



Christ Church
Grammar School

Principal's Report

March 2016

Attachments

- Philanthropic scholarships advertisement
- Media clips

**Old Boys' Association
Parents' Association**

1. Progress against the schools agreed strategic plan

Strategic planning

(for noting)

The executive met on 9 February to work through the draft of the strategic plan. We had a productive session with everyone's insightful educational input offered. Working groups with Old Boys, PA, staff and students have been set up to finalise a draft to be presented to council for consideration.

LW Parry Preparatory School

(for noting)

The preparatory school Project Control Group (Alan Jones, Richard Wright, Maria Hodges, Brad Hilliard, John Price, Chris Coslani and Geoffrey Alagoda) has met with Tom Fardon and Jonathan Lake from Donaldson+Warn to discuss the Project Definition Plan. The vision and objectives will be modified by the Principal, Preparatory Leadership and the Director of Communications and Engagement. The accommodation schedule was discussed with matters arising that will require input from Council. The timeline is to confirm the program by March and commence design in April with the project being ready for occupation for the beginning of the 2019 school year.

Digital Citizenship

(for noting)

- 832 of 1172 year 7-12 boys completed an initial digital citizenship quiz on day one of term.
- An average score of 82% was attained by these boys.
- The aim of this quiz is to bring awareness and education to students at all levels of senior school to prevent reputation damage and promote well-being in the digital domain.

iPad deployment to students

(for noting)

- Recent updates to the iPad OS enables the deployment of software over-the-air without the need for Apple IDs. This meant that parents are not burdened with having to approve or provide Apple IDs for their sons.
- The next release of IOS will contain a mechanism to allow educational institutions to create Apple IDs on their students' behalf. The release time-frame and details regarding this version are still to be confirmed for Australia.
- School controlled Apple IDs will provide better backup and management options.
- The current student IOS release arrived weeks before the deployment deadline for the school iPads stressing the deployment process significantly.
- 981 iPads were deployed to boys in the senior school and 500 iPads were deployed to preparatory school.

2. Compliance

ATAR ranking

(for noting)

There is a growing perception that schools are selecting the general pathway for their students to avoid getting caught up in the ATAR ranking and league tables. At Christ Church we always keep the best interests of the boys in mind.

3. Risk management

Extreme heat

(for noting)

The school has been proactive in managing students and staff during the period of extreme heat. Many of the outdoor activities were either altered in format or were cancelled.

Knutsford, the year 7 and 8 boarding house does not have air-conditioning and remains a concern from both a wellbeing and an enrolment perspective.

Hoax bomb threats to schools

(for noting)

We are aware of the hoax bomb threats to schools in WA and other states. We are being proactive and have measures in place. We have been in contact with the local authorities.

Due to the extreme heat, alternative evacuations arrangements for our students were organised as follows:

If MLC evacuate:

Prep school – our Chapel

MS and SS – our gym

If CCGS evacuates:

Prep school Hadley Hall

SS – MLC gym area

Potential impacts of developments on WA Independent Schools

(for noting)

- Growth of “School of Early Learning” and similar early year groups could impact the early years programs.
- Changes in higher education. Will families save for tertiary education and not pay for school education in an Independent school?
- WA economy and the slowing of the mining boom resulting in lower incomes and possible re-locations.
- Future State Government decisions on locations of a new government school to cater for the increasing demands for places in the western suburbs. This has been a result of the closing of City Beach, Swanbourne and Scarborough SHSs.

4. Pending Council decisions

Branding

(for discussion)

After discussion last month regarding signage the Queenslea Drive and Stirling Hwy corner will be branded with our crest and tag line.

Student behaviour management

(for discussion)

AISWA has advised that we continue with our practice of restraint as part of our behaviour management policy. This is to increase the safety of staff, volunteers and students. This is a whole school policy and staff continue to be trained in restraining a student.

5. Other relevant matters

2016 commencement

(for noting)

The academic year has started smoothly. There is a vibrant feel around the school and a positive sense among the staff, students and parents. I have thanked the staff for creating this excellent start. The staff can take the credit for the excellent tone that has been set for the year.

Principal's commissioning

(for noting)

On 4 February 2016, I was formally commissioned by the Assistant Bishop of Perth, The Right Reverend Tom Wilmot, as the new and first principal of Christ Church Grammar School. The whole school was in attendance along with a number of invited guests.

Tour of facilities**(for discussion)**

As a follow up to the last council meeting, members of council were invited to tour the following facilities:

- 16 and 17 February - Walters refurbishment.
- 12 February - Brockway playing fields.
- 3 April – Koorungal, members of Council and Executive to spend the day visiting, planning and team building at the outdoor facility.

Traffic safety measure**(for noting)**

A flashing 40 km/h sign will be installed along Queenslea Drive.

Traffic congestion**(for noting)**

The following measures have been set out to assist the traffic congestion around the school. Asking for boys to walk/ride to school. Stationing prefects before and after school at the corner of Queenslea Drive and Stirling Hwy to direct boys to the traffic lights and near Time Square to direct boys to cross at the traffic lights. Ask parents to drop their boys a street away from Queenslea Drive. These have also been communicated to our school community.

Students International/Global**(for noting)**

Six students from Fung Ching Memorial Primary School in Hong Kong have spent three days in our Year 6 classes, including the Swimming Carnival. The boys are here as part of an immersion experience linked to a mathematics competition.

Centre for Excellence**(for noting)**

The Centre for Excellence, under the direction of Mr Matthew Kameron, is delivering a range of modules to teachers who wish to improve their knowledge of how best to cater for gifted and talented students. The uptake has been extremely good, as has the feedback. The annual Ad Astra transition day for Year 11s was very successful, with students rating it very highly in a subsequent survey.

Student transitions**(for noting)**

The formal transition program for Year 4, 7 and boarding students has again helped all boys to feel comfortable in their new surroundings. The program commenced with orientation days in November 2015 which included the new boys' orientation day (the Saturday preceding school) and has now had two Friday of activities. The Year 7 boys will now participate in the Koorungal outdoor education experience in house groups over the ensuing weeks. Key to the success of this transition is the role played by the Year 11 peer support leaders.

Teaching staff**(for noting)*****Appointments:***

Mr Adam Hartley has been appointed to the Senior School Science Department to take a leave position for Term 2, 2016. Adam has recently relocated from the UK and has extensive experience teaching all sciences, specialising in chemistry.

Support staff**(for noting)*****Appointments:***

Ms Eun Bryan has been appointed as the Executive Assistant to the Principal. Eun has over 15 years' experience in business administration and her most recent position was as an Executive Assistant at Clifford Chance Lawyers. Eun commences on 29 February.

Mr Justin Bodinner has been appointed as an Education Assistant in the Preparatory School PMC. Justin most recently worked at the Red Cross within their outreach program.

Ms Melanie Massey has been appointed as a Canteen Assistant. Melanie most recently owned her own café and prior to that was employed at Richmond Primary School as the Canteen Manager.

Ms Megan Beggs has been appointed as an Education Assistant in the Preparatory School PMC. Megan most recently worked at the Water Corporation but prior to that worked at Nascha as a Disability Support Worker.

Resignations:

Mr Jeff Brown has retired from his position in Maintenance Department. Jeff joined the School in 1979.

Mr Graham Nolan has resigned from the position of ICT Support Officer. Graham has been accepted as a student at UWA where he will be studying teaching.

Communication

(for noting)

The communication strategy for Christ Church Grammar School involves a 'single source of truth' approach. This approach ensures the website is the one-stop-shop for all information, enquiries and referrals. Commencing in March the web will undergo a staged refresh. The refresh will deliver a greater delineation of information for current and prospective parents. The capability for videos will be enhanced and a designate area on the home page created.

Social Media

(for noting)

At the beginning of the year Twitter and Facebook were introduced and have both been well received.

Twitter has been introduced primarily for sports commentary on results and fixtures, and is developing a good following. Facebook has also received a steady following, with all visitors receptive to the comments and images posted. Males between the ages of 13-17 are the largest audience and last week the reach was close to 10,000.

A dedicated sports website is currently under development and will deliver significant time-savings in preparation and management of all information related to sporting fixtures. A presentation to the other PSA schools is being discussed with the aim of gaining support from all schools to move to the new platform for the beginning of 2017.

- CCGS Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CCGSClaremont/>
- CCGS Sport twitter account: <https://twitter.com/@ccgssport>
- CCGS sport fixtures site: <http://sport.ccgswa.edu.au>

Philanthropic Scholarships

(for noting)

Newspaper advertisements (see attached) for the three philanthropic scholarships on offer for Year 7 in 2017 have been in 'The West' on 13 and 20 February. Each of these three scholarships have been made available by individual donors.

New Parent Dinners

(for noting)

All new parents to the school are invited to Preparatory and/or Senior School events with the objective of formally welcoming new families to our Christ Church community. The Preparatory School event was attended by 87% of new families whilst 56% of new Senior School families attended their event. Chair of Council John Poynton and I welcomed the news families to Christ Church Grammar School.

Staff Laptops

(for noting)

- 90 staff laptops have been deployed to staff within the school to date.
- The deployment will continue until the end of term 1.
- The three year old staff laptops will be sold to the highest bidder in term 2.

Wireless Network

(for noting)

- The Extreme wireless network deployed within the school is undergoing maintenance to improve its stability.
- A recent firmware upgrade, required to handle the new access-points has introduced a number of issues, degrading the system's connection stability.
- An engineer from Extreme Networks (formally Enterasys) is expected to spend time at school diagnosing these issues within the coming weeks.
- The schools wireless network is considered to be the single most important electronic system within the school. The impact of an unstable wireless system is deemed to be significant.

Brockway playing fields

(for noting)

The civil contractor (DM Civil) has completed over 70% of the sand remediation and 40% of the finished levels over the geo-fabric at Brockway playing fields. A revised program and updated project costing is being completed by the project manager (Tabec).

The school is providing support to the Council working group proposing a significant overhaul of the governance model. This will necessarily include a revision of the monitoring reports.

Finance

(for noting)

The school is continuing with the preparation of the final accounts for 2015 prior to the arrival of the auditors, Deloitte, in early March 2016. A strong surplus result is expected.

Facilities

(for noting)

The school has recently released tenders for the cleaning contract at the campus. This contract currently covers the entire school with the exception on a small in house cleaning team (2.5FTE). As part of this process the school is reviewing the provision of this in house cleaning roster.

Financial need scholarships for entry year 7, 2017

With the generous support of members of our school community we are pleased to offer three scholarships for boys who would not otherwise be able to attend the school.

We invite applications for the following three scholarships

- 1. Lynlee Rae Harriott Memorial Scholarship**
- 2. JCR and Denby Roberts Scholarship**
- 3. Perkins Family Scholarship**
 - for the son or grandson of a Christ Church old boy (regional Australia)
 - applicants must sit an examination on Saturday 7 May 2016

www.ccgswa.edu.au/admissions/scholarships or call 9442 1555 for more information.

These scholarships are proudly supported by the Old Boys' Association Scholarship Trust



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Stadium bid secret until deal is signed

Gareth Parker
State Political Editor

The Barnett Government will not detail why Stadium Australia Operations was awarded preferred-operator status for the Perth Stadium at Burswood until after the parties finalise and sign a deal.

VenuesWest chief executive David Etherton, who chaired the panel that evaluated the four bids, set out the criteria against which they were assessed. But he would not give specifics about aspects of the bids or any financial information, saying it would not be in taxpayers' interests to do so until a deal was concluded.

The WA Football Commission yesterday backed away from any

suggestion that AFL football would not be played at the stadium when it opens in 2018.

On Monday, the WAFC's Perth Stadium Management, a losing bidder, said it was "committed to running Domain Stadium at the highest level and hosting AFL, entertainment and other major content at the venue into 2018 and beyond".

But yesterday, WAFC chairman Murray McHenry denied this meant football might refuse to move to the new stadium for the 2018 season. He did not rule out Domain Stadium hosting non-AFL events such as WAFL games and major concerts.

Mr McHenry said the WAFC's focus would now be on trying to secure the \$15 million a year



About turn: Murray McHenry listens to Gavin Taylor, from Perth Stadium Management. Picture: Bill Hatto

Mr Etherton confirmed all bidders submitted proposals for stadium memberships but he would not provide details on those proposals, adding it would be a matter for negotiation with cricket and football.

Each of the four bidders had up to five opportunities to present elements of their proposals to test ideas.

Bidders were judged on their overall delivery approach; operational performance; their plan to manage interactions with other parties including the



Going up: The stadium this week.

it needs to run football competitions and game development.

"We are relying on the minister and the Premier's comments that they are not going to see football worse off," he said

ment and stadium users; financial benefit to the State; management of conflicts; and financial capacity.

Mr Etherton said he could not go into detail about why Stadium Australia had addressed the criteria better than the competing bids.

"They had an innovative approach to attracting events and activating the precinct, a good fan-first approach and the commercial solution was strong as well," he said.

WS Weekly Feb 16. Old boy

Big winds, big boats for world match racing meet

SPECTATORS could see capsized boats and big crashes when the World Match Racing Tour hits Fremantle next month.

Mosman Park sailor Sam Gilmour said conditions would likely be windy for the prestigious sailing tour, which had never been held in Australia before.

"It will make it difficult for everyone. We could see some big crashes or capsizing. The home ground advantage will be very big," Mr Gilmour said.

Mr Gilmour said his Neptune Racing team members, including Adam Negri, Justin Wong and Mark Spearman, are feeling strong going into the tour.

The team earned a spot in the tour after winning the Warren Jones International Youth Regatta in February.

"We have a good mix of experience and youthful enthusiasm – we are expecting to do well," he said.

"It is the first time we've had an event that big in Fremantle, let alone Australia.

"In the sailing world it is a pretty major thing; it is massive."

Mr Gilmour said the catamarans they would be racing favoured the physically fit.

"It will now be more physical so the younger people will have an advantage," he said.

"It makes the playing field more even."

The team is supported by the Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club.

M32 Australia director Dave Mills said teams would be competing for hundreds of thousands of dollars in prize money.

"Fremantle is world famous not only as the home of *Australia II* but also for having some of the best yachting conditions around," Mr Mills said.

"Match racing is highly competitive yacht racing.

"It's fast; it's close to shore and an awesome spectacle for onlookers."

The World Match Racing Tour will be held at Fremantle's Bathers Beach from March 2-7.



Sam Gilmour and his team Neptune Racing won a recent Regatta and received a wildcard entry into the World Match Racing Tour.

Picture: Matt Jelonek

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Simon Forrest performs a smoking ceremony at Christ Church Grammar School. Photos: Paul McGovern

Alan sets standards

James, a Year 3 student, put new Christ Church Grammar School principal Alan Jones on the spot on Thursday.

Mr Jones spoke about their meeting at his commissioning, which was attended by 2000 people.

"He shook my hand, looked me in the eye, and asked, 'Are you going to be an empathetic principal?'" Mr Jones said.

"I said, 'James, I will not let you down'."

Thursday was also the school's 106th birthday.

"It is a great honour to be asked to serve this wonderful school," Mr Jones told students, teachers, school council head John Poynton, Christ Church parish priest Peter Boyland, and assistant Bishop of Perth Tom Wilmot.

"I will continue to set high



Alan Jones after his commissioning.

standards for you, because you deserve nothing less."

Reverend Wilmot called on the school community to support Mr Jones.

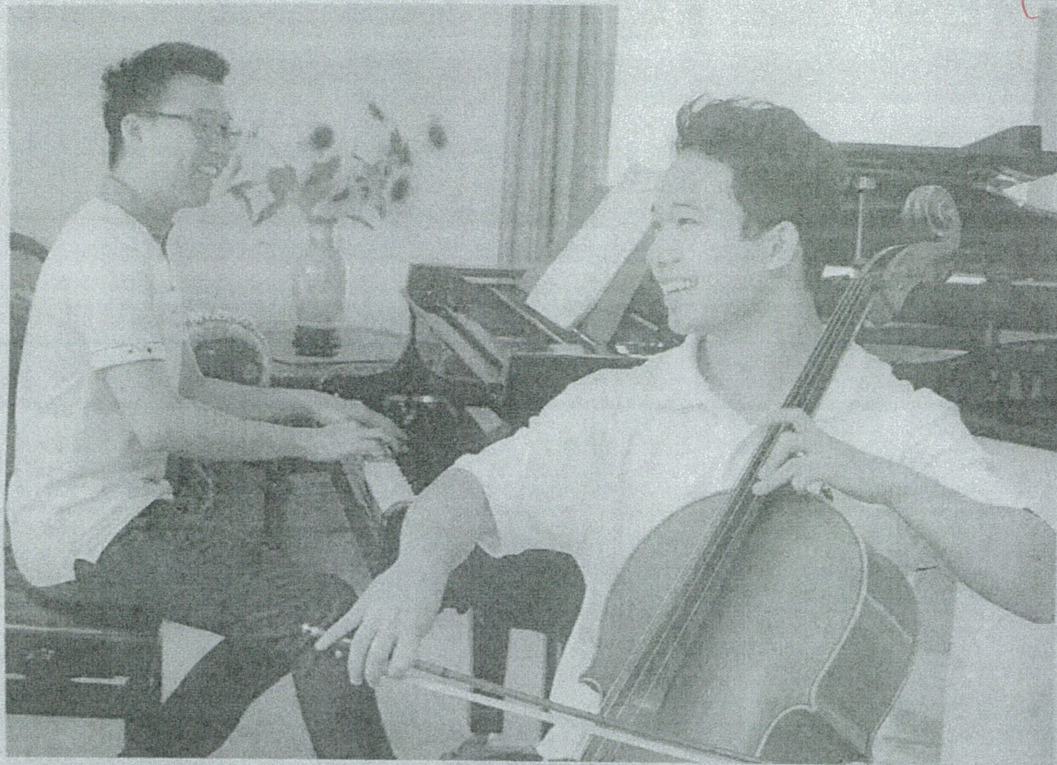
After Simon Forrest performed a welcome to country

and a smoking ceremony, he presented Mr Jones with a Noongar message stick.

"It's a bit like a passport," Mr Forrest said.

"It gives you the authority to travel [on Noongar land]."

POST. FEB 6 OLD BOY



Pianist Andy Wang and Wei-Juen Lo and looking forward to playing in public again and raising funds for the bushfire appeal. Photo: Billie Fairclough

Music rises from bushfire ash

Two award-winning young musicians, pianist Andy Wang and cellist Wei-Juen Lo, are combining their talents to raise funds for bushfire victims.

The 18-year-olds have been spending time in their university breaks rehearsing and will present their concert on Sunday, February 21.

Andy, who achieved the highest score in WACE music in 2013, and Wei-Juen, who won the award for being the best Licentiate Diploma in Music candidate in WA, also in 2013, have both chosen careers other than music - Andy is studying chemical engineering in Melbourne and Wei-Juen studying medicine

at UWA.

But both say music will always be part of their lives and they are looking forward to performing again in the fundraising concert in UWA's Callaway Auditorium.

The concert will showcase their musicianship, with pieces by Bach, Rachmaninoff, Saint-Saens and more.

Wei-Juen said that like the rest of the Perth community they felt deeply for the people in the South-West whose homes had been razed and whose land had been destroyed in the recent fires.

"However, we believed that we could do much more than simply stand by and mourn these tragic losses,"

Wei-Juen said.

"We share the belief that from great adversity the power of the human spirit can, and must, shine through.

"We believe that we can make our contribution through holding fundraising concerts for those affected by the fires," Wei-Juen said.

All the money raised will go to the Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund.

The concert, generously supported by the UWA school of music, is from 2 to 3.30pm.

Admission is free and people are encouraged to donate generously at the door.

To pre-book admission tickets, go to trybooking.com/KHME, or call 0422 956 808.