



NEWSLETTER

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We have had a wonderful start to the school year and would like to congratulate everyone for commencing 2023 in a curious, confident and connected way. This year marks a very special occasion, with our small group of inaugural students graduating at the end of the year. It has been amazing being a part of their journey over the last 3 years and I wish, Tenaya, Aaron and Aiden a year of success and growth.

To the team here in Kalgoorlie, I would like to thank you for the amazing team work and grit that you displayed whilst I was away. Liana took the lead in my absence and it was wonderful to return from surgery with everything running smoothly and that the support for the students at the college continued as priority. We were visited by the Director of Education, Stephen, for a few days and it was good for the students and staff to get to know him.

I would like to congratulate Tazmyn. She has been volunteering at Goldfields Day Centre for 2 years now as part of a Period 5 activity, she has also been attending the centre every Friday as part of the work placement program. Tazmyn has been offered a traineeship in child care with the company, and this is a testament to her dedication, hard work and perseverance. Tazmyn, we are sad to see you go but so excited about this new opportunity for you.

We have been fortunate to be able to work with *Em Anders*, a local artist, to create two beautiful murals at Cruikshanks oval. The students worked hard, due to a short time span, to paint not one but two murals in readiness for the Kalgoorlie Fair. Fairbridge Kalgoorlie have also been invited to work with *Ash Jangala Smith*, a local artist, to engage in a community engagement mural for the Kalgoorlie City Centre project. This mural is one of the State's largest First Nations Public Art Projects where students will create artwork on marine ply circular cuts outs, which may form part of our artist's 120m journey line mural. Our students will be working on this project now and leading into Term 2.

Lastly, I would like to say to our student cohort. Since opening the college in 2020, we have never seen a whole school average attendance rate as high as this term. You consistently show up, engage and role model what it is to be a student at Fairbridge College. You openly welcomed the new students and embraced the changes to classes, teachers, and peers. I am so proud of each and everyone of the students who attend the college, each day the school's values of growth, grit, safety, and inclusivity are on display in you all. Thankyou for such a positive start to 2023.

Have a happy Easter everyone and stay safe over the holiday period.

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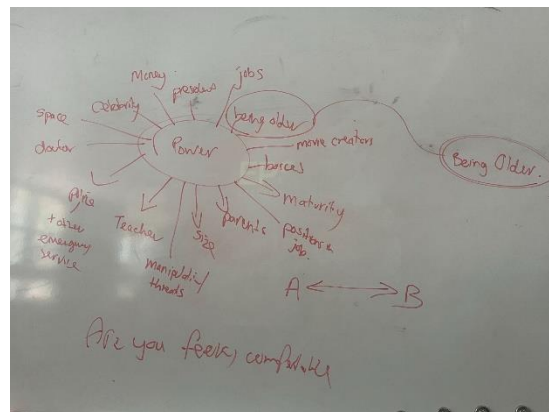
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This term has seen us reinvigorate the garden. This is for several learning purposes; exploring the sustainability that can be done in real terms with worm farms, chickens, planting of things for us and the chickens to eat, food that dyes (a project yet to come). It is also a practical mental health strategy as we breathe in the fresh air, and connect with nature by getting our hands dirty. This is a constant work in progress as we also are reinvigorating/weeding the garden out the front of the school. A big thank you to Bergie's Soils for a reduced price on soil and to Justine and Mish at Bunnings for their time and donation of plants, soil and manure.



We have conducted multiple lessons on cyber safety, online bullying, healthy relationships, sexual education and the law surrounding all these areas. These are often uncomfortable topics and conversations to have but it is important to open up the opportunity to learn and be honest about associated risks, and consequences both intentional and unintentional from these activities.

We have accessed information from our embedded programs Keeping Safe and Challenges and Choices. We have also accessed information from Kids Helpline and ESafety. You and your children can access these websites freely for further information.



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Variety in the VET Class

It has been a rewarding year for me to be able to teach the VET class, there are so many students in this class who are a part of the original group that started when the college opened and to be able to be such a large part of their final steps before leaving is very humbling. The growth I have seen in all students this term has been monumental. You have all grown in confidence and ability and it is a testament for the hard work you have put in every day.

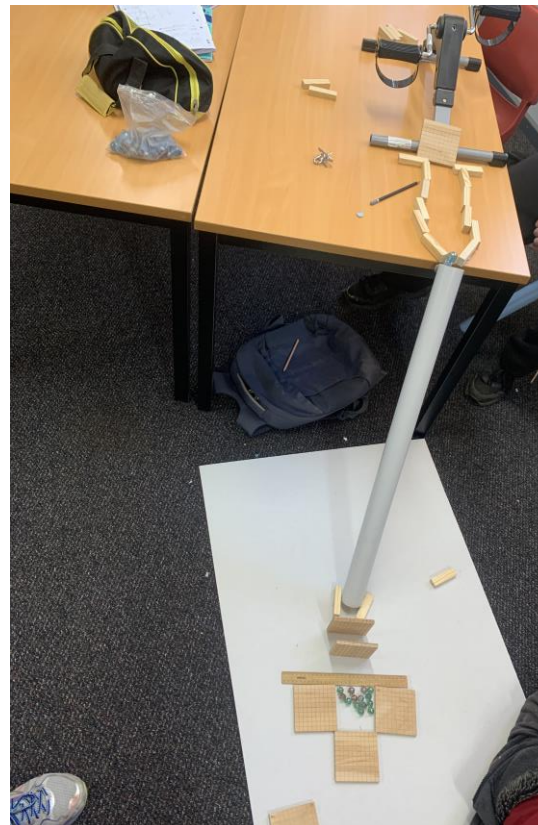


All students studying VET are working towards completing a Certificate 1 in Leadership. As part of one of the units they have started planning a group project that will require them to put on a luncheon for all students and staff. Students will be working towards a budget to create one savoury, one sweet and one beverage that can be served during the school luncheon. We will be inviting parents and caretakers in for the low key event at the beginning of Term 2. So please keep an eye out in your emails for more details.

Our Year 10 students have finished the year preparing themselves for the change to being a VET students, this included pre-training assessments to work out which is the best unit for them to complete at school, whether it is the Cert 1 in Leadership or the Cert II in General Education for Adults.

Our returning Year 11 students and those going into Year 10 have also enrolled in their VETDSS courses for next year. We received amazing news last week that students in Year 11 and Year 12 have the opportunity to complete 2 VETDSS courses through TAFE from 2023. This means our students are working on completing a minimum of 3 certificates before they leave the college at the end of Year 12. This is fantastic to be able to offer our students more vocational training that is streamed more to what they want to study.

I look forward to working with our VET students next year and see the personal growth that comes from these opportunities.



Liana's Corner

Donations

This term we were lucky enough to receive some wonderful donations from Lizz and Taniece from Fox and Fawn. Students received art and craft supplies, Spirographs and heaps of sensory toys. Thank you Taniece and Lizz!



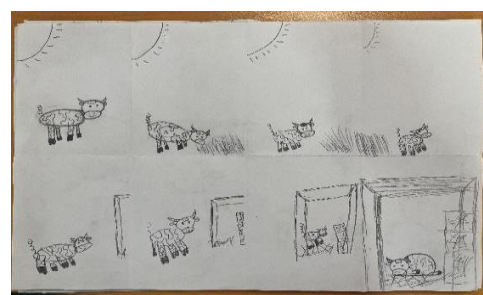
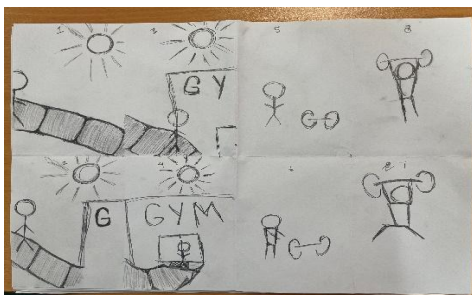
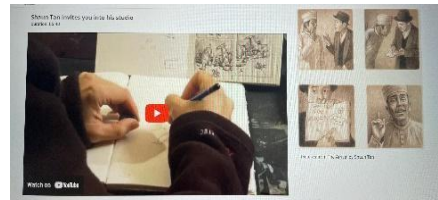
Mural Painting with Em

We all loved going over to the show grounds to learn about mural painting with Em Anders! Students all enjoyed painting and being a part of the 2023 fair set up and with Em's magic touches, the murals look amazing!



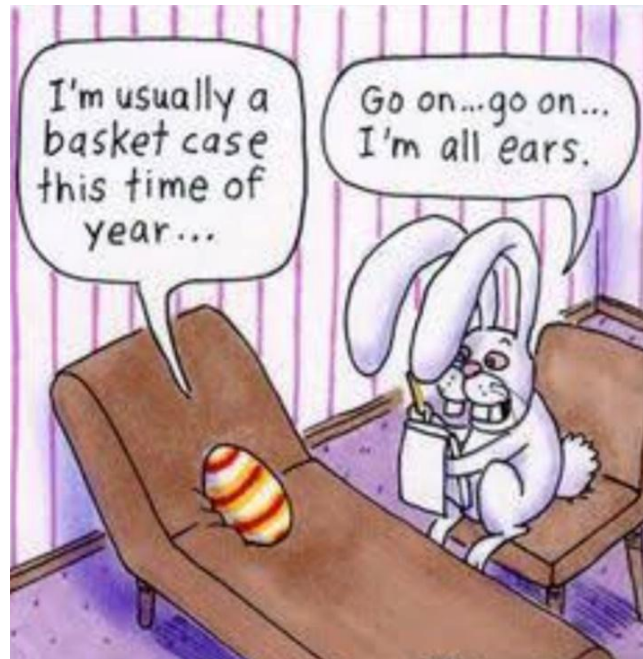
Stories without words

We enjoyed learning about Stories Without Words and artist Shaun Tan. We watched a few of his stories and then watched Shaun create a story in his studio before having a go at making our own!



Message from the Wellbeing Team

Bridget, Jayne, "Dug the Dog" & Gal



Happy Easter everyone! Well done making it through the term. We hope we could be a part of your success. Kate has joined our Pinjarra team as a Student Wellbeing Officer, and for a brief period we had Donna on the team this Term supporting Bridget and Jayne with admin. Donna has started her own business outside of Fairbridge now, so we wish her well, and look forward to welcoming a new team member next term.

This year the birds of Fairbridge have become friendlier than ever. Jack the Pinjarra peacock invited himself into the gym and a classroom recently, and as you'll see in the attached photos, one of the Magpie adolescents joined a Community meeting and sang joyfully despite our attempts to speak over the top of them! Would the chickens in Kalgoorlie join class if the door was left open for them, I wonder?



Our wildlife at Fairbridge is one of the additional benefits of this particular school environment. We have a great team of teachers and SSO's (and welcome all those new this Term). We have the best school officer in Mandy and of course an experienced and caring wellbeing team. It's a unique benefit at Fairbridge that in Pinjarra we're in a beautiful landscape, but even in Kalgoorlie we can see animals like the friendly birds wherever we look.

We suggest you add that to your "Ready-To-Learn" Plan's. If you're feeling flat, unmotivated, frustrated, irritated or sad NOTICE the wildlife. Spend a few minutes watching the Pinjarra kangaroos grazing. Listen to the birds singing outside your classroom. Try hiding a sausage from Dug or Gal! Go share an apple with the chooks. Watch the ants carry their supplies back to their nest.

In less than a minute of taking your mind away from your thoughts, you will start to feel less sad, less irritated or frustrated. Give it time, and you may feel motivated to move, to try again. If not, take some more time, but LOOK for something to help you FEEL better.

Next term we're starting some group wellbeing activities developed from science, but based in nature. We couldn't have a better place to do so.

Introducing Elena



Hey guys, I'm Elena.

I am the new student support worker at Fairbridge college and have been here from the start of Term 1.

I have really enjoyed my time here so far, I have especially enjoyed getting to know our awesome students and watching them grow and strive towards their goals in such a small amount of time.

I have lived in Kalgoorlie my whole life and have studied in the health and fitness industry. In my spare time I instruct Pilates and enjoy playing multiple sports such as hockey and basketball. When I am not doing that, I enjoy being around my friends and family as well as cooking and trying out new foods!

During Term 1, I have mixed up my classes a bit, taking the students to play basketball, netball, touch rugby and yoga. I have encouraged leadership, communication, and engagement during these activities which all the students have displayed very quickly!

We also learnt the benefits of using natural ingredients on our skin and in homemade facemasks.

I have loved my time here so far and I can't wait to see what adventures, activities, achievements, learning and fun we are yet to experience this year!

Elena

Wonderful time with Wiebke

Hi guys,

This term I was able to get to know our canteen's routine, as another staff member has done this the previous terms. I have been taking two to three students to the canteen during Period 4 to prepare and cook the lunch orders for the students and staff who have ordered lunch for the day. It has been a great experience being in the kitchen with the students, as I was able to learn from the more experienced participants about our school's routine in the canteen and the new students were able to learn new skills within the kitchen and the handling of food and household appliances by me.



In the afternoons I offered a mixture of different activities for the students to participate in. One of the student's biggest requests for P5's when I asked them was art. Therefore, we have done tape painting, pour painting and general creative painting. You can find some of the students work below.

Wiebke

Loud time with Jess

Hello for the first time in 2023.

I can't believe it's the end of Term 1 already. This term was filled with music, awesome dance moves and a lot of laughs. In week 7 I was allocated quiet time for a P5 activity. Our P5 started with quite talking and colouring in and then one of the students asked if we could put on a little bit of music. After a few minutes the little bit of music turned into a dance session, we had songs ranging from I'm a gummy bear to Korean K-pop music. This P5 led to one of the students saying quiet time with Jess needs to be a changed loud time with Jess. I continued to run Just Dance P5's over the last few weeks and one session we ended up with 10 students and we had a massive dance session. Besides dance, I have been running P5's designing our own Journals. The students got two sessions to design what they would like their journals to look like and they had to make a list of items they would like to buy for our next session to create our final product.

Happy Easter and I hope everyone has a great time over the school holidays



Jess



The following students had the **at least** 90% attendance this term:

Chloe	Ben	Aaron	Nathan
Jesse	Tekaue	Brock	Hannah
Tenaya	Demi	Brody	Skyla
Finn	Madi	Jojo	Eden
Abe	Holly	Brodie (100%)	Rueben (100%)
Ella (100%)	Declan (100%)	Brayden (100%)	Luke (100%)



24 April 2023	First day back for staff
25 April 2023	ANZAC Day (Public Holiday)
26 April 2023	First day back for students
5 June 2023	Labour Day (Public Holiday)
30 June 2023	Last day of school for students and staff

SOCIAL MEDIA

Keep up to date with things at Fairbridge College!

