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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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# Randolph Stow Awards

Award Recipients
Lower Primary Prose Arya Khan Year 3 - Highly Commended
Lower Primary Poetry Gareth Taylor Year 3 - Highly Commended
Lower Primary Prose Kara Pothan Year 3 - Highly Commended
Lower Primary Prose Synnove Dhillon Year 4 - 2nd Place
Upper Primary Poetry Esta Penberthy Year 6 - 2nd Place
Lower Secondary Poetry Angus Chadbourne Year 8 - 3rd Place
Middle Secondary Prose Amara Starling Year 9 - Highly Commended
Middle Secondary Prose Elle Ryan Year 9 - Highly Commended
Middle Secondary Prose Shanaya Gronow Year 10 - Highly Commended
Middle Secondary Prose Lily Scrimgeour Year 9 - 1st Place
Upper Secondary Prose Cullyn Kentish Year 11 - 3rd Place
Upper Secondary Prose Clancy Hann Year 11 - 2nd Place
Upper Secondary Prose Oscar Lin Year 11 - Highly Commended



Pat Gallaher Encouragement Award  
Oscar Lin  
Year 11 - 1st Place





# Book Week 2021

The Book Week parade and assembly forms part of our annual celebration of children's literature. Held in conjunction with the Children's Book Council of Australia's awards, which recognise amazing new books by Australian authors and illustrators. Students from Kindy to Year 6 were joined by Year 12 students, parading through the library, secondary school and administration in their creative costumes.

The theme for this year's Book Week was "Dreaming with Eyes Open". Students from 5/6M acknowledged that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been telling stories for thousands of years, before there were any books. The Year 5/6s then recited two children's picture books, including one that was a finalist in this year's awards.





# Secondary Camp Week

## Year 7 Nukara Camp



My name is Levi Beckett and I am here to tell you about our Year 7 school camp to Nukara. I had never been on a school camp before, so I was really excited about it. My Dad is kind of obsessed with checking the forecast, so I knew it was going to be a rough start. Sure enough, on day one we arrived at school in the blasting wind and rain. Determined not to let this ruin our fun, we pulled on our big boy pants and tried our luck at the fish farm. Luck was in very short supply, but a few people landed a fish. We could sense the morale was sinking, but we hoped for more success with the yabbies, after all, we had the 'specially formulated' bait pellets, how could we possibly fail? There are 50 of us who could tell you how! Things weren't off to a flying start and I think the teachers sensed we needed a pick-me-up, so they pretty much let us off the chain. We played the best spotlight game of all time. The next day, things really picked up and we got to try our hand at a range of different activities. A couple of highlights for me were building and floating our rafts made of sticks and bark and cooking some damper over the fire, browning it to perfection. After we got over our withdrawal symptoms of missing out on screen time, I think most of us actually enjoyed getting back to some good old fashion outdoor fun. So on behalf of Year 7's, I would really like to thank all of the teachers who were involved in making this awesome camp happen. I just can't wait until next year's camp.





## Year 8 Gunnado Farm Camp

In camps week, the Year 8s went to Gunnado Farm in Walkaway. The camp consisted of various interesting activities organised by the teachers. With Miss Gerrard, we learnt about sedimentary rocks and tried to make some. We also made fossils with things that we found in the bush.

On the first night we played Fortnite Spotlight and a game of Murder In The Dark with Mr Angelatos. After a very cold and rainy night, we learnt how to take bearings on a compass with Ms Cinanni, and managed to find the bearings of a few different objects. We also did some arts and crafts with Miss Clarkson making fabric finger puppet monsters.

Mr Angelatos gave us a scavenger hunt to complete throughout the camp, we had to solve a sudoku puzzle, find a right angled twig, as well as picking up scat to name a few of the challenges.

After a while we went away from the campsite with Ms Moorfield to find objects in the bush that matched various different colours; it was interesting to see what colours are hidden beneath giant trees.

With Mr Da Silva, we constructed huge catapults and fired tennis balls, after a while we decided to make ourselves human targets. On the last day of camp we went to Ellendale Pool and learnt about the area and culture surrounding it. When we got back on the road everyone was tired and ready to get back home. Thank you to all the teachers that put up with us annoying little Year 8s.

by Sania Sanjeev and Amelia Alegado

Thanks to Priscilla Papertalk, Cynthia Indich and Lynsey Allen from NACC who delivered the cultural experience at Ellendale Pool.





## Year 9 Galena Camp



Galena camp provided students with the opportunity to hone their personal preparation skills in readiness for Outward Bound in Term 4. Dressing appropriately for all weather conditions, setting a heavy backpack to ride comfortably, keeping well-nourished and hydrated were just some of the important considerations that students had to attend in order to ensure a safe and enjoyable three days camped out near the abandoned Geraldine mine.

Forty six Year 9 students attended the camp along with six staff who supervised a variety of activities conducted over the three days. Just like last year, day 1 started off with some wild weather as we loaded up the vehicles which had some questioning what else was in store, but thankfully it abated and the weather was favourable for the 6km hike to the campsite and for the remainder of the camp. We were greeted with lots of wild flowers and green everywhere as far as the eye could see. Day 2 saw students try their hand at mining, orienteering, and a reflective activity by the fire before converging to cook their meals. After dinner we set off on a night hike, fording the Murchison River, followed by a steep climb to the isolated, lonely old graveyard where students shared frightening stories under the moonlight.

The prospect of lunch in Northampton made breaking camp on Day 3 an easy task and with a quick scout around for rubbish, it was off to the Warribanno Chimney and to the Northampton cemetery for a look. While there were plenty of good nutritious meals prepared on camp and nobody went without, after a few days, the desire for home comforts and something sweet can be for some, quite overwhelming. But then again, isn't that what camping is all about?

A big thanks goes out to Mr Bibrluk, Ms Kelly, Mrs Bassett-Scarfe, Mr Douglas, Mr Wilkinson, and Mr Jones for giving up their time to camp out with us, without them this sort of event cannot run.



## Year 10 Perth Careers Camp



On Monday morning, our Year 10 cohort got onto the bus and set off for Perth. After a long drive, we arrived at Point Walter where we went for a walk along the river, had lasagne for dinner and settled into our rooms for the night.

On Tuesday we visited our first two universities, Notre Dame in Fremantle and Murdoch where we put back together pieces of a skeleton and saw a room full of many preserved animals. We explored the campus before getting bubble tea and returning to Point Walter. That night, we had dinner and watched Spider-Man No Way Home.

Wednesday morning, we got on the bus and headed to UWA. We had a tour of their grounds and saw some amazing buildings. Over 22,000 students, including some of Grammars past graduates, attend UWA and many of them live at colleges like St George's, where we went for a tour and a buffet lunch.



After lunch, we got back on the bus and went to play some mini golf, where we had the entire course to ourselves.

We visited St Catherine's College and Curtin university on Thursday, where we did a mini scavenger hunt to prepare us for our city experience. We then ate our lunch and began the city experience. The City Experience involved finding landmarks in the Perth CBD. Some of these are well-known and others were hidden away in parks and near buildings. In our teams, we had to make as many points as we could by finding these hidden treasures. After the city experience, we headed back to the camp and got ready for Garden City shopping centre. We ate dinner at the food court and went back to Point Walter for some much needed rest.







On Friday morning, we loaded up the bus and drove to our last university, Edith Cowan. We had a tour and did a coding activity before heading to Joondalup for lunch. We then drove all the way home and arrived in time to relax in our own beds.

The Year 10 students would like to thank Mr Pusey, Miss Joe, Mr Waters and especially Mrs Price for organising our amazing camp. It was a great opportunity to experience possible future colleges and universities.

### Year 11 & 12 Staycation Camp

The Year 11 and 12 students remained in Geraldton as a cohort and completed a number of activities, participated in some excursions and had time to study. Both the Year 11 and 12 students participated in a Study Hacks session with Dr Jane Genovese, a well respected and renowned specialist in improving study, goal setting and focus amongst students.

The Year 11 students visited the Geraldton University Centre had a wonderful morning of health and wellbeing activities coordinated by our Student Wellbeing Officer, Mrs Lara Watson and participated in a Zumba session alongside some time for private study.



The Year 12 students spent a day completing some service learning at Mullewa, where students helped some of the more vulnerable members of the community maintain their gardens. The Year 12s also participated in activities with the Year 7 group at the Nukara camp. The week was finished off with a relaxed BBQ at the foreshore.





# Outdoor Education Camp - Kalbarri

On the Friday of camps week, the Year 11 Outdoor Education class travelled to Kalbarri where we spent the day abseiling and rock climbing.

Leaving school at 7am in the morning we started the journey to Kalbarri national park. Once there, we started a 1.8km bushwalk to the valley.

Soon after arriving in the valley we met our two abseiling and rock climbing instructors and headed up to the top of the valley to begin our abseils.

When we reached the top of the valley it seemed that the ground was much further away than it looked like from the bottom of the valley, however the instructors advice of "don't look down" seemed to make nerves lessen.

We were advised that beginning the abseil was the hardest part, you have to let your body fall into the harness to allow yourself to walk off of the edge of the cliff face. Once you have walked off of the edge you are able to jump and swing out against the rock to have some more fun.

Upon reaching the bottom we waited in line to begin our rock climb. The rock climb was quite challenging in the sense that it required you to use your entire body to be able to pull yourself up. The top of the rock climb was about 15 metres off of the ground which was higher than we assumed it would be. However most of our class was able to complete the climb fairly easily.

On behalf of our class we would like to thank Mr Greenaway and Mrs Opalinski for setting up and accompanying us on this trip.





# Year 3 Sleepover

On Wednesday 24 August the Year 3's had their annual sleepover.

The children arrived at the hall at 3:30pm and chose their buddies to sleep with, and set up the tent they would be sleeping in. They then split into groups to play some outside games with the Year 12 student leadership team. After this, we came back into the hall and played 'Minute to Win It.' There were many challenges, and some of the favourites were moving the Smarties from cup to cup only using a straw. Another challenge was the Oreo challenge, where you had to move an Oreo from your forehead down to your mouth without using your hands. The children were very competitive in these challenges, and showed good sportsmanship towards each other.

At dinner time, we had chicken and veggie burgers, and then dressed warmly before making our way to the science room, where Mr Angelatos had a cool jelly experiment to show us. Following instructions from Mr Angelatos students made the Southern Cross using marshmallows at different depths in the jelly. We then went out to the basketball courts and looked at Saturn through the telescopes. Since it wasn't as windy this year, we could draw the Southern Cross using sparklers in the air. After eating our jelly, we went back to the hall and got ready to watch Jumanji with our hot chocolate with more marshmallows. The children stayed up until 10:00pm and fell asleep soon after.

The next day, we took part in many outside activities. With an extended recess, students were able to play on the top oval by themselves and devoured Freddie and Harrison's birthday cupcakes. At the end of the day, we picked up our things and went home, ready for a big sleep.

A big thank you to Mr Lange, Mrs Liddle, the Year 12 student leadership team, Mrs Engelke, Ms Mai, Mrs Elliott-Lockhart, Ms Bailey, Ms Buckley, Ms Martin, Mr Angelatos, Ms Beeck, Mrs Jefferies, Mrs Wilkinson, and Ms Pope. A huge thank you to the Year 3's. You were fantastic and I could not be prouder of the way you supported each other and came together as a team throughout the camp. Thank you everyone for your support.





# Year 4 Local History Camp

On Monday 22 August, the Year 4's eagerly met at the Geraldton Camp School to begin their awesome local history camp.

We were all very excited as we settled into our dorms and prepared for one of the many team problem-solving challenges we were to participate in throughout the week. The problem-solving tasks helped us to develop our teamwork skills. As we soon realised that if we didn't work together, we couldn't complete the tasks. Some team challenge highlights were the treasure hunt, which helped us navigate the camp school, and the Lego build challenge. Both challenges required immense perseverance. We came up with some fantastic strategies and had heaps of fun!

Each day we ventured out to visit local historical sites to learn about the European exploration and settlement of Geraldton in the early 1900s. One day we travelled north to visit the historical Lynton Settlement. We found Governor Sanford's house and the very interesting convict-hiring depot. On another day, we headed south to Greenough to visit the Pioneer Museum, the Hundred-Year Cemetery and the Greenough Historical Settlement. We are lucky to live in an area with such a rich and fascinating history.





After each long busy day of working hard, we completed our social-emotional reflections and then it was time to play. Some activity highlights were mini golf, collaborative games, and a popcorn movie night watching Skippy the Bush Kangaroo. We loved Skippy!

Camp also helped us to step outside our comfort zones and take risks by participating in new and challenging things. Sand boarding, zip lining and archery which were brand new experiences for many of us and were great fun.

The camp was an excellent experience for us all, and although we were sad it was finished, we were also very happy to go home to our parents. We learnt a lot and had a super time.

Thank you to all the teachers who came along to help us.





# Kindy Camping Day



On Thursday 4 August, both Kindy classes participated in a bush camping day. The students spent their morning setting up the tents with the assistance of the high school students. They then participated in various other activities including fishing in the creek, storytelling, singing, damper making, Bush Kindy, a rest in the tents and a sausage sizzle lunch. We were lucky with the weather and enjoyed a day spent outside. We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who helped to make our day so special.



# Author Visit - Martin Chatterton

Students from Pre Primary to Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed a visit from Martin Chatterton. What an engaging and comedic speaker! Martin Ed Chatterton has been writing, illustrating and performing successfully around the world for the last thirty years appearing extensively at schools, festivals, conferences and on TV and radio in the UK, Australia, India, China and the USA. His books for children and adults have been published in more than a dozen languages, and have won or been shortlisted in multiple awards in the UK, US and Australia including being shortlisted for the 2018 Lollies Award in the UK (formerly the Roald Dahl Prize) and for an ARIA (with Pat Davern) in 2016. He has illustrated books by some of the leading names in children's literature and has an ongoing co-writing relationship with global publishing phenomenon, James Patterson. As 'Ed Chatterton', he writes adult crime fiction, screenplays for TV and film and in 2017 completed his PhD on slavery. Martin's picture book, *Winter Of The White Bear*, which emerged from his doctorate (published October 2019), was shortlisted for the 2020 Prime Minister's Literary Awards and the Patricia Wrightson Prize in the 2021 NSW Premier's Literary Awards.





# WASO Excursion

On Thursday of Week 2, our Year 5 and 6 students attended an excursion at Queens Park Theatre to watch the Western Australian Symphony Orchestra (WASO) perform a final rehearsal for their Regional Tour Concert. Students participated in observing the orchestra and conductor work together to put the finishing touches on their performance.

The purpose of the visit was to consolidate learning in music, particularly related to Responding and Performance. The performance presented students an opportunity to gain insight into a concert program and engage in a musician's experience preparing to perform. A huge thank you to Mrs Engelke for organizing the students to attend.



# Early Steps Science

In Week 3 of Term 3, our Year 1 and 2 scientists spent the morning out and about experimenting with push and pull forces. They explored how the different strengths of pushes and pulls impacts the movement of objects. They observed how fast balls rolled down ramps; making paper helicopters and how they were pulled down to the ground; how magnets work; and how gravity pulls them down the playground slide (this was their favourite). There were lots of discussions, comparisons, predicting and observing.





# Talented Young Writers

This term, a group of talented young writers had the fantastic opportunity to participate in a writer's workshop with international best-selling author Brian Falkner. Participating students learnt about Mr Falkner's struggles and challenges to become a successful author, before finally getting the chance to write their own narrative under the guidance of Mr Falkner's expertise. The group of young writers are eagerly awaiting their next visit from an author scheduled for Term 4.



# Kindy CGG Library Excursion

On Tuesday 6 September our class went on an excursion to Geraldton Regional Library to participate in the Better Beginnings program. This program works to support children so that they can build the early literacy skills they need to become good readers and succeed at school. The students were all very excited for our trip as many of them had never been on a bus before. Whilst at the Library the students read a story, sang songs and had the opportunity to explore all the different books available there. Our excursion concluded with a walk to the foreshore park to enjoy some morning tea and a play in the playground. The students were also treated to a yummy babyccino on the foreshore, courtesy of one of our wonderful families from Dome.





# Grow Your Mind Day



On Tuesday 2 August, the primary school held their annual Grow Your Mind Day. The purpose of the day was to highlight the concept of a growth mindset with a particular focus on the school value of perseverance and the notion of GRIT.

The day began with each class participating in teacher led activities in their classrooms. The goal of these activities was to provide the children with a deeper understanding of what it means to persevere and what the concept of GRIT is all about. Following on from these lessons, the children had the opportunity to participate in the Great Spaghetti Tower challenge in their House groups. Children worked with their buddy, and a limited number of resources, to build the tallest free-standing structure that could balance a marshmallow on the top. Although a lot of perseverance was needed to complete this tricky task, it was also a lot of fun!

The day concluded with an amazing assembly hosted by 3/4BC which highlighted the key messages exceptionally well.

Following on from Grow Your Mind Day, the INSPIRE Student Leadership Team facilitated Mystery Challenges for each grade level. The Pre-Primary and Year 1 students loved creating challenging objects with their playdough, while the Year 2s and 3s really embraced doing a similar activity with Lego. The Year 4s drew on their creative skills to produce some very tricky guided drawing pictures, while students in Years 5 and 6 tried their hands at macrame. Well done to all students who took on the challenges and thank you to the INSPIRE student leaders for organising and running the sessions.





# Year 2 Geography Excursion

On Thursday 15 September, the Year 2 students did a walking tour of Geraldton to learn about some significant sites in the local area for their Geography unit.

Students started at the HMAS Sydney Memorial and learnt about The Dome of Souls. Next, they walked to the Esplanade and learnt how it got its name and the significance to the Indigenous people for hundreds of years.



After, students walked to the Emu Eggs and learnt the significance of the spot chosen and the stories behind the eggs. They also found out that Champion Bay got its name after the colonial schooner, Champion, which first surveyed the region.



The walk ended at Marina Park for lunch and a play.

A big thank you goes out to Miss Perks and Miss Metcalfe, our student teachers who lead this fantastic learning experience. Also, to the amazing parents who came to help on the day.





# Kindy Father's Day Dinner



On Thursday 1 September the Junior Kindy and 4 Year Old Kindy classes hosted a Father's Day Dinner to help celebrate their special dads and grandfathers. The students and their family members spent the evening enjoying some delicious pizza together. It was a wonderful evening and the Kindy students cherished sharing some special time with their loved ones.





# Primary Athletics Carnival

Geraldton Grammar Primary School's annual faction carnival was held on Friday 19 August, and was a great success. Mrs Gina Halford, our primary Physical Education teacher, organised an action packed day.

Students participated in their age group races, relays, team events which included flag races, tug-of-war competitions, passball and leaderball events, just to name a few. The two highlight events for the day were the entertaining parent relay, which saw many different styles of running, and the grand final relay which saw the fastest boy and girl from each year group, from each House, compete against each other in a final relay. Another new initiative in the primary school this year was the Spirit Award, which was won by Irwin House for their great sportsmanship, eagerness to participate in events, and their amazing cheering.

The final House placings were; in 4th place - Irwin with 1092 points, 3rd place - Greenough with 1204 points, 2nd place - Chapman with 1407 points, and in 1st place - Murchison with 1512 points. These places also included points from our Jumps and Throws Day, and the Cross Country event held earlier in the year.

Mrs Halford is to be congratulated on running these amazing carnivals.

Thanks must go to:

- The P&F for feeding us during the day
- The parent helpers who gave their time and expertise over all of the events - including those who assisted with the timing of races
- Mr Greenaway, the Year 7 and 8 Coordinator, for assisting with the Year 5/6 students and place judging
- The grounds and maintenance crew for setting up and clearing away across all the events
- The IT department for organising the PA system
- The canteen for providing lunches for students
- Mrs Jefferies for overseeing the placing of students running
- Mrs Flint for being there to support students and staff

We would also like to thank the teachers for their dedication in both helping to prepare students for these days and their hard work on the day.



**Champion House  
- Murchison**





	<b>Champion</b>	<b>Runner Up</b>
PP Boy	Leo Buise	Finley Buise
PP Girl	Abigail Luscombe	Anastasia Ward
Year 1 Boy	Hudson Kennedy	Liam Dyson
Year 1 Girl	Hazel McCartney	Zara Nanninga
Year 2 Boy	Jake Bassett-Scarfe	Digby Hearman
Year 2 Girl	Sadie Barnes	Mirja Schwering Grace Soe
Year 3 Boy	Joel Antony	Tate Joyce
Year 3 Girl	Samara Penney	Freya Teakle
Year 4 Boy	Charlie Fong Tayte Ackland	Hudson McMahon
Year 4 Girl	Lia Frick	Isla Quirke
Year 5 Boy	Seth Leech	Bede Halford
Year 5 Girl	Ilahi Gill	Evie Fong
Year 6 Boy	Noah Brown	Henry Burton
Year 6 Girl	Esta Penberthy	Aerin Scatena



## Eagles Cup

During Term 3 the Years 5 and 6 students had the opportunity to be a part of the Eagles Cup Australian Rules Competition.

Geraldton Grammar School was in the Liam Ryan Division and played against four other Geraldton primary school teams.

The team was tested by the weather conditions week in and out. The wet and blustery conditions seemed to mostly fall on a Monday, game day.



This did not dampen the spirits of the team and players gave their best effort each week. Most of the games were very close with only a few points between a win and loss.



# SHS Country Week 2022

Senior High School Country Week was held Week 6 this term due to COVID 19 restrictions. Geraldton Grammar School had 59 students from Years 10 - 12 participate in 6 different teams. These were hockey, netball, volleyball and basketball. The hockey and netball were in C division and both made it to the Grand Final to play against North Albany SHS. Unfortunately they did not win and placed second overall. The boys basketball placed seventh in E division, the girls basketball finished sixth in D division, the boys volleyball finished fifth in E division and the second netball team placed third in G division.

All of the students demonstrated excellent sportsmanship in their respective sports throughout the week and thoroughly enjoyed the 3D mini golf, Thor at the cinema and their torch light tour at the Fremantle Prison.



Congratulations to Sophie Batten, Abby Green and Jarrod Purcher for being nominated for the Active Achiever awards for 2023. Also a very big thank you to the staff who coached the students throughout the week, Kerri-Anne Jefferies, Chad Greenaway, Amanda Bassett-Scarfe, Megan Cinanni and Mark Douglas.





# Primary Netball Carnival

On Friday 5 August, Geraldton Grammar School entered 6 teams to compete in the West Coast Fever Cup hosted by the Geraldton Netball Association. Students from years 5 and 6 competed with excellent sportsmanship and enthusiasm. With the football carnival cancelled, it was wonderful to see more boys participate in the event. The competition also saw one of our teams win overall in their division.



A huge thank you to parent helpers Liz Burton, Bronwyn Earl, Clare Engelke, Kristy Fong and Anna Kosch, who helped coach our teams. We also had a few secondary students who volunteered their time to help umpire the games, which was very much appreciated.

Our students, parent helpers and staff all had a fantastic day, and we thank Mrs Halford for organising our students to attend.





# Secondary Sport Ed Program

The Year 7 students have been participating in a Sport Ed program this term which looks to develop leadership, teamwork, responsibility and good sportsmanship. They took part in some activities alongside a 5 week soccer competition.



# GGS Primary Hockey & Netball

During Terms 2 & 3 a large number of our students from PP - Year 6 competed on Saturday mornings against local schools in netball and hockey. For some of the students it was their first season, but some were honing their skills in higher divisions this year.

All students gained confidence over the season and were a credit to the school, actively demonstrating sportsmanship and teamwork in every match.

Thanks to the parents and staff who took on the roles of coaches and managers without your time and dedication our students wouldn't be able to take part in these opportunities.





# Student News

## Max Winton - Malaysia Borneo Soccer Cup

Max Winton has been invited to participate in the TSP Team heading to Kota Kinabalu, Borneo to compete in the Malaysia Borneo Soccer Cup in October and Singapore in November with the Football West Hyundai Talent Support Program.

If you would like to support Max jump onto his fundraising page:

[Support Max Winton](#)



## Christi Bstry - Australian Cross Country Championships

There were over 1250 competitors ranging from 10 year-olds to Olympians at the 82nd Australian Cross Country Championships, the first one held since 2019. They all competed on a brutal 2000m course at Oakbank, South Australia. It was freezing cold, heavy with mud and long hills that offered no reprieve, but Christi knew she had the belief and fitness to handle it. Lining up for the Girls 15yrs 4000m, with 145 of the best cross country runners in Australia, Christi showed grit and determination to finish 29th crossing the line with nothing left in the tank. It was a fantastic experience that even included meeting some Olympians (who said that Oakbank was the hardest 10km course that they have ever run!).

School Sport Australia also held a teams relay event, with Christi competing in the Girls 14/15 yrs 5 x 2000m (thankfully on a different course!). WA narrowly missed out on a medal coming 4th.

Christi enjoyed the whole championships so much she is now aiming to make the state team for the next meet being held at Stromlo Forest Park, Canberra, in August 2023.

The next exciting event to watch is the 2022 World Athletics Cross Country Championships, being hosted by Athletics Australia at Bathurst, NSW, in February 2023.





## Sienna Luff & Lara Mincherton - Dance Award Winners

Congratulations to Sienna who received the 2nd highest scoring Senior Solo with her contemporary dance routine and also won a photo shoot with Lisa Maree Photography as the Judges Choice Award from all of the performers in the 18/o Jazz Troupes at the Star Struck Dance Challenge in August.



Another massive congratulations to Lara who placed 4th overall Senior Solo with her open solo.

Lara also won a Judges Choice Award for her song and dance solo where she received a Dancepro photo media voucher.



## Staff News

### Ben Matthews - Wedding Wishes



To show their support for Mr Matthews the upper primary students surprised him on his last day of school before he goes off to get married in the September school holidays. Dressed up as brides and grooms the students and staff paraded around the school with Mrs Little leading the way with rousing music - Marry Me by Train, Marry Me by Jason Derulo and The Bridal March.

Best wishes to Ben and Rikki from everyone at Geraldton Grammar School.