

The Charter



Encounters Expand



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TAFE Winner

South Metropolitan TAFE was proud to celebrate 2016's highest achieving students at the annual Awards Ceremony held at Crown Perth on 15 March.

Rheynece Ashe (Class of 2016) won an Achievement Certificate at the Awards' Night for South Metropolitan TAFE. The ceremony saw more than 50 students win achievement awards, and seven students win major awards. We are delighted to acknowledge Rheynece's achievements and wish her every success in realising her aim to be a flight attendant.



Rheynece Ashe with her Achievement Certificate at the Awards' Night for South Metropolitan TAFE.



2016 Academic Results

There were some very pleasing academic results achieved by our 2016 cohort, 97.2% (69/71) of our students achieved their WACE. John Wollaston was recognised as one of the top schools in WA for Biology, a credit to the students and their teacher Rebecca Phillips.

Three of our students achieved an ATAR above 90 - Evie Dodge, Bevan Hargrave and Soraya McPhail. School Dux Evie Dodge achieved our top ATAR of 95.65.

In addition, Breanne Williams was awarded a Certificate of Distinction and 11 students achieved a Certificate of Merit.

Certificates of Merit and Certificates of Distinction recognise student achievement in the WACE and are dependent on the degree of difficulty of the courses and programs undertaken, together with the student's level of



Biology teacher Rebecca Phillips.

achievement. These awards are based on the grades awarded to students by their schools.

John Wollaston recognised as one of the top schools in WA for Biology in 2016.

A Certificate of Merit or a Certificate of Distinction is awarded to each eligible student who, in their last three consecutive years of senior secondary school WACE enrolment, accumulates: 150-189 points = a Certificate of Merit 190-200 points = a Certificate of Distinction.

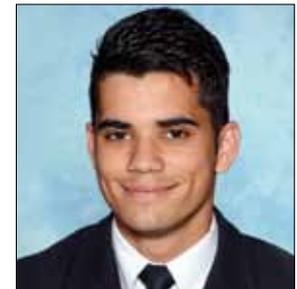
The School's VET results were outstanding; 100% of John Wollaston students who attempted a Certificate II or III achieved their goal which placed the School equal first in the State with several other schools.

We all know that academic results are but one measure of a school's performance, there are many other factors that are of equal or greater importance, the quality of pastoral care being one. Nonetheless, maintaining a good academic record is important.

Parents need to feel confident that their children will receive quality teaching in a learning environment that is conducive to achieving excellent educational outcomes. At John Wollaston maintaining a strong academic culture from the early years to Year 12 has been and will continue to be, a priority.



2016 Head Prefect and School Dux Evie Dodge achieved our top ATAR of 95.65.



2016 Scott House Prefect and Caltex All Rounder Bevan Hargrave achieved an ATAR above 90.



2016 Soraya McPhail achieved an ATAR above 90.



Breanne Williams was awarded a Certificate of Distinction



From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends

We are currently preparing students for jobs that don't yet exist...using technologies that haven't yet been invented...in order to solve problems we don't even know are problems yet - Richard Riley, Secretary of Education in President Clinton's Administration.

This is the formidable, yet exciting, challenge facing educators as we look to provide a broad range of curricular and co-curricular programs and experiences for students of all ages and abilities to prepare them for life beyond school. Key to this challenge is working with our young people to enhance their character strengths such as resilience, perseverance, courage and empathy; fostering a strong set of values and an ethical approach to life which will enable them to be successful.

Our Encounters, now in place for all year levels, are important learning experiences which facilitate character development and personal growth. The students enjoy

the opportunity to test themselves in contexts outside the classroom in the company of their peers and the staff. Indeed for many students, the Encounter is the highlight of their year. A snapshot of some of our Semester 1 Encounter experiences is included in this issue of *The Charter*.

Participating in sporting teams or as a member of the cast and crew of a musical production are also wonderful opportunities for personal growth. Most recently the Primary School production of *Pirates! The Musical* was a resounding success. Everyone involved is to be commended for their contribution and, not to be underestimated, their stamina. Performing mid-week at the IPSHA Performing Arts Festival at the Perth Convention Centre, followed by a sell-out three night season in our Victoria Morgan Arts Centre a week later, is no mean feat! A number of photographs of the production have been included in this issue.

At the end of this term we farewelled a great stalwart of the Primary School, Mr

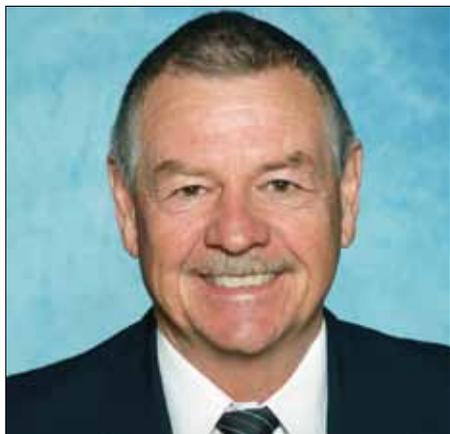


Glynn Crawcour. Glynn has enjoyed an outstanding teaching career in South Africa and Western Australia and will be remembered for his fair but firm manner, high expectations, musicianship, warm collegiality and loyalty to our school. We thank him for his wonderful service to John Wollaston and wish him a happy and fulfilling retirement.

With best wishes
Anne Ford



Farewell Mr Crawcour



Primary Music Specialist Mr Glynn Crawcour.

The beloved Mr Glynn Crawcour has retired after 45 years dedicated service to the education of Primary students. Eighteen and half years have been spent at John Wollaston

Glynn's career began in 1972 in South Africa. In 1990 he became Principal of Kimberley Junior School (KJS) in South Africa. In 1993 this school became one

of the first schools to transition to multicultural enrolment after the period of apartheid.

Many years later one of his first Zulu students sent him a grateful email. Here is an excerpt:

"I am at the end of my BSc Chemical Engineering degree at the University of Cape Town.....I have come along way since 1991 when I was given the opportunity to get the kind of academic grounding that you Mr Crawcour and your staff provided. .. I remember it was a rather strange experience at first being at the fore-front of integration into the multi-cultural environment of Kimberley..... Thank you very much for helping to groom me into the young man I am today. I received the best education at KJS. We were blessed to have people like you touch our lives for the better"

Bonginkosi Kenneth Mgweba

Glynn has made an outstanding

contribution to John Wollaston and he will be greatly missed. His many roles included; teaching, coaching, music, concert production and camp organiser. We thank him and wish him a happy and healthy retirement.



The many school badges of Mr Crawcour.

‘The most powerful weapon’

Year 11 student Stephanie Lurssen said Nelson Mandela was her inspiration during her application to become an ambassador for the World Literacy Foundation.

Stephanie was studying for her Semester 1 exams when she received an email about the World Literacy Foundation’s search for youth ambassadors. Stephanie said she was interested in humanitarian and social issues and thought she could use her privileged position in Australia to help others worldwide. “I think it’s important to try and make society as cohesive as we can,” she said. “Education is so important.

“I was studying and I came across a quote from Nelson Mandela which was ‘Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.’” She said the quote had resonated with her and motivated her to apply to become a youth ambassador for the Foundation.

The World Literacy Foundation was established in 2003 and ran literacy and education programs in indigenous Australian communities, Latin America

and Africa. Once selected, Stephanie joined 249 other youth ambassadors aged 12 to 24-years-old worldwide, including 49 in Australia, who will fundraise to support programs in Africa. The Foundation supplied solar-powered tablet devices to students in Africa who learnt in classrooms where there was no electricity or internet. The tablets contained hundreds of bi-lingual resources including textbooks, audio and video books and interactive learning content.

‘Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.’

Stephanie pledged to raise US\$1000 (about \$1300 Australian dollars) by December, which the organisation said would provide assistance for 240 students. Sub-Saharan African literacy rates are some of the lowest in the world. According to UNESCO in Uganda where the World Literacy Foundation focused much of its effort the female literacy rate was less than 70 per cent. With only a year left at school Stephanie said the experience would be a big step for her own independence.



Stephanie Lurssen, Literacy Ambassador.

“The transition from dreaming of wanting to do something to being able to do something is really great, I’m so excited,” she said. “It’s so independent, which I think is very exciting. I’ll have the opportunity to do something myself.” Stephanie said she was still working out which were the best ways to fundraise and had considered movie nights, a raffle and working alongside local groups and the local Member of Parliament.

Taken from a story By Toby Hussey (Armada Examier newspaper June 15, 2017) <https://worldliteracyfoundation.org/>

Da Vinci winners!



John Wollaston competed at the Da Vinci Decathlon held at Wesley College on Wednesday 29 March.

The John Wollaston Year 9 DaVinci Decathlon team won first prize in the Art and Poetry category.

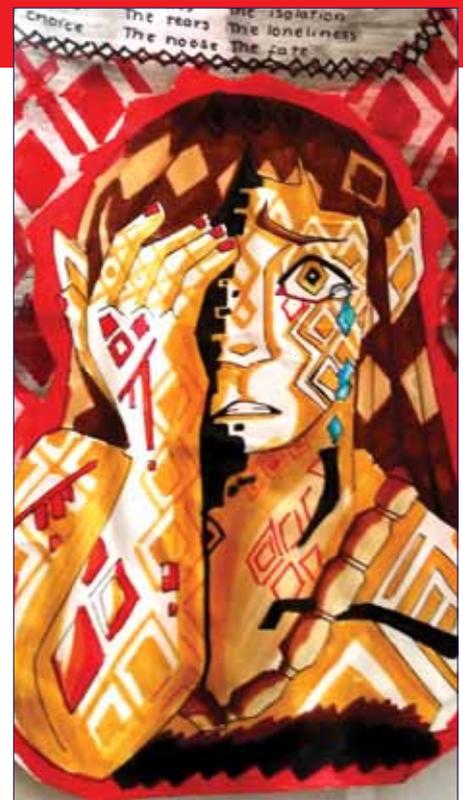
On Wednesday 29 March, Year 9 students Carmina Farano, Keeley Smith, Taylah Asmus, Taylor Prothero, Matthew Ford, Matthew Little, Joshua Bydder, Ashlyn Trouchet, Jordan Mazzola and Teliah Godfrey participated in the Da Vinci Decathlon at Wesley College.

This is a highly competitive schools

event which tests students’ thinking and problem solving skills. Strong team work is also essential for success.

Congratulations to the students for their hard work and resilience and also for achieving first place in the Art and Poetry category, an outstanding result.

Alice Alibrandi, Head of Inclusive Education at John Wollaston, coordinated this event and was very proud of the students.



Winning John Wollaston art piece.

Technology and Enterprise on display

Traditional woodwork skills as well as routing, marquetry, laser cutting and fitting hinges were the focus in Semester 1 for Years 8 to 10 in Materials, Design and Technology.

In Year 8 the students all followed a brief to design and make a desk tidy; in Year 9, a decorative wooden box and in Year 10, a wooden toy. The students were encouraged to be as creative as possible with one student, Keeley Smith, making her decorative box into a nightlight.

All of the results were outstanding with students becoming increasingly independent and more adventurous with their design ideas. Several pieces of work were entered into the WA Wood Show at the Claremont Showground in August. Patrick Colley Year 11 received a Highly Commended Award and Shane Wright Year 10 received a second place.

<http://www.wawoodshow.com.au/>
Rachael Wilkinson
 Head of Design and Technology



Year 10s had to design a wooden toy.



Worlds Greatest Shave

Click go the shears!

On Monday 1 May, 16 secondary students, the Principal's Personal Assistant Susan Kirby and Head of Humanities Gary Bordonni participated in the World's Greatest Shave.

Head of Charter House Pauline Galley organises the School's participation in this fundraiser on a biennial basis and each occasion is a great success.

This year's event received wonderful support from our Year 12 boys, several of whom decided to have their locks shaved for the cause. The staff were great sports with Mr Bordonni agreeing to lose his moustache for \$100 and Mrs Kirby braving Ms Ford's handiwork with the clippers!

Approximately \$3000 was raised for the Leukaemia Foundation, which was an outstanding effort.

Thank you to Mrs Galley and the two hairdressers from Tyler Reid Hair and Beauty Salon in Canning Vale who donated their time to the School.



Matilda! The Musical



Students were thrilled to experience *Matilda The Musical*.

Primary students who were part of the 2016 Performing Arts Group and the secondary students from School's cast of *Hairspray*, attended a matinee of *Matilda the Musical* on Wednesday 22 March at the Crown Theatre.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the performance and the opportunity to view a world class production.

Japan Study Tour 2016

Hiroshima, Kyoto, Shizuoka and Tokyo

Very chilly temperatures did not diminish the excitement of the 11 intrepid students who encountered snow on their second day in Japan! Experiencing Asakusa's Sensoji Temple in the snow was a rare treat and signalled the start of a fabulous day exploring Tokyo. Students visited Asakusa, Ginza, Akihabara and Shibuya.

Nerves aplenty were apparent on the short Shinkansen ride south to Shizuoka to meet host families. However, the students needn't have worried – the week with their Japanese families was a highlight of the trip for most of them. Students relished the challenge of trying new food, sleeping on futon, calligraphy, the tea ceremony and a whole school assembly with over 1000 students! After a wonderful week it was certainly a teary farewell to our Shizuoka host families and friends.

After Shizuoka we travelled to Hiroshima. We were fortunate enough to hear a first hand account of someone who

survived the horror of the atomic bomb. In subsequent days we visited Miyajima, Onomichi and enjoyed a few hours playing in snow (machine made snow, but nevertheless, lots of fun was had by all!)

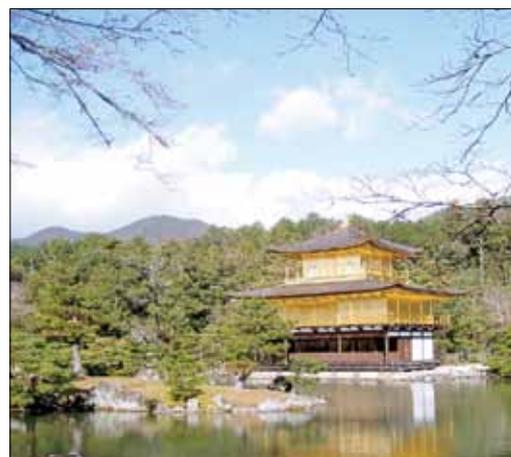
In Kyoto, Kinkakuji, Kiyomizudera and Ryoanji were highlights as were the Thousand Torii gates at Fushimi Inari. It has to be said that the couple of hours at karaoke were also lots of fun!

Eager to absorb as much culture, history and language as possible, the students were serious when required and more than willing to use their Japanese on the tour. It was most gratifying for Ms Fuchino and I to see how excited the students were when they realised they were using Japanese without even thinking about it. It was a fantastic two weeks; a dream come true for many of the participants.

Tatia Sly
Head of Languages



Learning calligraphy at our Sister School in Shizuoka, sightseeing, new Japanese friends, historic landmarks and enjoying the natural world of Japan.



Encounters expand

The 2017 Encounter program has expanded to include all Secondary year levels.

Year 7 teacher Mr David Crawford has taken on the role of the Co-curricular Coordinator, with responsibilities for the Encounter and Clubs programs in the Secondary School.

These programs are expanding all the time and creating excellent opportunities for students to push their boundaries and take chances in situations that might be outside their comfort zones.

The pictures below are from the Year 7 Encounter at Fairbridge.



Mr David Crawford has taken on the role of Co-curricular Coordinator in 2017.



Encounter @ Swan Valley Adventure Centre

Our Year 8 students recently completed their Year 8 Encounter at the Swan Valley Adventure Centre. Students were challenged physically and psychologically.

Students participated in activities including; the High Ropes Course, Commando Course, Flying Fox, Archery and Raft Building. All of these experiences required students to overcome a level of anxiety or stress as they were placed well outside of their comfort zones.

As each activity was completed during the camp, our Year 8 students described their genuine sense of achievement and accomplishment. They learnt they are capable of achieving anything if they are brave enough to accept new challenges.

Nick Jones
Deputy Principal Pastoral Care



Year 9 *Inspire* and *Oydssey* Encounters

The Encounter experience for our Year 9 students explored gender based learning opportunities so that the specific issues and concerns facing 14 and 15 year old adolescents could be addressed in separate workshops.

The boys undertook *The Odyssey Program* and the girls worked with *Inspire for Girls*. The boys and girls appreciated the opportunity to work separately to explore important issues of manhood and womanhood. The facilitators, Jane and Will, were adept at drawing responses from the students which encouraged active participation throughout the day.

Our Encounter program is continuing to evolve, with all years now enjoying a range of character building activities.

<https://odysseyprogram.com.au/>
<http://inspireforgirls.com.au/>



Year 6 Encounter - Canberra 2017

On Sunday 14 May the Year 6 cohort and a small band of enthusiastic teachers departed for their annual Canberra Tour. The weather was fantastic and staying at the Australian Institute of Sport was most exciting.

Everyone has their own special highlight; mine is always the great pride I have in our students as we participate in the Closing Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial. The Governor General Sir Peter Cosgrove was generous with his time, and again, I was so proud of the intelligent, perceptive questions our students asked of him. I particularly celebrate the pride our children display as they return, walking a little taller and a little wiser, knowing they have been part of a special experience.

I thank our dedicated staff and supportive parents who made the tour possible,

Wayne Revitt
Head of Primary



"I just wanted to say a huge 'thank you' to all the staff who took part in and helped to organise the trip to Canberra. It was a fantastic experience for Olivia, and something which she will always remember. We appreciate all the time and effort that goes into organising a trip of this kind, and we are very grateful that it is an experience that our other children will look forward to when their time comes. Once again, it reinforces the fact that we made the right decision when we decided to send our children to John Wollaston."
Hayley and Andrew Trueman





Shark Bay adventure

The Year 12 Certificate II Outdoor Recreation class prepared all semester for the annual Shark Bay Sea Kayaking Expedition which was held from 12 June to 16 June.

The camp provided students with the opportunity to apply the skills learnt in the classroom in a remote and beautiful setting. They had completed units in Environmental Conservation, Fishing, Kayaking and Camping.

On day one we were greeted with some bad weather, which made the 6km paddle go from a comfortable one hour to a hard slog that took three and a half hours. To the students' credit they remained positive and soon after arrival had their tents set up, firewood collected and the evening's dinner planned. That night around the fire we had clear skies with amazing stars and topped off with an almost full moon rising over the calm ocean.

Day two was the complete opposite with near perfectly calm conditions that made the paddle back considerably easier. We

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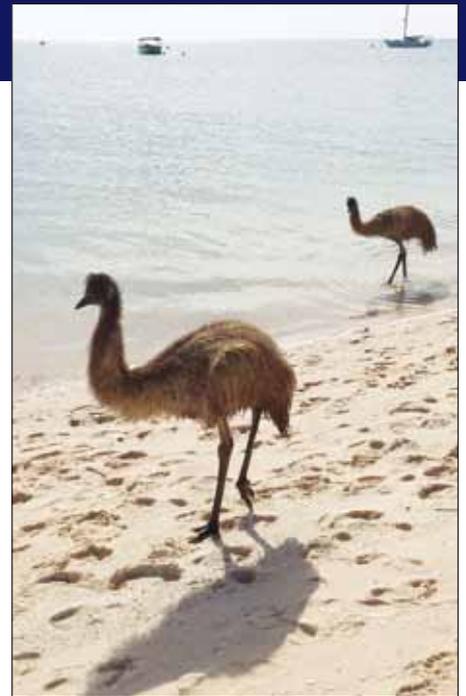
could stop to appreciate the beautiful surrounds that Shark Bay has to offer.

The highlight of day three was a nature walk through the red cliffs to a beach that promised fish. The students quickly set out foraging for cockles that we used for bait to attract the sneaky whiting. Although no one landed a fish there was many a frustrated fisherman whose bait had been eaten.

I am extremely proud of the class and how well they executed the planning for the trip. They showed resilience when the weather was not favourable and also demonstrated gratitude and appreciation of the unspoiled environment in which they were camping.

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**Quentin Hess
Head of Scott House**





Events experience hands-on

Two of our VET Students Kiara-Rose Thompson and Patrick Colley who are enrolled in Certificate III in Event Management were part of 65 Roses Day for the Cystic Fibrosis WA (CFWA) during the semester.

The Event Management students ran a stall for this event, learning skills and researching clients and their product in preparation for this event.

This gave the students valuable hands-on experience. They attended the CFWA office in Nedlands and prepped for the event, trimming and wrapping thousands of roses and packing volunteer and site packs. The event raised \$6,000.

This was a great opportunity for Kiara-Rose and Patrick to be part of a team and learn valuable life skills.

The students also went to the WA Athletics Stadium and worked for a day to assist the WA Cancer Council to bump

in the staging resources for this year's Perth Relay for Life event.

Events and Hospitality Management Lecturer Kylie-Anne Stokes said Patrick and Kiara are both lovely students and great representatives of the School. "Patrick is a great leader and is always happy to step up and take on management roles with maturity, hence the opportunity was provided to him to drive the 4 wheeler at Relay for Life."

Kiara participated in the Novotel Langley excursion in May. Students attended a site visit and were able to take part in a Q & A with the Conference Coordinator at the Novotel, which gave them an insight into events in the hotel industry.

Kiara also participated in the Relay for Life, where she was involved in coordinating the decorations of the event grandstand.

<http://www.southmetrotafe.wa.edu.au/courses/certificate-iii-events>



Kiara Rose - interactive events experience.



Patrick learning events from the ground up.



VET Event Management Students helped with 65 Roses Day for the Cystic Fibrosis WA (CFWA).



Jordy's Shed

Many amazing things happen in our wonderful Learning Enrichment Centre but probably the highlight of Semester 1 has been Jordy's Shed.

Jordy Collins is in Year 11 and is completing an ASDAN module called Practical Workshop. The ASDAN modules allow students to choose an area of interest and come up with a project of their choice. ASDAN is an organisation from the UK and is an endorsed programme in WA.

Last year Jordy began talking with Ms Alice Alibrandi Head of Inclusive Education about ideas for his project and they came up with the idea of restoring bikes and donating them to needy people in the community.

Then Ms Alibrandi had to make it happen! A fantastic collaboration between our Head of Maintenance Stephen Pullicino, Ms Ford, Mrs Shore and the LEC Department spawned the idea of Jordy's Shed! Together they organised the delivery of a sea container to the School, found a great location for it and decked it out as a workshop!

This wonderful surprise was sprung on Jordy one day when he was taken blindfolded to the garden behind the Learning Enrichment Centre to discover a fully equipped shed named after him!

Now Jordy has this incredible work place and is already busy restoring his first bike. Thank you for the generous donations from the wider John Wollaston community who have supplied old bikes, paint, oil and various tools.



Head of Maintenance, Stephen Pullicino with Jordy Collins in his shed!

Jordy has been inundated by generous donations and now has the tools he needs. Stephen and his team made shelves, work benches, added electricity and lights and organised the shed so that Jordy could begin work as soon as possible.

Currently Jordy would like a compressor and donations of tyres and tubes. Vouchers could also be used to purchase these items. He also needs old unwanted bikes that can either be restored or pulled apart for spares.

If anyone is interested in visiting Jordy's Shed and making a donation, please contact Ms Alibrandi at the School. Ms Ford is keen for Jordy's Shed to be used by future generations of students and is delighted that it is giving Jordy great experience for the future.



Jordy thanks staff involved at morning tea.



Alice Alibrandi Head of Inclusive Education, Jordy Collins and Mr Rory Marchant Charter House teacher.



Rowing season

The John Wollaston Rowing Club has recommenced for 2017 with 20 keen novice and experienced rowers enjoying the fantastic facilities at Champion Lakes.

This year the School has been very fortunate to receive a generous donation of a sweep boat and oars from the Perth Rowing Club. This is the same type of boat used by Australia's Awesome Foursome. It will help John Wollaston rowers to experience and learn sweep rowing with one oar per rower compared to the scull boat where each rower has two oars.

John Wollaston rowing coach Susan March from Perth Rowing Club was the main driver behind this generous donation to the School and said

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The rest of the JWACS "fleet" is the property of ANA Rowing Club which the School hires for the rowing season. All of these boats are stored in the ANA boat shed at Champion Lakes.

Susan March and Carole Pedri of ANA Rowing Club have been coaching John Wollaston teams for the past five years. They have shared an enormous amount of their rowing expertise with the John Wollaston Rowing Club. Perth Rowing Club and

ANA Rowing Club are passionate about getting as many school aged children in WA involved in rowing.

The School has also purchased a second hand coxed sweep boat from Rowing WA.

Our students are looking forward to competing in the Inter-House Rowing Regatta and some of them making it to Inter-School Regattas this rowing season.

**Lonneke Holleman
Head of Physical Education**



Lonneke Holleman, Susan March and Carole Pedri with the oars donated to the School.



Australia's Awesome Foursome in a sweep boat, the same style recently purchased by the School.



Inter-House Cross Country

Students from Pre-Primary to Year 12 bravely competed in the Inter-House Cross Country carnivals.

It was fantastic to see all the students competing for their House. Early Learning students competed on the School oval. The Primary School was blessed with another beautiful winter's day at Champion Lakes. Secondary battled some inclement weather but records were broken and House spirit was high.

Scott House won the Primary trophy and Ramsden House was victorious in the Secondary School.



Primary Inter-House Cross Country held at Champion Lakes in Term 2.



Pirates! The Musical

Ahoy, me hearties!

Sold out performances of *Pirates! The Musical* by the Primary students wowed audiences during the last week of Term 2.

The 63 cast members worked incredibly hard over two terms to perform excerpts of the production at the IPSHA Performing Arts Festival held at the Perth Convention Centre and then the full production over three nights at the Victoria Morgan Arts Centre.

Well done to Director Jenny Coles and her mighty cast and crew for a fantastic musical.



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