



NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 is when we look back and reflect on all the things that the students have accomplished. It's also filled with lots of activities and the excitement that surrounds summer holidays and the festive Christmas Season. This is also the time of year when we have to bid farewell to some of our students and staff who will not be returning in 2023.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say "good-bye" to Mayo. On behalf of the whole Fairbridge community I want to thank -you for all of your hard work and dedication to the students and the work of the College. The difference you have made in the lives of the young people at the Kalgoorlie Campus is immeasurable and your presence will be sorely missed.

There is so much to be proud of here at the Kalgoorlie Campus. From completing work experience and TAFE courses to engaging in activities that were new and making full use of the STEAM room each student at the College has challenged themselves this year. They have all, at one point or another, demonstrated our values of Grit, Growth, Inclusivity and Safety. They have made a commitment to do things differently and give things a go! Well done!

I'd also like to thank parents and carers for their support this year. They say that it "takes a village" and this is certainly evident in the partnership we have with you, as well as your willingness to back us up and help out in a variety of ways. The work we do with the students and the success of the College would not be possible without this.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season. I look forward to seeing what 2023 holds in store for the students and staff at Fairbridge College.

Jen

From the Campus Principal

We are closing the door on another successful year at Fairbridge College, Kalgoorlie and with it we close the door on a year that included COVID school closure, cancellation of our school camp and saying good-bye to some very loved staff, but we celebrate each student's growth, the amazing fundraising efforts of each child, the friendships that have blossomed and the support that continues throughout our school community. To the staff who have weathered the storms and danced in the sunshine that is our school's success, thank you, thank you for always being present, for unconditional positive regard, for the support you have given myself and the students, you are an amazing team who made the successes this year happen. TO our students, you have all overcome so many obstacles this year, you have taken on each new challenge presented to you whether it was academically, socially or environmentally and grown into amazing young adults. To our school community, you constantly support the staff and the school and we could not have had the growth we have had this year without you. Reflection is always a humbling process and I thank you all sincerely for everything in 2022.

There are exciting new changes occurring at Fairbridge as an organisation, with Fairbridge Village, Fairbridge Camps and Fairbridge College under-going a logo make-over. You can check out the release of the new logos on Facebook. The new logo for the college incorporates a variety of different lines, these symbolise that each student is unique and on their own journey, but we still travel that journey together. Staff will be sporting the new logo and uniform colours next year and a student uniform will be available for students if they would like to purchase it. The uniform is not mandatory.

I would like to say good-bye to Blake and Aurora who are heading to Eastern Goldfields College for 2023. Aurora will be continuing her studies and moving into ATAR for Year 11 and Blake will be moving on to study General Studies for Year 11. We are extremely proud of both of you and the growth we have seen in both of you. You both will be missed and remember you will always be members of the Fairbridge Community. Lastly, I would like to acknowledge, Fairbridge College, Kalgoorlie's first ever Year 12 graduate, Tayeena Bowman. Congratulations on finishing your final year with us, it has been a pleasure to get to know you, have your paintings and chalk art displayed in the class, and a massive thank you for helping me achieve the goal of having our gratitude tree up and ready to be added to in the years to come.

2023 sees Liana, Gil, Wiebke, Jess and Jayne returning, along with Bridget, who is a School Psychologist at Pinjarra. She will be coming to support the Kalgoorlie students as well. We are however saying good-bye to Mayo, who will be taking on a new role as a case manager for students in Residential Care and we look forward to him dropping in and losing a few rounds of UNO with the kids.

Enjoy the holidays everyone, be safe and I look forward to seeing you back next year.

Jayde



Kickin' it with Jayde

Term 4 has been the term of design, develop and exploring. Both my VET and Year 9 and 10 students have been working to create a Rube Goldberg machine, using the themes from STEM. Students have been using hands on learning to understand the principles of force and transformation of energy. It has been interesting watching and allowing students the opportunity to design and build their own machines, and how they naturally would change and develop their original designs to create a better result. The machines were on display for our showcase and I hope you enjoyed having a play with them.

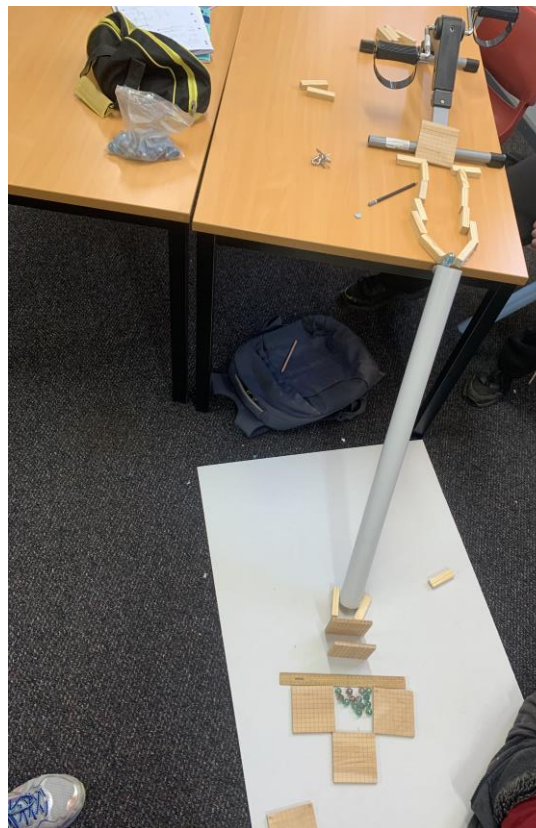


Cooking and kitchen skills became a focus for my students this term again, with many completing the 16 hours of cooking required for them to be signed off on their Duke of Ed program. Congratulations to Ryan who has worked hard to be the first to complete 2 of his 3 units required for accreditation. This term they have focused on cooking one savory and sweet meal and sitting down to a shared meal with the two classes. We have had some fails, but mostly the meals have been pretty yummy and I hope that the students have come home and shared their learning experiences with you all.

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.



Jayde

Liana's Corner

Sewing with Mirina

Our weekly sewing group met with Fairbridge CEO, Mirina. They learnt how to use our sewing machines, cut patterns and even whipped up some new clothes!

"It was really fun and now I'm working towards getting us an embroidery machine" - Brody



Art and Craft

We learnt about tape art and had a go. Our paintings look amazing!

Throughout the term we have been working on hessian wall hangings. We designed our image first, sewed the outline and used a variety of stitches to complete our wall hangings.

"I designed a turtle. It actually wasn't as hard as I first thought" - Abe



Memory books

We created photo memory books using scrapbooking techniques. We put in heaps of photos from throughout the year and wrote about our experiences.



Bush Trips

This term we have been heading out bush to explore the local water holes. One of our favourite days was our trip to Windy Gully. We were in small groups and rotated around activities for the day including bush games, bush cooking and yabbing. "Catching yabbies was the best!" - Jojo



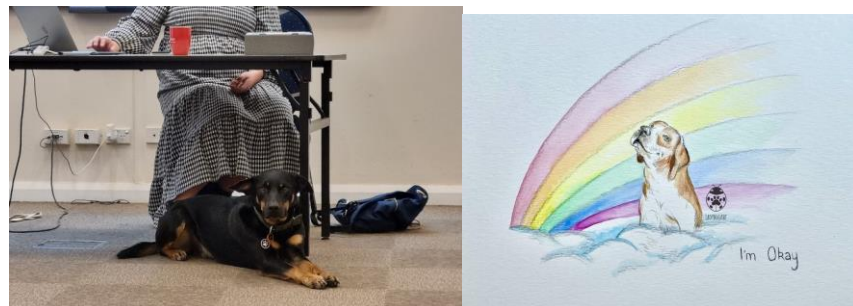
Liana

Message from the Wellbeing Team

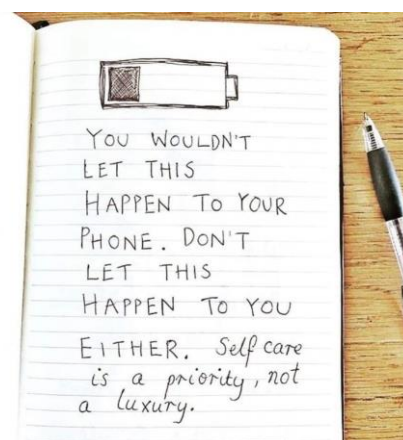
Jayne Lavender, Bridget Leahy, "Dug the Dog" & Gal (also a dog!)

Thank DOG for the Wellbeing Team at Fairbridge! At the end of last term we farewelled Del as he relocated to Albany. Any change is challenging but is always "gift wrapped" in opportunity. Bridget and I have used this past term to consider what we'd like to offer our beloved Fairbridge Kids this coming year. We're undertaking additional training to introduce group therapy to our students and are mentoring colleagues who share our passion for wellbeing so that we can start the new school year with added skills and contributors. No matter what changes we make to our team, our rooms and our practice, we will always share our unconditional positive regard for you.

We're really sorry to let you know that sometime wellbeing team member Bodhi, has crossed the rainbow bridge. Here's a gorgeous Bodhi moment during a staff training session earlier this year. It's how he'd like to be remembered 🦴



As always, we wish you the very best during the holidays. While staff have their break, never forget the many alternative community services you can turn to for mental health and wellbeing support. Our favourite is Kids Helpline, and we sincerely hope you now know how to find that number or website considering how often we speak with you about them! Don't forget you can drop by services such as Headspace too. Your family doctor is also an important personal resource. And remember...



Happy Holidays! - Bridget, Dug, Gal & Jayne 🌲

Wonderful time with Wiebke

Wonderful time with Wiebke:

Hi guys, I'm Wiebke from Germany and the new Student Support Officer at Fairbridge College since term 3.

I moved to Kalgoorlie a year ago and have been enjoying it since. When I'm not at Fairbridge to support our students, I usually play sports such as Football, Soccer or do Pilates to keep a healthy balance between work and my time outside of work. If I'm not playing sport, I'm taking care of my garden. I am excited watching our students grow and achieve their personal goals throughout the year 2023.



Every Thursday during Term 4 I took our students Kickboxing to the Kalgoorlie Kickboxing Centre with Jacko. The students get the opportunity to learn self-defence skills, practice martial arts or try out kickboxing. The students seem to enjoy it and walk out every Thursday with a new skill and growth in their backpack.



We also have been very lucky for Fiona and Doreen from Ngunytju Tjitji Pirni (NTP) coming into our school every Wednesday for Period 5. Fiona & Doreen are doing weekly activities and arts such as Polymer clay, baking scones or having casual chats around the indigenous culture with our students. Doreen & Fiona love coming to Fairbridge & the students love having P5 with them. We hope we can continue in 2023 with Ngunytju Tjitji Pirni!



Wiebke

Chilling out with Jess

Hello everyone,

Wow what a year it has been. The saying time flies when you're having fun, truly makes so much sense working at Fairbridge Collage. I honestly feel like I was just writing my newsletter to introduce myself, and now I'm writing about term 4 and wrapping up the year for 2022.

This term has been filled with so many fun things!

One of my favourite things this term was setting up our very own haunted house, from DIY Halloween crafts, Halloween face paint and it wouldn't be a haunted house without spooky music and students trying to scare each other.

We have been going on so many excursions, from going swimming at the oasis, to going out bush and exploding, and of course making dessert jaffles.

It's sad the year is just about over, but I can't wait to see what 2023 brings for all our students.

Happy Holidays

Jess



Sports with Mayo

Hey guys Mayo here, this term in my role I've run a variety of sports for P5 engaging the young people in fitness and health activities.

Some of the sports that we have been engaging in are, basketball at the Y, touch rugby, soccer, dodgeball and going offsite to the golfing range to hit some golf balls.



Besides sport, every Wednesday I've also been taking a group of students offsite to the gaming lounge allowing students to engage appropriately online and use socially appropriate communication skills.

Mayo



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

Shaynee
Shayla
Abe

Ella
Finn
Luke
Chloe

Madi
Ben
Holly
Tenaya

Declan
Ryan
Brodie



1 st February 2023	First day back for Liana and Gil's Classes
2 nd February 2023	First day back for all other classes
6 th March 2023	Labour Day Public Holiday
6 th April 2023	Last day of term for students and staff

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