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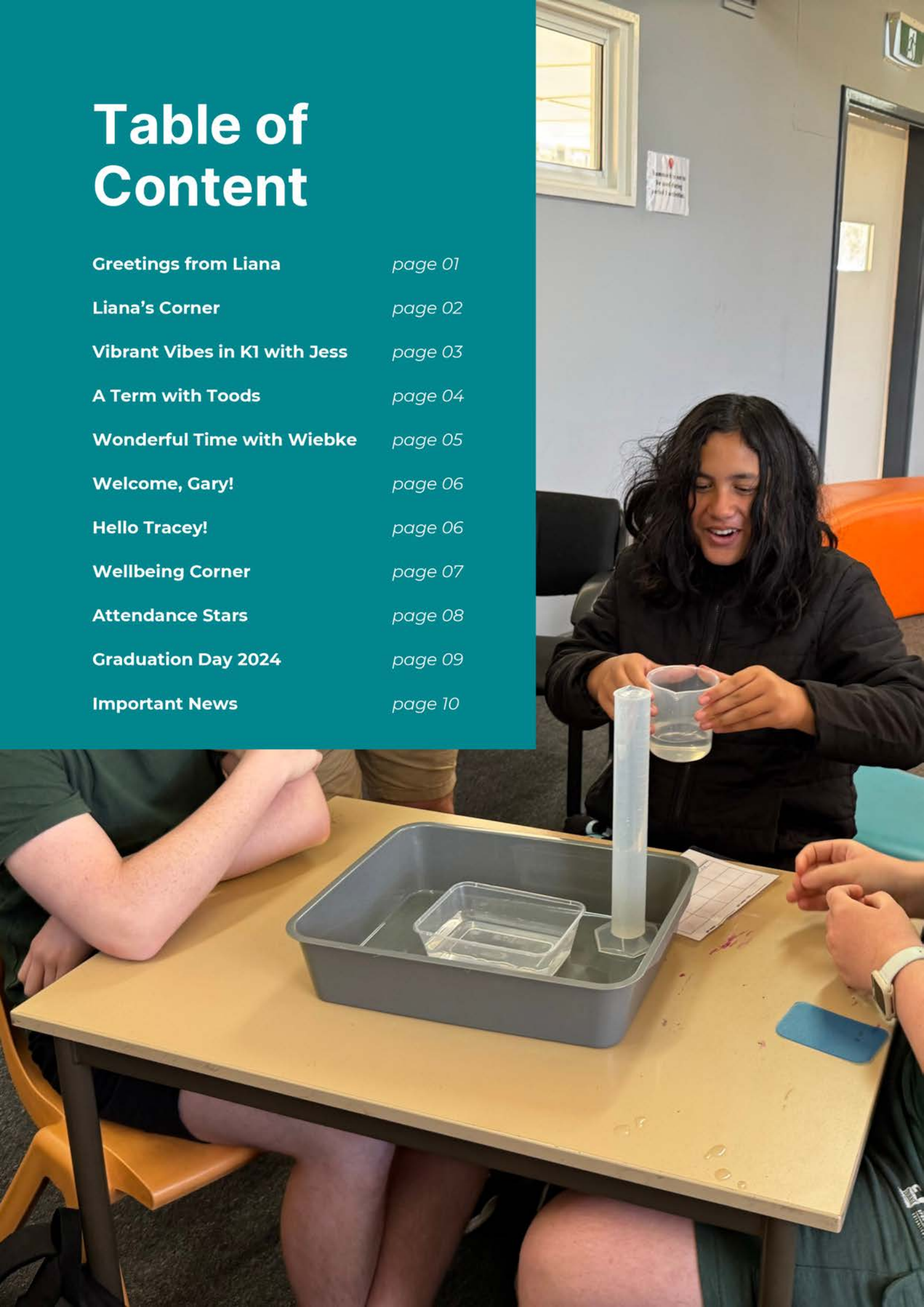
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Greetings from Liana

As we come to the end of Term 4 at Fairbridge College Kalgoorlie, I am excited to share the latest updates and reflections from our school. This term marks not only the close of the academic year but also a time for reflection, growth, and gratitude.

Our students continue to make remarkable strides across all areas of their education. Throughout the year, we've witnessed significant academic progress, personal growth, and exceptional achievements.

These accomplishments are a testament to the dedication and resilience of our students, as well as the unwavering support from their families and our devoted staff.

To our students moving on to new learning opportunities, we extend our best wishes as you transition to a new environment. We sincerely appreciate the positive impact you've made on our school community.

To our Year 12 graduates and to Ben who began Year 13 with us while taking on a traineeship in cookery. Congratulations on reaching this significant milestone! Your hard work, resilience, and determination have led you to this well-earned graduation. Your presence has left an unforgettable impact on our school, and we are incredibly proud of the individuals you've become.

As we wrap up another year, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff, supportive families, and amazing students. Together, we have continued to create an environment where learning and personal growth can thrive. Wishing everyone a successful and fulfilling end to Term 4 and a safe and happy break and we look forward to seeing you all in 2025!

Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all students who participated in our 2024 Athletics Carnival in Term 4! It was such a great day for all involved and congratulations to 'Frogs Legs' for taking out the win on the day!

Liana



Liana's Corner

K2 have been working hard this Term to continue developing their mathematics skills through the Maths Pathways program as well as learning how to apply math skills to our every day lives. In English, we have been learning about the effects Indigenous literature has had and continues to have on our society. Life Skills has seen us learning more about personal health and hygiene as well as working on building our emotional literacy skills through the resilience project.

Australian Earth Science

This term we were lucky enough to have Australian Earth Science come to visit. The presentation was great and the hands-on experiments were fun and engaging!

Minute to Win It!

For our brain breaks this term, K2 have taken part in some "Minute to Win It" games. Stacking cups, using chopsticks and scooping balls while blindfolded and proved to be fun and very challenging!

Liana



Vibrant Vibes in K1 with Jess

For the past year, musical volunteer Lindsay has been sharing his passion for music with students, transforming their learning experience one note at a time. Dedicated and talented, Lindsay has spent countless hours teaching our students how to read music and play a variety of instruments.



Students under Lindsay's guidance have explored instruments such as the keyboard, drums, ukulele, acoustic guitar, bass guitar, and even the piano accordion. His ability to tailor lessons to each student's skill level has been remarkable. Some students arrived with pre-existing musical knowledge, while others started with no experience at all. Regardless of their starting point, Lindsay's patient teaching style has allowed all students to find joy and growth in their musical journey.

Lindsay has been an incredible asset to our school community, His commitment to helping our students discover their musical potential is inspiring.

Students have expressed excitement and pride in their progress, with many discovering a newfound love for music. Lindsay's dedication to fostering a supportive and creative environment has encouraged students to step out of their comfort zones, try new instruments, and develop talents they never knew they had. Students have even made comments that communing to music for period 5 has really made them start to focus.

Our students have gone beyond learning just the basics—they've mastered numerous songs, and their hard work and practice have paid off, and they are now preparing for a special performance at one of our local nursing homes. The students are excited to share their music with the community, using their talents to bring joy to the residents.

The upcoming performance represents more than just their musical progress—it's a chance for the students to give back and connect with others through the universal language of music. Lindsay's commitment to not only teaching music but also fostering community engagement has been truly inspiring.

As they rehearse for this meaningful event, both students and I reflect on how much they've grown thanks to Lindsay's dedication. The skills and confidence they've developed will not only make their performance memorable but will also serve them well in the years to come.

Jess



A Term with Toods

As Term 4 kicked off, the students of K3 brought with them an energy that was both spirited and enthusiastic—a level of excitement that quickly became our default setting. Even as we approached the final weeks of this big term, their enthusiasm remained steady, albeit with a well-earned touch of exhaustion.



The warm spring weather offered the perfect opportunity for a life skills lesson on Personal Health and Hygiene. Students engaged in thoughtful discussions about self-care, which tied in beautifully with our focus on growth and responsibility.

Our classroom environment has also continued to shine, particularly with the introduction of our “We Fit Together” wall art. This collaborative project celebrated inclusivity and individuality, and it stands as a vibrant reminder of the strong sense of community we’ve built in K3.

The Athletics Carnival was another highlight this term. The day was full of laughter, encouragement, and school spirit, with every student playing their part. A special shoutout goes to Christian, who raced to victory, coming first in all his events—a fantastic achievement!

We were also thrilled to hear Mikayla's debut solo performance in Aerial Gymnastics. Her dedication and hard work paid off, and her graceful display left us all inspired.

As we close out 2024, I want to thank the students of K3 for their unwavering energy, creativity, and teamwork throughout the year. You’ve made this classroom a place of growth, inclusivity, and joy. Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season, and all the very best for an exciting and successful 2025!

Toods

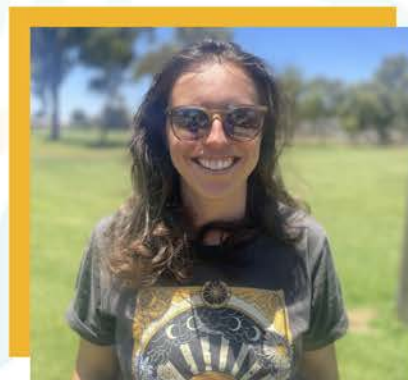


Wonderful Time with Wiebke

This term at Fairbridge College has been filled with exciting and meaningful activities that have brought our students closer while promoting personal growth and well-being.

Mental Health Week 2024

Fairbridge College Kalgoorlie students participated in a rewarding Mental Health Week in October, focusing on well-being and self-care. Activities included mindfulness exercises, raising awareness about physical health, and exploring journal prompts that helped students reflect on their emotions and personal growth. The week was a wonderful opportunity for students to take a step back, focus on their mental health, and develop new ways to manage stress.



Visiting Headspace on Their Headspace Day

Our students had a great time visiting Headspace on their Headspace Day. They participated in fun activities, enjoyed a raffle, and had the chance to learn more about the essential services Headspace provides to young people. This visit was an excellent opportunity to explore resources for mental health support while having a great time with peers.

Exploring music at PCYC

Another exciting experience this term was our trip to the PCYC, where students had the chance to explore their musical talents. The PCYC music room was full of various instruments, allowing students to play however and whatever they wanted. This hands-on experience allowed students to express themselves creatively and discover new musical interests.

Wiebke



Welcome, Gary!

Hi! I'm Gary, and I'm thrilled to be a part of Fairbridge College Kalgoorlie. I've been working in alternative education since 2007. Nothing gives me greater pleasure than to see young people who have been failed by the mainstream school system finding a safe place and starting to succeed in school and to be set up for success in the future.



I'm a husband to Anita, dad of three grown children, grandpa to two gorgeous little boys, and fan of very strong coffee. We've bought a home in town and I'm looking forward to spending several years investing into the lives of the young people at Fairbridge College.

I look forward to meeting you!

Gary

Hello Tracey!

I'm excited to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Tracey, and I'm thrilled to be part of this wonderful community.

A Bit About Me

Originally from a farm in NSW, I've been a local in Kalgoorlie for over 20 years. I enjoy spending time at home with my husband, two children, and our two bulldogs. I also have a horse named Sniper, and I love riding and exploring the bush with him. I believe that "life is all about learning and growing," and I strive to embody that in everything I do.



Professional Background

I have a background in youth work and career counselling, with a passion for helping disengaged and disadvantaged youth, especially those facing learning or mental health challenges. I'm dedicated to providing them with pathways and skills to confidently transition from school to work or to study in further education. Currently, I'm completing a qualification for Trainers and Assessors to enhance my skills further.

What I Hope to Contribute

I'm looking forward to connecting with all of you and contributing to our shared goals. I believe that collaboration and open communication are key to success, and I'm here to support and engage with the Fairbridge community.

Fun Fact

Although I live in Kalgoorlie, I'm still on the hunt for gold! Despite spending 20 years prospecting with family and friends, I'm the only one yet to find a nugget, but I haven't given up hope!

Thank you for welcoming me into the Fairbridge Community. I can't wait to get to know you all better!

Tracey

Wellbeing Corner

Hello from the Wellbeing Team!

Some exciting news this term. We have welcomed a new member to the Wellbeing Team. Theo is a social worker who has worked across Australia and Europe for 25 years! Our students have been enjoying getting to know Theo and have affectionately nicknamed him "The Viking". Stick around to hear from Theo the Viking!



Back on the Farm: This term we have had a lot of fun getting out in nature for wellbeing excursions. Research tells us that being in the outdoors helps with attention, brain function, and all-round wellness, so, we have been doing our best to get out and about with the students. Check out these pictures.

Gal The Wellbeing Dog has been busy at work too. This term she scored a new bed to take a well-deserved rest in the afternoons.

A note from Theo the Social Worker

As a new member of the Wellbeing Team, I have had a pleasure of getting to know most of the students and staff alike. I can safely say that Fairbridge is an amazing place, and I am excited to continue my new journey with all of you. A few fun facts about me: love anything and everything related to the Viking age (obviously), in my spare time I ride motorcycles, do mixed martial arts, go to music festivals and collect tattoos. And yes, I am a huge Lord of the Rings nerd, too. I look forward to seeing you in 2025.

A note from Kate the Wellbeing Officer

We have done it FRIENDS, another year! What a year it has been. I have been privileged to be a part of some of the Wellbeing excursions this term, we have had Remi the visiting pup, and a transformation in the Wellbeing space. As always lots of laughs, some tears and the thing we love the most.... Lots of personal growth. Congratulations to our students who are graduating, I look forward to seeing the students returning in 2025 and wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. Signing off for the year.

Thanks for great year. We look forward to welcoming you back in 2025!

Jayne, Kate, Theo and Bridget



Attendance Stars

Here are our attendance stars for Semester 2:

100% attendance:

Brodie (the winner of our 2024 Attendance Award)

90% and over:

Charlie
Christian
Tyler

80% and over:

Shayla
Mikayla
Brayden
Daniel
Gabe
Hannah
Luke
Mitchell



Graduation Day 2024



Important News

- All students start back in Wednesday 5th February.
- Camp will be February 17-21 in Pinjarra. This camp will be free for all students. Final notes and information will be sent home in week 1.
- A reminder that the doors open at **8:45 AM** each morning and class starts at **9:15 AM**.
- Any new students who need to catch the bus, please contact **Liana on mobile 0418 666 390 or email lcarmody@fairbridge.wa.edu.au**



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We wish you a

Merry Christmas

& HAPPY NEW YEAR

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