / YEARBOOK INFORMATION

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.

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.

INFORMATION

FIELD TECHNICIAN - Wundowie region

Intergrain P/L is a world class plant breeding company.

For information contact -

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SEASONAL WORKERS

Company based in Lake Grace.

Contractual jobs for CBH including grain covering and small storage construction.

Contact details are:

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APPRENTICE VEHICLE BODY BUILDER

Base Fabrications is a company specialising in the manufacturing and repairing of Heavy Vehicle Transport Equipment, located in Naval Base Perth WA.

Please email your resume to:

admin@basefabrications.com.au or if you have any questions, please call **08 9437 9381**.

Based in **Narrogin**, we are now looking for an **Apprentice Electrician** to join this family run business. The qualification would be a Cert III in Electro technology.

Our client works within the Industrial and agricultural industries, providing installations, maintenance & solar design.

DUTIES:

- Reporting direct to your team leader (Qualified Electrician)
- Assisting your team leader in manual labour and relevant electrical work
- Assisting the team in keeping our workshop tidy and functional

ESSENTIAL CHARACTERISTICS:

- Ability to work confidently and safely on rooftops and confined space
- Ability to lift 20kg regularly
- Ability to evaluate and respond quickly to dangerous situations
- Ability to comply and wear safety gear
- Tool skills
- Good with Maths and Computers
- Team-player who can also work independently
- Outstanding time management skills
- Liable and motivated

As this is an Apprenticeship position the successful applicant with need to be an Australian resident or Permanent citizen.

If you believe you have the qualities required for this position, please apply now! Send your resumé and a cover letter to –

Cheryl Maxwell - Career and Development Advisor

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These jobs and more can be found on the College website under the "Current Students" tab.

COLLEGE EVENTS

Term 3

- Tues 3 August WEDNESDAY Timetable
- Tues 3 August Year 10 Meningococcal Immunisations
- Wed 4 August TUESDAY Timetable
- Mon 9 - Fri 13 August Year 12 WPL
- Tues 17 August Tomorrow Man & Tomorrow Woman
- Fri 20 August College Board Meeting - 12noon
- Thurs 26 August Dowerin Field Day - Year 12s to attend
- Fri 27 August Staff/Parent Interviews 12.30pm - 2.30pm
P & C Meeting 1.30pm
Students leave at 2.30pm CLOSED WEEKEND
College Ball
- Sun 29 August Residential students return after 3pm
- Mon 30 August **WEAR IT PURPLE DAY**
- Wed 1 September Newdegate Field Day - Year 10s & Year 11s to attend
- Thurs 9 September RUOK Day
- Fri 10 September OPEN DAY
- Fri 24 September End of Term 3

The College Term Planner is regularly updated and can be viewed on the front page of the College website

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CHAPLAIN'S ACTIVITIES PLANNER – TERM 3 2021

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	
19-25 July WK 1	Students commence Tuesday		 C-CHARADES  Games night	Tulloch – Games night
26-1 Aug WK 2	 C-CHARADES  Games night		 Games night	Thomson – Monday Buttfield - Wednesday
2-8 Aug WK 3	Games night 	THOMSON 7-9 	 C-CHARADES  Games night	Rafferty – Monday McDonald – Wed
9-15 Aug WK 4	 C-CHARADES  Games night		Games night 	Williams – Monday Connelly – Wednesday
16-22 Aug WK 5	Games night 	Tomorrow Man & Tomorrow Woman	 C-CHARADES  Games night	Perkins – Monday Lewis – Wednesday
23-29 Aug WK 6		PERKINS 7-9PM 	Dowerin Field Day Y 12	College Ball Friday 27
30-5 Sept WK 7				Thursday Newdegate Field Day Y10 & 11
6-12 Sept WK 8	POOL COMPETITION 		TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION 	OPEN DAY Friday 10
13-19 Sept WK 9	PIZZA BAKE OFF Find your favourite pizza recipe, choose your cooks, and win	MOVIE night		
20-26 Sept WK 10				

STUDENT WEEKEND FARM ROSTER - TERM 3 2021

If you need to swap, please see Mr Madson with the person you are swapping with.

	SATURDAY/SUNDAY
Week 2 July 31 st & August 1 st	Jaiten Hawke Tyson Lansdell Tom Kilpatrick Isaac Whiteford
Week 3 August 7 th & 8 th	Logan Hayes Tess May Stockton Shotter William Day-Banner
Week 4 August 14 th & 15 th	Riley Holden Tyler McGraw Zac Coxon Benjamin Hawley
Week 5 August 21 st & 22 nd	Joshua Jensen Cody McIlree Korben Halter Tyler Cochrane
Week 6 Aug/Sept 28 th & 29 th	Closed Weekend
Week 7 September 4 th & 5 th	Darcy Jones Jacob O'Farrell Flynn Spark James Densham
Week 8 September 11 th & 12 th	Zac Junk Sofia Mycock Tate Dawson Tina Henderson
Week 9 September 18 th & 19 th	Corbin Kowald Dominic O'Hara Mitchell O'Brien Hannah Rochow
Week 10 September 25 th & 26 th	<i>END OF TERM</i>