

Semester 1 Newsletter

FROM THE MANAGER

COLLEGE IMPROVEMENTS

There's been a lot of improvements at the College this semester. We were fortunate to get a Lotteries Grant with the College tipping in some money as well.

The money was spent on a variety of things such as new computers with 22' monitors, server, shade cloth covering a huge space in the quad, deck chairs, new desks and curtains for the boys, some other spare furniture, a new cake mixer and a huge fully automatic meat slicer for the kitchen.

With assistance from the NGSTH Grant we were able to upgrade the gas hot water system to the new hot water system. It uses electricity but utilizes a heat exchange pump that draws heat from the air - even if it is well below 0 degrees! It stores about 5000 litres of hot water.

We also had an energy efficient audit done but we haven't received the report yet. The College's electricity bill is huge but we are trying to reduce that and be environmentally friendly as well.



Hot Water Storage Units

STUDENT EVENTS

The students have been keeping staff busy. So far we have been to the Maze near Wanneroo, visit the museum to have a look at the Patricia Piccinini exhibition, did the Ghost Tour at the Fremantle Prison, mystery bus ride to Scarborough and Mindarie, Alfred's Kitchen, had a movie night with popcorn, and Mrs. Harris helped the students sew 'heat packs', shopping at Carousel, and indoor rock climbing, ice skating, a couple of the kids made fried rice for the other 40 students, went to the Strongman Show in E Vic Park, trip to Baskin Robins, dinner in Fremantle, made some Mother's Day cards, Easter egg hunt, and there were several other activities offered to the students.

YEAR 12s 2010

In term 3 we offer to take the year 12 students to one place special per week of their choice.

Last year we had a full complement of students and we were able to give the Year 12's "no duties" for term 3. Unfortunately we are down many students and we can't offer that in 2010 : (

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Meet Some Students

TENNIS - APPLECROSS SENIOR HIGH

At R.R.C it has been a full half year for tennis players, especially me. Going to Applecross SHS for tennis means 4 periods of tennis a week plus the Interschool Slazenger Cup held at the State Tennis Centre which many schools participate in, including Kent St. Applecross having majority of the teams and being a tennis specialist school took first five positions.



Two minute drive or twenty minute walk from R.R.C is Higgins Tennis Club. There I participate in drill squad once a week, which works on improving fitness and tennis skills (lots of running, push-ups and sit-ups). Other people from R.R.C also join the squad including Simon Bell. At Higgins I also play pennants for the Men's Div 4 on Saturday afternoons – unfortunately we haven't been doing too well.

I have also contributed in some out- of-school tennis tournaments. Once I went to Esperance on a long weekend with my tennis partner Simon Bell. We walked away loosing in the boys under16 semi-finals in an intense match. Simon got into the quarter finals of the boys under 16's but unfortunately lost. And I won the consolation draws for the boys 16 and men's div2. Then was the drive back and school the next day.

By Mitchell Cooper

Mitchell is in year 11 and this is his 3rd year at the College.

HOCKEY—COMO SECONDARY HIGH



Hello, my name is Pierce. I am in the hockey program at Como. Personally coming from a country town this was a big step for me and at the start I was struggling to keep up with every one else who had joined a few years before me and the good part is they were very helpful to develop my skills and now I can safely say I am a better hockey player than what I was when I started.

Through the school you get to play many games against other schools such as the David Bell Cup and the Buchanan cup the David Bell Cup is a day of hockey for the boys we have two sets of teams 1st 11's and 2nd 11's. The Buchanan cup is for the girls they also like the males they to have a 1st 11's and 2nd 11's team the teams consist of 11 player plus any reserve they think will be needed.

I am currently in year 11 and our class has period zero every Monday morning we leave school at 7:30 and we travel to the Curtin University for the morning and practice our hockey skills we usually do some basic but still challenging skills such as hitting right to the target tackling and many other fun skills. Moving to Como would be one of the best academic choice I made.

By Pierce Bushell

Pierce is in year 11 and this is his 3rd year at the College.

I'm Taryn Waters. I attend Como Secondary College and am apart of the hockey academy. The course is going well, with a hockey tour next year to Scotland and Holland. I also play hockey outside of school for WASPS. We are currently on the bottom of the ladder, averaging 1-3, 0-3 losses, although we have had one successful win against Wolves, 2-1. We are playing Vic Park this weekend, hoping to come out with another win.



By Taryn Waters

Taryn is in year 11 and this is his 2nd year at the College.



I'm Lana Foote, I attend Kent Street Senior High School. I play hockey outside of school for Vic Park Panthers 9/10 A Reserves. Our team is quite strong, we have won 2 games, drawn 2 and lost 3. Last weekend the 20th June 2010 we were up to play the top team being UWA (university of WA), their stats didn't look promising having scored 28 goals out of 6 games and only 1 against them. We ran on the field pumped for the game only walking off at half time disappointed with the score board being in their favour, 6 to 0, us having scored no goals. In the second half we managed to defend all the goals and the end result being 6 to nil.

By Lana Foote

Lana is in year 9 and this is his 2nd year at the College.

I am Todd Sterry. I play for the Vic Park Panthers under 13s. Our team has been successful so far throughout this season. I have played six games this season so far and we are on top of the ladder! I play centre forward and have scored eleven goals so far which places me as the second highest goal scorer this year. The last game we played we won 10-nil against Whitfords.



By Todd Sterry

Todd is in year 8 and this is his 1st year at the College.

TENNIS - TRIP TO CHINA

Hi, I am Carla and I've been at the College for 2.5 years now. I go to Applecross Senior High School and I'm in the specialist tennis program.

During the first term holidays I was lucky enough to go on a tennis trip to Beijing with my school. I competed in the International China Stars Games. My team finished 5th overall making us the best Australian school however, China blew us off the court taking 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th places.

While we may have been flogged by the Chinese we didn't let it stop us from enjoying the sights of China. I think my biggest achievement while over there was getting to the top of the Great Wall of China (trust me it's harder than you think) and of course the shopping was amazing!

Student Reports

Meet Some Students

ROWING - TRINITY COLLEGE

Throughout the latter half of 2009 and the first 3 months of 2010, eight other athletes, my coach and I began a rigorous training regime that we hoped would bring us victory at the 2010 Head of the River.

The season, to say the least, was intense, exhilarating, rewarding and memorable. We trained 7-8 sessions per week, and devoted our spare time to the other commitments of year 12, and resting. Training consisted of water based technique and fitness sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, and land based strength and fitness sessions on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, as well as Friday mornings. In term 4, Saturday morning was also dedicated to our cause, with a longer, water based session, providing us with an opportunity to focus on technique. In term 1 however, this was substituted for racing at either Canning Bridge, or the purpose built complex at Armadale. This routine continued throughout the season, until the Friday before the Head of the River, where we substituted this morning training session for some extra rest and recuperation, which we hoped would enhance our performance at the Head of the River the following day.

For the uninformed amongst the readers, the Head of the River is what the grand final is to the AFL, deciding who are the champions of the season. It places no importance on the outcome of earlier races, allowing anybody to win on the day. On the morning of March 27, we arrived at champion lakes, in Armadale, in a somewhat relaxed, yet focused frame of mind. We had convinced ourselves that we had worked the hardest and the longest for the success of our season, out of all our competition, and decided that we would seize the day and make it our own. For the rest of the morning, we removed ourselves from all unnecessary distractions, and relaxed in each others company, until an hour before our race, where we brought our focus to the race, and recapped the necessary points.

Then, our time arrived, and we found ourselves at the start line of the 2010 Head of the River. We were ready and primed for racing. To say the least, we won in a truly exhilarating fashion, with a comfortable margin on everyone, including pre-race favorites Christchurch, who had been described as the best schoolboy crew the state had ever produced, and who had won every 2000m race of the season. In summary, we got out in front early, within the first 200m, and then pushed out for the remaining 1750m, to win by 4.9 seconds ahead of Christchurch in a record time of 5:48.2. There was much rejoicing, and after graciously thanking our competitors for such an enjoyable season and race, our crew, coach included, lost all composure, and then the celebrations began...

By Nick McKenna

Nick is in year 12 and this is his 5th year at the College.

NETBALL - ARNAMORE COLLEGE

Hello, my name is Rikki McMiles and I attend Aranmore Catholic College. I received a scholarship to participate in the specialist netball program, this means I take netball as a subject and have three practical lessons and two theory lessons a week. I have been selected to be in the team one for High Schools cup, which is run by School Sports WA. There are many different teams that play in this, and the winners from each pool have to play each other at an elimination final day and fortunately both our team one and team two are undefeated so we might have to play each other in the Grand final!

Aranmore also takes two teams to the Gold Coast for 'Senior Tour' where we compete in the Canterbury netball tournament. The tournament goes for a week, and we have the opportunity to play against teams from overseas and Australia. We have to play against a few New Zealand teams which requires us to change our game plan because the netball style is very different over there. This year I have been selected to play in team one, and last year I won the Barbarian award (Fairest and best) for team two. This is an awesome opportunity to play our best netball against talented teams from all over Australia and overseas. In preparation for senior tour we get the opportunity to play against different teams and this year we got to play the Singapore under 18's team. We played 5 quarters of netball against them and ended up beating them, this was very exciting for our team and gave us a huge confidence boost, which I hope we can take over to the Gold Coast and play our best.

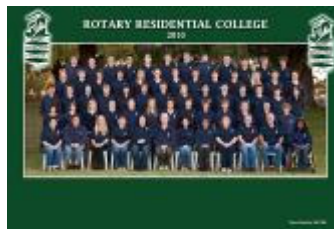
Rikki McMiles

Rikki is in year 12 and has been at the College for 2 years.

HANGING AROUND THE COLLEGE



Darla the College guard dog doing what she does best. - always has one ear to the ground listening for thieves and intruders!



College Photo.. Available week 1 of term 3.



One of the students has a great sense of humour!



Peggy and Jubjub - the WA Bearded Dragons.

KSSHS had their Year 12 ball - Michelle, Brendon, Jimmy, Nigel.



GOLF - COMO SECONDARY HIGH



The year started off with a new face in the golf scene at the hostel with recruit Sam Lindkvist, fresh from his win in Esperance. It was a horror start to the year for Harley "The Gun" Wyatt who received a broken collar bone when trying to move 3 tonnes of dirt with his shoulder, thus becoming sidelined for a number of weeks. This was particularly disappointing for "the gun" because he was coming off some very fine form winning the gross prize for country week in Geraldton, during the Christmas holidays. Sam soon caught on and joined the best golf course in W.A. Royal Perth. In June when Harley was fit as keen as mustard again he participated in the Jurien Open weekend winning the 4 ball better ball and taking out the over all gross for the 27 hole competition, shooting 73, 36. On that same weekend Morgan travelled back to his hometown of Kalgoorlie and took out the junior prize in the Kalgoorlie Classic. At the end of June came pennants, with Harley and Sam both being selected in the junior team with Harley being captain. Harley successfully lead his team to victory against their strongest rivals an first match, Mandurah Country Club winning 5 games to 2, and winning the week after against W.A. Golf Club 5 games to 2. On June 25, 2010 the three boys competed in the upper school champs with performances that are not to be included in this article, however with this performance Harley still managed a measly third position. (That's how good he is). On the 28th of June the boys competed in the annual Como Golf Academy Ambrose day, "The Gun" (4 under) suffered a rare defeat to Sam and his team who finished on 7 under par of the bat.

Written by.... Yep you guessed it, Harley.

Thank you for reading this article, all arrogance has been intended as a joke, so don't take it too seriously J

Harley is in year 12 and this is his 5th year at the College.

CRICKET UPDATES - OVERSEAS

Good morning all on this bright & quite cool Sunday, Well the boys last night were in a very happy, jovial you name it mood. Yes they had a win, good win we were so excited I forgot to ask the score in the end. All I could get was "we rolled 'em I think they said in 14 overs!.

Openers were Luke Lohnstone 34 & Jay Vunak 50, Garrett Munday 3, Jamie Thomas 51(little dynamite yr 10'er, well done young man), David Lane 5 not out, they must have won the game here!, so poor old David never got the chance to put the opposition through their paces!!

Connor Ryan 5 for 19 off 4.5 overs, well done mate, oh Nige' said hey I took a specky out on the boundry! good on ya Nige' what would we do without you love????

Anyway there was so much commotion going on in Nige's room that I said how many people in your room, so on head count they came back with 14 !!, think there's only about 17 on the team!! so I said what are you all doing? "oh we're just hangn with Nige", I tell you people, my kids & their Public Relations skills are not too bad even if I do say so yeah yeah brag brag,

Well alls good that ends good, congratulations to all the boys on their efforts no-matter what, oh we better include the coach & manager in there, Here's to another good day today boys & keep up the good work, enjoy your tour. Till tomorrow cheers everyone have a great day. Snuggle together & keep warm, ha ha . Loretta

This is an unedited email from Loretta Routledge, the mother of Nigel. Nigel and Scott O'Donnell are in the KSSHS special cricket program and have gone to Malaysia.

STUDENT DUTIES

A Discussion article by G Cooper

Student duties vary greatly depending on which Boarding College is attended. At RRC we believe that students will benefit greatly by having duties. It is hoped that graduating students will have the practical skills to manage their lives. Students can expect to get duties every second week and each duty lasts for 7 days starting on a Monday morning. The students are expected to be responsible and ensure that they find someone to do the duty for them if they get signed out, have to leave for school early, or for any other reason. Most duties take 10 to 15 minutes if the student stays focused and does the duty well the first time.

Duties include: vacuuming, sweep courtyard, moping, clearing breakfast dishes, clean laundry room, dinner dishes, wiping tables, bins (waste management), etc.

We also use duties as a disciplinary measure which are called 'extra duties'. Most students dislike doing the regular duties so extra duties are really hated!

From time to time we get 'surprise' health inspections by the local council. They inspect the students rooms, hallways, kitchen, public rooms, fire safety equipment, the lot! The College has a reputation of being one of the best sites in Victoria Park but we can't afford to let our guard down as our future (the students' future) depends on it!

COLLEGE LIFE



My name is Kayne Jeffrey and I came to Rotary Residential College at the start of this year so I could join the aviation program at Kent Street SHS. The first week here I was helped around the place by some of the friends I have met whilst being here. Since then I have been going out with my friends on weekends to places such as Carousel, Scarborough beach and right into the centre of Perth. The sporting opportunities that they give to us are great and I really enjoy playing for the Victoria park Panthers Hockey Club.

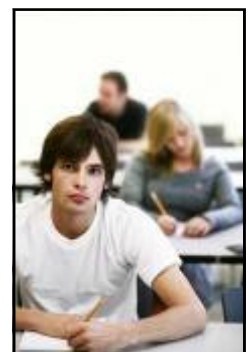
The Hostel has impacted on my life by the quantity and quality of friends I have met and will meet over the next two years, that I will be here for. The extent that the supervisors go to help us out, the life skills I have learnt such as better table manners, responsibility of my own gear and actions and how to organize myself and study on a regular basis. I am grateful for the support and safety that I have been given during my stay.

By Kaine Jeffrey

TUTORING !

Tutoring of students is becoming more popular. This is done in the Swan Room. Please find below the contact details of a few of our regular tutors.

Caris Allen for biology, geography, and English – 0458 203 047
Brad Smith for maths and science – 0428 449 013



Reminders and Upcoming Events:

Now:	Enrolling new and returning students for 2011. The Annual Parental Agreement and the application fee may be sent in.
November:	The students will be going to Adventure World in upper school and lower school groups. Secret Santa event.
December 1st:	First payment for 2011 fee of \$4700 is due.
December 16th:	Final day of school. Check with your child's school to confirm.

The College extends an 'open invitation' to all parents that may be in Perth and want to join us for a meal. We usually have dinner at 5:45 PM. You are most welcome, but please give us a call so that we can set a place for you at a table. You may join the staff or eat with your child!



Did you know that you can make yourself a cup of tea or coffee while waiting in the Swan area? The jug and cups are next to the whiteboard on the right hand side of the room as you walk in.

The Rotary Residential College Board meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month (most months). The Parent Representative is Fiona Gaetke. You can contact her on 0427821022 or email her at Fiona.Gaetke@det.wa.edu.au.

SPECIAL THANKS

I want to extend another 'thank you' to ALL-WEST Racking Solutions for donating thousands of \$ worth of long span shelving to the College last year. All the students stuff is off the ground and organised!
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