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Enjoy reading about another action-packed few weeks at our school.
Thank you to all the parents, staff, and students for their contribution to our school. The sense of community is obvious.

Neesha Flint
Principal

We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Southern Yamatji Peoples who are the Traditional Owners and First People of the land on which we stand. The Nhanhagardi, Wilunyu, Amangu. I would like to pay my respect to the Elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of the Southern Yamatji Peoples.

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CELEBRATING 25 YEARS



Senior Formal



Geraldton Grammar students were treated to an 'Enchanted Forrest' themed night at the Year 11 and 12 Ball held in the schools Batavia Hall on Saturday 6 March.

On arrival, students enjoyed mocktails and music in the school's beautiful gardens, followed by a 3 course sit down meal, and DJ.

Students conducted themselves as the politest young adults, a total credit to their parents and the teachers of Geraldton Grammar School.

Thank you to Let's Party, Geraldton Party Hire, Dalglish Catering, LMR Photography, 65 Thirty Events, Staff and Year 12 Parent / Guardian helpers for your support in coordinating the event.

It was a special night!







Synergy Schools Solar Challenge

Three Year 8 students, Brady Paech, Gideon Kentish and Remy Gaudron, represented Geraldton Grammar School at the Synergy Schools Solar Challenge on Thursday 25 March. The boys did really well with their design and construction of their solar car and were placed third on the day allowing them to take home a cash prize!



ACC Swimming

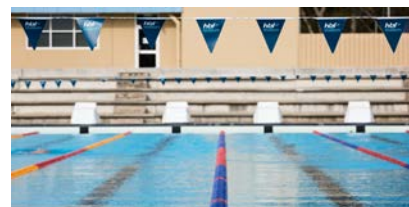
In week 7 thirty-eight students from Year 7-12 travelled to Perth to compete in the Associated and Catholic Colleges swimming carnival.

Our students swam exceptionally well, setting a few PB's and pushing themselves to cover events even though they may not have been selected as the fastest swimmer. A special mention also to those students who swam up in higher age divisions to complete our relay teams.



Congratulations to our junior girls who finished 3rd out of the 8 schools.

Well done everyone.





Giving Day

On Thursday 25 March the Geraldton Grammar School community held a one day, one-off Giving Day to raise money for the new gym floor and sporting equipment.

With the backing of our generous Matching Donors, everyone dressed up in their sporting gear and dug deep into their pockets to donate. Combined over \$300 000 was raised which is astonishing and we are profoundly grateful to everyone who supported the day.

The whole Geraldton Grammar School community, especially its students, cannot wait for the end of the year to see the gym finally open and ready to enjoy.

We couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you.



Geraldton Grammar School Giving Day 2021 - Spring into A...



ORIGINAL GOAL \$ 200,000 AUD
BONUS GOAL \$ 290,000 AUD

\$ 300,937

150%

Donors | Teams

4 TEAMS

	EFFECTIVE AMOUNT
 Greenough	\$90,885
 Murchison	\$62,237
 Irwin	\$58,302
 Chapman	\$54,154



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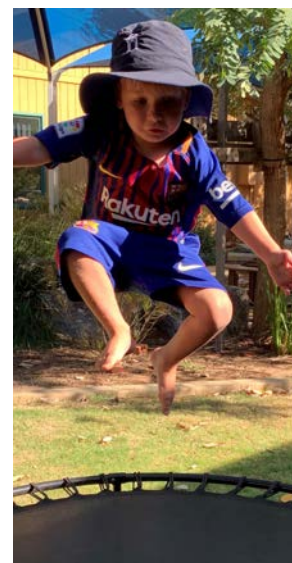
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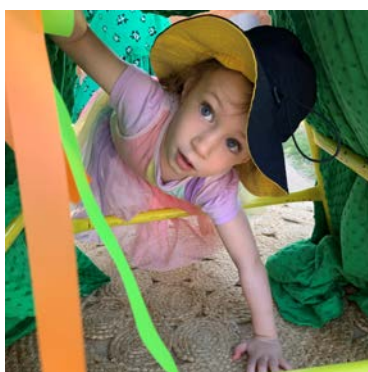
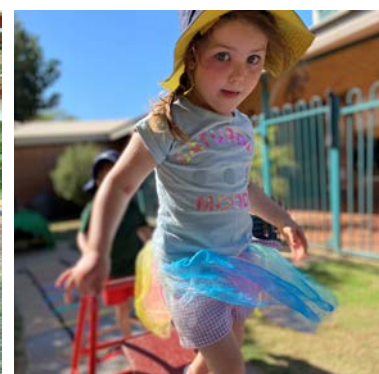
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Kindy Giving Day - Rainbow Sports Fun Day



On Thursday 25 March our school participated in the whole school Giving Day fundraising event, with the school community working together to raise money for the new gymnasium. As part of this, the Junior Kindy and 4 Year Old Kindy classes took part in a fun and colourful 'Rainbow Sports Day'. We started the day competing in a sports-themed obstacle course. Students then participated in various other activities including; fairy bread making, storytelling, singing, dancing and exploring other colourful sensory experiences. We would like to thank Mrs Jefferies, Miss Higgins, Mr Couper and the Kindy families for helping make our day happen. It was an enjoyable day for our classes and a successful day for our school community.





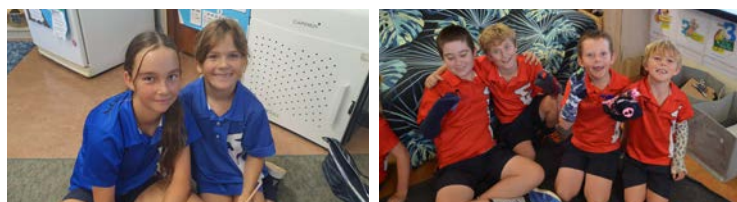
National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

On Friday 19 March, Geraldton Grammar Primary School participated in the tenth annual National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Our theme for the day was Be a Buddy Not a Bully.

This theme was chosen in order to highlight that all children can be proactive when dealing with or witnessing bullying. The underlying themes of taking a stand, uniting together, not being a bystander and the importance of building positive relationships were key messages highlighted throughout the week.

During the week, each class participated in a variety of activities aimed at promoting the key themes outlined above and identifying ways in which to proactively deal with bullying.

The week began with a special assembly, hosted by 3/4P which was a great introduction to the theme and offered lots of tips on ways to be a good buddy. The INSPIRE student leadership team were very busy spotting people being good buddies in the playground and on the oval. It was lovely to see so many 'I'm a Buddy' badges being worn by so many children. In art, the children created sock puppets in preparation for special buddy House activities.



On Friday, wearing odd socks to symbolise that although we are all different, we can take a stand against bullying together, the children created sock puppet plays and Be a Buddy Jigsaws to share their understanding of the key themes addressed throughout the week.

It was a wonderful week of acknowledgement and the theme was clearly apparent around the school. Thank you to all staff and students for your contribution and participation.



National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Friday 19 March 2021



Primary Interschool Swimming



On Tuesday 23 March our Primary Interschool swimmers competed against other local schools and were rewarded for their efforts by winning the Interschool Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to all the swimmers.



1/2W Following Procedures



For the second half of term 1, the Year 1/2 classes have been learning all about procedures. In 1/2W the students have been writing and following procedures for yummy treats and have also been making exciting things. Some of the procedures included making porridge, milkshakes, ice cream and woolly mammoths! Our tummies have certainly enjoyed learning about procedures!





Novice Debating

Geraldton Grammar School hosted a one-day debating workshop and a two-day debating mini-competition organised by the WA Debating League visiting from Perth. Our Year 7 and 8 novice debaters gained a lot of knowledge and experience over the events and despite being very tired, in the words of one of our participants, "It was awesome."

Whilst the mini-competition did not have finals or winners as such, each debate was adjudicated and over the course of the two days, each of our two teams competed in five debates proving themselves quite skilled for this level of development.

Well done to Jack Lane, Lily Scrimgeour, Haya Al-Biaty, Abdullah Al-Biaty, Joshua Dixon and Billie Morrison for their efforts.



Sheila Flanagan Library

Term 1 - Adventure Awaits Those Who Seek It

Students set sail and explored the library's wide array of resources, along the way exploring their creativity whilst having a load of fun.



Positive Messages We All Need From Pete The Cat

I don't know who loves Pete the Cat more ... the Kindy students, Year 5/6 students or the adults!

Pete the Cat has become a well-loved character and part of our Library. Our Pete the Cat plush toy is moved around the library and the students have fun seeing where Pete the Cat is each day!

Pete the Cat is a fictional cartoon cat, created by American artist James Dean. The series started with four books illustrated by Dean and with text by Eric Litwin. Pete the Cat is a groovy, blue cat. No matter where he goes, Pete the Cat always keeps his cool. He loves surfing, playing baseball and guitar, spending time with his friends, and trying new things. The book "I Love My White Shoes" was used to share a positive message with students for the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

What Happens When A Student Finishes A Book?

WE CELEBRATE!

Then the student writes down the title of the book on their 20 Book Challenge log. They are free to choose another book and begin reading!

20 BOOK CHALLENGE			
A book that became a movie	A book of poetry	Mystery	A book set in space
A book with food in the title	A graphic novel or comic book	A book with a place in the title	A book that teaches you something new
A book with a person's name in the title	Realistic fiction	chapter book	Fairy Tale
Science fiction	A popular author's first book	A book you own but haven't read	Biography
A book about an animal	Historical fiction	A book that makes you laugh	A book that won an award

Lunchtime Library Activities

Students from Years PP - 12 visit the library during lunch to browse and borrow, play board games, play cards, create with lego or reading and relax in comfort. They also enjoy the use of the Toy Library and watching multimedia.



Senior Students Study Space

Popular spaces used by both year 11 and 12 students before, during and after school.



Student News

Sailing - 2021 State Pelican Association Championships

A number of Geraldton Grammar Students from Year 2 - Year 10 competed in the 2021 State Pelican Association Championships which were held in Geraldton in January.



Jack has achieved some great sailing success over the 2020/2021 season. He took on a new crew this year with Leong Chan who is a new Geraldton Grammar Student student. They won the prize for being the tallest and smallest of the sailors from the fleet. With a goal to sail in his last Pelican State Championships at his home club, introduce a new sailor to competitive sailing and defend his state title, he achieved all. It was a week of ups and downs weather and wind wise with something for everyone but it was Jack and Leong's ability to sail to conditions above 20 knots that enabled them to sail a successful regatta and take home the state championship title. Jack is only the 4th sailor in 63 years to achieve back to back state titles.



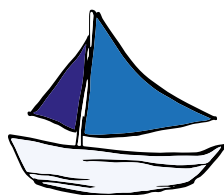
Finn Preston teamed up with Jack Hetherington this year. This was Jack's first year sailing and the boys had a great time achieving some great individual race results and finished 7th overall. One of the best things the boys liked about the regatta was getting to hang together for a whole week and catch up with old friends and meet new friends from all over the state.



Jack and Phoebe Hetherington are both new to Sailing, commencing in October 2020, being involved in a 5 week tacker's program.

They were then very fortunate to gain positions as 'crew' for the State Pelican Titles. Jack was crew for Finn Preston; and Phoebe was crew for Georgie Boys.

They enjoy sailing as it's a challenge of using the wind, the thrill of going fast and they both love being out on the water.



Georgie was voted in by her peers as Junior Captain for the Yacht Club for 2020/2021 season.



Freddie Boys and Hannah Easton competing in the Pelican State Championships in Geraldton in January 2021, their boat is called Gum-Nuts.



Georgie Boys and Phoebe Hetherington competing in the Pelican State Championships in January 2021, their boat is called Sonic.



From left to right - Finn Preston, Banjo Stuart (top), Jack Hetherington, Phoebe Hetherington, Georgie Boys - Junior Yacht Club Captain (top), Freddie Boys, in front of the newly donated Support Boat from GNC Geraldton.

Nippers - Geraldton Surf Club Winners

As the 2020/2021 Woodside Nippers season wrapped up on Sunday 28 March for Geraldton Surf Club a number of our students were successful in their age group:

- Spencer Sojan - Under 10 Runner Up
- Callum Sojan - Under 12 Water Champion and Iron Man
- Nicole Chamberlain - Under 13 Water Champion
- Hamish Sojan - Under 14 Iron Man Winner
- Lailah Belottie - Under 14 Iron Woman Winner
- Matthew Chamberlain - Under 15 Iron Man Winner



Hamish and Lailah were also awarded their Surf Rescue Certificate and Matthew received his bronze medallion.



WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Ryleigh Conway - Horse Riding New Personal Best

Ryleigh has been back in the saddle of her pony Brayside Bewitched ("Samanatha") and they competed at the Murray One Day Event and placed 9th. Last weekend at the Serpentine Horse & Pony Club One-Day event they placed 7th, a personal best for them both.



Rowan & Ryan Jermyn - Basketball Success

The Pumas Basketball Club announced Ryan Jermyn as the Most Valued Player and his brother Rowan Jermyn MVP Runner Up for the U16 Boys Team for the 2020/21 Season.



Angus Krinks - Selected for WA U16 Men's Basketball Team



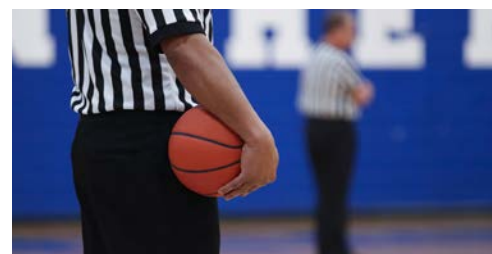
At the beginning of March Angus was selected for the WA U16 Men's Basketball Team. Basketball WA announced its 2021 Western Australian U16 State Basketball Teams will compete at the 2021 Basketball Australia U16 Australian Junior Championships in Warwick, WA from the 4 - 11 July 2021.

Congratulations to Angus, enjoy your training in Perth and good luck with the Championships in July.



Jarrold Purcher - Umpire of the Year

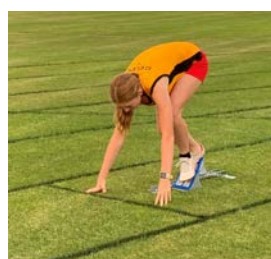
After refereeing numerous Junior and Senior Basketball matches this season Jarrod was awarded the Men's Umpire of the Year by the Geraldton Basketball Association. Congratulations Jarrod.



Athletics - Geraldton Athletics Centre Championships

After the WA Little Athletics State Championships in Perth where Sophie Batten won Silver in the U17 100m hurdles and Bronze in the U17 300m hurdles it was time to complete in her last Geraldton Athletics Centre Championships.

As Club Captain, she led by example winning Gold for the U17 Girls and was awarded Champion U17 Girl for the 2020/21 Season.



There were plenty more ribbons and medals for Geraldton Grammar School students at the Geraldton Athletics Centre Championships:

- Ella Batten - U15 Girls - Silver Medal and U15 Runner Up Champion Girl for the season.
- Lia Frick - U8 Girls - Gold Medal.
- Walter Abetz - 15 PBs in his first season.
- Ellie Place - U7 Girls - Silver Medal and U7 Runner Up Champion Girl for the season.

