



From the Principal

Welcome to our second newsletter for Term One. We have had an excellent term, and in the last few weeks have been able to progress a number of key initiatives.

Wireless Service Improvement

After protracted ongoing negotiations (16 months), we were finally successful in having our wireless service upgraded with the provision of 10 additional wireless units. This will go a long way towards addressing any wireless black spots we have, ensuring a high quality continuation of connectivity throughout the College.

College Oval Upgrade

We have also had another win with the awarding of an \$88,000 oval upgrade. This will see the dead sections of turf removed from nearly half the oval and then replaced with new turf. This will help to ensure we have an oval that is suitable for use by all students including supporting our high quality Australian Football Specialist Program as well as being able to cope with the heavy demand our growing numbers place on it.

College to be Fully Air-conditioned in 2015

I have been informed that the Department's Air Conditioning Program for our College is about to be tendered and we can expect to be fully air-conditioned before the start of next year. This is fantastic news for all students and staff.

Year 7 Building Program to Begin

The Year 7 Building Program of Works has also been scheduled, with an expectation of the building starting in July/September this year and being completed by October next year. This will be a state of the art facility that will greatly enhance the learning opportunities for our students.

Student Attendance Continues to Improve and Student Suspension Rates Continue to Decrease

The good news stories continue with another improvement in our attendance rate for Term One compared to the same time last year. We have also a marked decrease in the number of students being suspended compared to this time last year and fully expect that will continue to improve as our focus on a positive and safe college environment continues to ramp up. **Courtesy and Respect** is our current focus and this is gaining great traction with our students. Our zero tolerance to bad behaviour and bullying ensures that our College is a great place to be at all times.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday break and I will see you all back for Term 2.

Jamie Hayres
Principal

Parents/Carers

Please ensure the College has your correct contact details including home phone number, mobile phone numbers and email addresses. Teaching staff have experienced difficulty contacting parents due to these details being out of date or incorrect. **Thank you**



CBC Student represents WA in 2013 State Baseball Team

One of our students, **Tomas Swinson Year 11**, has been recently selected by School Sports WA to represent Western Australia in the 2013 State Baseball Team. Tomas and his team will be competing at the national Schools Championships in Geelong, Victoria, from 5th to 11th May 2013.

Congratulations Tomas!



Congratulations

CBC Student Wins Runner-up in National History Competition



Congratulations to Charlie Rees Year 10, for his outstanding effort as a runner-up for the 2013 Simpson Prize. This history competition was held for students in Yr 9 and Yr 10, involving the ANZAC tradition.

As the State Runner-up, Charlie flew to Canberra along with our Dean of Academic Extension, Mrs Jenny Burton, to attend a two-day program which included visits to Parliament House, Australian War Memorial and the National Museum of Australia. In addition, Charlie and Mrs Burton had the privilege of attending an exclusive dinner with Mr Gary Gray MP to congratulate Charlie's achievement.

Charlie was surprised and excited to win the tour of Canberra, and was presented with a certificate and medal by the Minister for School Education, Mr Peter Garrett AM MP.

Well done Charlie!

FOR YOUR DIARY

Comet Bay College Calendar

Keep up to date with important dates and events coming up at Comet Bay College:

2013

Term 1

Tues 16 April

ANZAC Assembly Service - 9.45am
All welcome

Tues 16 April

P&C AGM - 7.00pm
All welcome

Thurs 18 & 19 April

Year 8, 9 & 10 Male Vaccinations

Fri 19 April

Last Day of Term 1

Term 2

Tues 7 May

First Day of Term 2

Week 2

Year 9 NAPLAN Testing

Week 2

Year 10 Career Education

Wed 22 May

Defence Force Challenge

Tues 28 & Wed 29 May

Year 8 Bully Beware Day

Mon 3 June

Public Holiday (Foundation Day)

Harmony Day

On Tuesday 19th March, Comet Bay College celebrated Harmony Day, which was a time to acknowledge Australia's multicultural population. Comet Bay College reflects the wider community in the diverse cultural background of our students. Harmony Day was organised to replicate the mood and fun of a Carnival, with food and music. Ryoko, a Japanese origami artist created an array of animals and instructed students on how to make their own. Ryoko also wrote students names in Katakana.

The Leadership Certificate I class worked in groups to create a beautiful array of internationally themed foods to present for Harmony Day. They chose a focus country, and explored different aspects of that country's culture. Students were given a section in a marquee which they decorated to represent their chosen country.

The crowd were entertained by the very talented Tevita Pakinga with his rendition of 'Somewhere over the Rainbow'. The class organised to have musician Levi Islam attend and perform on his didgeridoo. He was accompanied by Aaron Cater Year 12, who performed on the drums. The combination of didgeridoo and drums was brilliant, and the crowd thoroughly enjoyed the music.

Thank you to Julie Coyle and her cooking class for their help and beautiful food, and Rob Thorpe for his help with music equipment. All money raised is donated to 'Relay for Life'.

Also, a big thank you to Shabana Tagore for organising the fabulous morning tea on Friday 22nd March!

Theresa Jennings
Teacher Social Studies



Basketball Tournament

On the 21st of March, twenty year 11 and year 12 students represented Comet Bay College in an Interschool Basketball Carnival held at Mike Barnetts Stadium Rockingham.

A boys team and a girls team were selected to participate. Both teams displayed true sportsmanship throughout the day and it was a pleasure to coach and be a part of this event. The boys were competitive all day, with a great result of a draw playing Rockingham High School that has a specialized basketball program. The girls never gave up all day and had some terrific results with some narrow losses. The student's attitudes and high spirits, along with the way they conducted themselves on and off the court, made the day a huge success. Thanks to the students, we will continue to have these great opportunities for them to be a part of.

Thank you to everyone that was involved!

Ben Smith

Teacher Physical & Health Education



Introducing Sport and Community Leadership

I would like to introduce this year's Sport and Community Leadership Team from the year 10 cohort.

This group of leaders deliver morning fitness sessions at Comet Bay Primary every Monday morning and assist with a number of carnivals that run through the year for Comet Bay School Sports Association. This includes Secret Harbour Primary School, Comet Bay Primary School, Singleton Primary School and Endeavour Primary School. So far, the students have officiated at the Summer Carnival in volleyball, softball and cricket, and assisted in the running of Secret Harbour Swim Trials and their Beach Carnival.

It's a demanding course that requires maturity, responsibility and commitment. Students need to be organised and have the ability to work with young children and communicate with them in a manner in which they understand. So far the primary schools have been very positive with their feedback on the group and their contribution to the events that have taken place. A great start to 2013!

Gillian Hassan

Teacher Health & Physical Education



Secret Harbour Scouts

Partners with Comet Bay College

It was a busy Easter for the Scout Group attached to Comet Bay College.

Secret Harbour Scout Group, who now partner with Comet Bay College, spent the Easter Weekend on an Enduro Camp. The camp had the theme of a relief force bringing urgent supplies and support to refugees in a hostile land. The Scout's first task was to establish communications and bring in air support. They built a radio tower and were soon on their way to rendezvous with the air drop and retrieve the urgent medical supplies. In between them and the refugee camp was a river, so they constructed rafts to ensure the supplies stayed dry and nearly made it across the river. Only one group got through but the others tried hard. Many other exciting missions ensued over the four days and tested the Scout's skills,

problem solving abilities, teamwork and tenacity. Not one Scout faltered, even on the 5km march!

The Cubs have also had some fun with a visit from the brave volunteers from the Secret Harbour Volunteer Fire and Rescue Crew. Their visit helped some Cubs with the badges and proved to be popular and informative. The Crew stayed on to help the Cubs with the water fight! Many of the Cubs and crew went home wetter than when they arrived!

The Secret Harbour Scout Group meets every Friday during term time at Comet Bay College. You can find out how you can become part of the fun by contacting the Group Leader, **David Karcheski** either through school or you can email him on gl.secretharbour@scoutswa.com.au



Year 8 Good standing Day

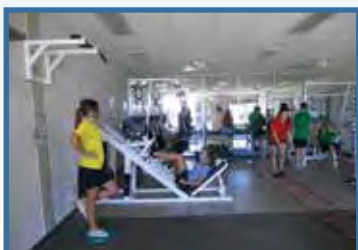
On Tuesday 26th April, 122 Year 8 students participated in three hours of interhouse sporting events. The students came prepared in House Shirts and joined together in playing Netball, Basketball, Soccer, Benchball & Dodgeball. The day was a huge success and all of the students thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Everyone made a great effort to support and win points for their teams. The overall victorious team, Mariner, received icy poles and 100 house points. Navigator & Challenger drew for second place earning 50 house points and Voyager came in with 25 points.

It was a great day which would not have been possible without the use of the gym & basketball courts and the staff. Thanks Phys Ed!!!

Lindsey Taylor
Year 8 Coordinator





Year 10 Fitness Education!

Year 10 Fitness Education was set up in 2009 as an extension of Phys Ed options available to year 10 students.

The course aims to provide an education on the components of fitness and principles of training and includes cardio vascular, muscular strength and endurance, motor fitness and flexibility. Particular attention is paid to developing these disciplines for teenagers and our main focus is exercise execution and technique.

During the year, the students can expect to complete a varied range of fitness classes including body conditioning, boxing, aerobics, combat, speed, agility and quickness (SAQ), continuous and interval training among others. Stretch and relax sessions teach the students about their own limitations and the importance of maintaining muscle function in order to reduce injury. In the last term of the course, the students are given individual personal programmes to carry out in our very own fitness suite and complete a 10km run over a period of weeks.

The course is not for the light hearted and some students have, in the past, assumed it was just another sports class. It requires commitment, dedication, energy and enthusiasm as well as an eagerness to learn about fitness and training. For those students looking for a career in gym instruction or personal training the course provides a sound knowledge base for upper school qualifications and training courses.

Gillian Hassan

Teacher Health & Physical Education



Defence Family Supper

On Wednesday 20th March, Comet Bay College hosted its annual Defence Family Supper. This event is a celebration of the efforts from the past year's Defence Transition students at the College. Guests were dazzled by some great performances from students and ex Year 12 students over a delicious supper.

Congratulations to Brendan Tingey who won the Defence Resilience Award, presented by Mr Paul Papalia CSC, MLA Member for Warnbro. Mr Papalia sponsored the award for Brendan with a Go-Pro video camera and an accessory kit worth \$300. Well done Brendan!

The night was hosted by Claire Hunt, Defence Transition Mentor, who worked tirelessly in putting on this successful event enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you Claire! Also, thank you to all those who helped Claire with the night.



Visual Arts Visits Perth Zoo

On Thursday 21st February, Ms McKenzie's Year 8 Visual Arts Extension class and Ms Lockyer's Year 11 Stage 2 Visual Arts class visited Perth Zoo.

The aim of this excursion was to give students an opportunity to draw from direct observation. These drawings will be used in the development of students' final production works. The Year 8 students will be developing their drawings into a design for a scraper board work and a clay relief plaque. Ms Lockyer's Year 11 students will be using their drawings in the development of their final works which are an exploration of anthropomorphism. These students are to be commended for their impeccable behaviour on the day and for the high standard of drawings produced.

Claire McKenzie
Teacher Visual arts



Book Launch

On Tuesday the 26th of March, Comet Bay College cemented its reputation as a hub of creativity with the launch of two books; "If God is a Poet" written by our Associate Dean of English, Ron Barton, and "Hatchling Heroes" by former student, Hayden Selfe. The evening began with light refreshments and casual chatter as the 50 guests, including Paul Papalia CSC, MLA Member for Warnbro, mingled with the two authors.

Associate Principal, Stewart Pryer, was the MC for the event, entertaining the crowd with one-liners and little asides while introducing the speakers. The first of these was the amazing Chloe Forster, who was a part of our graduating class of 2012 and the artist behind the cover design for "If God is a Poet". Chloe spoke confidently and clearly about the artistic process she went through and how the image was inspired by the Hubble telescope. She said she was humbled by the opportunity given to her by Mr Barton and Ginninderra Press and hopes it is the start of a long career in art.

Ron then read from his book, engaging the audience with dramatic flair, not seen since he dressed up as an elderly woman for the year 10 extension and GATE students last year. His diverse choice of poems

included pieces on amateur football, domestic violence, the way in which women manipulate men to do their bidding and his distaste in the media's sexualisation of youth.

As a form of intermission, local band "Kids With Wolves" (a trio that includes two former students) played their unique brand of folk rock to an appreciative audience. Their catchy tunes and melodic voices have recently been heard at the Mandurah Crab Fest and their performance at the book launch showed why they are the highest regarded musicians to come out of the Peel region since X-Factor's Matt Gresham.

Finally, Hayden and his mother (Dean of Student Support, Gail Nelson) took to the stage. Before reading the first chapter of his book, Hayden and Gail expressed their gratitude to those who helped Hayden through his teen years as he struggled with Asperger's on top of the usual teen issues. It was a touching display as Gail held back her tears, clearly proud of her son who had beaten adversity to become a published author.

The College would like to thank all of those who came and showed their support for our two writers and welcome any emails requesting further information on these two books.



Student Support News

CONTACT DETAILS

Please ensure your contact details and any emergency contact details are up to date.

SWEARING

Swearing at any member of staff will not be tolerated. Students will be suspended from school if this happens.

FAMILY HOLIDAYS

We understand that sometimes it is not possible for parents to take leave during school holiday time and as such, absence is unavoidable. We strongly recommend that where possible, you avoid taking your children out of school for holidays. Any work provided to you will never replace the quality of instruction your children receive in school. Time away from school causes gaps in students' knowledge and makes it hard for them to cope when they return to school.

STUDENT ARRIVAL

Students are expected to be in class on the first bell at 8.35am. If your child arrives after this time, he/she will be noted as late. Three late incidences results in parental contact and an after school student detention.

BORROWED UNIFORM

If you have borrowed any school uniform, please return this as soon as possible to avoid a bill!

UNIFORM POLICY

Girls are not permitted to wear shorts to school. These are to be worn for specific lessons only. Boys must wear shorts purchased from the uniform shop. Sports / footy shorts should be worn for Phys Ed only. House shirts must only be worn for specific lessons or on a Friday.

Please ensure that all uniform is purchased from the uniform shop. Wearing incorrect uniform will result in the loss of good standing and detentions.

ILLNESS

If your child is ill during the day, they can access the school nurse at recess and lunch in the administration block.

CAREER PATHWAYS

Student achievement, attendance and behaviour in year 10 will affect the availability of pathways in to Upper School. Course counselling begins in Term 2.

PHONE POLICY

Please do not contact your child during the school day. This will lead to their mobile device being confiscated. If you need to get a message to them, please speak to the front office or Student Support. We are more than happy to pass a message on.

PINK SLIPS

Students must report incidents to Student Support using the pink slips. As soon as a pink slip is completed, we can investigate the issues.

SKATEBOARD BAN

Skateboards have always been banned from the College (as per the student diaries) but a number of students have been bringing them in and negotiating with staff to look after them. The College has decided that this does not work and the ban will be enforced.

As from term 2 students who bring their skateboard to the college will have chosen to have it confiscated and handed into Student Support. If it is confiscated for a second time a parent will need to come and collect the board.

Students will be informed through the Daily Notices and Assemblies. Can you please make sure your child understands the consequences if they make the wrong choice. We thank you for your support in advance.

Parents Parking

When picking up and dropping off student(s), please park on the verge pathways on Allatoona Avenue. Thank you for your co-operation.

Do you find it difficult to talk to your teenager about sexual health?

FACT- Puberty can start at 8 (mostly at 10 or 11) and can continue until 18 (but can be later).

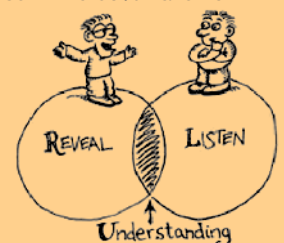
FACT- by the end of high school, about 50% of young people have had sex. And 50% have not.

FACT- Research shows: children who talk about sexuality with their parents start having sex later.

"The Department of Health WA has produced a free resource to assist parents to share their values and educate their children about sexuality. To order or download a copy of "Talk Soon. Talk Often.

A guide for parents talking to their kids about sex",

Go to www.public.health.wa.gov.au/2/1276/2/parentcaregiver.pm





FREE TEEN PARENTING SEMINARS – for EVERY PARENT

Triple P – Teen Positive Parenting Program SEMINAR SERIES

Managing teenage children's behaviour can be challenging at times for most parents.

Parents are invited to attend free parenting seminars being offered this term to learn practical, positive and effective ways to manage common behavioural problems, and ways to help your child achieve their best at school and in the future.

Parents may choose to attend one, two or all three of the following 2 hour seminars

When: 13th June 2013 Seminar One: Raising Responsible Teenagers
20th June 2013 Seminar Two: Raising Competent Teenagers
27th June 2013 Seminar Three: Getting Teenagers Connected

Time: 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Venue: Auditorium, Comet Bay College

Parking available in car park

Cost: Free – however bookings are essential.

Parents of teenagers attending Years 8, 9 and 10 are welcome to attend. Depending on availability of places, parents with children attending other year groups may also be able to attend – please enquire.

For more information, or to register to attend a free parenting seminar please:

Complete the slip below and return to:

Lisa Pesick
Comet Bay College

OR contact

Lisa Pesick on 9553 8127 or via email Lisa.Pesick@education.wa.edu.au

BY 7th June 2013



REGISTRATION FOR: TEEN POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM - SEMINAR SERIES

Name of Parent(s) wishing to attend: _____

(1) Surname _____ First Name _____ Mobile (1) _____

(2) Surname _____ First Name _____ Mobile (2) _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Postal Address: _____ Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Email: _____

Name of Child: _____ Year Level: _____ School: _____

I / We wish to attend (please tick):

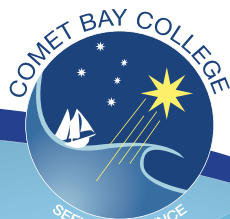
☐ Seminar One – 13/06/13

☐ Seminar Two – 20/06/13

☐ Seminar Three – 27/06/13

Please return your registration to:

Lisa Pesick
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by 7th June 2013



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