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Striving for Excellence





The School would like to farewell Andrew Sloan, who passed away on 22 January, 2021. Mr Sloan was employed as a Music Teacher at the School for the past eight years and was a man of many musical talents.

Neesha Flint, Principal, addressed Mr Sloan's passing at the first secondary Chapel service for the school year on Monday 15 February. In amongst acknowledging Mr Sloan's specific contributions, to the Music Department and Instrumental Music Program, Mrs Flint paid tribute to Mr Sloan's performance of the last post at the School's ANZAC services:

"No one will forget the spellbinding significance of that moment which was amplified by his incredible playing of the trumpet and the poise and grace he played with it."

The School's thoughts and prayers continue to be with Mr Sloan's family at this difficult time – including his wife Ms Tonkin and his three children – as well as other members of the community affected by Mr Sloan's passing.

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



Year 12 Induction Service

The service held on Friday 5 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 2021.

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



P-12 One School for Life Recipients



Rose Adamson, Erin Buckle, Lily Edwards, Bradley Fletcher, Kade Gillingham, Connie Greeve, Nicholas Grima, Madison Nelson, Hugh Norris, Jan Pieterse, Fynn Young, Owain Price-Walkley, Jacob Royce, Ashley Tuffley.

Susan Shaw Medal Recipient

Awarded to the student achieving the highest ATAR score from the class of 2020. Umi Loy was acknowledged as the very worthy recipient.





Secondary Semester 1 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 the 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 the semester 1 Hub Captains.

Year 8 - Lily Scrimgeour & Jack Ward



Year 9 - Georgie Boys & Lailah Bellottie



Year 10 - Matthew Chamberlain & Rosie Perham



Year 11 - Sophie Batten & Amber Bestry



Primary Captains

Primary School Captains:
Scarlett Shortall & Pieter Frick

Semester 1 House Captains:
Chapman - Macy Halford
Greenough - Finlay Painter
Irwin - Imogen Teakle
Murchison - Jack Hetherington

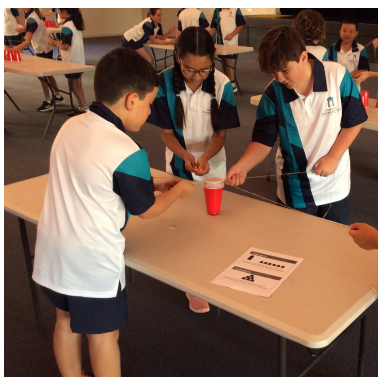
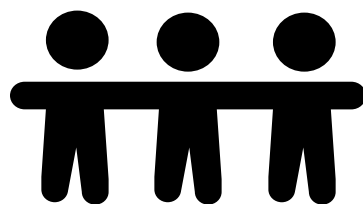
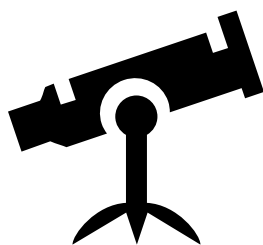




Year 6 Leadership Camp

The Year 6 Leadership Camp was held at the school in week 2. This was an opportunity for the Year 6 children to get to know each other, develop teamwork and communication skills, learn about the Leadership Program and set goals to develop as leaders.

We participated in a mixture of fun and challenging activities each day. First, we visited the museum to see the 'Spy' exhibition and in the afternoon we went to the pool where Mr Matthews ran some activities for us. Before dinner, the Year 12 leaders ran some activities for us. When it was dark, we enjoyed a night maze and Mr Angelatos gave us an astronomy lesson. Mr Deutekom also taught us about didgeridoos and rhythms. To complete the many team challenges devised by Mrs Buckley and Ms Martin, we had to communicate, cooperate and solve problems together. We learned lots about ourselves and had time to reflect on our own leadership skills.





Secondary Swimming Carnival



New Records

Callum Sojan - Year 7 Boys Freestyle 32.36 secs

Hamish Sojan - Year Boys Freestyle 30.20 secs

Christi Bestry - Year 9 Girls Breaststroke 43.40 secs

Nicole Chamberlain - Year 8 Girls Backstroke 38.39 secs

Milly Kalajzich - Year 9 Girls Butterfly 37.59 secs



Spirit Award - Greenough



	Runner Up Champion Girl	Champion Girl	Runner Up Champion Boy	Champion Boy
Year 7	Olivia Craven	Emily Canny	Riley Fong	Callum Sojan
Year 8	Tanna Parker	Nicole Chamberlain	James Tindall	Hamish Sojan
Year 9	Elena Davidson	Milly Kalajzich	Ben Walsh	Sandy Hann
Year 10	Ava Chesson	Sydney Williams	Xander Pieterse	Matthew Chamberlain
Year 11	Amber Bestry	Sabine Angelatos	Ben Todd	Jimmy Hyde
Year 12	Maddy Nelson	Jasmyn Johnson	Fynn Young	Mitchell Thompson



Champion House - Murchison

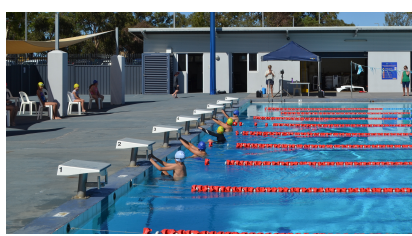


The swimming carnival was a good opportunity to see the school community down by the pool cheering on their friends and House. The novelties were a great way for all the students to get into the pool, play a game in their House and have fun, even if they weren't swimming in any races. Congratulations to all the Houses for the effort they put in but especially to Murchison for winning the overall Champion House. Thank you to all the students, teachers and student leadership team for helping out on the day, without you it wouldn't have run so smoothly. It was great to see all the year 12's dressed up in their colourful Hawaiian costumes getting their hula on.

Sports Captain - Darcie Newman



Primary Swimming Carnival



Primary Swimming Carnival Results 2020		
Year	Runner-Up Champion	Champion
Year 3 Boy	Darcy Patience	Hudson McMahon
Year 3 Girl	Neve Reynolds	Isabella Purslow
Year 4 Boy	Bede Halford	Oliver White
Year 4 Girl	Lani Bell	Aisha Jones
Year 5 Boy	Spencer Sojan	Ewyn Lochhead
Year 5 Girl	Matilda Canny	Esta Penberthy
Year 6 Boy	Leon Plummer	Jaxon Tindall
Year 6 Girl	Macy Halford	Charlotte Hillbrick

Pre Primary Splash Day

While the rest of the primary school went to the Aquarena for the swimming carnival, the pre primary students had their own special water fun splash day at school. With beautiful weather, lots of water fun and face painting, a great day was had by all. Thank you to the families that assisted on the day.





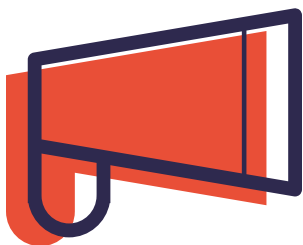
STEPIN Day

Each term students will participate in a STEPIN DAY which will focus on strengthening understanding of the four School values of Inclusivity, Respect, Perseverance and Responsibility as the overarching theme. These STEPIN days will also provide an opportunity for the students to work in gender groupings to further develop their social, emotional and age-appropriate resilience skills.

On Thursday 19 February the Year 7 cohort took part in their first STEPIN day of 2021 as part of the transition process.

The overarching themes of the first STEPIN was Inclusivity and Respect. Through a variety of activities in their gender groupings the students explored the ideas of Inclusivity and Respect. They also attended separate sessions run by Renai Gildersleeve | Senior Constable 10870, Mid-West Gascoyne District – Crime Prevention Diversity District Co-ordinator on being safe and respectful online as well as participating in a Flippaball session at the Aquarena. The students also prepared the lunch of homemade pizza and cupcakes with a fruit platter.

A great day, lots of smiles and many thanks to all the staff who made the day such a success.



**RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY
INCLUSIVITY
PERSEVERANCE**





Walker Learning Approach

Fun and Engaging Learning in Early Steps!

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 engages children in authentic and meaningful learning as they begin their primary school years. 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.



Junior Kindy

What an exciting time - starting kindy for the very first time! Our 3 year old Junior Kindergarten program is designed to introduce 3 year old children to the delights of learning in a play based environment. 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 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.





Student News

2021 WA State Athletics Championships

In February Sophie, Ella and Christi competed at the 2021 WA State Athletics Championships in Perth.

**Sophie Batten -
Won Gold in the U18 400m Hurdles**



**Christi Bestry -
Won Bronze in the U15 Girls 3000m**

Taking off 11 seconds to achieve a new personal best time of 10.40.79.



**Ella Batten -
Another Personal Best in Long Jump**

All three girls have qualified for the WA State Team for the 2021 Australian Track and Field Championships in Sydney. They will use the WA State Little Athletics Championships in March as a warm up to this competition in April. Good luck girls!



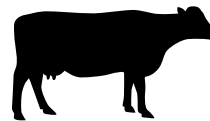
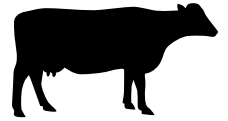


Alumni News

Ella Clarke (2020) - Cowgirl for a Year



Since leaving school last year Ella has been given a gap year job on a cattle station up north and on the basis of her work over the last 2 years has been accepted into Adelaide university. Congratulations Ella and enjoy your adventure.



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GIVING DAY

THURSDAY 25 MARCH

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SPRING INTO ACTION



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