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Striving for Excellence





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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Year 12 Induction Service

The service held on Friday 4 February signified an opportunity to thank God for our School, while asking for his blessing on the year ahead. It also allowed the school community to acknowledge special achievements and to induct the Year 12 class of 2022.

The Year 12 student leaders must be commended on conducting an excellent service.

P-12 One School for Life Recipients



Georgia Burrows , James Gething, Jimmy Hyde , Kristy Orr, Aidan Peacey, Jarrod Purcher, Scarlett Singleton

Susan Shaw Medal Recipient

Awarded to the student achieving the highest ATAR score from the class of 2021. Connie Greeve was acknowledged as the very worthy recipient.



ATAR 90 Club



7 Students from the class of 2021 were inducted into the inaugural ATAR 90 Club in recognition for achieving an ATAR rank of 90 and above. Congratulations to the following students for your hard work and dedication.

Elliot Beat, Tahnee Gronow, Hiranya Ratnayake, Connie Greeve, Poppy Lockley, Rose Adamson, Lily Edwards.

Year 6 Leadership Big Day In



As part of the Year 6 House Leadership Program, Year 6 students participated in a “Big Day In”, held at school in week 2. Through games, challenges and other activities, they had the opportunity to develop their teamwork and communication skills. The students learned about the attributes of good leaders, reflecting on their own leadership abilities and setting goals for the year ahead. It was a fun filled day that also allowed the Year 6s to get to know each other and to develop new friendships.



Secondary Swimming Carnival

The 2022 Interhouse Hub Swimming Carnival was a fast and furious morning with the Year 7 and 8 Hub. The students enjoyed the novelty events with our new House coloured inflatables. Congratulations to Jaxon Tindall, Tyson Opalinski, Macy Halford, Olive Davidson and Scarlett Shortall, Callum Sojan, Riley Fong, Max Creasy, Emily Canny and Summer Parker for winning the Champion and Runner Up Champion medals. Well done Jaxon Tindall for breaking the 50m Breaststroke records.



The Year 9 and 10 Hub was a slightly slower paced schedule however that didn't stop athletes like Nicole Chamberlain for breaking the 50m Freestyle and the 50m Butterfly records. As well as Hamish Sojan for breaking the 50m Butterfly record. Congratulations to Hamish Sojan, James Tindall, Nicole Chamberlain, Sophia Kalajzich, Sandy Hann, Rowan Jermyn, Christi Bestry and Hanah Chapman for winning Champion and Runner Up Champion medals.

The Year 11 and 12 Hub was a very social and fun affair with the Year 12s enjoying their time in the water and some dressing up as Teletubbies. Thank you to all of the Year 12 helpers for timing, collecting caps, taking photos and many more jobs throughout the day. Congratulations to Matthew Chamberlain, Alan Wei, Sydney Williams, Olivia Hurst, Sky Loy, Benjamin Todd, Emily MacPherson and Sabine Angelatos for winning Champion and Runner Up champion medals.



**Congratulations
to Murchison
- Interhouse
Swimming Carnival
Champions for
2022.**

Secondary Hub Captains

The Leadership Program provides students in Years 7-12 with the opportunity for personal development and reflection, encouraging responsibility, respect and compassion for others. It enables the students to develop life skills and empowers them to make a positive contribution to the community, now and for the future. Students will gain opportunity to develop their decision-making, act as role models, and to be of service to their school and peers. The hub captains will work alongside the school captains, gathering student voices amongst their respected year groups and leading acts of service within the school community.

Congratulations to the students voted in by staff and their peers as for Semester 1 Hub Captains.



Year 8 – Angus Chadbourne / Aurora Milnes



Year 9 – Taylor Penney / Elle Ryan



Year 10 – Ashleigh Blignaut / Asher Milnes



Year 11 – Matthew Chamberlain / Lissi Taylor

Primary Captains



Primary School Captains for 2022:
Matilda Canny & Spencer Sojan

Semester 1 Primary House Captains

Chapman: Esta Penberthy
Greenough: Arley Mitchell
Irwin: Henry Burton
Murchison: Noah Brown

Kindy Teddy Bear Picnic

On Sunday 28 January we hosted our Get Ready for Kindy Teddy Bear Picnic. Families from the Junior Kindy and Kindy classes came together and spent the afternoon getting to know one another before the start of the school year. The Kindy students spent the afternoon playing with their friends, cuddling their teddy bears, reading stories and dancing to some teddy bear songs. Lots of new friendships were made whilst everyone enjoyed some yummy picnic treats. We would like to thank everyone who helped to make this event a success.



Starting Kindy

Our Junior Kindergarten and Kindy students have had such an exciting start to the year. Our Kindy programs are designed to allow the youngest children at our school to explore the delights of learning in a play based environment. The students have settled in beautifully to their new classrooms. They have formed new friendships, are becoming familiar with the classroom routines and are eager to participate in all aspects of the program. The children have been busy exploring their new environments; relishing in sand and water play in the outdoor area, participating in craft activities, delving into new Literacy and Numeracy concepts and investigating the various learning centres within the classroom. They have also been out and about around the campus with visits to the library and music room.



Walker Learning

Walker Learning Approach - Play to Learn in our Early Steps Classrooms!



Geraldton Grammar School uses the Walker Learning Investigation Approach from K-2 to provide our students with a great start to their primary school learning. This approach provides students with the opportunity to play and investigate in their area of interest with provocations related to the classes learning intentions for the fortnight. The Walker Learning Approach draws upon evidence from neuroscience and human development and reflects and respects the uniqueness of culture, family and relationships. It uses play-based and personalised learning theories as its basis and retains explicit instruction of literacy and numeracy. We love seeing our students flourish and enjoy their early steps at Geraldton Grammar School.



Primary Health - Feelings

How Do You Feel Today?

During Health lessons, early learning students have been identifying their own feelings and discussing positive ways to react to their emotions to have a happy and productive day. Identifying how friends and family members are feeling helps us to look out for other people and help them to have a happy day too.



Staff News

Derek Lange - Outward Bound Community Partnership Award



Outward Bound Australia (OBA) was delighted to recognise Derek Lange at OBA Tharwa on Friday 10 December at the launch of OBA as a Duke of Edinburgh Open Award Centre by our patrons Their Excellencies the Governor General and Mrs Hurley.

It was an honour to bestow Derek with a Community Partnership Award for his work with OBA, as recognised through the Awarding of an OBA 'Blue Peter' pin and in the Award inscription below:



"Derek is a passionate believer in the power of Outward Bound and has been supporting OB programs for nearly 10 years. In the field, Derek is compassionate and relatable, quickly building rapport to facilitate learning. In backup at base, he is a champion, bringing pragmatic outdoor experience and a true sense of team. Given WA border closures, without Derek's willingness to step up at Walpole base this year, the programs would not have been possible."

We are aware that there are many Geraldton Grammar School students that have benefited from the OBA program in a way that would not have been possible without Derek's passion and commitment to the program. Thank you to the whole Geraldton Grammar community for another year supporting Outward Bound Australia (OBA).

Student News

Christi Bestry - Medallist at the WA State Athletics Championships

In February Christi went down to Perth to compete in the WA State Athletics Championships. She first competed in the U16 3000m and with her best performance ever, she silver medalled with a 10 second PB of 10:30mins.

Then to go one better in her next race, she won Gold in the U16 Girls 2000m Steeplechase in a time of 7:38mins.

Christi's next track meet will be at the Australian National Athletics Championships in Sydney Olympic Park, in late March where she will complete in both events. She is so excited to be going to represent WA on track for a second time.



Finley Painter - Black Belt in Taekwondo



In late December Finley met his ultimate goal of achieving his junior black belt in Taekwondo before reaching secondary school. This is by no means an easy achievement.

Finley started Taekwondo in Year 1, with Mrs Eckesley to enable his confidence especially with his dyslexia and lack of confidence. He worked hard over 5 years to progress from Tigers which is infants pre colour belts, right through to the 1st Dan Black Belt.

Finlay has demonstrated dedication, commitment, determination, perseverance and indomitable spirit to achieve this award.



To top this, Finley choose to coach younger Taekwondo students under the supervision of Master Bradley which he completed but then continued as he loved encouraging younger students.

This continued coaching showed that several of his students progressed and graded to a higher level with Finley's help.

Finley was awarded for his dedication and support to the Academy. In addition, he now has an International recognition of his ability which means that he can be anywhere in the world and his achievement is recognised.



Sailing - 2022 State Pelican Association Championships

The 64th Pelican State title was held in Walpole in January with the Geraldton Yacht Club taking down 10 boats.



Some notable results from the regatta including Geraldton Grammar School students: 'Got Wind' crewed by Leong Chan and his partner Ashleigh took 2nd Place overall.

Banjo Stewart was also nominated for the Kevin Rose Award which is given to a sailor who has sailed for at least 3 years and has given back to the class by developing new sailors, who always sails fairly, and who has the determination to succeed.



Freddie Boys and his Skipper Taj who won the Consistency Trophy sailing Presto.



Georgie Boys - Junior Vice Captain for the Geraldton Yacht Club season 2021-2022.



Geraldton Yacht Club also received the Club Travellers Perpetual Trophy which is awarded to the club that brings the highest percentage of their fleet. Awesome effort.