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Narrogin



COLLEGE CHRONICLE

**EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION IN
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An Independent Public School

FRIDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2021



Dear parents, and community members

This term we welcome Mr Mitch Wray to the Deputy Principal position while Mr Pascoe is at WACoA-Morawa. Ms Sjollega and Mr Wray will also share some of Mr Argæet's Student Services role while he is on Long Service Leave. Mr Wray and Ms Sjollega have been working with the future student

leadership group and will be taking a number of students to a three day Leadership Camp next week with WACoA-Harvey students and staff.

Year 12 Leavers

For many, this will be their final week, as they finalise their course requirements, check in equipment and have their dorm rooms cleared. Semester 2 exams were completed at the end of Term 3 and now our ATAR students will be preparing themselves for their WACE examinations, with the first being English, on Wednesday 3rd November. Our amazing staff have been making themselves available, after hours, to support those students who wish to squeeze in some last minute tutoring. We wish them all the best and hope they remember to take some wellbeing breaks, amongst their revision.

All Year 12 parents and those parents of our newly elected student leadership group should have received their invitation to the Year 12 Awards Ceremony. If you have not yet replied, could you please do so as our office staff need to finalise seating and catering arrangements.

The State Government **Leavers Strategy** is a harm minimisation and crime prevention strategy overseen by WA Police working in partnership with key Stakeholders. Parents and students can access information regarding Leavers Celebrations, in WA, on the following website.

www.leaverswa.com.au/

Royal Show

I would like to congratulate the students who recently attended the Perth Royal Show, both on their individual and team show results and also on their personal conduct. They were a delight to take away for the week and their behaviour was impeccable. Mrs Milne, Mr Hough, Mr Dewing and I were kept entertained by some spirited singing on the bus and hallway dance moves; although some students may need some more practice in the kitchen before they consider independent living arrangements!

Staff retirement

Last term we farewelled John Archer after five years of service as the Cropping Technical Officer. John was a very valuable staff member who brought a lot of farming experience and expertise to the College. The College wishes John all the best for his retirement.



Positions Vacant

The College is currently advertising to fill:

Technical Officer-Agricultural Instruction - Cropping

Technical Officer-Agricultural Instruction - General Farm

Applications close at 4.30pm on Monday 18th October 2021.

Residential Update

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Mrs Rae has had to extend her leave from the College. I would like to thank Mr Brian Hare for the outstanding job he did, to fill in for Term 3. At this point I am unsure of Mrs Rae's return date and will need to appoint a temporary Residential Manager, to begin early next week. This person will take on the Manager role and be the first point of call for parents, with regards to urgent or serious matters. I will inform all residential parents once this person has been appointed.

Residential Excursions:

Week 1 – Narrogin Show

Week 3 – Escape Portal Perth trip.

Please make sure you put your name down on the activity sheet in the Duty Room.

DAY STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND (a small fee for any bus travel will apply)

National School Opinion Survey

All students have now completed the compulsory National School Opinion Survey. I would like to invite all parents to now complete the 'parent' version, using the link below. This is your opportunity to give us feedback on how we are going and to make suggestions as to how we can further improve. Staff will also be completing a similar survey, to give a different perspective on our achievements and future direction.

<https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/HvGqVMpV>



Leaders Camp

Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday myself, Leanne Sjollema and our 2022 Leaders (Prefects, Dorm Captains and Sports Captain) will be heading to Perth for a camp, joining up with WACoA Harvey's Leadership students.

The camp will aim to not only network with student leaders from another College, but build our own leaders in many areas to best assist them with their leadership roles in 2022. Below is an outline of some of the activities the students will be participating in:

- Circus Skills (Team working and problem solving)
- Leadership skills sessions;
 - ◇ Overview of the College 2022 events calendar
 - ◇ How to plan and run events
 - ◇ Public speaking/ events pitch
 - ◇ Financial planning with College
 - ◇ Research charity organisations
 - ◇ Leadership in respective roles at the College
 - ◇ Meeting procedure and organisation
 - ◇ Identify individual skills/ Team building
- Bike building for charity
- Networking activities with WACOA Harvey

We hope the 2022 Leaders enjoy the camp and share their knowledge and skills with other students at the College on their return.

Work Place Learning (WPL)

The cut off for Year 11 WPL Forms is today (15th October). Any student who is not participating in the WPL program will be expected to attend school for a normal timetable.

The Year 10 WPL forms will be out in the near future so please keep an eye out for them. Any Year 10 student who does not return their WPL forms will be expected to attend a modified program at the College, students are strongly encouraged to take the WPL opportunity provided to gain access to industry and future employment.

Peer Skills

The Peer Skills program, run by our chaplain Mrs Sandie Blakiston, is again underway with the 2022 Leaders enrolled in the course. Mrs B will be assisted in the sessions by myself and Leanne Sjollema. The course aims to give the students a voice at the College and help them gain the skills and knowledge to assist them in their leadership roles.

Yesterday I sat in on the students' first Peer Skills session which focused on understanding yourself, how to help others, College improvements and the tasting of some sausage rolls, party pies and ice-creams. It was a great two hours and it gave the 2022 Leaders some food for thought, the whole group got involved and their enthusiasm was refreshing.

Graduation

We are looking forward to the Year 12 Awards Ceremony next week Friday 22nd October. Please see the following times allocated throughout the day:

Year 12 Students and Parents

Please make sure the Year 12 students are at the College administration area by 09:15am to collect uniforms and change into them.

For all other times please see the attached *2021 Year 12 Awards Ceremony* document.

Year 10 and 11 Students

- Year 10 and 11 students will be required to wear full College formal uniform.
- Morning Tea provided in the undercover area 09:30am to 09:45am (*2022 Leadership Group will have morning tea with Year 12's and parents)
- Lunch provided in the Dining Room after the Year 12's and Parents.

Closed Weekend

The Closed Weekend that was scheduled for the weekend of the 23rd and 24th October has now been cancelled as per the email circulated on Wednesday.





Welcome back to Term 4!

A busy first week back down in class, with teachers and students working hard to have those final tasks signed off so all Year 12 General students are ready to step out of school having completed their Year 12 studies. Year 12 ATAR are continuing their studies

over the next few weeks with the final push to get themselves as prepared as possible for their external WACE examinations. These examinations commence on November 3rd with English. A complete exam timetable is included below. Students are required to print a copy of their personalised timetable through the student portal and take a printed copy of this timetable to each examination. If anyone has any questions regarding ATAR examinations, please contact me.

Year 11 students are working towards finishing off topics with only 3 weeks of remaining of class time, as exams commence late week 4 and continue into week 5. There are a number of incursions and excursions scheduled for Year 11, including a tour of the Universities to expose students to the university facilities and environment and enable time to make more informed choices about their future studies. With such a short term, it is imperative that students are organised and managing their time effectively over this next few weeks. As always, staff are here to support students after hours on request.

Year 10 students will be involved in an information session regarding Year 11 pathways and subject options prior to being asked to make formal selections in the coming week. This will enable staff to begin planning for 2022. There will be a Parent Information Session via Webex next Thursday 21st October commencing at 4:30pm to enable parents and caregivers to get a clear understanding of the different Class, Trades and Farm options available prior to students making their selections. Further information and the Webex link will be sent out via email.

Date	Subject
Wed 3 rd Nov	English Examination
Thurs 4 th Nov	Animal Production Examination
Mon 8 th Nov	Plant Production Examination
Wed 10 th Nov	Human Biology Examination
Thurs 11 th Nov	Maths Applications Examination
Mon 15 th Nov	Media Analysis and Production Examination

25 tickets Chocolate	50 tickets Free Dress Pass	100 tickets Table Service From Senior Staff	200 tickets Movie With My Mates or Uniform Challenge	500 tickets Gift Voucher
Harrison Anderson Sydnee Bolt Patrick Crapella Harrison Dolan Thomas Dolan Tyler Epworth Toby Perrin Finn Synnott Levi Wagenknecht	Sophie Curtis Christina Smith			



BEVERLEY AGRICULTURAL SHOW

On Saturday 21st August two of our Year 12 Equine students competed successfully at the Beverley Agricultural Show.

Tealah Hawke competed in the Hacking winning both Champion Junior Rider and Champion Pony Hack.

Kayla Thornton competed in the Breed Classes winning Champion Open Horse and Reserve Champion Unregistered Horse.

Congratulations!!!



YEAR 12 BABY/ 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL PHOTOS

Could those parents who sent in hard copies of photos please collect them from the admin office on Awards Day or before.

Thank you

LIGHTNING CARNIVAL



On the last Friday of Term 3, WACO Narrogin and WACO Cunderdin students both met in the middle at Corrigin for the first ever Lightning Carnival event. We competed in a range of sports during the day; basketball, netball and hockey. This was followed by an awesome sausage sizzle kindly organised, and expertly cooked, by Mr Hough. Sadly, due to turf difficulties we were unable to follow through with football. The plan is to get rid of this drama and add football back on to the list for next time. A huge congratulations to Cunderdin for winning the day and taking home the shield (courtesy of our very own Mr Wray). Next year we plan to start up some team training and win back our shield.

Mitchell O'Brien (Year 11)



Sadly, Cunderdin bested us in netball with a score that was double our own. The best team won as it was clear they had more preparation and training to provide a strong team on the day. We would like to thank Ms Tucci, Ms Quinn and Ms Sjollega for giving the netball team a chance to play this year. We would also like to thank all the other staff that helped coach the other teams and Mr Dewing for driving us to the venue.

Sammantha Perry (Year 12)



Fortunately, we were able to finish on a high note and win the hockey game 2-0. Thanks to Mr Hough for umpiring the 40 minute game and Mr Dewing for organising our bench and subs. They also combined with the Cunderdin staff to grab surrounding rubbish bins to use as goals as the actual hockey goals were out of town. The school's commitment to weekly hockey in Narrogin gave us one way to show Cunderdin we were competitive, and hopefully we can add to that next year.

Lastly a huge thank you to the staff and students of Cunderdin, you guys made the day worth it and we appreciate you guys making the trip down to compete against us.

Colby Wisewould (Year 12)



RESIDENTIAL SUPERVISOR - Mrs Haydock



Year 12 students cooking with Mrs Haydock

CHAPLAIN - Sandie Blakiston (Mrs B)



As we catapult into term 4 it may be a good time to reflect on why we do what we do.

Have a purpose

Without a purpose nothing matters. You can work forty hours a week, come home to cook, clean, and then take up seventy-two new good habits, but if there isn't a reason you are doing it, none of these activities will mean anything to you.

Say you're a student. Why should you study for a test? To do well in the course. Why do you care if you get a degree? Because it will help you get a good job. Now, the job may be years away, but it is the foundation upon which all your efforts are based. Take away the eventual outcome, and all the steps in between become just killing time. Why bother doing any of these things if they are not leading toward something you care about? It's more fun to slack off than study for the test, and if there is nothing at stake, then we slack off.

It is much easier to apply yourself to the activities you do if you know what you want, and can see how what you are doing is leading you toward that goal.



My work hours have now changed to 9am – 5:30pm Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. I will no longer be running individual games nights in the dorms, but rather after school activities. This will be better for the students as each dorm only had one games night a term. Now the whole school has the option to take part in activities every week.

We are starting the Peer Skills Program in week 3 for the Year 11 Dorm Captains and Prefects.

Last term we had the Table Tennis and Pool competitions, and now we have the photos.

Table Tennis - 1st Rigby Herbert, 2nd Riley McIlree



Pool - 1st Lachlan Tulley, 2nd Mitchell O'Brien.



INFORMATION

Dear parents/guardians,

The Narrogin Dental Therapy Centre has now completed its annual dental van run where we provide dental care to surrounding towns of Narrogin.

Staff will begin the Narrogin cycle at our clinic at the Narrogin District Hospital where we will provide free dental care to students enrolled at

- East Narrogin Primary School
- St Matthews Primary School
- Narrogin School of Agriculture
- Narrogin Senior High School.



After the students at these schools have been seen, staff will then proceed back to our main clinic at Narrogin Primary School where we will see students enrolled at Narrogin Primary School.

We remind parents that the school dental service provides free dental care via a waitlist system. Your children will receive a letter from us with a dedicated appointment for a dental check-up when they are at the top of our waiting list.

If your child has moved to a new address please ensure this has been updated with us by calling us on 0428 984 100 or email us on : Narroginmobile@health.wa.gov.au

We look forward to seeing you all at your appointment.

Jade and Kaz

Narrogin School Dental

SCHOOL SYSTEM SUPPORT OFFICER / FINANCE - Jill Norwell



YEAR 12 PARENTS

Thankyou to those parents who have finalised their account.

Could you please provide your bank account name, BSB and account number via email to -

jill.norwell@education.wa.edu.au as an

attachment for security reasons to enable end of year refunds of Student Bond, surplus residential activity monies and credits if applicable.

If you have not ordered a Leavers USB (Year 12s only) or a Yearbook please contact the College ASAP.

YEAR 10 & 11 PARENTS

Accounts will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

Please ensure that all outstanding fees and charges are paid before the commencement of the 2022 school year.

Residency will be denied in 2022 if any fees and charges remain unpaid without arrangements being made.

Please contact Jill Norwell on 9881 9733 if you have any concerns in regard to your account.

If your account is in credit you may apply for a refund or have the amount carried over into 2022.

A reminder to parents that trades projects cannot be taken home if they are not paid in full.

EMPLOYMENT

NARROGIN CARPET COURT

Full-time Position

Flooring Technology Apprentice (Carpet/Vinyl Layer)

For information contact Shane Thornton

narrogincurtains@bigpond.com

EDWARDS MOTORS NARROGIN

Position available for an apprentice automotive mechanic at our Narrogin branch. An interest in electronics is preferred but not essential. All training provided. Immediate start.

Please send applications to Yogi Melvin—

kim.melvin@edwardsmotors.com.au

BOILERMAKER / FABRICATOR APPRENTICESHIPS

High Wycombe

Do new truck Fit ups for the major truck dealerships.

Send applications to ADMIN@WESTOZCUSTOMTRUCKS.COM

Applications close Friday 29 October 2021

MANUAL MACHINIST / LINE BORER APPRENTICESHIP

TECHMECH specializes in onsite machining in the Perth metro area mainly in Kewdale, Welshpool, Forrestfield and Guildford. Line boring in Mining, Oil and gas, Power stations, Civil works and Agriculture.

Contact - JAKE BELLI Director

M: 0428764891 A: PO Box 1118 East Victoria Park, WA, 6101

E: jake@techmech.net.au

HARVEST WORKER

We are in Shackleton and looking for a worker for harvest. Can be chaser bin driver or a combo chaser bin/header driver.

Good pay, great gear, accommodation and food included.

Contact Lisa Powell on 0427641196.

FARM WORKER

Frankland area –

mainly livestock work plus general farm work.

Contact Greg Banks for more information on 9857 1013.

Detailed descriptions of these jobs and more can be found on the College website under the “Current Students” tab.

COLLEGE EVENTS

Term 4

- Fri 22 October Year 12 Awards Ceremony
- Fri 12 November Year 11 Presentation Ceremony
- Mon 15 - Fri 26 November Year 11 WPL
- Fri 26 November Last day for Year 11 students
- Fri 3rd December Year 10 Presentation
- Mon 6 - Thurs 16 December Year 10 WPL - END OF TERM 4 for students
- Fri 17 December Staff PD

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

EGGS for sale

Eggs \$4/dozen available from admin.
For large orders please contact the farm office - 9881 9726



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STUDENT WEEKEND FARM ROSTER - TERM 4 2021

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

	SATURDAY / SUNDAY
Week 1 October 16 th & 17 th	Toby Perrin Summer Thorn Riley McIlree Ariana Alchin
Week 2 October 23 rd & 24 th	Names to be confirmed
Week 3 October 30 th & 31 st	Ethan Sandwell Lucius Treasure Annie Dewar
Week 4 November 6 th & 7 th	Amira Schmid Jason van Schalkwyk Mya Atkinson
Week 5 November 13 th & 14 th	Justin Stott Levi Wagenknecht Sydnee Bolt
Week 6 November 20 th & 21 st	Finn Synnot Elsie Walmsley Alyssa Cornish
Week 7 November 27 th & 28 th	Ambah Taylor Hayley Williams To be confirmed
Week 8 December 4 th & 5 th	Chloe Howell Tamara Keens Isabelle Perrin
Week 9 December 11 th & 12 th	Alex Wasley Blake Reynolds Tina Warner
Week 10 December 18 th & 19 th	<i>END OF TERM</i>

Term 4, 2021 (as of 15/10/21)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Wk 1	11 October School Development Day P&C meeting 2.00pm Students return after 3pm	12 MONDAY TIMETABLE SWAP	13	14	15 Year 12 Grades finalised	16	17
						Narrogin & Esperance Shows	
Wk 2	18 October 2022 Leaders Camp	19	20 Last day to inform Year 12 Grades	21	22 Year 12 Graduation	23	24
Wk 3	25 October Ag Education Manager Corporate Services meeting	26	27 Ag Advisory meeting	28	29	30	31
Wk 4	1 November ATAR Written Exams start	2	3 9:20am ENGLISH ATAR Exam	4 9:20am APS ATAR Exam Tomorrow Man/Woman	5	6	7
Wk 5	8 November 9:20am PPS ATAR Exam Year 11 Exam Week	9 9:20am HUM BIO ATAR Exam	10 9:20am MAA ATAR Exam Whole College Staff meeting 4pm	11	12 Year 11 Presentation	13	14
Wk 6	15 November 2:00pm MEDIA ATAR Exam Year 11 WPL	16	17	18	19 Board meeting	20	21
Wk 7	22 November Year 11 WPL	23	24	25	26	27	28
Wk 8	29 November Year 10 Exam Week	30	1 December	2	3 Year 10 Presentation	4	5
Wk 9	6 December AG CONFERENCE Year 10 WPL	7	8	9	10 Last day to inform Y11 grades	11	12
Wk 10	13 December Year 10 WPL	14	15 Community Thank you lunch	16 Students End of Term 4	17 Staff End of Term 4 PD Day	18	19

Students return 2022 Monday 31 January
Admin Staff return – 2022 – Tuesday 25 January
Teachers return – 2022 – Thursday 27 January