



From the Principal

Welcome

Term 2 is well and truly underway with staff and students working hard across the College as we move closer to the reporting cycle at the end of the term. As always, the College is a hub of activity and the staff and students have already been involved in a number of important events. The ANZAC Ceremony in Week 1 of this term was another outstanding success as our students and special guests commemorated this important event under the excellent coordination of Defence Transition Mentor, Claire Hunt. Every year, the ceremony brings great accolades to the College and I would like to thank Claire and all the staff, students and community members who help made this year's event such a success.

The Year 10 Specialist Australian Rules Football Students participated in the pre-season camp to Kalgoorlie, winning all their matches and getting in some serious pre-season training under the careful guidance of Head Coach Stephen Thomson, and Year 10 Program Coach Ben Jahn. I wish all the football squads the best of luck in the upcoming junior and senior competitions this term.

All Year 9 students participated in the NAPLAN Testing in Week 3. Coordination of this testing is a massive undertaking and I would like to thank our NAPLAN Coordinator Rebecca Dahlstrom and Associate Principal Nancy McNally for their excellent work ensuring it all ran smoothly.

The Student Leadership Group has been very busy organising events at recess and lunchtime to raise money for charities as well as entertain the students and staff. Nearly \$1,000 was raised for Princess Margaret Hospital by Vocational Education (VET) students. I would like to thank the students and teachers Theresa Jennings and Yasmine Mian for coordinating this. The Student Leadership Group were also involved in the Primary School Road Show visiting our three partner primary schools and showcasing all the wonderful things that go on here at the College to Year 5 and 6 primary school students. The feedback about the Road Show from the primary schools has been very positive.

The Year 10 Course Counselling Process begins in Week 8 with all Year 10 students attending a course selection meeting to discuss the selection of their Year 11 Courses for 2015. Students and parents will be receiving further information regarding this over the coming weeks, including a Year 10 Parent Information Evening Tuesday 3rd June 6.30-pm-7.30pm.

Jamie Hayres
Principal

Parents/Carers

Please ensure the College has your correct contact details including home and mobile phone numbers and email addresses. Teaching staff experience difficulty contacting parents where these details are out of date or incorrect. **Thank you**



**ANZAC
Commemorative
Service**
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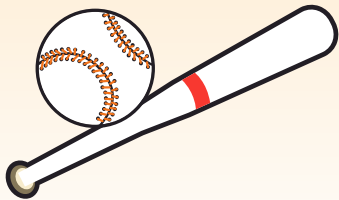
Congrats!!

Tomas Swinson selected for the WA 2014 State Baseball Team

Congratulations to Tomas Swinson Year 12 for being selected into the WA 2014 State Baseball Team. The team will be competing at the National School Championships in Woolongong, NSW from 4 to 11 May 2014.

State representation is an honour and often represents a significant stepping stone in the ultimate achievement of senior and national selection.

Congratulations Tomas and we wish you all the best for the Championship!



Congratulations Zane on your achievement and we wish you all the best on your USA Trip!

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FOR YOUR DIARY

Comet Bay College Calendar

See what's coming up at Comet Bay College:

2014

2 June
Public Holiday – WA Day

4 July
Last day of Term 2

4 and 5 June
Yr 8 Male & Female Immunisations

5 to 20 July
School Holidays

10 June
Year 10 Information Evening
6.30pm to 7.30pm

21 July
Student Free Day
Staff Development Day

16 to 27 June
Year 10 Course Counselling
Parent Interviews

22 July
Students commence Term 3

Congratulations!

Zane Johnson selected in Perth Heat Colts 2014 Baseball

Congratulations to Zane Johnson Year 11, who has been selected to play in the Perth Heat Colts 2014 Baseball Team, travelling through the USA.

After being run into at a baseball practice, Zane sustained severe internal injuries resulting in a stressful recovery both physically and mentally. Following his hospital stay, he was awarded a Fremantle Dockers Bravery Award for how well he coped in hospital with the severity of his injuries. Last Christmas, Zane decided to try and play baseball again, so he joined the Rockingham Rams Baseball Club. Through much hard work in a short period of time, Zane has successfully achieved the Perth Heat Colts 2014 selection.

The Perth Heat Colts 2014 will be travelling from 13 June until 21 July (about five and a half weeks), arriving in Los Angeles and then making their way through California, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Arizona and Nevada playing against various US College teams. During the tour, the team will be playing most days, with only a few days break. However, they will get time to go see a major league baseball game (LA Dodgers and Arizona Diamond Backs) visit Disneyland, go white water rafting and stay with some American host families.

S.A.Y. (Students Advising Youth)

Project Launch 2014

"Have your say, your way!"

The official launch of the 2014 Students Advising Youth (S.A.Y.) Film Competition was held at Comet Bay College on the 29th April, and was attended by Senior Police Officials as well as a number of local and state media journalists. After introductory speeches by Inspector La Spina and Principal Jamie Hayres, Adam Smith Year 11 student, who was a member of last year's winning film crew, presented the concept behind his award winning film as well as his views towards the importance of the competition. Adam was then interviewed by a Channel 10 film crew as well as journalists from local news publications.

Due to the overwhelming success of Comet Bay College's 2013 S.A.Y. Film Competition, the contest will now be open for students across the entire state. The competition, an idea presented to the school by the Peel Police Department and coordinated by Comet Bay College teacher, Matthew Potts, provides students with the opportunity to script, film and edit their own films about a issue which effects young people of their own age.

The topic of last year's films was 'The impact of illicit drug use on the individual and community', and this focus will continue on

in 2014. Although the competition was previously restricted to students in years 10 to 12, students from years 8 to 12 will now have the opportunity to create a film which expresses their views on this important topic.

Although last year's prizes were highly sought after, with the winning group being presented with a VIP tour through the ABC television and radio studios, this year's prize will allow one lucky film maker to be flown to Canberra to present their film to a Government representative. They will also be given a tour of our capital city and will be provided with their own spending money.

Students from a number of English and Media classes at Comet Bay College will be producing their own films as part of the school curriculum, providing them with the opportunity to present their work to a real life audience and make a positive impact upon their community. The competition is also open to any other interested students, however their films must be submitted to Mr Potts before the competition closing date, 24 July 2014.

For more information, please go to:

<http://www.police.wa.gov.au/Aboutus/News/StudentsAdvisingYouth/tabid/2030/Default.aspx>



ANZAC

Commemorative Service Lest We Forget...



Comet Bay College recently held its commemorative Anzac Service at the College on Wednesday 30 April. It was well attended by special invited guests such as Mayor Barry Sammels & Paul Papalia CSC, MLA, community members, parents and all students.

The service commenced with student cadets marching into the gymnasium, lead by Bagpiper Viv Riley and Military drummer Bruce Mackay. The gymnasium was decked with National Anthem Banners and Australian Flags, including a giant 7.5 metres flag used as a backdrop. Followed by a beautiful song named "Home" written and performed by Year 9 student Brindy Donovan.

Rousing speeches were given by:

- Head Girl & Boy Aspen Muizarajs Year 12 & Mason Gittens Year 12, who were MC's of the service.
- PO Stephen Seery - representing HMAS Stirling
- Rockingham RSL President Mick Ryan who also read a very moving poem.
- Student Jasmine Anglesey Year 12 who read out the winning Anzac themed poem.
- The Ode was read by Military Support Officer Wes Snowden.
- Students Maddison Wells Year 10, Chloe Murray Year 11, Kael Butler Year 9 and Claire Jacobs Year 8, have parents currently serving in the Australian Defence Force. They spoke about how proud they were of their parents and their experiences as being a child of a serving member, which can sometimes be difficult due to absence from home/deployments and difficulty keeping in contact with their parent serving.

A visiting junior choir from Secret Harbour Primary School sang "Can you hear the children marching" lead by Katherine Anson. Plus the Comet Bay College School Concert Band performed the National Anthem, led by Stephen Taylor. Lead vocals Tia Starkie Year 9 and Emily Galvin Year 9.

Numerous wreaths were laid at the base of the Flagpole by VIP guests and selected students on behalf of the school, followed by The Last Post and Rouse, played by Damien Huxham Year 9 and Damien Webster Year 9.

Morning tea was then served to our guests in the Library, provided by our Catering Students and Home Ec Teacher Shabana Tagore.

There were a number of displays that had been created by students positioned in the Front Foyer and Library. These displayed student work and also military uniforms (both replica & original) from as early as World War 1 to current day.

Some of the activities that occurred before and after the service included:

- Photographic Competition, sponsored by Paul Papalia CSC, MLA, where Graphic Design students were to superimpose a ghost-like image of a military person from a previous time into a current day photograph.

Congratulations to winner Zoe Davis Year 10.

- Poem Writing Competition, sponsored by Mayor Barry Sammels, where students were asked to write an Anzac themed poem. The best poem was read out during the service.

Congratulations to winner Rebecca Weldon Year 9.

- Honour Wall Competition, sponsored by the Defence Transition Mentor Program, where students were to research their personal family history to discover a family member who had served in the Australian Defence Force and write an essay about them.

Congratulations to winner Jacob Grayson Year 9.



Members of the WA Veteran Car Club, Military section, also attend the service. Students were invited to come and see the two World War 2 Jeeps, hold and wear some of the equipment and hear about their use. This was a very interesting way to learn about their history. Paul Thompson and Peter Moritz (vehicle owners) generously gave up their time to come to our College.

David Karcheski (Student Development Officer) presented an extremely entertaining story re-tell of the AE2 Submarine during World War 1, dressed as a Submariner for the day. This captivating story was well received by students in the library, followed by an informative talk given by current day Submariners LEUT Adam Masters and LS Kim Durbin from HMAS Stirling.

Whilst we still have the World War 1 uniforms on loan from the Fremantle Army Museum, students have been given the opportunity to use them for another photographic project; dressing in the uniforms and photographing themselves using green screen technology and superimposing themselves into a historical photograph (eg: on the shores of Gallipoli in 1915). They will also be used for a film-making project where English students have written a script, which will be acted & filmed with an Anzac theme.

Claire Hunt would like to thank the following people who made our ANZAC Service a successful and memorable event:

- Mayor Barry Samuels from the City of Rockingham for sponsoring the Poem Writing Competition.
- Paul Papalia CSC, MLA for sponsoring the Photographic Competition.
- Mick Ryan - Rockingham RSL President - read a wonderful poem and also lent us the RSL Heritage Trailer.
- Captain Angela Bond, Commander of HMAS Stirling, for loaning us the solid silver AE2 model and other Navy related items for display.
- Paul and Peter from the Veteran Car Club - Military Division.
- Aviation Heritage Museum of WA and Jim Cash from the Fremantle Airforce Cadets Unit for loaning us Airforce equipment for the display, including a parachute, World War 2 Flight suit & hats.
- CPO Toni Ralph from the Navy Community Engagement Program and her team of Navy members.
- Kerry Cross for coordinating the Honour Wall Essay Competition.
- Dallas Evans and Graeme Tingey for assistance with the set up of the display.
- Gail Nelson for making the metal trench wall displayed in the front foyer.
- John Sabin for the giant 'REMEMBER' fence sign.
- Valma Hanson and the Army Museum of WA for the replica World War 1 uniforms and Army equipment.
- David Karcheski and his fabulous team of Student Leaders & Councillors for all their efforts before, during and after the service. Plus also his very entertaining AE2 story re-tell.
- LEUT Adam Masters & LS Kim Durbin, Submariners from HMAS Waller, for their informative talk to students about life on a submarine.
- Cadets from Comet Bay College: Ebony Seery, Callum Mummery, Karl Jones, Owen Matthews, Tristan Hall, Lachlan Agnew, Olivea Roberts, Jaxon Smith. Also, external cadets were Kimberley Beqir, Chris Graham and Chris Tuddenham.
- Speakers - Aspen Muizarajs and Mason Gittens (Head Girl & Boy - MC's), Jasmine Anglesey (Read poem), Claire Jacobs, Kael Butler, Maddy Wells and Chloe Murray (Defence student speeches).
- Katherine Anson and her junior choir from Secret Harbour Primary School.
- Rob Thorpe, Stephen Taylor and Caroline Lansdell for their musical instruction and guidance given to the singers and school concert band members.
- Brindy Donovan for sharing her lovely song she wrote for the service, titled "Home".
- Shabana Tagore and her students for the Anzac morning tea and making poppies for the VIP's.
- And all the other students and teachers that helped with the displays and event management on the day.



Dear Sir / Madam

Today my husband and I were guests at your school for ANZAC Commemoration. May I say, what a great tribute to the fallen. The children (students) were a credit to your school. Ms Claire Hunt did an exceptional job. To the students who did the catering, well done. All students involved had smiling faces and very well mannered, so we believe it's a great reflection on the school. Congratulations.

Kind regards,
Mr and Mrs Alan Turner





Sports Leadership Students (SPLC) 2014 Team

It's been a busy year so far for the Sport Leadership students who have been involved in a number of primary school activities and events. Every Monday morning, they head to Comet Bay Primary School to take the morning fitness sessions. In pairs, they lead activities like mini soccer, team flag, power runs and the fitness circuit, whilst encouraging and praising the children for their efforts. Over the weeks, they have grown in confidence, gained valuable experience and enhanced their leadership and delivery skills.

In Term 1, they attended the CBSSA Summer Carnival for the surrounding primary schools. This was the group's biggest challenge as they were responsible for the officiating of cricket, league tag, volleyball and softball. The team were slightly nervous for the first few games, but confidence grew and all their practice of the previous weeks paid off. Feedback from the primary schools acknowledged

the group's umpiring skills, commended their positive attitude and willingness to assist in the smooth running of the day. A great effort by every student!

The next event of the term took place at Rockingham Aquatic; the Inter-school Swim Carnival. Armed with sun block and lots of energy, the group were essential runners, organising teams and recording results. The day was full and busy, which required specific scheduling and attention to detail in order to get all events correct and on time. The students worked hard all day, and were praised for their enthusiasm and efforts. Well done for a successful start to the Sport Leadership Course this year!

By Gillian Hassan

Assistant Dean of Health and Physical Education

Dancer of the Month

Name: Maddison Wells

Age: 15

What is your role in the dance program?

Currently I'm the Year 9 Dance Captain, but hopefully I can make 3 years in a row of being Captain, and keep it for year 10.

I help Mrs Burton with other dance classes when I'm free. I also choreograph for orientation, the Arts Expo and I'm working towards Yoh Fest Dance Competition as a guest Choreographer with Ashlee Morehead Year 11. We are hoping to take out first place for Comet Bay College.

What do you do in your spare time?

I don't have much spare time as I'm always dancing. I help out at my local dance school with the musical theatre classes teaching. I also dance with APAN, the Australian Performing Arts Network, in which we perform with big stars on telethon. I've also just recently secured a place in Metro Modelling agency as an Industry Dancer.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

In 10 years, I see myself living in America dancing on Broadway, or being a dance teacher in my own dance school.



Student Support News

STUDENT PARKING / PERMITS

Students should continue to park in the designated areas and display their permits. If a student needs a parking permit, please see Student Support Staff.

VACATIONS

Taking vacations during school time has an impact upon your child's education. All absences of this nature will be unauthorised.

NOTES

Please write a note for your child if they have an appointment. This allows them to leave their class and sign out promptly.

PARENTS PARKING

Please do not park on driveways, always use the designated street parking. The car parks are only to be used by visitors, staff and students with parking permits.

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop is open on Tuesdays from 8am to 11.30am, and Thursdays from 1pm to 4pm.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Bike rack security – please be advised that bikes and other items are secured at the owners risk. The College does not accept any liability for any loss or damage caused to any property.

BORROWED UNIFORM

If you have borrowed any school uniform, please return this as soon as possible to avoid payment.

CONTACT DETAILS

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

Spotlight Student Support Staff

Lindsey Taylor Associate Dean for Year 8



Time at Comet Bay College

Full time since January 2011. Prior to that I was a relief teacher for a while.

Where were you born?

Birmingham, UK

Significant events

Meeting my Son in 1995 for the very first time. Now aged 18, he still pulls my heart strings but keeps me smiling and laughing.

Moving to Australia in 2009. It's been the best move of my life and I am excitedly waiting for my Citizenship ceremony!

Reason I went into teaching

From an early age, I wanted a career where I would make a difference to people's lives. I tried Midwifery (changed my mind during my interview) then accountancy (3 hour exams and too many numbers) and then I made my move into teaching. Third time lucky and

I am fortunate to be able to say that I love my job. I worked at the same school in the UK teaching Business, Economics, Finance and Computing to Years 7-13 for 8 years. I have fantastic memories of my time there and made lifelong friendships with many.

What I like about my job

I love working with children. I love supporting students and their families and making a positive difference to a person's day. I also love assemblies and celebrating all the good things we do here at Comet Bay College. I particularly enjoy the Year 8 Camp and Good Standing events like ice skating (which scares me), interhouse sporting events and going to the movies.

What I dislike about my job

Ermmmm, I'm not sure really. I dislike seeing students unhappy. School is supposed to be the happiest time of life, so helping students is therefore my primary role here.



Each newsletter, we will take the time to interview a member of the Student Support team, so you can get to know more about the friendly and professional staff here at Comet Bay College.



Comet Bay College past students receive University scholarships

Congratulations to past students Hayley Grant and Cameron Smith who received scholarship offers at Curtin University this year! The success of these students would not be possible without the support of the College staff and their families.

Well done and congratulations Hayley and Cameron!



School App is now available for FREE!

Comet Bay College has released its new School App for both Apple and Android devices.

What is the School App?

The App is a tool that gives parents easy access to College communication and information. It includes current news and upcoming events, which can be received through alert notifications on your phone. Parents can also send student sick/absentee notes, or provide change of details directly to the College through the 'e-forms'. The app also provides useful information such as College Newsletters, Polies, Uniform Shop details, plus much more.

How do I get the App?

For iPhone and iPad users:



- Click the "App Store" icon your Apple device.
- Type "Comet Bay College" in the search.
- If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "Install".
- If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", Comet Bay College will then be visible. Click "Free" then "Install".
- When installed, click "Open".
- Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
- Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
- Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.



- Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device.
- Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in "Comet Bay College".
- Click the school name when it appears in the search.
- Click the "Install" button.
- Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
- Click "Open" when installed.
- Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
- Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable to you.

Building Project



The new building is progressing smoothly as the walls are starting to take shape. The project is running on time according to schedule and is expected to be completed around 11 September 2014.

Year 6 & 7 Transition

The four schools met earlier this term and worked hard to find a plan that meets both the needs of the students and fitted into the very, busy calendars of the schools.

This will be a three day event for both the Year 6 and Year 7 students, aimed at familiarising the students with Comet Bay College and the life of a high school student. More information will follow closer to the dates regarding the exact structure of the students' timetables. Below are the Transition dates:

- Yr 6 - 24 to 26 November
- Yr 7 - 27 November to 1 December

It is important to note that only students who have enrolled at Comet Bay College will be invited to participate in the transition program.

Enrolment Timeline



Enrolment packages will be delivered to the Primary schools for the beginning of Week 8 Term 2 (Monday 16 June) and parents will need to return forms to Comet Bay College by the end of Week 2 in Term 3 (Friday 1 August). Students who have gained entry into the Gifted and Talented Program can obtain their enrolment packages the same time as the others.

Health Update

CBC Community Youth Nurse



My name is (Celia Brown and Robyn Rogers) and we are the Community Health Nurse's based at Comet Bay College.

Community Health Nurses are skilled in assessing adolescent health needs. We engage in health counselling with young people to identify issues, risks and protective factors, provide advice and brief intervention, assist with access and referrals to other services, and provide follow up care. Young people can drop in to the Health Centre at recess or lunchtime and make appointments to discuss health and wellbeing issues.

The services provided are free and confidential. If you have a concern about your child's health or wellbeing, please contact us on 9553 8111.

Celia Brown and Robyn Rogers
Comet Bay College's Community Health Nurses

ADOLESCENT SUPPORT SERVICES - WHERE TO GO FOR HELP?

Kids Helpline is a free, private and confidential telephone and online counselling service, specifically for young people aged between 5 and 25 years. You can phone the helpline anytime on 1800 55 1800, or visit the website at www.kidshelp.com.au.

'Somazone' is a safe space for young people to ask questions, share stories and get help for mental health issues, sexual health, relationships, abuse, body image, and drug use. Visit the website at www.somazone.com.au.

If you need help or information relating specifically to mental health difficulties, you could also try www.reachout.com.au, www.youthbeyondblue.com.au, or www.headspace.org.au.

You can also talk through any problems you may be having with your local Community Health Nurses. Remember, no matter how big or small your problem is, there is help available and it is important to seek help as soon as possible.

PARENTING SUPPORT

As parents, you are the most important person in your child's life.

Many parents find life with a child a joyful but challenging experience. Children's needs change as they grow and each stage brings new challenges.

Parenting WA offers an information, support and referral service to parents, carers, grandparents and families with children up to 18 years of age. Parenting WA services are free and no referral is needed.

Parenting WA's trained staff are available to work with parents, including:

- Assisting with specific parenting needs, by helping develop strategies for home life;
- Managing the different parenting challenges from infancy and childhood through to teenage years;
 - Understanding the different stages of child development; and
 - Finding information about local community support services.

Parenting coordinators, located throughout WA, can provide individual parenting discussions, group sessions and workshops.

Parenting WA also provides the Parenting WA Line, a 24/7 telephone information service, a library rich with useful resources, parenting guide sheets and an on-line guide to parenting courses in WA. For more information contact Parenting WA (08) 6279 1200 or 1800 654 432 or at: <http://www.communities.wa.gov.au/parents>