

Happy Christmas

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Farewell Nan

Primary Teacher Librarian Nan Meredith retired in December 2016 after 19 years service at the School.

Nan commenced at John Wollaston in 1997 as a Year 1 teacher. Her Education Assistant was Mrs Toni Wheeler who has also retired this year.

A passion for teaching and a love of children have made Nan's 19 years an absolute pleasure for all who have worked with her and all the lucky children she has taught. She will be remembered with respect and affection.

In recent years Nan moved from the Early Learning Centre in to the Library Resource Centre. She originally thought

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that early childhood teaching would be her favourite career but discovered, with her love of literature, that she had found her niche in the wonderful world of the John Wollaston Library.

We thank Nan for her outstanding contribution to the School and wish her every happiness in her new life adventures including travel and spending time with her family.



Nan Meredith retires after 19 wonderful years at the School.



Above Left: Nan Meredith farewells staff at the end of year morning tea.

Global goals for 2030

Forty-one students from ten Perth schools took over the Legislative Assembly for a day on Thursday 3 November. Their task – to apply lessons on great leadership to plan global citizenship projects for their school in 2017.

John Wollaston is a founding member of the United Nations Association of Australia (UNAA) Global Citizenship Schools network. Four students from our school were invited to Parliament House to participate in the Association's inaugural Student Leadership Conference. Matthew Ford and Jordan Mazzola, Year 8, joined Eloise Henneberry and Mikayla Gaunt, Year 6, to participate in this important event.

According to conference organiser Rees Barrett, "The mix of schools and student ages was unique for this kind of event and proved to be a real strength."

The students were initially inspired by the panel of influential leaders who spoke about the qualities of a good leader and then they were challenged to identify a United Nations related project that could meet our school's needs and would contribute towards one of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals for 2030.

Matthew confidently presented John Wollaston's project proposal to develop sustainability and a healthy community through the involvement of the whole school community.



JWACS students present at UN student conference.

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends

The Summer Edition of The Charter coincides with the end of the school year and the approaching festive season. I was very pleased with the success of our end of year events which were a wonderful celebration of student achievement.

I am always proud of our students and their achievements this year, in a variety of areas, were outstanding. Of note were the large number of students formally recognised for their fine citizenship qualities. This is most affirming and emphasises the important partnership of school and home to foster young people of good character.

I wish to thank you for supporting the Primary and Secondary Praise and Thanksgiving Ceremonies which were the best attended for some years.

This year we farewelled four staff who have chosen to retire. Nan Meredith,

Toni Wheeler, Nel de Jonge, and Sue Cullen have each made an excellent contribution in their respective roles of Primary Teacher Librarian, Education Assistant, Student Services Receptionist and Piano Tutor. We thank them for their service to the School and wish them much joy in the future. Nan has been profiled in this issue.

Personal highlights for me this term have been my contact with the students. Whilst I routinely interact with students in a variety of settings, I regularly welcome them to my office. The old days of the Principal's Office being doom and gloom are fortunately long gone and I look forward to students of all ages telling me about their achievements, discussing proposals for fundraising, showing me their work, singing or just having a chat. Prior to the ELC Nativity and Carols Concert, I had 60 Pre Primary students visit to invite me to their performance. Filling every nook and cranny of my office they sang and cradled their arms to *Away in a Manger*.



This will be one of my special memories of 2016.

Thank you for your wonderful support of our school. I wish you all the joy of this season and for the New Year.

With best wishes
Anne Ford



Vale Year 12s



Year 12 Valedictorians leaving the Berry Durston Indoor Sports Centre for the final time as John Wollaston students.

We wish our Year 12 graduating class of 2016 the very best in their future endeavours.

With the majority waiting for exam results, our leavers are planning their work or study options for 2017.

We welcomed back 2016 Head Prefect Evie Dodge as Guest Speaker at the Year 7 to 9 Praise and Thanksgiving ceremony. Evie reflected on her time at school and passed on some wise advice to a very receptive audience.

We wish Evie and her peers the very best for the future.

Good Luck Class of 2016.



eSmart School

School gains accreditation!

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Smart. Safe. Responsible.

John Wollaston is now fully accredited as an eSmart school.

Promoted by The Alannah and Madeline Foundation as a federal initiative, eSmart schools are characterised by their proactive stance against inappropriate online behaviour and their strong policies and practices to promote safe and responsible use of digital technology. Of

particular relevance to the school context is the management of cybersafety, bullying and cyberbullying. A successful initiative at John Wollaston has been the appointment of student Cyber Leaders in the Secondary School who work with their peers to raise awareness and promote smart and safe online behaviour.

Head of Charter House, Pauline Galley is to be commended for her excellent work in this area. Several years ago the School was invited to be a pilot school for a cyberbullying research project undertaken by Edith Cowan University. The concept of cyberbullying was new at that time and we were fortunate to be able to participate.

Subsequently, through Mrs Galley's leadership, the School has been involved in other projects to ensure we keep pace with an ever changing cyber landscape. To become an eSmart school is a logical progression of our work in this area.

"For the safety of our children I encourage everyone in our school community to uphold and promote eSmart behaviours at school and at home.

If you are concerned about incidents of cyberbullying or risky online behaviour, please do not hesitate to contact our eSmart Coordinator Mrs Galley, the Deputy Principal Pastoral Care, Nick Jones or Senior Deputy Head of Primary, Fiona Shand," Principal Ms Ford explained.

For more information:
<https://www.amf.org.au/>

Above: You will notice this logo on the School website and related school material.

Inter-House Rowing



The 2016 Inter-House Rowing Regatta was a fantastic day at Bayswater on Sunday 20 November.

Once again Ramsden took home the Cup. It was a fantastic effort by all crews in slightly windy conditions. Thank you

to the ANA Rowing Club for hosting the Regatta and to all staff and students involved in the Rowing Programme throughout the year. It is pleasing that more students are taking up the sport which augurs well for the future of rowing at John Wollaston.

On Sunday 20 November the Inter-House Rowing Regatta was held at ANA Rowing Club, Bayswater.

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Caltex All Rounder 2016

Year 12 graduate Bevan Hargrave is the School's recipient of the 2016 Caltex Best All Rounder Award.

Bevan joins a select group of secondary students around Australia who have received a Caltex Best All Rounder Award.

This award recognises a student who has participated in a wide range of school and community activities while showing commitment, a willingness to participate and a desire to excel. He or she has also been reliable, responsible and always available to assist other students.

Head of Scott House, Mr Quentin Hess said Scott House Prefect, Bevan Hargrave, has done a fantastic job. "His enthusiasm, selflessness and hard work have been appreciated by the entire House. I wish him every success in his future endeavours."

Bevan Hargrave spoke about Scott House. "2016, Year of the Phoenix, was a new and exciting year for Scott House, with our new Head of House in Mr Hess.

There's so much more to a House than winning and prizes, there's the spirit and the happiness we find in each other, and

while this year has been dry in terms of 'winning', we have been full of happiness and joyfulness. I will always remember the Scott House breakfasts on Wednesday mornings with the good vibe and good food, our Scott House day where we gave out daffodils (which epitomise our fun loving nature) and even the atmosphere and participation in our sport carnivals...

I wouldn't change it for any amount of trophies. Our Quiz mornings and our Chapel services highlighted my amazingly bad jokes. I'm so glad all those years ago I was put into Scott House. We have had so many good times and even though I'm sad to leave it behind, it's comforting to know Scott is better than it's ever been and showing no signs of slowing down," Bevan said.

Principal Anne Ford said Bevan Hargrave was a worthy recipient of the nationally-recognised award.

"The Award recognises Bevan's contribution across a number of disciplines – he has been a wonderful asset to our school and the wider community, setting a terrific example for others to follow."

Caltex Australia Managing Director and

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**BEST ALL
ROUNDER**
AWARD



2016 Caltex Best All Rounder Award recipient
Bevan Hargrave

Chief Executive Officer, Julian Segal, said the Australian fuel company was proud to have recognised generations of students like Bevan Hargrave since the awards began in 1985.

"Bevan joins an exclusive list of Caltex Best All Rounders to have been recognised over the past three decades."

For further information, please visit
www.caltexbestallrounder.com.au



It's a wonderful school!

Singing duo sensation!

Throughout the year we are often serenaded by the teacher singing duo **Kilmarchant**, Brendan Kilmartin and Rory Marchant.

The duo have written various songs about the wonderful atmosphere and adventures at John Wollaston Anglican Community School. So we thought we would share one of their masterpieces with you.

***"Someday I'll be a JWACS star
Be taught by teachers who are
right behind me."***

The Wonderful Rainbow School is a mix of the tunes *Somewhere over the Rainbow* and *It's a Wonderful World*. We hope you enjoy it.

The Wonderful Rainbow School

*Somewhere right in
Camillo Six triple One*

*There's a school that is perfect for your
daughter or son...son
Somewhere right in
Camillo skies are blue
And dreams you have for your children
really do come true*

***Someday I'll be a JWACS star
Be taught by teachers who
are right behind me.***

*Where troubles can be talked about
Problems solved without the shout
That's where you'll find me.
Somewhere right in
Camillo you've been told
There's a school that is known for
Its educational gold...gold*

*I see Charter green
Red Ramsden too
The yellow Scott
And Hale blue*

***And I think to myself
what a wonderful school.***

*I see roses of red
And roses of white
The welcoming staff,
A future so bright.*

***And I think to myself
what a wonderful school***

*The colours of the rainbow
so pretty in the sky
Are also represented in*

*the students passing by
I see friends shaking hands saying
'Peace be with you'
They're really saying 'I love you'*

*Little Wollies arrive
I watch them grow
They'll reach Year 12
Before you know
And I think to myself
what a wonderful school.
**Yes I think to myself,
What a wonderful school.***



Singing duo **Kilmarchant**, Brendan Kilmartin and Rory Marchant.

BRIGHT FUTURES



Hope where it's needed most

Darren Reynolds from the Salvation Army was thrilled recently when Year 7 student Tenaycee Ashe brought in a cash donation.

Using her initiative Tenaycee held a cake stall at the beginning of Term 4 and later dropped off the takings directly to the Salvation Army.

The Year 7 Transition Programme works extensively throughout the year with the Salvation Army. The students learn about the Salvo's many outreach programmes and their work with the needy and disadvantaged in our community.

Head of Year 7 Jaqueline Fisher was extremely impressed by Tenaycee's independence and hard work. "Tenaycee is displaying all the qualities the Transition Programme models for our Year 7s," she said.



Salvation Army thrilled with Tenaycee's donation.

Guard of Honour

Farewell Year 6

The Year 6 cohort were farewelled warmly by fellow Primary students, staff and their parents as they proudly walked the Guard of Honour for their final moments of Primary School.

This tradition is the culmination of a fortnight of special events for the Year 6 leavers. The majority of the students will move into our Year 7 Transition Programme and are looking forward to the Secondary School.



The Year 6 Guard of Honour is a wonderful culmination of the Primary Praise and Thanksgiving Ceremony.

Early Learning Christmas Nativity



Parents, staff and students enjoyed a wonderful morning at the ELC Nativity and Carols Performance on Friday 2 December.

The Pre-Primary and Year 1 students performed a most enjoyable and thought provoking nativity which emphasised the true meaning of Christmas.

Wayne Revitt, Head of Primary thanked dedicated ELC staff and congratulated the students on their performance.

"All the students looked fantastic in their costumes and I loved the confidence and poise demonstrated by all," Mr Revitt said.

The morning concluded with the community singing traditional Christmas Carols.



Angels shine at the ELC Nativity and Carols Performance.