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Careers Mini Roadshow
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Our school recognises the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which our students, throughout Western Australia, live and learn.

We acknowledge the enduring connection that Aboriginal people have to the lands, waterways and communities.

We pay our respects to Elders, past, present and future, for the privilege of connecting with students on the many traditional lands of Western Australia.

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SIDE POINTS

BRONZE

Diontae A-T
Sean C
Dominik D+ C
Destinny E
Nixan H
Brodie J
Mack K
Tyrese T
Olive G
Tanya D

Samantha N
Nelson (Reign) C
Noah C
Winston G
Gabriel L
Riley O'D
Jai R
Erik S
Margarita W

SILVER

Robin C
Ruben C
Destinny E
Ethan S

GOLD

Raymond M
Nixan H
Ronnie L
Jeremiah L-T
Julia P



PAUL MATHEWS

Principal

INSIDE SIDE: Principal's Welcome

Hello members of our school community and welcome to our second newsletter for 2023.

As Term 2 concludes, I can reflect on the exciting moments and connections our **3900 students** have had with their teachers over the first half of the school year. I have seen first-hand some of the lessons students have been engaged in and am so pleased teachers are able to engage students in more contemporary classroom spaces. The willingness of the principals at **Canning College, Churchlands Senior High School, Clarkson Community College** and **North Lake Senior Campus** to allow us to have classrooms at their schools has enabled teachers to spread across the metropolitan region and get back into teaching spaces that allow them to have their teaching voices. We also have **modernised teaching spaces** at our **Leederville campus**.

Students should receive their Semester One reports by the end of Week One next term. There should be no surprises contained in the reports and our teachers are keen to hear any feedback that you may have around the reports. Further to the feedback in the reports, there will be our second Parent/Carer Teacher Interview evening next term.

This will be held on **Thursday, 27 July, from 3:30-6:30pm**.

You will receive more information about this evening early next term.

We also held our **School Council AGM** and **first meeting** during term Two and I thank the parents, community members and staff for their commitment to join the Council. The members are listed below and I congratulate our **chair Annie Davies, Deputy Chair Tracey DePhino** and **Secretary Lingani Akujalo-Stephen** for their successful nominations for the important office bearer roles that have taken on.

Shaan O'Connor-Mitchell	Community
Kim Hansen	Community
Marmingee Hand	Community
Henrietta Koch	Parent
Annie Davies	Parent
Nicole Parker	Parent
Colleen Sokra'a	Parent
Glenn Saunders	Parent
Lingani Akujalo-Stephen	Parent
Tracey DePhino	Parent
Varinder Rikhranj	Staff
Zoe Schaffert	Staff
Simone Menager	Staff

I am very fortunate and privileged to be the principal of this wonderful school that connects with so many students and communities. It has also been over ten years since I last had a long service leave break and it is time for me to take a moment to recharge. At the start of Term 3, I will be the Relieving Director of Education in the Pilbara region for three weeks. After that period, I will take long service leave. **Laura Moore**, one of our Deputy Principals, has been selected to take on the Principal's role for the remainder of the year. Laura has fantastic skills and will ensure our change agenda and quality teaching and learning opportunities for students continues to thrive.

I wish our students, staff and our school community all the best and will be eagerly looking forward to hearing about the experiences and innovations that will continue during my absence.

Warm regards

Paul Mathews

Principal

TERM 3 CALENDAR 2023

Monday 17 July	Term 3 begins - Teachers - School Development Day
Tuesday 18 July	Term 3 begins - Students
4-6 September	OLNA Round 2
18-28 September	Year 12 Semester 2 Exams
22 September	Term 3 ends

IN FOCUS

Early Childhood

This term, our Early Childhood students attended an online puppet show incursion with the Constable Care team. They learned about protective behaviours and when something is just 'fun scary' or unsafe. Students also discussed the five fingers of safety, identifying five people that they could trust to help them when they feel unsafe. We were lucky to be joined by a live audience, the Mount Hawthorn Kindy students, who also enjoyed the show.



The Mini Industry Roadshow

Students from the beautiful remote town of Jigalong in the Western Australian Pilbara region participated in the career workshop conducted by the Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research. At this workshop, students created amazing examples of functioning limbs while also learning about how the muscles and tendons work in the hand.

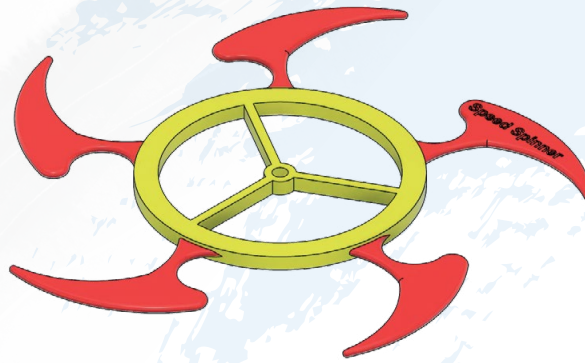


THE ARTS AND TECHNOLOGIES



Technical Graphics

As part of the Year 12 Design Technical Graphics course, students have a brief to design a throw toy for either a person or a pet. Students used Fusion 360 CAD software to design and render their creative pet throw toys.



Marc



Shannon

Water rocket cars at La Grange Remote Community School

La Grange Remote Community School had some fun building water rocket racers with John Siciliano on his recent regional visit to the school. It was great to show off the rocket cars as they went blasting through the school assembly.



HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES



Term Two was a busy, exciting time for our Humanities and Social Science students.

Year Sevens studied consuming, producing and entrepreneurial skills.

Year Eights studied economic concepts, types of businesses and developed plans for a "pop-up business". Australia and the global economy was the Year Nine focus and our Year Tens studied living standards and economic performance.

Year 11 Geography students studied "natural and ecological hazards", Economics students studied the fascinating insights of "Micro-Economics", Year 11 History students studied

Capitalism in the USA with a focus on the "roaring Twenties" and the "New Deal".

Year 11 Accounting students focused on the Financial Environment, Balance sheets and Financial Decisions studies. Year 11 Politics and Law (we now teach both ATAR and General versions of these courses) studied "Democracy and the Rule of Law".

Year 12 students studied "Global Environmental Change" (in Geography), China or Australia in the Twentieth Century (in History), International Trade (in Economics) and Political and Legal Power (in Politics and Law). Year 12 Accounting focused on Cost - Volume - Profit, investing and the Financial Environment.

HaSS organised the visit of several expert guest speakers to add to the depth and interest of students' studies.

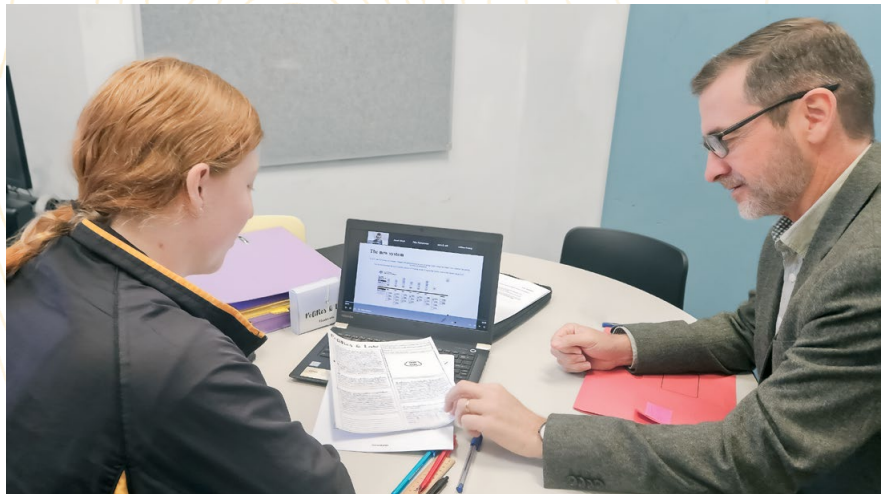
Staff have visited many students in Regional and metropolitan areas.

Year 11 and 12 Business Management Enterprise students developed skills and understandings essential to the day-to-day running, continuing viability and expansion of a business

HaSS welcomed new staff members – Eve Kiddie, Rose Lee and Cheryl O'Connell.



Anthony working with Peta who studies Year 11 Politics and Law



Modern History student Maggie was able to sit next to Ros, as she delivered to her state wide Webex class.



HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Term Two has been very busy and productive for our learning area. We have had the opportunity to host guest speaker presentations. Students have been involved in a rigorous assessment schedule with ESTs and examinations occurring on top of common assessment tasks. The students from Year 7 – 12 have also been producing some fantastic work.



Guest Speaker: R U Legal?

R U Legal? is a program of free community legal education sessions and resources for young people between 10 and 18 years old. It has been developed by Legal Aid WA to provide young people with information about the criminal justice system and the laws that affect them.

On Friday 12th of May, SIDE hosted a session which focused on **Drugs and Alcohol** and **Cars and Driving** and students enrolled in the **KeysForLife +** program attended via Webex.

BOOKINGS NOW AVAILABLE!

RU Legal? is a program of free community legal education sessions and resources for young people, parents, educators and community groups. Topics include:

- CYBER BULLYING
- CARS AND DRIVING
- SEXTING AND IMAGE-BASED ABUSE
- FAMILY VIOLENCE AND RESTRAINING ORDERS
- SEX AND CONSENT
- POLICE POWERS
- SCHOOL FIGHTS
- THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
- DRUGS AND ALCOHOL
- COMMON OFFENCES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

To book a free R U Legal? session
call: 9261 6277
or visit our website
www.legalaid.wa.gov.au
and complete the online booking form.

Sessions are presented by Legal Aid WA lawyers and use real-life examples to demonstrate legal consequences for young people. Sessions can be delivered to whole year groups or smaller classroom size groups and generally go for one hour (or one school period).



Meet our new staff member

The HPE department would like to take this opportunity to introduce you Eden Fletcher who commenced at SIDE at the beginning of Term 2. Eden has been responsible for Year 7, 8 and 9 Meekatharra Health and the Year 8 Dance group.

Lower Secondary Health

Year 10 students at Meekatharra joined SIDE this term and have actively been engaged in their lessons. A particular focus has been on using the Kaiyai Girl resource as a way to develop knowledge and understanding of health issues and the self-management skills to cope when faced with choices about alcohol and other drug use.



Welcome to Year 10 Health

Kaiyai Girl – Session 1: What do you think?

A story about making different choices to be boss of your body and keep in control of your life

CURRICULUM SUPPORT



Regional Visits

Teachers are excited to visit their students. Schools visited by Curriculum Support staff this term included Beverley, Kulin, Narembeen, Dowerin and York. We plan to visit more schools next semester.

Focus on Student Work

Riley McLachlan Mukinbudin
District High School

This is a career poster Riley, a Year 12 student enrolled in P 3 English, created using a tool called CANVA. Riley was shown how to use CANVA in his ASDAN Silver Awards course with Amy Hamilton. It's great to see students transferring skills from one course to another.

Riley researched his chosen career, created his poster and shared his work in a Webex lesson.



School Visit

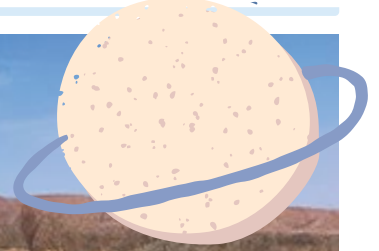
ASDAN teachers Sue Taylor and Amy Hamilton recently visited Narembeen District High School, Kulin District High School and Dowerin District High School, meeting with students, visiting workplaces and seeing how their SIDE rooms are set up. Sue and Amy were very impressed with the set up of all three schools and the amazing work the teachers and EA's are doing to support the SIDE students and to collect evidence for their portfolios. They even got to meet Dowerin's therapy dog, Lulu, who spends time with the students.

Leinster Visit

Students from Leinster flew to Perth for a week. We had the privilege of meeting Ethan, one of the Year 9 students at Leinster. It is always a pleasure to meet with students on site as it gives us the opportunity to learn more about them and engage in a less formal setting. Ethan talked about the fun activities they are participating in and visiting around Perth, like Parliament House.



SCIENCE



The very scenic drive from Tom Price to Newman



Steve Guhl and Cindy Gold at Tom Price District High School with Year 12 students (L to R) - Jad, Patrick and Opal.



Jad and Opal with Steve Guhl at Tom Price working on some Chemistry



Cindy Gold assists Year 11 student Mackenzy with some Human Biology content at Newman District High School



Brendan Forbes reviewing some Physics essentials with Jasper at Exmouth District High School

Science Regional Visits

The Science Department is one of the biggest at SIDE, delivering an extensive range of lower school, general and ATAR courses to students throughout Western Australia and the world. Of particular importance is reaching out to all students whenever possible to ensure the best possible academic outcomes.

In Term 2, the Science Department visited many schools across the state including Karratha, Kununurra, Exmouth, Tom Price, Newman and Shark Bay. The teachers were extremely excited to meet face to face with their students. For some perspective, just a few of the subjects covered in these trips included Year 11 and 12 ATAR Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Human Biology, Psychology and lower school sciences.

Throughout these visits, SIDE staff were able to provide students with invaluable 1 on 1 assistance, working through specific problems and giving the students advice on how best to prepare for their examinations. The staff provided extra resources including tailored worksheets and packages, and delivered specialist textbooks which are difficult to purchase in remote locations.

The Science teachers gained a better understanding of the many and varied challenges that regional and remote students face in their education and the need for SIDE to continue to strive to deliver the course materials in the best possible way. SIDE teachers look forward to many great opportunities to connect with the students in locations across the state.

LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTRE



James Foley

Visiting Author Online James Foley

During week 4, we worked with PP-Year 4 teachers to host two exciting Webex sessions with WA author/illustrator James Foley. James discussed his writing journey and shared insights into his recent award-winning picture book *Stellarphant*. He involved students as they created and sketched some fun fantasy animal characters.

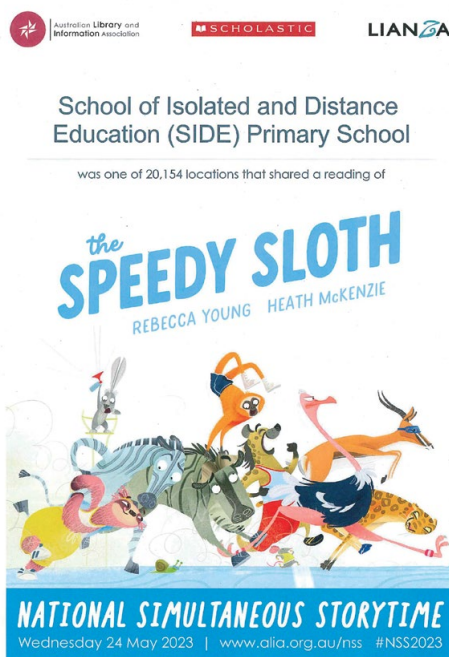
Borrow James Foley's print and ebooks via the [SIDE Library catalogue](#).



Heather (H.M.) Waugh with SIDE staff

Visiting Author Online H.M. Waugh

In Week 9, we welcomed local author Heather (H.M.) Waugh to present two sessions to our Year 5-8 students. Heather spoke about many of the things that inspire her writing and showed students some very useful ideas for how to brainstorm ideas for their own story writing. Our students came up with some amazing plot twists! Explore more about H.M. Waugh and borrow her books [SIDE Library catalogue](#).



NSS Certificate

National Simultaneous Storytime

Together with the Primary School, SIDE LRC was excited to present this year's story for National Simultaneous Storytime. Kindy to Year 4 students shared online, via Webex, a reading of the Australian picture book *The Speedy Sloth* by Australian author Rebecca Young and illustrator Heath McKenzie. The story is one which celebrates all winners! Approximately 2 200 000 students across Australia and New Zealand enjoyed this year's selected story. Our certificate of participation acknowledges that SIDE was one of 20 154 registered locations which participated. You can check out and loan stories by author [Rebecca Young](#) and illustrator [Heath McKenzie](#)



ONLINE TEACHING AND LEARNING

SIDE teachers regularly organise special guest presenters for our students across Western Australia. These events are proudly supported by the Online Teaching and Learning (OTL) and Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Teams. Made up of teachers, instructional designers, studio and ICT technicians, these teams collaborate closely with guest presenters and staff to ensure events are shared in the most effective and engaging way. Events are usually conducted via Webex and have included music concerts, authors online, zoo visits and professional experts. Amongst others, SIDE welcomed Constable Care to SIDE in Term 2, 2023.

Staying safe online

Considering our visit from Constable Care, we take the opportunity to share with parents the range of resources provided by the Office of eSafety Commissioner. These resources help parents navigate the online world with their children and keep them safe. To access parent resources go to: esafety.gov.au/parents

Have you completed SIDE's Third-Party Services forms?

To use many of the services SIDE provides, the school needs to collect parent permission. If you haven't yet completed a consent form for your children, please do so here: [Third Party Services – Forms for parents and caregivers](#)

STUDENT SERVICES

This has been a busy term for many year groups with students completing formal assessments including Externally Set Tasks (ESTs), OLNA, National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN), and exams. Please read your report carefully and contact your teacher/s if you have any queries.

Plan for the future:

How to apply for an Early Offer for University

Applications are now open. Students are encouraged to apply for an early offer using their results from Year 11 Semester 2, 2022 or Year 12 Semester 1, 2023. More information is available at tisc.edu.au/static/guide/early-offers.tisc

TAFE Enrolment

Details are available <https://tasonline.tafe.wa.edu.au> For assistance with university and TAFE entry, contact your SIDE Student Coordinator and/or your school's SIDE supervisor.

Year 11 & 12 ATAR revisions seminars

Revision seminars are delivered by private providers and are aimed at maximising students' general exam preparation and for specific courses. SIDE encourages students to attend revision seminars, therefore a partial subsidy for **full time SIDE students** enrolling in these seminars is available as outlined below:

- Metro students - 25%
- Rural students - 50%.

WACE revision seminars are also offered in the September school holidays. Contact your SIDE Student Coordinator for details.

Choosing a pathway for year 11 & 12

Students enrolling in Year 11 have many different pathways to choose. Check out The Authority's Year 10 Information handbook at scca.wa.edu.au/publications/year-10-information

To find out more about these pathways. Contact your SIDE Student Coordinator for assistance with your career planning for 2024.



Adoley M

Students in Focus

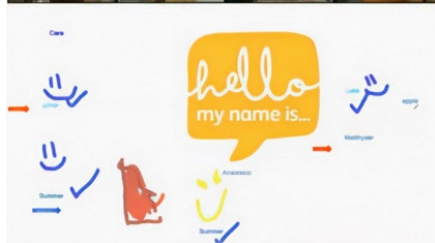
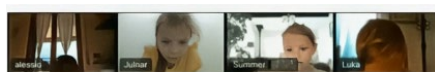
Adoley M (Y9) from Wyndham District High School was one of the 10 successful student ambassadors selected for the 2023 Premier's Anzac Student Tour.

She was chosen after writing an essay to demonstrate her understanding of Australian history and the Anzac legacy. The tour involved travelling to Sydney and New Zealand to celebrate the 78th anniversary of the end of WWII.

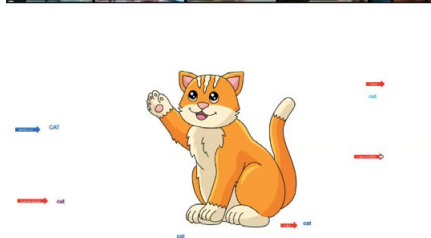
Adoley was also lucky enough to visit SIDE while on the tour and was able to meet several of her current and past teachers.



PRIMARY K-6



Pre Primary typing their names



Pre Primary spelling and typing CVC words

Early Childhood Education

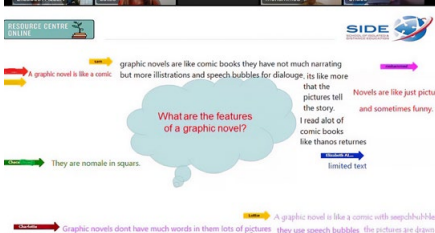
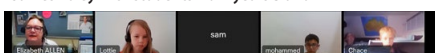
This term the Pre-Primary students have been learning how to sound out and spell simple Consonant Vowel Consonant (CVC words) such as cat, dog, pit. They have also been learning how to type using the keyboard in Webex. Here are some pictures of them spelling the word cat as well as them typing their names.



James Foley with students from years 3 and 4



James Foley with students from years 3 and 4



Graphic Novels in year 4

Middle Primary

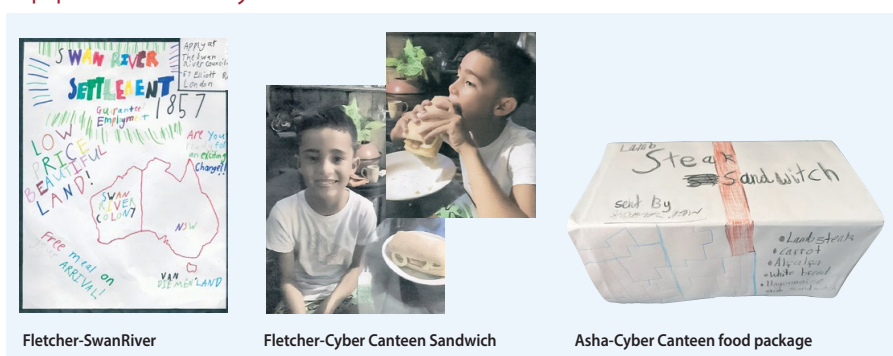
The students are enjoying the interaction and feeling of connectedness that comes with regular attendance in Webex sessions. We are happy to see students improving their reading skills. They are also adept in the use of the tools within Webex. This has been a busy term with regular daily lessons covering Year 3 and 4 curriculum, online incursions, an author online and National Simultaneous Story Time.

Our students thoroughly enjoyed the Author Online session with James Foley. He gave us insight into how to draw illustrations for books. The students drew their own creatures by following simple steps from James. He is an inspiration to all budding authors/illustrators out there.

National Simultaneous Story Time took place on the 24 May. 'The Speedy Sloth' by Rebecca Young was read to the students by Liz Allen. Our students were just a few out of thousands nation-wide who listened to the same story on the same day.

Liz Allen from the Resource Centre has discussed various books and authors, during Webex lessons, with some of the focus being on graphic novels. It's a fantastic learning opportunity for our students.

Upper Primary



Fletcher-SwanRiver

Fletcher-Cyber Canteen Sandwich

Asha-Cyber Canteen food package

In History, **Year 5** students have been learning about and researching the Swan River Colony and people who made a difference to the lives of early settlers. They all decided life for them now is much easier than it was for children back then! In Cyber Canteen, which focusses on Health and Design and Technology, students have been learning about the importance of healthy eating and have designed their own wraps and sandwiches, complete with environmentally friendly packaging.

Year 6 students studied a wide range of sets and topics this term. In 'It's A Novel Idea' the novel *Blueback* by Tim Winton was studied. In Maths students collected data on using muscles and used a recipe for making chocolate cakes to sell at a charity.

Chemical Change was the focus in Science this term with students conducting many varied experiments.

They had fun discovering what happens to a substance when it is heated and cooled. Students had the opportunity to melt chocolate, cook pancakes and dissolve sugar. Their reports on observations and results were accurate and it was pleasing to see most students use scientific notation correctly.

- 1 Charlotte-Blueback Collage
- 2 Dewi-Chocolate Cake
- 3 Sam-Choc Cake
- 4 ChemChange-Sugar crystals

