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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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Senior Formal



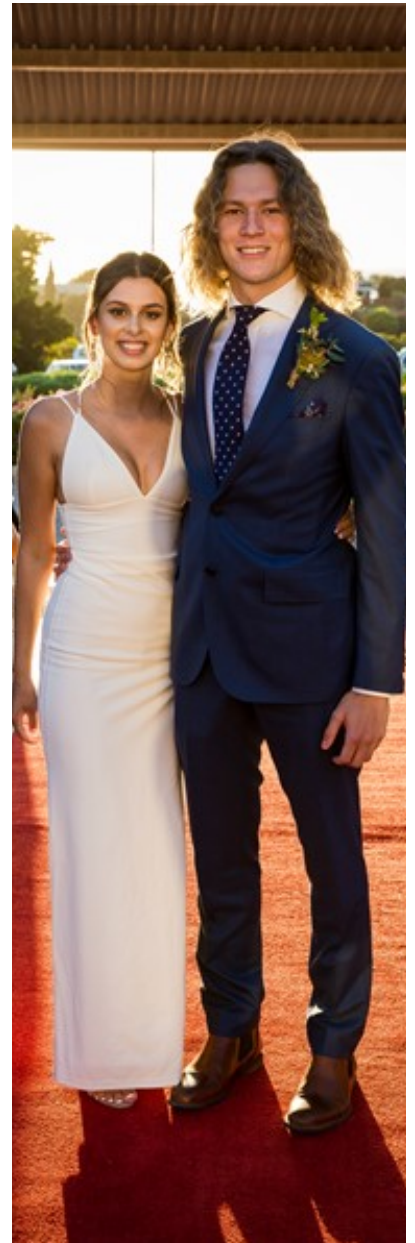
Geraldton Grammar students were transported to Hollywood on Saturday evening as the school held its annual Senior Formal. The hall was transformed into the glitz and glamour of Hollywood, with warm gold, red and black as prominent features.

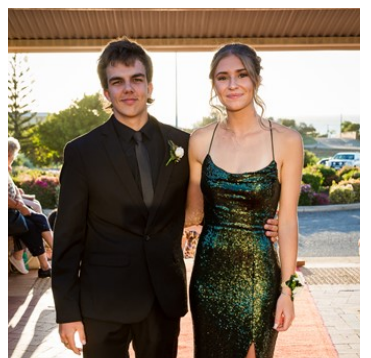
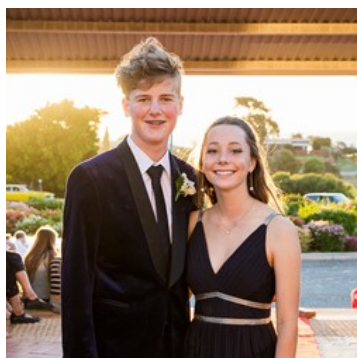
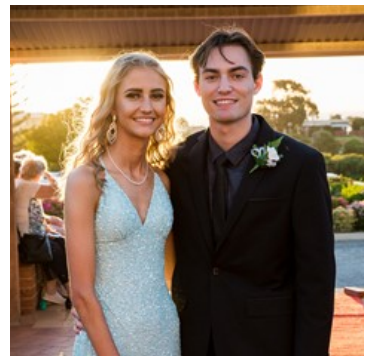
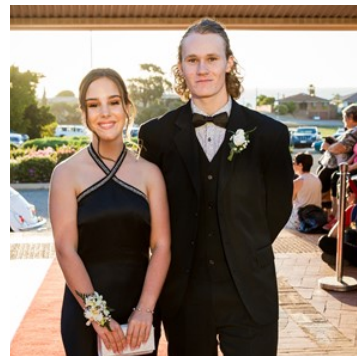
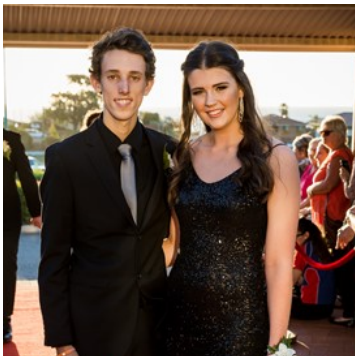
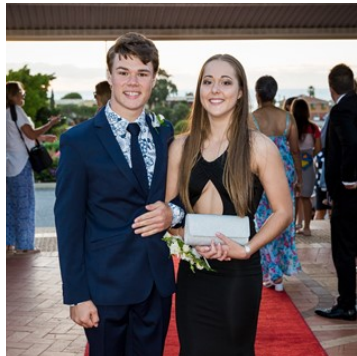
On arrival 160 students, enjoyed mocktails in the school's beautiful gardens, followed by a 3 course sit down meal, the Big Red Polaroid photo booth and DJ.

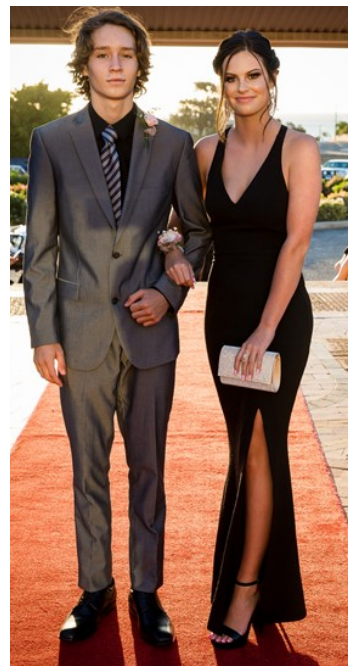
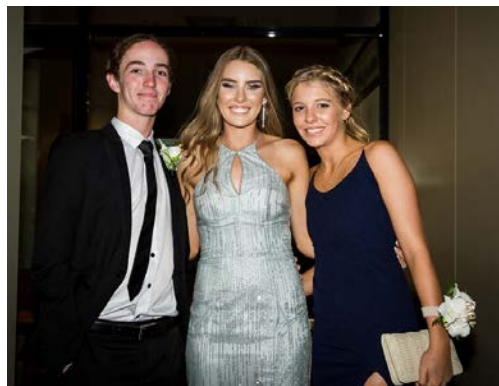
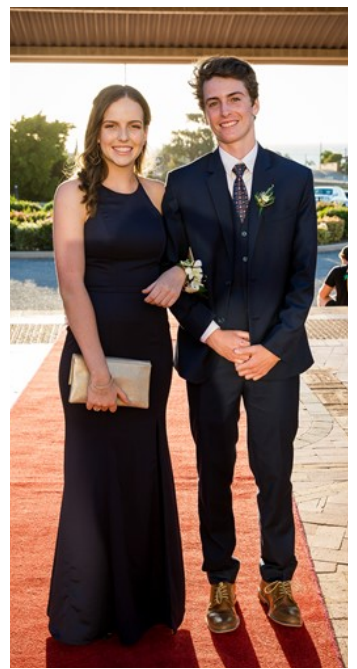
Students conducted themselves in a mature manner, fitting of the occasion and a total credit to their parents and the teachers of Geraldton Grammar School.

The Senior Formal is an important rite of passage event, which signifies the maturation of students and the opportunities this provides. For the students, it is a fantastic opportunity to socialise with each other in a semi-formal setting.

Thank goodness we were able to have the senior formal before the COVID-19 restrictions.









The National Day Against Bullying and Violence



Friday 20 March marked the tenth anniversary of The National Day Against Bullying and Violence. Primary school students and teachers acknowledged the occasion by taking on the Great Kindness Challenge.

Our theme for this year was:
A Kindness Kitter a day keeps the bullies away

A quote created by our newly formed INSPIRE Leadership Team.

Throughout the week all classes took part in daily acts of kindness. On Friday to mark the day, students created Kindness Kritters to further highlight the theme.

The INSPIRE Leadership Team was also very busy throughout the week spotting random acts of kindness being performed around the school.



**National Day
of Action** against
Bullying and Violence

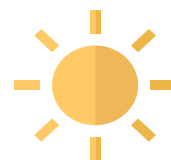
Friday 20 March 2020



Year 1/2 Excursion



On 13 March a group of Year 1/2 students visited the Bluff Point foreshore and the Lighthouse Keeper's Cottage Museum. At the museum, Mrs Rita Stinson showed students how kerosene lanterns, gramophones and typewriters were used in the past. Mr Stan Grate kindly drove his 100-year-old car down to the museum and discussed with students the differences between his old car and modern cars today.



On the return walk to St George's beach park, students observed the weather instrument cage on Kempton Street making connections to our Science topics about the weather and earth's resources. Thank you very much to Mrs Stinson and Mr Grate for welcoming us to the museum and bringing the past to life for our students.





Stigma Stops Here Tour

AFL greats Jake Edwards and Dipper were road-tripping up the west coast to **#StartTheConversation** around mental health with local communities, sporting clubs and schools.

They stopped off at Geraldton Grammar School on Wednesday 11 March to talk to our senior school students and advise them on how to support each other and to declare **#StigmaStopsHere**.



Secondary Rowing

With the recent purchase of some rowing machines by the Secondary PE department, the Year 9 and Year 10 students started a landbased rowing program in sport.

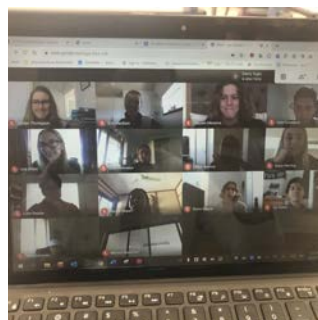
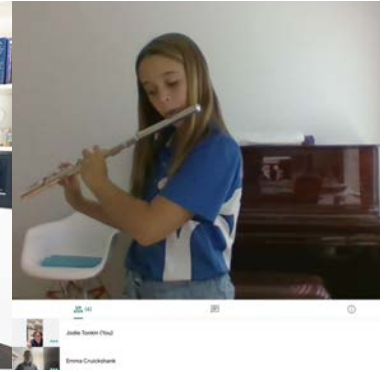
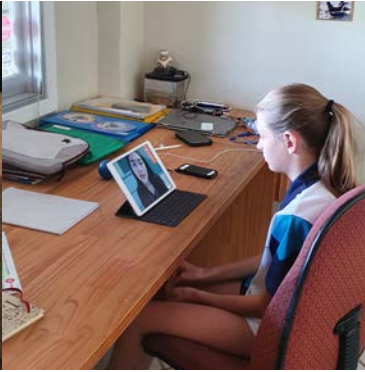




Online Learning

With the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic reaching Australian shores in February it became a countrywide effort to slow the spread and contain the highly contagious virus. After weeks of constant updates and restrictions, the school was closed to the majority of students and teaching and learning was moved to homes. With a number of online platforms and learning packs for younger students, school at home has become the norm while we ride out this unpredictable storm.

#staysafestayhome



PARENT TESTIMONIALS



"I feel compelled to recognise your outstanding work and acknowledge how grateful our family are at how seamless this transition has been for our daughter in a world that can currently be quite unsettling for our children. Having a well-designed virtual learning platform such as Geraldton Grammar School has put in place is truly an incredible feat. Word has certainly got around about how well we have been positioned for this change as parents of children at Grammar.

As you may know, I am an essential worker and right now our workplace is experiencing great demands around daily change and being prepared for what may lie ahead. Having our daughter at a school that was flexible with children being able to remain at school if necessary, whilst also offering virtual homeschooling (almost as if she was sitting in the classroom) was an incredible relief for us"

Year 7 Parent



"After a couple of days working with my daughter, I just wanted to express my gratitude to you and your team for all the hard work and dedication you put into creating the take-home packs along with Seesaw lessons. The effort and planning must have been significant to ensure such continuity of learning in these unprecedented times. Please pass on my appreciation to all concerned, we appreciate the way you have gone above and beyond expectations to look after the educational needs of our children"

Pre Primary & Year 2 Parent



"We would really like to thank you and all of the Grammar staff for your immense efforts this term and while the circumstances have been far from ideal, you have all seemingly taken the challenges in your stride.

We can only commend you and thank you, for making that undoubtedly difficult stand to close the school last week. Thankfully we had our fabulous school to step up and make the call for us and to say that we were extremely grateful for the bravery and leadership you showed, would be an understatement. I loved how you respectfully asked for us to keep the students at home if we could, but then also provided options for those that could not. I guess you would have faced some people that were not impressed with the decisions that were made, but I'm sure for a lot of us, it really took the pressure off. Plus everyone then knew that that was the plan for the immediate future and we weren't left wondering each day, what the next would bring. The staff's ability to adapt to the online learning is to be commended and we really do consider ourselves very lucky to have teachers so willing to step up to the plate in times like this. They have obviously had to commit way more of their own time to come to terms with their new ways of delivery and I know quite a few parents who have a renewed respect for the work that teachers do"

Year 11 Parent



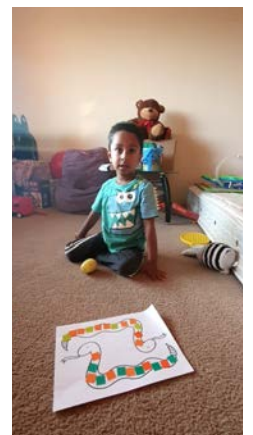
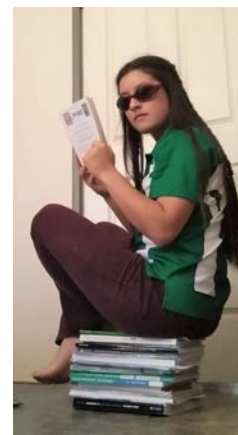
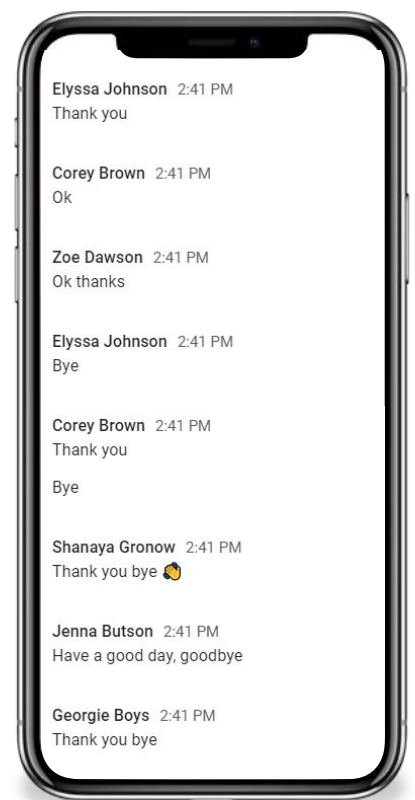
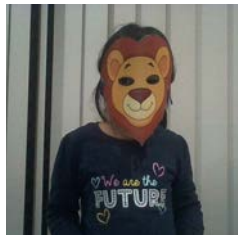
"Thank you for all the great work you are doing to keep our kids safe and educated. We are proud to be a part of the GGS Community"

Year 6 Parent



"I think we have all felt adrift at certain times lately but seeing our daughter settling into her new rhythm of online classes has been truly a pleasure to witness! Thank you, to yourself and all your magical staff for not only implementing the online classes but checking in on all our children's wellbeing"

Year 9 Parent



Student News



Aarav Dhillon - Hosts a Successful Birthday Fundraiser

In February Aarav celebrated his 9th birthday with his school mates and some other family friends. He made a decision to use his birthday party as a fundraising event for Cancer Research. So he asked his guests not to bring any presents but support him to raise money for the cause. He received a donation box from Cure Cancer Australia Foundation for his event. His parents are very proud and wanted him to understand that when you stand up for a good cause, you are never alone. Total money raised was \$1135 and he has deposited it into the Cure Cancer Australia Foundation's account. Aarav is very happy and grateful to all the generous contributors.

