

# BALGAZETTE



*The Newsletter of Balga Senior High School*

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Term 3 2020

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As Term 3 comes to an end, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our Year 12 students who have been working hard to complete their final assessments in what has been a very challenging year for them. As a school, we are very proud of their efforts and have confidence they have the skills, resilience and work ethic that will serve them well during their life journeys. I am always respectful and proud of the work our staff undertake to also ensure our students are given the best opportunity to succeed in their studies. Teaching and support staff at Balga SHS demonstrate outstanding commitment to our students and I am also proud of their efforts not only in teaching and supporting students through Years 11 & 12 but also over their whole high school journey. The challenges of 2020 have been unique, so I do wish to acknowledge our Year 12 teaching and support staff for the superlative job they have done this year to ensure our students have been given every opportunity to succeed in their studies.

Our Year 12 Graduation Ceremony will take place on 15 October, 2020 which is fantastic for our students however, due to remaining current COVID-19 restrictions, we have to limit only two guests for each student attending. This is most unfortunate but we have to act within the parameters that are in place at this time. To be honest, I am happy that we can at least conduct our Graduation Ceremony for our students because there was a period of time during the year where this was not looking possible. I wish all our graduating students well on behalf of all staff, our School Board and our broader school community. They have been a tremendous group of students and we will miss them in 2021.

Our school has had a very busy term across all areas with OLNA testing having been completed for students required to sit the tests from Years 9 – 12.

In addition to this, many of our school activities recommenced including excursions, incursions, sporting competitions, a camp and of course our school Athletics Carnival and just this week, our NAIDOC Day celebrations. Students engaged in a day of fun, activity and high energy and I commend them for their great attitude on the day. I would like to thank all staff who joined in the fun on the day and I thank our Phys. Ed. Department for organising this event. The day was a credit to all involved.

Our NAIDOC celebrations took place during last week of term and I wish to commend all our students who were involved in making the event a very special one. The confidence shown by the performers and the speeches delivered were exceptional and all our students and staff enjoyed the strong culture on display. Thank you to the staff and guests involved in organising this fantastic event and most of all to our wonderful students.

I wish to remind everyone that Term 4 is nearly upon us and students need to continue working hard so they can achieve sound progress for this semester. We will conduct a Reporting to Parents/Carers event late in the term, please check our Facebook and school website for information regarding this event.

It is timely to remind everyone of our basic expectations for students attending school. Firstly, keep wearing our school uniform, it is an expectation all students wear the appropriate uniform every day at school. Secondly, I remind students and parents/ carers that mobile phones are not permitted to be switched on at any time during the school day. Finally, I remind everyone that we expect students to behave in a safe and respectful manner at school. Balga SHS is a place of learning and we are determined to ensure all students are given the best opportunity to complete their studies.

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I take this opportunity to thank my dedicated staff for their outstanding efforts in supporting our students. On behalf of our school community, I hope you all can enjoy a relaxing break.

To our students, stay safe over the holidays, have some fun and make sure that over the break you take the time to do at least one thing for someone else whether it be within your family or the broader community.

**Mr Mark Carton - Principal**

## ENGLISH

What a busy term it has been in the English Learning Area. A lot of our focus has been on preparing our students for the second round of Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) which took place this term. Normally our Year 10, 11 and 12 students complete the OLNA test, however, due to the cancellation of NAPLAN testing, our Year 9 students were able to sit their OLNA Reading and Writing Assessment, giving them an extra year to achieve a Category 3, which is required for WACE achievement in Year 12. To prepare our students for OLNA the school provided a range of strategies to meet the needs of our students. Many of our students have been given assistance and extra tutoring to ensure that they go into these assessments with confidence. In addition to this, our Year 9 and 10 students were exposed to an intensive OLNA Writing focus in class over a two-week period. During this time the students were dedicated to their learning, demonstrating a positive attitude and a keen desire to achieve their Category 3. Finally, after school OLNA Reading support was offered to our Year 10, 11 and 12 students. Here students revised key skills required in the assessment. Students who attended these sessions were lucky enough to have a delicious afternoon tea provided by the Hospitality students.

The dedication and regular practise in preparing for OLNA demonstrates the commitment that our students have to their studies. The School will receive the results for this round of OLNA in late October.

## ENGLISH

### Year 7 Mirror Picture Book Assessment

In the Year 7 English space students have been engaged in learning about the picture book, 'Mirror' by Jeannie Baker. This unit of work is all about exploring our individual uniqueness and celebrating our differences. In this task students wrote about a celebration that is important to them, they then created a collage that reflected their writing, finally concluding with a rationale to support the ideas constructed in their collage. This task promotes the sharing of culture and the insight into our special celebrations. Take a look at the end product. How impressive!



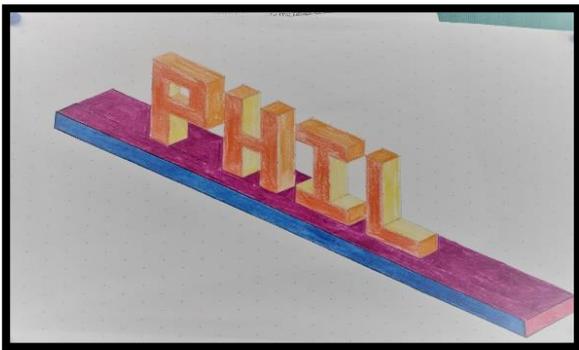
Term 4 will see our English Department preparing and writing student reports. To support our students over the holidays with their learning, remember to encourage your child to read widely. The benefits of reading for enjoyment can improve academic performance and is a great way to reduce stress.

**Ms Lisa James HoLA English**

## MATHS

### *Mr Sappl's artful experience*

Maths is not all competitions and numbers. Sometimes in maths we embrace the beauty of art specifically isometric drawings of letters. During a math's lesson, Mr Sappl's Year 9s practised their isometric drawing skills, crafting their own letters and drawing them in beautiful detail. Look at the precision of those lines! The symmetry of each drawing! The translation of real life experience onto a piece of paper, etched into existence with a lead pencil.



Ms Hill's 7AC class have been studying probability and representing data this semester. One fun activity the students particularly enjoyed was determining the probability of particular colours of M&Ms and Skittles being drawn out of their individual packets. We have also been to visit the Balga SHS Community Garden to see how Maths plays a part in everyday life. Much mathematical language was used and many concepts explained by Mr Pericles when they visited the garden. The students were lucky enough to eat some fresh carrots they picked from the garden.



**Ms Satwant Mioduszewski HoLA – Mathematics**

## SCIENCE

This term was exciting as we celebrated Science week (17-21 August) with two important events. On the 17 and 18 August an Incurtion was organised for all Year 7-10 students. Woodside Australian Science Project (WASP) and Earth Science WA (ESWA) visited the school and students were exposed to 'hands-on' activities during their Science classes. It was enjoyed by all middle school classes and plenty of prizes were distributed.

**Year 7s** learnt about renewable and non-renewable resources.

**Year 8s** identified rocks and identified characteristics of rocks and minerals.

**Year 9s** constructed Mars bar earth.

**Year 10s** learned about warming oceans and carbon dioxide solubility.

On 27 August, UWA organised a Science Café and eight students from 10AC class attended this event. They had a whole day's workshop with renowned scientists and lecturers. Students from many other schools were present and our students interacted with them very well. Some of our students with the Vice Chancellor of UWA are photographed below.

In all our science classes we are covering Chemical Sciences and students are enjoying a number of practical activities. Year 12s are completing their diseases tasks on Coronavirus and practicals on the effects of vaccines. Students can successfully relate and debate on the present issues on vaccines. The year 11 Human Biology General class are working on Reproduction tasks and Integrated Science are learning about rocket fuels and types of energy.



**Ms Guddy Litt – LAC Science**

### F1 National Finals “A Summary of Our Adventure”

We arrived in Melbourne on Sunday, 8 March. The team was really excited to travel interstate to participate in the F1 National competition. Monday afternoon, we went to get our team registered and have our car checked to see if we breached any of the regulations. Once our registration was finished, we went home and practiced our speeches.

Tuesday, 10 March was the day we had to set up our trade display for the competition. All the teams were given two hours to set up their trade display which we had practised so we did it quickly with time to spare. From looking at what the other teams had done, we got a lot of new ideas on what we could improve on our booth design. Finally, it was Wednesday, the first race day of the competition. We got up early to get to Bosch on time and place our merchandise on our booth. While waiting for our race, we were lucky enough to experience an Augmented Reality Tour, held by Bosch. The employees of Bosch explained to us the basics of augmented reality and showed us the application of the technology in a working environment such as seeing car models at 1:1 scale like in real life. This was a really cool experience as we got a chance to put on a \$3500 HoloLens from Microsoft. Later we had our verbal presentations about our team and our roles and responsibility in the team. After that we finally had our auto racing, we went up against Nebula (2019 Australian National Champions from WA). Our car finished at 1.296 seconds but unfortunately, we still lost to Nebula with a finish of 1.058 seconds. We watched the other races before deciding to go for a walk at Brighton Beach, where we enjoyed a beautiful sunset and fresh Melbourne air before going back to our accommodation.

Thursday was a most important day, as we have our Engineering Portfolio and Manufacturing Judgement early in the morning. Ahmad who is the team Engineer is responsible for explaining the manufacturing process and the ideas and inspiration behind our car. Thursday was also the last day for the competition and our Reaction racing day. William had the fastest reaction time so it was decided that he would launch the car. We were up against Nebula again, this was unfortunate as they were a team who went to the International Championship earlier this year and have one of the fastest trigger pressers. Never the less we did our best even though we lost.

Friday was the day we were supposed to have our excursion to the Grand Prix which is held every March in Melbourne. This is so the students can meet real F1 teams and take a photo with their favourite racer and be inspired by them. Unfortunately this year it was cancelled due to the growing concern of the Coronavirus. Instead we walked around the beaches of Melbourne and enjoyed the nice breeze and scenery. In the evening we had our award night where teams were presented with medallions, certificates and trophies for their achievement in the competition. We all received a medallion each and we are very proud of what we have achieved and to be able to represent our school

Our team really enjoyed the trip to Melbourne and all the new things we got to experience. It was with a mix of emotions that each of us felt during the competition. From being nervous about the car registration to the pride of getting a medal. From the intense racing match to the interesting tours held by Bosch, it was really an amazing experience. All this would not have been possible without our wonderful sponsors and for their support we are truly grateful.

By William Khee Tay (Trimentum Team Manager)

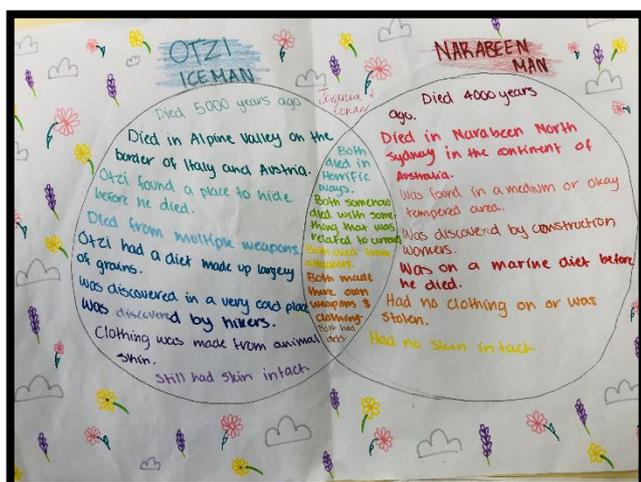


*F1 Team presenting Janine Freeman with her Certificate of Appreciation for her sponsorship*

### Hats off to our HaSS History Hounds

History has been the subject of choice in Term 3 HaSS and all students have embraced the wonderful events and stories they have researched with a passion.

The students in Ms Hill's 7AC and Ms Stojanovski's 7Gen classes have been studying ancient civilisations, timelines and in particular, Ancient Egypt. The students created timelines of their lives to demonstrate their understanding. They also became forensic investigators, studying the Narabeen Man and Otzi, the Iceman, in order to compare and contrast their historical findings. The highlight was when students shared their newfound knowledge by creating and presenting a three- minute film clip in pairs.



In Years 9 and 10, after researching the terrible events of WWI and WWII and the loss of life that occurred, the students now understand the importance of studying History and the phrase, attributed to the philosopher, George Santayana, 'Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it'.

In addition, the students in Mr Llewellyn's 10AC class have also been doing some preparatory work for their studies of Civics and Citizenship next Term. They have worked remotely on a project with the law firm KW Mallesons to learn about different types of law and the impacts on young people. The students communicated with the volunteer lawyers with the use of ICT and have learnt some interesting information and brushed up on their IT skills to boot.

### Finding Your Passion! Countdown to Careers

This term has seen another round of exiting career opportunities being explored by Balga students. Sadly, we are just about to farewell our Year 12s, but after developing a love of learning and being immersed in a range of career opportunities whilst at school, students have applied for a range of courses at TAFE and Edith Cowan University. Once again the students are passionate about their future choices and this passion will ensure their success.

Many of our current Year 11 students have too found their passion and have been accepted into an exciting range of VET for Schools courses for 2021. These include nursing, building and construction, both trade and non trade, light vehicle mechanics and fashion design.

The students in Mr Llewellyn's 10AC class had the opportunity to further refine their subject choices for Senior School when they were visited by representatives from the University of Western Australia's Aspire team. The Uni-Discovery session outlined in detail the various course options at a range of WA universities, the career opportunities that they can lead to and the prerequisite subjects that may be required in order to gain admission.

Remember, if you find your passion, you won't work a day in your life.



**Ms Mandy Hampson – LAC HaSS & Careers Coordinator**

## DRAMA NEWS – DRAMA NEWS – DRAMA NEWS – DRAMA NEWS

We are excited to announce that despite COVID disruptions, the Drama department is back in business. Initially we thought we wouldn't be able to rehearse or perform. Fortunately the uplifting of restrictions have enabled us to continue creating and entertaining.

In Week 10 of this term, our Drama students will be performing to a range of internal and external audiences. The first performance will be to the transitioning Year 6 students from local Primary Schools. We will then be holding a performance night for families and the local community on Tuesday, 22 September. The following day, our talented Senior students will be travelling to the Peel region, staying overnight at a hotel, and performing to local High School students.

Term 4 will be a productive and exciting time for our Drama students. Once again, we have been given the incredible opportunity to send 30 of our outstanding students to take part in a 3-day musical theatre workshop at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA).

Audiences will also be able to view our Edith Cowan University sponsored production of Jasper Jones. This production should be ready in early November. The actors will perform to the local community and will tour the South West, performing to a range of community groups and schools.



Kate Maughan and Jenna Broadhurst would like to take this opportunity to farewell our talented, passionate, creative, enthusiastic and outstanding Year 12 Drama students. Throughout their journey at Balga Senior High School, they have been instrumental in creating and performing a range of devised and scripted productions for audiences in Perth and regional areas. Their commitment, energy and talent has made the Drama department what it is today. They will leave a legacy of brilliance for future Drama students to aspire to.

*Jenna Broadhurst & Kate Maughan*



## Learning Support

### Learning Support Coffee Shop

The Learning Support Coffee Shop is a unique and dynamic way to bring cross curriculum learning together whilst practicing the skills of customer services, health and safety requirements, money handling skills, accountability and running a small business.

Senior School students operate our busy coffee shop two mornings a week serving freshly brewed barista coffee, an assortment of tea, hot chocolate, and our new addition of a Dirty Chia. Whilst our customers enjoy their beverage they are also able to taste our freshly made muffins, slices, biscuits and our sweet and savoury scones.



Students rotate the roles from head cook, barista, and our much-needed service staff. All students are encouraged to step out of their comfort zones and practice the valuable skill of confident face to face communication.

At the end of service all students take an active part in stock taking, cashing up and of course cleaning up. The interpersonal skills and confidence of our students along with the customer service is something to be proud off.

So next Tuesday and Thursday make sure you taste the Learning Support Coffee Shop delights, you will not be disappointed.

**Claire Brodie – Teacher Art & Learning Support**

## Learning Support

### Job Interviews

The Senior School students participated in simulated job interviews held in the conference room. The students presented themselves exceptionally well and demonstrated excellent interview skills. To participate in the interview, the students were required to organise their portfolios and research the appropriate clothing for specific jobs.



The interview was conducted by Mr Julius who reported that the students were to be commended for their thorough preparation, appropriate presentation and conducting themselves in a professional manner.

Some of our Senior School students have already used these skills to attend real interviews and as a result were successful in obtaining part time jobs and Apprenticeships.



**Selina Mathews – Teacher Learning Support**

### Advertising – The Art of Persuasion

This term in English writing, the LS2 class has been studying persuasive texts through advertisements. Students explored the use of persuasive and emotional language to persuade the audience. For this task, they were asked to design an advertising poster for a brand of sneakers.

The result was a brightly colourful, eye-catching collection of very creative sneakers, all designed to 'persuade' customers to purchase them.

The 'sneakers' were show cased in an authentic lit up shop window designed to attract and allure would-be shoppers. What an impressive achievement and an amazing selection of shoes!



*Izam Haris – Teacher Learning Support*

The Vocational Education, Training and Work Place Learning Department has been very busy this term, with a number of students participating in a work placement, a Traineeship or studying a Certificate with a TAFE or school based program.

With Phase 4 restrictions remaining in place, there was capacity to complete the required programs throughout Terms 2 and 3.

In Term 3, TAFE applications for North Metropolitan TAFE 2021 have been successfully completed. Other Year 10 students have applied to complete a Certificate II through the New North Education Initiative (NNEI).

All Year 12 students who completed a Certificate II in: Community Services – Childcare, Hospitality, IT and FSK have achieved a pass in the First Aid Course. Many thanks to Mr Bristow for his hard work in helping the students with this valuable unit.

A small group of students were given the opportunity to attend Midland TAFE, twice a week to actively participate in an Automotive Pre-Apprenticeship. Generally, this has been a very successful venture.

As we farewell our Year 12 students, we wish them the very best for their future.

*Ms J. Jansen, Ms S. Hunt, Ms J. Johnston*

*VET/WPL Team*



## UNIPREP SENIOR SCHOOL

As a welcome break from their studies, the Year 12 UniPrep students were invited to spend the day at ECU's Joondalup Campus.

In what was a fun packed day, students were welcomed by key ECU staff around the fire pit before undertaking an Acknowledgment of Country.

We were then invited to participate in aspects of the Old Ways, New Ways program which links 'Old ways' of Aboriginal science with 'New ways' of scientific knowledge.

This was followed by a visit to the SuperLab where we were able to witness 96 ECU students conducting an experiment in a state of the art laboratory.

A number of budding scientists were keen to stay, but a race around campus was planned. During the course of this activity, it became apparent that time management remains a skill that students need to work on!

Luckily, we made it in time for the Cybersecurity presentation and students worked in teams to try to crack a variety of codes to break into a lockbox of chocolate treats!

Somehow we found time for a class session in one of the many computer labs, a lecture in the School of Business and a visit to the Future Students Team to talk through study options for 2021 at ECU.

There was a bit of time left to organise student cards before jumping on the bus and heading back to school after a fantastic day.

Balga Senior High School has a strong, positive and longstanding relationship with ECU and this year we will have record numbers of students gaining direct entry into university as a result of the UniPrep Program delivered at the school. The long term commitment from ECU means that Balga SHS will be in a position to continue to offer our students a direct university pathway.

We are extremely grateful to our UniPrep Schools coordinator at ECU; Ms Selena Tenakov, for the hard work that went into organising a fantastic day and for all of her support throughout the year.

***Ms Sarah Bath – Program Manager***

## UNIPREP SENIOR SCHOOL



## STUDENT SERVICES

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club operates each day from 8.00am - 8.45am from the Student Services Medical Centre. Milo, Toast, Spaghetti, Baked Beans, Fried Eggs, Fresh Fruit as well as a variety of spreads are all part of the rotating menu. Many thanks to the volunteers from St. Nicholas Church, Dunraig and Victory Life Centre, Osborne Park for their ongoing support. The teams of dedicated volunteers ensure the students have the opportunity for a warm breakfast which is always appreciated. Breakfast Club is more than just a good breakfast. It is a chance to touch base with friends and start the day with positive communication. Many thanks to the Bakery at Carine Glades shopping centre and Foodbank for their ongoing support.



## STUDENT SERVICES



### Young Women's Health Program

Ishar Multicultural Women's Health Service have delivered a series of workshops to female students in Years 7 and 8 from a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Background (CaLD). The four workshops covered the topics of:

- Lifestyle – diet and physical activity
- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Respectful Relationships
- Sexual Health

The program promotes the importance of physical, mental and emotional healthy lifestyles. Ishar provides free health services to women of the CaLD community from their base in 21 Sudbury Road, Mirrabooka.



*Ms Ros Playforth – Student Services Manager*

## HOME ECONOMICS

Term 3 has been busy across all areas of Home Economics.

The Hospitality students have been completing their Certificate II units and functions which have included breakfast, lunch, morning and afternoon tea for staff under the watchful eye of their teacher Ms Brown. With the phasing out of the Certificate II Community Service Child Care course, the Year 12 students have completed their final units, and thanks goes to Mrs Jansen for delivering that Certificate for the last few years.



Once again we saw the return of the Red Nose Biscuits, thanks to Ms Maughan and the Year 11 Children, Family and the Community class. The Biscuits were produced with the guidance of Ms Jansen and then sold to staff and students to raise funds for SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome). Every dollar raised helps to fund research, support families and save lives of young babies and children. The total raised this year was \$91.25. Well done to everyone involved.



## HOME ECONOMICS

The Year 9/10 International Foods class are on a virtual tour to discover the tastes, produce and recipes from countries around the world. Passports are completed and recipes are produced at each stopover. Each student has also researched a country of their choice and prepared a recipe from that country to share with the class.

The Year 7/8 Food and Textiles for Life class has been busy learning basic food preparation skills, measuring ingredients accurately and using a wide range of equipment to produce healthy meals. Creating their own Pizza Perfecto was a highlight and preparing food for the freezer in preparation for a class morning tea for invited guests in Term 4.



IEC Textiles classes have been outstanding this term designing and decorating a shopping Bag, making a recycled pencil case from confectionary packets, PJs, Pillow slips and heat packs. Extending their skills was the focus for this class this term, with the introduction of the overlocker creating an extra buzz in the class.

***Mrs Connop - Learning Area Coordinator***

## GIRLS ACADEMY

As part of our contact time at Balga SHS we go into the girls netball classes. This is a great opportunity where we see the girls active and not in a classroom environment. The girls have been able to continue training with some COVID lifts. The girls played their first lot of games in the last lot of school holidays and have been continuing to participate in games weekly on Saturdays. The girls have really stepped up this year despite a few setbacks.

Balga Girls Academy joined with Challis Primary Girls Academy in Kings Park to do some cultural and sisterhood activities.

The older girls helped the younger girls to stencil a design before they got to engrave into emu eggs. The girls had never experienced carving emu eggs it was fantastic to see how artistic the girls were and their progress at the end.

The girls walked through Kings Park to take in the beautiful scenery and cultural connections that are particularly known for at Kings Park.



### Aboriginal Girls Input Program

During Term 3 some of the Girls Academy girls were given the opportunity to have input in Aboriginal programs within schools.

The girls sat the 3-hour session and got a chance to bring forward their own ideas and help implement future programs. It's opportunities like these that allow the girls to give back and have a say about their own future.

## GIRLS ACADEMY



### Shining Bright Award Lunch

All students take part in coming together for an awards lunch each term.

The girls get to encourage and support one another with awards for outstanding behaviours and displaying Academy values.

The girls get to sit together and enjoy a nice meal together displaying the Academy values.



During Term 2, winc. one of our cooperate supporters, had donated 26 pellets of supplies from Kitchen, Craft, STEM resources, cleaning supplies, the list goes on. These were spread across multiple Academies around Perth. These resources will help the girls in multiple ways from Academic to hands on cleaning and cooking and relaxing doing some painting. The girls were very appreciative of the donations.

**Ms Danielle Toy – Girls Academy Program Manager**

## OUTDOOR EDUCATION

All three classes have been developing skills in map reading and the use of hand held navigational compasses to get themselves quickly and accurately around the orienteering courses at Whiteman Park. Outstanding team work and leadership skills were shown by all students.

During the term students have developed bike skills in preparation for a 17 km bush ride to Yanchep National Park. Not everyone found the ride easy, a few falls, a few bumps, a few scratches, many tired legs but everyone made it to the end.

The ride was followed by a series of caving activities, looking at the underground formations and testing each student's resilience in some very tight spaces.



## OUTDOOR EDUCATION



*Mr Tim Cornish – Teacher Outdoor Ed*

## BALGA SPORTING NEWS

### Senior Boys Soccer

The Senior Boys soccer team this year qualified for the North West Final after finishing top in their group. They were due to play Dun Craig SHS to decide the North West Champions. Unfortunately, the Final wasn't played but because the Team were the minor premiers, they were named the North Metro Regional Champions. The team was undefeated this year after three wins and one drawn game. The Senior Boys produced solid performances defeating specialist sports school SEDA and Emmanuel Christian College.

*Mr Milevski – LAC Health & Physical Education*



## BALGA SPORTING NEWS

### Senior Girls Soccer

The Senior Girls Football team finished third place in the 'Top Tier' of the 2020 SSWA Champions Schools Football Competition just behind Mercy College and Woodvale Secondary College. It was a superb effort from the girls in what was a quite disruptive season. The girls showed us all the determination, team-work and sportsmanship that sets us apart on and off the field.

The girls are looking forwards to next term where the Junior Girls Football team are set to play in the Top Tier of their competition. We also have two teams (U16 & U19) which will take part in the 2020 State Futsal Tournament at Kingsway Recreation Centre on October 29, 2020.

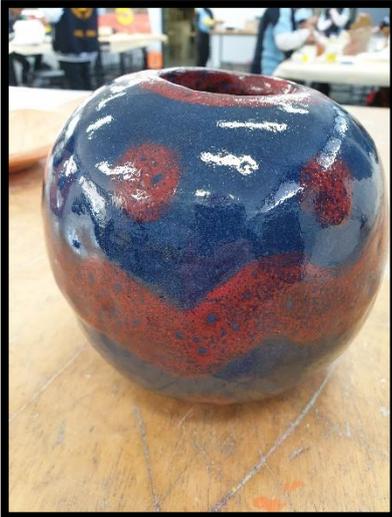
*Ms Sarah Bagshaw – Teacher Health & PE*



## VISUAL ARTS - YEAR 12 STUDENTS

This semester the Year 12 General Visual Art students have been engaged in mastering a number of techniques to create and construct ceramic forms that have been unique and original in their design. An excursion to the Western Australian Art Gallery enabled students to view and analyse the many diverse and exciting art forms open to the general public.

*Mr Trenton Harris – Art Teacher*



VISUAL ARTS - YEAR 12 STUDENTS



## NAIDOC

On Tuesday 22 September Balga SHS celebrated NAIDOC.

All students attended a ceremony held in period 4. The assembly commenced with a didgeridoo performance indicating the beginning of the ceremony. This was followed by Acknowledgement to country, guest speakers, NAIDOC awards and a dance performance.

An exhibition of Aboriginal Culture was also on display during lunch.



### **Leavers 2020 Information for Year 12 Students and Parents**

Leavers WA will be held Monday 23 to Thursday 26 November 2020. Because of COVID-19, the Leavers program in the South West will take on a slightly different feel this year.

It is important to note that there is no accommodation remaining for Leavers 2020 in the Southwest region. Police advise do not travel down South unless you have accommodation confirmed.

Parents and students should download the free Leavers App or visit the [LeaversWA official website](#) for the latest information on events, getting around, and tips to stay safe. The app will also send you up-to-date notifications on what's happening at your Leavers location while you're there.

Please communicate to Year 12 students the following:

Leavers WA runs from Monday 20 to Thursday 26 November 2020.

Accommodation is now fully booked for Leavers 2020 in the South West region and Police will be conducting regular checks for anyone sleeping in vehicles. Don't travel down South unless you have accommodation confirmed.

Discuss your plans with friends, brothers, sisters and your parents or guardian. They will have some good ideas for a hassle-free Leavers.

Make sure you let your parents know where you're staying, and phone numbers of the friends you're staying with.

To get the latest info on Leavers 2020 events and schedule, download the Leavers App.

BALGA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
**CULTURAL COOKBOOK**  
50TH ANNIVERSARY



- **Balga SHS has a vast cultural landscape of which we are so very proud!**
- **We wish to share our cultural experience with others through creating a cookbook from all nations.**
- **We would love each and every family to share your favourite family recipe for a dish from your culture please!**
- **The recipe could be a starter, a main meal, a dessert or even a snack. It could be something you eat from day to day or something you make to celebrate special occasions.**
- **Any food that your family enjoys...**

**PLEASE HAND YOUR RECIPES IN TO YOUR FORM TEACHER  
OR TO THE STAFF IN THE SCHOOL'S RECEPTION AREA.  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOUR  
RECIPES OF CHOICE (English & Home Language)**



# BALGA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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## SCHOOL TOURS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

To arrange contact school on [9247 0222](tel:92470222)

### 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

