



Christ Church
Grammar School

Principal's Report

February 2016

Attachments

- Media clips

**Old Boys' Association
Parents' Association**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Commencement

I arrived with my family on the first weekend in January and commenced duties on 4 January 2016.

First 100 day document

The aim of Christ Church Grammar first 100 days, outlines a plan for the proactive, smooth transition for me into the Christ Church Grammar School Community.

Attached is an update of progress to date.

Strategic planning

The next strategic plan is currently in draft form with the aim to be submitted to council in March for approval. A suggested timeline planning, launch and communication plan is attached. An executive strategic planning day is scheduled for 9 February. I have proactively engaged the old boys and the PA and been included in their 2016 strategic planning sessions.

CCGS community gathering

The chairman and his wife arranged a community gathering at Sundance, 70 Spencer Road Yallingup. Due to the bush fires number were fewer than expected, however, approximately 50 parents, students, old boys and friends of the school attended. The outcome of introducing me to the community down south was successfully achieved.

Public School Association (PSA)

In 2016, CCGS is the host school, this then allocates me as chairman of the PSA for 2016.

Appointment of new EA to the principal

CCGS received over 100 applications for the position of EA to the principal. An offer of appointment was made week commencing 25 January and with a start date four weeks later.

CCGS community

WA was affected by bush fires during the holidays. The school was in constant communication with the CCGS community to see if members were affected and if assistance could be offered. Post fire clean up, CCGS will engage in community service action to assist.

Koorinal

The CCGS outdoor education facility at Koorinal was endangered by the bush fires. The staff at Koorinal and CCGS implemented the risk management plan resulting in the staff from Koorinal being evacuated. The community, council and executive were kept up to date with developments.

Communication plan

As part of the next strategic plan, CCGS is looking into the community communication strategy. In order to reach a wider audience an official CCGS Facebook site and co-curricular Twitter accounts are to be launched at the commencement of the academic year.

2016 new staffing

A highly professional and engaging new staff orientation and induction program was conducted during the two days leading up to the staff professional learning week.

Branding/signage

In a response from council with respect to school boundary branding/signage, I have consulted with Donaldson and Warn to offer the following possibilities. Questions to be clarified as to the purpose:

- messaging to our and the external community
- message "own" Queenslea Dr and Stirling Hwy
- school branding.

Enrolments

At the commencement of the academic year student number are:

- preparatory school 500
- senior school 1179

MMG survey

I met with Tony Pfeiffer from MMG regarding the outcome of the staff, parents and student surveys. Input from MMG has been incorporated in the draft strategic plan.

School funding

The current funding model for schools is currently being debated. ISCA and AHISA have combined to offer an information session to independent schools on 15 March in Canberra. It is my aim to attend.

Dates for council members

In order for members of council to prioritise their diaries, a list of important dates has been distributed.

STUDENTS

THE LW PARRY PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Academic

Our new year 3-4 co-ordinator, **Miss Sarah Stone**, starts at the commencement of this year. Miss Stone has been an outstanding teacher of year 4 since she began at Christ Church in 2011. She has been instrumental in the creation of our year 4 program and its high standards of academic rigor and excellent continuity and consistency across the classes.

Preparatory school director of studies, **Mr Brad Hilliard**, has completed an analysis of standardised testing from 2015. Mr Hilliard will discuss the findings with the co-ordinators and teaching staff as we set goals for the new strategic plan.

Drama and dance is being introduced as a new program in 2016. The decision to include drama and dance was based on the Australian curriculum and what research informs us regarding the benefits of both drama and dance, for students. The program will also complement programs such as years 3 - 6 oracy, the year 6 production and co-curricular activities.

Orientation of new staff

Four new staff will commence in the preparatory school at the beginning of the year. **Mr Ryan Dawson** will have the opportunity to create the new drama and dance program. Originally from Busselton, Mr Dawson joins us after completing his teaching degree in the UK and performing on the West End. **Mr Nicholas Hogan** moved into a fulltime class teaching position after working as a relief teacher and completing volunteer work with Sarah Stone and Heath Pozzi. Mr Hogan is a talented teacher and will receive support in the early days of his career from members of the leadership team and the centre of pedagogy. **Mrs Daniella Chacon** comes into the PMC as the junior class teacher. Mrs Chacon has an extensive career as an Early Childhood educator and has completed a Master of Education (Special Learning Needs) from Monash University. **Miss Stacey Nener** also joins the PMC as special needs assistant. Miss Nener is a qualified teachers who is following her interest in special needs education.

Pastoral Care, Planning and Co-curricular

The preparatory school will introduce a five-minute mindfulness time into every class after lunch. **Mr Liam Casson** led a professional learning session with staff at the end of 2015 and will continue to up skill the staff to introduce this for the benefit of the boys. Research and pilot trials in the preparatory school have demonstrated improved focus and attention from students after this time of quiet and reflection.

The Knight's Quest enters the second year for year 6. The Knight's Quest employs the knightly virtues, created by the Jubilee Centre at Birmingham University. Our year 6 boys complete tasks to achieve a knightly virtue shield. These tasks are supported and 'signed off' by peers, parents and staff. The knightly virtues align well with our school values and are: humility, honesty, love, service, courage, justice, self-discipline and gratitude. In 2015, 28 shields were presented.

In January, **Mrs Maria Hodges**, the director of pastoral care, planning and co-curricular, presented her research, first completed as part of IBSC Action Research, at the Jubilee Centre: Cultivating Virtues Conference at Oriel College, Oxford University. The presentation involved the introduction and success of vertical house groups in the preparatory school.

Planning

The annual year 6 Canberra tour has been organised in conjunction with MLC. As most tour venues find difficulty managing a tour of our size, activities where we are able to be together include social events and our visit to the Australian War Memorial.

SENIOR SCHOOL

Academic

The pleasing year 12 WACE examinations results have been received and **Mrs Margaret Brophy** will present her analysis to council at its February meeting. The studies office has been in operation for the past fortnight, ensuring that staffing, timetables, class placements and a myriad of other details are in place for the boys' return on February 1.

Helping teachers to accommodate the needs of our diverse range of students is an ongoing challenge. Presentations at the professional learning days in late January will include input about boys catered for by the Peter Moyes Centre, the Learning Development Centre, the Indigenous Program and the Centre for Excellence. We are also mindful of the needs of boys for whom English is an additional language. The Centre for Pedagogy ensures that the mainstream boys are also receiving first-class instruction and attention.

A new coordinator for the MLC/CCGS program has been appointed this year. **Ms Marguerite Crawford** is a long-time member of staff and was head of Noake for 12 years, so brings a wealth of experience to this role.

The studies office has also conducted interviews with a number of boys and parents as the beginning of the academic review process.

Pastoral

The following staff have been appointed to significant pastoral positions for 2016:

Ms Megan Pentony – head of Romsey house;

Mr Spencer Davis – acting assistant head of Wolsey;

Mr Brendon Noble – year 7 and 8 year group co-ordinator.

Within the senior school pastoral program, particular focus will be on:

- preparing a proposal for a formalised "leadership program" for year's 10 to 12;
- maintain and renew our pastoral program (to ensure all students feel known and valued);
- develop a "student forum" to enable students at all year levels to have a voice;
- map student transition program from time of enrolment confirmation to start of senior school; and
- review the student presentation guidelines to address school and community expectations.

Planning and Co-curricular

Planning of the 2016 calendar of events was completed by Christmas.

Tours

The German tour has been a great success. World Challenge tour in early December was also a great success with fifteen boys travelling to Peru.

The second SIA tour to Cambodia took place before the Christmas festive period. Ten CCGS boys, ten St Mary's girls and 7 staff worked tirelessly at CCF to support their programs in educating Cambodian children from impoverished backgrounds for a better future.

Service

Service in Action Calendar has been finalised for 2016 and a preliminary allocation of boys to trips and some staffing has been completed. There are still issues around how to access locals based on issue still to be completely resolved. Essentially the 2016 program should mirror 2015.

Activities

All Friday activity allocations and staffing have been completed.

Sport

Staff and fixtures for the 2016 season is complete and the program is ready to begin with PSA fixture against Aquinas in the first week of term.

The on-going development of relationship with UWA is still to be finalised.

Most senior teams are training in preparation for their forthcoming PSA seasons or will start in the next couple of days.

In particular cricket and water polo have or are currently in prep season games as part of preparation for the 2016 season.

The Residential Rowing Camp began last week and concludes on Tuesday, transitioning transfer to a day camp situation concluding with a parent/club barbeque on Friday this week.

Arts

A full program of dramatic performances is planned for 2016 and under the Director of Midnite YTC Mr Greg Jones the casting and productions schedules are well under way. The Midnite season opens with the fringe play, 'Viva la Restoration' in February at the WA Fringe festival and is followed by 'The Rise and Fall of the Bargainmart King' in May, 'A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum' in August at the state Theatre, and 'Monkey' in November.

Music has a full programme of performance booked in for 2016 and Assembly performances have been accommodated to Principal's Assemblies and House.

We will continue to be a host school for WADL Debating on Tuesday nights during terms 1, 2 and 3.

SCARM, mock trials and chess are all ready to being at the start of the academic year

Outdoor Education

With a new Director and Assistant Director and two new assistants to start in 2016 it is definitely a 'new team'. Although both Mr Ryan Myles and Mr Jay Freap have worked as members of the Koorinal team over an extended period so bring a wealth of experience and knowledge of Koorinal.

Planning for the 2016 Outdoor Education program is complete. Year 9 camps have been re-structured to enable a better use of resources and flow in the broader school timetable.

STAFF

TEACHING STAFF

Appointments:

Ms Laura Parker has been appointed as a teacher in the senior school peter moyes centre. Most recently Laura has worked as a science teacher at All Saints' College.

Ms Caitlin Owen has been appointed to the senior school science department to take a maternity leave position commencing in semester 2, 2016. Caitlin is a senior mechanical engineer who is currently working for Aerison. She has also had experience working in boarding community at Perth College.

SUPPORT STAFF

Appointments:

Miss Stacey Nener has been appointed as an education assistant in the LW Parry preparatory school, peter moyes centre. Stacey has recently completed a Bachelor in Early Childhood and Primary Education.

Miss Sophie Hazell joins the Philanthropy office as the executive assistant. Sophie most recently worked for Curtin University as an executive project officer. Prior to that appointment was the personal assistant to the Bursar at Clifton College which is a leading independent public boarding school in the UK.

Miss Hannah McAll also joins the Philanthropy office and holds a Bachelor of Arts (Communication Studies) from the University of Western Australia (UWA) and is currently employed at the UWA as a faculty development officer. Prior to working for the UWA she has held fundraising roles with a number of not-for-profit organisations, including the North Cottesloe Surf Life Saving Club, Australia Zoo, the Cancer Council and the RSPCA.

Resignations:

Mr Tim Webb has resigned as education assistant in the peter moyes centre in the preparatory school. He is taking an opportunity in the government sector to further develop his tertiary studies.

COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Communication

The new year began with the announcement of the year 12 results. The results were accompanied with testimonials from five of our top students and feedback received confirmed this was a new and positive way to celebrate the boys' success and demonstrate excellence in teaching.

Again Christ Church ranked in the top 10 WA schools for ATAR results.

In 2015 Christ Church Grammar School had 175 ATAR students and 11 general pathway students.

- 18 of our boys (10 per cent of ATAR candidates) achieved an ATAR of 99 or higher
- 26 of our boys (15 per cent of ATAR candidates) achieved an ATAR of 98 or higher
- 53 of our boys (30 per cent of ATAR candidates) achieved an ATAR of 95 or higher
- 85 of our boys (49 per cent of ATAR candidates) achieved an ATAR of 90 or higher
- Average ATAR for the year group: 85.70
- Median ATAR for the year group: 89.55 (State median 79.10)
- 127 of our boys (73 per cent of ATAR candidates) obtained an ATAR of 80 or higher, the minimum required for UWA

Three of our boys, **Jack Hawkesford**, **Julian Ming** and **Daniel Pelkowitz** received general exhibitions, awarded to only 40 students in Western Australia.

'Latest News' messages in December/January 2016 included:

- Farewell to David Fardon and welcome to Peter Murray
- The naming of The Wynne Centre for Boys' Health and Wellbeing
- 2015 year 12 academic results
- Alan Jones Unplugged – an interview with John Poynton AM

This year will see the launch of CCGS Facebook and twitter accounts. Twitter will be used to provide commentary. It will not be used to issue important communications or to deliver instructions. Facebook will provide the school with the benefits associated with social networking such as guiding people to the CCGS website. The school's website will remain the 'single source of truth' with all detailed information still housed in its current website structure.

Chronicle, Impressions and Mitre have all been progressed over the January period. From the initial design to writing and editing, these publications will be issued to the community either online or hard copy during first term.

Marketing and public relations

Our primary goal is to keep the pipeline of students strong, as well as to confirm to current parents their reasons for choosing Christ Church by both promoting and maintaining our reputation.

Our general marketing is based around website updates, media promotion (editorial), some online schools directories and nominal advertising in local papers (Centre for Ethics events and education features), and the Anglican Messenger.

This month we have had three articles in The Post Newspaper and these have been replicated on CCGS Facebook which links back to our website. A marketing strategy will be

written in term one of 2016 to support the new strategic direction and with message alignment on 'building great men'. An annual marketing schedule for the local papers is also currently under development.

Admissions

Senior and preparatory school tours will again be conducted every month throughout 2016. Preparatory school tours this year will involve the head of the preparatory school taking scheduled group tours, with four of these tours (between February – October) including of a presentation by **Mrs Holly Miller**, pp-year 2 teaching and learning coordinator.

In January a large screen was installed in the administration foyer. The screen is connected to a computer and facilitates the screening of videos and photos. It has been set up for use before tours commence to provide new parents with a glimpse of everything that Christ Church has to offer.

It will also assist in the:

- promotion of school events such as drama productions, NAIDOC week etc.
- celebration of achievements

New projects

The website is used to attract students through the clear presentation of the benefits of a Christ Church education. This year we have commenced a refresh.

1. CCGS website refresh

The refresh will ensure the site positions CCGS as the school of choice by:

- delivering a well executed website maintaining the current brand identity
- ensuring the site is more attractive, less copy-dense and with navigation and content improvements
- delivering a site that is graphically rich and contemporary, containing online publications, videos and social media buttons
- improving the search engine capabilities

Tranche one (January – April 2016)

- review and confirm current trends
- review, evaluate and critique current site (traffic, messaging and content)
- review the Content Management System
- identify and document changes
- brief web designers

Tranche two (April – July 2016)

- rewrite content
- socialise changes with staff
- implement and communicate changes

At the beginning of February an interactive campus map and the newly refreshed prospectus will both be available online.

Chronicle and *Impressions* will both be online publications in 2016.

2. Digital signage

The school's architects Donaldson + Warn were engaged to provide options for digital signage on Stirling Highway. The attached document details five options for consideration.

In summary the options are:

Option 1 – an integrated digital panel on the exterior face of the protruding white glazing located on the balcony of the design and technology building

Option 2 – insertion of digital signage into the perimeter fence, corner of Stirling Highway and Queenslea Drive

Option 3 – a linear signage panel west of the existing pylon sign on Stirling Highway

Option 4 – remodel the existing pylon sign on Stirling Highway to accommodate messaging

Option 5 – building illumination including projected images and words onto the design and technology building

Holiday facility events

Over the holidays several community groups used our facilities very effectively. The ATARget revision courses these holidays were a resounding success. Established by Dr Rob Hallam, this offering has grown over the past five years. It has a good reputation in the community and hence attracts a strong number of attendees.

Old Boys' Association

The Unflappables lunch on Friday 22 January saw forty-two members come together for a lunch and inspection of the recently renovated Walters boarding house.

PHILANTHROPY

JCR and Denby Roberts Scholarship

The 6-year scholarship has now been established by Ms Roberts with applicants invited to apply during the 2016 scholarship advertising process.

ICT

As the academic school year began to wind down in December, student iPads from years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 were collected via the book hire system. The process occurred smoothly for all parties involved. The boys in year 11 retained their allocated iPads over the holiday break, as these iPads were the least managed due to the age of boys involved. The iPads collected from years 8, 10 and 12 have been tagged for redeployment into the preparatory school in 2016 for a third year of service, while the iPads from years 7 and 9 will be redeployed to the same boys in years 8 and 10 in 2016. The year 7 and 9 iPads were collected to refresh their management settings and software, which cannot be done "over the air" in its current managed state. In 2016, boys in years 7, 9 and 11 will receive new iPad Air 2s.

The number of damaged/lost iPads this year were at an all-time low of 2% (20/991 collected iPads). This has been attributed to both a change of case (Dux), and an increase level of awareness pushed through the whole school.

The shipment of new iPads and staff laptops arrived late in December precluding the possibility of an early (pre-holiday) staff laptop deployment. As such, the deployment of staff laptops will now continue until the end of term 1, 2016.

Deployment of Office 365 to the school systems will be in Term 1 2016. Standard office tools such as Word, PowerPoint and Excel will be available to all students and staff via the web, iPad or laptop computer. The use of Office 365 products will provide better document backup for students in the event of iPad damage. The change from Google collaboration to Office 365 will be conveyed to all staff in term 1, 2016.

An iPad review committee was formed early September 2015 to recommend improvements to the current iPad program at CCGS. Early in January 2016 the recommendations of the committee were summarised into three action points and presented to Executive:

1. The iPad is sufficiently capable and meets the immediate expectations of the school in 2016, when supplemented with desktop labs. As such, any ceilings reached on these devices will need to be analysed via a committee for recommendation in 2017+
2. A refinement of policy, procedure and technical capability is required to facilitate better classroom, home and admin management of these devices
3. Enhance parent, teacher and student education on iPad use both within and outside of school.

Details pertaining to each of these action points will be finalised and reported in subsequent reports.

The project aiming to provide fast, low-latency Internet into the Koorinal outdoor education precinct has been somewhat delayed due to damage caused by the fires in the South. These fires destroyed a repeater base station owned by CipherTel hence severing connectivity. We are still waiting for an ETA on when the project can resume.

GOVERNANCE/FINANCE/FACILITIES

Council

The civil contractor (DM Civil) has completed over 50% of the remediation work at Brockway playing fields. The school has confirmed the extension of this contract to include the additional scope of works on the car parks, bus turnaround and infrastructure work for the ablution and change room block. A revised program and updated project costing is being completed by the project manager (Tabec).

The school has received a response from the Town of Claremont on the issues in the third 'draft' of the traffic management plan. They have suggested a number of small changes prior to the school being required to advertise the plan to the local community. It will then be adjusted prior to presentation to full Council.

Finance

The school is currently preparing the final accounts for 2015 prior to the arrival of the auditors, Deloitte, in early March 2016. This year the school has also requested that Deloitte complete an audit of the accounts payable business cycle, including capital items.

The school has received the banking tender documentation from both Westpac and NAB for consideration. An analysis of these tenders is currently being completed with the expectation that a decision on the successful tenderer being finalised in the next couple of weeks.

Facilities

The school is progressing the process of completing a full feasibility for the proposed new preparatory school. The project control group ('PCG') continues to meet fortnightly with Donaldson+Warn ('D+W') to progress this proposal.

The school has completed a significant refurbishment of the Walters boarding house over the summer break. The project has been completed on time and budget.

Mr Chris Coslani has also completed numerous smaller projects including; swipe card security installation in the CLC, removal of five problematic trees, repainting of the science block roof and resurfacing of the two ovals.

Minchin at PIAF

Perth entertainment export Tim Minchin will come home to celebrate WA in the opening concert of the Perth International Arts Festival.

Minchin, the co-creator of hit musical Matilda, has been added to the bill for Home, the free Langley Park concert on February 13.

Other talent in the showcase for State pride include The Triffids, Pigram Brothers, The Waifs, John Butler, Dave Warner, Kim Scott, Tim Winton, Robert Drewe and Shaun Tan.

Minchin will fly to Perth from Los Angeles, where he is directing the new DreamWorks animated film Larrikins. The Festival runs from February 11 to March 6.

Stephen Bevis

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Monster free fun for kids

Everything from arts and crafts to water fun was happening at Christ Church Grammar School in Claremont last weekend.

The 10th three-day Sony Foundation Holiday Camp for children with physical and intellectual disabilities meant free fun for kids.

The kids also enjoyed face-painting, a disco night, surfing at Port Beach, a Christmas lunch and a visit from Santa.

Christ Church and Methodist Ladies' College students looked after camp-goers.

"These students consider the experience as a privilege," said CCGS's special needs coordinator Lisa Broxton.



There was lots of holiday fun in Claremont last weekend. Photo: Paul McGovern

Buskers on the cusp of greatness

Some of music's biggest names started out as buskers and Perth has its fair share of class acts, writes **Liam Croy**

It was a scorching hot day in Perth six years ago when Malachy first tried his hand at busking.

The 19-year-old had left university and taken a job building roads but he wasn't satisfied.

"It was 40C and when you're pouring asphalt that's about 300C, so I thought, 'Stuff this,' and I went into town and made \$30," Malachy said.

"The next Saturday I said to my brother, 'Take your drum kit and go down to Freo'.

"We played a couple of songs and it was really hot that night so my brother took his shirt off. Some ice-cold blonde walked past and gave him \$50 and we thought, 'Hey, this is pretty cool'."

Parts of his acoustic guitar have since taken on a charred appearance, as if it was left too close to a campfire.

The black tinge, Malachy says, is a collection of grease and grime from frequent use.

Walk into the city on any given day and there's a good chance you'll see him playing in Murray Street mall. Together with his brother, Oisín, he has produced two EP's and made a name for himself busking in Australia and Europe.

The buskers of Perth play for a whole range of reasons, but for Oisín and Malachy, it's more than just a hobby or a quick buck.

Malachy's been abused and even punched while busking in the city, but he won't be deterred.

"By playing all the time, it's like you're always in pre-season, getting fitter and fitter and better at performing," Malachy, 25, said. "Your audience is fluid and if they don't like you,



Your audience is fluid.

Perth busker Malachy

they'll just bugger off, so you need to have some magnetism to stop people.

"Whenever you translate your music into a venue, you have more energy to work with."

Whether the brothers get their big break remains to be seen, but they wouldn't be the first buskers to rise to fame.

Ed Sheeran, Justin Bieber and Perth's John Butler all started their music career busking.

Wayne Jacks was passing through Murray Street mall on Tuesday when his granddaughter stopped to dance to Malachy's music.

Mr Jacks said busking took courage and anyone who got noticed on the streets deserved the attention.

"The music industry in WA is quite well established and this is part of what helps develop it, I think," he said. "I think it's a proved element of it."

At the other end of the spectrum, Polynesian immigrant Sally Hegotule has been busking for fun for 20 years.

Born on the island of Niue, Ms Hegotule grew up around music. If any children try to put coins in her banjo case, she tells them to pick up an instrument instead.

"It's so important to have a life of music," she said. "Music is so healing, music is therapy and music is happiness."

Music is one of Michael Inouye's passions, too, but he needs the cash. The 20-year-old from Gidgegannup, is sending himself to university by playing violin while riding a unicycle. He's classically trained, but near the surf shop in Forrest Place, his biggest hits are TV, movie and video game theme songs.

"To be honest, I'm not looking at doing this for a career," he said. "It's money while I'm on my own at university."

Buskers Byunghee, 30 and Yosuke, 34, have come all the way from Japan.

They met while busking in Northbridge four years ago and now travel the world selling their music under the name 'Whales Ave'.

"It's because a whale's life is like ours, always moving around the planet," Byunghee said. "Next we're going to Japan for a festival, then we're going to India and next summer we're going to Europe."

The didgeridoo seems to be a popular choice for South Koreans. Busker Yoon Hwan Kim is one of the better known acts in Perth and he sells his solo EP's for \$15 a piece.

Christ Church Grammar School flautist Tom Sisson, 15, isn't selling any records, but he is in it for the money. He's raising \$8000 to go on a service learning trip to Peru.

British-Australian dual citizen Joe Leach is also fundraising for a humanitarian cause — a children's shelter in Nairobi.

The pianist and producer is busking while in Perth visiting family but he debuted in the city in 1989.

Five years later, he lent his piano to the late John Gill, a world renowned ragtime pianist who continued busking and became known as "Perth's piano man".

The elderly accordion player on Hay Street doesn't have the

profile of the late Mr Gill and he can't speak English. He can tell you his name and age — Kiso, 85 — but that's about it.

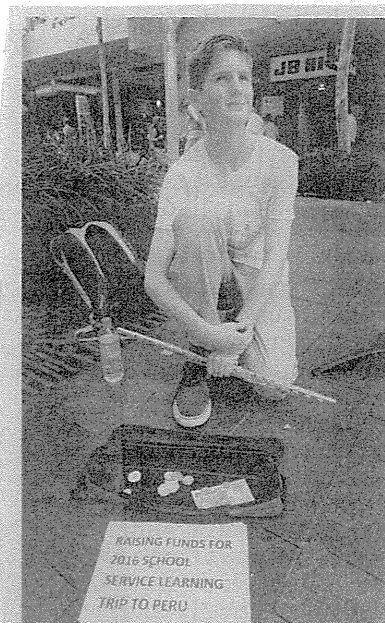
Luckily, retired Dutch composer Peter Sluik, 82, stops to listen to him every day because he plays three beloved old songs. Mr Sluik said the buskers of Perth were "flowers in a garden" who made the city feel like home.

A woman named Gail, 77, certainly felt at home in November when she was

captured on video enjoying the music of Perth busker Andrew Cousins. The video of her dancing like nobody was watching was seen by millions around the world.

City of Perth chief executive Gary Stevenson said he encouraged buskers to apply for monthly permits because they added vibrancy and atmosphere to the city.

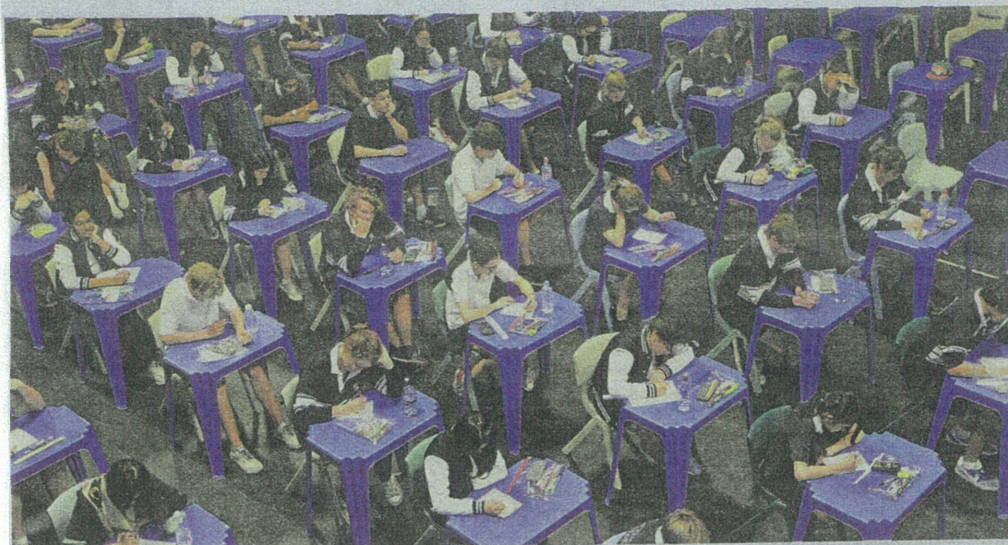
The number of buskers in the city dropped from 80 per month in 2013 to 61 last year.



Flute: Tom Sisson in Hay Street mall. Picture: Sharon Smith

The West JAN 2-3.

TOP STUDENTS 2015 3



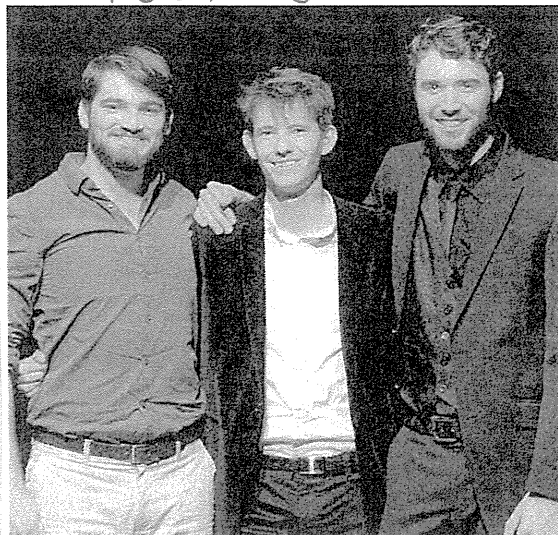
Testing time: About 14,000 students sat four or more WACE exams last year. Picture: Bill Hatto

TOP PERFORMERS

- Perth Modern School (79 students received 135 awards)
- St Hilda's Anglican School For Girls (40, 64)
- Rossmoyne Senior High School (41, 61)
- Santa Maria College (41, 52)
- Willetton Senior High School (38, 49)
- St Mary's Anglican Girls' School (27, 48)
- Methodist Ladies' College (20, 35)
- Shenton College (30, 34)
- Christ Church Grammar School (21, 33)
- John Curtin College of the Arts (24, 29)

SOURCE: SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY

POST JAN 9



Ambition, inspiration, power ... Thomas Owen, left, Cal Silberstein, and Jackson Griggs will be Fringe-dwellers next month.

Fringe gig for Midnite

Christ Church Grammar School will play a part in the month-long Fringe Festival, which begins on January 22.

Midnite Youth Theatre Company, based at the Claremont school, will stage a surreal musical that follows the story of two artists in a black and white world seeking to restore the colour to their lives.

Viva La Restoration will be directed by CCGS drama and artistic director Gregory Jones and feature music by WAAPA-based composer Jackson Griggs.

Former Christ Church student Cal Silberstein and co-writer Thomas Owen said the musical would explore themes of ambition, inspiration, power, and the influence of charismatic

individuals in society.

"We landed on the idea of a story about young artists: it grew from there," Cal said.

"The potential for multifaceted interpretation is left in the hands of the director, and the audience who see the finished product."

Viva La Restoration will bring together an ensemble of emerging 18 to 25-year-old performers.

The set is designed by award-winning WAAPA graduate Sarah Duyvestyn.

The show opens at the Subiaco Arts Centre Studio on February 10 for eight performances.

Book through Ticketek or the Fringe World website.

Christian Harding WSW JAN 12



Riley Rees-Turner,
Christian Harding and
Lachlan Mckinnon.
Picture: Andrew
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Tennis teen for NZ tournament

DALKEITH Tennis Club member Christian Harding will compete in an International Tennis Federation tournament in New Zealand this month after making the quarter finals at his first international appearance last year.

The 16-year-old qualified for the under-18 event in Singapore last October by winning his two matches two days before the main event.

"I was hopeful leading into it but surprised myself how far I went into the tournament," Harding said.

The Christ Church Grammar School Year 11 student, who helped his school win the Corr Cup last year, said he had developed his game in the past few years.

"My game's matured from just having baseline rallies to cutting off points with forehands and volleys

and a big serve," Harding said.

The Dalkeith resident watched several matches at the Hopman Cup last week, reminiscing about his ball kid duties at the tournament two years ago.

"It was really great seeing all the top players close up like (Andy) Murray and (John) Isner... I was trying to catch his serve," Harding said.

Students save piece of grazing history

Christ Church Grammar School students have restored a historic graziers' hut in D'Entrecasteaux National Park.

Department of Parks and Wildlife ranger Rebecca MacDonald worked with the school on the cultural heritage project at Crystal Springs, in the park between Walpole and Mandalay beach in the Great Southern.

"Christ Church has been visiting this area for the past 25 years and wanted to mark the anniversary by giving something back to the community," Mrs MacDonald said.

She said the old timber-and-tin hut had been built by the Muir family in the 1930s as part of a mustering camp on the family's pastoral lease.

The hut was used by local farming families such as the Blechyndens, Muirs, Dousts, Gibletts, and Mottrams, but fell into disrepair.

"We were keen to maintain the heritage of the hut and preserve as much of the structure and original materials as possible," Mrs MacDonald said.

"The veranda posts were replaced using a pile from the old Walpole jetty which was split to match the remaining posts on the hut.

"The original posts would have been shaped with an adze, a woodworking tool used in the 1900s, so we borrowed an adze from a local Parks and Wildlife officer.

"Christ Church's project manager, Conrad Scott, was able to smooth off the splinters and

shape the veranda posts in the traditional way."

Mrs MacDonald said the project also used materials from another historic hut that had been burnt down in a bushfire earlier this year.

"Three sheets of tin with familiar local names such as Muir and Mottram written on them, and dates of their visits, were salvaged from the My River hut and used to replace some of the rusted tin at Crystal Springs," she said.

"Thanks to the hard work of the students, the hut has been preserved for future generations as an example of coastal grazing practices from the 1930s."

Parks and Wildlife plans to install interpretive signs at the site.



Christ Church boys worked hard on fixing up this historic structure.

Snap a problem on the go

Mosman Park is trialling a new app for residents to photograph and email problems in the area to the council.

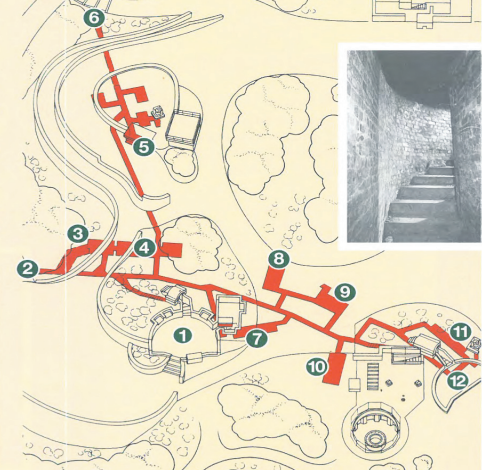
The free smartphone app, allows people to create concise reports of problems and send them to the council.

The smartphone's tools automatically generate the location. Problems include cracked footpaths, graffiti and property damage, hazards such as low limbs on trees, illegal dumping and lost and found animals.

Once the reports have been logged, the council's records system will send reports to the appropriate officers.

The app is called Snap Send Solve.

Mosman wants funds to recharge battery



The Leighton Battery and tunnels have stood the test of time but now need concrete cancer repaired.

Mosman Park will try to get a Lotterywest grant to offset the \$46,613 it is considering spending to repair the World War II Leighton Battery and tunnels.

The battery was built between 1942 and 1947, and was in use until it was decommissioned in 1979.

The site is now maintained by the Royal Australian Artillery Historical Society of WA.

A staff report to last month's council meeting said Palassis Architects had identified corrosion in concrete lintels in the underground tunnels; corrosion in the steel

window shutters and a failure at the edge of the observation posts' concrete roof; failure of the radar hut's concrete roof; corrosion of the radar hut steps, which were also too steep; failure of the concrete over the entry, and corrosion of the command post.

At the regulatory services committee meeting in December, chair Zenda Johnson said she had been impressed when she inspected the site.

"I think it's a credit to the volunteers who have maintained it over the years," she said.

"It was obviously built wonderfully, because it has

stood the test of time.

"We need to put real effort into getting grant funding for this.

"This is a very important historic site and I would like to try for annual sponsorship to try to maintain it.

"There must be some organisation out there ... that I would like to see come on board so the site is not only helped to be repaired but maintained because it is of real significance not only to Mosman Park but to the state."

The council endorsed the budget project for Leighton Battery.



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Teaching bowled over Alan

By DAVID COHEN

Alan Jones says one of his first tasks is to earn the respect of the boys and teachers at Christ Church Grammar School.

The new principal knew in Year 10 that he wanted to be a teacher, and he was inspired at school by a groundsman who had been a first-class cricketer. "The two biggest things I have to do in my first 100 days are to read the culture and earn the respect of students, staff and parents," Alan said. "The secret to being a good teacher is relationships, earning the boys' respect, and making sure they feel they have an unlimited potential."

Alan was born in England but went to school and university in South Africa.

"My significant teacher was the

groundsman who doubled up as the cricket coach," Alan said.

"Neil McCorkell was an old county cricketer who taught me much about cricket and much about life.

"He was a wicketkeeper with very bent fingers, and a good batsman too."

Alan said it was unusual for a boy to realise he wanted to be a teacher.

"I realised I had the attributes to make a positive difference to young people's lives," he said.

After 14 years in Melbourne, Alan spent four years at The Hutchins School in Hobart, Tasmania, finishing as acting principal.

He said one of the reasons for moving to Claremont was the connection between Hutchins and Christ Church.

"There is a synergy with where I was and where Christ Church

wants to go," Alan said.

"I'm consulting with the school council and the executive at the moment, in terms of the next strategic plan.

"The vision for that is very exciting and built around the next phase of building good men."

Before Hitchens, Alan was a deputy at Haileybury School in Melbourne, which has more than 3500 students spread across four campuses.

He also taught at Mentone Girls' Grammar School in Melbourne.

He said Christ Church had a reputation for high achievement, and he admired the school's community service ethos and its Peter Moyes Centre, for boys with disabilities.

Alan has a daughter aged 19 and a son aged 18.

He will be commissioned as principal on February 4.



Welcome ... Christ Church Grammar School has had 12 headmasters in 106 years, but Alan Jones is the first principal.

Subi unhappy with Marmion over city Bill

Subiaco council was asked to explain on Tuesday night why it appeared to be going soft on Nedlands MP Bill Marmion.

At the city's AGM last month, a room full of electors had unanimously supported a call for councillors to hold a vote of no confidence in Mr Marmion (POST, December 12, 2015).

They wanted him censured for failing to represent the interests of about 3000 people in Subiaco's South ward, who stand to be pushed - without a vote - into Perth City Council, through the City of Perth Bill.

But when the issue was raised at a council meeting

this week the council instead "encouraged" Mr Marmion to be "proactive" in blocking the controversial Bill and to keep his constituents in Subiaco, rather than Perth council.

Shenton Park resident Jeremy Mowe, who moved the motion at the annual electors' meeting, said the item before councillors was very different from what residents had demanded.

"From what I can see, the local member didn't speak at all in parliament on this Bill during the passage of this legislation," Mr Mowe said.

"Given the additional 7% increase in rates being forecast ... due to this Bill, it seems reason-

able that the council highlight [his] lack of action in the form of a vote of no confidence."

Mr Mowe said the council could always rescind the move in the future if Mr Marmion paid attention to the issue.

"Council should amend the proposed motion and return it to a motion of no confidence, which was overwhelmingly supported at the annual electors' meeting," he said.

Councillor Julie Matheson said she was surprised and disappointed she was not voting on the same item that electors had put to the council.

Councillor Malcolm Mummery said council had clearly and

unequivocally been asked to pass a motion of no confidence.

Subiaco CEO Don Burnett said staff made recommendations based on the motions from the AGM.

His advice to the council had been that the motion was not the way to endear Mr Marmion to the council's argument.

Mayor Heather Henderson said the electors' motion had been reported in the POST and was out there in the public domain.

"This is a challenge to him, to prove to his constituents in the South ward that he's going to stand up for them," the mayor said.

It emerged on the night that the loss of the South ward would cost Subiaco council \$44million over 10 years in rates, parking fees and fines and other sources of income.

The council warned a 7% rate increase might be necessary to make up for the lost money.

There will be a workshop for councillors in early February about the financial implications of the Bill.

A move to review Subiaco's wards was postponed while the proposed legislation was still going through parliament.

It is expected to be debated in the Legislative Council when parliament resumes next month.

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