

### Headmaster's Report

November 2015

Attachments

- Service in Action report
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Old Boys' Association Parents' Association

#### FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

The last month has certainly been a busy one for the School as it pertains to concluding the year for our Year 12 of 2015. In the balance of this report there are a number of references to events, all of which have reflected well on members of the Executive team who carry responsibility for these events and the wider School community who have been engaged. What has been particularly pleasing has been the very positive contribution from Old Boys who have in various ways demonstrated through words and actions what we would hope for from Christ Church graduates. Particularly I would make reference to **Dr Adrian Tarca** (2002) who spoke at our Final Assembly and Prize-Giving for Year 12 and **Dr James Marangou** (2002) who spoke at the annual Old Boys Assembly.

It is appropriate to also highlight the Schools pride in the announcement of 2016 Rhodes Scholar, Old Boy from 2008, **Dr Andres Noé.** A news report is attached.

By way of an aside it was a great pleasure at the reunion of Melbourne Old Boys this past Wednesday to be able to 'announce' Andres' success in the Rhodes in the company of the School's first Rhodes scholar **Dr Peter Edwards**, co-author of the School's centenary history.

What was very pleasing for me was that in all that was heard by the boys of the School during this final phase be that from Old Boys or current boys a recurring theme was that of service to others as a key component of a fulfilling and successful life.

I attach a report prepared by **Mr Mark Tait** on our Service in Action program for your information. This program which continues to develop, born out of the original Pilgrimage of Hope construct in 2006, is pivotal in developing the culture referred to above.

I am pleased to report that as part of the Centre for Boys Health and Wellbeing we are instituting two online surveys. We are administering this survey to get clear baseline data specific and relevant to the Health and Wellbeing of the students at CCGS in the areas of wellbeing, resilience, academic care, and social capital. The two surveys will contain evidence based scales which ask the boys how they feel about themselves, and how they feel about their school, friends, and family. We are aiming to use this information to consistently improve the holistic educational experience at the School, enhance the Personal and Spiritual Development program (PSD), and generally support the CCGS community.

These surveys have been developed by Echo Research, have been endorsed by **Professor Donna Cross** and address elements of ACARA SEL.

It was a very great pleasure in my final act as Ambassador on behalf of the School to attend the awarding of Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards to two of our Year 12 students **Rory Bett** and **Michael Lukin** at Government House by the Governor of WA, **Kerry Sanderson AO**. To have two boys receive this accolade in their final year of school is a great credit to them, their families and the School program that so enabled them to achieve at this level. I would also like to acknowledge at this point the School's Marshall, **Mr Ken Allan**, who oversees the award which currently has over 150 boys participating.

#### **STUDENTS**

#### THE LW PARRY PREPARATORY SCHOOL Academic

The Preparatory School has introduced an Awards Assembly in 2015 to acknowledge the boys achievements in competitions and challenges. The Assembly was held on Friday, 23 October and the awards presented included International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Distinctions and High Distinctions, Distinction Awardees from the Australian Mathematics Competition, and Australian Mathematics Trust, a commendation for Poetry from the Dorothea Mackellar Competition, a Claremont Art Award and the Drama Award for Commitment and Performance in Dirty Beasts. In all 211 awards to 87 boys.

As part of the assembly six ICAS State Medal Winners were acknowledged, these represent the highest score in the state. They were **Matthew Bennett** (Year 2 – English), **Matthew Bailey** (Year 5 English – third consecutive), **Sean Morgan** (Year 5 – Writing), **Max Guit** (Year 5 – Spelling – second consecutive), **Aditya Muthukattu** (Year 6 – Technology) and **Christian Wong** (Year 6 – Writing – Third consecutive).

#### Pastoral Care, Planning and Co-curricular

The Week of the Arts was another significant week in the life of the School. In addition to the Annual Music Concert and Art Exhibition, the boys also enjoyed Class Concerts, Boys' Own Tours, Learning Journeys, Year 6 Father and Son Breakfast, the House Shout (won by Dale House) and culminated with Grandparents Morning. Over 2000 community members attend the various events of the week as the Preparatory School showcases the Arts and each boy shares their work as part of the Learning Journey.

Mrs Abigail Callow, Mrs Claire Donald and Mrs Adele Swan from the Art department, Ms Sarah Seaman from the Music department and Mrs Maria Hodges (Director of Pastoral Care, Planning and Co-curricular) are all to be commended for their work in making the Week of the Arts such a successful week in the school calendar.

#### SENIOR SCHOOL

#### Academic

Calculations following the Year 12 trial examinations showed that the median ATAR of the cohort as a whole has lifted well; we are not expecting the stellar results of some recent years but hoping for a solid performance across the cohort. The boys conducted themselves very positively over the past few weeks and have started the WACE examinations in a similar fashion. At this point we are on track for 100% of them to achieve the WACE and we are optimistic that they will all make the required genuine attempt in all examinations.

The OLNA results have been received; 12 boys in Year 10 (excluding PMC) have yet to demonstrate the minimum standard in all three components. These boys will have four more opportunities to re-sit before the end of Year 12. There are now just three boys in Year 11 who have yet to demonstrate the minimum standard in all three components. They have two more opportunities to re-sit before the end of Year 12. Staff will continue to work with all of these boys to assist them to improve and consolidate their skills.

Despite measures taken to avoid this situation, we have once again been advised that four boys inadvertently breached the rules for the WACE practical examinations and are likely to be penalised as a result. **Mrs Margaret Brophy** met with SCSA personnel to put the School's case in regard to these breaches, particularly given that was there no intent by students to gain advantage. Anecdotal evidence from other schools confirms that there are a large

number of breaches being noted and we will continue to work with SCSA to ensure that the rules are meaningful and unambiguous.

**Mr Khee Lim**, the Head of Mathematics, will introduce a new model for support and extension in Year 7 classes in 2016. This will be more flexible than in the past and we will monitor its effectiveness closely. Other current planning for 2016 includes a review of all policies pertaining to the academic realm; discussions of class placement for boys around the Learning Development Centre and the Peter Moyes Centre; review and planning of the certificate courses in Fitness; and review and planning for the Crossing the Fence program with MLC.

#### Pastoral

Appointments of the School and House Prefects for 2016 have been made, following another smooth voting and selection process. The new Captain is **Owain Chandler**. Vice-Captain of School and Service Prefect is **James Borshoff**, Academic Prefect & Captain of Jupp is Tom Robins, Cultural Prefect & Captain of Wolsey is Leo Li, Sports Prefect & Captain of Romsey is Zac Bowles and Jacob Wilding is the Leader of the Walters Residential Community.

The School Prefects appointed are:

CRAIGIE Taegan Jolly (Captain);

HILL Jonah Allen (Captain), Ben Edwards (Co Vice-Captain), Thomas Waring (Co Vice-Captain);

**JUPP** Devin He (Vice Captain);

**MOYES** Tom Pennell (Captain), Tom Weight (Vice Captain);

**NOAKE** Sam Elias (Captain), Gerry Ansey (Co Vice-Captain), Matthew Wilson (Co Vice-Captain);

QUEENSLEA Jack Annear (Captain), Cameron Everett (Co Vice-Captain), Asad Yusoff; ROMSEY Oliver Girdwood (Co Vice-Captain), Jack Lewsey (Co Vice-Captain); WOLSEY Adeniyi Adegboye (Vice Captain), Jeff Ge.

Head of the Senior School **Mr Roger Bayly** has commenced allocations of boys to Houses in 2016 and finalised plans for the Year 7 orientation program.

#### Planning and Co-curricular

The Year 12 Valedictory Dinner and associated services has been a major focus over the last 4 -6 weeks. The Valedictory Dinner incorporated a range of new initiatives including: Jazz music and vocal pieces, a large digital LED screen and enhanced lighting and audio provisions, presentation of 14 tops to those boys who have spent their whole schooling at CCGS, speeches from all Senior Prefects and a concluding contemporary vocal piece by **Sam Bougher**.

The selection process of boys for The Beyond Queenslea Drive program is well underway for 2016. It is hoped that 30+ boys will take up placements.

The 2016 Calendar is taking shape. Sport, Drama, Outdoor Education and Music calendars have all now been settled and the other departments are starting to contemplate their events for 2015.

Service in Action Calendar has also been finalised for 2016. There are two new overseas programs being offered next year to Year 9 and 10 student to provide options for the middle year. One to Timor Leste' and the other to northern Malaysia. Both have conservation and

education outcomes as their focus in small communities. This program under the direction of **Mr Mark Tait** is starting to settle and his influence will grow as the program evolves

The Annual Cadet Parade and Dining in night was a highlight at the end of Week 1. The weather was kind for the parade, mild compared to recent years. The Dining Night again provided a fitting celebration to the end of the Cadet Unit year and farewell to Garth from the Unit.

The Annual Old Boys Assembly was held on Thursday with a focus on leadership. On Wednesday the first Senior School Grandparents day combined with a Remembrance Day service will take place.

#### Tours

The World Challenge tour to Peru depart on 27 December with 15 boys and 2 staff and the Rowing Tour to Grafton, New South Wales, with nearly 30 boys the week after.

Planning for the International Winter Games, led by departing Kooringal Director, **Mr David Anderson**, for early January is also progressing well along with the Annual Rowing Camp in late January.

#### Sport

Term 4 sport has started well. We are now three rounds in to the season, with seniors having two remaining fixture and Year 7, 8 & 9 three fixtures. Most codes are travelling well at this stage. The House Rowing Regatta was a great success at the end of Week 1, a stark contrast from last year when thunderstorms cased its cancellation.

#### Arts

The Annual Art exhibition, 'Barefaced', opened in week two to rave reviews and provide a great show case of works from all years. Production of the Year 7/8 play Jungle Book comes to the Drama Centre this week on Wednesday – Sunday evenings. Those people who attend the Drama Dinner (Feast) at the start of term at the underground at Victoria Hall in Fremantle were treated to a scene from the play, which looks very entertaining.

#### **Outdoor Education**

The Outdoor program at Kooringal has concluded successfully. Preparations for the Year 10 Venture are well underway. The first Year 10 training session has been completed and next week sees Kooringal operations move to NB6 at Claremont in preparation for the Venture packing and departure on Sunday 14 and 15 November respectively for the lead party and the boys.

#### STAFF

#### TEACHING STAFF <u>Appointments:</u>

**Mrs Gabrielle Williams** joins the Languages Department covering a leave of absence for 2016. Gabrielle joined the School in June 2015 as a Teacher in the Senior School English Department.

**Miss Jasmine Jeffs** returns to the LW Preparatory School as a Year 6 Teacher covering a leave of absence for Semester 2. Jasmine has previously worked in the Preparatory School as a Year 5 Teacher and a Music Teacher.

**Mr Nicholas Hogan** has been appointed as a Teacher in the LW Parry Preparatory School for 2016. Nicholas graduated from Curtin University in 2014 and has been a relief Teacher in the Preparatory School during 2015.

**Mrs Daniella Chacon** has been appointed as a Teacher in the LW Parry Preparatory School, Peter Moyes Centre. Daniella's most recent position was at Presbyterian Ladies College where she was an Early Childhood Teacher since 2007. In 2015 Daniella continued her studies and completed her Master of Education (Special Learning Needs) at the University of Notre Dame.

#### **Internal Appointments:**

Mr Khiem Ly has been appointed as Assistant Head of Mathematics.

Ms Lia de Sousa has been appointed as Head of Library.

Mr Brendon Noble has been appointed as Residential Year Group Co-ordinator (7&8)

Mrs Megan Pentony has been appointed as Head of Romsey House.

#### Associate to the Centre for Pedagogy for 2016:

Mr Jeff Chandler – Design and Technology

#### **Resignations**

#### **Ms Sarah Seaman**

Sarah leaves the School after sixteen years' service in the Music Department. She has been an integral part of the Prep School music program.

#### **Dr Martin Lamb**

Martin finishes in his part-time role on the academic staff and will continue working in the Music Department on a casual basis. He has worked with us since 2007.

#### **Mr Marie Zwart**

Marie has been appointed Head of Enhanced Learning at Trinity Grammar School in Melbourne and has worked in our Senior School Peter Moyes Centre since 2009 and most recently held the position of Co-ordinator.

#### Mrs Glynnis Ryan

Glynnis has been a highly respected teacher of accounting and commerce in the Senior School and a very efficient Academic Administrator working within the Studies department. Glynnis is retiring after being at the School since 2004.

#### SUPPORT STAFF

#### Appointments

<u>Ms Jessica Busiko</u> has been appointed as an Outdoor Education Assistant at Kooringal. Jessica completed her SACE (South Australian Certificate of Education) in 2011 at Naracoorte High School. Jessica relocated to WA in 2014 where she spent 7 months volunteering aboard STS Leeuwin II as a Watch Leader.

**Mr Jacob Earl** has been appointed as an Outdoor Education Assistant at Kooringal. Jacob most recently worked as an Apprentice Heavy Duty Diesel Mechanic with BHP Billiton Iron Ore. Jacob has participated various outdoor experiences as a volunteer and has decided to follow his passion for Outdoor Education.

#### **Resignations:**

#### **Mr David Kenworthy**

David has resigned from his role as design and Technology Technician effective Feb 2016 to continue to pursue his professional artistic career on a full-time basis. He has held this position since 2006.

#### **Mrs Felice Jennings**

Felice commenced in the Senior School PMC in 2009 and has been a highly regarded Education Assistant throughout her time. She is currently setting up her own business due to open in late November 2015.

#### COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT

News stories for October include:

2016 School Prefects announced Boys achieve Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards Christ Church farewells Class of 2015 CCGS cricket players shine for Australia Economics and Commerce students recognised 2016 Residential Prefects announced The Anzac spirit grows in our Year 3 boys Christ Church boy wins National CPA Plan Your Own Enterprise competition CCGS Army Cadet Unit concludes the 2015 training year The Midnite Feast – a delicious conclusion to the year Race around Renaissance for Year 9 da Vinci Decathlon boys An experience of a lifetime in Hong Kong Students impress in Chinese speaking competition Preparatory School Term 4 Captains announced Marble Bar - an amazing experience for all involved Year 6 boys spend the morning with their loved ones Winners of the Young ICT Explorers Award Celebrating a Week of the Arts

#### Communications

At the end of Term 3 the Boarding newsletter was issued and at the commencement of Term 4 the following publications were issued:

- Queenslea Club newsletter
- Christ Church Connect newsletter
- Centre for Ethics newsletter
- Old Boys Association newsletter

#### **Parents Association**

- Parents' Association meeting Wednesday 14 October first meeting with the new committee
- Parents' Auxiliary meeting Thursday 22 November finalising end of year functions and 2016 representatives
- Kooringal Family Day Sunday 1 November approximately 80 attendees

#### **Old Boys' Association**

**Reunions and Events** 

- 23 October 2015 45 year Reunion (38)
- 29 October 2015 AGM (41)
- 4 November 2015 Melbourne event (26)

#### Annual General Meeting

At this year's AGM meeting the following appointments were confirmed:

- President David Payne
- Vice President Matt Caddy
- Treasurer Steve Ledger
- Secretary Chris Webster

#### **Centre for Ethics**

It was a relatively quiet month of events for the Centre for Ethics due to the school holidays. One very successful event for October was Kerry O'Brien presenting on his latest publication Keating.

#### **New Projects**

Progress is continuing on the new look prospectus, online publications platform, interactive campus map and the School's major publications due for delivery in early 2016 – Mitre, Chronicle and Impressions.

#### PHILANTHROPY

The new structure of the Christ Church Grammar School bequest program, the Mitre Society, has been confirmed.

#### Chairman – **Mr David Fardon** Co-Patrons – **Mr Ian L.K. Marshall** and **Mr Arthur Pate**

The Mitre Society, originally launched in 1996, had two confirmed bequests at the start of 2015. A relaunch of the Mitre Society will take place in the first quarter of 2016.

#### **Publications**

To coincide with the relaunch of the Mitre Society we are producing a new bequest brochure. This booklet is to inform members of the CCGS community who express an interest in leaving a gift in their Will to the School.

#### **Prizes and Awards**

The gifting of prizes and awards now comes under the umbrella of the Office of Philanthropy as it is a form of philanthropic gift to the School.

#### Philanthropist Projects

The Year 10 Young Philanthropist Initiative this year saw groups of boys from all eight houses prepare 3-minute presentations on why their chosen charity was worthy of a \$5000 gift. **Ms Meredith McClements**, Philanthropist and CCGS donor, was a guest judge for the final presentations to assembly in late October.

The inaugural Year 5 Young Philanthropist Project saw our Year 5 boys, as part of their persuasive writing unit, present an essay on why we should support their chosen charity. The top three essays will be acknowledged at the upcoming Preparatory Assembly.

#### ICT

Cloud based document collaboration and sharing is soon emerging as a significant productivity driver within a number of organisations, including schools. Google first implemented this service for free via its web service portal (Google Apps) in 2007. Microsoft released their equivalent Office 365 in 2011.

Since its release, the education sector has been steadily adopting Office 365 as an online document sharing and collaboration solution throughout Australia. The AISWA Microsoft Licencing Agreement provides CCGS with access to this service a very cost effective point.

Cloud based documents and apps were first introduced to CCGS via the student email system, which moved from being an Apple based system to Google Gmail in 2010. The service was wrapped with a CCGS domain to maintain security and separation from public interaction. In 2014 the staff authentication mechanism was connected to Google cloud and Google Apps (e.g. Google Office, YouTube etc.) and introduced to both staff and students to aid with online storage, collaboration and document sharing. Google Education provides these services for free.

In September 2015 a Microsoft Office 365 tenancy was established for the CCGS domain. Office 365 will be introduced to the Executive in Term 4, 2015 and released to all Staff and Students in 2016. Office 365 is intended to fully replace Google Apps in 2016.

As preparation for 2016 gets underway, questions as to the 2016 staff and student devices were brought forward for consideration. Initial exploration and discussion resulted in the decision to maintain status quo in 2016. As such the 2016 fleet of devices will be ordered soon to meet the tight 2016 deployment schedule.

#### GOVERNANCE/FINANCE/FACILITIES

#### Council

The new Principal, **Mr Alan Jones**, has confirmed he will be able to visit the School in the week commencing 23 November 2015.

The School has executed the contracts for the Brockway remediation for the civil contractor (DM Civil), project manager and civil engineering consultant (Tabec) and environmental consultant (RPS Group). The site management plan and other conditions of the remediation have been cleared with the City of Nedlands. The remediation is expected to take 14-16 weeks and be completed by late February 2016.

The School is finalising the tenders for the catering and banking relationships.

The School is continuing to liaise with the Town of Claremont on the traffic management plan.

#### Finance

The draft annual budget for 2016 was presented to the October Council meeting for consideration. Council has asked for some additional information on the level and category of rebates offered in the School.

#### Facilities

The Chapel project reached practical completion on 25 September 2015. The handover has been relatively uneventful with a number of significant events already conducted in the Chapel. The feedback from the community to this refurbishment has been universally positive.

The School has started the process of completing a full feasibility for the proposed new Preparatory School. The project control group met with Donaldson+Warn to progress this proposal.



#### Summary

Christ Church's Service in Action (SIA) programme inspires boys to achieve individual and collective excellence for others.

The programme is based on the Christian call to serve others, especially those less fortunate than ourselves. Service opportunities include local, national and international experiences such as working in remote Indigenous Australian communities and an orphanage in Fiji.

Consistent with the latest thinking and research, the idea of 'community service' has developed into the realisation that we learn a great deal through serving others, hence the term 'service learning'. Those who serve in this way often report transformational experiences – especially when we have opportunities to be immersed in cultures very different to our own.

National and international SIA programmes for 2015 included:

- Fiji April (for Years 7 and 8 from Christ Church and St Hilda's)
- Looma Indigenous Immersion Program June (for Year 11s)
- Marble Bar Indigenous Immersion Program September (for Year 11s)
- Yackanra Indigenous Immersion Program September (for Year 11s)
- Garnduwa May and October (for Year 11s)
- Cambodia December (for Years 11 and 12s from Christ Church and St Mary's)

#### Fiji

Duration: 11 days , 12 students

Staff: Jane Shannon, Alan Hallett

The group travel from Perth to Suva in Fiji and stay at the St Christopher's Home. St Christopher's is a home run by three Anglican Sisters of the Sacred Name for orphaned and/or abused children.

The trip includes a combination of service jobs (including gardening, painting, sorting, cooking, building, cleaning and maintenance) while the children were at school and 'buddy time' when they returned home. The group is also engaged fully with the spiritual life of the children including daily morning prayer and Eucharist, evening singing with a reflection, and Sunday worship in the local parish.

There was also time for the group to reflect, de-brief and journal each day.

#### **Garnduwa West Kimberley**

Duration: 4 days, 4 students

Staff: Chris Miles and Brendon Noble

Students were guests of the Bardi Community at One Arm Point, located approximately 2hrs North of Broome. The camp itself included Aboriginal boys from the West Kimberley, and was coordinated by Garnduwa, an Aboriginal sporting and recreation organisation based in Broome, and other major centers of the region.

Leaders from within the Bardi Community, development officers from Garnduwa, and two staff members

from Christ Church Grammar School attended the camp.

Students were placed into groups of 6-7 boys for the duration of the camp. Each group was taken through a range of activities that focus on teamwork, communication, leadership and physical effort. Each group cooked, slept and worked together for the duration of the camp. The aim was to involve CCGS students as much as possible with the Indigenous boys and facilitate rather than dominate the activities.

Leaders from within the local community also exposed camp participants to traditional Aboriginal culture and activities.

#### Looma

Duration: 7 days, 12 students

Staff: Mark Tait, Neil Saggers, Una Alagic

Students worked in pairs as teacher aids at the Looma Remote Community School during the school day and ran after-school activities at the sports ground and the Fitzroy River. Feedback from the Looma RCS teachers was extremely positive about the CCGS students conduct and ability to work with the local students.

There was also time for the group to reflect, de-brief and journal each day, take part in some local cultural activities and visit the police centre, health centre and a district court session.

#### Yackanarra

Duration: 7 days, 3 students

Staff: Mark Morrissy,

Student: Tom Robin, Tim Gray, Owain Chandler

The students and I worked as teacher aids in each of the classrooms: PP-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-10, at Yakanrra Community School during the school day. This also included excursions to the ranges and running sporting sessions in preparation for the forthcoming athletics season.

After-school the boys work on projects around the school including construction of flat pack outdoor tables for the playground area and cleaning up storerooms and resource centre. In the cool of the evening the boys played basketball with the students until the lights went out on the courts at 7.30pm.

Feedback from the Yakanarra staff and Headmaster Helen Unwin was very positive about the CCGS students conduct and ability to work with the local students.

There was also time for the group to reflect, de-brief and journal each day, while cooking meals and taking in he magnificent sunsets over the Georges Ranges. We were also able to visit some sacred areas in the ranges under the direction of some local guides including the water holes and visited Fitzroy Crossing for a sports day.

#### **Marble Bar**

Duration: 7 days, 8 students

Staff: Mark Tait, Jason Law

Students worked as teacher aids at the Marble Bar Remote Community School during the school day and also ran swimming lessons and a swimming carnival for the students. They organised after-school activities at the swimming pool and Youth Centre. Feedback from the Marble Bar teachers was extremely positive about the CCGS students conduct and ability to work with the local students.

CCGS and St. Mary's AGS also donated 12 iPads to the school, which were very well received.

There was also time for the group to reflect, de-brief and journal each day and visit the police centre and health centre.

A tour of the FMG Port facility was undertaken on the Friday afternoon whilst in transit to Perth.

#### **Garnduwa East Kimberley**

Duration: 4 days, 4 students

Staff: Mark Tait and Drew McDonald

Students stayed at the block owned by Go Wild Eco Adventures, 30 minutes south of Kununurra, on the banks of the Ord River. The camp included Indigenous boys from the East Kimberley and was coordinated by Garnduwa, an Aboriginal sporting and recreation organisation based in Broome and Kununurra.

Development officers from Garnduwa, Balgo and Halls Creek plus the two staff members from Christ Church Grammar School attended the camp.

Students were placed into groups of 5 - 6 boys for the duration of the camp. Each group was taken through a range of activities that focus on teamwork, communication, leadership and physical effort. Each group cooked, slept and worked together for the duration of the camp. The aim was to involve CCGS students as much as possible with the Indigenous boys and facilitate rather than dominate the activities.

Leaders from within the local community also exposed camp participants to traditional Aboriginal culture and activities.

#### Cambodia

Duration: 12 days, 12 students from Years 11 and 12

Staff: Patrick Louden, Mark Tait, Digby Gibson, Sarah Stone

The group will fly from Perth to Phnom Penh. During the school day, the team work in small groups in the classrooms of the Cambodian Children's Fund and in the evenings, participate in evening classes.

The group will visit the Killing Fields Memorial.

There will also be time for the group to reflect, de-brief and journal each day.

## Post Dot-de 31, 2015 Spotting sharks a good business

Jonathan Nagappa reckons more people will get back in the water if his drone shark-spotting business gets off the ground.

ness gets off the ground. The Christ Church Grammar School Year 10 student won a national competition with his business plan, which would create four jobs.

Jonathan's plan, SurfScout, has an owner/manager running the business and employing three casuals at \$28 an hour.

The business would have six drones. Three would be in the air, remote-controlled by workers, while three were on the ground being re-charged.

"They'd be more effective constantly monitoring one area of the beach," Jonathan said.

"It would have a competitive advantage over Surf Life Saving WA. Helicopters aren't over the beach all the time, and lifeguards are more likely to miss a shark."

Jonathan calculated SurfScout could make a \$20,001 profit after its first year of operation.

He said beach-goers wouldn't mind the noise from



Sharks in the water ... But Jonathan Nagappa says people would feel safer with drones in the air. Photo: Paul McGovern

drones.

law suits.

"People might be willing to put up with it if it saved their lives," he said.

"It would help tourism." In his list of threats to SurfScout, Jonathan listed "The business is under the risk of being sued if an attack does occur," he said.

For winning CPA Australia's Plan Your Own Business competition, Jonathan scored \$2500 while his school received \$250 worth of books.

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#### Sine posts

You know another group of Year 12 students are close to finishing their studies when strange things start to appear around schools.

At Christ Church Grammar School, mug shots of teachers were on bus stops in Queenslea Drive last Friday, with captions underneath.

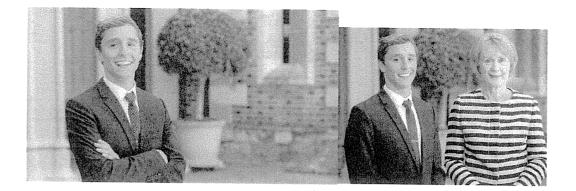
"Help! How do you sine rule in the main?" was one. "Please return any missing al-ligator clips! We have lost one," was another.

A POSTie said it was very tame compared to his Year 12 exploits at Rossmoyne Senior High School 32 years ago, when kids broke into the school at midnight and built a mock cemetery of teachers' graves.



Missing alligator clips! It all happens in Claremont.

## UWA medical student Andres Noé awarded WA's Rhodes Scholarship



UNIVERSITY of WA medical student Andres Noé has been awarded WA's Rhodes Scholarship for 2016.

The 24-year-old, who hopes to become a leader in paediatric public health following in Fiona Stanley's footsteps, will go on to study at Britain's prestigious Oxford University.

Mr Noe joins a group of UWA Rhodes Scholars that includes former Prime Minister Bob Hawke, former WA Premier Geoff Gallop, a former WA Chief Justice David Malcolm and Australian business leader Sir Rod Eddington.

The former Christ Church Grammar School student will undertake Master's Degrees in International Health and Tropical Medicine, and Public Policy, following a Bachelor of Medical Science and Surgery with Honours in obstetrics and gynaecology and a Diploma in Modern Languages. "I've had incredible help and support from my family — my mother, father and brother — and from my six referees who have supported me through every step of this process," he said.

"I could not have done it without them."

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## **New head for Christ Church**

Alan Jones is Christ Church Grammar School's new headmaster.

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Mr Jones is the acting headmaster of The Hutchins School in Hobart, Tasmania, an Anglican K-12 day and boarding boys' school.

CCGS council chairman John Poynton said Mr Jones was a highly respected educator with a demonstrated commitment to

academic excellence and would

academic excellence and would start next year. Mr Jones has also been at Men-tone Girls' Grammar School, Haileybury School and Hunt-ingtower School, in Melbourne. Ho has taught chemistry phys-

He has taught chemistry, phys-ics and maths, has played for his state in cricket and hockey, and competed internationally in iron man events. POST

# Heart doctor wins award for gout drug research

Hospital cardiologist Peter Thompson's research into how an inexpensive gout drug can reduce heart attacks has beaten 3000 research projects to win the Marshall and Warren Award

The award, named after Nobel prize winners Barry Marshall and Robin Warren, is for the most innovative and potentially transformative research project. in Australia

Another researcher at the Harry Perkins Institute in Nedlands, Kevin Pfleger, received the Highest Ranked Career Development Fellowship - Biomedical, Level 2. 1550 B



Peter Thompson

Federal Health Minister Sussan Ley presented the annual National Health and Medical Research Council Research Excellence Awards in Canberra on Tuesday.

Kevin Pfleaer

With this grant, Professor Thompson and his team will follow up on a promising clinical trial to confirm whether a low-cost drug can reduce

incidents that may damage the nary artery become inflamed heart muscle of patients with stable coronary heart disease.

The follow-up study will involve about 5000 participants. up from around 500 in the earlier trial

Professor Thompson is cardiologist and director of the Heart Research Institute at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital. clinical professor of medicine at The University of WA, and deputy director of the Harry Perkins Institute for Medical Research in Nedlands.

The work is being done in the Heart Research Institute in the Perkins building.

"We are studying why some cholesterol plaques in the coroand cause coronary thrombosis [heart attack]." Professor Thompson said

"We have discovered a new use for colchicine, a drug widely used for gout, quite inexpensive and relatively free of sideeffects

"It can reduce heart attacks in patients already fully treated for their heart disease.

"Earlier in the year, we received a grant of \$2.3million from the NHMRC for clinical trials to test this in about 5000 patients."

He said the trial was well under way.

Co-workers on the project are Dr Mark Nidorf, previously a cardiologist at SCGH, Professor John Eikelboom, a Perth-trained medical graduate and now in Canada, and Charley Budgeon. a statistician at SCGH.

Associate Professor Pfleger's research focuses on receptors throughout the body targeted by drugs

He said many drug treatments resulted in unexplained effects and/or side-effects due to a lack of understanding of their mechanism of action at the molecular level.

Associate Professor Pfleger will generate new knowledge about these mechanisms with a view to improving the effectiveness of drugs and reducing their side-effects.



#### SUBIACO

### **Students step out in PMH fundraiser**

1/S. Oct. 2015. RUNNING laps of Christ Church Grammar School, students raised more than \$10,000 for the Princess **Margaret Hospital Foundation** last month. Moves House captain Daniel

Pelkowitz said choosing the foundation as its house charity was an easy decision to make.

"It is a charity we can all identify with because of the connections and experiences we have had." Daniel said.

The house prefects organised a fun run, where boys were sponsored to run laps of the playing fields, with occasional challenge stations including water slides and dodge ball. "We had over 100 people take part in the event, with everyone contributing to make it a successful and fun morning." Moves House vice-captain

Julian Ming said. PMH Foundation community fundraising manager Fiona Dickson said the contribution would help to provide vital medical equipment and specialist staff at the hospital. "Once it has been decided where this generous donation will go, the boys will be able to come and see what it means for the kids in the hospital," Ms Dickson said.



PMH Foundation's Fiona Dickson with Moyes House captain Daniel Pelkowitz and vice-captain Julian Ming.

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#### By DAVID COHEN

School

Getting to school is plain sailing for Captain Jack Swallow.

Jack sets off each morning from East Fremantle and moors his rigid inflatable at Claremont Yacht Club before walking to Christ Church Grammar School, where he is in Year 12. On the way, he drops his sister, Kate, who is in Year 11 at St Hilda's, at Mosmans restaurant.

"Going to school by boat saves 10 to 15 minutes when compared with the car or train," Jack said.

"It's a great lifestyle and nice and

peaceful in the mornings."

Jack's 4.5m boat is powered by a 60hp Yamaha and has a top speed of about 32 knots.

Jack's family moved from Kalgoorlie about nine years ago when his older brother, Ben, started at Christ Church. "I got my skipper's ticket on my 14th birthday," Jack said.

"The junior ticket means you can sail at eight knots until you're 16. "My dad, Steve, made sure I was safe

My dad, Steve, made sure I was safe on the water and able to drive the boat.

"Kate also has her ticket and she drives sometimes."

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Captain Jack Swallow arrives at Claremont Yacht Club ready to for another day at school.

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Jack sometimes takes students to school from across the river and takes them home again.

In winter he wears wet-weather gear over his school uniform.

"I've only cancelled my trip a few times, when it's been really windy or there's been lightning," he said. In March 2010, he had just got off the

In March 2010, he had just got off the water when the destructive hailstorm hit, causing widespread havoc in the western suburbs.

Once he has tied up in the morning, Jack sends his parents a text message to let them know he's safe.

Next year, he will be studying at the Australian Maritime College in Tasmania, aiming for a career on the water.

"I'll be doing a course to become a master mariner, to become a ship's captain," he said.

"I might work in oil and gas – but being the captain of the Queen Mary would also be pretty cool. "My dad's dad was a marine ongi

"My dad's dad was a marine engineer and my great-uncle was a marine architect and captain." As his school days draw to a close, Jack has sold his boat to Leonie Price, who has two sons at Christ Church and a daughter at St Hilda's.

Mrs Price will also inherit Jack's Claremont mooring.



Snappy ... Ragha Khanna shows Bill Marmion his Snapchat-like invention.

## Hi-tech glove, photo app win awards

#### By DAVID COHEN

A glove with a gyroscope and a photo-sharing app secured first prizes for local students in an information and communications technology competition.

Students from Christ Church Grammar School and Scotch College took out first places in the Young ICT Explorers program.

Christ Church's Jason Chu and Hector Morlet's Gyroglove won the first place in the Years 11 to 12 category.

"The Gyroglove is a gyroscopeequipped glove designed to wirelessly transmit movements of the hand for use in software, in this case a game," Jason and Hector (both 16) told Nedlands MP and Finance Minister Bill Marmion.

"This has been done to create a more tangible control over a computer, varying the experience of a user over a game such as we built, Gyroflyer."

Scotch student Ragha Khanna came first in the Years 9 to 10 group for his photo-sharing app he described as "Snapchat for travel".

Mr Marmion said digital technologies had contributed nearly \$80billion to Australia's GDP in 2013-14 and the figure was forecast to grow rapidly.

"It is incredibly exciting to see so many talented young West Australians using their creative minds to produce such innovative and high-quality technology projects," Mr Marmion said.

He said it was predicted that up to 100,000 more ICT professionals would be needed in Australia by 2021.

The Christ Church tesm also won the student choice category for their creation.

Fifty-five students from 11 schools took part in the event.



Jacob Dorsett-Sawyer and Colin Barnett.

## Cottesloe chiefs meet, talk tactics

TWO members for Cottesloe met for a strategy meeting recently.

WA Premier Colin Barnett helped Christ Church Grammar Year 10 student Jacob Dorsett-Sawyer prepare for his role as the Student Member for Cottesloe in Student Parliament.

Jacob will represent Cottesloe in the Legislative Assembly by making a member's statement, debating the Electoral Amendment Bill and take part in the Adjournment Debate.

Mr Barnett said Jacob was an impressive young man.

"We had a long discussion about local issues," he said.

"He is very articulate and I am confident he will speak exceptionally well at the Student Parliament as the Student Member for Cottesloe."

Student Parliament ran from September 13-15.

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## Bugle a gift from the heart

Ben Moody said he was touched when the old soldiers of Nedlands RSL presented him with a bugle.

Now a university student, Ben has been playing the Last Post on his trumpet at Nedlands Anzac and Remembrance Day ceremonies for 11 years.

He took over when a fellow student from Christ Church Grammar School was unable to make it to one ceremony.

"I have been doing it ever since," Ben said.

"It is quite emotional for them and for me."

Ben who had never played a bugle before his gift, gave a perfect rendition of the Last Post, the military call to mark the end of the day.

"It is like playing the trumpet without using the valves," he said.



Nedlands RSL president Doug Arrowsmith admires Ben Moody's playing on his new bugle. Photo: Paul McGovern

### WestWHEELS CIRCUIT RACING

# Love changes everything

### Young West Australian Jordan a five-time winner in Malaysia

#### Adrian Chambers

ordan Love had a cracking weekend in the first round of the AsiaCup Series, winning all five races at Malaysia's Formula One track. Sepang International

This remarkable feat has skyrocketed him to the top of the lucrative championship, 39 points clear of his nearest rival, South Korean Andrew Kim.

It was a triumphant and dominant outing at the end of last month for the Perth 16-year-old who drove his No. 79 pretty close to perfection.

"Jordan has already competed in two AsiaCup Super 6 events and it's great to see his winning race craft develop," AsiaCup promoter Peter Thompson said

"He has displayed great confidence and pace."

His determination and focus to succeed in his chosen field is impressive after making the transition from go-karts, where younger brother Aaron has just won one of WA's top events, the prestigious King of the Hill, at Wundowie.

Love dominated practice in steamy conditions, continuing the momentum into qualifying pole for Saturday's first of four eight-lap races.

He and Kenvan Jeremy Wahome had an intense battle throughout the weekend. starting with a daring dash for the lead down the main straight into the first corner.

But the Aussie took advantage of a much better start on the cleaner side of the track to maintain the advantage and claim his first win.

With grid positions determined from race one's fastest lap times, Love again claimed pole ahead of Wahome. who took the lead in in lap three after a bold move.

A mistake three corners later allowed Love to reclaim position and continue unchallenged. With two wins in the bag, things just got tougher with Wahome now on pole.

But Love prevailed in the run down into the first sequence of corners, hitting the front and leaving the field in his wake.

It was another error-free and dominant drive as he notched up his third to end day one.

That translated to pole in Sunday's 10-lapper where he successfully fended off challenge after challenge to produce a series of circuits

consistently faster than his fellow competitors, with an imposing 15-second lead at the finish

He was odds-on for a clean sweep and delivered a masterclass performance in the final event, outgunning everyone to the first turn and then making it look easy as he cruised to his fifth victory.

"It was a fantastic weekend for me." Love said.

"The races were tough in the difficult conditions with the heat and humidity and it was quite hard to maintain my concentration.

"There were definitely

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moments where I had to work hard to keep Jeremy behind me but I really enjoyed it because he is a tough fighter.

"AsiaCup is very professionally run and it's good to race in a series where the competition is strong, all the cars are the same and the focus is more on driver performance," he said.

How does racing fit in with his studies at Christ Church Grammar?

"When I'm competing outside WA it's an early-morning flight on Thursday with racing Friday through to Sunday then a late flight home for school Monday," he said.

"So I have to do extra hours out of school to keep up and stay on track."

He will need to be at the top of his game for the second round from November 6-8 at Sepang as the field expands to 17 with the inclusion of two

Russian drivers, a Filipino and an Indonesian.

The FIA-approved AsiaCup Series by Meritus GP is in its third season and has helped train 65 drivers from 15 nations. including fellow Aussie Jake Parsons who is now second in the VW-powered Formula Masters Championship.

For more information, email peter@meritus.gp or visit asiacupseries.com.

Jeff Leisk in the Classic Motocross Championship. Picture: Jeremy Handing here 15

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AsiaCup promoter Peter Thompson and Jordan Love.

