

Book Week fun!



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ANGLICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Book Week 2017 a buzz in the ELC

Book Week 2017 featured a Harry Potter night in the Library Resource Centre, Buddy reading sessions, the Primary Pantomime and so much more.

Our youngest students; the Little Wollies, were bitten by the Book Week bug and were thrilled when the big Year 1 students came to read with them as their reading buddies.



Book Week 2017 was a great success in the Early Learning Centre. This year's theme "Escape to Everywhere" thrilled our youngest students.

Book Week goes BATty

Thank you to our innovative and enthusiastic Library staff for a wonderful Book Week. The inaugural Kids@BATnight (BAT = Books and Technology) was a wonderful celebration of all the wonderful things that happen in the Library.

The 30th anniversary of the Harry Potter books was celebrated in fine style with a wonderful array of costumes. There was plenty of Harry Potter themed fun and parents could view our new digital technology resources.

The Staff Pantomime was a highlight at our Book Week Assembly and our students and staff looked amazing in their Book Week costumes.

Thank you to Library Teacher Haylee Godfrey for organising such a great celebration of reading in the Primary School.



Robotics thrilled the crowd at the Books and Technoogy night in the Library Resource Centre.

From the Principal

In the recent October break, I was fortunate to attend the Australian Heads of Independent Schools Association Biennial Conference in Queenstown, New Zealand.

For the first time we joined formally with our New Zealand counterparts and it was a memorable experience to have it hosted in their beautiful country. The Conference program featured school visits in one of Auckland, Christchurch or Wellington prior to gathering in Queenstown, outstanding speakers and opportunities to participate in a range of adventure activities for which Queenstown is renowned.

I chose to visit schools in Christchurch. We had a tour of four very different schools - Christ's College (Boys), Rangi Ruri (Girls), St Andrew's College (Co-educational) and St Margaret's College (Girls). Each has made a remarkable recovery from the earthquake which devastated the city a few years ago. The Principals spoke of the huge challenge

of delivering academic and co-curricular programs in makeshift facilities, accommodating boarders in local motels and dealing with falling enrolments as so many families lost their livelihoods and relocated to other parts of New Zealand. All new buildings in Christchurch now have to abide by stringent building codes to withstand earthquakes so you can imagine the significant costs for the government, home and business owners, and of course, schools.

The adventure options were amazing - everything from bungee jumping and zip lining to the luge and jet boating. I decided to step out of my comfort zone and try things I had never done before, so I had two rides on the luge and a helicopter flight which landed on a glacier. Both were fantastic, particularly the latter as we flew over Coronet Peak and the Remarkables mountain range before landing on a glacier with spectacular views of the surrounding mountains. The cold air, brilliant sunshine and thrill of doing something quite special were exhilarating!



How important it is to step out of one's comfort zone periodically to test ourselves and realise we are capable of more. That's why our Encounter program at John Wollaston is so important. We are continuing to build upon and refine our offerings to ensure that students from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 12 can participate in experiences that foster their resilience and confidence as well as being great fun!

**With best wishes
Anne Ford**

Grandparents' Day expands

Grandparents' Day is always one of the happiest days of the school year and for the first time at John Wollaston we expanded to include Secondary School grandparents.

Grandparents, great grandparents and aunts and uncles all had a wonderful day.

The morning commenced with an assembly for the whole school in the Berry Durston Indoor Sports Centre, followed by the opportunity to visit the Annual Art Exhibition and attend classrooms to spend time with grandchildren.



Inaugural House Shout!

The ever popular Grandparents' Day assembly was all the more exciting this year with the introduction of the House Shout.

Each House had to sing a Beatles song. Pre-Primary to Year 12 House members rehearsed together and then performed in front of a packed audience of grandparents and the whole school. The Principal invited grandmother Joan Shackles to help her adjudicate the event.

Ramsden House took out the inaugural trophy. A fantastic time was had by all.



Junior da Vinci Decathlon State Champions



International Baccalaureate attitudes create the winning solution!

Teamwork, practice and perseverance led the John Wollaston Anglican Community School 2017 Junior da Vinci Decathlon team to first place ahead of 19 other schools from across Perth and surrounding areas and become State Champions.

The da Vinci Decathlon is an academic competition designed to challenge and stimulate the minds of school students. Students compete in teams of eight across 10 disciplines: Engineering, Mathematics, Code Breaking, Art and

Poetry, Science, English, Ideation, Creative Producers, Cartography and General Knowledge.

The John Wollaston students were selected to compete according to high achievement measured across a range of disciplines at school. Throughout the preparation time, the emphasis was on making the most of the collective potential in the team. This involved affirming each other's strengths, respecting one another and learning from one's own mistakes.

These attitudes are reflected strongly in the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme taught in our Primary School and clearly led the team through the experience to victory.

Following on from a win in the Art and Poetry Category by our Year 9 team earlier in the year, John Wollaston is building a great reputation in the da Vinci Decathlon challenge. The Primary team look forward to producing more excellent results in the future. They already have some strategies in mind for next year!

Year 5 Encounter rocks the Swan Valley



The Year 5 cohort had a wonderful time at their Year 5 Encounter Experience at the Swan Valley Adventure Centre.

This is the first time the Primary has accessed this facility and it is fantastic. The students enjoyed canoeing on the Swan River and especially loved jumping

out of the canoes into the water and getting very muddy!

The climbing wall was a favourite, along with archery and the flying fox. Students came home exhausted, proud of themselves and with a story or two to share with their families.

The Year 3 group also enjoyed their Encounter Experience at Bickley Outdoor Recreation Camp recently. Students loved the flying fox, African drumming, team building games and many other activities.



Tim takes the prize

Year 8 student Timothy Armstrong won second place in the Years 7-8 category of the Armadale Young Writer's Award. This is an annual competition that has been run by the City of Armadale since 2011.

The competition is open to school age children and teenagers, from Years 3 to 12 who reside or attend school in the City, and is divided into five categories based on age group. Works have to be in prose and be no longer than 2000 words.

City of Armadale Mayor Henry Zelones OAM, JP said that this year the award attracted over 200 entries from students across the City. "The competition

attracted a high calibre of entries from very talented young people.

"I hope the award inspires all the place-getters to continue to develop their gift for writing in the future."

At the presentation ceremony, Council dignitaries, the award winners and their families were addressed by award winning Western Australian Children's Author Elaine Forrestral.

The City has collated the stories submitted by all place getters into a book which is available for loan from the City of Armadale Libraries.



Timothy Armstrong, future author.

**Category Years 7 & 8
2nd Timothy Armstrong
Mwisho Kusimama**

Inter-School Athletics Carnival

Our Primary team performed admirably at All Saints' College recently. Several Inter-School records were set on the day by our students.

Olivia Dodds, Olivia Truman, Jacob Hale and Jared Henderson were standout performers in Year 6. The whole team performed well and displayed excellent John Wollaston spirit.

We also say goodbye and thank you to Miss Slattery, who has had a wonderful start to her teaching career at John Wollaston. We wish her all the best and hope to see her back at John Wollaston soon!

"On Thursday 14 September, 46 students in Years 3 to 6 travelled to All Saints' College to compete at the IPSHA Inter-School Athletics Carnival. I would like to congratulate all athletes for competing with integrity, determination and sportsmanship. John Wollaston performed at a very high standard at the Carnival with most students placing

first, second, or third in at least one event. Further congratulations go to Olivia Trueman and Jacob Hale in Year 6 who both broke multiple long-standing records," said Gabrielle Slattery Primary Physical Education Specialist, Term 3.

Other stand out performances on the day:

Year 3: Emily Blackmore - Long Jump (1st)
Renata Ngoy - Long Jump (3rd) 80m A (1st), 200m A (1st) Eunice Thomas - Hurdles B (2nd) Tafu Tali - 80m B (3rd) Eric Nilo - Hurdles B (2nd), 80m B (2nd), 200m A (2nd).

Year 4: Charlotte Trueman - High Jump A (3rd), Hurdles B (1st), 80m B (1st), 200m A (3rd) Serah Waqanivalagi - High Jump B (2nd), Long Jump (2nd) Bryce Reed - High Jump A (2nd) Hurdles B (1st), Owen Cumine - High Jump B (1st) Couper Downing - Hurdles A (2nd), 80m A (1st).

Year 5: Ella Regan - 100m B (3rd).

Year 6: Olivia Trueman - 400m B (1st), Triple Jump (1st), Long Jump (1st), Turbo Javelin (3rd), Hurdles A (1st), 100m B (1st), 200m A (1st) Olivia Dodds - 400m A (2nd), Long Jump (3rd), 100m A (1st), 200m B (1st) Ashlyn Christie - Hurdles B (1st) Jared Henderson - 400m B (1st) Long Jump (3rd), High Jump B (1st), Hurdles A (1st), 100m A (1st) Jacob Hale - Triple Jump (1st), Long Jump (1st), High Jump A (1st), 200m A (1st) Blessing Mashingaidze - Hurdles B (1st), 100m B (2nd).



Local Artist Award

Once again a growing number of talented young artists impressed the judges and exhibition-goers alike at this year's Outside the Frame Art Awards.

More than 70 entries were received, with works by Year 11 and 12 students from schools across metropolitan Perth. The exhibition was held from 12 to 20 August, at Armadale District Hall.

Mayor Henry Zelones OAM, JP said that this year's competition attracted a high calibre of entries, making it difficult for the judges to select the winning pieces.

"Once again the competition has attracted entries that have impressed the judges with the level of innovation

and skill. Artists have used their talent to express the issues that affect them in their young lives such as global politics."

John Wollaston Year 12 student and 2017 Arts Prefect Georgia Rickard won the Local Artist Award with her detailed piece **Absurdity of Exclusion**.

"Winning the local artist award was an amazing and incredible surprise on the night! I am extremely grateful that I was presented with the prize and was able to showcase what I could do within the art world," she said.

"My chosen medium for my work was coloured pencils. Drawing is my favourite way of expressing artwork and I can work well with it when creating something new.

My overall artwork took just over 10 weeks to finish as the blending, shading and detail consumes a lot of time!

The theme behind the work is reflective of racial segregation. It was at its extreme in the 1930-60s in America and even in 21st century Australia we see marginalisation toward people from certain racial backgrounds, such as the Muslim culture.

I wouldn't have been able to create my piece without the support and knowledge of my Art teacher Mr Morgan or the encouragement of family and friends.

I feel as though my role as Arts Prefect this year has really allowed me to focus in on Art and specifically what's important to me," Georgia explained.



2017 Arts Prefect Georgia Rickard's piece **Absurdity of Exclusion** won the Local Artist Award at Armadale's Outside The Frame awards.

Amilita inspires the show

The stunning 2017 John Wollaston Art Exhibition was officially opened on Wednesday 13 September by artists Dr Audrey and Mr Arif Satar who created the beautiful cow sculpture **Amilita** which has been purchased by the School.

Dr Audrey Fernandes Satar is an academic, researcher and visual artist who lives and works in Perth, Western Australia. Her body of work involves the investigation of the politics of identity, transnationality and the border. Dr Satar has exhibited nationally and internationally.

Mr Mahomad Arif Satar holds degrees in Environmental Science, Education and in

Fine Arts. His background is layered with experiences of migrancy and border-crossing.



Visual Arts Coordinator Luke Morgan with artists Arif and Audrey Satar who officially opened the 2017 Art Exhibition, and Primary Art Specialist Jeanette Lyons.

This ephemeral state of transnational belonging is reflected in his art practice where a multiplicity of mediums are reconfigured dependently to form a body of work that encompasses sculpture, the moving image and sound.

Mr Arif and Dr Audrey Satar described their inspiration for **Amilita**.

"Memory and identity are central concepts in our work and in this instance we drew inspiration from the narrative of the famous Pina Bausch and her piece **Wind From The West** to create an artwork, a kind of allegory that intertwines myth, fantasy and history to make reference to multilayered notions of identity," the artists explained.

Art Exhibition thrills for 2017

Another wonderful John Wollaston Art Exhibition inspired the crowd on Opening Night and enthralled grandparents on Grandparents' Day.

The huge collection involved work from Pre-Primary to Year 12. The Primary Packers' Prize went to Year 5 student Nethula Hitihamu. The Secondary Packers' Prize went to Georgia Rickard from Year 12 and the People's Choice Prize went to Emily Davis from Year 12.

