

# BALGAZETTE



*The Newsletter of Balga Senior High School*

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As 2019 comes to a close I wish to congratulate all our graduating Year 12 students and on behalf of all staff and our school community, wish them well in their endeavours in the years ahead. Balga SHS will forever consider each student a part of our learning family that will extend into its 50<sup>th</sup> year in 2020.

On that note, I wish to formally advise everyone that 2020 is in fact Balga SHS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We have many celebratory events planned throughout the year and we will keep you all up to date with these as the year unfolds. A committee has been formed, which includes former students and staff. A pleasing response has come from an invitation to our Minister for Education, The Hon. Ms Sue Ellery to attend our school as part of our year of celebrations. The minister, together with our local member, Ms Janine Freeman will conduct a school visit on Wednesday 25 March, 2020 and we look forward to their visit.

Moving to 2020, I remind all parents, carers and students that we have changed our bell times for 2020. The important changes are around school commencing at 8.50 am and students moving directly to their first timetabled classes. Form classes will take place immediately after recess for a period of 10 minutes. A full copy of our bell times is included in this newsletter, please keep it so you know our operational times. Students return to school on Monday 3 February 2020.

**Our administration structure for 2020 is as follows:**

**Dr Rosemary Evans – Associate Principal (School operations)**

**Ms Hayley McGill – Deputy Principal (Years 10 – 12)**

**Mr Norbert Samuels – Deputy Principal (Years 7 – 9)**

Each year we have fantastic staff who for varying reasons move on at the end of the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ms Di Popovich on gaining a promotional position in Broome for 2020. Ms Popovich has done an outstanding job overseeing our VET program and she will be greatly missed. Mr Paul Menlove has also gained a promotion and will be Head of Physical Education at another school in 2020. Mr Menlove has performed various roles across our school and again his presence at Balga SHS will be missed. Mr Stephen Lee, our Metalwork teacher will be on a years leave and we look forward to his return in 2021. We had a number of staff on contract in 2019 and I wish to thank them all for their fantastic work. Mr Stefan Woroglian has been a great part of the Balga SHS team over the past months and we wish him well. Thank you to Mr Josh Harris and Mr Cameron Llewellyn for their work this year and I am sure they will continue to develop their teaching careers in 2020. In addition to our teaching staff we also have fantastic support staff and I wish to acknowledge the work of Ms Kim Waters and Mr Eko Priyo who have also filled contract positions during 2019. Thank you all so much for your commitment and dedication to our students.

Our school maintenance grant of \$2M is proceeding through the planning phase. Classrooms will begin to be repainted and recarpeted over this school holidays and work will continue throughout the school year. I look forward to our courts being resurfaced because this has been an area of concern for quite a period of time. In addition to this funding, we also have a school upgrade request for new facilities which we have formally lodged, with the support of our school board. Initial feedback has been positive and we will continue to progress this request into 2020.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff for the fantastic work they do here at Balga SHS. I am fortunate to have a dedicated, hardworking team across all areas within the school.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CON'T

Our students academic progress is dependent on the quality of teaching provided to them and across the different programs in the school there are very high quality educators. In addition to the teaching staff, I wish to thank all the support staff – Education Assistants, Ethnic Aides, AIEOs, Home Economics Assistants, Admin support staff, Canteen staff, Cleaners, Bus drivers, Facility Management staff and of course our very important volunteers. Further to this I would like to thank our School Board for their work over the course of this year your commitment to Balga SHS is greatly appreciated and more importantly your oversight of our planning and goals for the next three years.

On a sad note, I wish to acknowledge the great work undertaken by the late Rev. Sealin Garlett. He was a champion for reconciliation, a strong advocate for the importance of education as a tool for empowerment and a very strong voice for the work we do at Balga Senior High School. Our condolences go out to his family and the broader Noongar community.

It is also the time of the year where I would like to welcome our incoming Year 7 students and their families for 2020. It is an exciting and challenging time for these students as they transition from primary to secondary schooling. We have a suite of support structures in place to assist them and we look forward to engaging them in “The Balga Way” in 2020.

As has been widely reported, a ban on students using mobile phones during the school day comes into effect in 2020 and all schools across Western Australia are required to comply with this policy. I seek the support from all families to ensure this can be managed effectively. The core business at school is learning and whilst there is a place for technology within the classroom, mobiles phones in many circumstances provide a distraction for students. This policy will be reiterated to students at the beginning of the school year and frequently throughout the year.

Finally, I would like to wish all students, families, volunteers and staff a safe and happy holiday break and look forward to seeing students return focussed in 2020.

***Mr Mark Carton - Principal***

## ENGLISH

Term 4 is always a busy time in our department as students complete their final assessments and teachers write reports. It is important to finish the year on a high note, and students are encouraged to complete work to the best of their ability, in order to set themselves up for success next year. We also farewelled our Year 12 students, which was both a happy and sad event, as we will miss them, but wish the students much success in achieving their goals in the next chapter of their lives.

In Senior School, our Year 11 students have worked hard to complete their courses, with some teachers commencing Year 12 courses in order to get a head start, and release some of the pressure they will be facing next year. Our ATAR students sat their exams in week 6 and have now received their results. It is vital for all students to reflect on their performance throughout the year, as well as these results, in order to make important decisions regarding their studies for 2020.

In the Middle School, our Year 9 students have been exploring the concept of characterisation in relation to the novel, “The Outsiders”. Year 10 students have been reading Indigenous poetry and learning about the concepts involved in analysis of this text type. Gaining an understanding of these skills will assist students in accessing the challenging coursework in English next year.

In the Junior School, our Year 8 students embraced the “Horror” genre through reading and writing activities, which certainly made for some interesting lessons. The Year 7 students have been learning about poetry techniques and using their knowledge to write shape poems, of which some examples featured in a display in the front office. Well done Year 7!

We encourage all our students across all years, to spend time reading in their spare time, especially as the school holidays approach. Reading has been shown to assist students with the basic skills of spelling and grammar, as well as increase their vocabulary knowledge. It is also a great way to reduce screen time, which is becoming more of an issue these days. All it takes is approximately 20 minutes a day of reading, to see an improvement in these.

This will also help those students prepare for formalised testing like NAPLAN and OLNA, which takes place early next year. Happy reading everyone!

***Ms Silvana Cockroft - Learning Area Coordinator***

## MATHEMATICS

Term 4 is considered one of the busiest terms in the year. With the Year 12 cohort getting ready to graduate and some students facing the external ATAR exams, life is never dull. This is a term where planning happens. We are looking at programs for 2020. The EST revision is a prime focus for our Year 11 students doing the General and Foundation courses.

Mathspace has been a successful resource and we actively encourage students to consolidate concepts taught by using Mathspace. Mathspace is an online program for which staff set tasks as a homework tool and students can access the program at home. All students have a username and password and by logging on, they can complete their homework.

In Semester 2, the Year 7 to 10s covered both the Measurement, Geometry strand and the Statistics and Probability strands. Mr Woroglian's class, 9AC2, just finished covering Angles and Percentages. There have been some impressive results achieved as well as a lot of fun during the learning process. Worthy of special mention were Phay Nine, Hay Tha Moo and Hieu Minh who had completed the study of surface area and volume of prisms, pyramids and spheres. The 'Allstar' performer was Sajjad Essa, who received his first A in Mathematics.

Our students have worked hard with much improved outcomes in NAPLAN and OLN, not to mention the many tests and exams students faced in their respective courses. With such a dedicated group of staff who never hesitate to tutor outside school hours and give up their personal time, I wish all staff and students a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Finally, a big congratulation to all our students who were involved in the Australian Mathematics Competition.



**Ms Satwani Mioduszewski**  
**Learning Area Coordinator Mathematics and Numeracy**

## DRAMA NEWS

Wow, what a year we have had! 2019 started with our Drama team showcasing their talents in Theatre Sports and improvisation performances. Harmony Day was awesome, we all loved performing to our peers and community members.

Fourteen of our talented Drama students auditioned for a role in Yirra Yaakin's Junior Sonneteers program. Yirra Yaakin were offering ten places and our amazing actors secured nine out of the ten available positions. They went on to perform a range of Shakespearean sonnets in Noongah language to large external audiences.

We were excited to announce our outstanding success in this year's Youth On Health (YOH) Drama competition. We entered two teams into the competition. Out of hundreds of schools, both our teams made it into the state-wide grand final (We were two of eight grand finalists). Both our teams were brilliant on the night and received outstanding feedback from the external judges. Our senior team, "Lost Child" won the prestigious Health award. This award was a huge achievement as the winning school receives a cash prize and the knowledge that they received the highest score for their health message.



**Senior YOH Fest Cast**

Our Drama department received sponsorship from Edith Cowan University (ECU) to produce and tour the play "Jasper Jones". The cast and crew of "Jasper Jones" have been working very hard rehearsing and manufacturing props and costumes for the production. One of our ex-students, Tui Weston, who is currently studying at ECU is co-directing the show. He brings fresh ideas from ECU to our presentational production.

The cast and crew toured Act 1 of the play to schools and community groups in Mandurah, Bunbury and Collie during week 8 of this term. The cast also facilitated drama workshops with students from other schools. We are very proud of the production and are looking forward to sharing it with our local community in 2020.

## DRAMA NEWS



*The cast of Jasper Jones above*

We are super excited to announce that we have been voted Drama captains for 2020. We will take this role very seriously and endeavour to produce high quality productions throughout the year. We are looking forward to mentoring the Junior students and assisting with their productions. Drama Leadership team, *Damein Wojcikowski, Sadaf Darab Najafabadi, Paw Ku Htee and Baden Garlett.*

## SCIENCE

Earth and Space Sciences have been the focus for Term 4. Students have studied the science of Geology, covering topics such as the cyclical process of rock formation on Earth, plate tectonic theory and the physics of earthquakes and volcanoes. The science of Astronomy has also been covered this term with students learning about the solar system and the orbits of planets as well as the gravitational interaction between the Earth and the Moon.

Year 9 and 10 students learned how to construct a basic solar powered vehicle with assistance provided by a visiting electrical engineer and the *F1 in Schools* teams all achieved a tremendous result at the State Championship competitions.

***Mr Wade Ramponi***  
***Program Coordinator Science & Stem***

## SCIENCE – STEM

### **Creativity and ingenuity of Students engaged in STEM projects in Balga SHS**

Over the past few years Balga SHS has been increasing the engagement of students in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) projects which teaches Year 7 and 8 students in skills such as: problem solving, communication, presentation, teamwork and collaboration, that will help ready them for future employment.

## SCIENCE – STEM

This semester the Year 8AC students built water filters using readily available material that were the cheapest to make so it could be used in developing countries to clean up dirty water ready for drinking. The filters were made of recycled water bottles, fine and coarse gravel, sand, cotton wool, cloth, charcoal and rubber bands. The best water filter was designed by Nhi, Jasmin and Piper and the best presented was by Chloe, Mu K'Do and Betsy.

The students also participated in the Re-Inventor of the Year, a National Competition where students are asked to use recycled plastic material to invent something that can be treasured. Students came up with a variety of items including attractive storage containers shaped like a rocket and apple, some candle holders made of spoons, a set of lady birds, a number of sculptures which represented what happens to the waste plastic when it gets into the environment killing sea life such as fishes and turtles. Finally the best made, presented and useful re-invention, a stationary holder, was made by Phay Lain and Moo Nay.



*Some examples of water filters designed by students in the "Ditch the dirt challenge"*



*Stationary holders*



*Planters & watering bottles*



*Candle holder made with spoons*

***Ms Ros London – Stem Teacher***

## SCIENCE – F1

### Balga Business Enterprise F1 in Schools teams performed exceptionally at the State Championships

Balga students participated in the F1 in Schools State Final Competition that was held on the 21 of October. We had 3 different teams: they were Trimentum (Professional Senior), Sonic Booms (Cadet Senior) and Hyper Speed (Cadet Junior). Team Trimentum got 7 awards for different categories including: Best Graphic Design, Best Team Portfolio, Best Reaction Time, Innovation Award, Best Team Trade Display and State Champions for the Professional Senior Class. Team Sonic Booms got 2 awards including: Best Team Poster and State Champion award for the Senior Cadet Class and were overall winners for the entire Cadet Class. Team Hyper Speed got 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the Junior Cadet Class. It was our first time to take part in a F1 in Schools competition for the two cadet teams and the results we achieved were very impressive. Due to their performance, Team Trimentum, will take part as the Wild Card entry in the National F1 in Schools competition to be held in Melbourne in March 2020.



*The three teams and the rest of the Balga SHS Business Enterprise F1 in Schools students who helped the teams achieve the great results at the State Finals.*



*The Team Trimentum car on the left proving to be the second fastest car at the State Finals*



*Team Trimentum*



*Team Hyper Speed.*



*Team Sonic Boom*



When the race started, all the members of the Cadet teams felt nervous, happy, excited and pressured to win. Members of team Hyper Speed felt sad as their car was too heavy so it kept coming second in the races, getting them a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Cadet Junior Class. But they were glad they entered the competition and felt they had tried their best. After the competition Sonic Boom's team members felt very proud because they won each of their races even beating the cars designed by the Development Class teams.

We would like to thank our teachers and mentors: Ms Dean, Ms Hill, Mrs London, Mr Samuels, Sticker Dude (Mr Paul Mansfield) and Maximum Motor Sport. We would also like to thank the sponsors for Team Trimentum: KC Australia who provided the team shirts with the specialised embroidery and Sticker Dude who helped with designs and printing of the logos, booths, shirts and portfolios.

We need your support to raise the funds needed to cover airfares, accommodation and subsistence allowances for Team Trimentum to compete in the F1 National Finals in March 2020. We would like to thank Virtue and Partners and Gary Brown-Neaves for our first donation towards the Nationals.

You can sponsor us by using the following link: <https://www.schoolsplus.org.au/projects/race-to-the-f1-finish-line/> through the School Plus website.

*Story by: John Bacani with a little help from my teachers*

**Ms Ros London – Stem Teacher**

### HaSS Developing Citizenship & Historical Highlights

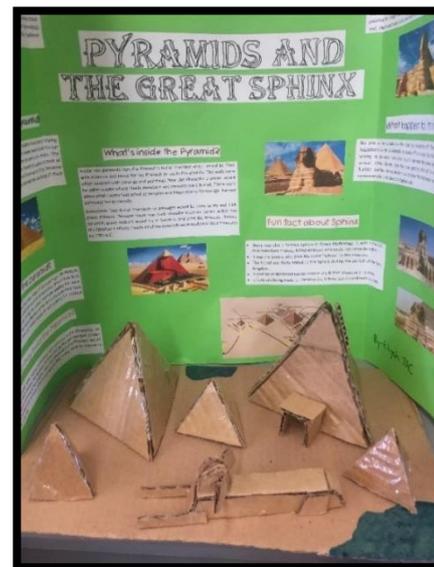
As part of their studies in Civics and Citizenship, students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 HaSS classes have participated in interactive sessions presented by the Electoral Education Centre. All the students voted in a mock election and are now ready to exercise their democratic right to vote once they reach 18.

The Year 10 AC1 HaSS class has benefitted from a connection with the legal firm, King & Wood Mallesons(KWM) and their Australia wide pro bono program. The firm has conducted incursions to compliment the students work in Civics and Citizenship with a youth focussed program called *Talk Law*. The finale involved the Year 10s attending the offices of KWM at the QV1 building in central Perth to participate in a mock trial followed by a morning tea. The program has provided our students with a wonderful insight into the rights of young people and the law as well as providing a fantastic networking opportunity. The experience on the day along with the morning tea and the views, was amazing!

In addition, all Year 10 students enjoyed an interactive session with Alison from the Red Cross called *Pathways to Protection*. The students, as global citizens explored the concept of humanitarianism and ways to support others in need through the lens of the Red Cross. The focus of the session resonated with students as it reinforced the importance of support for refugees who may have to flee their country of birth and the importance of humanitarian aid programs.



Finally, in Year 7 History, whilst studying the topic of Ancient civilisations, the students in Ms Hill's 7AC class focussed on the funerary traditions of Ancient Egypt. The class then went on to design and develop an amazing collection of museum artefacts that are currently on display in the Library. Ms Hill and the students in 7AC are to be congratulated on the amount of effort and detail that has gone into producing their artefacts. Be sure not to miss it!



**Ms Mandy Hampson – Teacher LAC HaSS**

## CAREERS

This term has seen another round of exciting career opportunities being explored by Balga students. Year 7, 8 and 9 students enjoyed a visit from the UWA Aspire team where they engaged in interactive STEM related activities to encourage them to consider these post school pathway options at University. Careers in Science, Mathematics and Technology related fields will continue to grow and provide a range of exciting job opportunities now and into the future.

The Year 11s enjoyed an excellent presentation from the Royal Australian Navy and Royal Australian Air force branches of the Australian Defence Force(ADF) that outlined the many exciting opportunities and benefits available to recruits. The ADF offers excellent pay and conditions and many students were excited when they learned of the range of sporting opportunities that exist within the organisation.

Prior to their departure, all Year 12s completed the Career Fast Track career development program to assist their career planning post school and completed applications for TAFE. Many were offered a place in their chosen course for 2020 in some exciting areas such as Interactive Media, Game Design, Nursing, Legal Studies, Fashion Design Building and Construction, Hospitality and Business. In addition, Ruth Dagnachew attended a workshop on Women in Aviation at Perth Airport which served to reinforce her decision to enrol in a Bachelor of Aviation at Edith Cowan University after completing the Uniprep course with Ms Bath.

Thanks to all their hard work, the future is indeed looking bright for our 2019 graduates, it has been a pleasure to assist with their Career journey and I wish them well.



## CAREERS



*Ms Mandy Hampson-Careers Coordinator*

## HOME ECONOMICS

### BUSH FIRE DISASTER –

#### Home Economics Helps Helpless

With the recent bush fires in NSW our beautiful native animals have come under threat. Many koalas and kangaroos have been severely burnt. On the suggestion of Mrs Annie Howell to accept an Australia wide call out for help, to produce mittens for the Koalas, my Home Economics IEC Textiles class warmly embraced the concept and opportunity. It was all hands on deck to produce these mittens which are used to cover the bandaged burnt paws of the Koalas. The class was extremely motivated, in the knowledge that they would be helping in a small way the Koalas rehabilitation and survival.

*Ms Annette Connop-Teacher in Charge of Home Ec*



## HOME ECONOMICS



A YEAR IN REVIEW  
BY PICTURE  
COOKING & TEXTILES



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Ms Annette Connop-Teacher in Charge of Home Ec

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

### Attendance Data Junior School

In Term 4 we kept up our focus on student attendance across the Junior School. This term we have been running a raffle draw each fortnight where students who have been able to achieve an attendance rate of 100% for the fortnight have had the opportunity to win canteen vouchers.

#### **Term 4 by the numbers...**

- 68% of Junior School students have attended school +80% to end week 8 this term
- 13 students have achieved 100% attendance to end week 8 this term
- The average attendance rate for a Junior School student is up 2% from last term to 83% this term



### YEAR 6 STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

In week 4 this term we welcomed a group of 42 Year 6 students from our local primary school students as they joined us for another session in the Year 6 Engagement Program. For this visit we had a Music and Sports focus and the students had a great time learning some new songs, playing the drums and in the sport session the students got to design and play some different games in the Gymnasium.

During week 7 we held our annual Year 6 Orientation Day for students who are enrolled at Balga SHS for 2020. We had 44 students come for the day and they participated in a range of different English, Maths and HaSS activities as well as doing some Team Building and Lateral Thinking puzzles and games. It was fantastic to have so many students at the school and we really look forward to them joining the Balga SHS family in 2020. The day concluded with an information and Q&A session for parents and carers where they had an opportunity to meet staff and clarify some questions they had about their children starting at Balga SHS in 2020.

It's not too late to enrol at Balga SHS for 2020 and if you have any enquiries about enrolments for Year 7 students for the 2020 school year, please do not hesitate to contact the school and ask to speak to Neil Arnold. School tours can be arranged for prospective students and families upon request.

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

### BALGA PRIMARY SCHOOL READING SUPPORT PROGRAM

This term we have continued our partnership with Balga Primary School with their 200 Days of Reading Challenge. Each Friday morning before school a group of up to 8 students from Year 7 – 10 have been travelling to Balga Primary School to listen to the Primary School Students as a part of this initiative. Balga Primary School are extremely appreciative of the assistance that we are able to provide and the Primary School students have continued to show great improvements in their reading skills as they get closer to their 200 Day goal.

*Mr N Arnold – Year 7/8 Team Leader*

## WORK PLACE LEARNING

### VET and WPL

Reflecting on 2019, I would say where has the year gone? Followed by WOW what a successful year. Ms Popovich, Ms Sharon and Ms Jess would like to thank staff and students for a fantastic year. We wish you all a Merry Christmas, enjoy the break, stay safe and be kind to others.

### PSC School Based Traineeships

Congratulations to Atia Ibrahim, who recently attended the Public Sector Commission School Based Traineeship Graduation Ceremony. She was awarded with her Certificate II in Government and has now received an offer for full time employment.

We are also excited to announce that Abdurahaman Sado and Ka Lu Moo Thaw Paw have been offered School Based Traineeships in the same program next year.



*Ms Sharon Hunt – WPL Coordinator*

## WORK PLACE LEARNING

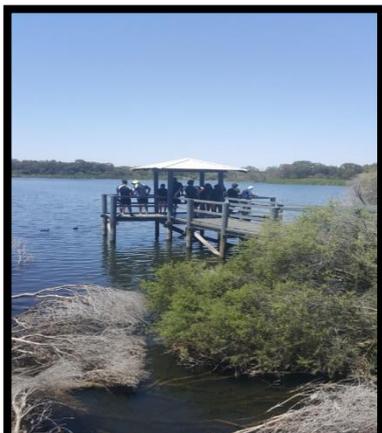
### City of Stirling

We have had a successful year in partnering with the City of Stirling. A group of our Year 11 and 12 students had the chance to attend work experience in varying roles throughout the year. Inger Thompson (City of Stirling - Volunteer Services Coordinator) arranged a lovely morning tea with city staff officials in appreciation of all the hard work our students demonstrated. In attendance were the students, their department mentors and ourselves along with Principal Mr Mark Carton. We enjoyed a lovely morning, and all are looking forward to building on our partnership in 2020.

## NOONGAR LANGUAGE & CULTURE

### Friday 15 November Lake Gwelup

Students attended Lake Gwelup for a cultural tour with Len Yarran. Students learnt about the significance of the area for Noongars and about the importance of continuing to maintain connection with the area. Pictured are students in the yarning circle and on the bushwalk. Students are also pictured doing some painting to relax. It was a very hot day at Lake Gwelup and students were trying to keep cool in the shade.



## NOONGAR LANGUAGE & CULTURE

### Friday 22 November Whiteman Park

Students attended Whiteman Park and took part in an Amazing Race organised by Ms Bridie Guatta. Students had to complete several different activities related to what they have been learning this semester including translating Noongar language, stating traditional plant uses, photographing different animals, reciting Roni's delicious kangaroo stew recipe and problem solving. The students fully committed to the race, and after a bumpy start, where staff got lost on their way to their check-in zones, it turned out to be a very competitive race. Jazari Hill said that it was "a fun experience."

### Friday 29 November St Catherine's College

Students attended St Catherine's College at UWA and heard from current Aboriginal students, as well as the Aboriginal program manager, about the possibility of living at college when they finish school. There are options for students to live there, whether at University or TAFE, and scholarships are available. The students enjoyed being shown around the facilities and looking at the accommodation options. It was a good experience for the students to learn about the opportunities available to them.

### Friday 1 November and Friday 6 December Ern Halliday

Students attended Ern Halliday for a Coastal Bike Ride on 1<sup>st</sup> November, and for Archery and Flying Fox on 6<sup>th</sup> December. Both days were very enjoyable and the students enjoyed their time doing the activities. The coastal bike ride was on a bit of a rainy and windy day, but it was a nice opportunity to check out the scenery and get some exercise in. The Archery and flying fox at Ern Halliday were great fun for the students, especially because many had never engaged in these activities before.



## NOONGAR LANGUAGE & CULTURE



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### *Thursday 5 December Yanchep National Park*

Students were able to learn from Derek Nannup Snr about Noongar culture and its importance in modern day Australia. In particular, how important and relevant it will be in the future, with sustainable living and burning off strategies all hot topics of conversation. Derek also discussed the importance of many different plants. One of the most important being our school name and logo, the Balga tree, which can be used for many different things from fire to food to shelter. The students were appreciative of Derek's free comedy show as well.



Overall, this term has been enjoyable for students to be able to learn in different spaces and places and strengthen their self esteem. They have engaged positively with members of the community and have developed strong, professional networks. It has been a pleasure working with this group of students and watching them embrace the strength of our Noongar Culture.

***Dylan Collard – Teacher in charge of Aboriginal Curriculum***

## GIRLS ACADEMY

On Thursday 5 December 2019 our Balga Girls Academy celebrated their Awards night at Herb Graham.

I would like to thank all Staff and Families for their attendance and making it a special event for our academy girls. Thank you to Noongar Elder Auntie Maureen Colbung for Welcome to Country. I would like to Congratulate all of the Award Winners, see listed. A **BIG** Thank You to all Balga staff who have supported the Girls Academy in 2019.

### *Chelsea Conway & Penne Pickett*

AWARDS	RECIPIENT/S
Shining Bright	Yr 7 Greta Hill Yr8 Nicole Warrell Yr 9 Jorja Garlett Yr10 Tiahsha Hill Yr 11 Clarice Layton Yr 12 Charlotte Mallard
Junior Academic Achievement	Brae Collett
Senior Academic Achievement	Rheellar Narkle-Hill
Junior Sportswoman	Jorja Garlett
Senior Sportswoman	June Garlett
Most Valued	JUNIOR Nicole Warrell MIDDLE Brooklyn Garlett SENIOR June Garlett
Most Consistent	JUNIOR Greta Hill MIDDLE Jorja Garlett SENIOR June Garlett
Woola Woola Koorlangkas Rising Star	Jorja Garlett
Academy Ambassador	Tiahsha Hill
Most Improved	Trinity Pearce
Ricky Grace "Be the Change"	Rheellar Narkle-Hill

## GIRLS ACADEMY

AWARDS	RECEIPT/S
Mooditj Yorga	Janelle Warrell Jaral Hill Jazari Hill Brooklyn Garlett Jiciera Riley
Year 12 Presentation	Sharna Bropho Nikayah Bulter-Olofsson Keisha Farrell Denise Harris Leilani Hughes Charlotte Mallard Cassandra Mears Jessinta Narkle-Hill Rheellar Narkle-Hill Siobhan Stacey Grace Teders Shayann Yarran

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT  
THE SCHOOL BELL TIMES  
& CLASS ORDER HAS  
CHANGED  
FOR 2020**

MONDAY - FRIDAY	
8.50 - 9.50	PERIOD 1
9.50 - 10.50	PERIOD 2
<b>10.50 - 11.19</b>	<b>RECESS</b>
<b>11.19 - 11.30</b>	<b>FORM</b>
11.30 - 12.30	PERIOD 3
12.30 - 1.30	PERIOD 4
<b>1.30 - 1.59</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
1.59 - 3.00	PERIOD 5

## STUDENT SERVICES

**DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, IF YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO, CONSIDER PHONING OR LOOKING AT THESE WEBSITES**

Free call from mobile, public or land line phones. You can discuss Mental Health – feeling sad or depressed; Physical Health and Identity – peer pressure and fitting in; Friends – respect, resilience and coping with emotions; Cyber bullying and Sexting.

kidshelpline.com.au



You can chat Online 7 days a week one to one or in a group from 6am-10pm via [eheadspace.org.au](https://eheadspace.org.au) OR call **1800 650 890**

This is a free call from mobile, public or land line phones. You can talk about anxiety, depression, relationships, families, bullying or general concerns.



## MEDICAL – SCHOOL NURSE

### Talking to your child about sex

Parents often feel uncomfortable raising this topic with their children, but young people need accurate information about sex and sexuality in order to be able to negotiate sexual relationships safely and responsibly, and to become sexually healthy adults.

Your child will hear information from many sources, but as the most influential role model in your child's life you have an important role to play in ensuring that your child receives the information that allows them to make safe and healthy choices.

*Talk soon. Talk often.* A guide for parents talking to their kids about sex is an excellent book that will help you with tricky conversations. Get your free copy at: [https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/S\\_T/Talk-soon-Talk-often](https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/S_T/Talk-soon-Talk-often)

Try the 'Get the Facts' website and discuss with your child - [www.getthefacts.health.wa.gov.au](http://www.getthefacts.health.wa.gov.au)

### Parenting support - As parents, you are the most important person in your child's life.

Many parents find life with a child a joyful but challenging experience. Children's needs change as they grow and each stage brings new challenges.

Parenting WA offers an information, support and referral service to parents, carers, grandparents and families with children up to 18 years of age. Parenting WA services are free and no referral is needed.

Parenting WA's trained staff are available to work with parents;

- On specific parenting needs. They will help develop strategies for home life
- To manage the different parenting challenges from infancy and childhood through to teenage years
- To understand the different stages of child development
- To find information about local community support services

Parenting coordinators, located throughout WA, can provide individual parenting discussions, group sessions and workshops.

Parenting WA also provides the Parenting WA Line, a 24/7 telephone information service, a library rich with useful resources, parenting guide sheets and an on-line guide to parenting courses in WA. For more information contact Parenting WA (08) 6279 1200 or 1800 654 432 or look up <https://raisingchildren.net.au/teens>

If you have a concern about your child's development, please contact your local Community Health Nurse, Debbie Robinson Ph 0420 945 024.

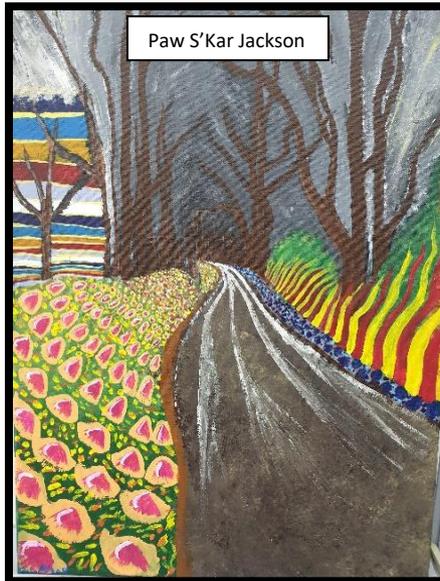
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YEAR 12 GENERAL VISUAL ARTS STUDENTS 2019 - PAINTING

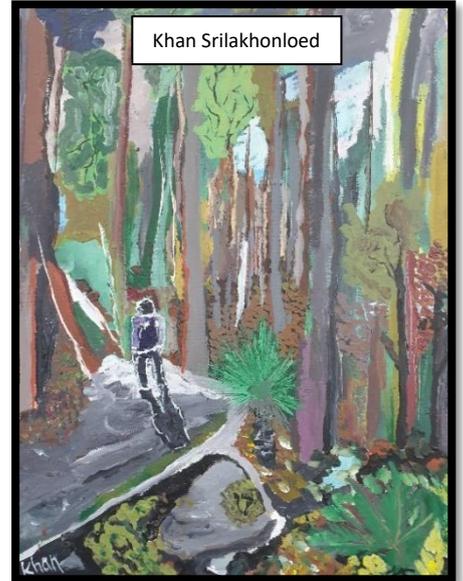
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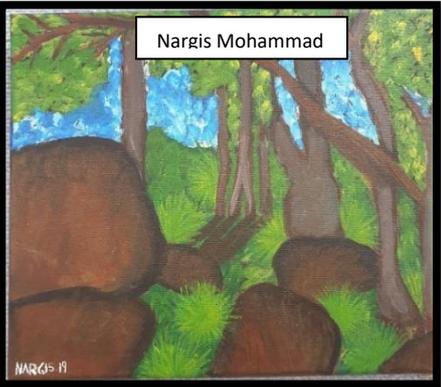
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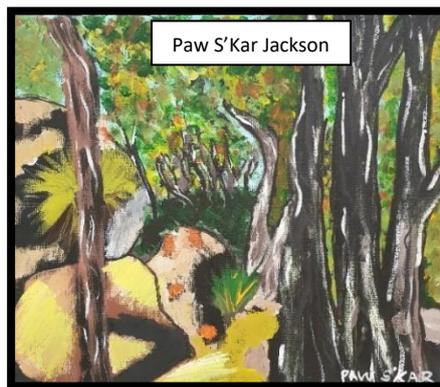
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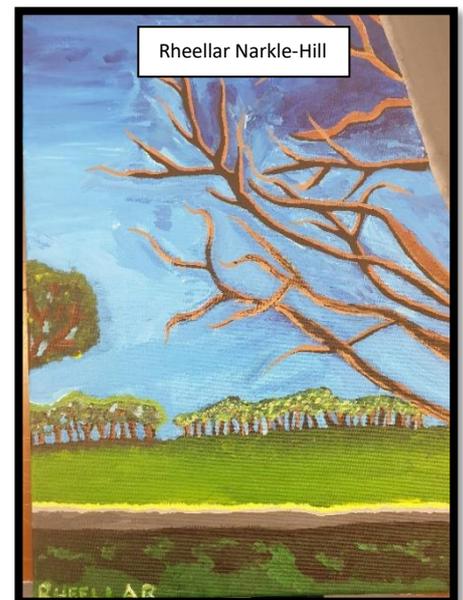
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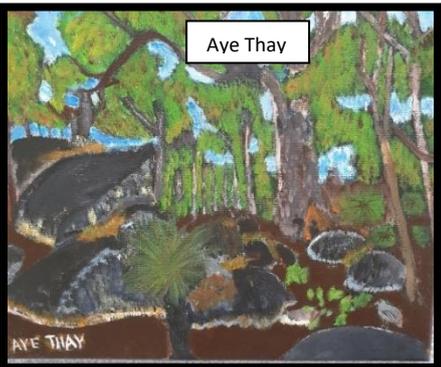
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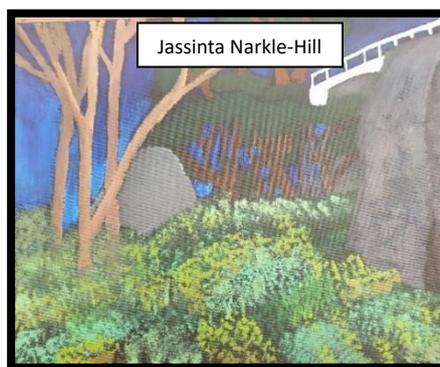
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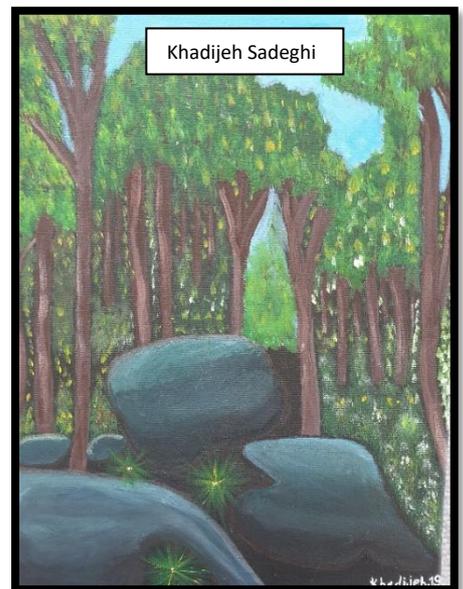
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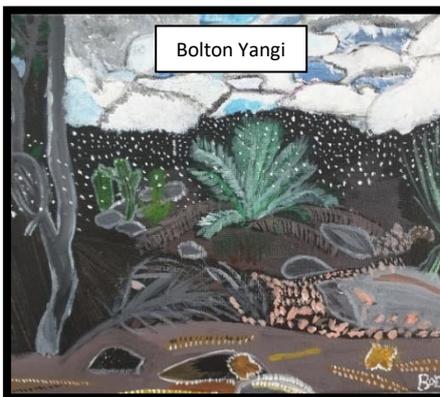
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Khadijeh Sadeghi



Bolton Yangi



*Students Painting  
Excursion to  
Elephant Rock at  
Glen Forrest.*

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## YEAR 12 GENERAL VISUAL ARTS STUDENTS 2019 - POTTERY



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Paw S'Kar Jackson



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Nyankiir Chan, Bolton Yangi, Rita Yoael & Has Eh Christ Paw Moo



Muhammad Raz Muhammad



Rheellar Narkle-Hill



Mung Za Naing 



Aye Thay 



Jessinta Narkle-Hill

## POLICE RANGERS

On Saturday 9 November our Police Ranger unit was invited to an award ceremony held at the Police Academy in Joondalup.

Our police rangers represented the School with pride and honour. We received several encouraging comments from senior police staff on how well our unit was doing and to keep up the good work.

***Mr Bejhan Alitovski***  
***Police Rangers Coordinator***



## BALGA SPORTING NEWS

### ***Spring Netball Competition*** ***Wanneroo District Netball Association***

This Spring season the Woola Woola Koolangkas entered five teams into the competition, to play at Kingsway Sporting Complex.

All the girls can be proud of the awesome Netball they played and their hard work throughout the Spring Season. Each team further developed their skills and had some fantastic games.

Well done everyone on a great season. Enjoy the break and see you next year for the pre-season moving into the Winter competition.

The photo below is of our U15 team, these girls are all new to playing for Woola Woola and have done a great job of playing as a team and developing their skills.

***Ms Brydie Donald – Teacher Health & PE***



## BALGA SPORTING NEWS

On the 25 October a group of very enthusiastic Balga SHS students took to the track at the WA Athletics Stadium to compete with local schools in the Year 7-10 Carnival.

Congratulations to everyone who took part in a very fun and successful day.

Our student helpers, Brae Collett, Eden Murphy, Mary Lian, Lammi Hassen, Godeliva and Shaka Kamara were fantastic and not only assisted on the track but also ensured that students made it to their events on time.

A big thank you to Mr Milevski for organising the school team and for ensuring everything ran smoothly, also to Mr Stevenson, Ms Dunstan (Kobie's Mum) and Mr Bristow for their support and encouragement of students throughout the day.

***Ms Sarah Bagshaw – HPE Teacher***



## BALGA SPORTING NEWS



### **STUDENT PLACINGS**

<b><i>Synarah Narrier</i></b>	
Year 7 Girls 100m, Div. C	3
<b><i>Cameron Hill</i></b>	
Year 7 Boys Long Jump, Div. B	3
<b><i>Abdirahman Abdi</i></b>	
Year 8 Boys 200m, Div. A	3
<b><i>Hser Mya Shee</i></b>	
Year 8 Boys 100m, Div. C	2
<b><i>Roger Bolgia</i></b>	
Year 8 Boys 100m, Div. A	3
<b><i>Toh Say Po</i></b>	
Year 8 Boys 100m, Div. B	1
<b><i>Al Aktham Alsafouri</i></b>	
Year 9 Boys 200m, Div. A	3
Year 9 Boys 100m, Div. A	3
<b><i>Jorja Garlett</i></b>	
Year 9 Girls Long Jump, Div. A	3
Year 9 Girls 100m, Div. A	3
<b><i>Jazari Hill</i></b>	
Year 9/10 Girls Discus, Div. B	3
<b><i>Kobie Dunstan</i></b>	
Year 9/10 Boys Triple Jump, Div. B	3
Year 10 Boys Long Jump, Div. B	3
<b><i>Trinity Pearce</i></b>	
Year 10 Girls Long Jump, Div. A	3
<b><i>-Ree De</i></b>	
Year 10 Girls 100m, Div. B	3
<b><i>Jiceira Riley</i></b>	
Year 10 Girls Long Jump, Div. B	2
<b><i>James Stack</i></b>	
Year 10 Boys Long Jump, Div. A	2
<b><i>Solomon Biwot</i></b>	
Year 10 Boys High Jump, Div. A	1
Year 9/10 Boys Shot Put, Div. B	1
<b><i>Yanick Kalonda</i></b>	
Year 10 Boys 100m Hurdles, Div. A	1
Year 9/10 Boys 400m, Div. A	1
Year 10 Boys 100m, Div. A	2
<b><i>Tennessee Kickett</i></b>	
Year 10 Boys 200m, Div. A	3
Year 10 Boys 100m, Div. B	1

# Community & School Notices

## Dates to Remember

### STUDENT IMMUNISATION STATEMENTS

PARENTS ARE YOU STARTING OR MOVING SCHOOLS

#### HOW TO OBTAIN A COPY OF your Statement

- Contact AIR (Australian Immunisation Register) ON 1800 653 809
  - Visit your local Department of Human Services Centre
  - Log into your MYGOV account online. Select your linked service MEDICARE, proceed to online account and select Immunisation History Statement. Print a copy or email
- You can also contact Vicki at Balga SHS Reception and she can assist with any general queries relating to obtaining of Immunisation Records.

### DATES TO REMEMBER for Term 1

2020

<b>Students Return Monday</b>	<b>3 Feb</b>
<b>Public Holiday/Labour day</b>	<b>2 March</b>
<b>Pupil Free Day - Reporting to Parents</b>	<b>8 April</b>
<b>Last day of Term Thursday</b>	<b>9 April</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>10 April</b>

## SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

YEARS 7 TO 12  
YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR UP TO:

**\$350**

*towards school expenses*

DO YOU HOLD A: ● CENTRELINK HEALTH CARE CARD  
(OR) ● CENTRELINK PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD  
(OR) ● VETERANS' AFFAIRS PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD

Applications Close  
**Thursday 9 April 2020**

**Ask School Reception for More Information**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
& A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
TO ALL OUR STUDENTS  
& THEIR FAMILIES  
FROM THE STAFF  
OF BALGA SHS**



**UNIFORM SHOP**

**WILL BE OPEN**

**Thursday 30 January 2020**

**&**

**Friday 31 January 2020**

**9.00am – 3.30pm**



# BALGA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

## SCHOOL TOURS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

To arrange contact school on 9247 0222

### INNOVATIVE AND OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC PROGRAMS



- ATAR PROGRAMS AVAILABLE
- UNIVERSITY PREPARATION COURSE (Partnering with ECU)
- NNEI PROGRAM
- CERTIFICATE II COURSES (Sport, Hospitality, Child Care)
- LEARNING SUPPORT PROGRAM
- INTENSIVE ENGLISH CENTRE

### CHALLENGING AND REWARDING EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- POLICE RANGERS
- AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS (AFL, Badminton, Soccer, Netball)
- ROBOTICS CLUB (Partnering with Google)
- YOH Fest (Drama)
- HOMEWORK CLUB (Weekly)



### KEY SCHOOL PARTNERS

