

Term 2, 2021 Newsletter

Note from the College Manager

Dear Parents/Carers and Friends,

We have had a very happy and active Term 2, with students now settled well into the routine of College and school life. This Term is also very busy with many students participating in team sports. We have two buses on the road consistently between 4:00 pm and 9:00 pm on most weekday nights, transporting them to and from their chosen sport. For those back at the College, basketball is keenly played most nights.

This Term we took delivery of one of our two new buses which are equipped with all the latest safety features, including an alarm to make sure that no student is left on the bus. Mrs Wilson and I are finding the disarming of the safety feature a little challenging with two unfortunate students having witnessed us taking several minutes to disarm the safety feature once the bus was free of students. One student said, "Miss this is so embarrassing," I said, "yes I know, perhaps hide on the floor whilst I work this out so nobody can see that you are associated with me". Mrs Wilson had the same experience as she dropped off a student at the Airport and had to call back to the College to get one of the male supervisors to talk her through the disarming process.

We welcomed several new students this Term and we look forward to welcoming further new students in Term 3. Our enrolments have increased this year and are looking strong for 2022, thank you to many parents that have recommended us, with new parents mentioning that they had been referred to us from a current family.

We are pleased to have taken delivery of our new GYM equipment this Term, which is set up in a vacant shed at the back of the College for students to enjoy, mirrors, fans and exercise signage has been ordered to complete this project. Our two Mr Driscoll's have managed this project and very much enjoy running PT sessions with the students. We have replaced all the desk chairs in Dellahale House and will do so in Frewer House in Term 3.

I have enjoyed seeing the many activities achieved this Term and especially the keen interest in Art activities which Miss Wendy and Ms Tia have been supporting. Mr Pattenden took a group of boys out to Chapman Valley Fish Farm over the long weekend and Mr Shiosaki enjoys taking the boys fishing to local spots. Wheelchair Basketball was a great hit and lots of fun with both students and staff enjoying it. It made us all reflect on just how amazing people with disabilities are!

Mr Wilson (Mrs Wilson's hubby) made us a new Fire Pit, the students love sitting outside having a yarn and enjoying our breath-taking night sky. Next Term we are planning a local camp out, as we have delayed our trip to Perth until Term 4 given the current climate of uncertainty.





NAIDOC Week was celebrated in the final week of the Term, with the Didgeridoo Boys and the Bugarr Malyu Dance Group performing for us. Several of our students shared their Aboriginal culture and stories, thanks to Mr and Mrs Shiosaki for their ongoing cultural guidance, we all enjoyed a very moving event.

We have distributed the College Parent Satisfaction Survey along with a Student Menu Satisfaction Survey recently to understand what we do well and what we can do better. The Student Menu Satisfaction Survey was to gather feedback on the menu choices we offer which is a brave initiative by Chef Joy. The feedback tells us that the students still want healthy choices, however perhaps less restaurant-quality meals and more homelike menu options. Results from the College Parent Satisfaction Survey will be shared with you all next Term, if you haven't yet completed there is still time, we would love to hear from all our parents/carers.

I wish all our students and their families a wonderful holiday break, we look forward to seeing you all in Term 3, your children are amazing and they need an extra big hug after a 11 week Term. Thank you to the Supervisory and Ancillary Teams for your commitment to delivering high care and service to our students every day, I know all the parents out there appreciate it. Thank you also to our LINC Committee, School Principals and support staff along with Luke Seraglia our School Psychologist for your ongoing support and partnership.

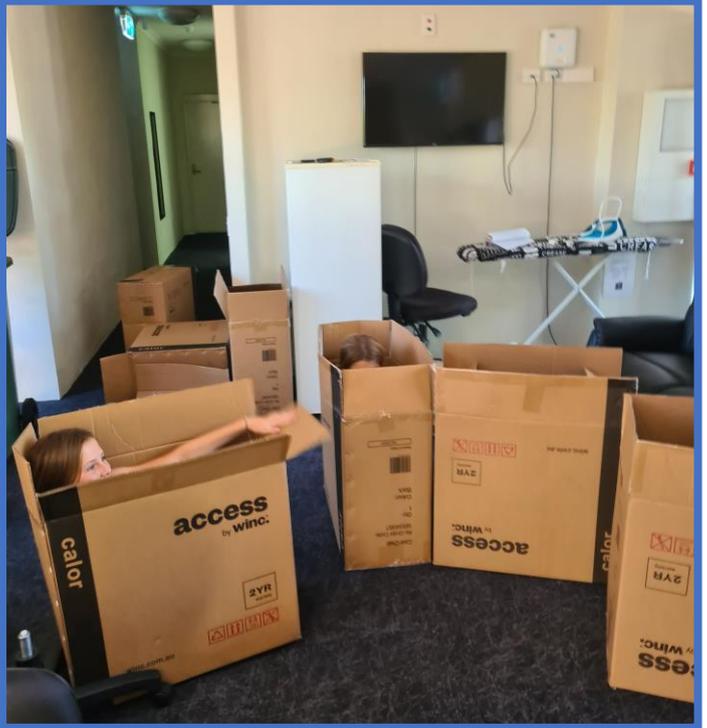
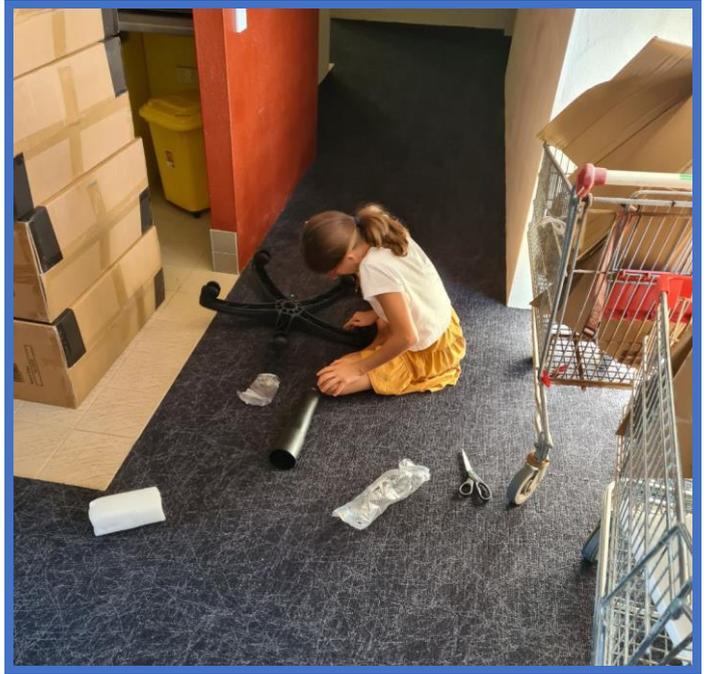
Sincere regards,

Ms Ruth Davis



From the Kitchen to the Table

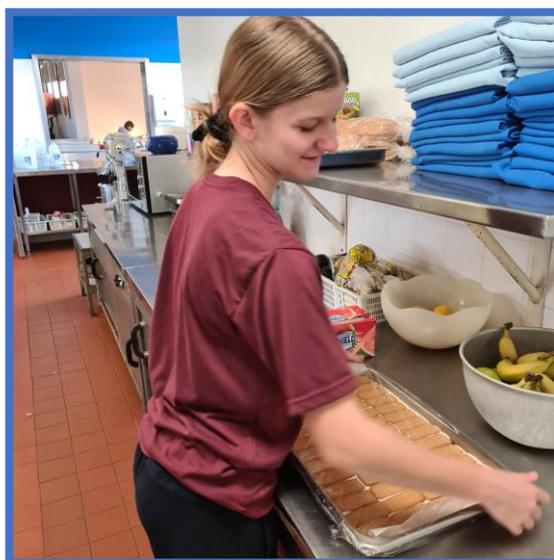




This Term we purchased 48 brand new student desk chairs for Dellahale House, sorry Frewer House you get our old one's. Saturday afternoon our project was putting them all together! Thank you Tanna, Summer, Hayley and Matilda who stayed until the task was completed. Nothing like girl power 😊

Student Activities in Term 2 – Creative Cooking Classes

Brooke & Chloe are doing a marvellous job helping in the Kitchen to make Caramel Ice-Cream Sandwiches for dessert! These sweet treats are very popular and usually we don't have any left for seconds. Mr Pattenden, Mr Driscoll and Mrs Wilson were first to taste test so we could be sure it passed quality control 😊



Student Activities in Term 2 – Wheelchair Basketball



“MISS TIA”



“THE BOSS”

Staff and students enjoyed Wheelchair Basketball, it gave us all a deeper appreciation of how amazing and incredibly talented people with disabilities are! The game certainly highlights their extraordinary abilities!

Student Activities in Term 2 – Marine Rescue Base

Ms Tia gave Jake, Ben, Riley, Rohan, Blake & Kyle an orientation around the Marine Rescue base at Point Moore. Marine Rescue groups work closely with the Western Australian Police Service (WAPOL) performing search and rescue missions at sea. Marine Rescue Geraldton has been serving the local community since 1988 to promote safe boating and to save lives at sea. Their vision is that they strive to educate the boating public on safe boating techniques.

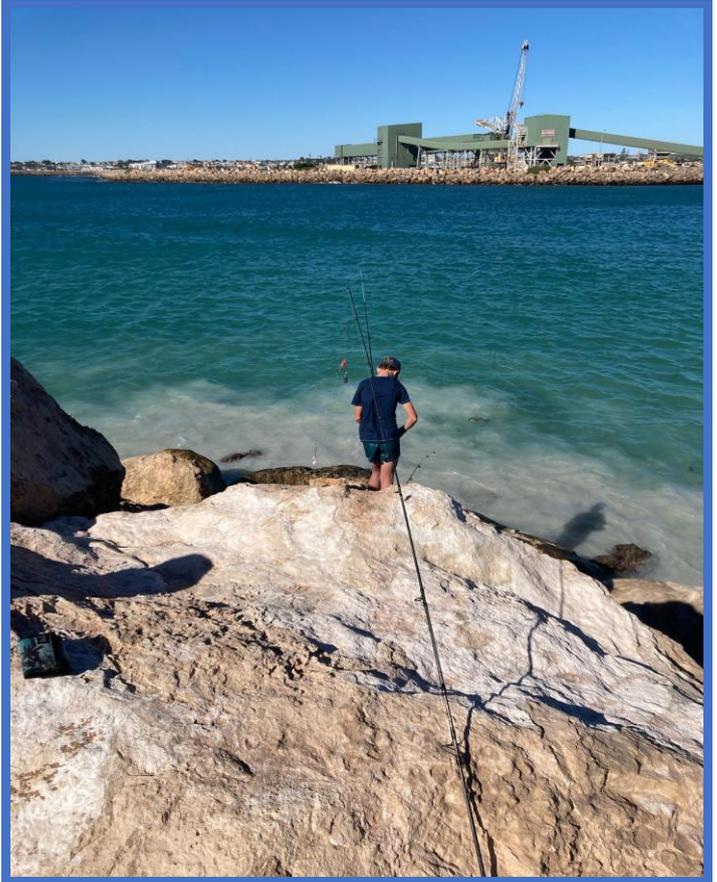


Student Activities in Term 2 – Firepit & Toasted Marshmallows



We often toast marshmallows and relax by the fire most Friday & Saturday nights during winter. Thank you to Mr & Mrs Wilson who so kindly made this pretty amazing firepit, it's getting plenty of use !!

Student Activities in Term 2 – Weekend Fishing Trips with Mr Shiosaki



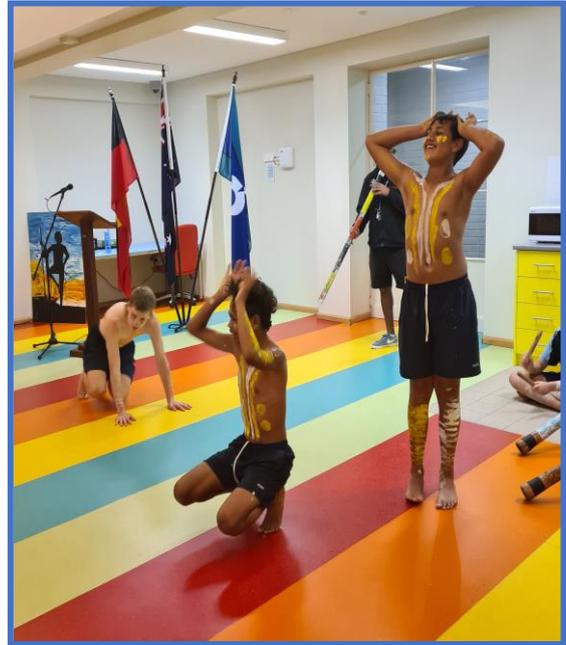
We are really excited to have a fully functioning commercial gym! This allows us to promote social wellbeing by enabling students to work on their personal fitness in the comfort of the College grounds.



Student Activities in Term 2 – NAIDOC Week

We celebrated NAIDOC Week at GRC. We kindly acknowledge the work that Mr Lassmyn & Mrs Micelle Shioaski & Mr Jason Driscoll did in the lead-up to the event, it was a huge success! 😊

NAIDOC week honours the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples.



Important Dates

College Closes Term 2	Friday 2 nd July 2021 @ 5:00 pm
College Opens Term 3	Monday 19 th July 2021 @ 9:00am
School Return Dates	Tuesday 20 th July 2021 Geraldton Senior High School and Nagle Catholic College return to school Monday 26 th July 2021 Geraldton Christian College and Geraldton Grammar School return to school
College Closes Term 3	Friday 24 th September 2021 @ 5:00pm
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	Monday 27 th September 2021

Things to Note for Term 3

<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Save the date<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Geraldton Residential College Presentation Day 10th September 2021 @ 4:30PM
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Student Clothing<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Please name ALL student clothing, especially school uniforms- All students are encouraged to check lost property regularly
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Prohibited Items<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Energy drinks, aerosol cans and chewing gum are all prohibited items at the College.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Student Enrollments<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The College is now taking student enrollments for 2022