



## Harmony Day

On March 23, the College celebrated the diverse cultures represented in our community with our annual Harmony Day festival. The theme 'Everyone Belongs' aims to foster a sense of acceptance and unity within the school community, which is comprised of students from over 40 different cultural backgrounds.

The past and present traditional owners of this land, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar Nation, were recognised at the commencement of the festival and then, like last year, students were entertained by the Chinese lion dance performed by the Ging Mo Academy.

The festival continued with students partaking in numerous culturally-

inspired activities, including African drumming, Turkish belly dancing, didgeridoo playing, henna tattooing, turban head wrapping, American rodeo mechanical bull riding, Indonesian gamelan playing, boomerang and tribal face painting and playing with baby Australian farm animals.

An international food buffet, which included a range of delicious and exotic dishes prepared by students, staff and their families, was then enjoyed by the entire school community.

An international music concert of spectacular student performances proved to be an entertaining and uplifting culmination of our Harmony Day festival for another year.



## Wayne Lyon Scholarship

The College is the benefactor of a major scholarship for students.

The Wayne Lyon Memorial Scholarship provides two students with a \$1000 scholarship each year. One scholarship is for a student who has an active interest in the environment in the Canning region and the second is for the continuance of education. These generous scholarships are available to Sevenoaks Senior College for 20 years. Recently, the two recipients of this scholarship were introduced to Mrs Tracy Lyon who presented each student with their scholarship.

The successful scholarship winners are Gobezie Adanew and Mary Macdonald.

For the second year, the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) was administered to Year 11 and 12 students who have not yet demonstrated level three competency in reading, writing and numeracy. Results will be forwarded in the mail to each student involved as soon as they become available.



Achieving level 3 in OLNA or Band 8 in NAPLAN is a requirement for achieving a West Australian Certificate of Education.

Teachers have been working to prepare students for the tests including running special sessions on Wednesday afternoons, where Year 12 students could complete practice tests with support from English and Maths teachers.

The tests were designed by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority to measure the ability of every secondary school student to use their reading, writing and numeracy skills to the standard expected in the workplace. Level one suggests that skills need considerable improvement. Level two indicates that students are nearly up to the required standard and level three is the accepted standard.

## Option 1: Qkr! app

This is our preferred method of making payments to the College. App can be downloaded on your Android or i-phone. Register, find school, register your child and make payment(s).



## Option 2: bpoint

<https://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/sevenoakssenior>

Log on to the above website to make payment for your child.



## Option 3: credit card

Alternatively, you can contact the College to make a payment and also register your credit card details to set up regular payments until your child's fees are paid in full. Acceptable credit cards are:



## From the Principal

Dr Kath Partridge

There never seems to be enough weeks in term one and this year is no different. I am pleased with the way our students have settled into their senior studies completing a number of important assignments, tasks and tests. I am sure that on Wednesday 6 April at our term one Parent Progress Report event, teachers will enjoy sharing information with parents about how their son or daughter is performing.

I urge all parents to come to collect their child's report (3.00pm until 6.00pm). On this same evening our first P&C meeting will take place in the College Boardroom at 5.30pm. It would be lovely to meet new parents at this Annual General meeting where we will elect our P&C office bearers for 2016.

The term one calendar has been action packed! Our Year 12 students enjoyed the annual College Ball at the Novatel Langley on March 11. The Great Gatsby themed event was very well attended with students and staff enjoying the opportunity to spend time together. The College ball is always an important event and this year our students danced and laughed the night away ensuring many wonderful memories for years to come.

Our Harmony Day celebrations occurred on March 23 with the entire College community coming together to enjoy the fabulous multicultural activities, delicious food stalls and colourful music and dance. It was a great day to share with students, community members and parents with a number of students wearing their traditional cultural dress. Congratulations to our elected Year 11 and Year 12 Student Guild members. The recent Guild Camp was the ideal opportunity for members to get to know each other and to continue to develop their leadership, team work and communications skills.

School holidays are just around the corner. I wish students and staff an enjoyable break which begins on Friday 8 April.

# Stay on Campus Program



The Stay on Campus Program is a highly successful school student services initiative that seeks to provide positive incentives and motivation to students in order to encourage them to stay on campus during their breaks. Students have been enthusiastically involved in many activities throughout the term, including:



- Table Tennis Tournament
- Tribal mask making
- Chess Tournament
- Valentine's Day gifts and card making
- National anti-bullying event.

Fun educational events and activities will continue throughout the rest of the year for students to participate in during their free time.



## Clontarf Camps

The Sevenoaks Clontarf Academy has had a busy and action packed start to 2016 with a Year 11 induction camp in Yanchep and a Year 12 leadership camp in Lancelin.

at golf for many of the boys, their natural sporting ability shone through. After golf a cool dip at the Yanchep lagoon was enjoyed. The camp was a terrific way to get to know each other.

The Year 11 induction camp is organised to provide the Clontarf students with an induction and overview of what the Clontarf program offers and what expectations of the young men are required. The students enjoyed nine holes of super golf and despite being their first time

The Year 12 leadership camp was also a great chance to meet with the students to work through important goals for 2016. Some of the highlights of the camp included sand boarding the beautiful white dunes of Yanchep, super golf and the big pasta cook up by the boys.



## College Ball

On March 11 the annual Sevenoaks Ball was held at the Novotel Langley in Perth. The theme was 'The Great Gatsby' and the students celebrated the roaring 20's with vintage-style dresses and glitzy accessories.



The ballroom was decorated to impress with glimmering art deco inspired style decorations that captured the essence of the extravagant period perfectly.

Students and staff alike danced the night away after enjoying a delicious buffet dinner.



I was born in Perth but I have spent the last two years at Kalumburu Remote Community School and Collie Senior High School. I am very happy to be back in Perth teaching Physical Education, Health and Maths at Sevenoaks and I'm looking forward to the year ahead. My interests include surfing, futsal and AFL, but I am happy to be involved or play any sport.

### John Dart

I am a Maths and Science teacher and a graduate of Flinders University in South Australia. I moved to Perth at the beginning of 2015 which has been a new challenge. In my free time I enjoy cooking, games and puzzles. I am excited to have my job here at Sevenoaks teaching Maths Applications, Foundations and Chemistry. I look forward to working with the students and staff and will endeavour to help the students reach their potential.

### Emma Peacock

I am a teacher of Physical Education, Health and Dance with classes in both Year 11 and 12. I have worked last year at Darling Range Sports College and as a Physical Education and Health teacher at Hamilton Senior High School. I have had a broad range of experiences at dance studios as well as in amateur theatre productions. Competitive swimming is my other passion. I am excited about the opportunity to work with senior school students at Sevenoaks and establish an engaging dance program that allows students to showcase their talents and creativity.

### Kate Janfaza

I've taught at Sevenoaks for two years now, doing relief so it feels odd to be called new! I'm originally from Canada. I moved to WA over eight years ago so it's well and truly home. I'm currently teaching English in the Trade Training Centre with a great group of teachers. Having this opportunity to teach at such a diverse yet unified school is an absolute dream.

### Niamh Parsons (Youth Worker)

I am the Student Support Coordinator. I am from Ireland originally but have been living and working in Perth since 2011. Prior to this I was an Education Support Worker at Parkerville Children and Youth Care Inc. I have worked in various roles over the past few years including working with adults and children; however, my passion lies with working with young people. I enjoy tackling the issues which affect young people, along with helping them to make a positive contribution to society in adult life.



**B : Emma Peacock, Niamh Parsons,  
John Dart  
F: Blake Middleton, Kate Janfaza**



**L-R Brent Armstrong, Con Regan, Jenna Smedley, Karen Wallis**

### Karen Wallis

I am a new EAL/D teacher at Sevenoaks. I have taught in Perth schools for twenty years, in a range of subjects such as Physical Education, Outdoor Education and English an additional language/dialect (EAL/D). EAL/D is where my passion lies and I enjoy helping students from overseas to master the English language. I am a mother of twenty year old twins and I live a lovely old weatherboard house. My hobby is singing and playing the ukulele. I also play in a merimba band. Ukulele lunchtime sessions coming soon to Sevenoaks.

I am the new Director of the Clontarf Academy at Sevenoaks. Once I graduated from high school I gained my Trade Certificate and worked as a tradesman. During my apprenticeship, I volunteered with the Academy and this is where I realised I had a passion for helping young Aboriginal men achieve their goals. I was successful in gaining a job with the Clontarf Academy and when a position at Sevenoaks became available I jumped at the opportunity. Being a descendent of the Nykinia people, it is great to be able to help the mob out and give back. I'm very excited about working with the staff at Sevenoaks and hope we can have a positive impact on our young men and support them to fulfill their aspirations.

### Jenna Smedley

I am a science teacher with a minor in HASS. Before teaching, I completed a Bachelor of Science in Public Health and have worked in workplace and community health promotion and drug and alcohol rehabilitation for youth. I completed my studies at Curtin University, Purdue University (USA) and University of Southern Denmark (Europe). My goal for teaching is to help every student reach their potential and develop a love of learning by making science interesting, hands on and providing opportunities for every student to succeed. In my free time I love to go camping and other outdoor adventures, cooking and catching up with friends and family.

### Brent Armstrong

I have been teaching for the past 25 years. I started as a TAFE lecturer, in cookery, in Queensland, then Geraldton and finally West Coast Institute. During this time I completed my BEd, Graduate Diploma in Business Management and finally my MBA. For the past 7 years I taught at the Catholic Agricultural College Bindoon where I taught Hospitality, Business and Maths. I have also been in business consulting for about 10 years. One of the most rewarding things about teaching is that you are able to have a positive impact on students' lives.

We also welcome our new Cafe Manager,  
Jeanette Temme and Cafe Assistant, Rachel Shenton

## Right Track Presentation



On February 17, three of our Canning Skills students, Nia Dinah, Warren Hill and Djuan Blurton, were presented with vouchers to recognise their efforts in making a short film about train safety funded by the Public Transport Authority. Students worked with the assistance of Kayleen Hayward and staff from Millennium Kids, who have been involved in collaborative efforts with Sevenoaks Senior College students over the last twelve years. The short film, produced and created by students as part of the Stay off the Tracks campaign, serves as an impressive, relevant and informative resource that can be used within the wider student community to encourage young people to be responsible for their own actions and to make the right choices around the rail network.

## 2016 Student Guild

The 2016 Student Guild elections attracted a superb standard of candidates and all of these students are congratulated on their nominations. The candidates were voted for by their peers, college staff and the leadership team. The successful Year 12 Student Guild members for 2016 are James Hall, Mary Macdonald, Danai See, Carley O'Neill, Cherokee Smith, Sheldon McKrill, Bianca Morgan and Farzana Syed Abdul Ahmed.

The Guild will be led by James Hall and Mary Macdonald who were voted for the positions of Head Boy and Head Girl respectively. Year 11 students represented on the board include Cherry Banagbanag, Joshua Dutsome, Dilara Oz, Julie Anne Vicente, Gordon Chin, Jamaica Sto Dominigo, Ida Jean Davis and Nazhoura Maulana.

A retreat, held on March 31st until April 2nd, has assisted students to fulfil their responsibilities as leaders and role models within the school community. All the successful members of the Student Guild should be very proud of this significant achievement.



### Year 12 Student Guild

L-R James Hall, Farzana Syed Abdul Ahmed, Danai See, Cherokee Smith, Mary Macdonald, Carley O'Neill, Sheldon McKrill, Bianca Morgan

## Award Winners

At a recent assembly student achievement was celebrated with a presentation of awards. Achievement Awards were provided to students who received the top grade for semester two 2015 in a given course and Endeavour Awards recognised those students who worked particularly diligently to improve their results in a particular subject. Congratulations to the many recipients of these awards.



Extra homework help in 2016 for students – no travel, no appointments.

Next time your child gets stuck during homework or study, don't let it turn into an argument. You have free access to a huge network of expert teachers and tutors, online, on-demand, with the school's YourTutor service.

Connect to a live expert 3pm-10pm for real-time help with maths, English, the sciences and more. Or your child can upload a draft assignment any time and get personal expert feedback, to help them make it their own best work.

We are providing access to YourTutor in 2016 to help with after-hours study, for confidence, support for parents, and learning improvement with the support of Curtin University.

Students can receive their activation code from the College Library

Unlock your child's account now at [yoututor.com.au/start](http://yoututor.com.au/start)



# Calendar of Events – Term 2 – 2016

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
April <b>1</b>	25 ANZAC DAY	26 Staff Development Day No students	27 Start of Term 2 for students	28	29
May <b>2</b>	2	3	4	5	6
<b>3</b>	9	10	11	12	13 Career's Expo -Yr 12 ATAR
<b>4</b>	16	17	18 Elevate Education -Ace Your Exams (Yr 12)	19	20
<b>5</b>	23 Yr 12 EST	24 Yr 12 EST	25 Yr 12 EST	26 YR 12 EST	27 YR 12 EST
June <b>6</b>	30 Year 12 Exams	31 Year 12 Exams	1 Year 12 Exams	2 Year 12 Exams	3 Year 12 Exams Year 11 Exams
<b>7</b>	6 Western Australia Day	7 Year 11 Exams Staff Development	8 Year 11 Exams	9 Year 11 Exams	10 Year 11 Exams
<b>8</b>	13	14	15 First day Semester 2 timetable	16	17
<b>9</b>	20	21	22	23	24
<b>10</b>	27	28	29 Parent Evening	30	1

## P&C Meeting

6th April 5:30pm  
During the Report Evening  
Remember to add the date to your diary

## Semester 1 Report Night

29th June  
3pm - 6pm  
Please attend for report  
collection and teacher interviews