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HARMONY WEEK

NAIDOC & HARMONY WEEK



UNITED WE STAND

Harmony Week is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it.

The message of Harmony Week is 'EVERYONE BELONGS'.

It is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic backgrounds, united by a set of core Australian values.

During Harmony week our College students were invited to enjoy a range of cultural food and activities to celebrate the cultural diversity of our school and community such as:

Kangaroo Stew, Kangaroo Sausages, Crocodile Sausages, Kangaroo Meatballs and Damper, Danish Scrolls, Dutch Poffertjes (pancakes), Filipino Garlic Rice (Sinangag), New Zealand Lollie Cakes, American Chocolate Brownies, Australian Vegemite Scrolls, English Scones, Italian Pizza, Mexican Quesadillas, Greek Spanakopita, Thai Green Curry, Swedish Meatballs and Japanese Octopus Balls (Takoyaki).

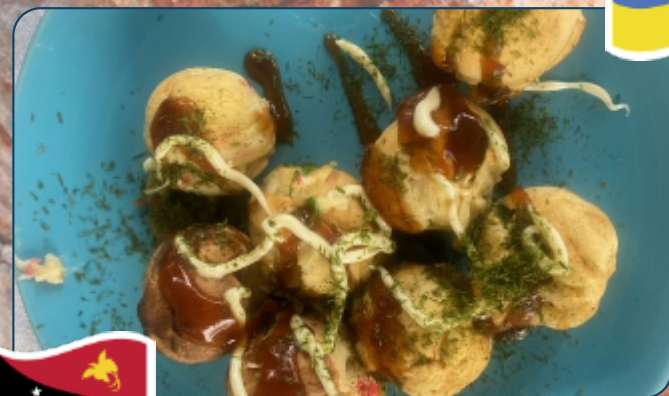
In advocacy during the week we celebrated the cultural diversity of our College by asking each student to write the country they were born in on a piece of orange paper. These pieces of paper were then linked together in a long paper chain and displayed outside the food room during our cultural lunch.



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THE ARTS



WEARABLE ART

Being a volunteer for Wearable Art Mandurah was an unreal experience; I was able to immerse myself in a true backstage environment as a wardrobe assistant. Having both a passion for performance and the world of fashion, it was amazing to see the work that happens backstage, as well as the incredible garments. The atmosphere of performance has always been a love of mine and being involved in the backstage process made it even better. I'm very excited to have this experience as I want to pursue a career in design or theatre, and this is such a great mix of the two. I can't wait to return in October for the showcase.

Evie Muir



LET THERE BE LIGHT

Two Year 11 Drama students, Amy Searle and Skye Hogan, have taken the opportunity to extend their studies in Theatre by attending the West Australian Academy of Performing Arts. Students taking Year 11 General Drama, also attend the Mount Lawley Campus for one day a week to complete their studies in a Certificate Four in Live Production and Technical Services. This is an enormous opportunity to acquire a step up into the industry, and to further their studies at the Tertiary level.

This is available to students for 2023 so if you are interested in a backstage career, sound, lighting and stage management, then see Training Pathways for application information.



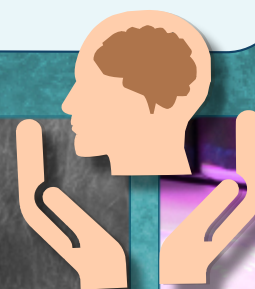
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BLAZING THE WAY

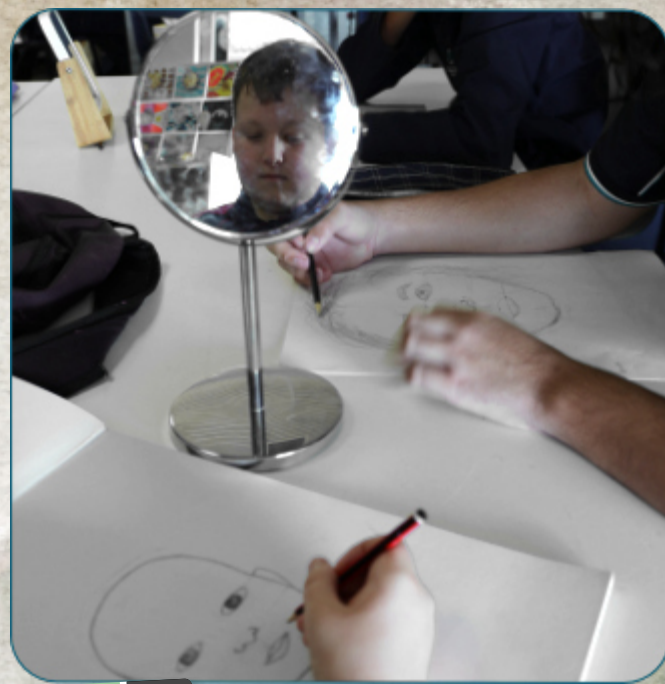
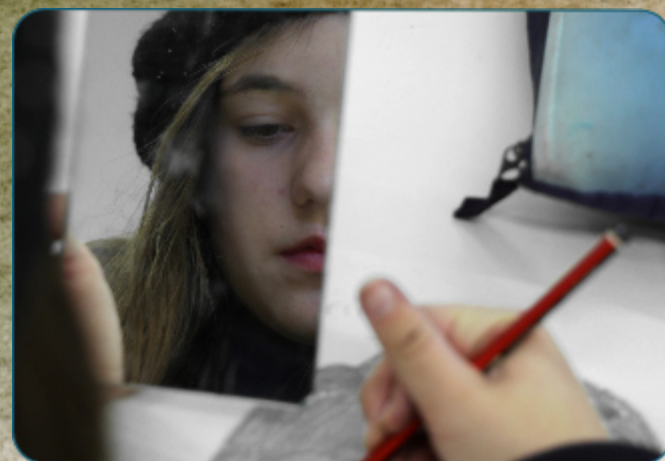
Several students from Year 8-12, attended "Trail Blazers" an extracurricular camp run through Peel Bright Minds. This camp is designed to develop teamwork, leadership and communication skills as these are the skills employers in STEM fields will be looking for in the future. The camp included a guest workshop on mental health strategies run by HHC Alumni and previous dux Ella Stephenson. The camp was run by volunteer mentors, including HHC Patron, Mayor Rhys Williams and HHC staff member Lilijana Nicholls.

The activities run throughout camp cumulated in a VIP night which participants had less than 24 hours to prepare for. There were 40 guests who were key stakeholders, including HHC Patron Professor Lyn Beazley. This initiative was started by previous HHC student and current Program Director of Peel Bright Minds, Skipper van Peer, and has run twice this year in January and July supporting a total of 13 HHC students.

Following the camp, participants are engaged and supported by a 6 months Mentorship Program, aimed at maintaining the social connection between participants, as well as helping them in areas such as study skills and passing their OLN. The first follow up activity was a trip in which Trail Blazers was able to attend TEDxYouth@KingsPark, where various speakers presented inspiring message stories from the lives and research they have completed.



VISUAL ART



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A MOMENT TO REFLECT

Four Art class sessions and the portraits are almost done. The Year 8 Art Academy have unearthed their mastery for drawing facial features from observation and applied the rules of proportion to their portraits. The 'Stranger Things' inspired project engaged students to think creatively whilst also learning about the fundamentals of portraiture.

Ms Thomson



BIG PICTURE

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR KIND DONATION

Students from the Year 8 Advisory in the Big Picture Academy were involved in a range of community service projects in Term 2. This is a component of the Big Picture experience where students are encouraged to consider how they can contribute to helping the community or the environment around them.

Keeley Boase, Chelsea Koday, Lily Marlow and Mikayla Vicary were part of a group that co-ordinated collection for the K9 Rescue Group. They contacted the animal rescue and obtained a list of items that were in demand to help assist the organisation. With the generous donations of other advisories in the Big Picture Academy, the group collected much-needed items included blankets, food and toys for the dogs at the shelter.

Logan Brown has been assisting in the canteen, for his school based internship, as well as volunteering with the school Breakfast Club.

Zachariah Pasefika, Joshua Cook and Tallan Steer chose the 'Adopt a Spot' program run by Keep Australia Beautiful WA. Community members are able to nominate a local area they wish to care for, and are given supplies by the organisation to assist with keeping it clean. The students chose to adopt the hockey field perimeter adjacent to the school grounds, where they had noticed litter would regularly blow and collect along the fence. Thanks to the efforts of these students, they have been maintaining the area and keeping it pollution free.

Students will continue to seek ways to assist these community groups and initiatives throughout their Year 8 journey.

- Ms Pike



MAINTENANCE



PIERRE



ZACH & JOHN



ADAM & ARNIE

X FACTOR

Meet the people behind the scenes of our College whose task it is to keep the place maintained with repairs, and beautified with its many garden beds and lawns.

Arnie is Facilities Manager in charge of maintenance, making sure electrical, plumbing and breakages are looked after by himself, and our extensive tradespeople partnerships, pictured here with his casual helper, Adam.

John is Head Gardner, and he keeps the walkway areas swept clean for our staff and student safety, along with ensuring our grass and gardens flourish. John also teaches interested students which gives them work experience and this in turn provides John with the additional help. He is pictured here with student trainee, Zach.

Pierre most recently joined our team and is assistant to John with all manner of gardening tasks and help with maintenance.

We think they all have the X factor

SCIENCE



WHAT A DUMMY

Year 11 and 12 students studying the Cert IV in Preparation for Health and Nursing Studies spent the day at Murdoch University to experience the life of a nursing student. They were able to see the hospital ward simulations and witness how the students practice their skills from wound care to ECG machines. The medical training dummy was so advanced that it blinked its eyelids, and could be voice activated from a different room to create a real life experience in dealing with a patient.

- Ms McWhinnie

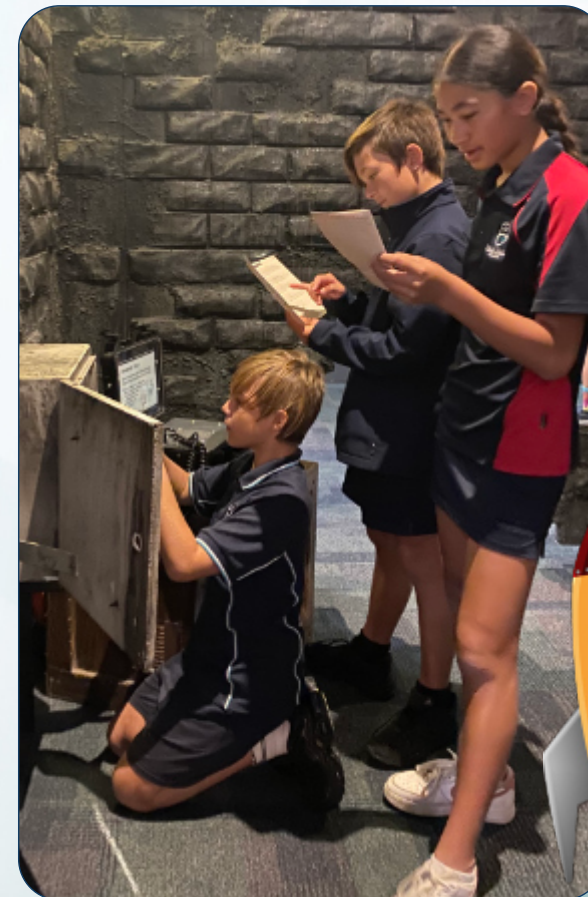




A PHOTON OPPORTUNITY

During Semester 1, the Year 7 Academic Extension Science students visited Scitech. They spent time in the Top Secret exhibition using lots of forensics clues to solve the crime before being treated to the highly entertaining Under Pressure show. Following some free time in the main exhibition hall and a bite of lunch, the students finished the day in the amazing planetarium where they learned about the constellations and how the stars were formed millions of years ago.

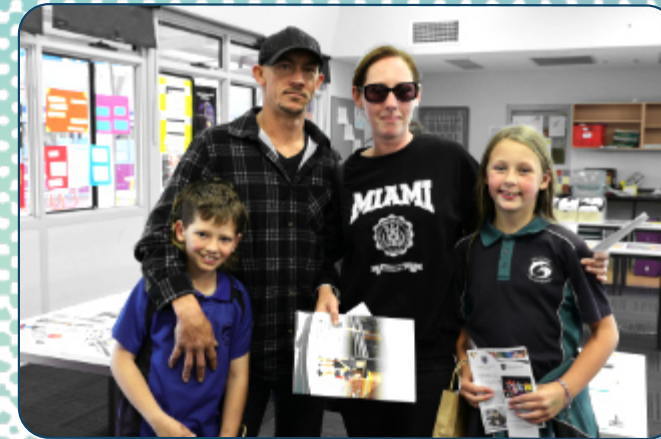
- Ms McWhinnie



TRANSITION EXPO



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EXPO

Our weather held off and we had a wonderful afternoon as parents and prospective students visited as we showcased our College for our Transition Expo. Hotdogs were flying off the BBQ. Our guests enjoyed entertainment, displays and a range of word challenges, scavenger hunts or a tour around the facilities. Smiles featured all around.



TRAINING PATHWAYS



GOING FOR GOLD



Nine interested students were able to attend the Inspiring Girls Careers Forum hosted by the Chamber of Minerals and Energy. It was held at Optus Stadium and was designed to showcase the resources industry to female secondary school students. Our students were inspired by guest speakers who had forged a successful career in the resources sector. Industry hosts worked with students to 'discover gold' utilising reports and maps to determine the best drilling locations.. A 'Speed Career' session allowed every students to meet multiple industry representatives to gain breadth and depth of knowledge in a high paced session.



ENGLISH



NO BULL-OCKS

Scott Wilson talked to Year 7 and 8 students about his picture book, Little Bullock, and his series of graphic novels set in Indigiverse, the first completely Indigenous superhero universe. Scott has proud ties with the Muludja Community and Kununurra and his stories are filled with Gooniyandi and Miriwong Kadgerong languages. Students enjoyed learning some of those words and hearing about the meaning of his novels.

Mrs Yarnall



DRAMA



HAMLET AND EGGS

Six students from Halls Head College were chosen to take part in the Canning Shakespeare Festival finals. In 2022 there were four Year 11 and 12 students, and for Holly Lunn this is the second year in a row that she was chosen, from students across the region, competing for the top prize.

Hermione Stimson, Ruth Creelman, Isabell Smartt, Gypsy-Lee Lally Andrews, Indianna Devlin and Jadzia Schelfhout also took part in the Showcase on September 3rd at Mandurah Performing Arts Centre. To enter they chose and directed a monologue from any Shakespeare play. This was then recorded and assessed as a school task and the recording forwarded to the adjudicators. These were industry professionals and acting coaches from WAAPA.

Holly Lunn and Ruth Creelman came first and second and shared over \$1700 in prize money! A tremendous achievement for our students.

- Ms Palmer

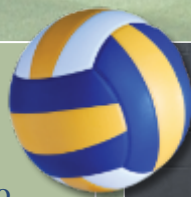


PHYSICAL EDUCATION

ARE YOU BEING SERVED?

After many sleepless nights we finally made it back to Country Week. 15 courageous vagabonds banded together to create the boys and girls' volleyball teams, all from vastly different walks of life. Our week started on rocky slopes, trying to find our feet but unfortunately falling short against very high quality opponents. Two days in and hope was diminishing but like a phoenix rising from the ashes, our teams began to soar. We started to hit our straps and both teams were playing excellent volleyball, challenging the best teams. Ultimately results didn't fall our way and both teams missed the final, but, nonetheless as a coach I was incredibly proud of how we finished the week. Mia Puls was an exemplary leader all week on and off the court and was well supported by Taylah Hodges, leading to both receiving the MVP and Coaches awards. Logan Young and Micky Hyvonen exhibited outstanding sportsmanship and comradery throughout the week and claimed the MVP and Coaches awards, respectively, for their team. I thank the students for their commitment over the year and it was a pleasure to coach them.

- Mr Curnow and Denva



COUNTRY WEEK



SHOOTING STARS

What a week. The Boys' Basketball team rampaged through the first 2 days of competition before having their cages rattled on day 3. Showing real resilience, they got back up and won their remaining 3 games to capture 3rd place. The Girls' Basketball squad took their time finding their groove, but once they did – lookout! After a slow first few days, the girls went on a tear and stormed their way to the Grand Final. Valiant in defeat, they challenged an unbeaten squad which took them to the brink before earning 2nd place. All students were outstanding performers in their roles and were great representatives of HHC.

- Mr Munday



UP THERE AND AT 'EM

The AFL Country Week boys' team had an outstanding week coming away with 3rd place in B division. It was a hard fought week and they unfortunately missed out on a shot in the Grand Final, losing against Cunderdin by 4 points in the last few minutes. The boys played hard and tough and came away with a lot of sore bodies but should be super proud of their efforts and the amazing achievement. Special thanks to Captain Jack O'Neill for helping out in every aspect throughout the weeks prior and during the event. - Ms Shrubsall

COUNTRY WEEK



WITH HONOUR

The return of Country Week saw our Halls Head team travel to HBF arena with 14 committed students to play soccer. After a demoralising 4-0 defeat against Great Southern Grammar, the team were asked to respond and show some resilience. The next day proved a great response from the team, as they challenged eventual winners North Albany to a narrow defeat. They continuously showed great care to keep morale high and with good sportsmanship, whilst a fiery encounter with Manjimup demonstrated immense courage to win our first point of the week. Although we did not achieve great heights at Country Week, I couldn't be more proud of how the team performed and showcased themselves, not only as good footballers, but great members of the Halls Head community. Leaving the week with positive attitudes and memories for life, it is the very reason we enjoy Country Week.

- Mr Eldridge



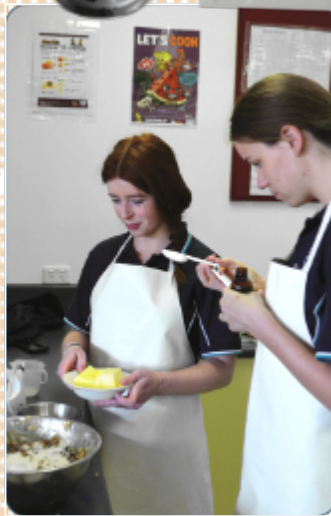
HOT SHOTS

The Country Week netball team had an amazing week! The girls nearly went through the whole week undefeated, however were unfairly challenged by the Manjimup A-division netball team in their last game. Their hard work throughout the week had meant they secured a spot in the grand final and after a very close game came through as B-division Grand final winners. The girls should be so proud of all their efforts this year, as this is an amazing achievement.

- Ms Smith



HOSPITALITY



MELTING POT

Our Year 11 Hospitality class and the Year 10 Big Picture classes made over four hundred cookies which will be transported to the Ngaanyatjarra lands schools next week for their annual Dust Up event.

The Ngaanyatjarra lands schools are eight remote community schools located on the Tri border of WA, SA and NT. Every year all eight schools come together for a three day annual camp called the "Dust Up" where they have a big footy festival, games, and sporting activities.

The delicious cookies the students made yesterday will go towards helping with the catering for this event.

The students from the dust up will be skyping our students to say thank you also, which is great for our students to be able to communicate and build relationships with students from different backgrounds and culture.

Ms Bell

