

# NEWSLETTER

## TERM 3

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#### From the Principal's Desk

*"Grit is the persistence in following your own path, no matter how many times you trip, falter, or fall."*

— Anonymous

As we reflect on Term 3, I'm reminded of the resilience and determination displayed by our students, staff, and community. The journey of education is rarely smooth, but it's in those moments of challenge that we find our greatest opportunities for growth.

#### Welcome to the Team: Ayrlea

I am thrilled to introduce Ayrlea, who has joined our Fairbridge family as the teacher for our senior secondary class. Ayrlea brings with her a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to student development. She will be spearheading the Towards Independence course, an internationally accredited program designed to equip our students with vital life skills in a real-world context. This course aligns beautifully with our school values of growth and safety, as it empowers our students to navigate life with confidence and resilience.

#### Wear it Purple Day

This term, we proudly celebrated Wear it Purple Day, a day dedicated to fostering supportive, safe, empowering, and inclusive environments for young people in the LGBTIQ+ community. As a school, we stand as allies, demonstrating our commitment to inclusivity. Our students and staff came together to show their support, and it was heartening to see the vibrant display of purple throughout the school, symbolizing our solidarity and commitment to equality.

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## From the Principal's Desk (cont'd)

### OLNA Testing

Our students also undertook OLNA (Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment) testing this semester. I want to commend them for their hard work and focus during this period. OLNA is a critical step in ensuring our students are prepared for their future endeavors, and their dedication to achieving their best is commendable.

### BEGA Partnership

We were fortunate to have BEGA on-site this term, conducting workshops with our students on the important topics of vaping, drugs, and alcohol. These sessions were incredibly valuable, providing our students with the knowledge and tools to make informed decisions. A highlight of the day was the delicious lunch prepared by BEGA, which was enjoyed by both students and staff alike. This partnership continues to support our mission of fostering a safe and healthy learning environment.

### Gravel Pit Renovations

Exciting developments are underway at our school's gravel pit area. We have commenced renovations to create a small adventure playground and our own community fire pits, which will be used for whole school activities. These additions are not just physical enhancements but are also intended to bring our community closer together, providing spaces for outdoor learning and connection. The next phases of this project will include the construction of an outdoor classroom and a larger enclosure for our beloved therapy chickens, Maggie and Penny, ensuring they have a safe and enriching environment.

As we celebrate the achievements of this term, we also bid farewell to Elena, who is embarking on an exciting new chapter. Elena is leaving us to pursue her passion by studying a Bachelor of Sport Science and fulfilling her dream of opening her own gym. While we will miss her energy and dedication, we are incredibly proud of her and wish her all the best in this new endeavour. Elena, your Fairbridge family will always be cheering you on!

As we move towards the end of the term, I want to extend my gratitude to all students, staff, and families for your continued support and dedication. Together, we are building a school community that embodies growth, grit, safety, and inclusivity, and I look forward to the many achievements we will celebrate in the terms to come.

### Jayde



## Senior Secondary and ASDAN with Ayrlea

Another term has been successfully completed, with K4 being the first group of students at Fairbridge College to commence their ASDAN certification. Students have been collaborating with their peers to work through a variety of different modules. These modules range from managing finances to community access. Each student developed a book through Book Creator to display their work and their educational success. This work component will be an ongoing task throughout the year.

In addition to ASDAN, we have been completing the resilience project and science. For the resilience project, students have been learning about stressors, social media, and strategies to deal with life challenges. They have been able to express their ideas and discuss things freely, demonstrating a level of maturity and respect that is a testament to the values we uphold at Fairbridge College.

In science, we have been exploring the world of chemistry. Students played with slime and learnt about the different states of matter, solids, liquids, and gases. Science has been a time for students to explore their own personal interests and get a deeper understanding of the world in which we live.

All students should be immensely proud of their efforts this term! Their dedication and hard work have led to some remarkable achievements, setting a shining example for their peers.

### Ayrlea



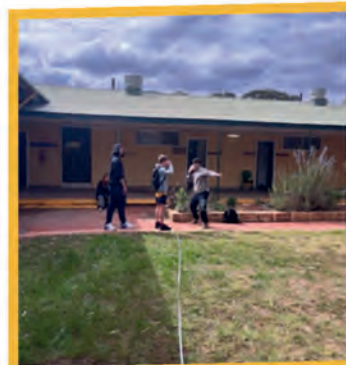
# Sports with Elena

As we approach the much-anticipated athletics carnival, our students have been preparing and showcasing their enthusiasm and dedication for the upcoming events, including signing up and competing in some of their field events already. The Long Jump was a hit for most students, with almost everyone participating! We saw some truly impressive jumps and scores in the Shot Put and Discus. The progress and spirit shown throughout the term have been impressive.

As Carnival Day approaches, the students are becoming very excited to compete in the running and team events! Their commitment and teamwork promise a fantastic carnival ahead!

I have also been taking our sport during the term, where we have been focusing on a range of sports such as football touch, cricket, and soccer. Students have also been loving the warmup game of playground chasse. The students have participated well in these lessons, as well as completing some theory lessons involving learning about.

## Elena



## A Term with Toods

One key focus this term has been creating the best learning environment for our students. We've rearranged the desks multiple times, experimenting with different layouts to find the perfect fit. This ongoing process has been an excellent way for the students to offer input whilst giving a sense of ownership over their classroom space.

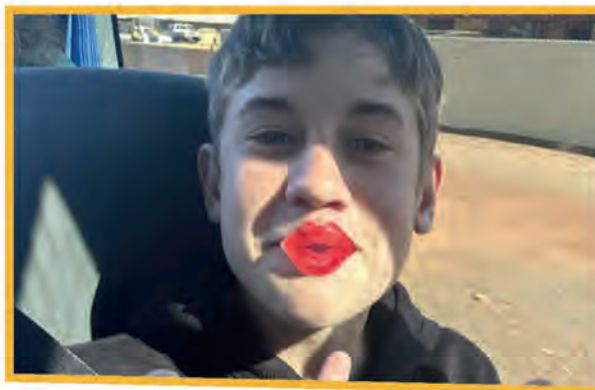
**The Values Tree:** This term, K3 took on a special project that brought out the best in everyone - creating our very own Values Tree wall art. The idea was simple: to make something that would remind us daily of the values we hold important in our classroom. The result is something we're all proud of. Our Values Tree now takes pride of place in the classroom, reminding us daily of what we love about Fairbridge. It's not just art on a wall; it reflects who we are as a class.

**The Chicken Tenders:** K3 has shared the responsibility of tending to the care and upkeep of our school's chickens. Not only did we learn valuable lessons in responsibility and teamwork, but it also helped some students overcome their fear of birds.

Beyond the classroom, our students have been shining in their personal achievements. We're proud to share that Christian has been chosen to play soccer in Borneo, representing the Goldfields internationally. Yianni began the term in Greece, bringing back stories and sharing memories that have encouraged international conversations.

K3 has remained unbothered by the winter chill, finding warmth in their classroom learning, friendships, conversations, laughter and the many exciting opportunities that have come their way this term.

### Toods



# Liana's Corner

## Bushwalks

Every week we go on two different bushwalks. One is our whole school weekly fitness challenge, which sees us walking through Karkula Park. Our walk is about 2km long and is a great time to catch up with everyone. Our other bushwalk is during P5 activities and sees us heading out the back of Kalgoorlie to our favourite bush tracks and enjoying the peace and quiet of the local bush.

## Olympics

This term we learnt about the Olympics while following Australia's achievements in Paris! At the end of our unit, we held our own Fairbridge Olympics, including sports like balloon volleyball, touch rugby, golf, Nerf gun shooting and pool noodle hockey. It was so much fun and so great to see everyone involved!

## Collaborative Mural

As part of our NAIDOC week celebrations, we completed our first collaborative mural. We were all given A4 sized pieces of the mural to colour before putting it all together to create our huge mural!

## Liana



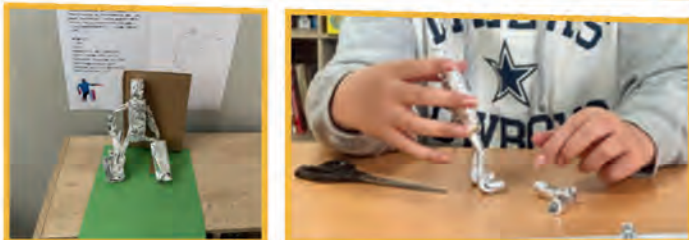
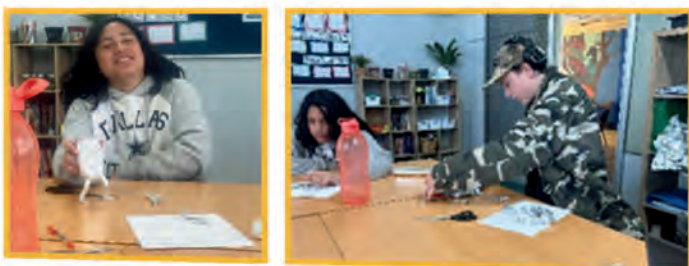
# Vibrant Vibes in K1 with Jess

We've had an exciting and eventful time in the K1 this term as the students embraced the spirit of the 2024 Paris Olympics! The Olympics provided a fantastic opportunity for the students to learn about sports, teamwork, and global events in a fun and engaging way.

To keep the Olympic spirit alive, the students took on the task of updating the medal tally on our classroom whiteboard. Every morning, they eagerly researched the latest medal counts, practising their math skills as they added the totals. This activity also sparked interesting discussions about different countries and their athletic achievements, further enhancing the student's understanding of the world.

In addition to watching the Olympics, the students got creative by designing and making their own Olympic athletes out of foil. They researched different sports, chose their favourite athlete, and then brought their ideas to life using foil and other craft materials.

## Jess



## Wonderful Time with Wiebke

As Term 3 ends, we're excited to be just one term away from the long summer break! I'm Looking forward to enjoying the warm weather with our students in Term 4.

We've been working hard to get our chickens back on track health-wise. In addition to providing chicken medicine, we've taken extra care of the chicken coop to ensure a speedy recovery for our feathered friends.

Our students have been using the chill-out space at Headspace for P5. They've enjoyed snacks, music, Nintendo Switch games, and sharing jokes. We plan to continue these sessions in Term 4 and are eager to deepen our involvement with Headspace, a fantastic community resource for our young people.

### Wiebke





## Well-being Team

The Wellbeing team have had a busy term T3... We have settled well into our new digs! We not only have our gorgeous therapy dog Gal who demands belly scratches and bacon. We now have resident Maggies and Parrots who visit us daily.

This term we have had "Wear it Purple Day" and "R U OK Day" running at Pinjarra. Both days were a huge success with AMAZING support from all our beautiful staff and all the students. We ran painting in the carpark, cupcake decorating, lawn games, painting of a picnic table amongst other things. The students spent the day outside creating new connections, engaging in supporting "Wear it Purple Day" which all helped to show that we are a safe and supportive space. A big Thank you to all who participated.

Term 4 brings about a Buzz...not only is the sun starting to shine bright, but we are also now planning for more opportunities to immerse ourselves in nature for increased wellbeing. Our wellbeing team have decided to practice mindfulness out amongst the trees for the morning debriefing. We also have upcoming Farm Adventures which provides much needed interventions for our students.

As Term 3 comes to an end, we encourage you all to take some time to reflect on your term. What went well for you? What is something you can take away from the learning in the last ten weeks? What is your next goal? Lastly...Self-care. What do you plan to do to increase your wellbeing over the holidays? We look forward to seeing you all after a much-needed break. Take Care.

**Kate, Jayne, Bridget, and GAL.**



## Attendance Stars

Mitchell  
Brayden  
Ioannis  
Maisey-J  
Joe  
Eden  
Lily  
Daniel  
Christian  
Gage  
Charlie

Tyler  
Luke  
Brodie  
Gabriel  
Mikayla  
Nathan  
Chloe  
Teniesha  
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