Dear Parents, Guardians, Friends and Students,

We have had a wonderful start to the term. It was great to see everyone arrive back ready for the start of term four. I always enjoy hearing the stories of the students about their break time. I know as a parent it was always a great time to share with my daughters and son and just spend time together.

Royal Show

Once again we had our troupe of students who attended the show representing the College in the Equine and Cattle events. The Royal Show team arrived on Friday 26th September to make preparations for their events on the Saturday. It was not the best of days as it rained periodically, however, I did not hear one complaint from any of the students. They should be extremely proud of the way they represented themselves and the College. Once again a very successful day for Catholic Agricultural College.

A big thank you to our staff who attended with the students: Abigail Lindsay, Br John Walsh, Karen Nicoletto, Donna Rush-Harvey and Annalise Brown. We are certainly blessed with wonderful staff who give of their time and expertise so freely, to enable our students to be so well prepared. Thank you ladies and gentleman. Thank you also to Luke Bernhard who came long and took photos on some of the days.

For more specific information about the Royal Show please see pages 14 and 15.

Farewell Year 12’s

Last Friday it was our task to celebrate the achievements of the young people who are the graduating class of 2014. This night marked the end of one chapter and the start of another.

Our Year 12 graduands are an exceptional group of young people. Getting to know each of them over the last two years has confirmed this. I have enjoyed getting to know them and appreciated their honesty, openness and humour in conversations with me.

From the Principal (Continued page 2)
This year we provided the students with Principal’s references. These were prepared in collaboration with all staff. I asked staff to look at each of our graduates and provide a list of their personal attributes and other information. Here are some of the attributes which stand out:

- Capable, reliable, trustworthy, positive attitude,
- good interpersonal skills, interacts positively, self-reliant,
- tackles challenges, relates well to others, driven, strong morals,
- positive role model, welcoming, encouraging, hardworking, able to lead, and empathetic. These qualities are part of who they are and will always be with them in life after Catholic Agricultural College.

Each of them can leave the College with their head held high knowing that they will always hold a special place in the hearts of all of us and the knowledge that we are extremely proud of them.

God Bless,

Marie Barton
Principal

Prayer

A Prayer for Students leaving school

God of all wisdom, your Spirit shelters us in the communities of our schools: as our senior students prepare to leave for the study, exams, work and service that lie beyond school days, guard and guide them with your blessing, so that all their lives may always be shaped by the grace and truth which you have made known through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.
PROMOTING THE COLLEGE

We have been visiting local schools over the past 2 weeks talking with primary school students promoting the benefits of the college. Year 9 students, Luke Bernhard and Jasmine Frank have been wonderful ambassadors for the college talking up a storm and answering a lot of funny questions from the year 5,6 and 7 students. These outings have been a great success which the college will continue with in the new year.

Sharyn Jenkin
The Registrar
Year 12 Graduation

Last day for our Year 12 graduands commenced with a formal assembly in the College Chapel. The year 12’s were then escorted through a whole school Guard of Honour before leaving the College for the remainder of the day to take part in an excursion to Outback Splash at the MAZE in Bullsbrook.

Students returned to the College for the evenings celebrations of Mass in the College Chapel, a formal dinner, speeches and presentation with their families and staff.

Thanks go to the staff and students who assisted with catering on the night the meal was delicious.
LEEUWIN OCEAN ADVENTURE TRIP

From the 21st to the 27th of September we set sail and embarked on a life changing journey from the Fremantle port. The Leeuwin was an amazing fun-filled experience, where we got to learn a lot about not only ourselves but also about the ship and the people around us. The ship is the only square mast tall ship in Australia and it was a privilege to attend the week long voyage thanks to the funding of the DFES Cadet Unit.

Although we spent the first and last night in the harbour due to stormy weather the rest of the trip was reasonably calm and sunny. This meant perfect weather for all hands on deck! We learnt a variety of skills and techniques such as how to set the different types of sails, how to wear and tack a ship as well as how to helm and navigate our way through the waters. We had many opportunities to learn all these skills in the lead up to “take over day.” Take over day was when all the non-crew members took over the main positions of boat, these included the captain, boson, navigator, watch leaders, first mate, and engineer and of course the cook’s mate. It was their role to lead all the other non-crew members from our position near Rottnest Island, to our docking station in Fremantle.

Some of the hardest challenges that we faced while on board were the four hour watches, where we had to helm the ship and have two members of our group on bow watch. These four hour watches had to be done 24 hours a day which sometimes meant, completing watches from 12 – 4 am. Another difficulty we faced were having little to no person space. Having approximately 60 people on board meant roughly having a square metre to yourself, although this meant that during meal times and in the sleeping quarters that we had even less space. Due to the rocking of the boat and the fact we could only have one minute showers, we discovered that having showers proved to be a difficult necessity.

Even though we faced many challenges, this trip aboard the Leeuwin, helped us gain confidence not only in ourselves but as a leader as well. We made some amazing friends and met people from all over the state, some closer to home than others. The thousands of memories made would not have been possible if it weren’t for our cadet unit. So on our behalf, we would like to thank the cadet unit, Mr Nguyen and the Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation for giving us this trip of a lifetime.

By Christine Stephens and Rania Edwards

DFES Cadets

“Even though we faced many challenges, this trip aboard the Leeuwin, helped us gain confidence not only in ourselves but as a leader as well”
NAIDOC DAY CELEBRATIONS

Did you know that we have over thirty Indigenous students enrolled in our College? Many of our Indigenous students come from places as far away as Roebourne, Meekathara and Broome. This means that many language groups are represented at our school; not many schools in Western Australia can make this boast. NAIDOC Day is all the more important to school because of this.

NAIDOC Day is the National Aboriginal and Islander Day of Celebration and we celebrated this by having a great deal of fun the last day of term three. Students rolled through a series of activities. First we had damper making--this is a traditional Aboriginal food. Students then went on to working on the NAIDOC Day mural with Mr Resuggan followed by taking part in a football competition. The last activity was making posters about our College’s values using an Indigenous theme. To top off the day Geo made a wonderful kangaroo stew for lunch.

Tyler Resuggan & Rachael Stampfli
Indigenous Support Team

NAIDOC DAY MURAL

The Centre circles or rings of the mural mean a meeting place or camp site which symbolises our collage. The four U-shaped objects surrounding the school symbolise people who are involved within the school community, whether that be students, staff or parents. The pathways leading away from the centre symbolise the school branching out to all different communities and the towns where our students come from. The words written on the mural are the four core values of the collage which all have a native Australian animal next to it. The Mural was mainly completed on NAIDOC day with the help of the students who rotated in groups throughout the day to help Dot paint, spray paint and clean up. The handprints that are scattered across the artwork are from the majority of the students that helped out on the day.

Tyler Resuggan
This Semester the students in year 9 have been studying the Physics concepts of “light and Sound” Integrated into the program is the structure and function of the ear and eye. One of the student’s favourite practical experiments is a cow’s eye dissection. By dissecting the eye of a cow the students will gain an understanding of the structure and function of the parts of the eye. The students dissect the eye in portions and are able to remove the lens. They then pass the lens over newspaper print and note the change in magnification. The students are able to look closely at the retina and they can remove the optic nerve from the back of the eye.

Mrs Joanne Ball
Head of Science
AIME stands for the ‘Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience’. AIME is a dynamic educational program that is proven to support Indigenous students through high school and into university, employment or further education at the same rate as all Australian students. AIME gives Indigenous students the skills, opportunities, beliefs and confidence to grow and succeed. Many of our Indigenous students are enrolled in the program; Sydney and Rayleen finished off this year having enjoyed many day’s out to Curtin. 

Last term many of our students had to make a speech as though they were the first Indigenous prime minister. Gaydar wrote about where she was from and how she achieved her goal of becoming prime minister. She went on to tell the audience what she would do to help both Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

On the way home students discussed what they had enjoyed about the day. While the activities were all fun and worthwhile they enjoyed the opportunity to meet with other Indigenous students most of whom were also boarders. AIME is also a time to make great friends! Students enjoy spending one on one time with Indigenous university students; they feel free to ask lots of questions about life at university and what you need to do to get there. AIME helps our students look forward to a great future.

Tyler Resuggan and Rachael Stampfli
Indigenous Support Team
Physics was the focus in Year 10 Science in Term 3, specifically focussing on the forces of motion. This culminated in a trip to Adventure World on the last Thursday of the term in order to “test” the “physics” of the rides and waterslides there. After a long drive the students were raring to go upon arrival, no doubt keen to put ten weeks of physics knowledge into practice. Heidi Patching and Georgia Brown were very thorough in their testing the g-forces on the new rollercoaster “The Abyss” as well as the acceleration due to gravity on the Rampage. After some lunch it was time to test out acceleration on surfaces with reduced friction on the waterslides. Josh Boyes’ showed his supreme knowledge of physical forces by being the fastest down the speed slides. Physics day was a roaring success with both staff and students. It is hosted annually at Adventure World organised by STAWA. A variety of stalls were setup promoting a number of different organisations related to physics. The most popular of these was the display by the International Centre for Radio Astronomy Research, who set up a telescope with a filter. This allowed students to safely view the surface of the sun including some sunspots. Thanks to all staff and students who attended and made it such a fantastic day!

Rory Bennett
Agricultural Science Teacher
On September 4th the Bindoon Catholic Agricultural College hosted the UBBA Cattle Show. Morawa Agricultural College students joined us along with judge, Mr Andrew Cunningham. The day started with Mr Cunningham teaching us how to properly Judge cattle and what judges look for in parading. After that we had a judging and parading competition. The Cattle Club students did very well.

The day ran very smoothly and wouldn’t have been possible if it weren’t for all the staff members and the organisers. We would like to thank our judge Mr Cunningham and the Morawa Agricultural College students for joining us. Without all this help and support the day wouldn’t have ran as well as it did.

Ms Abigail Lindsay  
Cattle Club Trainer

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UBBA CATTLE SHOW

Above left—Winning students, Tamara Gibson and Graeme Maitland-Smith. Above right—Cattle Club students participate in the Judging section.
Friday the 26th of September the seven students and seven horses were all loaded up on the Skinners transport truck to head to the royal show. Andy was our driver this year and he had his sons with him on the journey. Andy and his family were very helpful with packing and unpacking the truck. We were all very impressed how good Andy was with all our horses. Great start to the show.

We had packed our vehicles with students and all their gear. Thanks to Mrs Rush-Harvey for loaning us both her car and ute. Annalise drove one and Donna the other.

When arriving at the show grounds all the students started washing and banding their horses’. This was a whole afternoon job. The cattle club students all came over and visited with us.

After getting all the horses ready for the show we put them all to bed and headed off for dinner at the Mt Henry. Poor Annalise ended up with a really bad headache so Abi came and picked her up and headed back to where we were staying for the night. It was Montana’s birthday so we got her a little cake with a candle in it and sang Happy Birthday before we retired for the evening.

Early start the next morning and we all headed back to the Royal Show grounds where everyone took their horse down to the main arena so they could have a look around. The students and horses did not have much time on the arena as the heavens opened up and they all got wet.

We were very lucky to be in the Horses in Action section where it was completely under cover. This made getting ready to compete a little easier. All the students got wet at some stage during the day. In the morning we showed the Quarter Horse Classes, Paint classes then the Solid Paint classes. They cancelled the Grand Parade due to the weather which Elli was very happy with. In the afternoon we had the Appaloosa classes, Showmanship and the Western Ridden classes.

All the students got placed in an event. All the horses were well behaved and a good time had by all even though most of the time we were all wet. After a big couple of days we loaded all the horses back onto the truck. Some of the students went home with their parents, the rest of us drove back to Bindoon via Joondalup for some food. Then we met the truck back at the Equine Centre and unloaded the horses and put them to bed. We all stayed the night in dorm and in the morning fed all the horses and headed to the Bindoon Bakery for a lovely breakfast. We all came back and turned all the horses out for a well-deserved rest for the school holidays before we all headed home ourselves.

I would like to thank all the staff members, parents and the cattle club members who supported us at the Perth Royal Show this year. Results of the show are published at right.

Karen Nicoletto
Equine Manager

I was lucky enough to go down to the Royal Show on the first Saturday to take pictures and watch equine perform in many of the events on the day. Though the rain was pouring and it was a cold day everyone in equine managed to make their way to the main arena to ride or lead their own horse or a college horse. I think it is important to appreciate the work that goes into training and getting ready for the event.

Big success in the cattle club team this year, everyone in cattle club placed in something for showing and other events, the preparation before the event include grooming, clipping and regular weight checks. Cattle club members are in charge of feeding and caring for the animals.

Luke Bernhard
Year 9

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MUNDA BIDDI CADET CAMP

On Monday the 15\textsuperscript{th} Of September the DFES Cadets started their adventure along the Munda Biddi. On Bikes we road 120 kilometres of a track which at times was about a meter long wide. We started our day on Tuesday 16\textsuperscript{th} after staying in a cottage in Jarrahdale. We then started the first 40 kilometres of the hardest part of the Munda Biddi.

This was in fact a challenge but at DFES Bindoon it has to be a challenge otherwise it wouldn’t be a learning and memorable experience. We set up for camp started a fire and had our dinner for the night and a debrief, this was an early night for us all.

There was no complaining until the second day Wednesday 17\textsuperscript{th} our bums were so sore from the bike ride and it was so hard to get back on. But of course we all did and that day we rode close to 46 kilometres. This was all flat and downhill so this made it easy to just coast along.

That night we had a toilet, no it didn’t flush but a toilet none the less, and did I mention the food on the camp was terrific! A big shout out to Mr Kay and all the other students that helped.

The last day of riding was Thursday and there was lots of energy throughout that day speeding down the hills and bumps we were having a blast, the terrain was awesome and some occasional puddles that we would get drenched in. We finished in Dwellingup, Nanga Bush camp at 1.00 and went straight for a snack and then a swim in the Murray River.

That night we all reflected on what a great camp we had and all the memories and stories we would share and keep with us for some time. Once again none of this happens without or cadet leader Mr Nguyen who is now on long service leave, we all hope you enjoy your well deserved holiday and look forward to your return in 2015 term 1. Thank you to Miss Annalise who has been on her 3\textsuperscript{rd} DFES cadet camp with us, we hope you enjoyed your experience. Thank you also to Mr Kay for all your work with the Bindoon DFES Cadet unit.

Luke Bernhard
Year 9
DFES Cadet
Over the school holidays the college attended the local agricultural shows promoting the courses the college has to offer as well as selling the prize winning olive oil and olives. Both the Toodyay and Bindoon shows were well attended with several new families to the community interested in enrolling their children. These events are a great way the college gets involved with local events in our community and to meet our families in an informal environment. I would like to thank Eugene O’Sullivan who came and assisted me at Toodyay and to the staff who volunteered at Bindoon.

Sharyn Jenkin
The Registrar
BOARDING LIFE

This term the boarding students have been extremely busy with off-site excursions taking them to a variety of activities. Our first weekend saw students attend another successful Bindoon Show, this was quickly followed by our Yr 12 Graduation.

Our year 12’s were accompanied by many parents with a service in the college Chapel, followed by a lovely dinner in our smartly decorated dining hall. A big thank you to Ms. Sharyn Jenkin for providing a stunning setting for our 2014 Leavers.

As the dining hall was booked out, our younger students took a trip to Aquinas College in Perth for a Movie night under the stars. On Sunday the students went off to Fremantle Markets for the day with many attending this venue for the very first time.

On Saturday night the 1st Nov. we had 2 Halloween Socials in Perth. Seniors attended Iona College, while the juniors went just down the road to St Hilda’s for a fun time, some going to great lengths getting dressed up for the occasions.

On Sunday we all attended a 9.30am Mass in the Chapel, followed by a short visit to lay flowers and bless our headstones at the college Cemetery. The term is full of other events, please keep your eye on our Chronicle for reports on events in the near future.

Mr Eugene Evans  
Head of Residential Care

Throughout term 3 and 4 Mr Glover has helped us start our boarding house gardens and also made it into a home. We now have close to 200 gnomes and new plants, every student in our house now also has a strawberry plant which they look after and wait for the yummy fruit to bear. We have also recently started our first Christmas light display this year. You can see it from the bottom of the college that is how bright the lights are! Everyone appreciates what is being done around the place and it makes it feel more like home making the boarding experience at CAC Bindoon more enjoyable and fun than any other boarding school.

I am convinced that we are the only Boarding school in WA that has done a boarding house Christmas display like we have. Thank you to everyone who helped put them up. Lots of good comments from my fellow boarders about how the place is improving slowly and the surroundings we are so lucky to enjoy.

Luke Bernhard  
Year 9

Above—A section of Mr Glover’s gnome garden.  
Right—Catherine House glows with it’s huge Christmas lights display.