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# FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Leadership guru Thomas Sergiovanni says that a good school is a community of relationships, a community of place, a community of mind, a community of memory, a community of practice and a community of action.

We talk a lot about what students should be aspiring to achieve, the opportunities that a school community such as this one provides for them, how they can choose to be as positive or as negative, as resilient, as challenging, as hardy, as hardworking, as lazy, as amenable, as difficult as they like. But they are all still vital parts of this community.

Hugh Mackay, author of *Reinventing Australia*, speaks of three major challenges being faced by those who want to prepare the next generations of young Australians for life in the 3rd millennium, with its characteristics of instability and insecurity.

The first is the need to find inner resources for coping with discontinuity - the need for a strong sense of self-esteem, a clear sense of personal direction and personal integrity.

The second is the need to educate for the realisation of maximum human potential in a world where the supply of work is unreliable.

The third is the challenge of ensuring that, in an increasingly exciting and efficient mega community created by electronic technology, we continue to place our highest priority on the importance of being a community and fostering our personal relationships with each other.

I would like to think that our community, our tradition if you like, is about belonging and contributing and being involved; that it is about energy and industry; that it is about seeking to fulfil one's own potential and serving the needs of others; that it is about the worth of the individual and group loyalty in the best sense; that it is about the importance of family - of openness, honesty, trust and love; that it is about discipline

and self-discipline and the responsible use of freedom; that it is about the joy of beauty; about a sense of occasion, a sense of proportion and a sense of humour; that it is about friendship and fun; that it is about giving good value and having good values. (ack. Tim Murray)

None of this is possible without a dedicated and committed teaching staff. Writer Dr Jonathan Sacks says that "Teachers open our eyes to the world. They give us curiosity and confidence. They teach us to ask questions and they connect us to our future. We have lots of heroes today - sportsmen, media personalities, supermodels. They come, they have their 15 minutes of fame and they go. But the influence of a good teacher stays with us. They can shape lives."

And we have teachers on this staff who do exactly that every day of the school year. Thank you to those who are leaving us - Rev Hilton, Mrs Pilbeam, Miss Dillon, Mrs Williams and Mrs Jackson - your contributions are greatly appreciated. And thank you to the rest of the staff - your hard work and dedication do much to make this community the success that it is.

All sections of the school continue to thrive, due in no small part to the leadership team - Mr Edwards, Mr Royce, Ms Davidson, Mr Cox, Ms Faichney and Mrs Lodge. Thanks also to Mrs Currans who has been with us this year as Senior Psychologist. Special thanks to the ancillary staff who ensure the smooth running of everything other than the academics. Two other groups who are key members of our community and who deserve thanks for the time they put into the school are the Board of Governors under Chair Mr Darren Lee, and the P&F under the Presidency of Mrs Jane Leung - a great service to the school from such busy people. And lastly, I would also like to give thanks for our ongoing relationship with the Anglican parishes of Geraldton - their support of the school is unwavering.

And to the very reason for our existence, and the bright hope of our community - the students. Thank you for your hard work, your commitment, your sense of humour, your sense of adventure and your spirit of service - another fantastic year in the life of Geraldton Grammar School.



# BOARD OF GOVERNORS

I acknowledge the efforts of Deputy Chair Pauline Bogle and Board Members Peter Hobbs, Paul Camerer, Laurie Dines, Craig Topham, Janie Ballinger, Garry Hamersley

Jenny Rolston, Jane Leung, Marilyn Newport and the Reverend Matt Brain for their commitment throughout 2008 to the Geraldton Grammar School.

Board Members Paul Camerer and the Reverend Matt Brain both stood down from Board duties at the end of 2008 with Eric Broad appointed to take on one of the vacant positions. Both Matt and Paul have been passionate supporters of the school and we thank them for their service.

The Board of Governors is responsible in conjunction with the Principal, Business Manager and Executive team to create the forecasting models that plot enrolment patterns up to 15 years in advance. These models allow us to determine our budgets and deliberate on our financial position. We also consider carefully the financial position of our shareholders - the parent body. Many members of the Board are also parents of students, and as such we understand implicitly the effect school fees has on families.

We have recognised as a Board the challenges being experienced by families directly related to the agricultural and fishing sector. It is a situation that a number of our current Board members can speak of with first-hand knowledge.

The fees are set to create a sustainable platform for the school now and into the future. Our budget position going into 2009 reports a financial loss, and unlike systemic schools we do not have a back stop in government or church

to make up any budget short fall.

We have to weigh our decision-making as it relates to budgets and in turn school fees against our longer term projections and our confidence in two things. The first is the resilience of the local economy and the second is the confidence we have in the parent body believing that Geraldton Grammar School is the right environment for their children.

We believe there are some things that are absolutely not negotiable in our future planning. The value of smaller class sizes is a unique differentiator between Geraldton Grammar and most other schools, private or public. The smaller class sizes prevent us from ever being a low fee school but we feel this is the value that most underlines the value proposition we put forward.

Having been established in 1996 with just 56 students, 2009 is likely to see us above the 650 mark. It is the ongoing success of the Geraldton Grammar School that has contributed to high growth and high capital demand of putting in place the required infrastructure to accommodate our students.

We congratulate and acknowledge the dedication of our Principal Sue Shaw who has been truly remarkable in her efforts. Sue is working with an exceptionally talented group on her Executive and the staff, both academic and non academic, are absolutely first class. I congratulate all staff and Sue on another exceptional year and make special note of the wonderful job performed by the cleaning and ground staff in maintaining such a wonderful environment.

The Board also congratulates the P&F for their efforts throughout 2008. Under the leadership of Jane Leung, they have had a very positive impact on the school in both fundraising and 'friend raising' through the events they have hosted.

Darren Lee  
Chair

## P&F REPORT

2008 has been another successful year for the Parents and Friends Association, donating over \$15,800 to the school. The P&F meetings and functions are always an avenue to make new friends in a friendly environment, as well as making a positive difference to the school.

Our meetings have been well attended throughout the year, and without the support of those who attend, the P&F would not be able to contribute to the school to the extent it does. Indeed we have the support and enthusiasm of many, but particular thanks must go to Vice Presidents Barb Blayney and Jackie Topham, Treasurer Tanya Pannell and Secretary Mel Scott. As always we are looking for fresh ideas and enthusiasm and welcome parents and friends of students from kindy to year 12 to come to any of our meetings.

Fundraising events this year were well attended by the school and local community who continue to support our P&F who in turn support our staff and students.

The inaugural Art Auction and Cocktail Party was a phenomenal success, raising over \$15,000. This event brought together the works of local artists as well as prominent national artists, and was a wonderful showcase of the talent of our community. Next year's event is already scheduled for September 12, so mark the date in your diary now!

The P&F owe a huge thank you to Peter Hobbs for coordinating and running another successful Hundreds Club for both the

West Coast Eagles and the Fremantle Dockers. Weekly emails from Dan provided great entertainment throughout the football season and many smiling faces from the winners each week. The final culmination was a wind up held in the Batavia Hall with the last Derby between the two teams allowing all to show their true allegiances!

Other successful events in 2008 have been Bananas in Pyjamas Concert, Social Tennis Day, Bulb Sales, Kapture Photography Portrait Days, Silly Billies Concert and Christmas Card sales.

P&F donations to the school comprised of a final donation of \$10,000 to the Batavia Hall, an online testing program for English and Maths, a digital camera, library books and Courtesy and Cooperation prizes for the Presentation Nights.

This year the P&F have looked to setting aside funds in 2009 for expanding and upgrading the current Art Shed. We hoping this project will be a demonstration of community spirit and will become another highlight of what Geraldton Grammar has to offer our students.

I would like to thank all of the committee members, and parents, friends and staff for their support this year. We always welcome new, and not so new faces to our meetings and events and look forward to your support in 2009.

Jane Leung



# RE Team Report

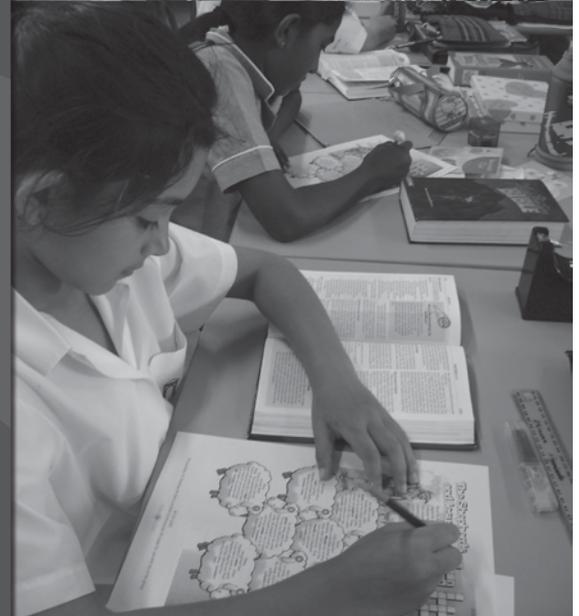
Jesus said “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.” (Luke 11:9-10)

This statement has shone true throughout 2008 as students have been given many opportunities to find out more about the Christian faith. All students from pre-primary to year 12 participate in Religious Education lessons. In these lessons, the primary students have explored the characteristics of God, his nature, and how he relates to his people. Mr Swartzentruber and Mrs Hamersley have presented these interesting and interactive lessons. Secondary students have studied a variety of topics, from discovering religions of the world, journeying through an overview of the bible, and looking at the life and death of Jesus Christ. Mr Lord and Miss Wheat have taken these classes and have had a wonderful time discussing Christianity. It has been very encouraging to see students actively making informed decisions about their faith and even, for some of the older students, leading to confirmation.

Throughout the year, there have been a number of whole school church services that have allowed the entire Geraldton Grammar community to come together and celebrate various occasions. These have taken place in the Batavia Hall and have been run by different year groups. Services are a formal element of the Religious Education studies and allow students to take part in the traditional part of the Anglican faith. Assemblies have also included devotions to bring this faith into another aspect of Grammar life. It has been a fruitful year and I would like to thank the RE team for their enthusiasm and support in 2008.

Kate Wheat and the RE team

“Draw near to God and he will draw near to you...”  
(James 4:8)



# School Captain's Report

In the time since we finished school we have been thinking about our years at Grammar, our future and what we have gained while here. We feel that whatever path we choose to take, we are fully equipped to take on the world and benefit those around us. We are confident that future graduates of the school will also feel the same.

In the introduction of *The Motorcycle Diaries*, a prominent Cuban writer wrote about the Revolutionist Che Guevara and others who have changed the world. He expressed the idea that:

“ We shouldn't lose sight of the everyday nature of those human beings who were children, teenagers and young people before they acquired the skills by which to guide us. This is not that I want to bury their exceptional natures in the common and familiar aspects of their lives but that knowledge of those first formative stages shows us that starting point for their later trajectories.”

We believe that for us, these many formative stages were our years at the Geraldton Grammar School. Just as it has for us, schooling life will shape you into the people you are today and prepare you for the future, we encourage you to embrace all it as to offer.

As School Captains we have represented the school in public events such as the ANZAC Day ceremony, where we spoke on behalf of the youth of Geraldton. And working with the Student Representative Council (SRC) we have lead by example within the student body by organising fundraisers and other activities.

Our leadership role has allowed us to develop many skills such as teamwork and public speaking which will stand us in good stead. We encourage the school leaders of next year, and those to come, to take full advantage of your roles as leaders. Your enthusiasm and drive will inspire those around you.

Outside our captain roles we have taken up the opportunities as well as challenges that we have encountered through the years. Outward Bound is a course that we had the opportunity of attending twice. And although sometimes it seemed miserable, it pushed us to be stronger people in year 9 and confident leaders in yr 11.

We were also able to attend many school trips including leadership programs For example: the Cranlana Leadership Conference which allowed students to discuss topics of philosophy and ethics. It was also a great opportunity to meet the leaders of other schools and other like minded individuals who are now good friends.

At school, through the guidance and support of our teachers we have also been able to organise and hold certain events such as the high school's first art exhibition: *Rush its an Artrage* held at ACDC gallery. This was an initiative of the schools Arts community and hopefully will continue in future years.

What we learnt from these experiences will be taken with us when we venture out into the world. Not only did we learn skills and knowledge from these, but also new ways of thinking, that will help us to excel in our chosen paths and influence the choices that we make. For these reasons we hope that the students of Grammar choose to make the most of all that the school has to offer.

To the students we leave behind, we challenge you to not only make the most your time at Grammar but also to put something back into the school community - to leave your legacy. This can be as simple as making friends and encouraging a younger student or initiating an annual event or charity fundraiser. It is through the legacy of each and every one of us that the culture of the school is created and carried on as we all strive for excellence.

A strong culture is most important for the growth of a community such as the school. For example: our smart and sharp uniforms, house activities and our Christian and school traditions such as our church services and graduation day ceremonies. These traditions allow us to have pride in ourselves; to take responsibility and ownership of our school, and also to give each generation of students something to identify with, something in common to share.

Inspirational speaker Jim Rohn uses these words:

“The legacy we leave is part of the ongoing foundations of life. Those who came before, leave us the world we live in. Those who will come after, will have only what we leave them. We are stewards of this world, and we have a calling on our lives to leave it better than how we found it, even if it seems like such a small part.”

And this is how we hope you all think of the class of 2008 - that the school is a better place because we were here. We are certainly better people because of our time at Grammar.

To the students, staff and parents of Geraldton Grammar we wish you the best of luck in the coming years. And to the class of 2008, we hope that the dreams and ambitions that you have worked for this year are fulfilled - good luck and farewell.

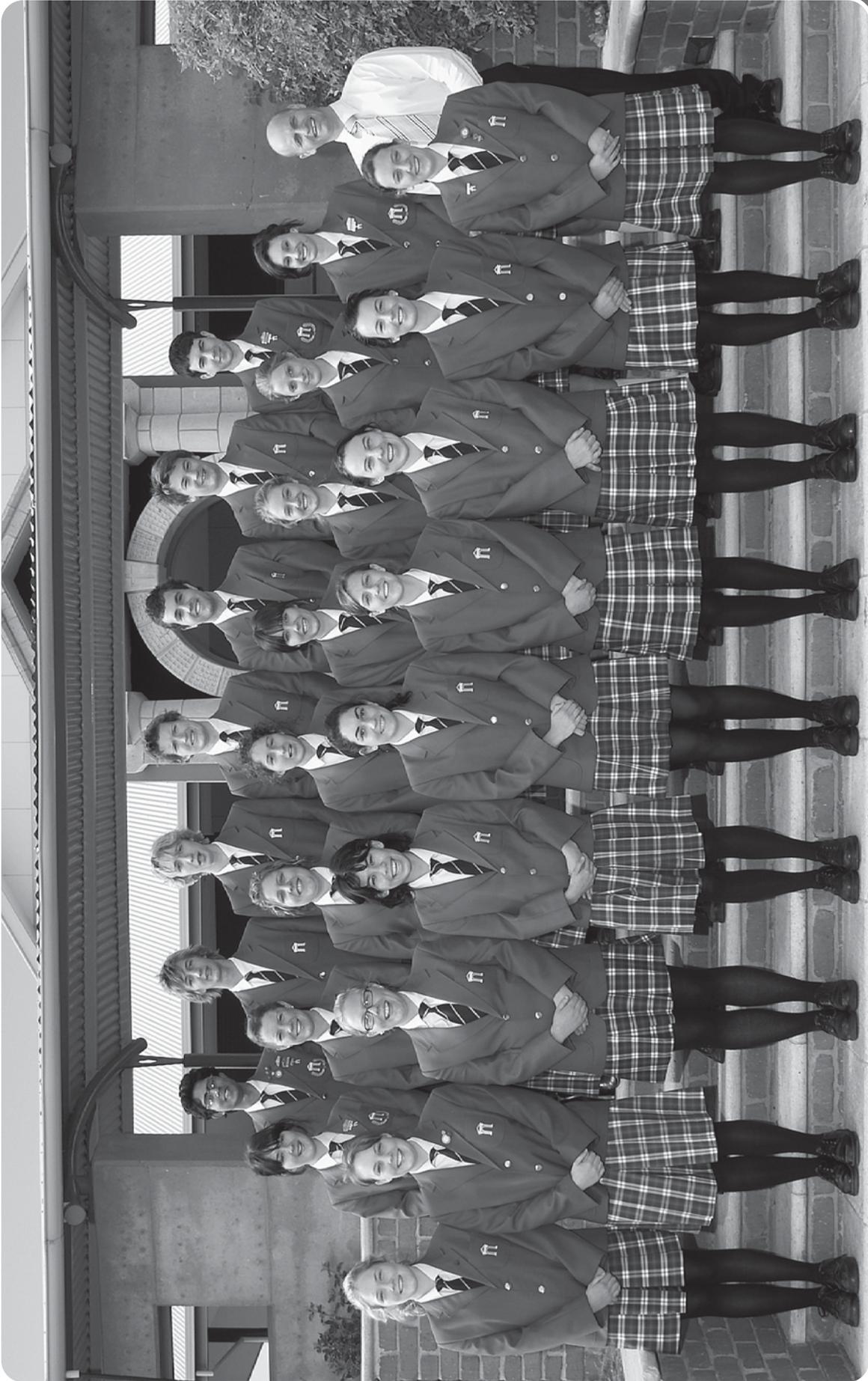
Korah Parackal and Zoe Crook

# STAFF



**Front Row:** John Royce, Gail Davey, Marilyn Crosthwaite, Aggie Broomfield, Louise Finnis, Angela Padman, Michelle Webb-Smith, Kate Wheat, Dawn Regan, Kaitie Sotiroff, Di Hamilton, Raelene Aston  
**Second Row:** Kristy Vernon, Sharon Bradley, Anne Faichney, Jenni Winterbottom, Lesley Dillon, Gail Racey, Meagan Plummet, Annette Rowland, Sue Mundy, Liz Elliott-Lockhart, Baki Cil  
**Third Row:** Scott Cox, Jenni Winterbine, Joyce Hamersley, Jenny Beeck, Betty Della-Franca, Caroline Hann, Sally Pilbeam, Jenni Bartlett, Georgie Bowtell, Julie Carroll, Berrice Lodge  
**Fourth Row:** Martyn Edwards, Nicola Davidson, Oliver Murray, Tyler Swartzentruber, Gary Racey, Michael Bibrik, Amanda Cook, Bernie Rooney, Tonia de Meur, Lynda Mansell  
**Fifth Row:** Damon Angelatos, Rob Deurloo, Chester Lord, Christoffer Zander, Tony Duffield, Steve O'Conner, Ashley Friesen, Susan Shaw, Greg Cranwell, Jeff Snook, Bernard Gray, Charlotte Jones, Sean Bennett, Chris Sheridan  
**Absent:** John Aston, Sue Baldwin, Lisa Brennan, Kim Chatfield, Julie Christofferson, Fiona Curraans, Judith Fox, Audi Gill, David Hilton, Karen Jackson, Merryl Jackson, Tanya Jeeves, Colin Johnson, Melissa Kelly, Simone Keynes, Gladys Lauder, Sue-ann McArthur, Judy Minissale, Kerry Morgan, Alison O'Connor, Russell Pusey, Loula Schofield, Shelley Sipla, Kate Summers, Gail Syson, Dianne Taylor, Mary Thomson, Helen Webb, Felicity Williams, Odette Williams, Jan Wilton

# YEAR 12



**Front Row:** Arianne Drage, Emma McKinley, Hanna Eriksson, Samantha Leung, Shaunace Stanton, Rosalind Blood, Jordan Molesworth, Katrina Franceschi, Meaghan Britt  
**Second Row:** Zoe Crook, Lucy Royce, Shayna Duperouzel, Aimee Howard, Tayla Schofield, Sara Greaves, Melissa Toomey, Nicole Masiello  
**Third Row:** Korah Parackal, Max Wellington, Samuel Ridgeway, David Mitchell, Ben Westlake, Steven Béchard, Hayden Spencer

**Teacher:** Mr Scott Cox

# Kindy 1



Mrs Sue-ann McArthur  
Teacher

Mrs Loula Schofield  
Education Assistant



Rose  
Adamson

Sebastian  
Bradley

Erin  
Buckle

Elijah  
Burrows

Georgia  
Cook

Lachlan  
Cook



Georgia  
Fitzgerald

Mylee  
Grant

Connie  
Greeve

Nicholas  
Grima

James  
Hollins



Jaime  
Jordan

Caitlin  
Mundy

Hugh  
Norris

Keynan  
Reyneke

Shanaya  
Reyneke



Summer  
Roderick

Jacob  
Royce

Holly  
Ruttle

Liam  
Wheeldon

Fynn  
Young





# Kindy 2



Mrs Tanya Jeeves  
Teacher

Mrs Shelley Sipila  
Education Assistant



Mia  
Bender



Toby  
Davison



Mark  
Desmond



Lily  
Edwards



Angus  
England



Bradley  
Fletcher



Kade  
Gillingham



Caitlin  
Kruize



Karly  
McArthur



Madison  
Nelson



Shelby  
Reed



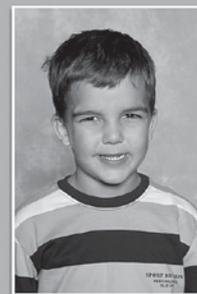
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Reid



Mikayla  
Reynolds



Ashley  
Tuffley



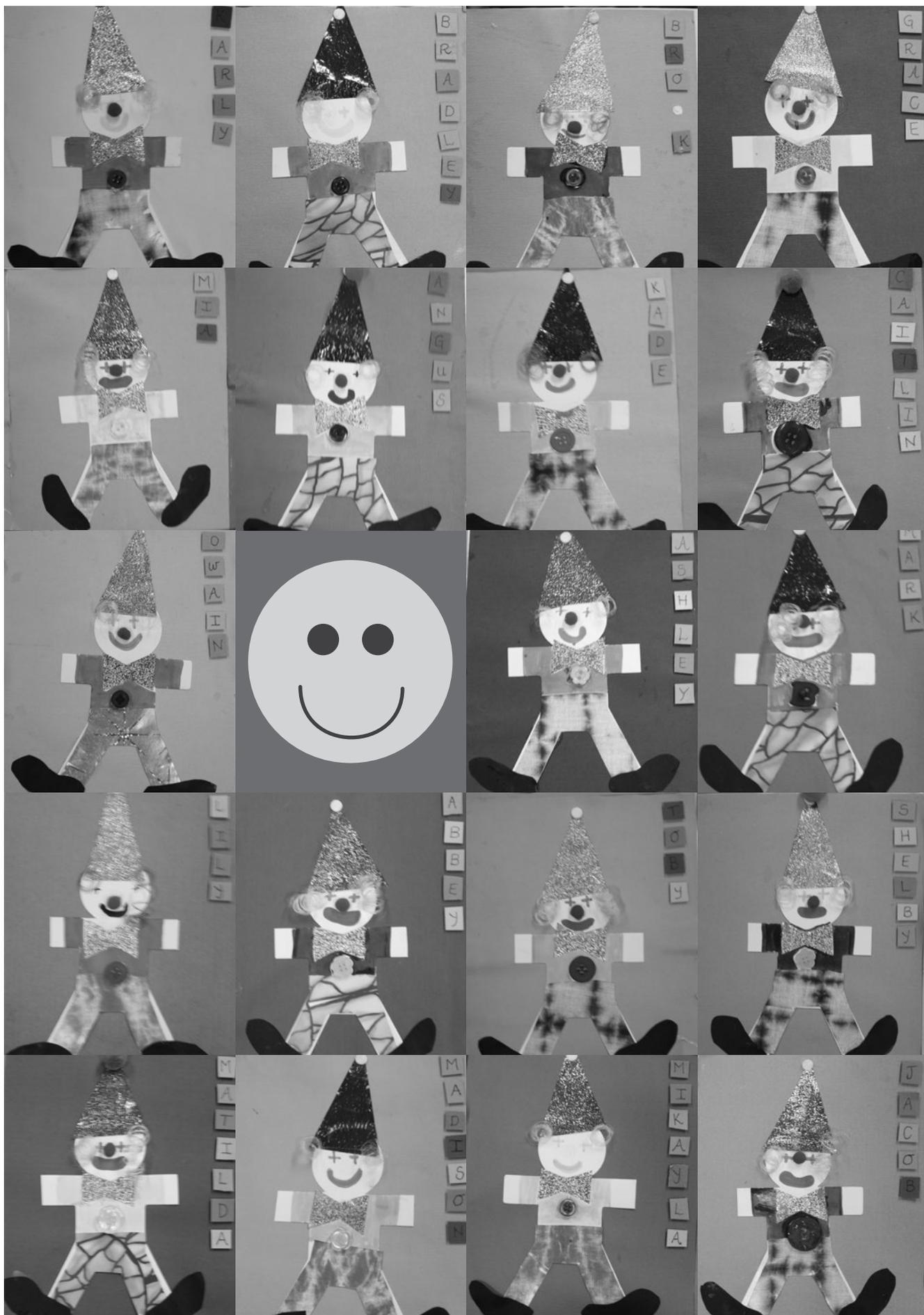
Jacob  
Walton



Abbey  
Winterbine

Absent: Grace Gouge.





# Kindy 3



Mrs Merryl Jackson  
Teacher



Mrs Judy Minissale  
Education Assistant



Mrs Margaret Croft  
Volunteer



Rose  
Adamson



Flynn  
Bunter



Elijah  
Burrows



Maggie  
Connell



Georgia  
Cook



Lachlan  
Cook



Georgia  
Fitzgerald



Taylor  
Healy



Hannah  
Heitman



Lily  
Klein



Manha  
Malik



Karly  
McArthur



Caitlin  
Mundy



Keynan  
Reyneke



Shanaya  
Reyneke



Patrick  
Smyth-Duerfematt



Charlotte  
Williams

Absent: Samara Edwards, Tess Mulligan, Scarlett Singleton.





# Year P-1 B



Mrs Jennifer Bartlett  
Teacher

Mrs Georgie Bowtell  
Education Assistant



Tess  
Adamson



Charlotte  
Broad



Kaitlyn  
Campbell



Ryan  
Dennett



Angus  
Elliott-Lockhart



Seamus  
Fleay



Grace  
Foulkes-Taylor



Cooper  
Jefferies



Madisyn  
Jeffery



Danial  
Khong



Heidi  
Lefroy



Reece  
Maisey



Ronin  
Mayne



Ella  
McDonald



Teagan  
Mundy



Samuel  
Pepper



Jean-Jacques  
Perry



Nadya  
Reyneke



Sophie  
Simpson



Bronte  
Volkerts



Jack  
Williams



Lawrence  
Yerex



Zali  
Young

Absent: Sam Atkinson.





# Year P-1 D



Mrs Gail Davey  
Teacher

Mrs Lisa Brennan  
Education Assistant



Sophie  
Bartlett



Luke  
Black



Lucas  
Chesson



Wade  
Cuthbert



Zachary  
Dennett



Neisa  
Dunn



Tessa  
Grima



Owen  
Heitman



Daisy  
Herring



Libby  
Hyde



Bradley  
Innes



Fraser  
Ismail



Omari  
Msuo



Will  
Nairn



Tabitha  
Rowe



Charlie  
Simpson



Indi  
Smith



Bohdi  
Thackray



Daniel  
Thorniley



Ellen  
Velletri



Jacques  
Wasley



Isabelle  
Williams



Chelsea  
Williamson





# Year 1-2 C/E-L



Mrs Julie Carroll  
Teacher



Mrs Liz Elliott-Lockhart  
Teacher



Mrs Dawn Regan  
Education Assistant



Ms Annette Rowland  
Education Assistant



Bridget  
Baldock



Jessica  
Bradley



Kane  
Chesson



Matthew  
Donaldson



Alex  
Dunn



Riley  
Edwards



Kelli  
Fletcher



Hayley  
Frank



Jordan  
Greenwood



Emily  
Grima



Tayla  
Kolln



Mason  
Larard



Jarred  
Link



Jack  
McQuie



Claudia  
Padbury



Kylah  
Park



India  
Peel



Mercedes  
Simpson



Callum  
Teakle



Maggie  
Walton



Ethan  
Wasley



Angus  
Wood



Emmett  
Yerex



# Year 1-2 S



Miss Katie Sotiroff  
Teacher



Mrs Sue Mundy  
Education Assistant



Tayla  
Bailey



Amelia  
Burrows



Andrew  
Carroll



Adam  
Desmond



Lachlan  
Donaldson



Tashi-Anne  
Elliott-Lockhart



Cameron  
Fawell



Amy  
Figueiredo



Fergus  
Fitzgerald



Charlie  
Freeman



Piper  
Jackson



Thomson  
Jeeves



Lauren  
McKay



Tahni  
Orr



Louis  
Pepper



Mark  
Rathjen



Natalie  
Robbins



Summer  
Robinson



Lucy  
Smith



Riley  
Spencer



Abby  
Topham



Meg  
Vlahov



Blake  
Weldon

Absent: Keenan Gould



# Year 2-3 SR



Mr. Tyler Swartzentruber  
Teacher



Dylan  
Austin



Madeleine  
Broad



Kyla  
Buckle



Kelsey  
Christoffersen



Isabella  
Cuzzola



Regan  
Fitzgerald



Cody  
Forster



Eliza  
Hebiton



Thomas  
Johnston



William  
Klein



Alex  
Kyriakakis



Coby  
Lee



Brooke  
Maisey



Megan  
McClurg



Clark  
Millman



Leighton  
Mundy



Ashlee  
Orr



Grace  
Smith



Murphy  
Thackray



Lincoln  
Williamson



Emily  
Winterbine



# Year 2-3 SK



Mr Jeffrey Snook  
Teacher



Harry  
Adamson



Maverick  
Barry



Annabelle  
Blake



Digby  
Boschetti



Inoke  
Bula



Thomas  
Cant



Daemin  
Cook



Bailey  
Crothers



Alexandra  
Cuzzola



Micala  
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Epps



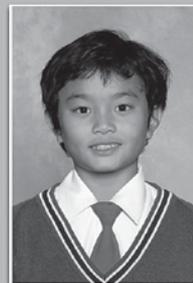
Isabelle  
Fleay



Lachlan  
Grove



Maddison  
Jefferies



Adam  
Khong



Muhammad  
Malik



Benjamin  
Rowe



Taj  
Rowe



Lauren  
Watt



Sophia  
Whettingsteel



Ella  
Wilkins



Ashlyn  
Zander

Absent: Saad Jehangir



# Year 3-4



Mrs Sue-ann McArthur  
Teacher

Teacher: Mrs Amanda Cook



Gabrielle  
Baldock

Ethan  
Barry

Owen  
Blayney

Rebekah  
Bones

Molly  
Boschetti

Danielle  
Carroll

Laetyn  
Cook



Sarah  
Courtney

Mikaela  
Desmond

Emily  
Gill

Jessica  
Giudice-Nairn

Indiana  
Gould

Hannah  
Greenaway



Lachlan  
Holt

Spencer  
Larard

Eden  
Morgan

Ella  
Morison

Blake  
O'Meara

Lily  
Pepper



Brendan  
Scott

Paul  
Sutherland

Caitlin  
Symes

Brynn  
Teakle

Finn  
Turcsanyi

Hannah  
Williams

Absent: Ali-Ahmed Jehangir



# Year 4-5



Mrs Kristy Vernon  
Teacher



Kate  
Black



Rosie-Ann  
Bogumil



Emily  
Bradley



Coby  
Brown



Alicia  
Callaghan



Sasha  
Chaulk



Charlie  
Collins



Rhianna  
Figueiredo



Brayden  
Fleay



Cassidy  
Jeeves



Kealy  
Lorne



Jake  
Maisey



Obie  
Mayne



Alex  
McKay



Nikayla  
Moodley



Rukaya  
Msuo



Shelby  
Rathjen



Abby  
Rayner



Jonathon  
Robbins



Jamal  
Stevenson



Zoe  
Stott



Ebony  
Teakle



Ella  
Tomkins



Bailey  
Vlahov



Stuart  
Vlahov



Courtney  
Watt



# Year 5-6 B



Mrs Sharon Bradley  
Teacher



Leah  
Barnard



Patrick  
Blackmore



Emily  
Blayne



Sophie  
Clarke



Tamlyn  
Cramer



Kyle  
Duda



Brendan  
Fawell



William  
Glass



Taylor  
Goddard



Ariane  
Greenfield



Monique  
Greyson



Thomas  
Lamont



Jesse  
Lee



Jayden  
Maughan



Michael  
McKay



Rett  
Millman



Sinead  
O'Meara



Oliver  
Padbury



Kate  
Pannell



Ashley  
Purcher



Travis  
Robertson



Reece  
Spencer



Sarah  
Summers



Broderick  
Thorniley



Riley  
Wilton



Sheridan  
Yelverton



# Year 5-6 D



Mrs Betty Della-Franca  
Teacher



Isobelle  
Anderson



Lauren  
Atkin



David  
Blayney



Alexander  
Blood



Alexa  
Borcherds



Matthew  
Carroll



Marc  
Christoffersen



Tiahn  
Fitzhardinge



Hannah  
Greyson



Ryan  
Hobbs



Wade  
Humphrey



Jesse  
Hunt



Tahlia  
Irving



Lucy  
Klein



Cameron  
Napper



Carly  
Peddie



Ainsleigh  
Powell



Jamie  
Reynolds



Rachael  
Scott



Kaela  
Short



Natalie  
Symes



Chad  
Topham



Messina  
Tully



Jeren  
Velletri



Kodi  
Williamson



# Year 7A



Mrs Marilyn Crosthwaite  
Teacher



Angus  
Blake



Cameron  
Borchers



Amy  
Bradley



Cori-Paige  
Button



Caitlin  
Crothers



Ryan  
Galloway



Nicholas  
Grove



Matilda  
Keynes



Quinn  
Lefroy



Jaime  
Marsden



Layuren  
Moodley



Sally  
Moustaka



Aliyah  
Msuo



Jake  
Nicholls



Tamar  
Niesler



Thomas  
Pollard



Lucas  
Rayner



Rydel  
Stanton



Rebecca  
Symes



Chloe  
Taylor



Dorothy  
Teariki-Tautea



Kieran  
Thomas



Olivia  
Wallis



# Year 7B



Mrs Jenni Winterbine  
Teacher



Courtney  
Bain



Lewis  
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Chya  
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Jessica  
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Kate  
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Cameron  
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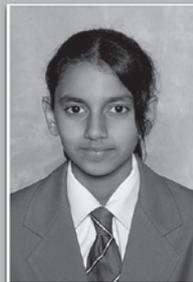
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Matthew  
Parker



Ceily  
Perham



Stacey  
Purcher



Megan  
Rogers



Jarred  
Smith



John  
Symons



Sonja  
Tennberg



Avon  
Vlahov



Denver  
Weldon



Hovea  
Winston



# Year 8A



Shakyra  
Baskeyfield



Andrew  
Crabb



Denby  
Evans



Kate  
Feltham



Brody  
Fewster



Symone  
Fitzgerald



Bonnie  
Glass



Jacinta  
Heyward-Criddle



Kaarin  
Hilton



Madeleine  
Hood



Jessica  
Mateljan



Alison  
McLay



Robert  
Mitchell



Jay  
Nicholson



Angus  
Parker



Benjamin  
Ramsay



Amy  
Rathjen



Aaron  
Short



Brayden  
Smith



Bhodi  
Solomon



Jacob  
Spencer



Stevie  
van Duyn



Jesse  
Webb-Smith



Marshall  
Yelverton



Lydia  
Young



# Year 8B



Jayden  
Beckwith



Samuel  
Bones



Lachlan  
Britt



Georgina  
Broad



Patrick  
Butler



Annabelle  
Campbell



Ainsley  
Chivers



Hayley  
Cowcill



Jacinta  
Crabb



Jsea  
Fawcett



Jason  
Fawell



Alexander  
Grove



Jason  
Harding



Taylor  
Hoey



Hamish  
Holt



Courtney  
Hutchinson



Indea  
Jones



Thomas  
Lawley



Siobhan  
Macdonnell



Josephine  
Morgan



Kyle  
Robertson



Liam  
Simpson



Will  
Stanton



Jamie  
Sutherland



Louise  
Symons



Zoe  
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Jayde Peckwith



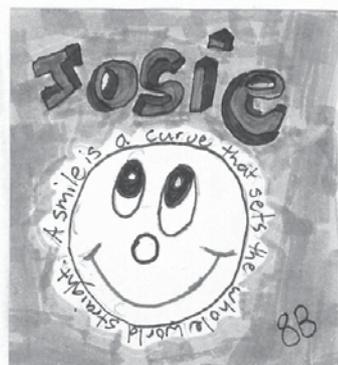
**PDP Class**  
**"Working Together"**  
**2008**  
**Mr Lord & Miss Faichney**



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Kyle  
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# Year 8C



Stevie-T'Neal  
Broadbent



Tanya  
Burges



Kiralee  
Chidlow



Bronte  
Cohen



Jeremy  
Crabb



Jarrad  
Holmes



Claudia  
Hortin



Brody  
Humphrey



Liam  
Hunt



Sacha  
Jones



Jack  
Klein



Bon  
Marriott



Jai  
McGowan



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Chrushla  
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Carly  
Scott



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Thorby



Alexander  
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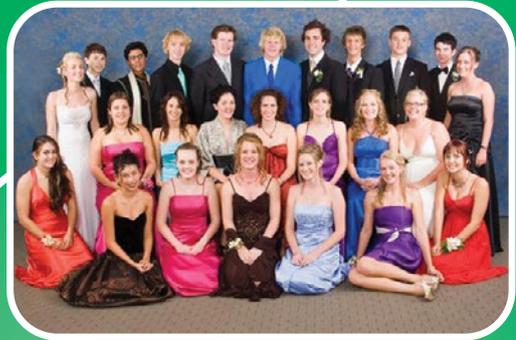


Curtis  
Tunks

Absent: Taiya Flynn, Amber Gaunt, Hasan Jehangir, Jennifer Pumpa



# Year 12 Ball





# Chapman House

Chapman has participated enthusiastically in all house events this year. Many individuals have earned championship medallions for their age group, others achieved personal goals and all had fun.

The highlight for many was the Batavia Games where skill wasn't required but fun and hilarity was prolific. The Geraldton Choir event was a first where we saw some future 'idol' contenders in the making.

The red shirts of the proud Chapman students and staff stood out during all sporting and cultural events where final results were often close.

Many a conversation was had and lunch treat shared at the buddy lunches during the year. An opportunity to remember our whole school policy, compassion and care for each other.

To the Chapman House Captains who have led bravely throughout the year, thank you for your leadership, support and encouragement. A job well done.

## House Director

Mrs Betty Della-Franca

## House Captain

Sara Greaves

## Middle School Captains

Stephanie Mateljan (Semester 1)

Rachel Marsden (Semester 2)

## Primary School Captains

Cameron Napper (Semester 1)

Ainsleigh Powell (Semester 2)





# Greenough House



Storms bring wind and lightning and this year lightning has struck twice for the windy House of Greenough. Not only did we storm home to win our second successive House Trophy, we did with style by taking the final points of the year and pipping Irwin at the post. Sorry Irwin.

Thanks to the efforts of staff and students, the House of the leaning tree finished in top spot and the feeling in Greenough is positive indeed.

The House activities gave all students an opportunity to compete in a fun and friendly atmosphere. It is always great to see students engaged in activities that foster team-work and mateship, while having a bunch of fun.

Greenough was again responsible for hosting the soft ball and tee ball competitions which all students enjoyed. We also ran the Aqua Lapathon which saw all students participate with a heap of fun and enthusiasm.

A huge thank you again must go to the whole of Greenough, from the students and House Captains, to the staff. Your help and enthusiasm this year has been fabulous and I look forward to a fun and fruitful 2009.

Thank you and well done, Go Greenough!

Rob Deurloo  
Greenough Director

## House Director

Mr Rob Deurloo

## House Captain

Lucy Royce

## Middle School Captains

Amelia Keynes (Semester 1)

Molly Moustaka (Semester 2)

## Primary School Captains

Lucy Klein (Semester 1)

Lucy Klein (Semester 2)





# Irwin House



It has been my privilege and pleasure to work with Irwin House this year. The House Captains have been truly inspiring in their dedication to ensuring all Irwin House members have been included and active in our House activities and competitions. Consequently Irwin has been well represented and performed strongly and competitively in the Geraldton Grammar School carnivals. Irwin House has also shown great spirit in the House Competitions throughout the year and at the time of writing was leading the House Points Competition. Well done to all Irwin students and staff.

## House Director

Mr Damon Angelatos

## House Captain

Nicole Masiello

## Middle School Captains

Tessa MacLeod (Semester 1)

Sophie Moustaka (Semester 2)

## Primary School Captains

Tamlyn Cramer (Semester 1)

Sinead O'Meara (Semester 2)





# Murchison House

After the previous success in the Batavia Games, the Murchison students decided to have a much more relaxed approach to the event. This was so that another house could taste the sweet nectar of success. The students in blue consequently finished on an honorary 4th position. There were no such favours however during the cross country event that was held on the same day. Murchison students won the event with ease!

The students of this mighty institution also managed to achieve respectable positions in the interhouse quiz, the choir competition and the swimming. The countless hours the students spent reading encyclopaedias, singing in the shower and attending holiday swim training appeared to have paid off.

The Board of Murchison House wishes to thank all Murchison staff and students for their efforts throughout the year!

## House Director

Mr Chris Zander

## House Captain

Hayden Spencer

## Middle School Captains

Tait Lefroy (Semester 1)

Darren Smith (Semester 2)

## Primary School Captains

Riley Wilton (Semester 1)

Jesse Hunt (Semester 2)





# Year 9A



Lainie  
Bancilhon



Rhachelle  
Basham



Treerak  
Changthian



Emily  
Cole



Amelin  
Drage



Sarah  
Dring



Mitchell  
Duperouzel



Damian  
Fleming



Kara  
Hay



Teegan  
Hickey



Kellie  
Hobbs



Lindy  
Keogh



Tait  
Lefroy



Timothy  
Lendic



Cameron  
McAleese



Sophie  
Moustaka



Alexis  
Payne



Alecia  
Perry



Kodi  
Price



Christopher  
Rogers



Tammy  
Townley



Mark  
Welsh



Isobel  
Wilkins



Jasmine  
Williams



# Year 9B



Samuel Baker      Rachel Black      Indyana Chambers-Galloway      Jessica Clarke      Perry Clifton      Wiehan de Bruyn      Jean Duncan



Kelly Edwards      Benjamin Francis      Shaun Galloway      Ross Greaves      Kelsie Harrington      Alexandra Leung



Rachel Marsden      Stephanie Mateljan      Sally McClurg      Cale Millett      Molly Moustaka      Adrianna Poot



Thomas Rayner      Rikki Regan      Darren Smith      Tyler Stuart-Davies      Charles Thurkle      Jake Vieweg

Absent: Tineal Earle



# Year 9C



Karleigh  
Anderson



Mitchell  
Baillie



Sam  
Bannister



Joel  
Booth



Zanden  
Butcher



Moana  
Cowper



Amy  
Davis



Cody  
de Meur



Carlee  
Dodds



George  
Giudice-Nairn



Bonnie  
Hughes



Shannon  
Kelly



Amelia  
Keynes



Charles  
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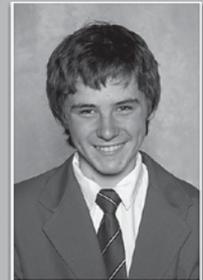
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MacLeod



Michaela  
Perry



Emma  
Reynolds



Harley  
Royce



Samuel  
Royce



Klay  
Sipila



Gerry  
Smith



Ian  
Spencer



Michelle  
Stewart



Caitlin  
Tully

Absent: Breana Napper



# Year 10A

Teacher: Mr Russell Pusey



Lucy  
Ayling



Melissa  
Black



Thomas  
Campbell



Dimity  
Chivers



Robert  
Grove



Louis  
Hood



Ashleigh  
Hunter



James  
Masiello



Sophie  
Maslen



Sarah  
McLay



Jacqueline  
Meares



Eadon  
Niesler



Tanner  
Perham



Hailee  
Philipps



Erin  
Roulston



Blake  
Stanton



Mitchell  
Taylor



Torkel  
Tennberg



Lewis  
Walden



Lauren  
Wallace



Mark  
Watts



Molly  
Wellington



Emma  
Whettingsteel



Savannah  
Wilkinson

Absent: Sheldon Eley, Meg Whitby



# Year 10B

Teacher: Mrs Gaile Racey



Kym  
Anderson



Matthew  
Blackmore



Joel  
Bones



Kathleen  
Brennan



Megan  
Davis



Sharnee  
Drury



Jacquetta  
Fleay



Kate  
Gannon



Amber  
Gerrard



Kirsty  
Holmes



Samuel  
Keenan



Ashley  
Mansfield



Sharlie  
Matthews



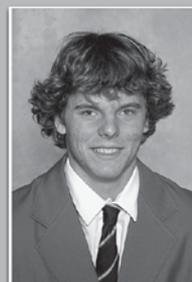
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Michael  
Mitchell



Sebastian  
Neuweiler



William  
Ramsay



Stefano  
Reale



Eden  
Schofield



Matt  
Schulze



Georgia  
Smith



Jayden  
Spencer



Ashleigh  
Stade



Chanelle  
Watson

Absent: Colby Wheatley



# Year 11



Kodhi  
Aiken



Pippa  
Bain



Natalie  
Baker



Courtney  
Bannister



Laura  
Butler



Ashley  
Cole



Zoe  
Collard



Lisa  
Collins



Cheyanne  
de Meur



Renee  
de Wet



Tiffany  
Donegan-Evans



Grace  
Dukes



John  
Feltham



Jake  
Fewster



Michael  
Fregard



Jamie  
Garraway



Joel  
Gaunt



Ashleigh  
Glenister



Chloe  
Greenfield



Victor  
Greenfield



Hayley  
Greig



Jacob  
Gundill



Darcy  
Hay



Hayley  
Hobbs



Kitty  
Howard



Austin  
Hughes



Andrew  
James



Raihana  
Jefcoate



Yasmin  
Jefcoate



Olivia  
Jones



Mrs Jenni Winterbine  
Teacher

Mr Damon Angelatos  
Teacher



Mitchell  
Kelly



Mitchel  
King



Joseph  
Lawley



Francis  
Lomude



Sam  
Minissale



Wendy  
Mitchell



Edie  
Mitsuda



Caitlin  
Moustaka



Katy  
Nicholson



Thomas  
Pedlow



Kaitlyn  
Powell



Carly  
Privett



Marley  
Puru



Isabella  
Quartermaine



Jessica  
Redway



Matilda  
Robinson



Ehren  
Scully



Jessica  
Sharratt



Marcus  
Shaw



Alana  
Short



Georgia  
Stribley



Holly  
Sutcliffe



Jamey  
Swarts



Luke  
Thompson



Amy  
Triner



Emily  
Webb-Smith



Ellerby  
Weldon



Nicola  
Welsh



Jake  
Wilson



Jordan  
Yelverton

# Year 12

Year 12 Co-Ordinator: Mr Scott Cox



Steven  
B chard



Rosalind  
Blood



Meaghan  
Britt



Zoe  
Crook



Arianne  
Drage



Shayna  
Duperouzel



Hanna  
Eriksson



Katrina  
Franceschi



Sara  
Greaves



Aimee  
Howard



Samantha  
Leung



Nicole  
Masiello



Emma  
McKinley



David  
Mitchell



Jordan  
Molesworth



Korah  
Parackal



Samuel  
Ridgeway



Lucy  
Royce



Tayla  
Schofield



Hayden  
Spencer



Shaunace  
Stanton



Melissa  
Toomey



Max  
Wellington



Ben  
Westlake



# Boarding College Report 2008

The Geraldton Residential College remains well supported and represented by Geraldton Grammar School. Our students from across many grades have enjoyed a successful and happy year living, working and making lasting friendships at the Residential College.

The Geraldton Residential College recently held their Annual Presentation Ceremony where four of our Year 12 learners were acknowledged and thanked for their involvement and contribution to the Residential College over the years. They are Hayden Spencer, David Mitchell, Jordan Molesworth and Sara Greaves. We wish them the best of luck as they leave the Residential College and embark on their new future.

Mrs Shaw handed over the Special Contribution Awards and Hayden Spencer did a wonderful as Master of Ceremonies.

Geraldton Grammar School can also be proud that Holly Sutcliffe in Year 11 has been elected to serve as the Head Student of the Geraldton Residential College next year in 2009. It is fantastic to have one of our learners in such an important leadership role at the Residential College.

Thank you to the Residential College's Manager David Smart and his wonderful and friendly team of staff for their excellent work, involvement and assistance at all times and who make our students feel so at home while away from home.

Chester Lord  
Geraldton Grammar School Liaison teacher to  
the Geraldton Residential College



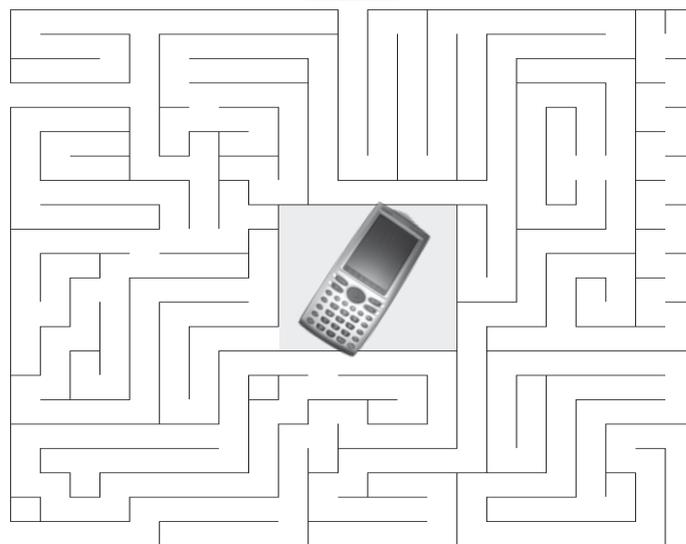
# Mathematics

## Get to know the Mathematics staff

	Mr Angelatos	Mr Cox	Mr Murray	Mrs Padman	Mrs Winterbine	Mr Zander
Fatfree -, Hi Lo -, Full or Soy milk?	yoghurt	choc milk	skinny soy Frappuccino with Non Fat whipped cream	full Cream	between fat free and hi lo	just black coffee
My Maths toolbox wouldn't be complete if it was missing	a sharpened pencil	a good mathematician never blames his/her tools.	wrecked angle	a very sharp pencil	the sarcasm required to open it	a sextant
Travelling time to School?	is enjoyed from the comfort of my bike	10 minutes	5 minutes and no traffic lights	12 minutes	8.27 minutes	25 min plus wind factor
Favorite colour for marking of tests?	lead pencil	green	platinum	pink	pretty pink	infrared
Finally, let it be known - that...	I was run over by the editor of Marie Claire		numbers are the music of life	laughter is a tranquilizer with no side effects	i have grown quite fond of my year 11's	it is called multiplying NOT timesing

## WHO GETS THE CALCULATOR ?

Answers submitted to Mathematics Department before end of Term 1 are in the running for a protractor.



# English

It is always a pleasure to witness students developing, applying and extending their understandings in English. We have celebrated many students' successes in writing and continued to nurture a love of creativity through the extension programs offered in this strand. Students demonstrating a love of writing have been afforded many opportunities to refine their skills through the Youth Literature days, workshops from the Fremantle Children's Literature Board and the annual All Saints Literature camp. Evidence of this focus can be seen in the many awards taken out by our students from a range of prestigious competitions. Such achievements are built on a combination of setting goals, working closely with peers, acting upon their teachers' advice and being fostered within a positive learning environment.

## **The West Australian Young Writers Competition:**

Emily Webb-Smith (winner - upper secondary poetry)  
Jesse Webb-Smith (second - lower secondary poetry)

## **Randolph Stow Awards:**

Mark Watts, Emily Webb-Smith (winner - upper secondary poetry)  
Emma Whettingsteel  
(winner- middle secondary poetry, second - middle secondary prose)  
Jesse Webb-Smith (second - lower secondary poetry)

## **Dolly Magazine competition:**

Amber Gerrard (national winner)

## **Write 4 Fun:**

Jesse Webb-Smith (only WA winner)

## **All Saints Writing Competition:**

Emily Webb-Smith (overall winner secondary prose)

Throughout the year it was encouraging to see our upper school students present their viewpoints on very diverse and topical issues in various forms of writing. In preparation for their final exams, the year 12 cohort participated in workshops presented by visiting lecturers who were able to bring considerable insight into the examination process.

This year has also witnessed success in the speaking strand as students competed in the public speaking arena. Amber Gerrard from year 10 represented Geraldton Grammar in the regionals of the Rotary Youth speaking competition, presenting her views on whaling. Inter-house speeches revealed the prowess of year 11 Kodhi Aiken who won the senior section and year 9 George Giudice-Nairn who won the middle school section. Middle school finalists representing their houses were Amy Bradley, Sophie Moustaka, Rachel Marsden and senior school finalists representing their houses were Raihana Jefcoate, Katy Nicholson and Ashleigh Hunter.

A number of our creative English students also participated in the regional Tournament of Minds competition. The language literature team consisted of Jacinta Crabb, Jesse Webb-Smith, Jenny Pumpa, Carly Scott, Savannah Wilkinson, Eadon Niesler and Emma Whettingsteel. The team worked consistently over the 6 week period to compose a highly entertaining performance, involving many of William Shakespeare's characters coming to life to remind their creator of his brilliant work. The team enjoyed learning about the famous Shakespeare plays and proudly represented Geraldton Grammar at the competition.

Our aim to make the courses we offer both challenging and accessible to our students resulted in a spectacular Cultural Evening in term 4. Parents were entertained by the year 9 cohort who displayed their developing knowledge of target audience, their understanding of how print media can shape material to appeal to readers and their application of language skills through the launch of their picture books. Year 8 students also demonstrated their willingness to explore language in its many forms through their fabulous poetry presentations. The evening celebrated a culmination of fundraising efforts for the In Toto campaign. Organised by Year 11 student Emily Webb-Smith, the campaign raised funds for the young family of ex English teacher Michele Pidgeon who sadly passed away from cancer this year.

I offer my thanks to the incredibly hard working English teachers whose expertise, dedication and fellowship make our department unique and vibrant.

**Michelle Webb-Smith (Head of English)**



**Staff:** Louise Finnis, Greg Cranwell, Lesley Dillon, Marilyn Crosthwaite, Russell Pusey, Alison O'Connor, Nicola Davidson



# Science Report

We welcomed Mr Angelatos and Mrs Hann into the fold this year. Mrs Williams kindly gave birth and hurried back to the classroom where her extended Chemistry family awaited the tuition. Sadly Mrs Williams has decided to move on to greener pastures at the end of this year and may be returning in the not too distant future.

Mrs Winterbine continued her good work with the 7s this year but has moved on to full time Mathematics in 2009. Thank heavens for Mrs Padman who remains in the department despite teaching in several other learning areas.

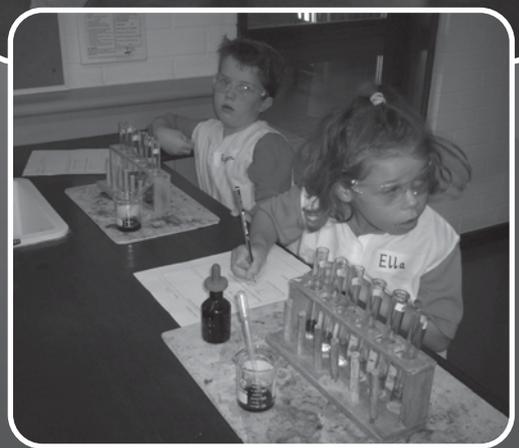
In 2009 the department will be run by Mr Angelatos who has much to offer the department. His expertise and skills with technology will see the Science department move towards a brand new future.

Mr Angelatos organised the year 11 Chemistry students to run Science week with the primary classes.

The look of joy is plain to see in the eyes of those involved.

May I take the opportunity to mention the work of Mrs Jenni Beeck. Quietly spoken but with a tonne of energy, compassion and empathy, Jenni has supported staff and students in 2008 as she has done for many years now. We are very lucky to have Mrs Beeck and she has my vote for Science Laboratory Technician of the decade!

Mr Royce



# SOSE



# Technology & Enterprise



# Health & PE

## Girls Football



## Surf Competition





# LOTE



# Performing Arts (Drama)

This year the Drama department welcomed the addition of the talented Mr Pusey, passing on his expertise to the year 7 and year 9 classes. During term 3, we were also lucky enough to enjoy the vibrant flair of student teacher Miss Gasper, who lent a hand in the year 8 class - they all enjoyed her love of Drama games.

Whilst it is always important to have fun in our Drama classes, it is also important to note that it has been a highly productive and educational year for all year groups involved in the study of Drama. The year 7s enjoyed their introduction to Drama through focusing on teamwork, basic performance skills and trying to maintain their focus during performances. The year 8s had fun learning about the sweet silence of mime and discovering the technical sides to Drama whilst taking on production roles, such as dramaturgy and costume designing (including dressing each other up in newspaper, toilet paper and masking tape). The year 9 Drama classes studied a variety of topics including poetry, group performances and monologues. The year 10s had a blast learning about the types of theatre from around the world and throughout the ages. They particularly enjoyed constructing issue-based performances and playing with the smoke machine and special effects.

It is always a delight to watch a student's confidence develop throughout their participation in various Drama activities. This year in particular, I have marveled at the willingness of students to take risks and perform in front of their peers. It is equally exciting to watch a student develop their appreciation for the subject and arrive at the realisation that Drama itself has an important role to play in society.

For those of you who will miss Drama classes over the holidays, or are simply curious to know what it would be like to be in a Drama class, I will leave you with some quotes you are bound to hear if you were to spend some time in a Drama lesson here at GGS:

“ 3,2,1 action”

“Audience...silence!”

“Right if I come up there and the prop cupboard is a disaster, we will all be cleaning up in our own time”

“Who belongs to this jumper/tie/shoe/sock?”

“Using your bodies and only your bodies you are to create for me.....”

“I'm waiting on some bouquets and brickbats from the audience please”

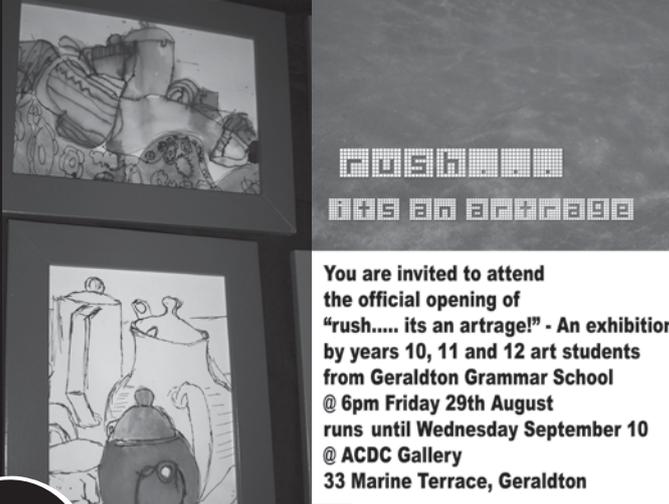
“Freeze!”

“Drama journals are due today”

Miss Finnis.



# ART



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You are invited to attend  
 the official opening of  
 "rush..... its an artrage!" - An exhibition  
 by years 10, 11 and 12 art students  
 from Geraldton Grammar School  
 @ 6pm Friday 29th August  
 runs until Wednesday September 10  
 @ ACDC Gallery  
 33 Marine Terrace, Geraldton

# Music



## Middle school music

In 2008, each year 7 class studied music for a semester. During this time, students were taken on a journey through the history of pop music. They explored contemporary styles such as hip hop and R&B, as well as finding out about punk, heavy metal and of course, rock music. Students learnt a number of rhythms and used these in aural activities and short compositions.

Although each year 8 & 9 class only studied music for one term, they were lucky enough to participate in a course on samba music. Students discovered a lot about Brazilian culture and learnt how to play samba instruments like the surdo and agogos. They also learnt heaps about rhythms and were able to compose a piece for the class samba ensemble to play. Each class did a performance at the end of the term. Everyone had lots of fun!

## Upper school

The year 10 class has had a busy year improving their musicianship and aural skills. Students have learnt about tones and semitones, major scales and intervals, and this music theory knowledge to compose a number of short pieces. They also studied pop music from the 20th century and explored music from around the world. Some students will continue their music studies into year 11 next year!



# Media



# Choir



# Outdoor Education

**Year 10: Kalbarri Camp**

**Year 11: Coral Bay**

**Year 11: Greenough**

**Year 12: Cape to Cape – Margaret River**

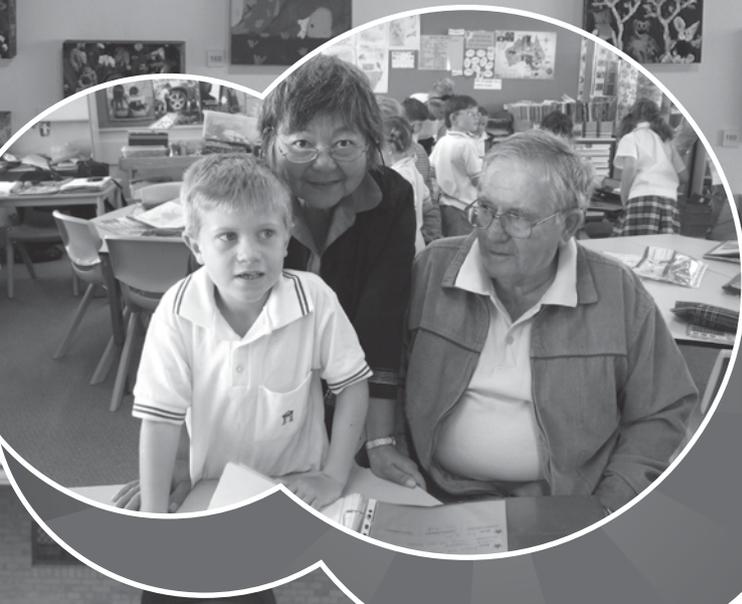
**Year 12: Kalbarri Murchison Gorges**





- Canoeing • Snorkelling • Camp cooking • Navigation • Caving
- Abseiling • Climbing • Day trips - Ellendale Pool / Kalbarri Coastal Gorges Camps

# Primary





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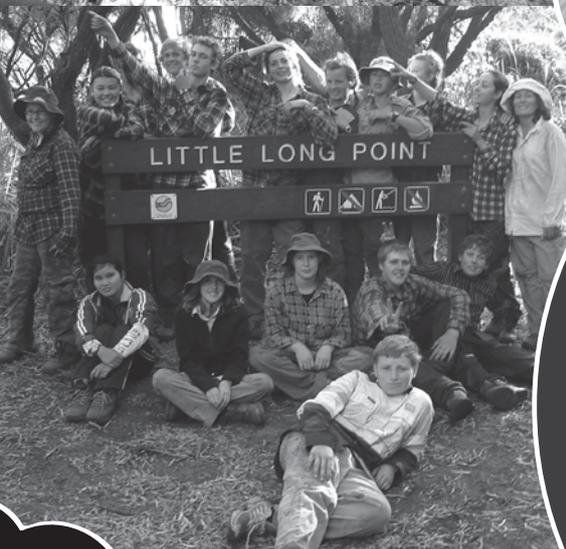


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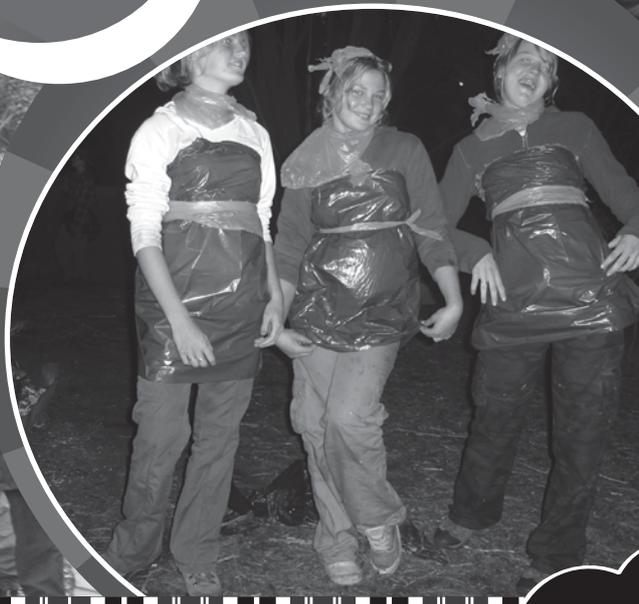
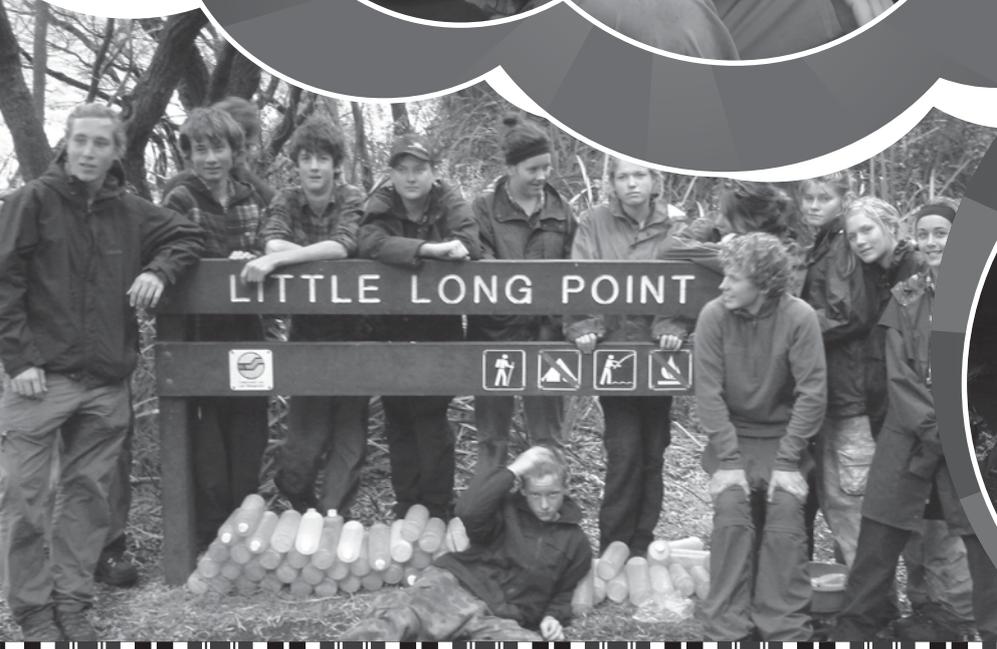


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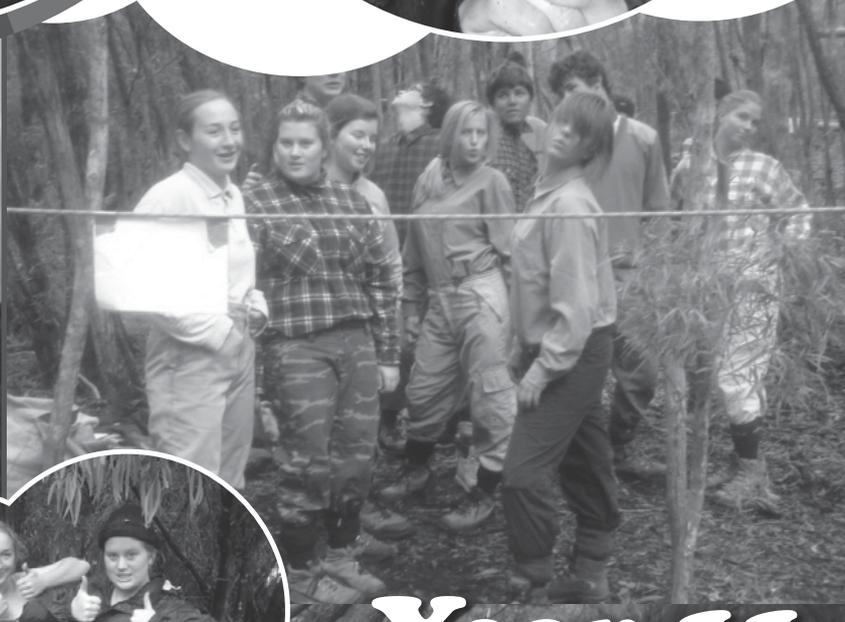


# Year 9



# Outward Bound





# Year 11



# Camps Week

## Galena Camp



# Nukara Camp



# Year 10 Camp



# Round Square

Three of our very own Geraldton Grammarians - Holly Sutcliffe, Emily Webb-Smith and yours truly, Raihana Jefcoate, made the trip down south to Bunbury to learn about Sustainability at the Senior Round Square Conference. All I have to say is WOW.

Sustainability was the theme of this conference. On average we had two different guest speakers a day, coming to talk to us about important sustainability issues that applied to them. Some of these sparked a lot of common interest, hence the prolonged speeches, and then there were the ones that didn't... We had speakers coming to talk to us about sailing on the STS Leeuwin II, Mick Murray talked about coal mining, Michael Burgess brought up the interesting and most enjoyable topic of fish farming, Ron Watkins talked to us about farming and tree belts, and we also had another guest speaker talking about our "sense of place". This was all very interesting, and I think I can safely say that everyone learnt something new, and was able to come away with knowledge on how to be, and what we can do to do to stay "sustainable".

Round Square wasn't just about learning... no no no, it was also a place where people from all around Australia and even Singapore and Thailand came together and created friendships. Friendships which I believe will last a life time, well certainly in my case. There were so many different kinds of people there; it was really interesting to get to know everyone. The things everyone taught me was great, I learnt "East Australian" slang, and in return I taught them that everything sounds better with "hell" in front of it. I also learnt to never say "mine", not because it's selfish, but because it was followed by 10 pushups! After 5 amazing days in Bunbury on Round Square it was too hard to say goodbye, but I got numbers, email addresses and of course good old trusty MySpace to keep in touch with them all, so that provided a bit more comfort to the fact, we wouldn't see each other again... for a while at least.

So, all in all, Round Square was amazing! An amazing experience, an amazing learning curve and just full of absolutely amazing people. It was the greatest opportunity, and I think Holly and Emily will agree with me when I say, "If you get the opportunity to go, then you should definitely take it! The friendships you make and the things you learn are so totally worth it!"

Thank you,

Raihana Jefcoate

