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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 clearly evident.

*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





# Biggest Morning Tea

On Wednesday 12 May, Geraldton Grammar School held their annual Biggest Morning Tea event to raise funds for the Cancer Council. The Year 8 cohort organised and coordinated the event as part of the Grammar School's Service Programme. All the Year 8 students were required to bring a plate of food to share and were involved on the day with the event. They organised and ran a variety of stalls, including the Cake raffle which proved to be very popular! The entertainment was provided by Stuart Orchard our new music teacher and DJ Russell Pusey. A total of \$1376.50 was raised. Thank you to all Year 8 parents, students and staff, particularly Sharon Cole, Clare Place and Dallas Bruce who made the event so successful, and all the members of our community who came along to support the event.





# Secondary Cross Country 2021

A beautiful morning for the Secondary Cross Country Carnival, with students competing on a fresh track at the Beresford foreshore. Students participation and sportsmanship was outstanding.

Congratulations to the following students on achieving Champion Boy or Girl for their year level.

Year	Runner Up Champion Girl	Runner Up Champion Boy	Champion Girl	Champion Boy
7		Callum Sojan	Olivia Teakle Aurora Milnes	Riley Fong
8	Ruby Lin	James Tindall	Nicole Chamberlain	Hamish Sojan
9	Milly Kalajzich	Asher Milnes	Christi Bestry	Banjo McBeath
10	Clancy Hann	Angus Krinks	Olivia Hurst	Matthew Chamberlain
11	Izzy Krinks	Jimmy Hyde	Amber Bestry	James Gething
12	Darcie Newman	Mitchell Thompson	Poppy Lockley	Tallis Kentish



**The Champion House - Murchison!!**





# Primary Swimming Lessons



Early in term 2 our Primary school classes completed two weeks of swimming lessons at Geraldton Aquarena. With our Geraldton coastal lifestyle, learning to swim and be safe around the water is a very important skill for our students to learn.



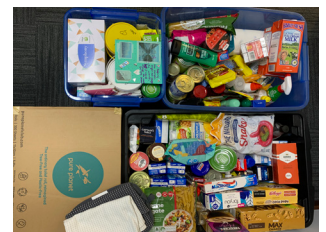
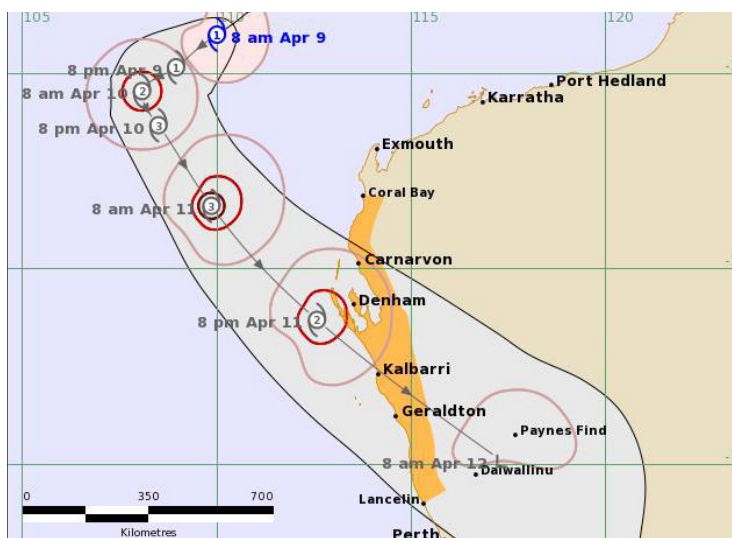
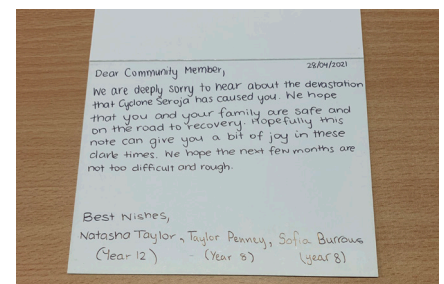
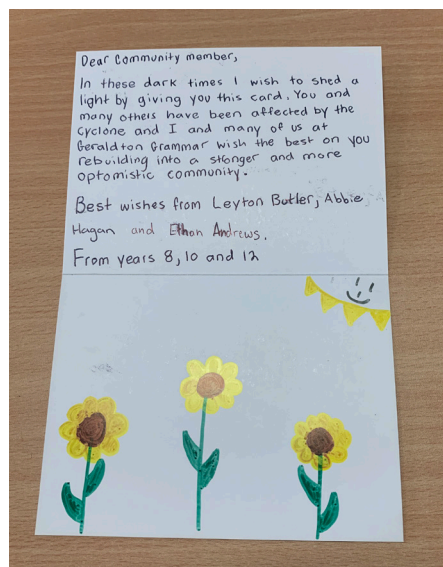
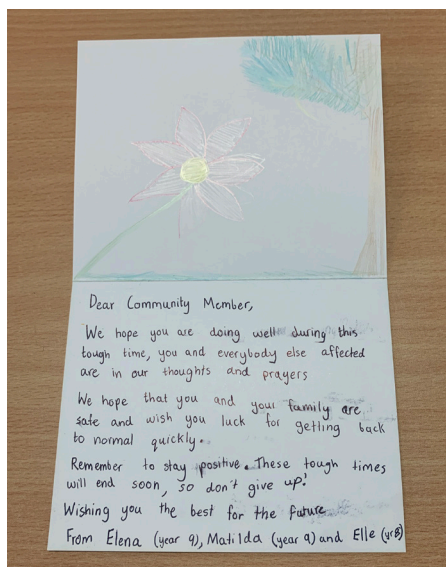


# Cyclone Seroja

Thank you to our wonderful community for actively helping with our drive to help those in need after the damage from Cyclone Seroja. The labour of 8 staff and 8 students was greatly appreciated by Brian and Rachel Ayers on their farm just outside of Northampton. The baking and generous donations have been taken out to the areas in need. We are so grateful our school survived and that the structural part of the gym build had not commenced.

Some of our students wrote some beautiful cards of best wishes to let those who have suffered loss to let them know that we are thinking of them.

Here are some examples of what are students wrote in their cards:



We sent many cards with similar messages and hope they make a difference. Our four school core values are Respect, Responsibility, Inclusivity and Perseverance and this is exactly the values that the students picked up on for their messages. Thank you to all our beautiful students who wrote such thoughtful messages.



# Kindergarten Mother's Day Afternoon Tea



On Thursday 13 May the Junior Kindy and 4 Year Old Kindy classes hosted a Mother's Day Afternoon Tea to help celebrate their special Mums and Grandmothers. The students and their family members spent the afternoon enjoying some delicious sweet treats under the shade of the Early Learning tree. It was a wonderful afternoon and the Kindy students cherished sharing some special time with their loved ones.





# Outdoor Education Camps

## Rottnest Island

During Week 9 of Term 1 the Year 12 Outdoor Education students travelled to Rottnest Island for their first expedition of the year. The students spent the first term cycling and this camp allowed them to demonstrate the skills they had built up during Term 1. Students were also assessed on their planning, working with others, personal skills, leadership and relationship with nature. Students were treated to some fantastic weather and had a great time. A big thank you to Ms Cinanni and Mrs Opalinski for attending with the students.





# Coral Bay

As part of the Year 11 Outdoor Education course students attended a week long expedition to Coral Bay. Student's snorkelled at some fantastic sites including Quobba, Coral Bay and Turquoise Bay. We witnessed an array of sea life including fish, coral, sting rays, turtles and reef sharks. The highlight for many was the Manta Ray tour which allowed students to swim freely with these fantastic creatures. Students were assessed practically on snorkelling and observed on their expedition, leadership and group cohesion skills. The group were treated to some fantastic weather and had a great time.





# WA Bayliss Youth Lecture 2021

The Western Australian Branch of RACI established the Bayliss Youth Lecture Series in 1971 to pay tribute to the late emeritus Professor Sir Noel Bayliss and to encourage in young people an interest in chemistry. The lectures are given by inspirational chemistry speakers from academe and industry. The 2021 Bayliss Youth Lecture was an engaging lecture by Professor Gretchen Benedix from Curtin University titled, "Life in the Universe: Astrobiology and Water in Space".



Geraldton Grammar School is thankful for the assistance of Nagle Catholic College in bringing Professor Benedix to Geraldton to provide this lecture to our students. Our Year 11 and 12 Physics students enjoyed the opportunity to hear about research at the frontier of, literally, our part of the universe.

*"It was fascinating."*  
Lily Edwards

*"I learnt new things about Mars' geography that I didn't expect."*  
Jarrod Purcher

*"It really helped me understand the transferability of skills between different sciences."*  
Elliot Beat

## Geraldton Regional STEM Festival and Careers Expo 2021

Geraldton Grammar School took our Year 10 students to the careers expo held at TAFE to give them a chance to interact and meet with a variety of professionals working in science based careers. Our students found it rewarding, especially in light of the focus on course counselling which begins this term.

*"It was good because it showed me what type of careers are available in STEM."*  
Harry Clarke

*"It was informative and gave me an insight into different careers to consider."*  
Adelle Boyle-Newman



*"It was a great opportunity to talk to different people and see a range of careers to think about."*  
Jack Preston



# Secondary Badminton



Ian Bridge is a highly regarded Badminton coach around Australasia. He is the coach and development officer for Badminton Oceania and made time in his trip to visit Geraldton to coach some of our Year 7 students in a one hour session. The students learned some basic grips, footwork and skills as an introduction to Badminton in Physical Education. The students experienced fun and success and we look forward to Ian coming back to Geraldton Grammar School next year.



## Staff News



Congratulations to Chad Greenaway and his wife Ros on the safe arrival of Flynn in April. The new Greenaway family would like to thank everyone for the well wishes and support they have received.





# Student News

## Melody Kelly & Samantha Scott - Piano Awards



Congratulations to Melody Kelly and Samantha Scott for achieving high distinctions in their Grade 1 theory exams.

They have worked consistently hard to achieve this outstanding result, which matches their practical abilities in their piano studies.

Well done girls, Jenny Beeck.

## Tanisha Suppiah - Scrabble Champion

Tanisha had been representing Australia in the World Youth Scrabble Championship since she was 8 and attends weekly club games and took part in the Scrabble WA tournament on 16 May in Perth. Tanisha is the only junior playing against senior scrabble players, some with over 40 decades of playing experience. She won 6 out of 7 games and topped her division. Her next competition will be the WA Championships in July. Congratulations Tanisha.



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**Results from round 7**

1. Tanisha Suppiah	6 +302
2. Carol Crawford	5 +221
3. Pat Locke	4 +385
4. Maxine Baker	4 +326
5. Rosie Anghie	4 +135
6. June Lewis	4 +23
7. Pat Mulroney	4 -194
8. Chris Sanders	2 -143
9. Ros Haines	1 -374
10. Susan Panczyk	1 -681

**High game:** Pat Locke 434  
**High word:** Chris Sanders JABBERS 94

## Lailah Bellottie - Awarded a Scholarship by the CSIRO



Lailah has been awarded a scholarship to be mentored as part of the CSIRO Young Indigenous Women's STEM Academy in Science program. The Young Indigenous Women's STEM Academy gives young Indigenous women the tools and support they need to succeed in an exciting career in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). It sounds like a fantastic opportunity and she will be supported by the school throughout. Congratulations Lailah.





## Amber Bestry & Rosie Perham - All Aboard the Leeuwin

During the Easter holidays Amber and Rosie set sail on the STS Leeuwin II sailing from Fremantle to Monkey Mia. As this was Amber's second trip, she was part of the volunteer crew and enjoyed her time below deck as the Cook's Mate.

For Rosie this was her maiden voyage on the Leeuwin so she had to learn the ropes, literally and collaborate with the other participants to sail the ship.

*"The Leeuwin Adventure Voyage was a once in a lifetime experience where I met loads of amazing new people and conquered challenges far out of my comfort zone. It was such an enriching journey so if anyone receives the opportunity to experience the Leeuwin, definitely give it a shot. Sunrises, sunsets, laughs with new friends and some great food along the way! Jump on board!"*

Rosie Perham



## Isla Satie - Talented Footballer



After representing Geraldton at Country Week last year Isla was selected to attend the Football West 2021 Country Camp an 'annual development camp consisting of the best junior players from regional Western Australia. Facilitated by FFA accredited coaches, Country Camp provides a development opportunity for young talented footballers and a pathway to state representative teams.'

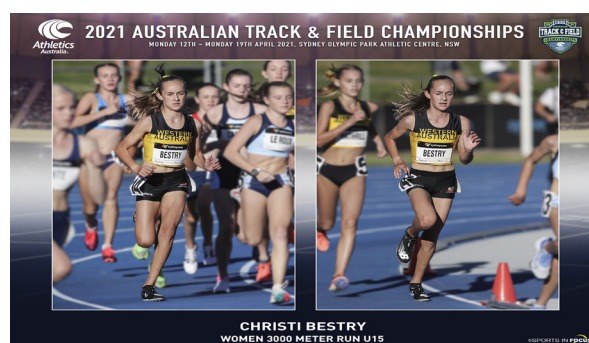


At the beginning of May she was also selected for the Football West Midwest Talent Support Program after tryouts at the end of April. The camp will bring together 28 talented regional players in July to participate in intensive professional training sessions by Football West's advanced coaches. Congratulations Isla.

## Christi Bestry - National Track & Field Championships

Christi competed at the Australian Track & Field Championships at the Sydney Olympic Park during the Term 1 school holidays, representing WA in the U15 Girls 3000m. It was a tough, gruelling race with a very strong field of 35 competitors from all states, and won by a WA athlete.

Performing on the big stage was an incredible experience for Christi and she loved every minute. She also loved touring the sites of Sydney afterwards!





## Luke Wheat (2001) - Black Soldier Fly Technology



After leaving Geraldton Grammar School Luke went onto university to complete two degrees - Bachelor of Science (Marine Science and Conservation Biology) and Bachelor of Aquatic Science (Coastal Zone Management). With a diverse range of experience across field biology and environmental management operations, Luke brings a unique and multidisciplinary approach to the research and development to enable growth of Future Green Solutions technology and process.

Future Green Solutions is a Perth-based locally owned and operated company, currently commercializing the process of farming black soldier flies. They also provide sustainable and cost effective solutions for the collection and disposal of organic waste, which would otherwise be sent to landfill at a high cost to the waste generator.

Luke and his team, including fellow 2001 graduate Sam McConkey have had a number of successes with their Black Soldier Fly Technology converting agricultural waste into high quality fertilisers and reducing farming waste production. They are hoping to take their research commercial in the next financial year with the potential to employ up to 40 people.

Congratulations Luke and Sam. Geraldton Grammar School wishes Future Green Solutions well in its future endeavours.



To more information on Future Green Solutions check out their website:

<https://www.futuregreensolutions.com.au>



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