

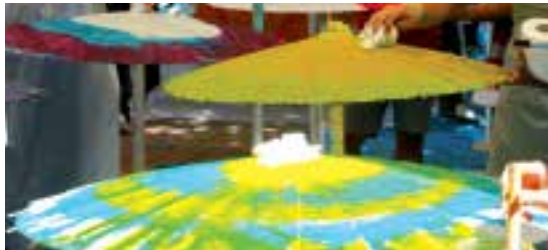
sevenoaks newsletter

Unity Theme for Harmony Day

Sevenoaks celebrated Harmony Day on 17 March. The school highlighted a variety of cultures through workshops, an international food fair, informative displays and song and dance. The workshops delivered included umbrella painting, African drumming, belly dancing, henna painting, boomerang throwing and tribal mask painting. Many students came in their national dress which added to the festive feel of the day.



It was a fantastic celebration for all involved.



Many thanks to Ms Kirstie Cusens who organised the event, and to the students and staff who contributed in many ways to making the day such a success.

2011 Youth Parliament Program

Sevenoaks Senior College students, Allira Sinclair and Elyn O'Rourke, have been selected to participate in the Youth Parliament Program for 2011. Both girls are members of the Follow the Dream program based at Sevenoaks Senior College and were encouraged to take on this leadership opportunity to empower and unite young people to bring about positive social change.

The Youth Parliament Program has been held in Western Australia for 15 years. The YP program places young people in the roles of Youth Members of Parliament, guiding them to work with peers and their communities to develop a piece of Youth Legislation. This legislation is then debated by the Youth Parliament at the Western Australian Parliament House during a residential camp held in the July school holidays.



Both girls are looking forward to this experience as they are interested in youth issues, politics, policy, debating and advocacy. Allira is keen to pursue an Anthropology Degree at UNSW and Elyn is interested in studying towards a Law Degree at Murdoch University.



GUILD CAMP



Team work and trust were the main focus of the 2011 Guild camp. The 11 Guild members, along with Matt Boreland and Kirstie Cusens, embarked on 2 action packed days that included a laser battle skirmish, team games, visiting the Eagles home ground and an Amazing Race around Kings Park. The students walked away with a great sense of who to not be near when hiding, new rules for playing Uno and of course, a great understanding of each other.

STUDENT GUILD ELECTIONS

This year saw a lot of strong candidates nominate to be on the Student Guild. Once all of the votes were tallied, the Guild was formed. A big congratulations goes out to the 2011 Student Guild: Head Boy - Naveed Atbein, Head Girl - Regina Akora, President - Ruby Tancred, Secretaries - Adil Raise and Jordan Thorsager, General Body - Irem Agis, Samuel Gebrehiwot, Tianna-Mae Green, Jessica Jones, Sasha Kernutt, Nhu Nguyen, Leanne Ward, Rebecca Dewar and Ehlie Foster-Cardy.



COMMUNITY RECYCLING

Sevenoaks Senior College will be participating in a recycling fundraiser during Term 2. If you have any mobile phones, PDA/Phone devices, Ipods/mp3 players, digital picture/video cameras, GPS devices, electronic hand-held games or programmable calculators that no longer work or are redundant, drop them into the front office at school to be recycled.

TRADE TRAINING CENTRE



During term 2, we should see the completion of the Trade Training Centre. This is an outstanding facility and one which will provide for and improve opportunity for all students who seek careers in the trades of light automotive and metal fabrication.

This centre is a state of the art industry standard facility which will be fitted out with the necessary equipment to skill our students for the future workforce. There are already great demands from industry to secure apprentices to meet the skill needs required for our community. We are proud to be able to create partnerships with industry which will ensure effective transition from school to work in these key areas.

The official opening of the centre will occur during term three.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL *Karen Read*



Welcome back to term two! As this newsletter highlights, there have been many activities which the College has been promoting to ensure that Sevenoaks is a vibrant place for students. The success last term of Harmony Day, the annual College Ball and the student guild elections promoted opportunities for all students. Many students participated in their first work placement which was most successful.

We held our first parent night and it was great to see so many parents in attendance. These are wonderful opportunities for you as a parent or guardian to have discussions with the teachers. If you were unable to attend, please don't hesitate to contact the College at any time to discuss your son/daughter's progress.

The Parent and Citizen's committee is an important body which can support the College. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 31st May at 5.30pm. Please contact the College on 9356 4900 if you can attend and would like to make a contribution.

The first set of year 11/12 exams will be conducted during weeks 5-6. Students need to focus on these exams as these are important stepping stones to future success. In particular, these are a vital set of exams for year 12 students who are seeking tertiary entrance in 2012. Support for your child should include a regular and well structured study timetable; a balance of study, exercise and rest; and good eating habits. These are factors which all parents can support, whilst we support your son/daughter during the day.

Enjoy term two!

SEVENOAKS AND WORLD

WATER DAY

On 22 March Perth's Sevenoaks Senior College, North Sydney Boys High School and Turrumurra High School met in Gordon, Sydney to present their research projects on local water issues.

The event was organized to celebrate World Water Day. Each school shared its project via the internet with a partner school in India. The day was organised by the Centre for Environment Education Australia (CEEA), a non-profit organisation, based in Gordon, Sydney. CEEA liaises with a parent office in Ahmedabad India (CEEI).

Two year 12 students from Sevenoaks Senior College, Leanne Ward and Chantelle Thomson, plus their Geography teacher, Fettes Falconer, flew to Sydney to provide a contrasting water issue from a city suffering severe drought and decreased in-flow into Perth's dams.



Leanne and Chantelle's talk focused on water quality in Perth's Swan and Canning rivers and the Water Corporation's plans to mitigate against drying weather patterns.

Sevenoaks is a member of Sustainable Schools W.A. and emphasizes sustainability across the curriculum. Sevenoaks' Geography classes are also affiliated to Global Communities for Sustainability through which they are connected to a school in New Delhi. The purpose of which is to share ideas on sustainability initiatives.

Leanne and Chantelle explained the reasons for Sevenoaks students creating a wetland on the College campus:

- To strip nutrients out of run-off from the College grounds in order to assist in minimising the incidence of algal blooms in the nearby Canning River
- To enhance biodiversity on the College grounds.

The girls also spoke about the Water Corporation's Groundwater Replenishment Trial using recycled waste water. Prior to flying to Sydney, Leanne and Chantelle were invited to inspect the Water Corporation's Trial.

The girls then compared Perth's water issues with New Delhi's water problems as learned through their Global Communities for Sustainability school in New Delhi, Laxman Public School.

The event was recorded on video to be placed on the CEE website and for Indian schools to view as well. In turn the Indian schools will post their water videos on the website for Australian schools to view.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PLUS

It has been a few weeks since the start of the Sevenoaks English Language Plus Program (SELP) program. SELP is progressing well and Dr Jill Eagling and Ms Tatiana Butakova look forward to outcomes students can achieve in this program. A few students from other classes have also shown interest in the classes. Students are encouraged to become a part of this exciting opportunity and are always welcome to attend these classes. For more details please see Dr Jill Eagling or Ms Tatiana Butakova.

CLONTARF FOOTBALL ACADEMY

The team played the Nickel West Cup with tremendous spirit and though they didn't claim the Cup the boys gained a lot from their Kalgoorlie experience.

A combined Clontarf team including 6 Sevenoaks boys wrested victory from Corpus Christie, winning by 5 goals. In a game against Darling Range the boys played well but lost by 3 goals.



WORK PLACEMENTS

During term one Year 11 & 12 SWL students were placed in the work force in an area of industry that appealed to them as a possible career path. Swan Education Industry Training Authority (SEITA) who organised the training, placements, visits and assessments of the students spoke highly of the standard of student performance in their first practice for the year. Year 11's completed an introduction, one week placement and the Year 12's completed two weeks. This unit is extremely beneficial to any student contemplating going to TAFE or straight in to the workforce at the end of their schooling. Students have been recording their duties, hours and employer feedback in their journals and will need to be ready and focused in week three next term when they go out on another placement. Most students performed enthusiastically and skilfully and are heading for success in this vital course.

IMPORTANT COLLEGE DATES

| | |
|------------|-------------------------------------|
| 31 May | P & C Meeting - 5.30 pm |
| 2 August | Showcase Day |
| 3 August | Yr 10-11 Parent Information Evening |
| 26-30 Sept | Year 12 Mock Exams |
| 26-30 Sept | Last week for TISC applications |
| 30 Sept | Last day of term |

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 3

| WEEK | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|------------------|---|---|---|--|--|
| July 1 | 25 PD Day | 26 <i>Start of Term 3</i> | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| Aug 2 | 1 <i>Ramadan</i> Adminstration of Curtin Surveys | 2 <i>Showcase Day</i> Adminstration of Curtin Surveys | 3 Year 10 entering Year 11 Parent Information Evening | 4 | 5 |
| 3 | 8 WPL Week All Reference Info to staff | 9 WPL Week All | 10 WPL Week All | 11 WPL Week All | 12 WPL Week All |
| 4 | 15 | 16 Reference booklets to Year 12 students Murdoch University Presentation | 17 <i>Indonesia Independence Day</i> | 18 Staff Meeting | 19 |
| 5 | 22 | 23 <i>Onam</i> | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| Sept 6 | 29 | 30 <i>Eid al Fitr</i> | 31 | 1 | 2 Teachers complete reference comments on SIS |
| 7 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 8 | 12 | 13 | 14 Year 12 OED Sea Trek | 15 Year 12 OED Sea Trek Staff Meeting | 16 Year 12 OED Sea Trek |
| 9 | 19 | 20 | 21 Year 12 References completed by Advocates | 22 | 23 |
| 10 | 26 Year 12 Exams | 27 Year 12 Exams | 28 Year 12 Exams | 29 Year 12 Exams | 30 Year 12 Exams <i>End of Term 3</i> |