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From The Principal



As the end of Term 2 approaches, it is very pleasing to see how well all the students have participated in their academic studies, as well as the many social and sporting events that have occurred.

Commencement of the Building Program

Balcatta Senior High School recently hosted an event to recognise the official commencement of the new building program. A 'ceremonial sod turning' event was conducted on the site. In attendance for this important event were the Honourable Sue Ellery MLC (Minister for Education and Training), Mr David Michael MLA (Member for Balcatta), Mrs Helen Maitland (Principal), Ms Helen Notis (School Board Chair) and Mrs Georgina Dragicevich-Knight (P&C President).



New Build commences



'Sod Turning' event

The upgrade and refurbishment commenced in Term 2 and the demolition of parts of the school buildings has already occurred. M block, the Performing Arts Centre and exterior rooms near the Gym have been demolished. PS Structures, a local company with much experience in building projects of this kind, has the contract for the rebuild. During the rebuild some classes have been relocated and parts of the school have been fenced off and will be out of bounds to students. The Principal's Update, Bulletin and News section on the school's website will keep you updated on the progress of the works during the year. There has been much interest from the community and the local intake primary schools. We look forward to the exciting new and modern facilities that will be available on completion.

Prospectus

A prospectus outlining the school's vision, curriculum, specialist programs, academic extension program and facilities was successfully launched this term. It will be given to potential students, their parents and members of our community as an insight into the school, its programs and in particular, the specialist programs such as the Gifted and Talented Visual Art and Dance programs that make this school different and distinct from other secondary schools in the local area. The prospectus has been endorsed by the School Board and distributed to the local intake primary schools.

Academic Update

For the first time this year, the NAPLAN Year 7 and Year 9 tests were undertaken on-line. There were a number of technical issues that you may have read or heard about in the news to do with connectivity with some of the testing components. This occurred across Australia and was not limited to Balcatta SHS. The school has been advised that these issues will not adversely affect the students. Students who were affected in any way were offered the opportunity to re-sit the Writing component of the tests. We will await the results.

OLNA

The OLNA Round 1 testing was held in March and the school has received the results, which were very pleasing, especially the Year 10 students. Parents were also provided with a summary letter outlining their child's OLNA status.

The school continues to provide support to those students who need to achieve the required standards in Literacy and Numeracy in order to meet the WACE graduation requirements at the end of Year 12. Resources have been developed in English and Mathematics, and teachers are facilitating small group work using diagnostic feedback to help students improve and meet the standard. The Year Coordinators and Associate Principal will monitor the students' progress and meet with students individually to discuss any difficulties and what help can be provided.

Senior School Examinations

Students in Year 11 and Year 12 have now completed their first semester examinations and the results have been given to them. No matter how well the students performed, the results of these exams provide students with the opportunity to reflect on what they have learnt, what they need to revise and how to best prepare for the final WACE exams in November. Staff will analyse the results which will help to guide the review, planning and teaching of their programs, as required by the priorities in the school's Business Plan and Learning Area Plans.

Year 10 students have also completed examinations which form an important part of their assessment program, and give an indication of their strengths and weaknesses. The results of the assessment program and examination results will also help to guide them and their parents in the selection of appropriate courses in Year 11 for 2020.

Student Opportunities and Successes

During the term there have been many opportunities for students to demonstrate their skills and expertise. It is pleasing to see so many of our students involved in the many activities that have taken place. You will see many of these as you read through this edition of the Bulletin.

They include:

- students in the Debating teams who have performed incredibly well over the semester.
- the after school Electronics Club which has a good number of students involved.
- the Write4Fun competition in which a number of our Year 7 Academic Extension students participated.
- the Arts Roadshow 'Steamtrain Tour' to primary schools.
- the transition program with Takari and Osborne Primary Schools to showcase STEM and The Arts programs the school is offering.
- a very successful Science Fair.
- students participating and performing well at district lightning carnivals.
- students receiving school-based traineeships and apprenticeship opportunities.
- many curriculum enrichment opportunities through excursions to the Art Gallery, the Balcatta Recycling Centre, Murdoch and Edith Cowan Universities, Perth Zoo, RAC 'bstreetsmart' and a field trip to the beach.
- Hospitality students who practised their coffee making skills and chocolate-making by holding a Mothers' Day stall to raise funds for breast cancer research. They have also set up the 'Déja Brew Coffee Club' to raise funds for various charities.



Baked goods available at the Mothers' Day Bake Sale

Special Events

As you will have read in the Principal's Update for May, there has been a number of special events during the first semester:

- The very moving ANZAC Day ceremony.
- The very successful Years 11/12 School Ball held at the Duxton Hotel.
- The Year 6 Academic Extension testing day that involved 39 Year 6 students from eight primary schools.

Helen Maitland
Principal



Catafalque Party

ANZAC Care Packages

Last year our care packages were well-received by Australian Defence Force personnel overseas with some personnel taking the time to reply to our students thanking them for their kind words and generosity. This outcome inspired us to make up care packages again this year. A big thank you to our students, staff, parents and community members, who donated supplies for care packages to the Australian Defence Force personnel deployed overseas. Supplies such as deodorant, shower gel, soap, biscuits, lollies, non-perishable and canned foods have been put together and placed in boxes by our students. A letter and a copy of our recent Balcatta Bulletin was also included in the care packages which were sent overseas free of charge through Australia Post. We recently received a reply letter from an ADF member who was once an ex-student at this school.



Mrs Maitland with the Prefects preparing care packages



Students putting together the care packages

ANZAC Ceremony

On Friday 12 April we held our ANZAC ceremony to commemorate ANZAC Day, one of Australia's most important national occasions. Each year on 25 April we remember, in particular, the landing on Gallipoli in 1915 and honour the spirit of the original ANZACs. This spirit, with its human qualities of courage, mateship and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity. On ANZAC Day the service and sacrifice of veterans are acknowledged in ceremonies held across the nation, and the ever-growing attendances testify to ANZAC Day's significance for all Australians. On this day, above all days, we remember all those who served our nation in times of war.

Thank you to our special guests:

Sergeant Bert Van Der Vlugt of the Royal West Australian Regiment

Mr Michael Gavin of RSL Osborne Park Sub Branch

Mrs Georgina Dragicevich, President of the P&C

Mrs Helen Notis, Chair of Balcatta SHS School Board

Mr Kevin Bynder presented the 'Welcome to Country'

Mr Chris Murphy performed 'Compulsory Hero'

Suhasi Patel (Head Prefect) read a poem, 'Not a Hero' by Clyde Hamilton.

Sergeant Bert Van der Vlugt of the Royal West Australian Regiment addressed the ceremony to share his story and help us understand the experiences of service people throughout the wars and ensuring future generations continue to reflect on the sacrifices made by fellow Australians and New Zealanders.

Hassan Hassan (Prefect) read 'The Ode'.

Joseph Slack and Kaden Freeman of Year 7 together with their IMSS teacher, Mr James Martin performed 'Abide with Me' through the wreath laying. Joseph Slack also played 'The Last Post'.

The catafalque party, including our students, Cadet Sgt Joshua Miller (Year 11) and Cadet Warrant Officer Class 2 Matthew Tennant (Year 12) raised the flag.



ANZAC Ceremony guests



Joseph Slack of Year 7 playing 'The Last Post'



Year 7 students, Kaden Freeman and Joseph Slack with IMSS teacher, Mr James Martin performing 'Abide With Me'



Mr Michael Gavin, RSL Osborne Park Sub Branch and Mr Luke Dragicevich

Events

School Ball at The Duxton

The 2019 School Ball was held at the Duxton Hotel in Perth. The night was themed “Night among the Stars”.

It was a fantastic night enjoyed by all. Thanks go to the Year 12 Ball Committee and staff involved in the organisation of such an event. Special thanks to Mr David Curtis, who took up the position as the Year 11/12 Coordinator this year.

Award winners were:

Belle of the Ball - Shakira Parise

Beau of the Ball - Symon Legacion

Best Dressed - Symon Legacion

Best Dancer - Faran Kazemi

Best Couple - Franchesca Mojica and Valentino La Bianca



Staff members at the School Ball



Best Couple - Franchesca Mojica and Valentino La Bianca



Mr Cutler with Year 12 students



Jihaan Barole, Magdalenda Stefanoska, Acacia Wanoa, Charlotte Roxburgh and Zufan Seifu



Year 12 students



Ana Denona and Symon Legacion with Ms Balic



Belle and Beau of the Ball - Shakira Parise and Symon Legacion

Celebration Assembly

On Friday 24 May, we held a Celebration Assembly which celebrated the achievements of our students throughout the year. The assembly was opened by our Year 11 Student Councillors, Evangeline Armstrong, Grace Kang, Gabriel Martinez Rivera and Josh Miller.

Our Year 10 music students performed 'Seven Nation Army' and our Year 7 and Year 8 music students performed 'Bellyache' from the musical 'Billy Elliot'. There were also photo displays of our students and their work.

The following achievements were recognised:

Gifted and Talented Visual Art Ambassadors

The role of a Gifted and Talented Visual Art Ambassador is to:

- promote leadership and a strong sense of belonging within the school and arts community
- assist when hosting events and exhibitions as well as general organisation
- mentor and be a role model for other art students
- develop ideas for school and community art events and projects

Two Art Ambassadors were nominated for each year group. Congratulations to the successful candidates as follows:

Year 7 – Zoe Heath, Amy Ly

Year 8 – A'Janae Brockhoff, Jordan de Beer

Year 9 – Kaitlyn Pope, Jonny Smith

Year 10 – Nathan Hamilton, Yuna Sangil

Year 11 – Meg Bradsell, Maddison Curry

Year 12 – Torren Whisson, Harriet Williams



Art Ambassadors

'Have Sum Fun' Maths Competition

The Have Sum Fun Competition is an exciting mathematics initiative that uses a quiz-night format. Three teams raced against the clock to solve four intense rounds of eight challenging problems. Congratulations to the following Maths students who were awarded certificates for participation:

Year 7 & 8 – Matheus Barone Major, Ahmed Wario, Kathleen Gesmundo, Jigme (Tenzin) Dorjee and Shine Sharma.

Year 9 & 10 – Elise Beirne, Shreyas Ganguly, Kaida Law, Nathan Hamilton, Kanika Rawat and Bhavana Joshi.

Year 11 & 12 – Suhasi Patel, Hugh Zhang, Iman Sultan, Neeyanta Nakarmi, Igor Pavkov and Ryan Morton.



Years 11 and 12 Students

Write4fun Competition

Our Year 7 English students successfully progressed past the initial judging in the 2019 Schools' Writing Competition. This year, the competition was held throughout primary and secondary schools within Australia and over 10,000 entries were received. Balcatta SHS has been recognised for outstanding student writing with less than 10% of schools showing this level of achievement. Well done!



Year 7 English Students

Balcatta Debating Teams

During Terms 1 and 2, Balcatta SHS had five debating teams who competed at Hale School, Wembley – three Year 7/8 teams and two Year 9/10 teams comprising of the following students:

Year 7 – Kaiser Htat

Year 8 – Lucas Agostino, Aakanksha Dayma, Jordan de Beer, Mali Frazer, Amani Hashmi, Boni Hockley, Gemma Holman, Chloe Marsh, Jye Rigby

Year 9 – Rachel Chon, James Edwards, Izahy Fortun, Lauren Holman, Bhavana Joshi, Sadie Nicholson-Nelkoski, Kanika Rawat, Gabby Velez, Eloise Vlatko-Rulo.



Debating Students

Events

Steamtrain Tour

On Thursday 13 June, 40 of our talented students performed in a 'Steamtrain Tour' to our local intake area primary schools. With an international flavour, the dance students performed 'Italian Restaurant' looking great in their Italian dress costumes. The Year 8 music students, with the assistance of Mr Rees, performed 'Counting Stars' and the Art ambassadors delivered stylistic explanations of the gallery of works. The final presentation by our Technology ambassadors was also very entertaining as the students were shown a short show of robotics! This was a really enjoyable day with a packed schedule.



Harry Dos Santos Babic and Kaitlyn Pope with artwork display



Ethan Litchfield and Adzi Zein show off their robotics



Year 7 Dance Performers



Year 7 Dancers performing 'Italian Restaurant'



Year 8 Music Performance



Year 8 Music students performing 'Counting Stars'

Student Councillors Elected

The following Student Councillors (for each year group, Years 7 to 11) were elected by their peers and announced at the year assemblies on Thursday 4 April.

Year 7: Kya Cross, Yassmin Ahmed, Jesse Bolitho-Bryce, Tennyson Dragicevich and Bailey Creasey

Year 8: Phillip Klimoski, Joko Narra, Amani Hashmi, Shine Sharma, Alyce Flatters and Mali Frazer

Year 9: Ritesh Dindyal, Marina Minic, Izahy Fortun, Adzi Zein, Bhavana Joshi and Kaitlyn Pope

Year 10: Ethan Robinson, Kaida Law, Jessica Santich, Shreyas Ganguly and Tahlia Wells-Vasile

Year 11: Evangeline Armstrong, Maye Deada, Seth Dropulic-Sokmas, Grace Kang, Joshua Miller and Gabriel Martinez Rivera.

This year we have introduced a 'Student Council Creed' which the newly elected Student Councillors have signed endorsing their commitment to represent the school and to uphold our values of 'Respect, Unite and Excel'.



Year 9 Student Councillors



Year 10 Student Councillors



Year 7 Kya Cross, Yassmin Ahmed, Jesse Bolitho-Bryce, Tennyson Dragicevich and Bailey Creasey



Year 8 Phillip Klimoski, Joko Narra, Amani Hashmi, Shine Sharma, Alyce Flatters and Mali Frazer

Lexie Hull and Lily Johnston

Year 9 student Lexie Hull and Year 11 student Lily Johnston have been invited to compete in the 2019 Australian Roller Sports National Artistic Championships which will be held in Queensland from 30 June to 5 July 2019. The top skaters from around Australia will be competing in this event. Artistic Roller Skating is a very demanding sport requiring strength and speed, combined with grace, poise, precision and agility. It is a fun, safe sport that is practised worldwide. We wish Lexie and Lily every success in their achievement.



Lexie Hull and Lily Johnston

People

Billy Summerville

The 2019 BMX Australia BAD BOY National Championships was held at the Shepparton BMX Club in Northern Victoria from 20 May to 25 May. Located just outside Melbourne, Shepparton has proved to be a hotspot of BMX competition for a number of years. Year 7 student, Billy Summerville from Westside BMX Club came in 6th position in the Boys 12-year-old Division. Congratulations, Billy!



Billy Summerville

James Edwards

Year 9 student, James Edwards has been playing snooker for two years acquiring his love for the sport from his family, especially his dad who encouraged him to become involved in a sporting activity. James has won the State Under 15 Snooker and Under 18 Billiards Championships in 2018. Recently, he competed in the 2019 WA State Snooker Championships held in North Perth from 25 May to 3 June. The event was battled out in a Round Robin format ending in the Knockouts. Unfortunately, James didn't reach the Knockout rounds of this competition but still put in a fierce effort. Congratulations on your achievement, James!



James Edwards

Madi Ward 'Dances Around the World'

Year 9 student, Madi Ward participated in a 'Dance Around the World' tour in Los Angeles, California. Madi had the opportunity to dance in the Main Street Parade at Disneyland in Anaheim, Universal Studios (LA), Hollywood Walk of Fame (LA) and a dance workshop class at Millennium Dance Complex. While staying in the US, Madi and her family also managed to see the sights of Los Angeles. Next on their schedule was a Mexican cruise to Ensenada where Madi also participated in a performance on board the ship.



Madi Ward

Iraia King makes the Intermediate League National Baseball Championships

Little League Baseball is one of the most recognisable sporting brands in the world and represents the largest participation sport, played across 75 countries. Through proper guidance and exemplary leadership, the program assists children in developing the qualities of citizenship, discipline, teamwork and physical well-being. Australia is the fourth largest country in terms of participation, making it one of the fastest growing grassroots sports in Australia.

Year 8 student, Iraia King, a member of Western Suns Baseball League situated in the Swan Valley, attended the Intermediate League National Baseball Championships held in Mildura, Victoria on Monday 17 June 2019. Iraia's team was one of three teams from WA entering this competition with the winning national team being eligible to compete in California, USA at the end of this year.



Iraia King

Alivia King makes the State U12 Netball Squad

Congratulations to Year 7 student, Alivia King, who has made it through to the squad for State U12 Netball team. Alivia has been playing Netball for three years and is playing her first club season for Hamersley Netball Club. Her favourite position is Goal Defence, but she is a pretty good Goal Shooter as well. Although having just turned 12 years of age, her club team is playing up in the U13 Division 2 and they have not lost a game all season.



Alivia King

Recently, the squad trials were held for 9 hours on a weekend with over 500 participants from all over WA. The squad of approximately 30 students is currently training at the State Netball Centre in Jolimont on Wednesday evenings and Sunday early mornings (in addition to club training and Saturday games). On Sunday 15 June, 15 students were chosen to continue training and play at the Nationals in Canberra this September. We wish Alivia every success in this competition.

CO2 Dragster Competition

Year 9 Design & Technology students were given the opportunity to test and race their CO2 dragsters in the annual Balcatta SHS Grand CO2 Prix competition held on Monday 27 May. CO2 dragsters are vehicles designed to Australian competition specification. Each dragster is made from balsa wood and powered by CO2 canisters. The dragsters are raced over 20 metres and the average speeds they can reach are approximately 70 km/h. Students learn a variety of different skills manufacturing this project. They learn basic science terms such as aerodynamics, mass and friction, and how they are an integral part of design. To successfully manufacture a design project, various areas of the design process must be completed.

This year's winner was Soham Patel and the runner up was Zoe Rowland. The race was so close that the judges had to consult the camera footage on the finish line. Soham will receive the winning prize of a \$50.00 gift certificate and his name engraved on the trophy. Congratulations to all the students who competed and demonstrated our Balcatta SHS values throughout the year. This is the eighth year in which students have enjoyed this project and we hope to continue it for many more.



Race Winners - Soham Patel and Zoe Rowlands

Forensic Science Workshop

On Tuesday 30 April the Science Department commenced Term 2 with a stimulating workshop. A number of our Years 7, 9 and 10 students participated in a Forensic Science Workshop, the aim being to bring classroom science to life and enhance the learning experience by allowing high school students to take on the role of the Forensic Scientist and solve real-life crimes. They engaged in a hands-on activity focusing on how Forensic Scientists solve crimes.

The students investigated a case which explored the importance of cyber safety with social networks, the dangers of drink spiking and the consequences of taking risks. Who did Sally meet at the beach and how did she die? A 17-year-old schoolgirl is found lying dead on the ground in a disused military bunker. The girl's parents reported her missing four days prior when she failed to return home from school. There are signs of a struggle and a substantial wound to the head which appeared to be the cause of death. Students examined the crime scene and analysed the evidence including entomology, trace evidence, fingerprints, toxicology and much more.



Future Forensic Scientists

2019 Science Fair

"Science is simply the word we use to describe a method of organising our curiosity." – Tim Minchin

Once again, our annual Science Fair was a huge success! This event involved all Year 7 and Year 8 students, a team of enthusiastic Science teachers organised by Mrs Hoy, and a range of interesting, innovative ideas. Working individually, or with a partner (or two), students effectively designed methods that allowed them to record first hand data that provided an answer to the questions they asked. Does drinking Gatorade affect our health? Do plants grow better if read to or sung to? Do girls or boys have better aim? Regardless of the topic, all students showed a high level of engagement as they conducted their work in the classroom over a period of four weeks.

The atmosphere was abuzz on the day with our budding scientists presenting their work to a large roaming audience of parents, carers, primary school students and their teachers. Some students gave formal presentations, confidently speaking about their investigative work – explanations which impressed our panel of judges, themselves professional scientists. It is moments like these that highlight the real purpose of teaching – the nurturing and development of curious, creative, critical thinkers.

Year 7 Prize Winners

First Prize

Kaiser Htat, Leon Iannetta and Ahmed Wario – Salt water vs H₂O (Mung bean growth).

Holly Menna and Eva Veljanoski – How much bacteria is in our makeup?

Merit Awards

Tilly Woodard and Lidia Vojnovic – Elephant toothpaste.

Umang Bajracharya, Kaden Freeman and Zac Leishman – Which vegetable provides the most electricity?

People's Choice Award

Stephanie Litchfield and Faith Ambler – Taste the Rainbow.

Year 8 Prize Winners

First Prize

Chloe – What is the best amount of vinegar to use to make plastic out of milk?

Merit Awards

Daron Rahman and Jamille Castejon – Which liquid dissolves aspirin the fastest?

Mali Frazer, Blake Beggs and Harri King – Which fruit contains the most DNA?

People's Choice Award

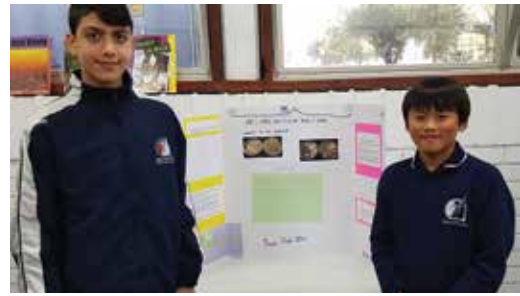
Amani Hashmi, Ava Kelly and Elly Ogenis – Which brand of popcorn is the best?

First Prize and Merit Awards were awarded by our professional judges – Dr Debbie Palmer (Telethon Kids Institute), Associate Professor Hayley Norman (CSIRO) and Simone Janney (CSIRO).

m Events



Judge Simone Janney (CSIRO), Chloe and Mrs Hoy



Elija Samardali and Clinton Dorji



Amani Hashmi, Ava Kelly and Elly Ognenis with Mrs Hoy



Great work from Gemma Holman's group



Harri King and Mali Frazer with judge Simone Janney (CSIRO), and Mrs Hoy



Neala Johnson and Sonam Pelzang



Stephanie Litchfield and Faith Ambler



Elly Ognenis



Judge Hayley Norman (CSIRO) with Kaden Freeman, Urnang Bajracharya and Zac Leishman



Asha Budalich and Jazmin Kitanovski

Annual Visual Art Camp

The annual Gifted and Talented Visual Art camp was held at Rottneest from 1 April to 4 April. 52 students across all year groups attended the camp. Over the four days, the students worked in groups rotating through the five different art activities and workshops.

Art teacher Michelle Murning and her group decorated an A3 size calico bag that they can use to carry their art folios in. From sketches of the environment, the students made designs, cut stencils and used fabric spray paint to decorate. The brightly coloured finished bags were amazing with each student creating unique and original designs.

Art tutor Jodie Davidson was working with the students on the Japanese art of shibori folding. Visions of blue and white crowded the washing lines with sunshine and the constant breeze helping with the drying process. Students learned traditional techniques to create repetitive patterns with the use of pegs, strings, elastic bands and various ways of folding. Amongst the dyed aprons and pillowcases students also made shibori-covered concertina artist books.

Art teacher Hal Schmiedte ran the very popular 'Underwater Photography' workshops. This activity had students immerse themselves in the water with snorkel gear and underwater cameras. This experience offered students endless possibilities with each workshop capturing a different slice of rare and exciting photographic opportunities underwater. Fish were a common subject as well as one group having an encounter with a seal, which was breathtaking. The submerged shipwreck and caves were also very popular.

Art tutor Mark Tweedie ran a mixed media workshop using fine-liners and a limited colour pallet of acrylic paint. The students were taken to several different locations around the island to vary the subject matter and record a postcard graphic snapshot of Rottneest. The artworks were then framed back at school, which became a very impressive body of work.

Art tutor Torsten Knorr worked with our students on the beach with watercolours and during their three hour workshops, the students recorded and captured the amazing ocean views and seascapes.

On their return from camp, the Year 8 students were chosen to work with Torsten at the art studios of Balcatta SHS where they had the opportunity to further develop what they had recorded at Rottneest with their preliminary studies, and to extend and produce some amazing acrylic paintings on canvas.

An informal art exhibition was set up in the art gallery to display the artwork produced.



Rottneest Landscapes



Assortment of calico bags made with stencils and acrylic paints



Art Students on Camp



Shibori-covered concertina artist books



Friendly fauna getting in on the act!

New Placements Offered to Students

The Gifted and Talented Visual Art program was established at Balcatta Senior High School in 1979. Our visual art program provides students with outstanding creative opportunities to enrich and extend their artistic ideas, skills and processes. All Gifted and Talented applicants are required to sit the Selective Entrance Test coordinated by the Department of Education.

After sitting for the Top-Up Testing in March, the following students have been successful and were offered an official placement in the Gifted and Talented Visual Art program at Balcatta Senior High School.

Year 8 – Harrison King, Katherine Borgogno, Asher Read, Rose Watkins, Jessica Betti, Jordan de Beer, Riscia Vinta and Kiara James.

Year 9 – Jonny Smith, Sarah Ulrich, Kanika Rawat and Izahy Fortun.

Well done and congratulations to these students who are very hard working and worthy candidates.

Gifted and Talented Art Tutor wins Art Award

As one of the City of Armadale's premium events, the renowned Minnawarra Art Awards showcased some of Australia's prestigious artists. Our Saturday art tutor, Christophe Canato, a talented Perth-based artist, was awarded the coveted Gerry Gauntlett Award for 'Farandole' at a special event on Thursday 2 May.

The Armadale District Hall was transformed into a professional exhibition space of contemporary works. Mayor Henry Zelones OAM, JP said 88 artists were selected to exhibit in this year's Art Awards, with a total of 114 artworks.

This year's exhibition was special for the City as they were able to return to their newly renovated Armadale District Hall to showcase pieces across various mediums of the fine arts, including painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, photography and textiles.



'Farandole' by Christophe Canato

A day at the Beach

On the morning of Saturday 11 May our Year 7 Gifted and Talented Visual Art students went to Mettams Pool as part of their drawing workshop. They were to complete a preliminary drawing of the seascape which will be used to produce their first painting for this term.



Art Gallery Visit

The Year 7 Gifted and Talented Visual Art students had the opportunity to attend the Art Gallery of Western Australia on Wednesday 5 June to view the exhibition 'Pulse Perspectives' by Year 12 students. The artwork at the exhibition is a taste of art by some of the best, brightest and most talented graduating high school artists in the state. An annual barometer of what our youth are thinking and feeling, it is a rich celebration of the role the arts play in the development of individual identities.

Our students were very surprised by the standard of work on display. Viewing the exhibition left the students feeling excited and inspired to create and improve on their own art making.



HyperVision

The Hyper Series is a City of Swan based arts program of large and small scale events and activities organised by a group of young volunteers and supported by a full-time program coordinator employed by the City. Our students competed in the HyperVision Program, a visual art exhibition and competition held at Midland Junction Art Centre. The artworks will be displayed at the art centre from opening night on Friday 5 July, and as part of the HyperVision exhibit from Saturday 7 July to Friday 9 August.

Congratulations to Philip de Jong whose artwork titled 'Giant Panda' has been selected as a finalist in HyperVision.



Giant Panda by Philip de Jong



Artwork by Kaida Law

Sea Container Mural

There have been several sea containers placed around the school due to the construction work being completed. One of those sea containers will be used as art storage for the wearable art students to use to construct their recyclable fashion. The same sea container received an amazing new look by artist Melski McVee with the assistance of a select group of Year 8 Gifted and Talented Visual Art students. The bright solid colours and bold outlines are a main design feature that is present in all her murals, with the subject of flora and fauna (in this case, a kingfisher) being an identifiable style that she has developed as her signature style. Her murals can be seen all over Perth and Western Australia and we will now have our very own Melski McVee design mural.



'Kingfisher' Mural



Students painting the sea container



The end result!



Meg Bradsell - Year 11



Samantha Antulov - Year 9

Mandurah Wearable Art Showcase

On Sunday 16 June, a group of 12 Gifted and Talented Visual Art students viewed a new stage performance, incorporating music, theatre and laughter, creating an unforgettable experience for any art lover as the Wearable Art Mandurah Showcase returns to the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre. These revolutionary works of art need to be viewed up close and personal to appreciate the innovative choice of materials and the level of skill and thinking that goes into these extraordinary works. The students were mesmerised by the amazing artwork on display as well as the fashion show.

Four of our Wearable Art students had their designs on display as part of the Headpiece Challenge. They are Meg Bradsell of Year 11, Annabelle Wilson of Year 10, Samantha Antulov of Year 9 and Jordan de Beer of Year 8.

The judging was so difficult that it was decided to create two extra awards. The students who won awards were:
Highly Commended – Meg Bradsell for her artwork, 'Nyx'
Councillor Peter Rogers Award – Jordan de Beer for her artwork, 'A Cry for Change'.

For some students, the headpiece can be the starting point of a creation for the 2020 Mandurah Wearable Art Competition which will now be held in November, giving students longer to work on their entries.



Jordan de Beer - Year 8



Annabelle Wilson - Year 10



Jordan de Beer - Year 8

Nexus 2019

On Friday 7 June 2019, Nexus 2019 was held at the Octagon Theatre at the University of WA. This is an annual event presented by the Dance Alliance, consisting of students from Shenton College, Balcatta Senior High School, Cecil Andrews College and Rossmoyne Senior High School. All the students have achieved high standards in movement education and have performed works choreographed by themselves, their dedicated teachers and Perth dance professionals. The performances aim to deliver excellence in both teaching and student learning. Students receive an opportunity to focus on technique and performance, as well as dance history.



Health & Phys Ed News

Lightning Carnivals

Term 2 is the time of the year in which all students from Years 7 to 10 have the opportunity to represent the school in a variety of sports. The emphasis, as the word 'carnival' suggests, is fun and enjoyment whilst students can exercise and apply their self-management and social skills. There are no trophies to be won but healthy competition in a safe environment is promoted.

Some of the sports to choose from were netball, soccer, basketball, mixed hockey, volleyball and AFL. The schools involved came from the north west coastal region and included Perth Modern School, Shenton College, Churchlands SHS, Balga SHS, Girrawheen SHS, Carine SHS, Greenwood SHS and Warwick SHS.

Students are in charge of their own game plan and substitutions and have to make sure they organise themselves for each fixture. They also have to plan for the day making sure they bring plenty of water, wear the correct attire and anything else that may be required, depending on weather conditions.

Older students also volunteer to umpire to help develop their leadership skills. Refereeing and umpiring can be a daunting task but many brave students grasp the opportunity and without them the carnivals would not run so smoothly.



Year 11 Health Studies

The Year 11 Health Studies students have been learning about lifestyle diseases this term. These are diseases which can be prevented by changing certain aspects of our lifestyle. One major factor contributing to diseases such as diabetes, obesity and cardio-vascular disease is our diet. To help us further understand, Foodbank visited the class to explain firstly, how much sugar is in a variety of everyday drinks and then demonstrated how to make healthy, budget conscious, tasty meals to assist in lowering fat and sugar content in our everyday eating. Students were given recipe cards, ingredients and utensils to prepare foods such as dips, noodles and fresh salads, curries, pies and chocolate coconut balls, and then began making them. All recipes were quick and easy to make and extremely tasty. This experience showed everyone that home-made meals are tastier than store bought ones and definitely much healthier!



Student Services News

Life Choices Presentation

On Wednesday 8 May our Year 9 students attended a presentation on 'Life Choices' by Andrew 'Fishtail' Fischer from the Positive Life Choices Foundation. Andrew is a successful race car driver, having raced in the V8 Supercars and V8 Utes Series in Porsches, BMWs, Lotus' and is currently racing the most famous car in Australian Motor Sport history, the Ford XYGT, in the Touring Car Masters series.

Andrew presented his personal story on the challenges he faced throughout his career and life. He talked about making poor decisions that involved crime and violence. He focused on a range of facts and statistics, and presented multimedia to the students around smoking, drugs, teenage sex, safe driving and his faith. Andrew brought a replica V8 racing ute for the students to see and interact with at lunchtime.



Andrew 'Fishtail' Fischer

Motivational Speaker visits Balcatta

On Tuesday 18 June some of our Years 11 and 12 students were invited to a presentation by Derek Rabelo, a Brazilian professional surfer who was born blind due to glaucoma. Derek's desire was to accomplish his dream of becoming a professional surfer, despite the odds that he faced as a child. Through the encouragement of his parents, best friend, and surf coach, he embarked on a three year journey of gruelling mental, physical and spiritual training. He now travels the world surfing some of the biggest waves and has fulfilled his dream of surfing the 'Pipeline' on the north shore of Oahu, Hawaii. Derek gave an inspirational talk to our students about how he had to challenge himself to improve, believe in himself and face his greatest fears. He promotes the importance of having strong connections with friends and family to maintain a happy lifestyle. His positive attitude and determination to succeed are an inspiration to us all.



Derek Rabelo surfing



The Ford XYGT of V8 Supercars fame



Derek Rabelo

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