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LAURA MOORE Principal

## **INSIDE SIDE: Principal's Welcome**

Kaya. Welcome to our final newsletter for 2024. I respectfully acknowledge the past and present traditional custodians of this land from which I write to you, the Noongar Wadjuk people. It is a privilege to be standing on Noongar Boodjar country. I also acknowledge the traditional custodians of the country on which you may be reading this.

Term 4 is my favourite time of year in schools. I love the synergies we can draw in education, with the lifecycle that is in motion around us in nature at this special time. During Birak, for example, many species of young birds are flying from their nests, ready to explore the wide-open spaces around them. Reptiles also begin to shed their old skin, ready for a new one to grow in its place. Lately, challenge, growth and stepping out into the world have been prominent themes for students at our school.

So many firsts and lasts happen in Term 4. Our Year 12 students, with their families, gathered for the last time at our Leederville campus and online, their achievements celebrated and acknowledged. I am always impressed by the resilience, persistence and commitment of our students, and these qualities were particularly evident in our Class of 2023. Special congratulations to our Academic Dux, Seaton Screaigh and VET Dux, Maisey Lay.

'Meeka Made' was a brilliant pilot project this term, set up by a group of SIDE art students from Meekatharra, who have been learning about printmaking techniques. To add to their repertoire of art skills, they embarked on an entrepreneurial journey, setting up a pop-up shop at Leederville where they printed shirts and tote bags with original designs. They were an absolute hit!! Providing real world learning opportunities for students is key to supporting our young people to be future-ready, and I am looking forward to seeing much more this type of learning throughout our school in 2024.

The end of a school year is filled with a blended sense of achievement, pride, and exhaustion! I want to acknowledge the tremendous effort of all students, parents, staff, and our partner schools. We know that success for our students is driven by this partnership that at its heart, has an unwavering commitment to seeing our young people achieve and exceed their potential, regardless of their circumstances. Thank you for everything you do to ensure the students in our collective care can flourish. I wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to working with you all in 2024.

Warm regards

Laura Moore

Principal

#### **IMPORTANT DATES 2023**

Friday 1 December Wednesday 13 December - Years 7-10 reports e-mailed Thursday 14 December Monday 18 December

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- Year 11 reports e-mailed
- End of Term Four (students)

- Year 12 students' results will be available
- Students can download digital copies of their WACE, WASSA and ATAR course reports from mid - January 2024.

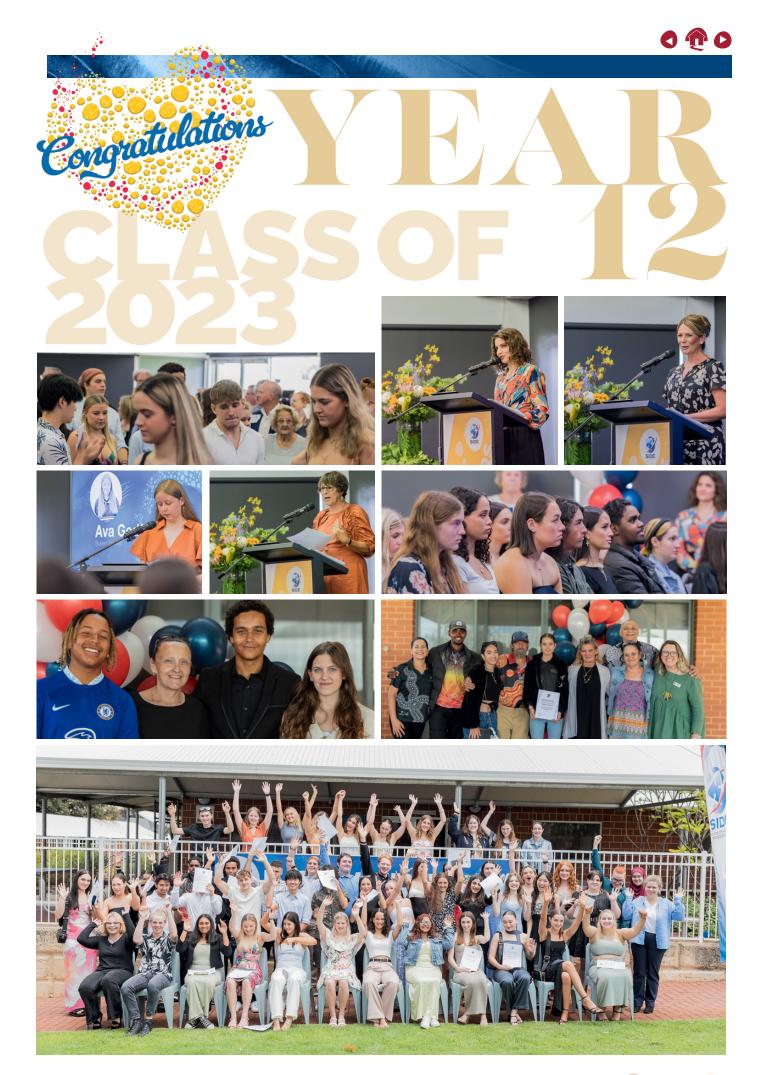
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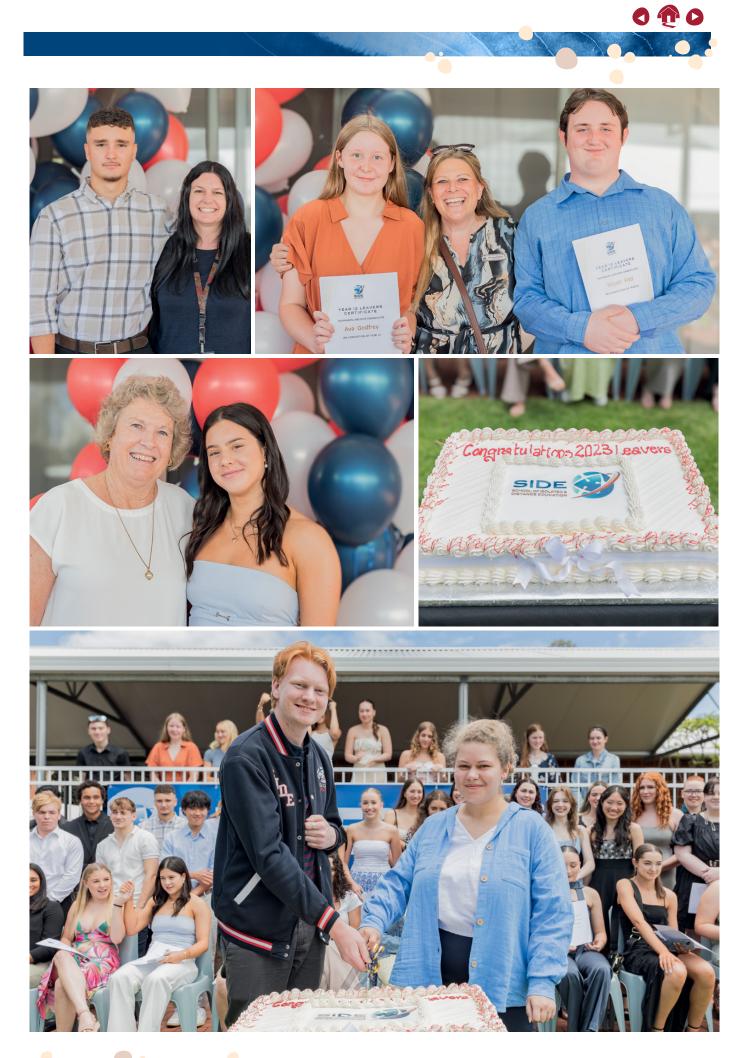
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Wednesday 31 January

Term 1 begins - Teachers - School Development Day

#### Term 1 begins - Students







## SPEC AL ACADEMIC DUX VOCATIONAL DUX



## Seaton Screaigh

Awarded to the highest achieving student in ATAR courses.

Seaton has demonstrated an outstanding work ethic and dedication to his school work throughout his secondary studies. He has fully engaged in Webex classes and kept in regular contact with his teachers, always reflecting and acting on their feedback.

Seaton has achieved to his full potential and SIDE is very proud of his mature, diligent approach.



### Maisey Lay

Awarded to the highest achieving student in a vocational pathway.

Maisey is a self-motivated and multi-talented student based in regional WA. While enrolled at SIDE for Years 11 and 12, Maisey has developed an exceptional portfolio of achievement including extensive workplace experience, a Certificate II in Agriculture as well as admirable results in both ATAR and general courses.

SIDE commends Maisey's success, achieved through a commitment to her studies and highly developed time management skills.



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## THE ARTS AND TECHNOLOGIES

In 2023, SIDE art student artists showcased their creativity and talent in various forms and mediums. The Year 12 ATAR students explored 'Points of Views' that they felt strongly about; while the Year 11 ATAR students explored 'Identity.' In the General courses, Year 12s created 'A Sense of Place' lino prints, while Year 11s created sculptures based on 'Animals in my World'. The Year 8s explored a still life painting. It has been another fabulous year of originality and inspiration. Congratulations to all the developing artists. You can't learn creativity; you can only practise it.

#### Year 12 Art - ATAR



Ella B (Manjimup Senior High School)







Marlee W (Esperance Senior High School)



Abby G B G (East Kimberley College)



Amelia J (Champion Bay Senior High School)







Leandra~C~~( Australian Christian College )



Leila L (Lake Grace District High School)

#### Year 11 Art - ATAR



Selene S (Harrisdale Senior High School)

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Mitchell R (Mukinbudin District High School)

Anika S (Harrisdale Senior High School)





Mackenzie M (Kelmscott Senior High School)



## THE ARTS AND TECHNOLOGIES

#### Year 11 Art - General Sculptures





Anika S (Harrisdale Senior High School)







Aleeya C (Exmouth District High School)

Aleeya C (SIDE Student)

Bella C (SIDE Student)

#### Year 8 Art

Olivia W

SIDE Student )





Sophia S (Leinster Public School) (Overseas SIDE Student)



Yusuf A (Overseas SIDE Student)

#### **PersiaArtistic Gairdeners**

Gairdener Primary School started the year with no enrolments due to students travelling to larger schools in the region. Rachael MacFarlane seized hold of the opportunity to partner with the school and allow SIDE to offer specialist teachers to assist with regrowing the school and bring a burst of life back into the community. Rachael identified Richard Wu, a multitalented ATAR Arts teacher at SIDE, to design and deliver a course that would engage the primary students, but more importantly, to develop their creative skills and explore ideas. Enrolments have now climbed to 10 students. Richard conducted live lessons from the studio in Leederville to Gairdner Primary School and the students were always eager for the next lesson. During the lessons, it was smiles all round with some very proud students showcasing their new skills. Principal Sean Ward reached out last week to make sure SIDE knew how appreciated Richard is by the school community and described him as "a wonderful asset to Gairdner Primary School this semester... It's certainly been one of the highlights of the students' weeks."

Below are some examples of the students' amazing work.





It was very nice to meet the Year 7 and 8 specialist woodwork students from Wagin District High School in Week 6 of Term 3. We worked on completing their land yachts and took them out to the basketball courts to race. A very nice part of the state and the canola fields were in full bloom.

Rohan Hutchinson, Design & Technology

#### Year 12 General Design Photography **Cultural Portraits**

Year 12 General Design Photography students learnt about cultural portraits in Term Two and Three. They produced a series of black and white, and colour portraits with embellishment (digital or embroidered) drawing inspiration from the work of Victoria Villasana or Andreea Robescu. demonstrating an understanding of colour theory. Some very original and creative portraits have been produced, and the students should be very proud of their hard work!

#### The class has been a pleasure to teach!

Adrianne Evans, Year 12 General Design Photography teacher.









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## **HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Each term in Years 7 to 10, students develop their HaSS skills, understandings and value clarification in a range of contexts, broadening their knowledge in all areas of Humanities and Social Sciences.



#### Term 3 was all about HISTORY.

The focus for each year was: Year 7 Ancient Worlds, Year 8 Middle Ages, and as well as Year 9 Modern times including the Industrial Revolution and WW1, Year 10 The Twentieth Century including the Depression, WW2 and the post WW2 World.

## Term 4 was all about GEOGRAPHY.

## Food for Thought!

When did you last wear a map of the world?

What is a fact that you learnt when you studied Geography?

What is Geography?

Patti and Gavin and SUPER excited about it, Ready to go!







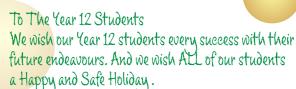
## Regional Visits to the Importance of Relationship Building.

Regional and Metropolitan visits are important to strengthen relationships and enhance student engagement. Peter working with Nyssa and Ryder at a country school.

#### Dirk Hartog Return to 1616 Project [Geraldton].

The ATAR Geography Year 12 course requires students to study the management of Land cover change. One of the strategies we look at is the restoration of Dirk Hartog Island. On a recent student visit to Geraldton, we were lucky to be invited by the Department of Parks and Wildlife to experience this restoration strategy. Wendy, the community engagement officer, showed us how the use of virtual reality can bring the restoration project to life in the classroom. This inspired us to use this technology to bring the island to our students through a virtual field trip. This is just one of many ways we engage our Geography students in the use of technology in the classroom.

To learn more about this restoration project click on the link below; Welcome to Dirk Hartog Return to 1616 Project



## **HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

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Student work by Annika J

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Term 4 2023 has been full of activity for all of us here at SIDE. Presentations, school visits and exams just to name a few things the HPE department have been involved in. As always, the students from Year 7 – 12 have also been producing some fantastic work throughout the term.

#### Senior School Health Studies

The Year 11 General Health Studies students finished off a busy year with a Health Care Project. This comprised of choosing a chronic condition to research and develop a PPT presentation. The Year 11 ATAR students recently sat their final examinations for the year with some pleasing results.

### → Lower School Health Studies

Year 10 students completed a Mini Health Campaign for their final Project. Choosing from a variety of topics: Safe Driving, Regular Physical Activity, Alcohol or Drug Use, students had to create an engaging presentation targeting their peer group.

Year 7s undertook a Nutrition and Food Audit for their Project Assessment in Term 4. There were plenty of great Food Diagrams and students comprehensively demonstrated their understanding about the different types of Food Groups.

The Year 8s focused on the topics of "Alcohol", "Social Connectedness "and "Support Networks" while our Year 9s focussed on "Respectful Relationships", "Digital Safety" and "Mental Health and Wellbeing".

> From all of us at the HPE department, thank you for a wonderful year, enjoy your break and all the best for next year.

#### SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Have you **moved** 

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you may be eligible for up to:

\$350 towards school expenses The Western Australian Department of Education provides an allowance to assist eligible families with secondary schooling costs.

For more information please contact the Business Support Officer on 08 9311 1423 or discuss with the Student Coordinator at the time of enrolment.

## **CURRICULUM SUPPORT**



Some fantastic positive affirmation cards made by a student for our **ASDAN PSHE short course!** 



In English students have been exploring still images. Students were given the tasks to infer what was happening in a still image. Gabby was able to use her inference skills to answer the questions.



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Do you think this photo was taken in summer or winter? What makes you think this?
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#### Workplace Learning

Term Four has been very productive as we wound up another year and started preparations for 2024. I was amazed at how many student goals were achieved this semester. Students can feel very proud of their achievements throughout the whole year.

I would like to thank every member of the Curriculum Support team and all the SIDE supervisors in partner schools for all their amazing support throughout the year. More importantly, I thank all the students for striving to do their best throughout the year. I wish you all a wonderful and safe Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you in 2024.

## Focus on Student Work

We have had a very busy and successful vear in our ASDAN courses with 21 - Year 12 and 18 - Year 11 portfolios passing moderation. A further 16 portfolios will carry over to 2024 to be moderated. Our students have done an outstanding iob in variety of ASDAN courses including Workright, Animal Care, Hospitality, Horticulture. Work Awareness. Meal Preparation and Transition Challenge. We also had students complete the Bronze and Silver International Awards for the first time. The students portfolios contain a variety of evidence including their Webex lessons, photographs, videos, posters and PowerPoint presentations. All our ASDAN courses are endorsed and accredited with SCSA. The ASDAN Awards Programs is a blended activity-based learning and curriculum enrichment framework for developing key skills.

The programs place emphasis on rewarding student achievement through a flexible approach to learning and an imaginative way of accrediting young people's achievements.

Well done to all our amazing students for their outstanding results.

## SCIENCE

### Regional Science Student Profiles 🤞



We encourage students to share their experiences with us, whether they be positive or negative. With constant feedback, Science teachers can adjust delivery and programs to maximise student outcomes.



How many subjects have you studied this year through SIDE?

I've been learning through SIDE for two years for ATAR. I studied Maths Methods, Chemistry, Physics, Applied Information Technology and English.

#### What is your favourite Science subject?

*Physics* - I love learning about the laws that govern this universe, and physics has always been a huge part of my life. Obviously, it is my favourite science too - but it's great doing chemistry and methods, as they all find a way to interconnect.

## What are some of the biggest challenges you face as a SIDE student?

Being independent. It's hard to properly connect with your teachers and keep on task without getting distracted, and sometimes, it can make you feel really alone. *What is the best thing* 

#### about SIDE?

Meeting some of my best friends. Just messaging other students in the class chat and learning you have so many things in common. I know I have made some friends for life. As well as this, it's been super nice knowing my teachers as people, meeting them in person and chatting with them was awesome.

#### *What are your plans after school?* I am studying to become

a primary teacher, and hopefully returning to university to get some qualification in the field of physics. I want to help people, and teaching is a really good way to do so.

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#### Name: Natalie Hall

School: Exmouth District High School Year: 12

## What advice do you have for other science SIDE students:

Study what you know you love, as there are so many different classes and options for ATAR. Try and make friends with other students and don't be scared to reach out to them. Get to know your teachers. All of my teachers this year have been nothing short of wonderful. If you get to know them as people, they will always be willing to help you when you need it. I have learnt about the different hobbies my teachers have and the bands they listen to and meeting them all in person was a day I will remember for a long time.



How long have you been learning through SIDE? Since the beginning of Year 11 (2021).

## How many subjects have you studied this year through SIDE? I have studied four subjects:

Chemistry ATAR, Human Biology ATAR, Physics ATAR and Maths Applications ATAR.

## What is your favourite Science subject?

Whilst I am adamant that all science subjects are valuable and interesting in their own unique way, Human Biology is my favourite. I find the content incredibly interesting; I also find that I am stronger at memorising content than I am at working with numbers and complex calculations.

## What are the biggest challenges you face as a SIDE student?

I was honestly overwhelmed with the transition. I had very little experience with online learning. I think the biggest struggle was balancing the online classes with the in-person classes. I sometimes stressed that I was slipping behind in my SIDE work when I prioritised English and Drama study.

## What are the best things about SIDE?

SIDE allowed me to study ATAR subjects that were not offered at my school. Having the opportunity to participate in these courses was something I was really grateful for. I think SIDE has also prepared me for university, in regards to expectations of the workload and self-motivation.

#### Name: Opal Raynor

School: Tom Price Senior High School Year: 12

## What do you hope to do after school?

After I graduate, I plan to study Criminology at the University of Western Australia. As for a job after that, I honestly don't know yet, but I'm excited to see what university holds for me, and to see what career interests develop during my time there.

#### What advice could you give to any student who is going to study Science through SIDE?

Study what you find interesting. The motivation I channelled for SIDE came partly from the fact that I was fascinated in what I was learning: Physics and the universe and elementary particles; Chemistry and the make-up of everyday materials and reactions; Human Biology and the body. I enjoyed learning these things, and this helped me stay engaged and motivated in my classes.

Ask questions. If you don't ask, you won't get an answer, and the uncertainty about that question will likely come back to bite you in a test or exam.

Don't be ashamed to ask for support when you need it. Reach out to your supervising teachers, tell them if you need a space to do experiments, online lessons, etc. Ask your parents for a quiet environment to study. These people are here to support you, so don't be shy.

## LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTRE







## Author Online with Matt Cosgrove

In Week 7 we hosted a very special event with Sydney-based author of Macca the Alpaca, Matt Cosgrove! Teacher librarian Liz Allen is a Matt Cosgrove superfan – so we organised this session as to celebrate Liz in her soon-to-be-retirement. All of SIDE Primary were invited and almost 40 students and teachers were in attendance. We even had a special appearance from two actual alpacas, coming onto Webex from their home in Victoria! Matt taught students how to draw birds and alpacas and encouraged students to be curious about things they're interested in to come up with ideas for stories.

Read all about the session and see more photos on our blog. sidercoblog.blogspot.com/2023/11/author-online-matt-cosgrove.html

#### Follow us on Instagram! @side\_libraryrc



## **ONLINE TEACHING AND LEARNING**

#### OTL Quiz/Puzzles on what is needed to work at SIDE:

As we get close to the end of the year, it's time to think about what you need for learning at SIDE next year. Test your knowledge and find out what equipment you need for online learning at SIDE.

#### Word search hardware

Code cruncher - decipher the word from binary code

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Use the binary code alphabet reference to crack the binary code word below.

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#### Word search hardware

#### Hardware for online learning at SIDE



WEBCAM HEADSET MOUSE MONITOR CHARGER DOCUMENT CAMERA PRINTER THUMB DRIVE SCANNER MICROPHONE KEYBOARD

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## STUDENT SERVICES

It's been a busy end to the year and as we reflect on the achievements and celebrate the successes of our students. we are also excited to announce that there will be some significant changes to SIDE Student Services in 2024.

#### Getting started at **SIDE** in 2024

A new initiative for next year is the introduction of the online Induction Moodle course: Launchpad. All students will be enrolled in this course, whether they are new to SIDE or continuing students, and the aim is to ensure a smooth start to their online learning.

Further information can be found at these OR codes: Students should look out for the GettingStarted at SIDE email (received in January 2024) and follow instructions. The new look SIDE website is an excellent starting point for finding information.

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the excellent work of our departing Student Coordinators: Paula Bowen, Anne Calabro, Stacey Mylonas, Anne Serafini and Liz Wells. Their dedication and support has made a positive impact on hundreds of SIDE students over the years and we wish them all the best for 2024.

2023 Student Services Team @Bookweek 23

Along with some new faces joining the team, each Student Coordinator will be overseeing the one region, rather than managing sections of different geographical regions. With the change in roles, there will also be more opportunities for

coordinators to visit partner schools in their region.

Essentially, this will mean a larger focus on pastoral care, student well-being and achievement as we continue to foster a dynamic and supportive environment for our students.



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#### Supervisor Support -Support for parents/caregivers and school-based supervisors

Fast Track to SIDE – An introduction to SIDE for new

LEFT QR Code - Parent Supervisor RIGHT QR Code - School Supervisor

#### Leavers Jackets 2024

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Year 11 students will be able to order their 2024 Year 12 Leavers jacket. The first round for Leavers jackets has closed. The second round will open in the first week of Term One 2024.

www.westwear.com.au/collections/side

#### Password: SIDELEAVERS2024

If you have questions contact your Student Coordinator before placing your order for school uniforms or Leavers jackets. Instructions are also available in the SIDE Student Services 10-12 Moodle course (formerly Essentials Moodle).





## **PRIMARY K-6**

SUBJECT OF CONTRACT 

It's the eye of the tiger, it's the thrill of the fight, risin' up to the challenge of our rivals. And the last known survivor stalks his prey in the night, and he's watchin' us all with the eye of the tiger Bisin' up, straight to the top.

 Nam be guts got the glory.
Went the distance. Now I'm not gonna stop, Just a man and his will to survive.
It's the eye of the tiger, it's the third of the fight, risin' up to the challenge of our rivals.



Students in Years 3-6 singing their hearts out and air guitars to 'Eye of the Tiger'.

In Week 7 we invited Manjimup based organisation **Choirs4Kids** to run a K-2 and Year 3-6 interactive singing and movement online session for our students as a fun and social way to wrap up 2023. The students and teachers took part in a range of activities such as: • experimenting with the voice • exploring vocal sounds • learning singing technique in simplest form • learn about breathing, pitch, rhythm and beat • offering opportunities to share the voice with others • speech development • confidence

building • imagination building • connection with others across the globe

We have shared the session recording with those students who were not able to attend. It was a pleasure to see the joy and enthusiasm from students and teachers and we look forward to offering this opportunity again in the future. It is safe to say we have some talented performers and future stars in our school!

## UPGRADES TO moode

Our primary team have been working hard with the Online Teaching and Learning Team to learn all the great features in Moodle to make our learning programs even more interesting, engaging and responsive to the needs of our students. We look forward to unveiling our new Moodle courses in 2024 and continuing to build on our creativity and innovation with online learning.

A message that resonates with us as we reflect on 2023 and start planning 2024 –

'Education isn't something you can finish.'



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