

Geraldton Residential College

Term 2 2022 Newsletter

A note from the College Manager



Dear parents, carers, and friends of GRC,

As I sit here on the Wednesday night before the end of Term 2 it is difficult to comprehend just where the past 10 weeks went...it was fast and very challenging at times with the increase in

COVID-19 and Influenza infections mid-way through Term.

Whilst we had plans in place to respond to the predicted increase of infections the reality was very different. As more and more students were diagnosed, and staff became unwell too we did find our resources incredibly stretched. We did, however, maintain a certain "business as usual approach" with student wellbeing remaining our primary focus. Sincere thanks to the parents that quickly responded to our calls to collect their children. However, at times the number of students isolating did take its toll on resourcing and infection control. I take this opportunity to remind **ALL** parents that we provide a service for students to attend their chosen school, when they are diagnosed with an infectious disease or a long-term illness, or suspension, parents are required to collect their children or make local arrangements for their care.

We enjoyed many activities with surf runs a hot favourite as always, and Lego building a great activity for isolating students. Next term we are

commencing fortnightly Art Classes with many of the girls signed up and very excited.

Many students have received Positive Behaviour (PBS) Support Rewards this Term and we congratulate them all for displaying the behaviours of Respect, Responsibility and Care. Please check out our PBS tally board at reception when you visit us next.



In week 8 of the Term, I had the great privilege of attending the National Indigenous Education Boarding Symposium in NSW. The experience was truly humbling, and it created the space for me to reflect on what we have achieved in our cultural awareness and responsive practice journey. Education underpins every part of life and it only strengthen my resolve to provide a caring and culturally safe boarding environment for our Indigenous students. We have many projects planned for the remainder of the year, with our Indigenous Artwork on our front wall a key initiative. Both Indigenous and non-Indigenous students will be engaged throughout the project with completion culminating in August when we celebrate NAIDOC 2022.

It is with great sadness and excitement that I inform you all, of the departure of Mrs Anne-Marie Wilson at the end of this Term. Anne-Marie has been appointed to the role of College Manager at Moora following her long service leave in Weeks 1-2 of Term 3. She is hoping to be able to pop in and say goodbye to all the students and we both deeply regret that this all unfolded in the final days of Week 10 and more notice was not available. We are, however, very excited for Anne-Marie on her promotion. She has worked tirelessly for 15 years at GRC, and I know that many families will miss her caring for their children. She has been my “trusty side kick” for 7 years, so we will all have to adjust without her presence at GRC. We wish Anne-Marie every success in her new role at Moora and I know we will see her around in Geraldton sometime soon when she visits her family.

We have two new Female Supervisors in the process of coming on board, they are Joanne Bradley an EA at GSHS and Natalie Broad an ex-Mum of GRC boarding children. They are looking forward to meeting all the families and especially getting to know the Dellahale girls. We also have new Ancillary Team members too that you may not have met yet, and we will post some pics of all our staff on our face book page next Term so you can put a face to the name. Jason Driscoll has been appointed permanently to the position of Male Senior Supervisor and Gary Pattenden has been appointed to the Acting Senior Supervisor position on the exit of Anne-Marie Wilson.

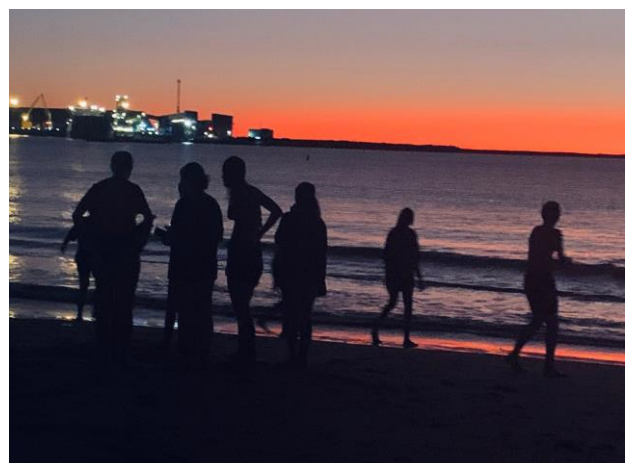
A HUGE thank you to ALL the staff at GRC for their commitment and dedication this Term, with many of them covering several positions at various times. Your commitment in the care of our young people has been extraordinary, so thank you. Thank you also to our LINC Committee, partner Principals and their staff who also “weathered the COVID-19 storm” and educated our students without interruption.

To all our students, on behalf of the GRC Team, I wish you a most wonderful and happy holiday with your family and friends, and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 18 July 2022 at 12:00pm.

Student Wellbeing Activities In Term 3

Braving The Evening Chill

Nothing stops our students having an evening swim, not even the recent cold snap – far braver than our Supervisors, who only dipped their feet in and ran away!



Defence Force Information Day

Mr J Driscoll organised an information session for interested students to learn about opportunities in the Australian Defence Force Academy, students can apply to the defence force and study a degree at the University of NSW, whilst receiving cutting-edge military, and leadership training.



End of Term PBS Awards

We held the end of term Positive Behaviour Support Programme (PBS) draw, our guests were Lara Dalton, Member of Parliament for Geraldton and Sandra Carr, Member of Parliament for the Agricultural Region, who treated the students to Pizza and Ice Cream.

Congratulations to all the winners!

- Austin Godfree
- Hayley Criddle
- Dylan Hoseason-Smith
- Tayla Burton
- Kyah Beattie



Things to Note for Term 3

Event	Details
In the dining room Lets be - Respectful, Responsible & Caring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure your technology is left in room/basket at mealtimes • Clear away dishes and push chairs in as you leave the table • Be responsible for picking up dropped items and cleaning up any spillages • Wear footwear in the dining room and kitchen • Practice good hand hygiene • Please note that 2-minute noodles can only be consumed in the main dining room • Perform rostered duties without complaint • Reduce waste • Remove hat before entering dining room
Student Clothing	Please label all your children's clothing especially their school uniform. Please encourage your child to check the lost property on a regular basis
Junk Food	May we ask the parents to support us in educating your children to make healthy food choices and limit the amount of "junk food " they are consuming especially 2-minute noodles
Prohibited Items	Aerosol Cans, Energy Drinks, Caffeine Flavoured Milk, non-Eat Learn Thrive (ELT) cereals which are high in sugar content are all prohibited from the College
Light's Out Policy	The lights out policy is as follows Sunday to Thursday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior students 9:00 pm • Senior students 9:30 pm Friday to Saturday Junior & Senior students 10:00 pm Consideration will be given to Senior students who need to study outside of these times

You lose your key...it creates a fee...

Important Dates for Term 2

Event	Details
GRC Opens for Term 3	Monday 18 July 2022 @ 12:00 pm
Geraldton Senior High School	School starts Tuesday 19 July 2022
Nagle Catholic College	School starts Tuesday 19 July 2022
Geraldton Christian College	School starts Monday 25 July 2022
Geraldton Grammar School	School opens Monday 25 July 2022
Presentation Day	Friday 9 September 2022 @ 4:30 pm
GRC Closes for Term 3	Friday 23 September 2022 @ 5:00 pm