



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### A very successful Term 3

Many terrific examples of the extra activities, successfully conducted during Term 3 to enhance the opportunities and learning for our students are highlighted in this edition of our newsletter. On behalf of our college community I would like to thank and acknowledge the enormous commitment of our John Forrest Secondary College staff who are constantly involved in creating, planning and coordinating these activities and opportunities.

### Student Centred Funding Model

We are all painfully aware how much change has occurred in education over the past two years. One of these changes relates to how schools are funded in the future. At the beginning of the term the Department of Education announced the new Student Centred Funding Model. The purpose of the new model is to ensure a more equitable allocation of funding across primary and secondary schools in Western Australia. Funding to all schools is now based around where the school is located (remote or metropolitan), the number of students enrolled at the school and the characteristics (disability, aboriginality, low socio economic backgrounds etc) of those students.

Information about the new funding model is still being released. It will not be until after the February school census next year we will know the full impact of the new funding model on our college. What I can say, without reservation, is that John Forrest will continue to direct funding to quality teaching and learning programs that directly support your child to achieve the best results possible.

### Year 12 Students

As we head into Term 3 holidays, we know that our Year 12 students are preparing for the last weeks of their secondary education, with many preparing for their final exams in November. We wish them well as they work to complete the final requirements for their WACE Certificate in the first weeks of Term 4.

The farewell assembly for Year 12 students will be held in the college gym on Tuesday 21 October at 9.00am. A warm invitation is extended to all Year 12 parents to attend the assembly to be part of their child's final day at John Forrest.

To assist Year 12 parents *Leavers 2014—Tips for Parents* information has been included as an attachment.

## Strong Support for Chaplaincy Program



On the 14 August Phil Glossop, College Chaplain, and I attended the annual presentation of financial support for the school chaplaincy program.

The City of Bayswater recognises the great contribution that chaplains make through this vital program and invited local chaplains from both primary and secondary schools, City of Bayswater Councillors, YouthCARE CEO, Stanley Jeyaraj, and YouthCARE representatives to attend this presentation.

The City of Bayswater has been generously supporting chaplaincy for many years and this year they have given generously again. The City of Bayswater donated \$36,000 towards providing chaplains in secondary schools throughout the City of Bayswater. We very much appreciate their financial support for the chaplaincy program.

### Japanese Exchange Reception

Western Australia has had a 33 year sister state relationship with Hyogo Prefecture in Japan. John Forrest Secondary College is a host school for Hyogo Prefecture exchange teacher, Mr Naoki.

The college hosted an official reception for a group of Hyogo Principals. The reception was attended by a number of dignitaries including the Consulate



General of Japan in Perth, Mr Hideki Sakamoto, and the Convenor Parliamentary Friends of Japan, Mr Frank Alban, MLS, State Member for Swan Hills.

This was a great opportunity for John Forrest to promote our Japanese Language Program. More details on next page.

### 2015 Planning

As you would be aware we are expecting our college numbers to be close to 1,000 students next year, with the arrival of the Year 7s and the departure of the Year 12 half cohort. To help ease traffic congestion at the beginning and end of the day John Forrest is in consultation with Bayswater City Council Planning Department to open an alternative entry into the college on Catherine Street for senior school students. More information will be released in Term 4 as plans are finalised.

### Staff Farewells

We wish Mrs Lyn Mercer, Head of Science taking Long Service Leave Term 4, an enjoyable and relaxing break. Ms Rachel Hawes has been appointed as Head of Science for the remainder of the 2014 academic year.

## TRADE TRAINING CENTRE APPLICATIONS FOR 2015

MPA Skills will deliver Pre-apprenticeship Certificate II Courses one day a week in Plumbing & Gasfitting over one year and Building & Construction (Painting & Decorating) over two years in the Trade Training Centre in 2015.

Applications for interested Year 10 and 11 students close on **15 October 2014**.

*Judy Silsbury, Principal*

## DATES TO REMEMBER (Dates are Subject to Change)

Please check the John Forrest website for recent updates (*Important Dates/Dates for Parents*)

### Students commence—13 October.

Dance Concert—15 October.  
Interschool Athletics Carnival—20 October.  
Assembly—21 October.  
Presentation Evening—22 October.  
WACE Exams commence—3 November.  
P & C Meeting—11 November.

### Student Free Day—14 November.

Year 11 Study Leave—17/18 November.  
College Board Meeting—18 November.  
Year 11 Exams—19-28 November.  
Year 8/9/10 Exams—17-21 November.  
Year 8 Cricket Camp—24-27 November.  
Year 7 Orientation Day—25 November.  
Year 6 Orientation Day—27 November.  
Junior Music Concert—28 November.  
Cricket Brisbane Trip (Year 9/10) - 1-5 December.

Tennis Camp (Years 8-11) - 2-5 December.  
Year 11s Last Day—3 December.  
Year 8 Netball Camp—2-5 December.  
Netball Carnival—5 December.  
Bush Rangers Camp—10-12 December.  
A Squad Tennis Day Camp—15/16 December.  
Year 10 Induction Program—15-17 December.  
Netball Game Vs Singapore—18 December.  
**Last Day of Term—18 December.**

## PHYS ED NEWS

### Interhouse Athletics Carnival

The sports carnival again proved to be a very popular event with one of the largest number of competitors being involved in the day's events for many years. The weather was kind, the students came prepared to be involved and many took the opportunity to support their house with face paint, hair spray and colourful outfits.

Thanks need to go to all involved in the preparation of the event and to all the staff and students that helped out with the recording of events, setting up and packing away of the equipment on the day.

The results for the day are as follows:

#### House Results

**Mitchell — 1,287 Hasluck — 1,079 Giles — 992 Stirling — 773**

Outstanding individual performances for each year group were:

**Year 8 Girls** .....Isabella Aristizabal, Cara Edmonds and Mariam Toure

**Year 8 Boys** .....Piel Keth, Gabriel Riquelme, Jamie Jackson

**Year 9 Girls** .....Rachael Davies, Chloe White, Pippa Hall

**Year 9 Boys** .....Tyler Lehner, Corey McCullaugh, Liam Walton

**Year 10 Girls** .....Moesha Cooper, Gaby Ilich, Kaila Scott

**Year 10 Boys** .....Udom Quartermaine, Tark Wantee and Mackenzie Edmonds

**Senior School Girls** .....Kimberley Millar, Chloe Staggard and Louise Hall

**Senior School Boys** .....Abdi Khalif, Daniel Henry and Giles Irakoze

*John Campbell, Head of Health & Physical Education*



## JAPANESE NEWS

### Shohei Gakuen Visit



John Forrest Secondary College, were delighted to host Shohei Gakuen students early in Term 3. Students participated in a variety of exchange activities around the college. A wonderful cultural highlight for the group was cooking Anzac Biscuits with Ms Martinelli.

Special thanks go to all families who hosted. The students were raving about their homestay experiences including a group birthday BBQ and other weekend adventures. We hope you had just as much fun as they did.

On their last day Shohei students performed a Japanese folk dance in the Upper School Quad to the delight and applause of all students and staff present.

#### Visit from Sister State School—Shoukan High School

On Friday 1 August 35 Japanese exchange students from Sanda Shoukan High School visited John Forrest for the day. Sanda Shoukan students gave a short presentation on their school and sang their school anthem. Students from John Forrest buddied up with the Sanda students and together they participated in a variety of activities, including describing food while sampling lamingtons, Tim-Tams and meat pies.

Later in the day Sanda students enjoyed the opportunity to participate in two classes with their buddy and a Japanese exchange lesson.

We thank all delegates for their presence and support of the event. Many thanks also to all the John Forrest and Sanda Shoukan students for the friendship and consideration that they shared with each other. That is what the exchange is all about!

*Phil Chadwick, Japanese Teacher*

### GILES ON TOP OF THE WORLD

In the mid year school holidays, Year 11 student, Giles Irakoze, represented the World XVII in AFL at Surfers Paradise in an all-expenses paid trip. This was an outstanding achievement as he had been selected to play in the carnival through his terrific performance playing for the Western Australian Multicultural Team a few months earlier. They played against a team from the South Pacific, the Flying Boomerangs, and WA North West. Unfortunately they didn't win a game, but every game was decided by 15 points or less. Giles' performance was outstanding and he was selected for the "all star" team.

*Reece Phoenix, Physical Education Teacher*



### CRICKET ACADEMY PARENTS (CAPS) NEWS 2014

**Quiz Night 2014**—The Cricket Academy Parents annual Quiz Night was held on Saturday 16 August at the Noranda Sports & Recreation Club. It was a fun filled night with prizes galore, raffles, the hula hoop game, heads and tails plus lots of auctions. Many thanks go to Sam Davis who was fantastic as our MC and Quiz Master and Peta Verco for her brilliant efforts in marking all the answers on the night. It was wonderful to see our Cricket Patron Bruce Reid attend – he is an inspiration to all our Cricket Academy students.

A very big thank you to the CAPS Committee (Jodie Hartland, Deb Van Leeuwen, Nerissa Berry, Kris Love, Fiona Affleck, Peter and Helen Killick) for all your efforts, not only on the night but throughout the year. The Quiz Night would not have been a success without the generous donations from our community and Cricket Academy families. Total funds raised were \$3,892.10 - an amazing effort! Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

**Bunnings Sausage Sizzle**—The CAPS Committee organised a sausage sizzle which was held at Bunnings in Morley on Saturday 21 June. A big thank you to all the wonderful parents and students who helped out on the day: Jodie Hartland, Deb Van Leeuwen, Helen and William Talpin, Renee Ransom, Shelley, Nerissa Berry, Bob Affleck, Kris Love, Dee Morgan, Alex Helen and Peter Killick. We made a fantastic profit of \$799.20- a great effort!

The John Forrest Secondary College Cricket Academy Parents Association (CAPS) is a great way to be involved in your child's cricketering journey at John Forrest Secondary College. It is predominantly a fundraising committee but so much more. Meetings are relaxed and informal, a great way to meet other parents. Come and join us in 2015!

*CAPS Committee*

## TENNIS NEWS

**Tennis Year Championships** -At the end of last term and during this term the Year School Tennis Championships took place. The players worked themselves through a draw to end up with two players from each lower school year playing off to be crowned the Year Winner and Runner Up. The finals were played at a great level and some teachers brought their students down to watch some of the great tennis skills displayed by the players.

### Mixed Doubles Championships

The Specialist Tennis Program ran its inaugural Mixed Doubles Championships at the start of the term. The event was based on the Hopman Cup format of two singles and a mixed doubles to determine the winner. The event was a huge success with many fantastic and close matches played out to determine the winner. The event also catered for students hunger with Subway being supplied as part of the event.

The results were Winners- Ke Wen Lim and Phi Dang defeating Cathrine Sheridan-Brown and Billy Cook. They played an awesome final in front of the tennis students myself and Mr Phoenix. Well done to all those students who managed to find a partner and entered the event. Following its overwhelming success it will become a permanent fixture on the tennis calendar!



### Davis Cup

Students from the Specialist Tennis Program had the opportunity to go and view world class tennis at the Davis Cup held in Perth at the Cottesloe Tennis Club this month. This was a fantastic opportunity for all those involved and the tennis was amazing to watch. Students had fun trying out their 'fastest serve' and some had the opportunity to hold the Hopman Cup Trophy. The

The results were as follows:

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| Year 8 Boys.....  | Winner Nik Dotlic            | Runner Up Antonio Josifovski |
| Year 8 Girls..... | Winner Morgan Gillespie      | Runner Up Mariam Toure       |
| Year 9 Boys.....  | Winner Isaac Karafilis-Smith | Runner Up Harshil Harani     |
| Year 10 Boys..... | Winner Finn Keady            | Runner Up Phi Dang           |



students all got plenty of opportunity to seek out the players for autographs, with many being successful. By the second singles match the students found their voices and many of the students' chants could be considered by many to have been louder and funnier than the 'Aussie Fanatics'.

A Davis Cup Tie in Perth is a rare thing and for many students this event may have been a 'once in a life time' opportunity. The students had an absolutely fantastic time and I'm sure it inspired a few to follow their tennis dreams. PS Thanks to Mr Davis who allowed us to park the college bus in his driveway.

*John Campbell, Specialist Tennis Teacher*

## NETBALL NEWS

### Gold Coast Netball Trip 2014

This time last term our John Forrest Secondary College Gold Coast Carnival team of eleven very dedicated netball students — **Madeleine Bradford (Year 12), Captain, Kimberly Garay (Year 11), Vice Captain, Erin Mackenzie (Year 1), Holly O'Neill (Year 11), Kelsey Remmick (Year 11), Lilli Best (Year 10), Madison Foster (Year 10), Rebecca Harris (Year 10), Gabriella Ilich (Year 10), Keira McNamee (Year 10) and Juanita Naude (Year 10)** —were counting down the days until they embarked on their long awaited interstate Netball campaign.



The trip of nine days and eight nights on the World Sport Gold Coast Netball Carnival consisted of four days of competition and four days of activities. The activities included visits to

### The Specialist Netball Students have had a Busy Term!

It all started with our Year 10s fighting it out in the Year 10 School Sport Lightning Carnival Grand Final Day which they gained entry into after finishing in the top two of the first division in their Lightning Carnival. The girls fought hard against some tough opposition. They finished just outside the top four in fifth position after some extremely close games where there were only a few goals in it. This placing was a great effort considering we had a few students out with injuries.

Our Year 8s finished second and third in the Lightning Carnival Division 1 and our third team finished third in Division 2. It was fantastic to see all our students displaying the skills they have been learning this year and really coming together in a team environment. I was impressed by the level of support and encouragement they showed each other, with many of our athletes showing future leadership potential.

We took a contingent of three teams to the High School Cup Eliminations Finals Day. They were all deserving participants as they had finished in the top two of first division in their Lightning Carnivals. All teams performed well with our



Movie World and Dream World theme parks. Netball and rugby players had a break from competition in the middle for the week and attended a beach carnival. And, of course, there was the compulsory day of retail therapy. But it was the Netball that was the most exciting part of the itinerary.

After the first two days of grading in the 16U Division John Forrest was graded into the Shield Division. The team wasted no opportunity in the remaining two days of competition and played outstanding netball to finish on top of the Shield Division leader board. Losing in the finals by one goal was tough but overall the team was pleased with their performance and standard of Netball.

Our Captain Madeleine Bradford not only demonstrated outstanding leadership on and off the court, she was voted Most Valued Player for the John Forrest team. Kimberly Garay supported Madeleine in leading the team and was the play maker in attack. Competing in this type of tournament against formidable opponents motivated the girls to play their best Netball of 2014.

*Diane Papas, Specialist Netball Teacher*

Year 9/10 team making it through to the quarter finals and losing by four in a very tight game against Governor Stirling. It was great to see our Year 9s and 10s combine so well as a team given their lack of training time together. Our Year 8s contested strongly against the competition they were up against. They gained valuable experience which they will take into next year's competitions. The open team performed well and we were really able to make the most of the versatility of all the players in the open team.

More recently we have had some match play against Governor Stirling. We managed to turn the tables this time in the Year 9 competition with both of our teams taking out a win. It was excellent to see the confidence when our girls stepped out onto the court and owned it in these games. Our Year 8 first team came very close to a win only going down by one and our second Year 8 team also won convincingly.

Congratulations to all participants in these events! You do the college and yourselves proud every time you step out onto the court.

*Hayley McKee, Specialist Netball Teacher*



## MUSIC NEWS

The Music students hit the ground running this term with the Primary School Tour on Thursday 31 July. We took the Percussion Ensemble, Senior Concert Band and Chamber Choir to four local primary schools. The students and staff of Camboon, Bayswater, Hillcrest and Maylands Peninsula Primary Schools were delighted to hear our students perform and learn more about the Specialist Music Program at John Forrest.

Our Swing Band provided the music for *Back to the 80s: A Totally Awesome Musical* in August. Thank you to those students for all their hard work and commitment.

August is also festival month. Congratulations to the Junior Band who received a Merit Award in the ABODA WA Band and Orchestra Festival, the Chamber

Choir who received an Excellent in the highest category of the WA Government Schools' Choral Festival and to the Electric Guitar Ensemble who achieved an Outstanding in the Contemporary Ensemble Festival. Well done to all the students and directors of these ensembles. Their performances were outside of school hours, which meant extra hours for our fabulous music staff and students.

We farewelled our Year 12 students at the Senior Music Concert on Friday 19 September at 7.00pm in the college Gymnasium. There were performances by all of our senior ensembles and a few solos and duets from our departing Year 12s. Thank you for all your hard work over the last five years  
Raureti Engelen, Ciaran Fereday, Arun Kamaraju Shanthi, Simone Ostle and Wenxin Zhang. You'll be missed!

*Stephanie Parr, Specialist Music Teacher*

## DANCE NEWS

### YOH Fest

On Tuesday 26 August the Year 9 and 10 Dance students participated in YOH Fest (Youth on Health Festival) at the Subiaco Arts Centre. The students created their own eight minute performance that conveyed a health message. The messages were teenage pregnancy, violence and depression.



Well done to all the students who participated and thank you to parents and friends who came to support this event. Special thanks to the student choreographers: Denzel Mahusay, Sean Griffin, Kaila Scott, Alexandra Beales, Holly Moxham-Hughes, Chloe Marshall, Maddie Robertson, Sarah Zollo, Teresa Martinez, Laura Acero Diaz, Nicola Herrington, Brooke Arrowsmith and Issabella Akers.

John Forrest were awarded the following Certificates of Merit:

**Year 10 Boys .....**Exceptional performance and Best disciplined large cast.

**Year 10 Girls.....**Thematic costuming.

**Year 9 Girls.....**Well constructed story dance.

**Congratulations** go to the **Year 10 Boys who were selected to go into the Finals** of YOH Fest which will be held in October. We wish them the best of luck.

*Glendah Migro, Dance Teacher*

**DANCE SHOWCASE 2014**—The annual Dance Showcase will be held on **Wednesday 15 October 2014** commencing at 7.00pm at Swan Park Theatre (Gray Drive, Midvale). Dance students from Years 8–12 will be showcasing their talents in hip hop, jazz and contemporary. The dance students would love to see you all there.

Tickets are now on sale from Mrs Migro in the Dance Studio. \$10 presold or \$15 at the door. Seating is reserved.

## BACK TO THE 80'S THE TOTALLY AWESOME MUSICAL!

*Back To The 80's* tells the story of the senior class of William Ocean High School that graduated in the 1980's, as remembered and seen through the eyes of Corey Palmer, who is now 30-something.

John Forrest performed *Back to the 80's* in August this year to huge crowds on a Thursday and Friday night. This was our biggest musical yet and our most successful. With a cast of over 70 students the show was a massive feat to produce but it was well worth it. The Arts Learning Area would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students who volunteered their time, their parents for being so supportive and the staff at John Forrest for being so flexible and patient.

It is a very rewarding experience to see students thriving on stage; this is an experience that they will never forget and we are very proud to be able to give students these opportunities to express themselves and develop as performers.

Once again, thank you.

*The Arts Learning Area*



## TIME TO BE THINKING ABOUT UNIFORM

### FOR SUMMER AND 2015

— The Uniform Shop will have extended hours through November and December this year. All current parents and students are encouraged to order their uniforms for the warmer weather and 2105 during this time. Next year we will have around 400 new students in Year 7 and 8 and the shop will be a hive of activity. Being prepared early will ensure you have all the items you need to get off to a great start and avoid the lines in January. Please see the flyer attached for more information and contact details.

*Adrian Lee, Student Services Manager*

## BUSH RANGER NEWS

### Thanks John Forrest Bush Rangers—

*“For the past two years the Friends of Lightning Swamp Bushland have been fortunate enough to have the John Forrest Bush Rangers assisting in restoration projects and activities carried out at Lightning Swamp Reserve, Noranda. The wetland reserve covers an area of over 70 hectares (175 acres) and is highly valued by the local community for recreational use and to view a diverse abundance of native flora which provides habitat to a number of fauna. Without the help of volunteers such as the Bush Rangers the friends group would find it difficult to complete some of our projects and to carry out valuable conservation work for the benefit of the wetlands and community. During this time the friends group have found the John Forrest Bush Rangers to be eager and willing participants in helping us preserve this wonderful natural area. The students have assisted in a number of on-site programs such as weeding, planting, restoration and rubbish collection. The friends group is very grateful for the contribution made by the John Forrest Bush Rangers and hope this relationship can continue into the future to help to improve and conserve the last significant area of natural bushland existing in the City of Bayswater.”*

*John Williams (President), on behalf of the Friends of Lightning Swamp Bushland*



**Wellington Dam Camp**—The sun had set during our drive to Wellington Dam leaving the campground shrouded in darkness. We set up our tents by torchlight and then devoured our dinner before heading off to bed. Morning came quickly and we crawled out of our tents to the awe-inspiring sight of a deep white fog blanketing the campsite and the mirrored surface of the dam reflecting the rising sun. It was a perfect start to the camp. Over the next two days we learnt a lot about local flora and fauna, aboriginal culture, managing the environment and we all had a great time.



The camp was an amazing conclusion to a term full of planting native plants, working with the Weld Square River Rangers, learning about orienteering, playing ten pin bowling and having fun taking part in team building activities. All of the cadets (and instructors) are looking forward to Term 4 and are eagerly waiting for the camp to Busselton.

*Mr Fletcher, Mrs Michel, Mr Glossop and Mr Cummings, Bush Ranger Instructors*

## YEAR 11s CRUISE ON THE CRYSTAL SWAN

On the night of the 12 September 2014 the Year 11s of John Forrest Secondary Collage attended their senior year river cruise. The night began at the Barrack Street Jetty as the Year 11s, dressed to impress, boarded the “Crystal Swan” for a night of dancing, socialising and fun. The ship was stocked with soft drink and pizza which was gratefully consumed by the student body. A variety of different music tracks were played for the students to dance to and blow off steam from the year. The students moved amongst their peers and socialised among themselves getting to know each other outside the school environment.

The weather was perfect for the event and the water was fine which really complemented the beautiful view of the city at night. Everyone exited the boat with massive smiles and memories that not even mild seasickness could ruin.

*Oscar Howells and Merissa Lekhoathy, Year 11 Students*



**MOBILE PHONES**—Our increasingly digital world continues to change at an astounding rate, opening up a range of new opportunities and issues. This affects every member of the college community. Parents face the challenge of guiding their children towards making good choices with the technological possibilities that are at their fingertips. Students are grappling with how to live and learn in a rapidly changing digital world and, on leaving school, will be confronted with a world that is substantially different to that which exists now.

Staff at John Forrest Secondary College are working hard to use the available technology to find relevant and engaging ways to involve students in the curriculum, while working with parents to build student understanding of what is safe and acceptable digital behaviour. Key tools in this process are student laptops, college computer laboratories, smart boards, digital projectors and our large wired and wireless network.

One device that continues to evolve is the mobile phone. It is also a tool that is beginning to be used more in classrooms. For management purposes and to reduce the distraction of these devices, the college mobile phone policy outlines an expectation that phones will be turned off and out of sight while students are on the college grounds. However, the policy also talks about the possible use of phones for curriculum purposes with the permission of the teacher.

Many students bring mobile phones to school. There is an excellent opportunity for teachers to make use of this technology to access some of the fantastic learning resources that are available online. At the same time, teachers can educate students about safe and sensible online behaviour and show students that phones have a range of meaningful uses beyond communication and social networking.

The purpose of this article is to raise parent awareness that teachers may make more use of mobile phones in the classroom to enhance student learning. This may cause a small increase in data usage for those that have data included in their plans, remembering that the mobile phone is one of many technology tools that teachers will use in their teaching and learning programs.

*Brad Walsh, Deputy Principal*



## STARTSMART WORKSHOPS

The Commonwealth Bank Foundation recently came into the college to deliver their free, financial education StartSmart workshops to our Year 10 students. StartSmart tries to change the way young people learn about money. By making money management interactive, engaging and fun, students are hopefully equipped with the confidence and competence they need to make smart decisions about money.

The aim of the program is to improve the financial literacy of Australia's young people. Overall, it proved to be a highly beneficial experience for students and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

For more information on the program and each of the workshops the Commonwealth Bank Foundation encourages you to visit [www.startsmart.com.au](http://www.startsmart.com.au).

*Alex Plimmer, HASS Teacher*



**FRIENDLY REMINDER**—2015 Specialist Program Charges (Year 8-10) should be finalised by the **30 October 2014** and 2015 Certificate II Sport Coaching Charges (**Year 11 and 12**) are due now to confirm enrolment in these Courses.

If you still have outstanding 2014 charges, please contact Michelle Chapman to arrange payment (T: 9473 4017, E: [michelle.chapman@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:michelle.chapman@education.wa.edu.au)). Alternatively visit Michelle at the Front Office.

## STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The Student Council has been very active since our last newsletter. Last term, our annual Talent Quest, *Johnno's got Talent* unearthed some really talented performers with Jason Ji and Brandon Preap taking out the first prize with their guitar duo "Billy Jean". Second Place went to the Year 12 Drama students (Nefeli Perdikouli, Kimberley Millar, Shea Connolly and Damien Knight) with their performance of "Freak'n Wednesday". They also took out the audience award. The all boy Dance Group consisting of Ian De Leon, Ransel Rondero, Ivan De Leon and Jo Sta Ana were judged the most Original Group and William and Erica Ketterer were awarded the act with the Most Potential with their rendition of "Concertina in la Minore" by Albert Curci on piano and violin.

We also ran a Slave Auction to finish off Term 2. Volunteer staff members and Student Councillors were offered as slaves for the final lunch time of the week. Elijah Fragomeni ably acted as the auctioneer and we raised nearly \$300.

A full scale election was held for our current Year 11 students in order to elect the Year 12 Student Councillors for 2015. The election was administered by the Electoral Commission and students were asked to give a short speech for their peers prior to the voting. Congratulations to Katelyn Andrus, Liam Berry, Jarrah and Lyric Duckett, Elijah Fragomeni, Louise Hall, Oscar Howells, Abdi Khalif, Chloe Sauta and Darcy Sholdas for being elected as Student Councillors for next year. As this newsletter goes to print, we are in the process of interviewing the Councillors to select the 2015 Head Boy and Head Girl.



Just recently, the Student Council had the mammoth task of feeding the college for the Athletics Carnival. We ran a sausage sizzle and sold cold drinks during the day and also kept teachers sane by running out tea and coffee to them as they toiled during the day. In addition, we painted faces and sprayed hair in house colours for many students.

Thanks again to everyone who has supported us in our ventures.

*Lori Redwood, Student Council Co-Ordinator*

## AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Congratulations to all students for an excellent performance in this year's Australian Mathematics Competition. Of the 134 participants, two students received a High Distinction (top 2% of the state in their year), six students received a Distinction (next 13%) and 51 students received a Credit (next 35%).

The recipients of a **High Distinction** are:

**Year 11:** Niklaus Yang and **Year 12:** Harshad Hirani

The recipients of a **Certificate of Distinction** are:

**Year 8:** Davinh Dang and Ruby Short, **Year 11:** Terence Shen, Delia Yin and Emmanuel Carandang and **Year 12:** Li Wei Lin.

Certificates will be distributed at the next round of year assemblies.

*Mr Washbourne, Head of Mathematics*

## YEAR 9 EXCURSION TO THE PERTH LAW COURTS

As part of the Year 9 civics course in HASS (Humanities and Social Science) all Year 9 students had the opportunity to visit the Perth Law Courts in September. The students visited Perth's oldest surviving public building, the Old Court House, and took part in a re-enactment of the trial of John Gavin - the first European executed in the Swan River Colony. They played their roles with enthusiasm and loved dressing up in the court clothing of the time. The tour then moved across to the court precinct and went to observe a trial in either the Magistrates or District Court. The students had to be separated from their mobiles but the presence of security scanners and court officials stressed the importance of the proceedings. Different classes saw different cases, which showed the range of the West Australian justice system. They discussed different aspects of the case in an empty court room and returned to the college more aware of what happens if you break the law!

*Alex Plimmer, HASS Teacher*



## BOOK WEEK

The theme for the 2014 Book Week is **Connect to Reading, Reading to Connect** and that's just what we've done here at the college library. We connected to reading by welcoming author Norman Jorgensen, who spoke with our entire Year 8 cohort, about inspiration, new titles and old, and why he loves writing. Some of our students were treated to prizes by being brave enough to participate in question time.

A definite high point of the week was the morning we spent at Weld Square Primary school, storytelling with the junior students. Sixteen John Forrest students were selected to participate and they met the task with enthusiasm, dressing up in costume and having a lot of fun reading. We received a lovely letter from the staff at Weld Square complementing our students on their behaviour, which was exemplary. Thanks for having us Weld Square Primary School, we can't wait to visit again!



We have had a few winners in our Book Week competitions. Well done to our design winners, Maddison Jones and Ethan Hill and our 25 words winners Dylan McGrath, Tollana Cullen, Kader Spitteler, Patrick Ryan, Simone Cronje and Aleicha Clark. Congratulations also go to our Wayrba raffle winners Marcus Foo and Morrigan Hamilton.

*Bernadette Nye, College Librarian*

## WORK EXPERIENCE FOR ENRICHMENT STUDENTS

In week 9 this term Year 10 Enrichment students attended a second work experience placement. This extension of the work studies program gives students the opportunity to build on their work place learning, trying an entirely new industry or reinforcing the knowledge and skills gained previously through a second week in the same industry. They attended a range of work places, from retail to hairdressing, hospitality to ceiling plastering. Students who are currently completing the Certificate II in Painting & Decorating undertook two weeks of painting placements to meet the practical requirements of their course.

The students approached this second opportunity with a greater sense of confidence and an appreciation of what was to come. They embraced the process – contacting employers, organising clothing and equipment and transport to their various locations. Whilst still a little apprehensive, the students were able to tackle the challenge with excitement and self-assurance after their previous successes. Visits to the work places and discussions with employers revealed that our students met the high standards they had set for themselves and represented the college admirably in their various businesses. They have had valuable learning experiences – some reaffirming career pathways and others certain they need to change directions! We are very proud of the mature way they handled the challenge and look forward to a third week of placements in Term 4.

A great deal of organisation goes into getting the students into these placements and we appreciate the efforts of the college Work Placement Officer, Sarah Chaytor, for her support in this process. We are also grateful, as always, to local businesses that continue to support this program by taking our students on.

**Angela Trees, Curriculum Coordinator**

Some Year 9 students also went out on work placements. Tyeison Barlow attended workplace learning during the last two weeks of Term 3. His individualised learning program at John Forrest Secondary College has been tailored to suit his educational needs and interests. He successfully applied to attend the John Forrest Trade Training Centre on Fridays during Term 1, to train in a Certificate II in Painting & Decorating with Industry Partners MPA Skills. MPA Skills provides Vocational Educational Training on site for their representative bodies Master Plumbing & Gasfitting and Master Painters Association.



When visited on his work placement Tyeison said he is *“having fun”* and enjoys the hands on tasks that he can complete which he learnt during this course. *“I enjoy it more than school.”* His workplace supervisor Bill from WEBCO Painting Service praised Tyeison’s mum for teaching him a good set of manners, as this goes a long way in the industry. He described Tyeison as a *“keen, attentive worker who listens to instructions and wants to get stuck into it, not go walkabouts.”* His advice for students at school is to develop a good set of team working skills which allow an employer to have a solid group cohesiveness.

**Jade Kulesza, Year 9 Enrichment Teacher**

## EDUCATION SUPPORT NEWS

### Overview of Semester 1

This year started in a positive and friendly manner welcoming the new Year 8s to the group who quickly made friends with their peers. Ms Haouchar returned from her maternity leave absence to teach the lower school program, bringing her much appreciated computer skills. The Year 8 students settled into their new learning environment well, particularly enjoying a variety of daily programs both in the education support and in electives with their mainstream peers. The Year 10s joined the senior school program which continued its focus on functional skills.

the Recycling Community Service Program. Well done. This is a valued contribution to the college’s operations. This year some students were chosen to assist with work related duties in the college canteen. Mrs Morgan, the Canteen Supervisor, has expressed her appreciation of the help and reliability of the students’ performances.

All Year 10s were required to do a week of work experience in an industry of their choosing. I would particularly like to acknowledge the support given by local industries Net Solutions and the Salvation Army Family Store. Once again Walker’s Candy continues to support the placement of a student in their industry. Thank you to Ms Lisa Edwards, the manager, for giving Sonia Lamotte the opportunity to hone her skills and confidence in your industry. A thank you



As always the highlight for the semester was the weekly program of Ten Pin Bowling. Students walked to and from the venue and after playing their game enjoyed using the facilities of the cafeteria. The top scorer was Luke Bennison who set a high standard with his name now etched on the Perpetual Trophy that stands proudly in the student foyer for all to see. You are a well-deserved winner Luke. We all congratulate you. There was a healthy competition between some of the students whilst others strived to improve their technique and individual score. The hard work of data analysis and maintaining records of individual scores was completed in maths classes.

School based work experience is an important learning ground for many of the students. Working in pairs, students have continued the established routine of

is also extended to KFC Beechboro for their support of Mohamed Fadlalla working one day a week in the fast food industry.

The sports minded Education Support students have not gone unnoticed by the Health & Physical Education Learning Area. Year 11/12 mainstream students enrolled in Physical Education Certificate courses are required to coach a group of students as part of their course requirement. No prize for guessing who is now benefitting from weekly sessions of coaching in a variety of organised skills. It is great to see the enthusiasm and participation of all students.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their support in their child’s education.

**Carol de Lobel and Jinane Haouchar, ESU Teaching Staff.**

## RAISING CHILDREN NETWORK

Children are as individual and as different as their parents and making decisions about what is best for raising children is very personal.

The Raising Children website offers up-to-date, research-based material on more than 800 topics spanning child development, behaviour, health, nutrition and fitness, play and learning, connecting and communicating, school and education, entertainment and technology, sleep and safety. It covers grown-ups, newborns (0-3 months), babies (3-12 months), toddlers (1-3 years), pre-schoolers (3-5 years), school-age children (5-9 years), pre-teens (9-11 years) and early teens (12-15 years). There are tips, videos and other useful resources.

The Raising Children Network provides information that can help parents with the day to day decisions of raising children. It also provides information to help parents and carers look after their own needs. The information is based on the best science in parenting, child health and development, presented in language we can all understand.

This is a website for Australian mothers, fathers, grandparents and anyone else who has responsibility for the care of children. **[www.raisingchildren.com.au](http://www.raisingchildren.com.au)**.

**Student Services**

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## Recognition of Outstanding Achievement at John Forrest Secondary College



**Congratulations** to Daniel Le for making it through the selection process to become a Ball Kid for the Hopman Cup being held in January this year at the Perth Arena. Daniel's selection was made from 500 students. Well done Daniel, we will be watching out for you on TV!  
**Congratulations** to the Year 10 Dance Students (Boys) who were selected to go into the Finals of YOH Fest which will be held in October. Well done boys and good luck.

### CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION FOR EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE IN THE SEMESTER 1 2014 EXAMINATIONS

#### Year 11

My Ngoc Cawthorne  
Yanqiu Chen  
Alexander Downey

Jarrah Duckett  
Lyric Duckett  
Choong Min Eg  
Jenny Huang

Tram Nguyen  
Rohan Patel  
Junjie Shen  
Jia Yang

#### Year 12

Kimberley Millar  
Nefeli Perdikouli

### CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT—SEMESTER 1 2014

#### Year 11

Katelyn Andrus .....Drama (1A)  
 My Ngoc Cawthorne .....Applied Info Technology (1A)  
 Jessica Demetri .....Integrated Science (1A)  
 Jarrah Duckett .....History (2A/2B)  
 .....Literature Stage 2  
 Lyric Duckett .....Phys Ed Studies (1A/1B)  
 Choong Min Eg .....Visual Art (1AVAR)  
 Carly Fallon .....Media Production & Analysis (1A)  
 Kimberly Garay .....Cert II Sport Coaching (Netball)  
 Jack Hartland .....Mathematics (2C/2D)  
 Jenny Huang .....Economics (2A/2B)  
 .....Physics (2A/2B)  
 Abdisalam Khalif .....Human Biology (1A)  
 Mahlia Ladouce .....English Stage 2  
 .....Human Biology (2A/2B)  
 Dominica Mauro .....MD & T (Metals) (1A)  
 .....Phys Ed Studies (2A/2B)  
 Tram Nguyen .....EALD Stage 1  
 .....Mathematics (3A/3B)  
 Chloe Sauta .....CFCL (1A) Living Independently  
 Junjie Shen .....Chemistry (2A/2B)  
 .....Mathematics Specialist (3A/3B)  
 Darcy Sholdas .....Mathematics (2A/2B)  
 Chloe Skeet .....Certificate II Retail Services  
 Chloe Smith .....Cert II Sport Coaching (Tennis)  
 .....English Stage 1 (1C/1D)  
 Hamish Sykes .....Geography (2A/2B)  
 Claire Tyler .....Dance (1A)

Liam Ward-Armstrong .....MD & T (Wood) (1A)  
 Zen Watkins .....Career & Enterprise (1A/1B)  
 .....English Stage 1 (1A/1B)  
 .....Mathematics (1B)  
 .....Workplace Learning (1A/1B)

#### Year 12

Maria Alinsunurin .....Mathematics (1D)  
 .....Integrated Science (1C)  
 Shea Connolly .....English (Stage 1)  
 .....Media Production & Analysis (1C)  
 Madison Cooper .....English (Stage 2)  
 Raureti Engelen .....Mathematics (2C/2D)  
 Jesse Green .....Mathematics (1D)  
 Suittida Huang .....Chemistry (3A/3B)  
 Ham Tran Ly .....Mathematics (3C/3D)  
 .....Mathematics Specialist (3C/3D)  
 Kimberley Millar .....English (Stage 3)  
 .....Human Biology (3A/3B)  
 Nefeli Perdikouli .....Dance (2A)  
 .....Drama (3A)  
 Nanthatchaphon Plengratsamee .....Workplace Learning (1C/1D)  
 Timothy Randolph .....MD & T (Metals) (1A)  
 .....Physics (3A/3B)  
 Thi Lan To .....CFCL (1C) Living Independently  
 .....English (Stage 2)  
 .....Mathematics (3A/3B)  
 Wenxin Zhang .....Applied Info Technology (1C)  
 Lily Zupins-Hodgson .....Career & Enterprise (1C/1D)

### COLOURS & HONOUR AWARDS

#### Year 8

Nathida Chalermasuk .....Academic Colours  
 Nikola Dotlic .....Sporting Colours  
 Cara Edmonds .....Sporting Colours  
 Grace Emmens .....Sporting Colours  
 Rosie Emmens .....Sporting Colours  
 Michael Hart .....Academic Colours  
 Taj Jones .....Sporting Colours  
 Alex Killick .....Academic Colours  
 Caroline Nguyen .....Academic Colours  
 Ruby Short .....Sporting Colours  
 Ruby Short .....Academic Colours  
 Leah Trenaman .....Cultural Colours

#### Year 9

Kieran Berry .....Sporting Colours  
 Amber Cannon .....Cultural Colours  
 Erin Cole .....Sporting Colours  
 Niamh Fereday .....Cultural Colours  
 William Ketterer .....Academic Colours  
 Tyler Lehner .....Sporting Colours  
 Corey McCullaugh .....Sporting Colours

Brandon Preap .....Academic Colours  
 Brandon Preap .....Cultural Colours  
 Megan Taylor .....Cultural Colours  
 Claire Thompson .....Academic Colours  
 Ashton Walden .....Cultural Colours  
 Sascha Webb .....Cultural Colours  
 Zachary Webb .....Sporting Colours

#### Year 10

Crystal Alves-Veira .....Cultural Colours  
 Steffany Colley .....Cultural Colours  
 William Cook .....Cultural Colours  
 Kayla Deane-Spread .....Cultural Colours  
 Marcus Foo .....Cultural Colours  
 Reid Foster .....Sporting Colours  
 Natasha Giannagostino .....Cultural Colours  
 Jazlyn Hopper .....Cultural Colours  
 Erica Ketterer .....Academic Colours  
 Erica Ketterer .....Academic Colours  
 Ke Wen Lim .....Cultural Colours  
 Tiana Marius .....Cultural Colours  
 Shanele McCullaugh .....Sporting Colours

Keira McNamee .....Sporting Colours  
 Nicola O'Hara .....Sporting Colours  
 Andre Pugosa .....Cultural Colours  
 Udomsup Quartermaine .....Sporting Colours  
 Cathrine Sheridan-Brown .....Cultural Colours  
 Tylah Williams .....Sporting Colours

#### Year 11

Brianda Delgado .....Cultural Colours  
 Lyric Duckett .....Cultural Colours  
 Kimberley Garay .....Sporting Colours  
 Louise Hall .....Cultural Colours  
 Jenny Huang .....Academic Colours  
 Merissa Lekhoathy .....Cultural Colours

#### Year 12

Craig Campbell .....Sporting Honours  
 Raureti Engelen .....Cultural Honours  
 Ciaran Fereday .....Cultural Honours  
 Simone Ostle .....Cultural Honours  
 Lily Zupins-Hodgson .....Sporting Honours