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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

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Commando Fun Run

A collaborative effort between the P & F and the school saw all students take to the oval on Friday 22 March for an afternoon of fun to participate in the first fundraising event of the year - The Commando Run. Children, parents and teachers alike put themselves through the obstacle course involving climbing frames, mud pits, rope webs and the favourite - slippery slide.

The event was a huge success, it was wonderful to see so many smiles through muddy faces. The support received from the school parent and business community was amazing, funds raised were \$8600 which is being used to purchase a purpose built trailer for the Music and Physical Education departments.

Many thanks must go to John Royce for his efforts in sourcing materials and building obstacles and his help on the day.



We would like to acknowledge our business sponsors:





Senior Formal



Geraldton Grammar students were treated to 'A Night Under the Stars' at their Senior Formal held in the schools Batavia Hall on Saturday 9 March. The hall was transformed into a starry night, with warm tone lights and prominent gold features.

On arrival 170 students, enjoyed mocktails and live music in the school's beautiful gardens, followed by a three course sit down meal, further live music, the Big Red Polaroid photo booth and DJ.

Students conducted themselves as polite young adults, a credit to their parents and their school.







National Day Against Bullying – Taking A Stand Together

On Friday 15 March, Geraldton Grammar Primary School participated in the ninth annual National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Our theme for the day was Beat the Bully Blues: Be Proactive when dealing with or witnessing bullying.

This theme was chosen 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 deal proactively with bullying. Students also created 'Blue Pole Art Installation' pieces as a further reminder of anti-bullying strategies with Mrs Elliott-Lockhart during their art lessons. On Friday, donned in a plethora of blue attire, the children came together for an afternoon of buddy pro-social games where the key messages of building positive relationships and collaboration were once again highlighted.

Following a great afternoon of positive fun games, students and staff gathered for a blue lollypop and whole Primary School photo. The blue tongues really added to our Beat the Bully Blues theme, causing great excitement.

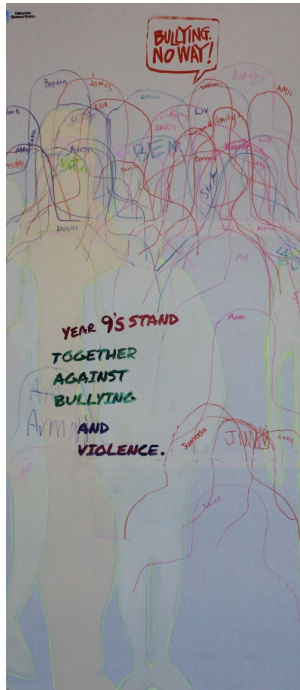
Thank you to all staff and students for your contribution and participation.

A great day was had by all.



Bullying, No Way! Take Action Every Day

Geraldton Grammar Secondary School students and teachers, had a head start for this year's National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence and created some wonderful pieces of art during assembly on Monday 11 March. This year's theme was 'Bullying, No Way! Take action every day' and it was an opportunity for our year 7-12 students to show what it looked like when they stood together against bullying. With the help of Mrs Plumber and Mr Bibrlík, every student from individual year groups drew an outline of their head and shoulders and then signed their name. The result was seven wonderful pieces of art that showed what it looks like when we stand together against bullying.



World's Greatest Shave



"The reason why I wanted to participate in the Worlds Greatest Shave is because I wanted to make a statement and inform other students about this event. Even though I didn't manage to raise much which was only \$100 I still wanted to give moral support towards the event and also donated the hair that I cut off. I feel as though people don't know enough about events outside of school and don't think they're important until someone is impacted or makes an impact on it. I want to know about more events and causes so that I can help because personally I've never had anyone related to me be diagnosed with blood cancer and I don't want someone else to suffer from cancer."
Anna



"I did the World's Greatest Shave because I wanted to make a difference and help people who are affected by Leukemia. I have raised over \$2,500 and I am loving that I don't have to spend as much time washing and brushing it."
Natasha



Young Writers Program

Talented Young Writers Program 2019 - Term 1 Workshop

On Wednesday 20 March a group of 15 year 6s set out to Champion Bay High School to participate in the first workshop of the year for the Talented Young Writers Program. The author presenting on this day was Brian Falkner, a talented author who has written many books over many genres and has many great strategies to create stories and write books.

During the day, Brian shared ideas for book writing, creating stories and read snippets of his own books. Brian taught the year 6 students that some great ways to create brilliant stories is to ask yourself “what if?” because asking yourself this allows you to create a story that excites and intrigues, to research topics that you are writing about to learn more about it, and to consider emotions you want your readers to feel when they read your story. We experimented with this advice and began to come up with story ideas, working on them and sharing with the group.

After a quick break, we gathered back where we were. Brian gave us wonderful advice on character development and how to get readers to feel and care for your character. Then he allowed us to have time to develop our own characters. Every detail about characters was important, we had to make our characters seem real in order to make others care for them. It was quite challenging, but also very fun.

After a lot of hard work on our characters, we went off for another break before finishing the day by writing our final stories, using all the advice Brian had provided. We all really enjoyed the writing workshop. It was brilliant meeting Brian Falkner, he is such a great author and has brilliant writing strategies. We cannot wait for the next workshop, learning different writing strategies and meeting new authors is a truly amazing opportunity. Some of our favourite books from his collection include Shooting Stars, Outlaw, Super Freak, Rampage at Waterloo and Assault.

Lily & Sarah





STEPIN Day

On Friday 15 March year 7 students participated in their first STEPIN day. STEPIN is a program designed for year 7 & 8 students to provide an opportunity for students to work together in either gender groupings or across the cohort to further develop their social, emotional and age appropriate resilience skills. As part of the STEPIN program, each day will focus on developing one of the Future Ready Skills of Collaboration, Creativity, Critical Thinking or Communication. There will be 4 STEPIN days a year, 2 days where the year 7 cohort will engage in activities alongside their year group and 2 days involving both year 7 & 8 students.

The overarching theme of the first STEPIN day for the year 7 students was Collaboration. The students participated in a range of activities that develop social interaction and resilience while developing their collaborative skills.





The Synergy Schools Solar Car Challenge

The Synergy Schools Solar Challenge is a joint initiative of Synergy and the Science Teachers Association of WA. It provides students with a solar car kit that can be experimented with in preparation for a competition held between schools.

Four year 8 Grammar students built and raced their model car against the other schools at Champion Bay School on 21 March.

Unfortunately, the sun chose to remain hidden behind some ominous looking clouds for most of the day, necessitating the addition of batteries. Despite the last minute changes to their design, the four boys did well in placing fourth on the day with a lot of fun and learning had by all.



UWA Aspire

The University of Western Australia Aspire team visited Geraldton Grammar School on Thursday 14 March to deliver a series of educational activities to promote awareness of the opportunities available to students to study at university.

Year 10 students completed a University Discovery Course, which stepped students a simulation of lining up their subject preferences, interests/hobbies and things to consider when thinking about university (e.g. accommodation, scholarships, ATAR and alternative entry). This fits into the year 10 Geraldton Grammar Gateway program and will aid thoughts prior to subject selection.

Year 12 students completed 'The Next Step' activity which allows students to connect their career goals with university courses, gain a greater understanding of the TISC and offer process, and develop an understanding of the diverse backgrounds through which real-life students come to study at university.





Year 5 Camp - Perth

I would like to talk about the year 5 camp. Firstly, I would like to thank the staff and Mr Fong for participating in the camp events. I had a great time on camp and learned many things.

Did you know it took thousands of convicts and 6 whole years to build Fremantle Prison?

A special cell was built for a guy named Moondyne Joe. He was a convict that had escaped prison at least 5 times and one day a guy named Governor Hampton said that if he escaped one more time he would be given freedom. Moondyne Joe eventually became a free man. Forty year 5 students had many experiences and these are just a few.

Will

Sunday 24 March - Travelled to Perth & Laser Tag

At Lazer Blaze, it was fun exploring the map and making game plans and finding all the targets. The gun you are given has a little screen on it to tell you your score and you could change the sounding of your bullets. It was interesting to find out who had the most points at the end of the round. I enjoyed the 2nd round because our team had the high ground so we could easily see who is coming up or down the bridge. It was really fun, I wish we could do it again.

Reilly



Monday 25 March - National Young Leader's Day (Halogen)



I liked Halogen because there was a very interesting speaker called Akram Azima. He spoke about bullying and how he bullied a kid when he was young. The story interested me because he was speaking like it was a different person and then admitted it was his true story at the end.

Alby



My favourite speaker was Liesel Jones. She won 3 gold, 5 silver and 1 bronze medal in breaststroke at the Olympics. She told us to dream big but break your big goal into little bits.

Patrick

At Halogen we met Matt Cosgrove, who is an author of lots of books such as Macca The Alpaca and My Dad Is A Robot. We learned to never give up no matter what gets in your way. Keep on trying and persevere and your dreams will come true. We learned that Matt's first book was rejected 7 times!

Ryan



Back at Swan Valley Adventure Centre we separated into two groups.

Flying Fox - It was really fun, and I learned to clip my safety gear on. First I was a bit scared but then I jumped off the balcony and shot off and I heard this ZZZZZZZZZZZ noise on the zip line so I thought it was going really fast. When I hopped off it I felt good then I waited and waited ... then it was my turn, I walked all the way up the stairs then had my second go ... but I jumped off and went upside down. It felt really fun, then I hopped back up and busted a Fortnite dance to celebrate.

Jake



Tuesday 26 March - Parliament House, Maritime Museum and the Fremantle Prison

Parliament House - We visited Parliament House to see what it is like to be a member of Parliament. We got to sit in the upper house and the lower house. In the upper house, we did a role play of the cat bill so we had to solve an issue to sterilise cats. In the lower house, we checked out the rod that is needed to have a debate. It takes a lot of time to have a debate to make a new law.

Thank you to Mr Ian Blayney for providing us with a badge and a drink.

Blair

Maritime Museum Jim's Story - The museum was amazing. The thing I liked most was Jim's story. I enjoyed the part when Will M and Patrick had to act out the marriage of Jim and his wife. The story was interesting about how he got married, how he had to get his wife and kids back to Australia from overseas and how hard he had to work.

Alby

Fremantle Prison - The prison was interesting. I really liked the story of Moondyne Joe and how he escaped over a wall with a ball and chain. Once when he was mining rocks, he made the rocks so high the guards couldn't see and then he started mining the wall instead. When the crack was big enough, he shoved the shovel in the ground, put his clothes on the shovel and made it into a scarecrow, then ran out in his underpants to escape. Two years later Moondyne Joe walked into a cellar at Houghton's Wines. No one was there, so he decided to have a couple of drinks, but he had too many drinks. The owner of the bar invited the policemen to come and have some drinks on the same night. When they walked in, they found Moondyne laying on the floor asleep so, the policeman carried him back to the prison. Moondyne Joe escaped many times.

Alby

I found the visit to the Fremantle Prison very informative and interesting. I loved hearing about the attempted escapes of Moondyne Joe, and seeing the conditions where the prisoners used to live.

Melody

Wednesday 27 March - Kings Park & Naturescape



At Kings Park we went to our different activities, one group were environmental investigators and they learned about life cycles and the other group went on an orienteering adventure exploring Kings Park.

After both groups rotated, we had free time in the nature play area. There were tunnels that you could climb up into and we could also take our shoes off and go into the little lakes. We saw a tiny waterfall and we decided to make a dam. To our surprise, it turned out slightly successful and then we had to head back to the camp school.

It was a great experience to get to learn more about our native plants and animals and how we can help our environment.

Lucy

Thursday 28 March - Scitech

I liked the planetarium because I am fascinated by the Milky Way and the planets. I liked the Maths and Popcorn show as well as I like to do experiments. The experiments were cool because if you fill a volcano with bouncy balls and hydrogen it will blow up with a loud sound.

Harrison

Arriving at Scitech we walked into this large dome-shaped cinema room with a projection on the whole ceiling. This gentleman seated us in our spots to watch the presentation. Once we were seated, the man started the show and taught us about the Milky Way and the star constellations. Once he'd finished speaking, he showed us a short clip called "Space and Back". That taught us about the brain, satellites, and space. Once it finished, we walked up this staircase and went on to our other activities.

Samantha





Scitech was so fun. We dressed like a scientist and did some experiments to test for iron in Exmouth and the Pilbara. In free time we used the plasma ball, the air cannon and I also did this earthquake building game and the paper cup cutting and many, many, more fun activities. After free time, we went to an explosion show which was loud. We lit up a Hydrogen balloon, sent Neil Armstrong to the moon and built a volcano. We did Map Your World where you got to fill a map out to uncover secret places, there was escape the building, a game where the one person had to give instructions and the other had to follow. We also went to the shop. I bought dry ice-cream and a slinky. I would recommend Scitech to anyone who likes science, technology or fun times. Personally I would want to go to Scitech many more times.

Ki

Free play at Scitech we had more than thirty activities to choose from. There were two games/activities to help improve messaging.

Number one: you wrote a message on a little whiteboard put it in a cup then you put in a tube and jumped on an air cushion, the air then pushed the message through to the other side.

Number two: there was two humongous things that looked like satellites (they were both on opposite sides of the room, you wouldn't be able to hear each other if you spoke normally or whispered) you then talked into a little hole that somehow projected through to the other side as if the people were standing right next to each other.

There were still a number of things we got to play on like a bicycle to see how much power you could give by pedalling fast enough. It went in order from the littlest power needed to the most power needed. The order was: a lamp, power drill, computer then a PLASMA TV. I really liked Scitech.

Lucy

Friday 29 March - Perth Zoo



The zoo was great. As we walked around we saw lots of animals. My favourite was the monkey.

Digby

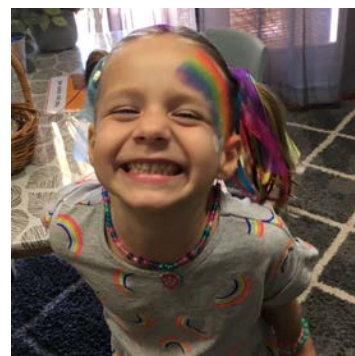
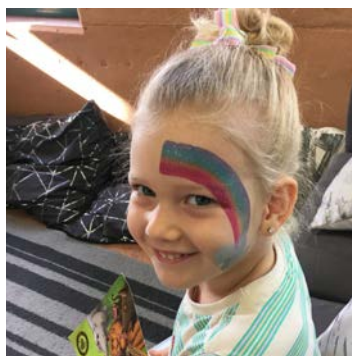
Year five camp was so fun! We stayed at the Swan Valley Adventure Centre. We got to stay in dorms with our friends. The girls were downstairs and the boys were upstairs. Activities at camp were team building games and ziplining, also known as the Flying Fox. It was exhilarating. My favourite thing about the camp was ziplining and laser tag. We watched a movie called Wonder. It taught us about bullying and the impact it can have. It was a sad and happy movie.

I would like to thank all the teachers that came on camp with us and organised this fun event. Thank you!!

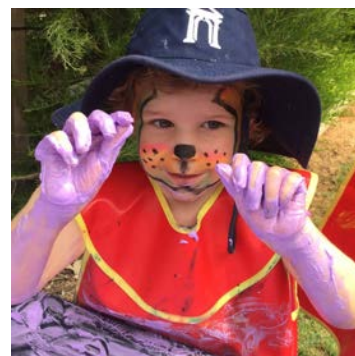
Emily



Kindy Rainbow Fun Day



As part of the Parents and Friends fundraiser, the Junior Kindy and Kindy students participated in a Rainbow Fun Day. They spent the day getting their faces painted, completing a rainbow inspired commando course and engaging in other colourful sensory activities with their friends and family members. An enjoyable day was had by all!





Brilliant in Blue Disco

On Friday 15 March, Murchison year 6 leaders hosted the first disco for this year. The theme was, "Be Brilliant in Blue". The focus of this disco followed our fantastic National Day Against Bullying and proceeds raised went towards 'Dolly's Dream'. This foundation was set up after the tragic suicide of 14-year-old Amy 'Dolly' Everett, after an extended period of bullying and cyberbullying.

It was a fantastic atmosphere at our first disco. We had many wonderful and creative costumes including Smurfs, grapes and butterflies. There were many games and prizes throughout the night and a wonderful array of sausages, snacks and drinks.

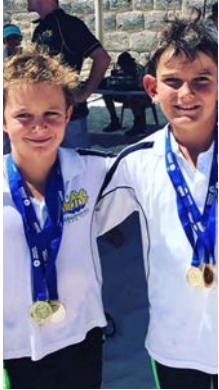
A big thanks to everyone that helped out with the event, especially our fantastic year 6 Murchison leaders, that kept the night running smoothly.

Watch out for our next disco in term 2.





Student News



Callum Sojan & Leon Plummer - Surf Life Saving Country State Champions

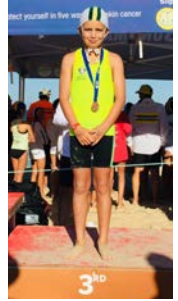
The boys competed in the Surf Life Saving Country Championships on Saturday 2 March at Sorrento Beach.

They won medals in the U10's category:

Callum Sojan - 3 x gold in the swim, Ironman and board rescue

Leon Plummer - gold in boards, and 2 x silver in beach flags & sprint

Back down in Perth two weeks later the boys competed in the State Championships at Scarborough Beach on Saturday 16 March. Leon came third to take the bronze medal in the paddle board final.



Rosey Rutter - Surf Life Saving Youth Achiever Award

Geraldton Surf Life Saving Club nominated Rosey for the Youth Achiever Award and on the 9 March at an exciting ceremony on Scarborough Beach, Prime Minister Scott Morrison presented her with the award!

"The award was for going down to surf club each week and taking the U/13 s group and going on Patrol when it was my rotation. I went down to Perth Friday afternoon and received the award on Saturday morning. Scott Morrison came down to congratulate all the award winners from each club".



Demi Bestry - Global Surf Industries Scholarship

Congratulations to Demi Bestry who has been successful in gaining a Global Surf Industries Scholarship. As part of her application, Demi was required to make a video and an accompanying written application identifying why life is better when you surf. In gaining the scholarship, Demi receives 2 surfboards of her choice and a \$1000 towards her education. Enjoy the surfboards, Demi!

14B Pumas Green Win Grand Final

Congratulations to the 14B Pumas Green team who won their basketball Grand Final on Sunday 24 March. The team made up of predominantly Geraldton Grammar Students defeated Pumas Blue 35-12.

Back row, Amber Bestry, Georgia Burrows, Amii See, Clancy Hann.
Front row, Christi Bestry.



Melody Kelly - High Distinction in Piano Exam

Congratulations to Melody for achieving a High Distinction in her practical piano exam.

"I really love music, and I am hoping to study at UWA with my cousin Amelia".
Melody

"Melody works hard with her piano studies, and this acknowledgement from UWA, of achieving a High Distinction in her practical Piano Exam, is well deserved".
Ms J. Beeck, Piano Teacher



Meagan with Sally McKenzie at Sorrento Beach

Meagan Plummer - State Surf Life Saving Medal Winner

"As a latecomer to the sport and never doing it as a child I was introduced to it through watching and cheering on my boys who enjoy surf club. So I decided to give it a go! I am part of the Geraldton Surf Life Saving Club and to compete at State Level you need to have your Bronze Medallion and also complete 16 or more patrolling hours at the beach during the surf life-saving season.

The Masters State events were held at Sorrento Beach on Saturday 2 March 2019. This was the day that you compete against other clubs from across the state in your age group. Together we competed in the Female Double Ski event and won Bronze. We also competed in the Board Rescue and won Silver. For individual events, I competed in the Beach Sprint (age 35-39) and the Beach Flags winning silver in both events.

It was a great day, full of sunshine, smiles and supportive friends and family. It was very rewarding, especially competing with Sally as we trained hard leading up to the event. It was also lovely to see how supportive my boys were encouraging me during my events, giving me advice as I got closer to the gold in the beach flags event!"



Donna Hope - Masters in Education (Curriculum)

Congratulations to Donna on completing her Masters of Education (Curriculum).

"It was a long journey from start to finish but I feel that the learning was all worth it and I can utilise most of it in making positive changes to my teaching practice. I began this degree when my children were still in school and it took a lot of my time away from them and their activities. Even though we are all pleased that it is done, I am already contemplating studying again in the near future".

Simon Moffatt - Welcomes a Daughter to his Family

If being the new Head of Secondary wasn't enough work for Simon, he and his wife Sally added to their young family with the birth of their daughter Sadie. Congratulations to the Moffatt family, especially big brother Parker.



Russell Jones - Rescues Stranded Kite Surfer & New Dad



Before starting at Geraldton Grammar School in February Russell was busy rescuing stranded kite surfers. As seen on Today Tonight he was part of the marine rescue crew who located a Perth kite surfer who was blown 10km off course.

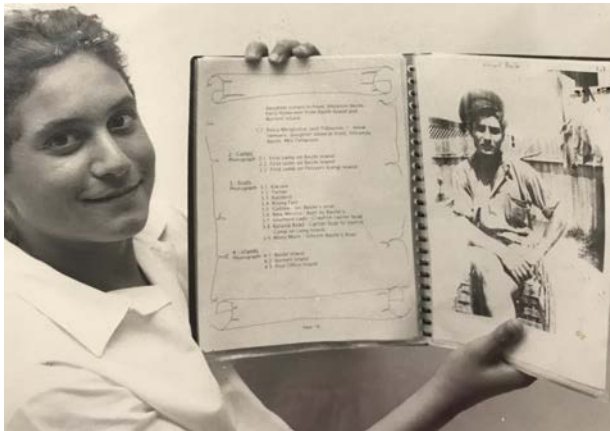
If that wasn't enough excitement, he and his fiancée Dallas Bruce (Head of Science at GGS) became parents for the first time welcoming a baby boy Jude into the world. Congratulations!





School History

A Trip Down Memory Lane - 23 Years Ago



FRONT ROW: Adrian Carlberg, Megan Chesson, Sarah Bettridge, Jack McDonald, Aimee Maddren
SECOND ROW: Katherine Hamersley, Tim Shingleton
THIRD ROW: Daniel Charnley, Hannah Corcoran, Sam Basile, Carene Woodcock, Chris Noonan
TEACHER Mrs. Bertrice Lodge
ABSENTEE: Jennie Flanagan

For many years our Primary students entered the Clem Burns Heritage Award, an award named after the first administration officer of the Geraldton Museum, to promote understanding of the natural and cultural heritage of the region. In the 1996 edition of The Archway I found an article written by Sam Basile, a current parent, when he was in year 7 and subsequently won as the overall winner of the Clem Burns Award. I found the article to be a terrific timeline of his families' involvement of the cray fishing industry, both historically for the region, and as an article by a student in year 7 at Geraldton Grammar School.

CLEM BURNS

Clem Burns was a legend in Geraldton. He was born in 1915. At the age of 12 he became a boy scout and in 1929 he was awarded the Scout's highest honour, King Scout. In 1945 he joined the Australian Navy and fought in the War. In 1977 he received the Australian Italian Award and in 1978 the Order of Australia.

The awards which bear his name are sponsored by the Geraldton Regional Museum annually and are open to students in the region in Years 5, 6 and 7, who submit a piece of original research with relevance to the Midwest.

Here follows an extract from Sam's winning entry. Sam's late grandfather, Vincent Basile was one of the Houtman Abrolhos pioneers, and source of much of Sam's research, before his death this year.

LOCATION

The Abrolhos Islands is a unique Archipelago of one hundred scattered islands, approximately sixty kilometers off the West Coast of Geraldton, WA. There are three main groups of islands which include the Pelsaert Group, commonly known as Southern Group, Easter Group (middle group) and Wallaby Group (northern Group).

There are some uninhabited islands at the Abrolhos. One well known one is Pelsaert Island, more commonly known as Long Island because it is an 'A' Class reserve and it's a wildlife sanctuary where rare birds are found. This island was once a tourist camp and a guano mining centre. Guano miners were there from 1847 and closed down 100 years later.

Basile Island is one of the first islands to have settlers at the Abrolhos. Vincenzo Basile and his three sons are the early pioneers of this island. I will be focusing on Vincenzo Basile and his three sons Vic, Vince and Lou in this project.

PIONEERS OF THE FISHING INDUSTRY AT THE ABROLHOS ISLANDS

In the 1940's my Great Grandfather Vincenzo Basile and his three sons Vittorio, Vincent (my Pop) and Luigi started going over to the Abrolhos Islands to fish. They used to wettline and catch grouper, dweffish and snapper and sell them. They were the first to set up camp and live on an island in Southern Group.

Pop started fishing at sixteen and has been fishing for fifty six years. He has skippered his boat (the only skipper in the fleet working on his own) without a deck since 1978 when my Dad stopped working for him. My Dad, Terry, decided for him for five years in the 1970's until he bought his own boat and moved to Burnett Island.

In 1996 GGS won the following awards:

Year 5 Art Award	Meg Ritchie <u>The Batavia Arch</u>
Year 5 Research Award	Hannah Corcoran <u>The Mills Family</u>
Year 6 Art Award	Kate Kalajich <u>The Coffee Pot</u>
Year 7 Art Award	Marisa Lodge <u>Abrolhos Reef</u>
Overall Winner	Sam Basile, Year 7 <u>Pioneers of the Houtman Abrolhos</u>

Uncle Vic was twenty three when he started fishing (he worked as a barber before that) and has been fishing for fifty one years. His son, Andrew, now skipper's his boat. Uncle Lou was sixteen when he started and fished for forty three years before selling up.

Some of the other early pioneers were the Gregos, Bob Sweet, Graham Wheatly, Pages, Travias, Bombaras, Alf Chericco, Lennox Thompson, Dick Carr, Murrighottas and the Hancock's. They all started building little shacks on Basile Island and later moved off to establish their own islands.

The island next door, known as Mangrove Island 2, had two families living there called Finlayson and Samuels. They used to help Del Gayes run the tourist camp on Pelsaert Island (we call it Long Island). My Pop says they only used to go to town for a holiday one month a year and used to get their food from a 60 foot boat called Batavia Road. Finlayson and Samuels also had their families live with them all year round. The tourist camp was not that successful and they found there was more money carting crays than having a tourist camp.

PRICES

When the early pioneers, my great grandfather, Vincenzo, my grandfather, Vincent and my great uncles, Victor and Luigi first started fishing they sold crays for eight pence a pound.

Later, when they started putting crays in cans during the war to sell to Australian troops, they were being sold for a tuppence a pound. They were sent frozen to the U.S.A. in the 1950's for one shilling and eight pence a pound.

Crayfishermen now sell their crays for twenty six dollars a kg which converts to approximately thirteen dollars a pound. Which is a huge difference to back then.



Vincent Basile

CAMPS

In the olden days people used to live in shacks made of whatever they could find on the island e.g. tin, metal, coral and anything else they could find. It would have also been very lonely and quiet because they were over there on their own without their wives or kids. There weren't many facilities when they first started, they jumped into the sea to wash themselves. They soon rigged up a bucket to have a shower.

The first camp on the island (which you will see in my photos, was made out of driftwood, old iron [that they could pick up from around the tip in Geraldton] and coral. It also had a corn sack cut open with a piece of heavy metal in the bottom of it to make a door.

That is what most of the camps were made of back then. It was my pop, my two great uncles and my great grandfather that built the first camp. The first toilet was made out of just a big crate with some bags wrapped around it. My pop made the toilet one afternoon when he didn't have anything to do.

All of the Basiles lived in the one camp. Later, when they started bringing their families over to the islands they all had a camp each. Basile Island became quite crowded with so many fishermen wanting to live at the islands and catch crayfish.

BOATS

Most boats back then were made out of wood and only about twenty feet. Now I will tell you all the boats my pop has had in order: Firstly, the Rain Bird then the Rising Fast then the Misty Morn which he still skipper's now. He has now been fishing for 56 years.

The first boat that Pop ever went on to go to the islands was called the Kia-ora which he went on with his father when he was eight years old. It was a 53 foot boat and my grandfather used to have three crew work on it with him.

Pop's father and his two brothers built a boat called the New Mexico (named because my great grandfather was either going to live in New Mexico or Australia and chose Australia) in the 1960's. A shipwright called Sid Liddon designed it and the Southern Lady which Pop also helped to build. Sid Liddon also became a fisherman and settled on Post Office Island. The New Mexico was sold in the 1970's and ended up running aground (Skipper: Graham Keardon, Owner: David Thomson) at Explosives Reef off Point Moore in May 1987.

ISLANDS

At the Abrolhos there were three islands which were called Mangrove Island one, two and three, which are now called Burnett Island, Hancock Island and Post Office Island. Basile Island and Hancock Island were named after the first fishermen that set up camp there. Post Office Island was named that because the carrier boat used to drop off all the mail there.

Now the fishermen collect their mail off the carrier boats themselves. Burnett Island was named after John Burnett but the Finlaysons and the Samuels were the first fishermen to build and live in the first camp on that island. Burnett moved in to their camp to go crayfishing later.



First camp on Basile Island