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**EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION IN
AGRICULTURE EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

An Independent Public School



Dear Parents/Carers

June is International Mud Month!

In 2009, the children of Bold Park Community School joined forces with the boys of the Nepalese Panchkhal Orphan House to celebrate the visceral and primal connection we all share with Earth and the outdoors.

Bold Park used this opportunity to raise funds to help support the less fortunate children of Nepal. Since that fateful beginning, schools, families, and ECE centres from all over the world have worked together to promote the idea that we all need to play in the mud sometimes, just to remember what it means to be human.

In 2015, it was decided that one day of playing in the mud simply wasn't sufficient to ground us after a year of being lost in the technological glitz and digital glamour of our modern world, and so it was changed from 'International Mud Day' to 'International Mud Month', and thus the celebration continued!

It's not all about our personal connection with the Earth, but also about how we as humans connect to one another, and the relationships we form throughout our lives. Like any two ponds of mud, no two humans are exactly alike, and so International Mud Month encourages us to share that diversity and celebrate it!

Although we had a few short but heavy falls, our rainfall to date has been a bit on the average side. Despite this, we have almost completed our full seeding program and spraying for pests is underway. Thanks goes to the students and staff who have spent some chilly nights in the paddocks, for this to happen.

COVID Update

It appears our spike in COVID positive cases is on the decline and we currently have all staff back on deck. Instructional staff will be following up with those students who have been absent due to COVID and other illness; effective use of Prep time will enable those students to complete any missed work.

Round 2 Interviews

The first round of offers for places in 2023 were sent out in Week 3, due to staff absences related to COVID. The second round of interviews will commence this week, with offers being sent out in Week 2 of Term 3. If you know of anyone wishing to apply for a place in the 2023 program, please ask them to contact the College or download the application forms from our website. The final round of interviews will commence in Term 3 with offers for remaining places going out in Week 2 of Term 4. All other applications will then be placed on a waitlist.

Work Place Learning

Year 12 students commenced WPL this week. This is a fantastic opportunity, with some students in the past being offered apprenticeships as a result of their positive attitude, work ethic and skill set. I would like to thank Mr Wray for organising and arranging for workplace checks to be carried out, in order to meet WSH regulations. With all checks and balances complete, we have been able to have students go out on selected farming properties again!

WA Day Public Holiday and School Development Day

Please remember that the College is closed to boarders due to the public holiday on Monday and SDD on Tuesday. Students may return to residence **AFTER** 3pm.



PREFECTS

Hi Everyone,
Hope you are all well.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate the Year 12 ATARs for completing their exams last week. I would also like to wish all the Year 11 ATARs all the best as they are in the middle of their exams.

This week, the Year 12s are on their Work Place Learning (WPL). We have been very lucky to be allowed to go on farms again. I would like to thank Mr Wray for organising WPL. Also, this week on Thursday, Mr Pascoe and Mrs Joy will be taking the Year 10 and 11 leaders to Bunbury to attend a Leadership Course.

Week 8 is Men's Health week. We will be having 'Tomorrow Man, Tomorrow Woman' and many other activities. We think the highlight might be making one of our team members into the Dorm Mascot. We have a ton of boxes, newspaper, coloured paper and packing tape to work with!

Hope everyone has a safe weekend.

GOLDIES

25 Points

Diezel Barlow
Darcy Bryant-Smith
Tylah Gardner
Kayla George
Cameron Graham
Cooper Smith
Tyler Steere
Xaver Webb
Sophia Mycock
Tina Warner
Alex Wasley
Elsie Walmsley
Patrick Morgan

50 Points

Tamara Keens
Isabelle Perrin

Just a reminder that this weekend is a closed weekend and students are to return after 3:00pm, Tuesday 7 June.



*Finn Synnot
Year 11 Prefect*

*Amira Schmid
Year 11 Prefect*

*Libby Hardingham
Year 11 Prefect*

Mrs Roser



Trades Training Centre

What a busy Term 2 it has been. Students from all year groups have been engaged with their Trades studies, the quality of the work around the Trades Training Centre reflects their hard work and positive attitudes. Year 10's are starting to wrap up their Semester 1 Trades allocations and are

looking forward to the swap into their other two Trades for Semester 2. The Year 11 cohort is deep into their chosen Trades courses with numerous units of competency completed and various set tasks completed and ready for assessment. The Year 12s have been working hard also with a little light starting to shine at the end of the tunnel. The Trades staff are pushing the 12s hard to have their projects and assessments completed in line with our program of works, to ensure a smooth end to Term 3 and our Year 12s time here at the College.

Next week, Trades staff will participate in several professional developments including the new quality teachers framework and dyslexia information sessions. Future professional development for our Trades staff includes industry currency sessions, validation with other schools, information sessions for qualification upgrades and a look into staff industry placements and their effectiveness.

Year 11 Furniture Making – Shaker Lamp Tables

The start of our Shaker Lamp Table task looked a little different this year with the introduction of a new modelling/planning software platform in Autodesk's Fusion 360. The task was an introduction to the software for the majority of the Year 11 group. Students were required to first model the tables including tapered legs, rails, and tops. The students then used the same software to create their working plans to draw information from in the workshop during the production process.

Once the students had completed and printed their plans, their next task was to source a variety of timber to construct their tables out of. Students picked over varieties such as Jarrah, Marri and Blackbutt looking for feature and avoiding timber defects.

The students have worked hard to construct their Shaker Tables, attentiveness to detail, patience and hard work have resulted in very well constructed tables of a quality that each student should be proud of.

Year 10 Furniture Making – Trebuchet Project (Work in a Team)

Last week saw the Year 10.1 Furniture Making cohort culminate their Trebuchet task with an exciting firing day. The Year 10s were divided into groups last term to complete the task and be

assessed under the unit of competency 'MSMSUP106 Work in a Team'. This unit includes students completing work as a team, delegating tasks within the team, communicating as a team and reflecting on their practice and the teams practice.

The trebuchet task is outlined below:

Design Brief:

As a part of a team, you must design and construct a functional trebuchet for firing day. As a part of a team, you must designate and receive tasks within your group. You will be assessed on the way your team functions.

Restrictions:

- Your trebuchet must not exceed a cubic meter (excluding beam).
- All trebuchets will be firing a tennis ball come firing day.
- No missiles will be launched on trebuchets until firing day, tests may be run prior without missiles.

Students used recycled materials where possible and designs varied with some using slow motion camera on their phones to capture footage of where best to release.

Students were then required to complete a worksheet assisting them to reflect on their teams performance and their performance as an individual within their teams.

Congratulations to all students for their willingness to cooperate and work with peers that they would not usually combine with.

Congratulations to the winning team AGRREA (Ella Hackett, Ryan Johnson, and Reed Lange) with a throw of 29.7m

Results:

16.4m	Long Slings
16.9m	Viking Slayers
26.0m	Seige
29.7m	AGRREA

Year 12 Workplace Learning

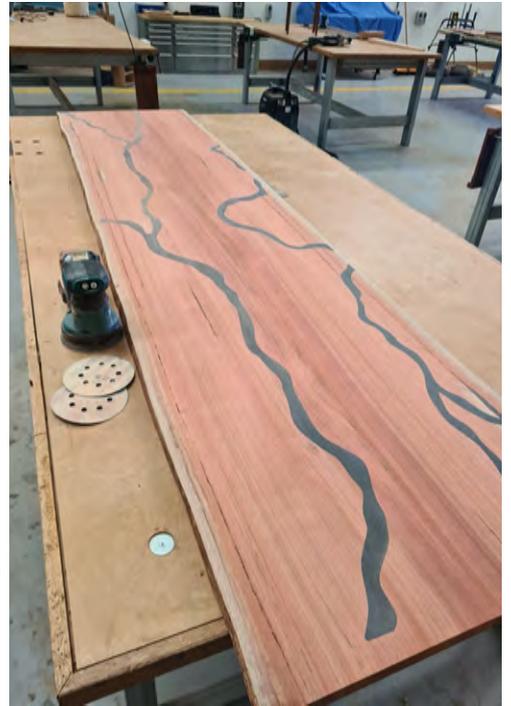
This week the majority of the College's Year 12 cohort are undertaking Workplace Learning. So far, feedback from industries has been very positive with some students securing post school employment from their placements. Students are undertaking their placements in various industries such as; primary industries, trades, administration, public services and many more.

Congratulations to the students who have represented the College and themselves in a positive manner.

YEAR 10 TREBUCHET PROJECT



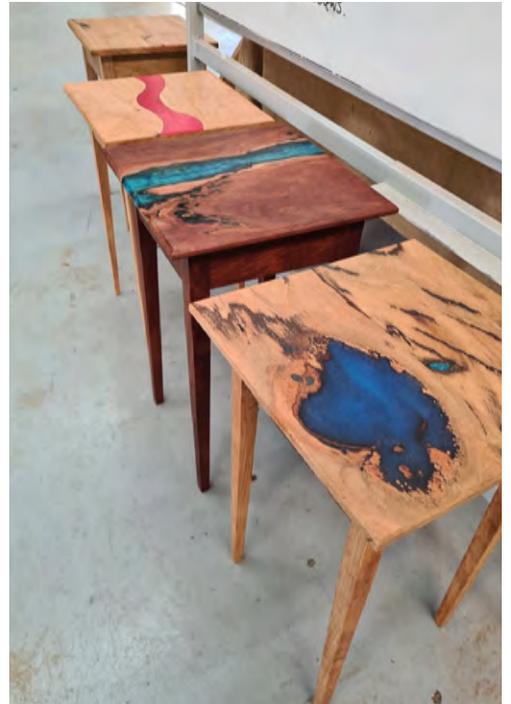
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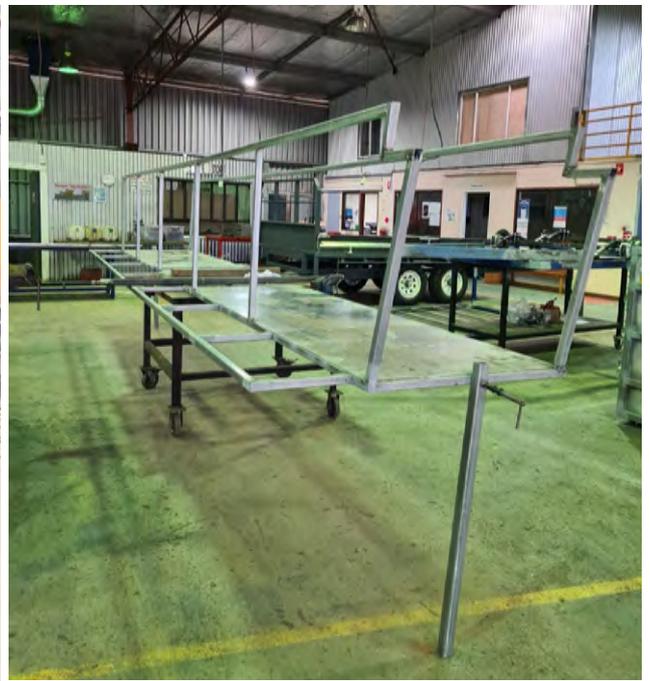
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Photos are in addition to Chronicle edition 20 March



FIRE GROUND FENCING PHOTOS



TOMORROW MAN, TOMORROW WOMAN Program

Dear Parents, Staff, Students, and Community

Week 8 of this term falls in Men's Health Week – a national initiative to highlight the mental and physical health of Australian men. The College is taking this opportunity to involve the students in a variety of activities to promote health and wellbeing of all students.

On Monday 13th of June:

- Jo Drayton, the Wheatbelt Suicide Prevention Coordinator, will be speaking to the year 10 and 11 boys around mental health and wellbeing
- Reet Joy, the College chaplain, along with Heather Rae and Leanne Sjollemma will be working with the year 10 girls around building goals and planning for the future
- Representatives from the Boddington Bauxite Mine will be speaking to year 11 girls about pathways into trades and the mining industry

On Thursday and Friday 16th and 17th of June:

- Year 10, 11 and 12 students will continue to take part in the Tomorrow Man/Woman program:
 - Year 10s are on the second module of the program
 - Year 11 and 12 girls are on module 4 of the Tomorrow Woman program
 - Year 11 and 12 boys are on module 5 of the Tomorrow Man program
 - Module content can be viewed on the flyers attached at the end of the Chronicle
- Students will also be taking part in some general team building and wellbeing activities as part of Wellbeing Day.

UPPER GREAT SOUTHERN HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Royal Perth Hospital's PARTY Program - Thursday, 9th June

As part of the UGSHA & NDNA's Don't Drink & Drive sporting round, the Royal Perth Hospital's award-winning P.A.R.T.Y (Preventing Alcohol & Risk-related Trauma & Youth) Outreach program is being delivered for young people aged 14+ years on Thursday 9th June 4.30 - 6.30pm. This event has been scheduled to allow participants to attend prior to any sporting commitments in the evening.

The outreach program explores the risks, choices and consequences associated with alcohol, drugs & risky behaviours in young people & presented by an experienced trauma nurse from Royal Perth Hospital.

Topics covered are outlined in the poster attached. The program is FREE of charge but registration is essential, either using the QR Code on the poster or manually to Jo Woodruff on jwoodruff@holyoake.org.au.

UPPER GREAT SOUTHERN HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

UGSHA & NDNA 'Don't Drink & Drive' Sporting Round - 9 to 11th June 2022

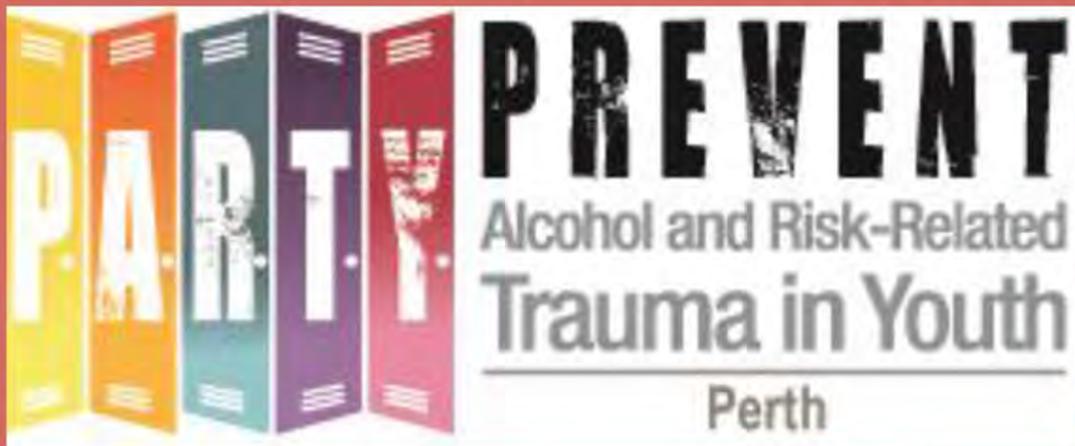
The UGSHA & NDNA 'I Know What I'd Rather Be Doing - Don't Drink & Drive' sporting round is on 9-11th June 2022. This photovoice campaign & sporting round aims to raise awareness of the impacts excessive alcohol consumption and the associated injuries &/or road trauma have on not only the individual, but also their family, community & the first responders that attend them.

A huge thanks must go to the 7 amazing 'Local Champion' first responders from our two Associations, not only for all the amazing work they do in our community, but also for agreeing to be part of this campaign, We know what they'd all rather be doing!

A range of activities will be happening on the day including the RAC Rescue Helicopter 3D virtual reality experience, P.A.R.T.Y program educational session, Skippers program, quizzes, raffles & colouring in competition.

Please see the attached flyer outlining the activities over the weekend as well as the colouring in competition for printing & submission by Saturday 11th, 10am. And keep an eye out for the launch of our poster campaign which will be happening in the next few days!

See attached event flyers overleaf.



THURSDAY 9th June, 4.30 - 6.30 pm
Venue: John Higgins Centre, Narrogin
Who: 14 years & over
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

The P.A.R.T.Y. (Prevent Alcohol and Risk-related Trauma in Youth) Outreach Presentation explores the risks, choices and consequences associated with alcohol, drugs & risky behaviours.

The Outreach program is presented by an experienced trauma nurse from Royal Perth Hospital. The presentation is FREE of charge & suitable for young people aged 14+ years who have not been affected by a recent or significant trauma.

Topics covered include -

- statistics on youth hospital admissions;
- videos and photos to illustrate the causes & effects of injury;
- the ripple effect of trauma on those around the trauma patient;
- brain and spinal injuries;
- organ donation & health apps;
- recovery position; &
- brief presentation on the experience of surviving a spinal injury.

Registration is essential!



For further information please contact
Jo Woodruff (Holyoake)
0475 506 963 jwoodruff@holyoake.org.au

I KNOW WHAT I'D RATHER BE DOING

DON'T DRINK & DRIVE SPORTING ROUND



9TH - 11TH JUNE 2022

SATURDAY 11th June
10am - 4pm
ACTIVITIES

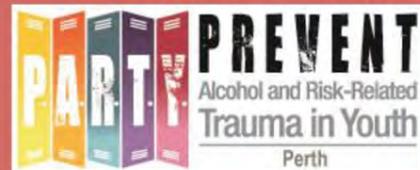


Using virtual reality technology. The four minute, 360 degree experience takes you on a mission on board one of the RAC Rescue helicopters

SKIPPERS PROGRAM
FREE food & non-alcoholic beverages for registered 'Skippers'



THIS PROJECT IS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN



THURSDAY 9th June
4.30 - 6.30 pm
John Higgins Centre



REGISTRATION LINK

Delivered by a RPH Trauma Nurse, this program explores the risks, choices and consequences associated with alcohol, drugs & risky behaviours in youth.

FREE session, refreshments provided

PRIZE DRAWS!!

QUIZZES, RAFFLES,
COLOURING
COMPETITIONS

EMPLOYMENT - Student Job Opportunities

FARM ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Merredin Farms, a large farming business in the Eastern Wheatbelt, has an exciting opportunity available for someone who is highly organised and a great team player.

[Full details available on the College website](#)

If you're interested in applying or have any questions, please send your CV through to hr@merredinfarms.com.au

GENERAL FARM HAND FULL-TIME POSITION KUKERIN WA

We are a mixed crop and sheep farm based in Kukerin WA and we are currently seeking a General Farm Hand to join our small team. This would be suited to a recent graduate who has some hands-on experience (either via working on their family farm or through work placements).

Contact Cheryl Cavanagh
Email to: jakjoyce41@gmail.com

AUTO ELECTRICIAN

Apprenticeship available for Year 12 students who are interested in pursuing an Auto Electrical Apprenticeship at the end of the year in Dalwallinu.

For information, contact Teisha Bradford
Email to: accounts@rnrauto.com.au

FULL-TIME FARM HAND RAVENSWOOD WA

Drivers licence required

We are seeking a junior farmhand worker for a small family-owned beef cattle business situated in Ravenswood.

This position requires you to work directly with our farm manager and owner. Activities will include:

- Tractor driving.
- Livestock handling, shifting stock on rotational grazing, cattle yard work.
- General farm repairs (welding, fencing, ect) and machinery maintenance.
- Occasional weekend work.

The successful applicant must show initiative, be able to work both independently and as team.

Please send resumes outlining your skills and experience to admin@ggcorp.com.au including the details of 2 workplace referees.

NARROGIN COUNTRY FRESH MEATS

Seeking an apprentice to join the team.

Contact Geoff & Sue
08 9881 1243
geoffsue96@westnet.com.au

Job are posted on the College website and can be found [here](#);
On the main menu bar, click on [Current Students] and then [Student Job Opportunities].



An excellent opportunity to join the Trades Training team

Teacher - Design and Technology or Vocational Trainer and Assessor - Engineering

***This is a six (6) month fixed term, full-time position commencing Term 3,
2022 with possible twelve (12) month extension and/or permanency***

The role of Design and Technology or Vocational Trainer and Assessor (VTA) at Narrogin is to design, prepare and deliver quality training programs and assessment strategies in the area of Engineering Year 10, 11 and 12 students.

We are seeking to appoint someone who can deliver the Certificate II in Engineering Pathways. We are looking for the right Vocational Education and Training (VET) Teacher or a Vocational Trainer.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE before 4:30pm (WST) on Friday, 10 June 2022.

Full details available on our website and on search.jobs.wa.gov.au

EVENTS



Term 2

Date	Event	Venue
Friday, 3 June 2022	Closed weekend 2:30pm	
Tuesday, 7 June 2022	Students return after 3pm (Staff School Development Day)	
Wednesday, 8 June 2022	Influenza Vaccination Clinic @ 3:30pm	WACoA Narrogin in the Club Room
Friday, 1 July 2022	End of Term 2	

The whole College term planner is regularly updated and can be found on our website homepage.

EGGS FOR SALE

\$4 per dozen at the main office.

For large orders please contact the farm office

08 9881 9726



Due to eggs shortages, please call the main office in advance to check if any are available for purchase on 08 9881 9700



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