



Port School

Term 4, 2018

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

HARRY FINCH

I am proud to report that all the hard work put in by Port staff and students is starting to pay off. No less than 28 students have achieved a qualification from a Registered Training Organisation. These are in a variety of disciplines and range from Certificate I through to Certificate III. These certificates give students nationally recognised qualifications and provide them a real advantage when applying for a position in the workplace, or for further study.

**PROUD
PRINCIPAL**

Six students attended 'Try-a-Trade' programmes this year, giving them a taste of what it's really like to work in a trades. Over fourteen students have engaged in a school-based traineeship, which gives them on-the-job experience, a vocational Certificate II or III as well as payment for the time they work. We are also looking at five graduates entering the work place next year.



There are a lot of opportunities for Port students, but they need to be here 5 days per week and it is the responsibility of their carers to support them being here. As I have often said, 'There is no greater educational gift you can give your child than making sure that they come to school everyday'. These amazing opportunities can only be offered to students who attend regularly!

A new Middle School classroom is being constructed and should be operational early in the New Year. This room will take all our 2019 Year 8 students and will be run mostly as a separate unit to the rest of the school. It will also take our Year 9 students in 2020. We are very excited about this new initiative and feel it will be a much better way to integrate younger students into the school. A new space is also planned for our older students to use as a centre to help them transition from school.



We look forward to seeing students back on the 4th of February next year. And please remember that carers are always welcome at the school.

Regards

Barry



**The first day back at school next term will
be Monday 4th February**

Notable Dates for 2019

Australia Day - Sat 26th January
Term 1 Dates - Mon 4th February – Fri 12th April
Chinese New Year – Tuesday 5th February
Valentines Day - Thursday 14th February
Labor Day - Monday 4th March

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MIKE GILBERT

At the end of the year, we all get tired, a bit burnt out and a little fractious and are very much looking forward to a well earned break. However when reflecting on the 2018 year, once again it thrills and excites me to say I am a part of Port School and the amazing people with whom I work.



The staff, students, our board, partner agencies and the extended community really have worked cohesively as one this year. It has been an extremely special year in so many ways. As a team and community, we have exceeded all expectations in our 25th anniversary year, by raising \$20,000 to sponsor 25 orphan students in Klang. The support we have had from far and wide has been amazing and as I head into my 10th year at Port next year, I question how on earth do you match a year like this.



Over that journey I have been thrilled to be part of the leadership team and assist in some small way in the positive changes, developments, programs and partnerships that we now have. I have been delighted to see over 60 students to date be involved in the annual Malaysia excursion in conjunction with our Apex family in Malaysia and Australia. I truly believe and hope that our students take many positives away from their international experience, and that one day in the future, they will visit with their own friends and families as they have made lifelong friends.

Through Rotary, we have embraced RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) and have now had a total of 11 students go through the 3-day leadership program over the last several years, an awesome youth leadership camp.

This year our capital projects have been non-stop, either with works ongoing or new works being planned. It really is becoming a state of the art all encompassing educational facility, with still a few things being planned for 2019 and 2020.

The support gained from local politicians Simone McGurk & Josh Wilson is fabulous and they have ensured we are always on the agenda for interstate and local visitors. This year we have seen Deputy Opposition Leader Tanya Plibersek visit and Director General for Education, Jennifer McGrath have a tour around.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

This year has seen us move into having a leadership team in place to assist both Barry and I with the ever-increasing demands of running the school and the multiple business arms we now have. I would like to take time to acknowledge all the staff that work tirelessly, often in their own family time to support the myriad of challenges our students often face and the professionalism they all have. We have a team of nearly 50 and are still getting to grips with the logistics of how to manage that successfully.

I'M PART OF SUCH A
FANTASTIC
TEAM

On that note, I would like to wish all our staff, students, parents, carers and friends of Port a very Happy Christmas & New Year, enjoy the break, be sensible and safe and thank you again for an incredible, record breaking 2018.

Merry Christmas

Mike

DIRECTOR GENERAL VISIT

Port was delighted to have Acting Director General – Jennifer McGrath visit in December. Jen has a portfolio of over 40,000 staff in the W.A education arena and over 320,000 students.



Jen was very keen to see how the CARE school funding operated at grass roots and how Port are focusing on vocational learning, mental health & student support as well as taking time to tour the YPC & ELC.



Jennifer McGrath was appointed Deputy Director General, Education Business Services in 2015 and is responsible for leading resource allocation and financial management across the Department including school funding, infrastructure, information technology, payroll and recordkeeping. She is currently Acting Director General, following the recent departure of Sharyn O'Neill.



The Drive Safe Handbook is a comprehensive guide to the road rules that apply in Western Australia. It is designed primarily to help new drivers prepare for a lifetime of safe driving. The following students who passed Keys for life this semester are listed below. Congratulations all

- Joachim
- Dylan Carter
- Ricky
- Georgina
- Ethan

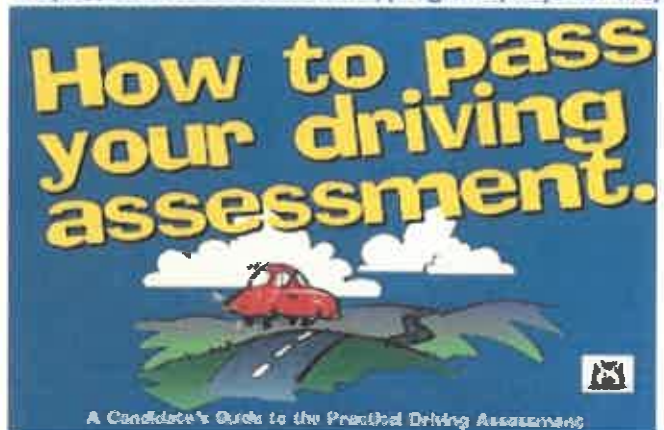
As part of the program, students get to learn some of the basics about looking after a car including:

- Tyre pressures
- Oil and water checks
- Safe jacking of a car
- Changing a wheel



Keys for Life and the RYDE program have been running again this term. The Program has integrated outside agency educational sessions, such as Legal Aid, Kiara Fire Station and Pre-Learner Driver Safety Course. With many students benefiting, the programs will continue next year. The Keys for Life program is offered to any Port student aged 16 or over.

<https://www.sdera.wa.edu.au/programs/keys-for-life/>



Ask Tristan or Dennis for more info

THE GROUNDSMAN'S GARAGE

For those who have not met Andre Horsley, he is responsible for the new look grounds around the school. I am sure you will all agree, that with no more weeds and new flowers blooming, the school grounds really do look fantastic. With our land ever increasing in size, we took the leap to take on Andre full time to assist with grounds maintenance, gardening and general maintenance around the school.



As a qualified mechanic, he also does weekly checks on our fleet of vehicles, ensuring oil, water, and tyre pressures are correct and that the vehicles are and mechanically safe for staff and students.



BUILDING PROJECT UPDATES

Things have progressed rapidly on the new admin block since last term when we updated you with tilt up panels going up and steel works being constructed.



Since then we are now at lock up with second fix internal works being completed, staircase is now in electrical work and plaster boarding completed.



The view from the principal's new office is not bad either. He will be able to keep an eye on the movements of students as they come and go.



GAMES WORKSHOP SCHOOL ALLIANCE

This term some of the students from Port School participated in the ANZ Schools Alliance Games Workshop program featuring Warhammer. Warhammer is a device-free fun educational game activity that encourages reading for pleasure and gives a practical focus on mathematics. Scenarios are created for students to solve independently, with a partner or group.



Higher order thinking, together with social skills are required to complete each game which builds confidence and self-esteem. Students are able to reflect on the outcome of their choices and learn valuable life lessons in the game scenario.



This program also helps to develop friendships inside and outside of school, which is of particular value for those of our students coming to the conclusion of their time at Port School.



We would like to thank Mitch from Games Workshop Fremantle for his help, support and friendship and to the students who participated in the program.

Elizabeth Love

MATH Camp

This term, Tristan and Eileen took 8 students camping in Gingin for 2 nights. Students participated in many activities, such as feeding animals at Willowbrook Farm Caravan Park, stargazing at the Observatory, attending the Maths Alive! Exhibition at the Gravity Discovery Centre, snorkelling at Yanchep Lagoon, a makeshift outdoor cinema on the side of the bus, and a round of mini golf at Caledonia Mini Golf and Café. It was great to see all students participating in all the activities, despite the freezing cold nights!



Massive thanks to Tristan for attending and driving! And a special thanks to Mike and Grayem for organising some much needed extra blankets for the second night!



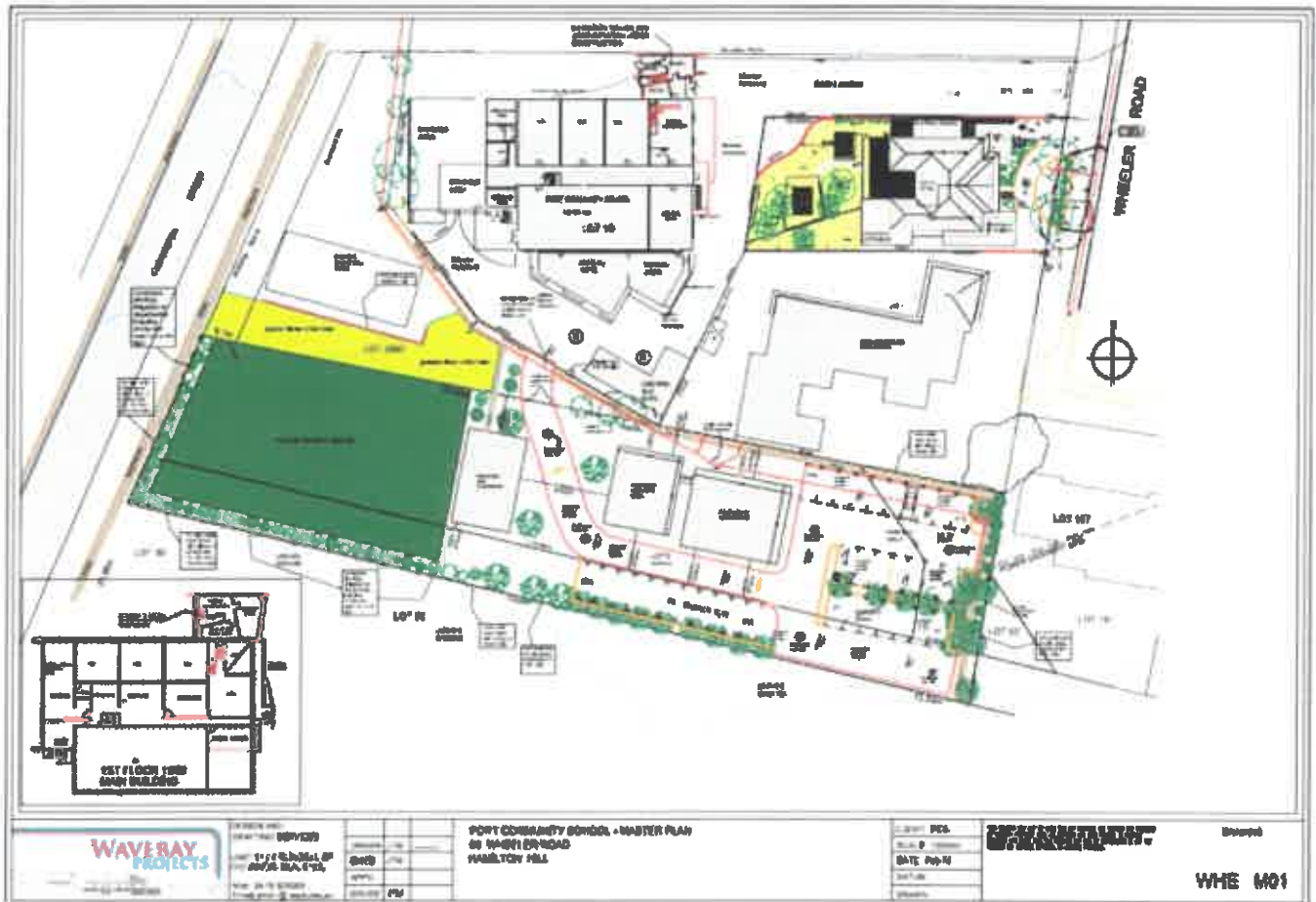
Interacting with the animals at Willowbrook Farm



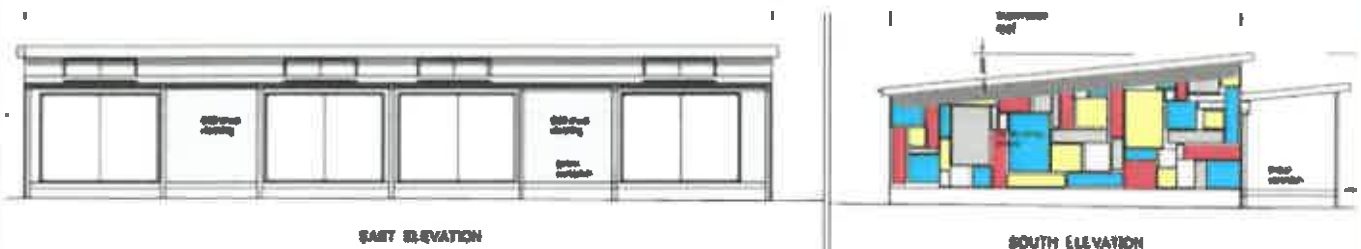
LAND DEVELOPMENT



Our ongoing developments with the Main Roads leased land continues to tick along. Stage 1, which is the fencing, oval and grassed area are now well established and provide a great space for students to play sports, as well as a nice shaded outdoor learning area under the tree line.



A formal planning application has been submitted to the City of Cockburn for the new buildings, which has raised a few questions around waste management locations and roadway widths. As a school we want to ensure we are compliant, so we are working closely with the shire and external consultants to expedite that process. We have an ambitious target of getting the middle school classroom ready for Term 1, February 2019 with the fitness centre and bus garage to follow later in the year.



Matt is already in the process of engaging several companies around the set up and layout of the classroom furniture, chairs and learning areas, as well as looking at the educational resources and staffing that will be required to ensure this new facility is operationally ready. Part of this new development will also include a more formal RTO training area and office for our students completing their certificate work. The facility will also assist with students leaving that are transitioning to further education, training or employment. Our aim at the school really is to prepare our students for life beyond Port and how that is achieved as easily and smoothly as possible.

ALL ABOARD FOR BOYS' CAMP



During week 3 of term a small group of students travelled south to spend a week on country with Noongar Elder Eugene Eades. The camp was at Nowanup, the property Eugene has been in charge of re-wilding between Bremer Bay and the Stirling Ranges. The camp was a chance for Indigenous and non- Indigenous boys from the city to come together on country and learn some of the rich knowledge bound up in the land around Nowanup.



The boys spent the week climbing Bluff Knoll, net fishing in the estuary at Bremer, participating in smoking ceremony, catching kangaroos, eating good food, yarning and healing. Eugene's motto is by healing the land you will then heal people, and the week was certainly a healing one for a lot of the boys. For mob from the city the chance to come and spend time at a place like Nowanup is a truly unique experience. It was really special to learn from our Noongar brothers, and in doing so we really felt a close connection to the country we were on. This is the true sense of reconciliation- two worlds reaching out to each other with an open hearts and minds.



The boys were well out of their comfort zones, and had all left their phones at home to allow the group to come together without any distractions or links to stresses back in the city. For our tech crazy teens this in itself was a big challenge! It was amazing to see the Noongar boys take on leadership roles amongst the group. It was also great for the non-Indigenous boys to be so open to learning and engaging in the knowledge Eugene and his rangers had to offer. This was our second trip to Nowanup, and we are excited at the prospect of building upon this experience.

The uniqueness of what Eugene has to offer is so rich and valuable we will be back as often as we can. We will be returning to Perth bigger and stronger, and excited to return next year.

Tom, Matt, Tristan, Yiannis and Dennis11

STUDENT SUPPORT

Taking care of yourself during the summer holidays



Staying healthy during the summer break is important for all our students at Port School and The Young Parent Centre. Having a healthy lifestyle helps to improve your energy levels, help you think more clearly and provides an overall sense of wellbeing.

Exercise and a healthy diet

What you eat not only affects your physical health; it affects your energy levels and the way you think and feel about yourself. Take it easy on all the fatty and sugary treats. Rather try to eat regular healthy meals and drink lots of water. Exercise can help prevent and manage mild to moderate anxiety and depression. Keeping active can lift mood, improve sleep, increase energy levels, help block negative thoughts and distract people from daily worries.



Online activities and behaviour

Try to limit spending too much time on social media. Research has shown that the more we use social media, the less happy we seem to be. Ultimately, spending too much time online triggers sadness and social isolation. Remember that more friends online do not mean that you are more social. Rather try to connect with friends in real life.



Sleep Hygiene

Sleep is important for our bodies to recover and recharge. Lack of sleep makes it harder to concentrate and remember things. To help you develop a regular sleeping pattern, try to:

- get up same time each morning
- avoid too much caffeine or alcohol late in the afternoon
- get up after 15-20 minutes if you can't sleep, return to bed only if you feel more relaxed and sleepy



Simple relaxation technique

Relax by learning to control your breathing:

- Gently breathe in and hold your breath for five seconds.
- breathe out counting to five, then breathe in and out slowly, through your nose, counting to three with each breath in and out
- breathe this way for about 10 breaths then start at step 1 again until you are calm
- practice this when you are not anxious so that you can use it quickly when you feel your anxiety increasing.



Things to avoid

Over thinking can contribute to increasing our stress levels, even though we may believe it helps in finding solutions.

Reliance on alcohol, cigarettes and other drugs to manage our stress levels may provide short term relief, however is unhelpful overall reducing our brain's capacity to manage emotions.

On behalf of Dave, Molly, Grayem and Michelle Z from Port School Mental Health Team, we would like to wish all our students and their families happy holidays and warm wishes for 2019.

Dave, Molly, Michelle, Grayem & Charli
STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM

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THE WORKSHOP

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CONSTRUCTION



There has been some great work done in the workshop this semester, firstly with the Mini Certs that we are offering, short 2 or 3 session classes designed to give students an introduction into a range of trades. currently we are offering Bricklaying, Painting, Basic Furniture Making, Car Maintenance and Concreting. All students who complete these short courses will be awarded certificates that are presentable to future employers as some evidence of their experience.



There has also been a range of smaller projects with some students creating some very nice jewellery boxes amongst other things. For the more advanced students we have also been working on a motorised go kart which has entailed a full stripping of parts and a chassis rebuild, this has been great for students interested in automotive trades, as all the systems such as braking, steering, engine and electrical have been pulled apart and refurbished, well done to all involved and we hope to organise a mini gymkhana and perhaps even use the go kart as an intro to our "keys for Life" driving program.



Next year will see more of the same with a few new projects, perhaps covering other trades and techniques.

The workshop can be a very rewarding place as skills can be learnt for life and if not a career the benefits of being able to work with your hands can not only allow you to attain things that you otherwise mightn't be able to afford, but it is also intrinsically therapeutic and rewarding.

Paul and Phil



Port's ROCK the BOAT

PARTY & CRUISE
2018



MARITIME YOUTH PROGRAM

Monday 15th October — Friday 7th December 2018

The Maritime Youth Program is designed for young and committed students wishing to train in an adult learning environment; forging a career pathway into the maritime industry.



Students completing the 8-week course will graduate with:

1. Certificate I In Fishing Operations
2. Provide First Aid Certificate
3. Recreational Skippers Ticket (RST) - along with boating experience



Government of Western Australia
South Metropolitan TAFE

Units of Competency completed by the students also include: Apply basic food handling and safety practices, Communicate in the seafood industry, Meet workplace OHS requirements, Work effectively in the seafood industry, Apply deckhand skills aboard a fishing vessel, Maintain, prepare, deploy and retrieve hand operated lines, Respond to boating emergencies and incidents, Carry out trip preparation and planning and Safely operate a mechanically powered recreational boat





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Port School

Fair

Saturday - 17 November 2018

25th Anniversary



Port's 25th anniversary fair truly was a celebration of a historical 25 years to date. Past students, teachers and Principals all made the day a very special one with hundreds of people taking in the activities, events and fun.



Noongar Radio broadcast live throughout the day whilst the community enjoyed meandering through the timeline walk set out in the gym and the stalls of partner agencies on show in the grounds.



Port was privileged to have Local Labor Minister Simone McGurk, City of Cockburn Mayor Logan Howlett and Federal Member for Fremantle, Josh Wilson all support the day and take part in the formal and fun aspects.



Indigenous elders were on hand with some awesome demonstrations of Aboriginal art and many pieces for sale on the day.



There was plenty of fun for big and little kids alike and the food was just amazing as well.







**Young Parent
& Early Learning Centre**

YOUNG PARENT CENTRE

Mum's and Bub's Camp 2018 Fairbridge

Day One: South Yunderup Adventure Park.

A picnic in the park was the perfect way to start our camp. Having this amazing park to ourselves was a treat. Once at Fairbridge, we took some time to settle in and unpack. Our day ended with marshmallows around the campfire.



Day Two: Canoeing

Canoeing on the Murray River was a highlight by many and pushed the girls out of their comfort zones. Having to 'raft up' and swap canoes without getting wet tested our balance and bravery. It was amazing to get a very close look at some Bulls lazing by the river.





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YOUNG PARENT CENTRE

Day Three: Yoga, Archery & a Special Birthday

Happy Birthday Michelle Forsyth! We celebrated in style with a lavish breakfast of bacon, eggs and french toast. Michelle was spoilt with gifts, hugs and heartfelt cards. Yoga was our next activity for the day. This was an opportunity for the Mums to have some down time while the babies had their own fun with the ELC staff.

After lunch was Archery. This was a first for our Mums and they did amazingly, although nobody could beat the birthday girl who hit the bullseye with ease!

No birthday is complete without cake and candles!



Some of the best moments on camp were the ones that were unplanned. Hula hoop competitions, hand stands and cartwheels, backyard soccer, bubbles and giggles. These times were so special, providing opportunities where relationships were strengthened between staff, students and babies.





YOUNG PARENT CENTRE

Day Four: Group Session & Team Games

Group sessions give the Mums an opportunity to share their struggles and triumphs in parenting. In these times we learn so much about ourselves and one another. The Mums are to be commended on the respect and sensitivity they showed each other. The staff are so proud of these strong, independent women!

Now it was time for some 'minute to win it' style team games. Michelle Z was the captain of The Queens while Aidan captained The Jennifers. What happened next can only be described as a fierce and brutal competition. Both teams showed exemplary teamwork, but there could only be one winner. Congratulations to The Jennifers on taking out the win.



Camp would not be possible without the amazing staff in the YPC and ELC. A special thank you to Michelle Forsyth for organising a well run camp. Thank you also to Simone McGurk for her generous donation towards our camp, which we used to buy the YPC shirts.



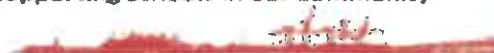
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STUDENT SUCCESS

Kelvin spent several weeks after school hours repairing old bikes with workshop trainer Paul Holland. This great initiative sees the bikes recycled and given back to the community or to those who need them.



Kelvin handing over the bikes to the Drug and Alcohol Youth Service.

Pete Handley (photographed) is a mental health youth worker representing DAYS, a Mission Australia service that thankfully received the bikes.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR GRADUATION!

We celebrated in style last week at Sebastian Crowley's Graduation Night. It was a great event held at the TAFE campus in Leederville and Sebastian looked rightfully proud to receive his Certificates after completing his Horticulture and Maintenance course.

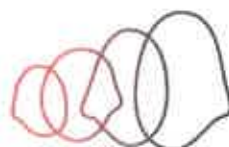


The skills he developed and his experience as an Assistant School Groundsman at Beellar Primary have given him a great start for a future career. Congratulations Sebastian, we wish you every success as you embark on life after school.



As the year comes to a close we'd like to thank the following organisations for the ongoing support they provide. We really appreciate everything you have done for our Mum's and babies in the YPC and ELC.

Stephanie Dowden- Pediatric Nurse Practitioner



Telethon Speech & Hearing

**Philippa Hatch
Telethon**

Andrew Ring – Red Nose



**Oz Harvest
Nell Wyatt**

City of Cockburn



**Connecting Community for kids
Jane Miller**

Connecting
Community for



**Meerilinga
Klm Allard**



Thank you all You made it happen...



Port School staff, students and our wider community, families and supporters have given these orphan and care home students an education to look forward to in 2019

Bank of Port School

Thursday 28th September 2018

Port, Western Australia



PSV Klang Special School

25 FOR 25

AMOUNT: Sixty Thousand Ringgits

60,000 RM

This Donation will fund 25 Klang Special School orphan students in our 25th anniversary year

Thanks to all of our staff, students, parents, sponsors and supporters for making this happen

M. Gilbert
M. Gilbert, Deputy Principal



Capture the Beauty of MALAYSIA

This year, the beauty of Malaysia really has been seeing Port students embracing Klang Special School and the Orang Asli Tribal Village. All ten students, really got what it meant to make a difference by experiencing first hand the gift of giving. Our 25 for 25 year exceeded everyone's expectations.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Aidan Rowden **Teacher - Young Parent Centre**

Aidan has been working at the YPC since the end of May this year. Aidan graduated Murdoch University in February 2018 with a Bachelor of Education (Primary, 1-10 Health and Physical Education). Aidan recently completed his Certificate IV in Fitness and recently got engaged in September to his beautiful fiancée Georgia.



Aidan's hobbies/Interests Include: training, music and sport. Working in the YPC has been a great learning experience for Aidan this year.



He has thoroughly enjoyed working with the YPC staff (Michelle F, Chelsea & Michelle Z) and the YPC students and is always up for a challenge, even if that means wearing pink pyjamas!!!

Congratulations

KEELY COTTON

Well done Keely on your amazing achievements. Keely has only been in the Young Parent Centre for 18 months and has completed both the Certificate II and III in General Education. This is a testament to Keely's work ethic and dedication.

In 2019, Keely will be returning to the YPC to independently study a Diploma in Child Youth and Family Intervention. It is her desire to work in the Child Protection Department.



NAMINA BANGURA

Congratulations to Namina on her achievements this year. Namina is a student in the Young Parent Centre and through her dedication to her studies, she has successfully gained her Certificate III in Individual Support.



Namina is now ready to head out into the work force. We wish Namina and her daughter Faith, all the best for the future.



**Young Parent
& Early Learning Centre**

YOUNG PARENT CENTRE

Term 4 is always a buzz of activity in the Young Parent Centre. As we near the end of the year we have been reflecting on our goals, as well as setting new goals for 2019. The students have spent time creating their own set of values for our classroom, this has been instrumental in creating a learning space where everyone can succeed. The students have worked so hard this year and should be very proud of themselves. The YPC has also welcomed 7 new students this semester.

On October 24th the YPC students along with the ELC babies attended the Manning Park Teddy bears picnic. This event provides an opportunity for our young Mum's to link in with a variety of services in a fun and interactive environment. The babies were very excited to see Paw Patrol, play games and cuddle farm animals.

Speak respectfully
to one another



Embrace diversity
and differences



Support and
encourage the
learning of others



BABY NEWS

On Friday 26th November one of our new students Brittany gave birth to a little boy named Kai. We are excited to see the new edition start in 2019.



OZ HARVEST

Michelle has been in touch with Oz Harvest and organised donations of groceries every Monday for our YPC students.



The girls were very excited to see the crates of meats, fruits, vegetables, pastries and nappies. The YPC is very appreciative of Oz Harvest's generous donations.





Health and Wellbeing.

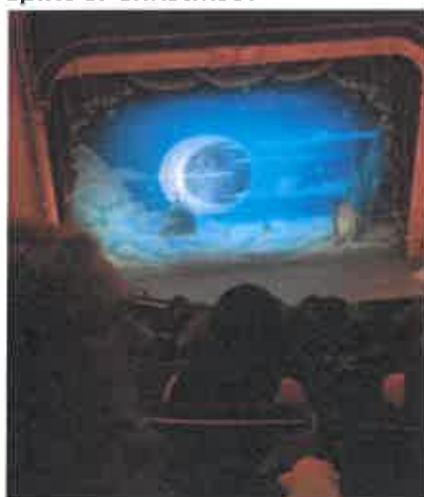
Students have been busily researching serious medical conditions that are related to lifestyle choices and habits. I have been impressed by the resourcefulness and motivation they were able to demonstrate on this project, and many of them seemed to get pretty absorbed in the gory detail of the physical symptoms of some of the illnesses they were researching - They seemed particularly mesmerized by photos of diabetic amputations! Port students are now certainly much better informed about the links between poor dietary choices and the risk of contracting a potentially fatal health condition; which means that they should be able to transfer this useful information to their own practical day-to-day lives, and start making wiser choices. Choices that may, not only, end up improving their quality of life, but also prolonging their actual life expectancy. Beach walks and other movement promoting activities on a Wednesday morning have continued to compliment the theoretical side of the Health course; with these activities proving very popular and with a large number of students, now regularly loving a dip in the ocean too.



A fun initiative that was able to be incorporated into the Health and Wellbeing Program this term, was the fantastic opportunity for our students to go and watch a matinee performance of the world renowned *Nutcracker Suite*, performed by the West Australian Ballet Company at His Majesty's Theatre, in Perth CBD. First of all, interested students, were treated to a complimentary presentation, by former Ballet dancer Nicole Ward – during which, she set a context for the story, spoke a little about the history and conventions associated with ballet, and showed some beautiful costumes and ballet shoes that had been worn by famous ballerinas throughout the ages.



This really helped to prepare the 30 or so odd students that attended the performance, to actually understand it and enjoy it on the day! The experience of walking up the majestic, sweeping staircase in such an elegant and iconic historical venue was inspiring enough... but when the magical stage sets, the spectacular backdrops, and the stunning costumes and choreography hit our visuals ... we were all hypnotized and transported to an enchanted fairy tale world and were well and truly infected with the spirit of Christmas!



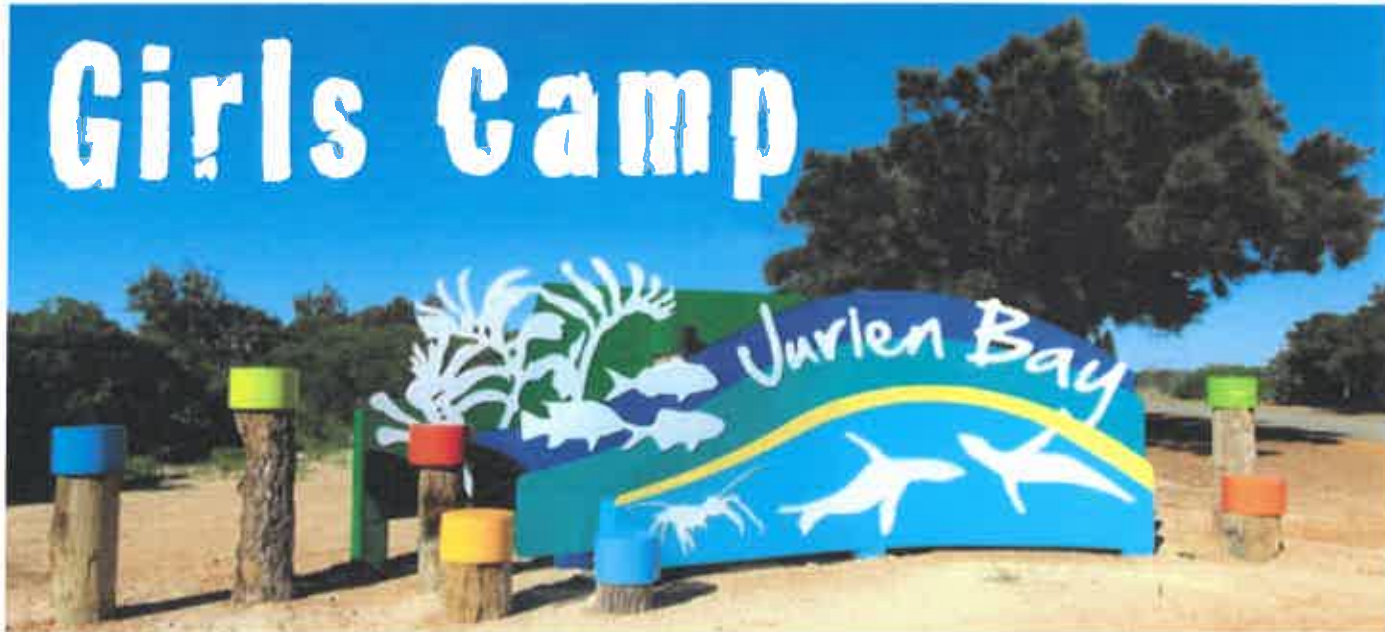
And on that final note, as we approach the finish line to 2018, and get ready to celebrate Christmas and the New Year with loved ones and friends... let us all take a moment to reflect on how we can all optimize our own physical and mental health, safety, and wellbeing. The following online article is a great stimulus resource, to prompt some reflection and discussion about how we can all promote healthy behaviors during the *silly season*: <https://alcoholthinkagain.com.au/Alcohol-Your-Health/The-Festive-Season>

Have a safe and enjoyable break everyone and see you all in the new year!

Raf



Girls Camp



Term 3 has seen several camps happening with the girls camp to Jurien Bay being just one of those. Thirteen students along with Eileen, Andrea and token girls camp male Mike.



A full on program was planned with stops at scenic Moore River and Nambung National Parks Pinnacles on the way to Jurien.





Students ventured into the discovery centre to have a look at the history behind the mystical Pinnacles followed by a discussion on how they are formed, which is still up for much debate by scientists.



Whilst up in Jurien Bay the full itinerary continued with excursions to Mount Lesueur National Park and Stockyard Gully Caves. Students got to experience one of the most bio diverse areas in Western Australia.



Lesueur National Park covers 26,987 hectares and is recognised for its outstanding conservation, landscape and recreational importance. It is home to over 900 plant species. The flat top mountains are known as Mesa's.

Stockyard Gully Caves & National Park is home to a fascinating group of limestone caves that lead to an underwater river system. Two runs in Mikes 4wd was the mode of transport across the rocky sandy 3km track to get to the walk trail. The girls thoroughly enjoyed having an explore through the dusty cave.



The largest cave is an impressive sight. The walk through is about 300 metres long, which is covered by a sandy floor. The more adventurous girls enjoyed the challenge of the smaller side caves which require a little more manoeuvring to get through. They also saw some of the colonies of bats as they made their way through the caves.



A trip to Jurlen and the caves, would not be complete without venturing a little further North to Greenhead and Leeman for a BBQ and to take in the amazing turquoise ocean views on offer.



Evening fun and games with Mike being talked in to having his nails done





With a fire ban already in place, we had to toast our marshmallows over the cooker, much to the amusement of students



Students did a great job helping out, by painting the outside of the campers kitchen in lieu of some cheaper accommodation, whilst others prepared some yummy cakes for afternoon tea.



SCHOOL VISIT FROM DEPUTY LEADER OF OPPOSITION & FEDERAL MEMBER FOR FREMANTLE

Port was delighted to have Tanya Plibersek MP (Deputy Leader of the Opposition & Shadow Education Minister) and Josh Wilson MP (Federal Member for Fremantle) visit in early November. Tanya and Josh are well known to the school and we're delighted to walk around the Young Parent Centre, Early Learning Centre and school.



Tanya took time out to talk with the students about their education, aspirations and future plans as well as talking with Barry, Mike and staff about the ever-varying work that Port undertakes.



Tanya was keen to hear about the programs Port facilitates and the wide variety of certificates offered to our students. She was keen to understand the workplace and tertiary pathways and how that transitions to the working world in real terms.

TeamSport

Port staff and students once again celebrated the life of Australian cricketer Phil Hughes. He sadly lost his life four years ago, after a tragic accident whilst playing. This year brought another hard fought and well-spirited one innings battle ensued with Mike Gilbert vs Eileen Vlahovich.

Eileens team bated first and scored an impressive 135 runs. With that total to chase, Mikes team put up a valiant effort scoring 129 in the last over to narrowly miss the target. Despite the loss, Mike commended both teams for a truly well-spirited competition and another fabulous memorial match. A great day, with Player of the Match being Eric.



Match Winners:
Eileen's Team

Player of Match:
Eric Hines- O'Connor

Best Batsperson:
Harry

Bowler of Match:
Malaki

Thanks to Participants:

Mike's Team

Dylan	Luke	Declan
Sharnie	Harry	Malaki
Kimmy	Tristan	Brandon
Ishy	Georgia	Matt
Aidan		

Eileen's Team

Jay	James	Georgia
Riley	Seb C	Santanna
Tom	Daryl	Brandon L
Jerome	Dennis	Aidan

Officials:

Brad - Umpire

Coaches - Mike & Eileen

Scorer - Carlie





(Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience)

Aime has a 13-year history of mentoring Indigenous students out of educational inequality across Australia. Aime provide university students as mentors to work with school students. The mentors help students to strengthen their literacy and numeracy skills in weekly tutor squads. They encourage self-belief and work hard to empower the individual, and "no shame at aime" is the mantra they stand by.



AIME was introduced to Port School in semester 2 this year. Every Wednesday afternoon a small team of mentors work with our students, which also includes boys from the bus program. Apart from the literacy and numeracy work we also spend some time on fun activities as a way to break the ice. the most popular session was when we learnt to juggle and then to make our own set of juggling balls, using rice and balloons. As a group we've also had the opportunity to attend four aime program days at Murdoch University. We spend the day immersed in Indigenous cultural activities, fun challenges, team building exercises, and exploring personal growth and leadership skills.



One of the highlights was the End of year presentation of AIME Hoodies to the top students this year. Congratulations Ishy, Jerome Alone, Drayden, Tanesha, Marlene, Lionel, Josie, Latoya, Declan and Anika on the your regular commitment and engagement with the AIME program.

Andrea

ENGLISH

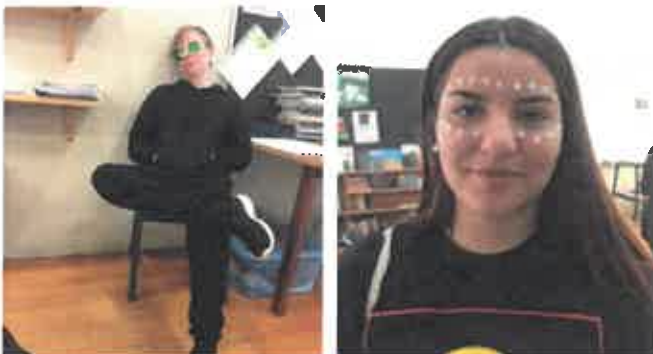
A photo essay is a collection of images that produce a narrative, a running theme and a main topic, it should aim to evoke emotion in its audience and encourage them to keep *reading*.



In this term's article the running theme: the many fun times and laughter we have had in class and the main topic: the students!



Although it has reached fever pitch as we head towards the 2018 finish line I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your hard work this year, for keeping me laughing even through the craziest of days but mostly I want to thank you all for just for being you.



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Teaching is only demonstrating that it is possible. Learning is making it possible for yourself.

PAULO COELHO



I would also like to take this opportunity to wish Sebastian Crowley, Jarrod Harrison, Adam Laxton, Owen Beckett, Conor Casserly, Rhiarna Heskett, Saaya Ryder and Stephie Rose-Crown all my very best as they graduate from Port School. I have had the honour of being their teacher, for some as long as 5 years and although they will be missed I am very excited to see what their futures hold!



Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas, enjoy the 6-week break, rest up and I will see you back here, ready for another fantastic year in 2019.



And I leave you all with this thought:

“Who’s awesome?”

“You’re awesome!”

Joy



Our Registered Training Organisation (RTO) offers courses in General Education, Community Services, Hospitality, Sports Coaching, Leadership, Art and Furniture. This semester has seen a number of our students graduate and they are proud owners of their nationally recognised certificates. Well done to all, including those who have spent the semester knocking off units that in themselves are valuable attributes sought out by employers.



In addition to all the above qualifications Steph and Trysha have been working hard with students in a range of programs incorporating Construction, Salon work, Automotive and Receptionist work to name but a few, with students well on their way to establishing some great career paths.



2019 will see Port School establish a dedicated "transitions" house set up specifically to support students in their certificate studies but also anything else that may assist their entry into the working world, things like support in gaining their Driving Licence permit, Barista courses, Construction white cards, Responsible service of Alcohol for the few students that may be of the required age. All of this as well as ongoing support in their work experience, Trainee or Apprenticeships.

Well done to all, it is great to see so many students gaining traction in the working world and starting to benefit from all the advantages that career direction and employment can start to bring

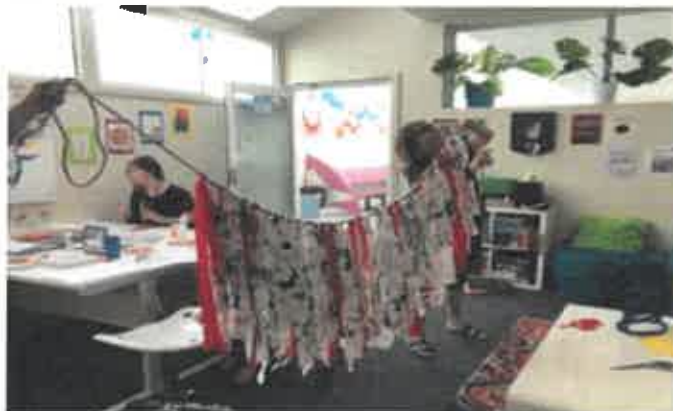
Phil

The Craft STUDIO @ Port

During Term 3 Craft was introduced to the timetable as an option. Six girls enrolled and we started off making fleece tied quilts and wool wrapped animals and creatures. Lily's spider was one of the most interesting critters that evolved from this process. Other ideas spurned from using wool as a medium and we used Pinterest to provide inspiration for our creativity.



Several girls chose to make mobiles to hang in their bedrooms, they used their favourite colours to wrap small branches in wool and used fishing line to string beads at different lengths. Tash, who was perhaps the quickest to complete projects, was commissioned to make a 3m material banner for Molly, in keeping with her ability to work efficiently, it only took Tash a couple of sessions to plan, prepare and complete this task.



This term we are into the festive feeling, creating a variety of Christmas cards and Christmas 'LOLLY' wreaths. There's also been a lot of jewellery making happening, this entails beading 'memory wire' to make pretty bracelets to be given to family and friends for Christmas.



We are really looking forward to Craft sessions again in 2019 and in the holidays we will all be researching Pinterest to provide us with more inspiration.

Andrea

EMPLOYER COMMUNITY

2018 sees Port continue to grow and we welcome new members to our
Employer Community in 2019

Know an employer who may be interested in joining the Employer Community?
If so, please get in touch with Steph Daniell, Port's Employment Coordinator.
steph@portschool.wa.edu.au

Ethan Klompmaker

Nick Els is offering opportunities for our students to experience the Auto industry first hand. Seen here with Port student Ethan.



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TOYOTA 4WD SPECIALISTS

Draydon Woods

Congratulations to Draydon Woods for securing a role as Warehouse Assistant with CTI Logistics in Bibra Lake.



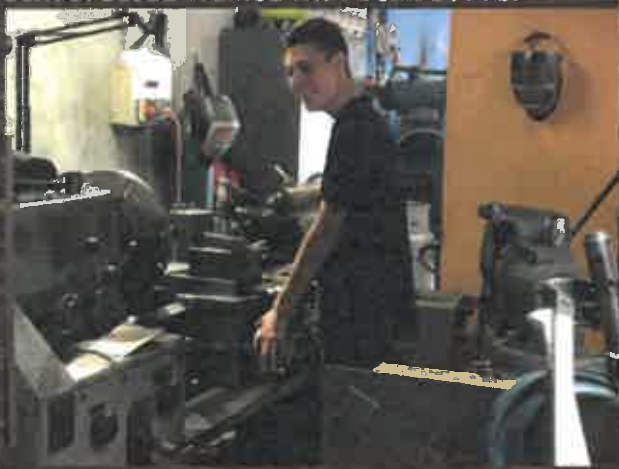
Dylan Carter

Cecilia at Naducci Hair Studio in Winthrop offered the opportunity to our student Dylan to get a taste of life as a Hairdresser



Joachim Carrier

Joachim on his first day as an Automotive School Based Trainee with Dean at FTC.



FTC
TRANSMISSIONS & CONVERTERS



POP

Port Outreach Program

The Port Outreach program has grown in to a multifaceted program whose main objective is to integrate students back to mainstream schooling and /or vocational placements. Initially POP strives for connection and engagement with the student. This process begins with goal setting and initially working with the student identifying their areas of interest and beginning to engage these students in educational opportunities they enjoy and have the opportunity to succeed. The goal getting protocol forms the foundations of the student's individual educational path way which help the teacher and guides the POP team when selecting activities and learning opportunities for the students to participate in. Some students are challenged to define their goals so as art of the POP program they are offered a variety of experiential opportunities so they can sample what life has to offer.



Four students have begun the music program at Penny Lane, collectively studying guitar, piano and drums. Two of the students play together and have formed a small metal band. These students are generally quite socially isolated, through the music program they have the opportunity to make friends, collaborate, cooperate and develop skills through a passion for music and their music genre-metal. We look forward to the opportunity to hear them perform next year. POP program would like to thank Penny Lane and all the teachers for their passion and enthusiasm working with the students and the POP team.

POP also utilises specialist services in the area, specifically Roberta Leary's sewing studio where a student attends once a week honing her skills in preparation for the TAFE fashion and design course. POP also offers life skill programs, that helps students budget and manage their household expenses, access passports and open bank accounts. Activities to support students to engage in their wider community and to build social networks are created in view of attaining employment and to create recreational opportunities.

Students who need medical, dental and health support have access to these services through the POP program. Ellen Health, Alfred Cove Dental and Henry Street provide ongoing support for our students and we would like to thank them for their care and flexibility when working with the POP team.



The POP team has doubled in size this semester with Belinda Carclone and Grayem White joining our team. Both Belinda and Grayem are highly experienced and have a long and successful history working with at risk youth. This is a very exciting step forward as the POP team has the capacity to be engaged with more students who are deemed at risk of not engaging with school.



POP would like to wish all our students and parents, supporting agencies and service providers, a very happy holiday and a happy new year. We hope everyone has well deserved rest and we look forward to a very exciting 2019.

Jane & The Outreach Team

Jane Hawdon & The Port Outreach Team

For more information contact the school on 9335 6323 or admin@portschool.wa.edu.au



PORT KITCHEN WORLD

What an amazing year it has been in the Port School Kitchen! We have gone from strength to strength and are now producing morning tea and lunch for over 40 students and staff every day. In fact we are outgrowing our small kitchen and dining area and are currently looking at how we can expand and extend.



We have been extremely lucky to get Felicity (Flic) Moore up into the kitchen, who has a wealth of experience and has cooked internationally. She will be taking over from both Matt and Tom's cooking classes from next year and will be running the Hospitality Certificate too. We welcome her with open arms and look forward to what she will bring to the glg.



Therefore we sadly need to say goodbye to the MasterChef's Matt and Tom.



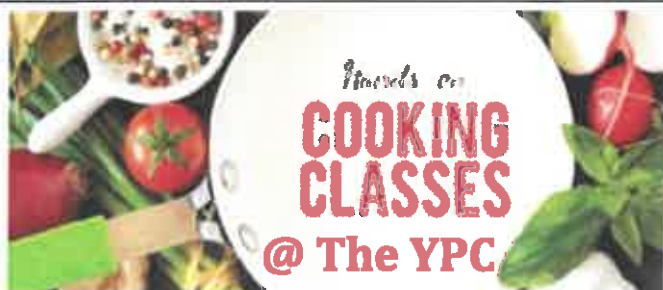
They've been outstanding in the Port School Kitchen and will be missed for their enthusiasm and creativity. But don't worry, they're not leaving Port School and will still no doubt be manning a sausage sizzle near you sometime in the future.



Thanks to everyone who has helped out in the Port School Kitchen this year!

Matt & Tom





Our ELC cook Marie Harrison has continued working with our young mums on a weekly basis. She introduces healthy, nutritious and affordable meals that the girls learn to cook for themselves and their children.



An amazing Masterchef style lunch was prepared by Marie and the girls a few weeks ago and my goodness it did not disappoint with mouth watering flavours in every bite.



Namena on the finishing touches to lunch

Research shows that family mealtimes have a big impact on how children eat as they grow into adulthood and start making food choices of their own. One study showed that children who eat meals with their parents tend to eat more fruit, vegetables and dairy products than children who don't share meals with their families.



Chicken Pesto Pasta



Chicken Caesar salad



Moroccan Chicken

Children watch & imitate adults and look to them to learn everything from saying please and thank-you to fitness and nutrition behavior. Children can also pick up on their parents' attitudes about food. As role models, parents need to make sure they're demonstrating a healthy attitude toward food so their children do, too.

ART ROOM ANECDOTES

"If I create from the heart, nearly everything works: if from the head, almost nothing." - Marc Chagall

In Term 4, the student's focus was on exploring Technology, which is an undeniable part of our modern world. As we are all connected in some way to others, via devices such as smartphones, computers, gaming, social media (such as Snapchat, Facebook, Instagram) etc. Technology is a powerful medium that like it or not, is here to stay! Students were asked to make a strong statement about either the **positive** or the **negative** effects brought about by technology in a 2D or 3D artwork.



Desalei Singleton-Hooper



Kelvin Le



Ashanti Bell

Each student then viewed a PowerPoint presentation, which explored a wide range of artists' responses to the influence of technology in our world. Students then began the design process with sketches of the important elements they wanted to include in their work. Individual media testing followed, with further planning of the final concept and composition in their sketchbook. Finally, their support was chosen and students began creating their artwork.



Brandi Robson



Cheyenne Bernardi



Lily Slater

As you can see, there were some innovative responses to this theme. This project was an opportunity to reflect on the significant impact various forms of technology has on their lives and some interesting discussions were had.

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As an alternative to the technology project, students were invited to participate in a competition, designing an A3 poster that showcased Western Australian Bush Tucker.



Tasha Redgrave



Cheyenne Bernardi



Bethany McShane

If chosen as the winning design, their artwork will be printed on a large banner, as well as being used as promotion and table graphics at the Kinjarling Djinda Ngardak Gala Dinner in Albany.



Emaly Router



Jayden Nellsen-Soric



Georgina Horne-Davies



Tanesha Walley

This was a popular choice with several students creating bold, strong designs that had special significance to them personally and their cultural heritage.



Tyler Bishop



Bethany at work



Reece Patton

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During Term 4, the art room welcomed Tanya Pilbersek, Deputy Opposition Leader and Shadow Minister for Education to the art room. Tanya spent time talking to students about their inspirational art.



Ashlyn Ross-Caddy



Zoe Evans

Another busy, super creative and highly productive year in the Art room. I am very proud of all of the students efforts and can't wait for 2019 to do it all again, but even better!

Have a wonderful, safe and restful break everyone.

Dionne

Art Teacher

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Free Preview!

2019

With our school always looking for continual growth and improvement we have decided a key component where we could add to the development of our students would be to create a separate learning environment for our year 8 and 9 students. After significant consultation with various stakeholders, not to mention building/planning approvals etc, Port School will be very proud to open the Port Middle School from the beginning of next year.

This exciting new arm of the school will operate from a separate classroom, which will be located at the edge of where the grassed oval currently is. Students will have their school breaks at the same time as the senior school however all other schooling will take place in the middle school. The first year of the program will open with opportunities for year 8 students only. 2020 will see those students who started on the program become year 9 students while a new cohort of year 8 students will begin. At the completion of year 9, students will move through to the senior school which will offer places for year 10, 11, 12 and in some instances year 13 students.



The middle school will operate slightly differently to a conventional secondary school system in that the students will do all their classes with the same teachers and educational assistants. These teachers will cover the whole curriculum however there will be a focus on literacy and numeracy. The programs are also designed to be highly engaging with many excursions and off-site learning opportunities.

All students will follow the same program however the curriculum will be differentiated and specific to each student's point of need. With a key goal being to get the students up to an educational standard that will help them flourish once they enter the senior school.

There has been a lot of tireless work from various people to get this classroom up and going for 2019 so huge thanks to Mike for his amazing effort and of course Barry too for getting the ball rolling and then pushing it along. We all look forward to seeing what this can add to the many amazing educational opportunities Port School now offers.

Matt Hopkins
Port Middle School Leadership Team

Port Watersports

Water Skiing & Sea Biscuiting Day at Point Walter

On Friday the 30th of November staff and students had a active day out on the water Biscuiting (Donuting) thanks to Barry and Steve who brought their boats along to provide a day of thrills and spills! With perfect conditions, most students were keen to give it a go; whilst several built up enough courage over the course of the day to try biscuiting at least once (and loved it!).



Yiannis on the low down, Riley owning it & Dennis mid flight

Some of the staff got amongst it on the water too. Yiannis and Dennis spent a good part of the day behind the boat with the kids and being the perfect 'big kids'! With the remainder of staff having a relaxing day mingling with the students.



Thanks goes to Flick who had the catering sorted with her usual flair. The day was superb and everyone there really had a blast, so thanks to Barry for the great suggestion and for making it happen. With the students who participated saying that they were totally pumped and then keen to do it again as soon as possible, those of you who missed out might just get your chance early next year as we may just do it all again!



PORT EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Well that's another year finished, 2018 has just disappeared with a blink of an eye. I have thoroughly enjoyed my 1st year as Coordinator of Port Early Learning Centre and am looking forward to what 2019 will bring. We have welcomed Antionne into the ELC family this term and we are looking forward to seeing him grow. We will sadly be saying goodbye to some of our friends this year, Mia, Lulu, Noah, Harley, Faith & Samuel – we wish you all the best for your new adventures and you will be missed here at the ELC.

Ella, Lulu, Faith, Kalijah, Noah & Xaviera have shown a great interest in shapes and colours. They enjoyed colouring in the shapes drawn on the path by educators and to extend on this we introduced shape mats to be used with the playdough. Ella & Lulu rolled their playdough into a long sausage and then followed the line, while Faith chose to break the playdough into little pieces and line them up around the edge of the shape.

Experimenting with ice has interested all the children. They have enjoyed exploring ice cubes in trays, holding it in their hands until it melted, sucking or chomping on it and once it was melted splashing in the cold cold water. We used cups to fill with rain water and then added different treasures we found around the yard – flowers, cars, sand & leaves, once the treasure had been added the cups were put in the freezer. The children were very interested the next day to watch the ice melt and uncover what treasures they had added.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Over the September school holidays educators participated in an all-day professional development day. We had Jane from Earlyworks do a 2-hr training session with us, where we re-visited the programming cycle and brain stormed ideas on getting parents involved in the program comments. We finished the day with a yummy lunch and some team building at Escape Rooms in Fremantle.



Klaudiz, Chennelle, Emily, Paige, Kathy & Maree

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC



Lulu & Ella at the Teddy Bears Picnic

On 24th October 2018 the children, along with their mum's and YPC staff went on an excursion to Manning Park for the annual Teddy Bears Picnic. The children watched a Paw Patrol show, patted and cuddled farm animals, had photos with the roaming teddy bears, had a look at traditional aboriginal artifacts and explored the playground equipment.



Lulu was very excited to give the teddy a hug

The weather wasn't the best, but the rain held off long enough for everyone to have a great time.

PLAYGROUP

We are continuing to have informal discussions with the parents around our policies and procedures and have received some great feedback and questions. Jenny has continued with Rhyme Time sessions each fortnight and the children are super excited to see what resources she has brought with her. Each visit we learn new songs and participate in different activities. On the weeks Jenny doesn't come to the centre the mums are given the opportunity to participate in various activities that promote a positive relationship between them and their child/children, these activities usually involve paint and getting very messy ☺



Parachute play with Jenny

STUDENT SERVICES



Student Services has undergone a series of changes to the physical environment to best suit the emerging needs of the space. The room is now set up to accommodate several students at a time who present with differing needs.



There is a quiet study area for students who need a space to continue their work where there are few distractions as well as a chill-out zone and a small group work area used for craft classes and at lunch times where board games can be played and jigsaw puzzles set out. This area is also utilised for parent interviews and small group meetings.



Student Services welcomes two new residents to the space, a couple of over-energetic Jellyfish who are in desperate need of monikers, so if anyone can suggest cool names for them – there's a packet of red frogs for the winner.

Andrea

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Earlier in the year, Steph took Luke, Dylan and James to an Electrical Try A Trade event at the College of Electrical Training in Jandakot.



They had the opportunity to get a taste of skills required in the industry and got stuck into the task of building electrical circuits.



Look out for more Try a Trade events coming next year.....