Outdoor Education Excursion

Day 1

We left school at 9.00 am on Thursday and drove to the mouth of Moore River, we soon realised that the weather would be too windy and cold for canoeing so we reconsidered the situation and decided to go straight to Tuppin House and unpack our belongings after we had lunch. Afterwards we went for a walk on the beach, along the way Mrs Rush-Harvey suggested for us to pick up the things which do not belong on the beach because these things are damaging our beautiful nature.

In the afternoon we stayed at Tuppin House, had some time to chill, get to know each other in a relaxed fun way. Mrs Rush – Harvey and Mr King began to cook dinner and a small group of us helped out. After dinner we watched a movie and after the movie we all went to bed.

Day 2

We packed up all our belongings and placed it all on the veranda, cleaned up the kitchen, the common room and all of the bedrooms we used. Soon Mr Whitely came with the bus and we made our way to the Gingin Discovery Centre. We had a staff member of the centre give us a tour around and gave really good information. We all were very excited to try out all the ideas and inventions that many famous scientists have made. We had fish and chips for lunch at the café in the discover centre and then made our way towards the astronomy centre where we got a lecture about the work of Isaac Newton and his theories on gravity. We were allowed to walk along the ramps that tell us about the history of the universe and different cultures and religions.

We would like to personally thank Mr King, Mrs Rush-Harvey, Mrs Kaye and Mr Whitley for making a very enjoyable camp for everyone that kept a smile on our faces.

Casey Kemish & Jarrah Coutts
Outdoor Education Students
Goodbye to Staff

On Friday 4th September we said goodbye to staff member Tony Chinnock at a special morning tea. Tony came to us at the commencement of 2015 as a Senior Maths teacher. We are immensely grateful for all the help that Tony provided during this period both in the classroom and as a valued member of staff, we will all miss his larger than life character.

Tony has a long history in Catholic Education, both in positions as Principal at a number of schools including Clontarf, as a Consultant at Catholic Education Office and also a number of years of teaching.

Tony and his wife Margaret are looking forward to their retirement in the beautiful South West town of Denmark.
A huge WELL DONE to all those who entered the College art competition.

Students were given the challenge to be as creative as possible with the theme 'nature'. The entries included canvas paintings, water-colourings, and sketches. The entries were judged by Br Tony, Mrs Higham and Mrs Nguyen, on the College Open Day, and choosing a winner proved very difficult.

First place was awarded to Aleisha Geen, for her beautiful watercolour of a skull surrounded by flowers, a butterfly and a spider.

Second place was awarded to Cody McEvoy, for his wonderful dot painting of Uluru at sunset.

Both pieces of artwork can be seen in the College reception area.

The students are now working on entries for the art competition held at the Bindoon Show as well as murals around the College.

Rachael Nguyen
The Equine Centre is really busy at the moment with lots of events happening, we are getting ready for the Perth Royal Show and the September Show held at the SEC which provides practice for the Royal Show. We are still waiting on the arrival of our first foal for the year and it is now four days overdue. One of the school yearlings, Hilton, has been clipped ready to go to the Royal Show. Students Mickaela and Gaydar were a great help, as you can see by the photos there is a big difference and he is looking fantastic.

The Edmund Equine Centre Open Day Show was a great event for the equine students who attended. With it not raining, the students performed to a high standard with the highlight of the day being the show jumping and the barrel racing.

At the Silver Buckle Series B Show the students enjoyed themselves immensely and learnt a lot from the different clinicians. At the show everybody who placed got a ribbon and 2 students were lucky enough to receive recognition, Rebecca Young got runner up for Silver Buckle Series and Maggie Harris got third for most improved person over the series.

Karen Nicoletto
Equine Manager
Term three sees the last of the major carnivals for the academic year and with a blessing of great weather, the College held its Inter-House Athletics Carnival. A great deal of preparation goes into this event as it has been a traditional showcase of the ability of our students. As staff arrived to set-up for the day, a great fog had settled over the competition field. As one student stated and almost aptly so, it was akin to the fog one might see before a battle. Gladly no blood would be shed on this day, but only one side would taste victory, and as the students arrived dressed in their house colours, it was obvious that O’Sullivan House was ready for the fight. Led by their house captains, their large numbers and obvious energy was an ominous sign to the good students of Rice and Musk House who were there to compete for their respective houses.

The events got away smoothly and it was with great joy that the students could be observed at their absolute best, competing hard for their houses and having a great deal of fun doing so. As the results poured in after each round of activities, the lead changed much like the tides of a great battle. Musk and O’Sullivan House took an early advantage, though after the third round it was the small group of Rice House students that were most surprising, taking the smallest of leads into the break for morning tea. As the day wore on, the sheer numbers that the other two houses had quickly left Rice House in third place, and a fierce dog fight ensued. Starting with the finals of the 100metres, the students of Musk and O’Sullivan House fought hard for every point, cheering raucously and competing with intensity.

In the end, it was a tale that ended with a valiant Rice House coming third, Musk House in second place, and a very proud O’Sullivan House taking the shield for the second year in a row. Many thanks must go to the grounds staff that prepared the oval, the teaching staff for their tireless efforts, the many parents and friends that came and assisted and watched during the day, and to the students that participated so well. It was certainly a carnival to remember and would not be possible without the energy and support of each member of our community.

Inter-house and ACC Athletics Carnivals
ACC Athletics

Having the Athletics Carnival moved back in the calendar, due to various reasons, it was a very quick turn-around to select the squad to compete in the ACC Athletics Carnival at the Western Australian Athletics Centre the following week. These carnivals are a great spectacle and it allows our students to compete against the other schools that are part of the Associated and Catholic Colleges of Western Australia. Though positive participation is always the focus for these events, being such a small squad renders us incapable of competing with much larger schools for the overall champion shield. Even so, what has been very obvious at previous carnivals is that our senior students are very competitive with what other schools have to offer.

Our senior girls took the first place shield on aggregate two years ago, and I was quietly confident of another great meet from our seniors. Lead by seniors, Kate Fabbri and Justine O’Donnell, two stalwarts of our athletics squads who were competing in their final ACC carnival, our students performed exceptionally well throughout the day. In particular I wanted to highlight the efforts of our U13 students who competed in the higher U14 age division. Their courage and efforts proved memorable, particularly that of Rachel Glass, who competed with her left arm in a cast. Many of our students won their respective events or placed very highly, but they all competed with great spirits and represented the College fantastically.

CAC finished in sixth place out of seven, with our senior girls team finishing in a very commendable third place. Thanks must go to Mr Resuggan for his assistance on the day and to Mr John Gay for driving us there safely. We look forward to putting together another competitive squad next year!

Tam Nguyen
PE/Health Coordinator
Term 3 is quickly coming to a close, it has been a great term in boarding, and also very busy. At the start of the term we have welcomed a number of new boarding students into our community. We have loved getting to know these young men and women, who have quickly become assets to us.

We have attended a number of Socials at other schools, these are always a favourite of our kids, who love taking a look at the other boarding schools, meeting new people, catching up with old friends and having a dance. Our students behaviour at these events is always impeccable. I’d like to thank and congratulate our boarders for being so well behaved when we take them out.

2 weeks ago we hosted a fun day at our College for the boarders from Clontarf. We had around 35 young Indigenous students, who joined students from Catholic Agricultural College in 10 groups, and completed a ‘selfie’ treasure hunt. This involved running up statue hill for a selfie photo, the orchard, Holy Family, Little Boy, Grotto and finally Edmund Rice in the front garden. Congratulations to all the students who participated and finished the treasure hunt.

Last weekend we took the students to Cottesloe Beach, then Fremantle for some shopping and a game or two at Timezone. The weather was superb, perfect for fish and chips and an ice cream.

This weekend we are holding our own Social at the Shearing Shed at the College. At the moment I have nearly 300 students coming to it. This year the theme is blue jeans and bandanas. I’d like to thank Mr Glover, Geo, Mr O’Sullivan and the brothers for helping prepare the shearing shed. It is sure to be a fantastic event.

We are fast approaching the school holidays, I would like to thank the students and the parents for a wonderful 3 terms this year. I also remind parents to send me through a leave form with travel arrangements for your child as soon as you can. Students are to be picked up by 12.30pm Friday 25th September.

Sam Godfrey  
Head of Residential Care
Cattle Club Report

On Thursday the 10th of September the Catholic Agricultural College held the United Beef Breeders Association (UBBA) Cattle Show for the students currently in Cattle Club. We had three guests come in: Mr Andrew Cunningham as the overseeing judge, Mrs Cunningham as moral support and Mrs Kathy Lovelock as the RAS coordinator.

As the day progressed we began with parading and junior judging with all of our students performing to a high standard.

The placings were:

Junior parading; 1st - Harrison Davenport 2nd - Jacob McGrath 3rd - Jackson Rice

Senior parading; 1st - Kate O’Neill 2nd - Christine Stephens 3rd - Nicole Maindok.

Junior judging; 1st - Graeme Maitland-Smith 2nd - Christine Stephens 3rd - Nicole Maindok.

All students in the club are now very busy preparing for the Perth Royal Show, we will be there all week and would encourage students and friends of the college to come and watch and cheer us on. These are the days and times we are showing;

Saturday:
- Grand Parade 1pm

Sunday:
- Steer and Heifer Judging 9am
- Grand Parade 1pm

Monday:
- Cattle Auction led steers and heifers 9am
- Cattle Auction Prime Steers and Heifers 12noon
- Grand Parade 1pm

Tuesday:
- Shorthorn Judging 9am
- Speckle Park Judging 230pm

Wednesday:
- Paraders championship 1pm
- Young Judges Championship 3pm

Thursday:
- RAS Interbreed 10am
- Grand Parade

Friday:
- Grand Parade
- Presentations 630pm

Saturday:
- Grand Parade 1220 pm
- Leave to go home with all the cattle

Abi Lindsay
Cattle Club