

## 11 March 2019

# **Principal's Address**

Welcome to our first newsletter this year.

2019 holds exciting promise for all our students and families – opportunities to learn and grow together. We have expanded the number of school based traineeships on offer for our Year 11 and 12 students, thanks to a huge amount of support from local businesses. Our senior school ATAR students will benefit from support from Regional Learning Coordinators. In lower school, we have increased the number of classes we are running in Years 7 – 10, and the VSwans program now includes Shooting Hoops (Basketball).

In Student Services, Sandy Tandy leads a team which includes school psychologist Ashley Ng, who will be at the school an extra day every week. Our next newsletter will include information about the full team.

We welcome new families to the school and look forward to working with you to support your children's learning.

Ms Carolyn Cook Principal





Please find the link to Newman Senior High School Term 1 and Term 2 Planners.

**ONLA** 

**Swimming Carnival** 

**Parent/Teacher Interviews** 

**World's Greatest Shave** 

Tuesday 5 - 29 March

**Monday 11 March** 

**Tuesday 12 March** 

Friday 15 March

Year 11 TTC Block Release Monday 25 - 29 March

University Visit Monday 1 - 2 April

Year 12 TTC Block Release Monday 1 - 5 April

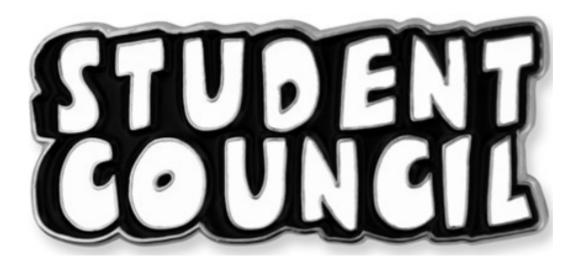
Year 7 Immunisations Tuesday 2 April

Year 8 Immunisations Tuesday 9 April

West Coast Eagles Visit Wednesday 10 April

Oresome Morning Tea Thursday 11 April

ANZAC Assembly/Last Day of Term1 Friday 12 April





Left to right: Lurnae Cassar, Phoebe Carter, Allie Malins, Dylan Kaniski, Asher Cole, Kaylee Donation, Blaire Avery, Kevin Edmonds, Logan Bilich, Olivia Hughes, Michella Groves, Mikaela Leger, Ainslie Collins, Tarlika-Lee Smith, Junior Manu, Jesse Wood (Captain) and Tahni Sandell (Captain)

Absent: Cassie McDonnell and Nic Malins

Congratulations to our newly elected Student Councillors for 2019. We have a wonderful team of leaders who are working with our Captains to plan a range of interesting events throughout the year.

Students help host assemblies during the year and meet regularly to discuss and make decisions about school matters. We are looking forward to them developing not only as school learders but leaders in our community.

Year 7

Phoebe Carter Dylan Kaniski

Year 8

Kevin Edmonds Lurnae Cassar Allie Malins

Year 9

Blaire Avery Logan Bilich Mikaela Leger Year 10

Kaylee Donation Tarlika-Lee Smith Asher Cole

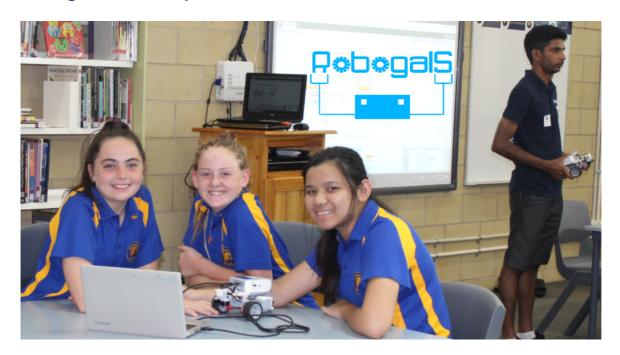
Year 11

Michella Groves Olivia Hughes Nic Malins

Year 12

Ainslie Collins Junior Manu Cassie McDonnell

## **Robogals Workshop**



Yazmine Barrett, Monique Garland and Cheska Salva

On the 11 and 14 February selected students attended special workshops conducted by the international organisation 'Robogals'. University students run the organisation that aims to increase female participation in Science, Technology, and Engineering through fun and educational initiatives. The university volunteers conducted LEGO robotics workshops in Newman secondary and primary schools and they also visited Jigalong and Nullagine during their week in the Pilbara. After school, Follow the Dream students also had a chance to participate in the robotics workshop.

The Minerals Council Australia facilitated the program and Ellen Blackwell, Chair of the Engineering Culture and Inclusion Committee, BHP, organised the visits to schools that operate in some BHP communities.

Although the focus of Robogals is to promote these sciences to girls they were more than happy to have mixed groups in their workshops and all students enjoyed the challenge of learning more about Robotics. The workshops included a brief introduction to the different types of engineering, and their effects on our daily lives. Students then took part in a series of engineering challenges designed to develop teamwork and problem solving skills, including programming the NXT robotics, building structures from everyday materials and more.

Ms Debbie Douglass
Follow the Dream Coordinator





## 2019 Upper School Ball

Shaken, not stirred...

Saturday 8 June

Newman Recreation Centre

## **Formal Attire**

We are very excited to be organising the School Ball and are happy to be contacted for more details - Ms Courtney Moyes and Ms Renee Goad on (08) 8175 8100

Please find the link below for suit hire:

**Ferrari Formalwear** 

Order Form/Measurement chart



# **DigIT Summer Camp - Jeremy Samwell**



Jeremy Samwell won a place in DigIT 2019 program for showing great Mathematical ability sitting the Australian Maths Competition (AMC).

Below is the report of Rian Kent, Program Manager of digit :

"The first part of the 2019 digIT program was successfully completed in January at The University of Western Australia with 59 students from across WA and SA coming together between 14–18 January 2019. They are a great bunch of kids and enjoyed being together for the 5 days."

Please click on the link to view an article from camp posted on our website:

**DigIT Summer Camp Rocks UWA** 

2018 Mitsui Iron Ore Scholarship



My time spent abroad in Japan was a very educationally enriching opportunity. However as much as I was there to study, I was very lucky to be exposed to many cultural learnings.

Upon arrival we (the Australian students) were taken to an AFS centre in Nagoya and where we were to meet the participants from Russia, Malaysia and Argentina. There we were taught the basics on eating etiquette, slippers, manners, and much more to get started with our host families.

Speaking of which, in the following couple of days we were dispatched in to our host families on the weekend before our classes begun. In my specific experience, I was assigned to the Teranishi family. They were a kind loving family with a father, mother, 5 year old and 3 year old boys, and a 1 year old girl. They made me feel like I was honestly a part of their family, and taught me many little things about Japanese life that you can only really learn from them. I am very grateful for everything they did for me and all the places they took me.

There was also the language classes. At first I was nervous, as you would be in a new country and Japanese not being your first language, but after the first couple of days I came to feel quite comfortable in that environment. Openly, I was not the most fluent in the language and that's completely normal, but studying at IC Nagoya I really learnt a lot and was able to apply it at home with my host family.

In classes, we would do the note taking and what not, but there was also an active part of our learning, where we would go out on field trips then come back to class and discuss what we had seen or done.

My favourite part of the whole trip, I have to say, would be all the new friends I made and everything I did with them. We all were very nervous to meet each other on the first day but we all really got along as if we were like a second family at the end. We spent a lot of time together as a group after school whether it be to go shopping, ice skating, karaoke, or simply explore. We studied together, had fun together, shopped together, and most importantly we became a part of each others life. Where we will always remember each other and what we learnt whenever we are asked about our tips to Japan.

I am very grateful for everything everybody did for me to get to this point and want to express my complete appreciation and respect for all the work they all do.

Sally Keogh Year 11 Student







### **Communicate With Us....**



Parents and caregivers are encouraged to keep in contact with teachers using Connect. Connect allows your child's teachers to provide information about the teaching and learning activities occurring in his/her classes directly to the parents and caregivers.

Parents will be provided with their own secure login to Connect once they submit the registration form and their information is verified. When they login to Connect they will be able to see information specific to their own children which will include items such as:

- · the classes which are on their children's timetables
- · class calendars
- · assessment outline information for each course, drawn from Reporting to Parents
- · assessment details and marks/grades/comments on the achievement for their own child
- · week by week attendance information for their children
- · notices from classes that automatically generate an email notification for parents

Please click here for download to become familiar with Connect - Step by step guide for parents. Please click here to access the Connect Registration for Parents form and return this to the school.



Parents please consider downloading the **Skoolbag** app for current school information.

Year 7 and New Families Welcome BBQ



On Wednesday 13 February Newman Senior High School enjoyed a casual outdoor meet and great with the parents of Year 7 and other new students at the school. They were welcomed by Mrs Cook, who led the proceedings. Once parents had been provided with a brief summary of the various components of Newman Senior High, they were afforded the opportunity of socializing with each other and staff members over a sausage sizzle.

This event was well supported by parents and students. Staff made table tennis available for students to mingle around among the inviting aroma of the barbecue. A massive thank you goes out to all who volunteered their services.

Ms Yolette Inskip Year 7/8 Coordinator







# P&C News...Let's Get Involved



Newman Senior High School P&C would like to invite you to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on 13 March 2019 at 7pm at the Newman Hotel (Purple Pub).



Mr Stewart Barker with Tahni Sandell

Stewart Barker and Naomi Coffey, Regional Learning Specialists from the Department of Education, visited Newman Senior High School on Monday 25 February and Tuesday 26 February 2019.

Their role is to maximise outcomes for students in regional areas, beginning with students studying Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) courses, in particular courses that are delivered through the School of Isolated and Distance Education (SIDE).

Naomi and Stewart spent some time working with all Year 11 and 12 ATAR students. They emphasised the impact of a positive mindset and belief in themselves, on the extent of their achievement. Students reflected on things they could do right now to lift their grade and set goals for improvement.

Later, Stewart who specialises in Physics and Chemistry, and Naomi, a specialist Mathematics Methods teacher, spent some time working with small groups and individual students.

The Year 11s were astonished, when in their words they pronounced, "Miss Coffey taught me to use a Classpad in 20 minutes because she was here."

For the remainder of the year the Regional Learning Specialist team will be running extra fortnightly online tutorial sessions for our students studying ATAR Mathematics, Science and HASS courses through SIDE.

During their visit Stewart and Naomi also spent some time meeting and working with school staff, including Chris Hickman, Cath Sanders and Rita Bourgy. They were pleased with the facilities and support that are available for our SIDE students at Newman SHS.

Working with the Regional Learning Specialists has inspired and enthused our students to strive for even greater success in their Year 11 and 12 SIDE ATAR courses.

Miss Cath Sanders SIDE Teacher

# **OLNA - Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment**

All students in Years 10, 11 and 12 will sit the OLNA this year, except for students who have

prequalified as a result of achieving a Band 8 in NAPLAN or passing OLNA in previous years. You may have heard about it, but not sure what it means to your child.



OLNA stands for the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment, which some students will use to demonstrate they have achieved the required standard of literacy and numeracy for their Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE). The School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) awards the WACE at the end of Year 12 to students who have met all the requirements. You can find more about the requirements on the Authority website at <a href="https://www.scsa.wa.edu.au">www.scsa.wa.edu.au</a>.

Some students prequalify for the literacy and numeracy requirement through their performance in the Year 9 NAPLAN test. Students sitting OLNA will receive a personal notice advising the time and location of the test they need to sit, which is held in March and September each year, starting in Year 10. This means students will have up to six opportunities before the end of Year 12 to demonstrate the standard.

The OLNA has three components – **reading, writing and numeracy.** The reading and numeracy components comprise 45 multiple-choice questions; the writing component is an extended response of up to 600 words. Students are allowed 50 minutes for the reading and numeracy components and 60 minutes for the writing. The table below provides a quick guide to each component.

To prepare our students for the sorts of questions they can expect and to familiarise them with the online assessment software, we provide access to practice and example tests on a secure website. The link to the secure website for practice and example test is available on the Authority website at <a href="https://www.scsa.wa.edu.au">www.scsa.wa.edu.au</a> under Senior Secondary > Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment > Students, parents and carers.

If you want to know more, go to the Authority's website and look under Senior Secondary > Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment. There you will find more information, answers to frequently asked questions and a brief video. You can also send questions to <a href="mailto:olna@scsa.wa.edu.au">olna@scsa.wa.edu.au</a>.

### **WA Universities Visit**



The University of Western Australia



Murdoch University



Curtin University



Edith Cowan University



The University of Notre Dame Australia

Save the date!!

Tuesday 2 April

### **WA Universities Visit**

Community Information Evening

Newman Senior High School Library

6.00-7.30pm

The team covers topics such as:

- Subjects and availability
- · Accommodation and availability
  - · Scholarship opportunities
  - Pathways into university

#### For catering purposes, please let the staff at NSHS know

#### if you would like to attend on 9175 8100

Renée Strauss
Future Student Coordinator
Future Students | Business Growth and Development
Edith Cowan University



The University of Western Australia



Murdoch University



Curtin University



Edith Cowan University



The University of Notre Dame Australia

#### **NAPLAN Online**

The NAPLAN Online public demonstration site is now available for students, teachers, parents and the broader community to see how NAPLAN Online will work and what it will look like.

Visit the **National Assesment Program website** to explore the different types of items (questions) and experience the NAPLAN online environment.

The site consists of mini-tests covering all domains for each NAPLAN year level – conventions of language (grammar, punctuation, spelling), numeracy, reading and writing.

The mini-tests consist of questions similar to the NAPLAN Online 2018 test, but don't contain the full functionality of the national online assessment platform, as this is being refined and improved in preparation for the move online in future years.

**VSwans - West Coast Eagles Visit** 



VSwans East Pilbara held two events on Tuesday 19 February to help raise funds for the Kicking/Shooting Goals and Shooting Hoops programs. The funds raised at the events subsidise the cost of the incentive trips and rewards that the students in the programs earn by:

- Showing good behaviours in classes,
- Wearing correct uniform to all Kicking/Shooting Goals and Shooting Hoops classes,
- · High Attendance at School and
- · Volunteering in the community.

The events coincided with a visit to Newman by West Coast Eagles stars Luke Shuey, Mark Hutchings and Jaymie Graham. We also had Fremantle Women's captain Kara Donnellan and they were all heavily involved in both events. We would like to thank Luke, Mark, Jaymie and Kara for their efforts and WCE for their support of the fundraisers.

To read more click here...

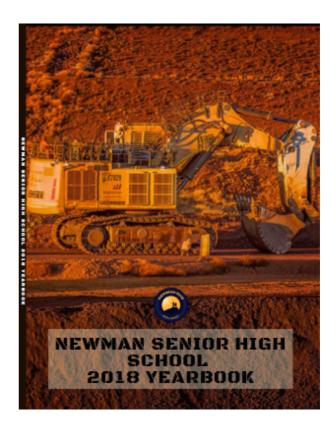
# Let's get it out there....2018 Year book is here!

We are very excited to let you know the 2018 Year book is in the final stages of print. We would like to thank all those who have contributed to make this a fantastic edition!

If you would like a copy of the Year book please let our Front Office staff know on (08)

9175 8100.

Please note that we have a limited quantities available.



### **Year 12 Leavers Jacket**



Our Year 12 students have chosen a reversible varsity jacket. One side is a nylon material and the other is a fleece.

A sample sizing kit will be arriving next week for students to try. Once size and design is confirmed, and payment recieved we will submit the order. The expected turnaround is approximately 8 weeks from date of order.

The cost is **\$114** and payment can be made at the Front Office.



Year 7 - 12

Tuesday 12 March, 2019

4pm to 7pm

Bookings can be made through PTO. If there are any problems, please contact our Front Office on (08) 9175 8100.

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