Student Council

Congratulations to our elected Student Council for 2016.
- Rohan Obst
- Digby Harris
- Vanessa Davis
- Todd Mackintosh
- Dylan Parkhouse
- Inaya Stone
- Kyle Van Beek
- William Schorer
- Rachelle Lang

There were many students who nominated and all would have made worthy candidates. It is a credit to each of them for putting their name forward and having a go.

Open Day

Thank you to all of the parents and students who supported our very successful Open Day which was attended by well over 500 people. It was great to see so many current and prospective students and parents. I have received many written and verbal compliments from those that attended about the quality of student work across all areas of the College and it is testament to the passion the staff we have at this College to attain the best possible outcomes for our students. Congratulations to award winners on the day, a list of winners is in this Newsletter.

Year 12 Graduation

The Year 12 Graduation is being held on Friday 13 November starting with morning tea at 10.00am and the official ceremony beginning at 11.00am. Lunch is provided at a cost of $10 per head for parents and visitors, current Year 12 students do not have to pay. Students will be required to wear full school uniform, be clean shaven and hair groomed to the accepted standard of the College and present to Mr McCart by 10.20am in Room 4. Students not complying to the College guidelines in these areas will not be allowed to participate in the Graduation. Year 12’s have also been spoken to about the importance of leaving the College with pride and respect. There is no tolerance to any “muck up” activities.

College Ball

Congratulations to Mr McCart and the Student Council for an outstanding Ball. There is a huge effort in organising such an event and requires big commitment from staff and students alike to ensure it is a successful night. Also thank you to Kristy Ludlow and the P & C committee for organising the parent dinner during the Ball. It was a great night and very well attended.

Parent Survey

Thank you to the fifty plus parents who returned the Parent Survey electronically for the first time this year. I have received some feedback on the process but would welcome further feedback on the survey or contact a Board representative with your views on the process. At our next Board meeting we will be analysing the data and comparing to previous surveys which will guide the development of our Business Plan 2016 to 2019.

Perth Royal Show

Good luck to our teams competing at the Royal Show:
- Mr Byrnes who are again going to spend the first weekend at the show parading 12 led steers and 2 heifers. Thank you also to Mr Travis Hooper, Mrs Julie Skinner and Mrs Hayley Byrnes for helping out with the week.
- Mr Laird who has been upskilling students in all of the sheep judging, sheep husbandry, shearing and wool handling.
- Mr Dumbrell has worked overtime with our fencing teams to get them up to speed.
- Miss Davey who has trained the students in the use of the GPS.
- Mr Longmire and Mr Childs who have had the students for chemical calibration and chemical safety.
- Mrs Iles has been working on having our teams First Aid specialists.

Mr Laird will also be exhibiting the Poll Dorsets from the College, Merino wool at the Royal Show and a small number of students will be shearing and wool handling.

College Netball

Congratulations to Taylla Allison who won not only the Cunderdin Fairest and Best but also the Kellerberrin Netball Association Fairest and Best. A great effort and well done to Taylla.

Congratulations to Paul Jasper on being awarded life membership to the Cunderdin Football Club.

Farm Manager’s Position

I have agreed to extend our substantive Farm Manager Brett Cox leave to the end of Semester 1 2016. We are currently advertising this position as a Fixed term position with possible extension and or permanency. The position is currently advertised on JobsWA and is in this Thursday’s Farm Weekly.
Mr Darryl McCart
Residential Manager

Hygiene
As in most areas of the state, we have experienced our fair share of the different types of colds that have been circulating around. As you would be aware this has resulted in many students being off sick. Please remember to put into practice simple personnel hygiene practices such as covering your mouth when coughing or sneezing and washing your hands on a regular basis, it will make a difference. Parents are also requested not to return your child to the College if they are unwell as they will only pass on to others the type of cold that they have.

College Ball
The College Ball was held on 28 August at the Hyatt Regency in Perth. All students looked exceptional and had a great time. Congratulations to the Student Council on a well organised event. Belle and Beau of the Ball for 2015 were Jessica Herzer and Trent Di Fulvio. Students who attended the College Ball have been given the code to access the photos online so that parents and students can order photos from the night.

Open Day
The Residential display was held again in the Student Services area, which worked well as we were able to show a number of parents through the facilities available to students when they are sick. Thank you to all the students who helped in setting up the Residential display and helped out on the day selling cool drinks. Thank you also to the students who set up and manned the area on the day.

Student Council 2016
The 2016 Student Council was announced on Open Day. Congratulations to Rohan Obst, Rachelle Lang, Digby Harris, Vanessa Davis, Inaya Stone, Kyle Van Beek, Dylan Parkhouse, William Schorer and Todd Mackintosh. Two Head Students will be selected to represent the College in 2016 from this group. I look forward to working with you in 2016.

Graduation
Just a reminder to parents that we are looking for baby photos as well as photos of your child when they were younger so that we can use them on Graduation day in a slide presentation. Photos can be emailed to myself at Darryl.Mccart@education.wa.edu.au or Anita Sullivan at Anita.Sullivan@education.wa.edu.au. Students are reminded that they need to be properly groomed (clean shaven, hair in accordance with College guidelines) and in full College uniform when they attend Graduation.

Term Four
Parents and students are reminded that students who are returning next term must return to the College for the start of Term Four between 4.00 – 5.30pm on Sunday 11 October if they require an evening meal, otherwise students must return by 8.30pm.

Leave Applications
Just a reminder that if you have a change in leave arrangements you cannot update the existing leave application if it has been approved by the College. If leave arrangements change, simply submit a new leave application and it will be updated by the College. There is no need to ring the College as the program is monitored over the weekend and we will see any new leave applications.

College Photos
Students will be given College Photos this week to bring home at the end of the term.
Spring is here with all the crops flowering and anyone that drives through the country at present cannot miss the bright yellow flowers of the flowering canola. Frost is also on everyone’s mind at this time and so far we have escaped without too much damage on our early sown wheat crops.

Generally speaking we are reasonably happy with the crops considering the relatively long dry spells between rain this season, however we could do with one more good rain. The hay has been cut and is on the ground waiting to be baled, so maybe another week before it rains would be helpful.

**Dowerin Fencing**

Four students, **Bayden Ley**, **Matt McDonald**, **John Wallace** and **Trent McLean** travelled to the Dowerin Field Day to compete in the fencing competition. In the lead up to Dowerin, **Mr Dumbrell** had been teaching the finer points required to score well with the Judges and this training has proved valuable. At the end of competition the scores were; Narrogin 91.5, Cunderdin 89, Morawa 86.5 and Harvey 81.5. To come second with such a small margin is a terrific result and only some scratches on the galvanising of the wire separated the Narrogin and Cunderdin teams.

**Open Day**

The students were very busy during the month on farm preparing for the College Open Day which was held on Friday 11 September. The Shearing and Wool Handling Competition was as popular as ever, with students competing against each other for a range of prizes, the results of which are shown elsewhere in this newsletter.

**Miss Davey** and students put on a fantastic display at the Piggery including our new Myora bloodline of animals and on a lighter note, a diorama of the child’s nursery story on ‘The Three Little Pigs’, having built 3 little houses each made of straw, sticks and bricks. This was a popular display among the younger visitors.

The Butcher Shop had a range of samples for tasting, such as sausages, cabana, beef jerky and polony. The training video produced by **Mr Vandenburg** and **Mr Jones** on skinning and dressing a sheep carcass was very popular.

In the cattle yards some of our new calves were on display for viewing and also the Led Steer entrants for this year’s Royal Show were also on display to the public. The students provided the commentary describing how the event was to take place and the features of the different cattle on display. The cows have been calving over the last few weeks and we now have 22 new calves on the ground and expect another 3 to be born shortly.

The machinery parade was impressive, showcasing our new seeding equipment and combine harvester being the highlights. We are very fortunate to have such state of the art farm machinery.

Farm bus tours took place during the day with students providing a running commentary as they toured around the farm. Well done to the students in providing informative narration to our guests.

On the day we received many positive comments on how well the farm presented and the effort that had gone into making the day a great success. I must thank students and staff for such a great effort in preparing the farm for Open Day.

**Perth Royal Show**

**Mr Byrnes** is busy with the students preparing for the Led Steer and Heifer competition at the Royal Show to be held from 24 to 28 September. The students put in a
Farm Manager’s Report (cont.)

lot of effort to prepare the animals to a point where they can be easily handled. This is all great training for students in “Low Stress Stock Handling”.

Mr Laird has also been busy coaching students in preparation for the Farm Skills Event, in shearing and wool handling while Mr Dumbrell has been focusing on the fencing competition. Mr Longmire and Mr Childs have been assisting students in their tractor driving, chemical handling and safety training. Miss Davey has been instructing the students on GPS skills, whilst Mrs Iles has been refreshing the student's First Aid skills.

Good luck to the students competing at this year's Perth Royal Show!

Some of our Year 12 students may have done their last cycle on farm duties, so we wish them all the best with their exams and look forward to Graduation Day. The Year 11 students will now be taking the lead role on the farm and continuing to work towards achieving as many Cert II competencies as possible in 4th Term.

I hope all students enjoy a well earned break over the holidays.

Open Day Shearing & Wool Handling Results

Shearing

1st- Matt McDonald  2nd- Ben Goss  3rd- Bayden Ley
4th- Trent Stevens  5th- Dylan Bunworth  6th- Sam Howie
7th- Tom Curnow  8th- Jen Craft  9th- Tom Wells

Wool Handling

1st- Brittany Reinke  2nd- John Wallace  3rd- Jayden Pollard

Mrs Laura McCart
Business Manager

The College has now changed over bank's due to Westpac closing their branch in Cunderdin. Our new bank details are as follows:

Bank: Bendigo Bank
BSB: 633-000
Acc No: 155427040
Ref: Student's number

Can parents please use their child's Student Number as a reference, as we have had money placed into the bank account with no information.

Other methods of payment are:
Cheques can be posted to PO Box 132 Cunderdin WA 6407
EFTPOS available at the College. Payments can be made in person or over the phone.

Please ensure that all balances are paid as soon as possible to alleviate any problems arising with students boarding in Term Four.

Year 11 parents, if your child's account is in credit this amount will be credited to your fees for 2016. Please let me know if you would prefer a refund instead.

If you require any clarification of your statements or any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me on 08 9635 2100.

All Year 12 accounts should now be finalized except for Graduation meal, ATAR camp and if you have a student project that is still awaiting completion for costing. Projects are not allowed to be collected unless they have been fully paid for as per College policy.

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Mr Stephen Prangnell
Design & Technology

Congratulations to students and staff on their efforts in preparing the Design and Technology Department for Open Day. It’s a huge job, but a lot of satisfaction can be taken from the standard of displays on the day. I received comments throughout the day from current students amazed at the transformation throughout the centre.

It was great to see many prospective students and parents visiting the College. Some parents have already decided what projects their sons / daughters are going to make after seeing the display. A couple of ex-students I spoke to wanted to re-enrol so they could take advantage of the workshops.

We had the Open Day prizes for Engineering and Furnishing again this year. The students enjoy the opportunity of possibly picking up a prize. These were donated by the College.

**Professionals Choice Engineering**
Tim Kempton  Truck Dolly
**Visitors Choice Engineering**
Rodd Nichols  Engine Block Table

**Professionals Choice Furnishing**
Brody Bauer  Marri Bed

**Visitors Choice Furnishing**
Ryan West  Wine Cabinet

Every effort is made in the practical area to complete projects by the end of the year with some class changes possible through negotiation with the staff involved. However students need to have been making use of the workshop after hours and making a genuine effort in the lead up for this to occur.

It is pleasing to see some students checking whether they have completed all the requirements for their certificates. Students must complete all course requirements if they are to be awarded certificates in respective courses.

Accounts are in the process of being finalized for Year 12 major projects. We are processing accounts for projects as quickly as possible and hope to have most of them completed by the end of term. This will depend on students completing work before then.

Accounts need to be paid and receipts shown before projects can be taken home. This process has been put in place because of a very small minority of people who have not done the right thing in the past.
Congratulations to all students and teachers on a wonderful Open Day. It is always a positive day and fantastic to see all the students work on display. The students on duty in the class area did a wonderful job of helping with set up and were of invaluable assistance. A special mention of the students who stayed behind on Friday afternoon to help with the clean up – Inaya Stone, Rohan Obst, Shannon McLean, Olivia Bames, Taylla Alison, Bill Schorer, Owen Wigg, Trent Stevens, Jack Sawyer, Trent DiFulvio, Jayden McPherson, Brodie Metcalfe and Bailey McDonnell. Your assistance was very much appreciated at the end of a long day!

Well done to all our Year 12 students who have completed their work in the class area. A great two years at the College is coming to a close.

Year 12 ATAR students are reminded that they have a program for next term and are required to return to the College for valuable revision and exam preparation. All parents have been emailed a copy of the schedule and the WACE examination timetable. The WACE examination timetable and other important information can be accessed on the School Curriculum and Standards Authority Website www.scsa.wa.edu.au/internet/Senior_Secondary/WACE_Examinations/Examination_Timetables

Important Information
Genuine attempt in a WACE examination
Students who are enrolled to sit a WACE examination must make a genuine attempt. A student is deemed to have not made a genuine attempt at an examination if he or she:
• has not had a sickness/misadventure claim for the examination approved, and
• is identified as an anomalous performer, and
• is identified, by the examination markers, as having not made a genuine attempt or not attempted each component of the examination.

A student who should sit a WACE examination and chooses to not do so, or chooses to not make a genuine attempt in the examination, will not get a WACE course report or a WACE course score recorded on the statement of results. Nor will the grades for those units be counted in the determination of the C grade average for the WACE.

A student who has been identified as having not made a genuine attempt in an examination will receive a letter providing them with the opportunity to appeal the decision.

Connect
Please remember to check Connect for uploaded results and other information about your child’s classes. Connect is an invaluable resource for parents and students to keep track of their marks and progress.

Year 11 ATAR Exams
Reminder that Year 11 ATAR students will sit exams Wednesday 18 - Friday 20 November.

Mental Health Week encourages keeping active and getting involved
With Mental Health Week being celebrated these school holidays, we are reminded to simply do the things that we enjoy and to do them more often. Mental Health advocates advise that if we keep active (physically and mentally), get involved in community life, and do things that give us a sense of meaning and purpose, we not only feel happier but we can cope better with problems and stress.

Act-Belong-Commit is the official theme for Mental Health Week, which runs from 2–10 October, coinciding with World Mental Health Day (10 October).

Act-Belong-Commit is based on research conducted by Curtin University into people’s perceptions of mental health and the behaviours they believe protect and promote good mental health.

For more information visit www.actbelongcommit.org.au or phone Sarah Dixon, local Act-Belong-Commit Project Officer on 9690 1320. To get more involved in community life and find out about local clubs and groups, visit the Shire website.
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