

WARNBRO COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

BULLETIN

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

September

Fri 24th

Year 12 Farewell Breakfast and Assembly

Fri 24th

End of Term 3

October

Mon 11th

First day of Term 4

Mon 25th

Year 12 Valedictory

Tues 26th

Interschool Athletics Carnival

HOUSE OF HOOPS

At the start of Term 3, Miss Pedri organised a basketball club called 'House of Hoops' for students from Years 9-12. They trained weekly on a Wednesday afternoon and lead up to a faction tournament at the end of Term 3. See page 9 for the final results.



PRINCIPALS MESSAGE



Welcome to our last Bulletin for Term 3.

This term, like most terms is full to the brim with activities, excursions and incursions. Term 3 though is unique as it really does tend to focus heavily on our Year 12 students. This term the Year 12s had their long awaited WCHS Ball, held on Friday 3 September at Fraser's Restaurant in Kings Park. I was unable to attend this year though by all reports from students and staff it was a beautiful night for a Ball. Thank you to the Ball Committee who worked behind the scenes to create an amazing evening as well as creating a space that was Ball worthy. I would like to make a special mention of Ms McKenna-Green and Mrs Earle-Sadler who went above and beyond to source decorations.

We have had three whole school events this term: NAIDOC Week, R U OK? Day and Warnbro Day. These are major events, again requiring extensive organisation and support. I would like to thank all the community groups that attended our events. With their input our combined efforts enable us to have more enriching experiences for our students.

Warnbro Day was held on Wednesday 15 September. We had been watching the weather for about a week and decided to go ahead with the day. The weather didn't disappoint until session 5 when we had to stop the races and head to class. This was annoying, however we rescheduled the Fleet Boat Race to Monday 20 September. Thank you to staff and students for dressing up and proudly wearing their faction colours. Stirling won last year though didn't make it two years in a row as Darwin took out the top spot on the day. Congratulations to Darwin students and staff. Well deserved.

As I write this our Year 12 ATAR students are commencing their Mock Exams. From all of us, I wish them all the best as you complete the Mocks and start preparing for the ATAR final exams. These final exams are still a little while away, just on the other side of the Term 3 holiday break. As my grandma used to say, 'I'm thinking for you!'

This term our school has been preparing for our Public School Review. Our last review was in Term 4, 2017 and the process is now a bit different. We are reviewed in 6 domains:

- Relationships and Partnerships
- Learning Environment
- Leadership
- Use of resources
- Teaching Quality and
- Student Achievement and Progress.

Our task has been to provide evidence for each of the domains and provide a response to the following questions:

- Judgement — How are you going?
- Evidence — How do you know?
- Planning — What are you doing to improve?

The actual Review takes place on Wednesday 13 October. The two Reviewers will chat with a number of groups who have the experience and expertise to share information on a particular domain. The groups will include students, parents, community members, agencies, members of the School Board, and staff. I am extremely pleased with the evidence we have provided and it articulates our school improvement journey since 2018. I expect the report to be provided to us mid Term 4 and will share this when we receive it.

Term 4 will commence on Monday 11 October for both students and staff.

Enjoy the upcoming break and take care out there.

Cindy

WARNBRO WEDNESDAYS

Our Term 3 Warnbro Wednesdays for Weeks 6 - 10:
Book Week, Welcome to Spring, R U OK? Day, Warnbro Day.



Meet part of the Team!



Hi, My name is Aleesha McKenna-Green and I am the Student Services Manager for the Year 9 to 12 cohorts. Some students have also had me as their Year Co-ordinator in the past few years. I commenced at Warnbro in 2013, teaching in the English department.

I love reading (especially autobiographies and historical fiction) and I adore clothes! One of my favourite pass-times is rifling through the racks at an op-shop for the perfect vintage dress. If I am not shopping for clothes, I am probably planning my next meal or overseas trip (for a meal). I am fascinated by the flavours and smells of street food from all around the world, and when I have travelled in the past, my bucket lists haven't talked about places I wanted to see, but rather things I wanted to eat!

Before becoming a teacher, I worked backstage on theatre productions; usually on the lighting. I toured Singapore and Malaysia on a children's theatre production, and even got to work the whole season of Wicked when it came to Perth!

I am a big believer that life will take you to extraordinary places if you are brave enough to grab the opportunities that come your way, and I can't wait to see what life has in store for all of our WCHS students!

My name is Rebecca Vance and I would like to introduce myself as the new Defence School Mentor for Warnbro Community High School. I have been working at Warnbro Community High School for 6 years.

My other role at the school is as the Attendance Officer. I support students to re-engage with their learning or help them to explore alternative pathways.

As the Defence School Mentor my role involves;

- Assisting Australian Defence Force students integrate into the school community.
- Working closely one on one with individual students with teacher support, to ensure students achieve success and reach their full potential.
- Raising on-going awareness of the unique needs of Defence Force families.
- Support students to develop their self-confidence and resilience.
- Supporting students and families with liaisons/referrals with other professionals within the school or alternative agencies within the community.

If you have any queries, questions or concerns regarding your child or would like to make an appointment to meet with me, I can be contacted at the school on 9528 9448 or via email on Rebecca.vance@education.wa.edu.au. I am available every Friday and Mondays on odd weeks in the school term.



Year 12 Ball

On the evening of Friday 3 September, our Year 12's had their School Ball. Held at Frasers in Kings Park, with clear blue sky's it was the perfect opportunity for photographs against the Perth city skyline as the backdrop.

Over 150 Students and staff came together to dine and dance the night away. The Photobooth was a popular attraction on the night, and everyone indulged into the desserts towards the end of the night. All of our Year 12's looked amazing in their suits and dresses with a few stand outs from the staff.



R U OK? DAY

R U OK? Day (Thursday 9 September, 2021) is a national day of action dedicated to reminding everyone that every day is the day to ask, "Are you OK?" and support those struggling with life's ups and downs.

Warnbro CHS supported R U OK? Day by welcoming students into school in their best yellow and R U OK? Day shirts. Our Breakfast Club team held a Chilled Out Breakfast for students to have a healthy start to the day, and throughout the day we held a variety of activities. Activities students and staff took part in were:

- A gratitude wall to write what they are grateful for.
- Participate in a Mindful colouring in competition.
- A morning tea was held for our staff.
- Dodgeball at recess and Zumba at lunch.

Both staff and students enjoyed the day, especially getting involved with Zumba at lunch time.



WARNBRO DAY 2021

Wednesday 15 September we celebrated Warnbro Day, which can best be described as an athletics carnival held in a festival like atmosphere.

The weather was nice and sunny for the day until Session 5, the students turned up in their faction colours and everyone enjoyed themselves by engaging in both athletic events and novelty activities such as 100m and 200m races, Shot Put, Discus and Vortex Javelin. The fun activities were Dodgeball, Basketball Competition, Laser Tag, Silent Disco, Boat Building, Sumo Suits, Double Bounce, Inflatable Obstacle Course and a Chill Zone.

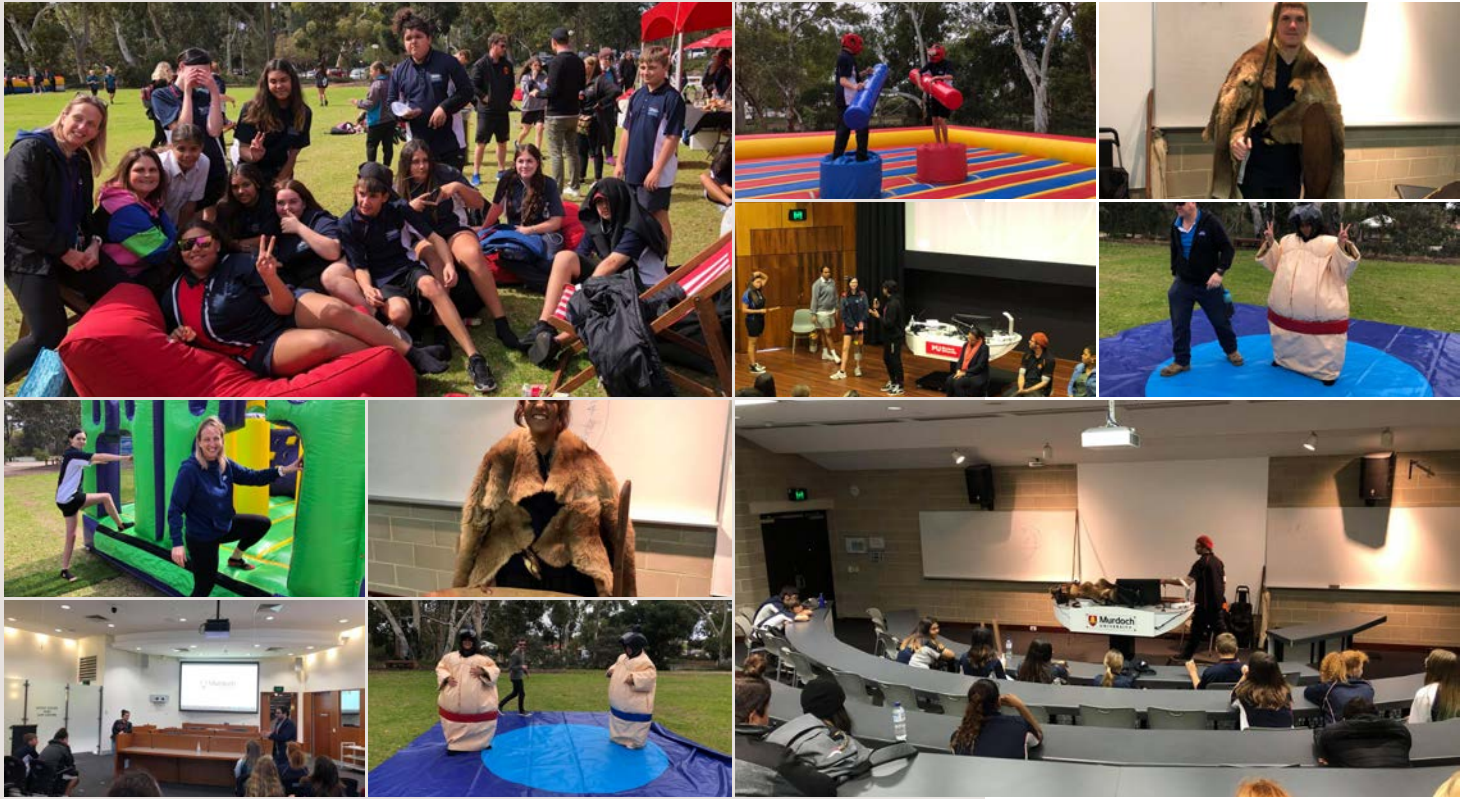
A big thank you to all our staff who organised and supervised, our Maths team for the Sausage Sizzle, and Technology for the fairy floss.

Student participation and behaviour was extremely positive and resulted in the fantastic vibe that was felt throughout the day.



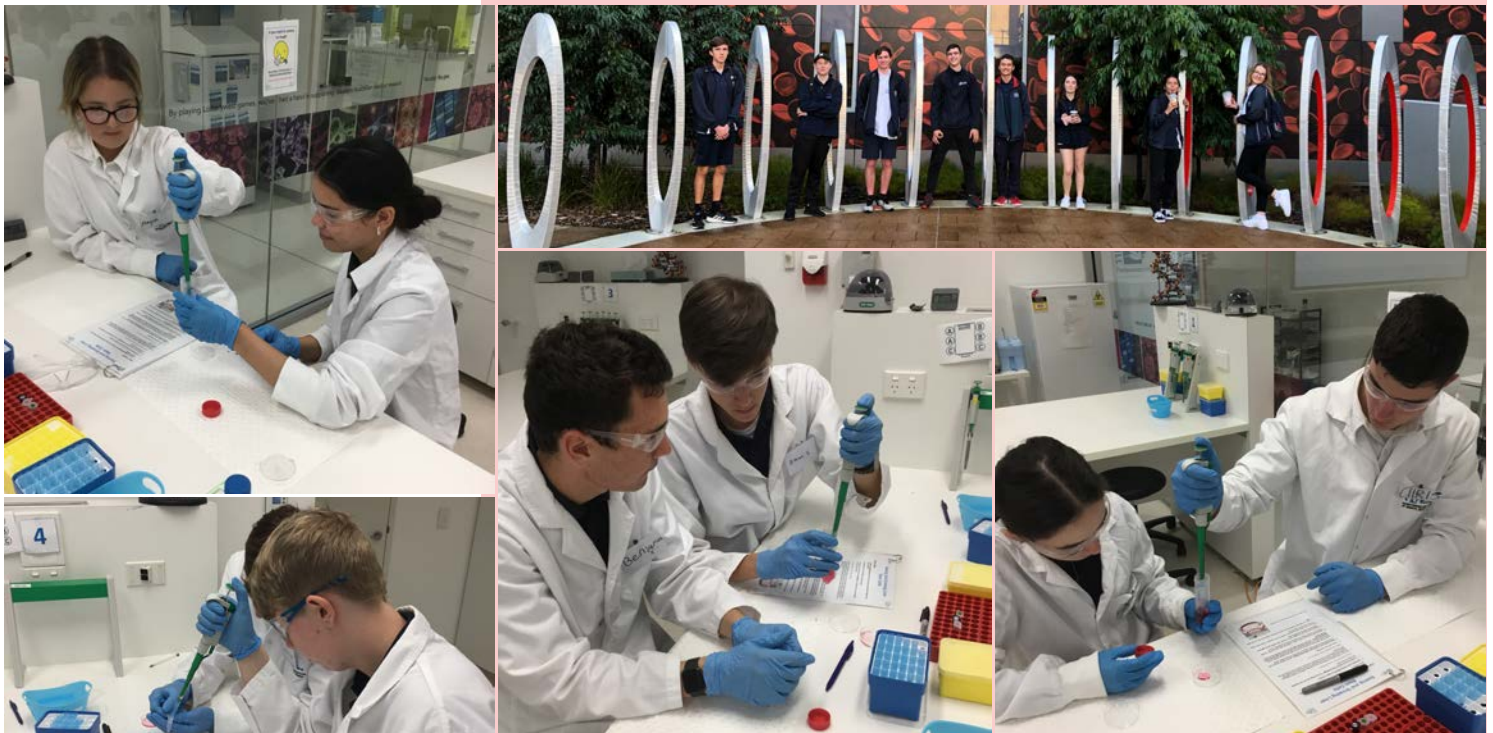
DEADLY DREAMING

On Thursday 26 August Students from years 7-12 visited Murdoch University for a Deadly Dreaming excursion where they listened to Indigenous guest speakers talk about what they had studied at university and the students learnt what life would be like at university.



Year 11 Harry Perkins

On Tuesday 31 August our Year 11 Human Biology ATAR students had the opportunity to attend the Harry Perkins Research Institute. Students took part in a Stem Cells Workshop, where they gained a deeper understanding of how research procedures and stem cells have provided a more accurate understanding of how to manage disease.



Basketball Club - House of Hoops

After school on a Wednesday afternoon, Miss Pedri organised a basketball club for Year 9-12 students to train throughout Term 3. Faction teams were assembled and students were eager to take part. Each faction played during lunchtimes, leading up to a grand final which was held on Warnbro Day.

On Warnbro Day, our championship matches were played and the winners were:

Year 11/12 – Anzac/Darwin

Year 9/10 – Collins

On Tuesday 21 September, staff held a basketball themed gate to welcome students to school, ramping up for the big Staff vs Student game at lunch. The winners of the lunchtime match were WCHS Staff!



Year 8 and 12 Semester 2 Expedition

This expedition was planned and executed by the Year 12 ATAR Outdoor Education students. It was a great success and they can be proud of what they achieved. I will let the words of two Year 8 students summarise the experience.

We finally reached Conto's Camp Ground after a 3 hour drive, and we set up camp for the night. As soon as we had finished this we were sorted into our camp challenge groups. The Yellow Fellow's, Bluey, Red Monkeys and Daddy's Day-care.

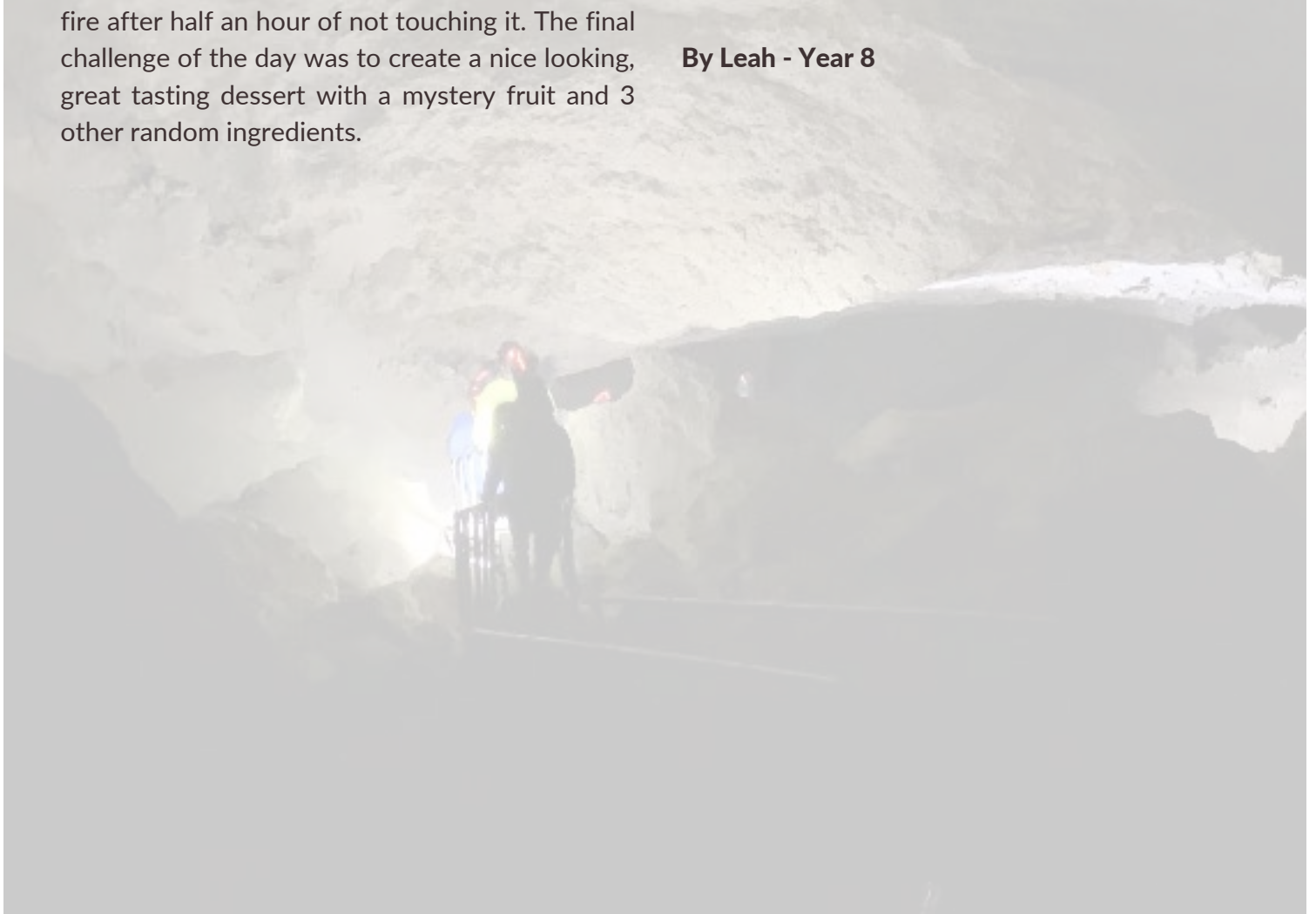
The first challenges were centered around making campfires. The first challenge was to collect firewood from a particular area, while being blindfolded following directions from our other group members. With this wood we then had to build a strong and tall tower. We then had to create fires that would burn through a piece of string that was above a fire pit. The final fire challenge was to have the hottest temperature fire after half an hour of not touching it. The final challenge of the day was to create a nice looking, great tasting dessert with a mystery fruit and 3 other random ingredients.

The next day we prepared for the longest hike of our lives. What we had calculated to be a 3-4 hour hike turned out to be 8 hours. During the hike we had a set of clues and had to solve a riddle. Bluey was the first team to discover the answer.

On the third and final day of our expedition we visited Giants Cave. In the cave there were so many steps that we had to walk up and down. One of the areas inside the cave was the Ballroom. The Ballroom was a massive area with flat ground and a high roof. To get through the cave we had to climb up ladders, crawl under boulders, walk down a natural slide made of rock and walk up and down many stairs. The cave was amazing and beautiful.

At the end of the expeditions the winners were announced. Red Monkeys took the win. We participated in the inaugural Expedition Games, and Jimmy P was the highest scoring individual.

By Leah - Year 8



ODE TO THE PAIN

We started our second hike except this time without Mike,
Sadly Darcy waiting for his bones to fuse, didn't get to lose his shoes.

It was a lovely day, until I heard someone say,
Where is your map?... oh crap.

With no Darcy, Mike or Map, but with 15kg on my back,
We set off on our clue filled track.

Walking and talking, searching for clues,
Getting points for Yellow Fellows, and blisters from our shoes.

The mud measurer was Mitchell, the bag breaker was Jimmy P,
20 Adventuring hikers, Miss Mellor, Mr Stevens, Miss Pedri and me.

A final sprint to our old rusty bus,
Cheering loudly as our packs left us.

We were filled with pride that we hadn't died,
We hadn't gone astray, and we said hooray, hooray hooray!

By Lawson - Year 8



YEAR 9 ADVENTURE RECREATION SURVIVOR CAMP

Week 5 of Term 3 saw our Year 9 Adventure Recreation students on their first camp of the year with Mr Snow and Miss Mellor. Everyone was buzzing, full of energy and singing almost the whole way there! All our preparation and hard work was going to use and we were all ready than ever for some excitement on our Survivor Camp.

Mother nature sure didn't disappoint! With sunny and warm days the whole way through. Nanga Mill (where we stayed) only received 0.2mm of rain on the last night and faintly on the last day. How perfect?!

All students individually and in their tribes were put to the test and some pushed out of their comfort zones mentally and physically challenge after challenge, in order to receive luxury items such as cooked meals and firewood with starters. As amazing as all those items and things were, many students were set out to be the 'Ultimate Survivor'. Small talk between tribes and individuals came around every time tribal council was announced as no one was safe! By the last votes it was clear who stepped up to the plate.

Winning and finding immunity idols became the top 3's best friends. The top 3 survivors being Leila, Annabel and Danny. By the final vote it was clear who our 'Ultimate Survivor' for 2021 was and that was Danny!



Get involved!

Schools join Bravery Trek 2021.

Join the challenge to walk, run, ride, swim or wheel 100km to celebrate 100 years of the Royal Australian Air Force. All funds raised goes directly to veterans in need via national military charity, Bravery Trust.

Introduction

Bravery Trek invites members of the Defence Force and the wider community to join a virtual Trek stretching 100km to commemorate 100 years of the Royal Australian Air Force.

2021 is the Air Force Centenary year and Bravery Trek 2021 will honour the service and sacrifice of the Air Force.

Participants are encouraged to seek sponsorship for their trek, with all donations going directly to veterans in need via national military charity, Bravery Trust.

School involvement

For this first time, schools are being invited to participate in Bravery Trek 2021.

Students can enter individually or schools can form a team so that the total contribution from your school can be tracked and tallied.

Challenge Coins

Individual students who raise more than \$75 for veterans in need will be rewarded with a Challenge Coin.



Register October 1

Bravery Trek is launched annually during Veterans Health Week, from October 16 to 24. This year's Veterans Health Week has a particularly relevant theme: 'Get Moving', encouraging physical activity to support the health and wellbeing of veterans.

- Registrations open October 1
- Trek commences October 16
- Challenge completion by December 5
- Fun ways to complete the trek could be cycling to school, running during PE class, and recording km covered at after-school sports.

Bravery Trust

Bravery Trust is a nation-wide military charity that specialises in financial aid and financial counselling.

The Trust is supported by the last 5 Chiefs of the ADF, with His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd) Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia as our Patron-in-Chief.

Highly trained staff work with current and ex-serving members of the Defence Force who are facing financial hardship as a result of injury or illness sustained during service. Bravery Trust can provide emergency assistance, financial counselling and advocate on behalf of veterans with banks, debtors and landlords.

Veterans facing financial hardship as a result of injury or illness can contact Bravery Trust on 1800 272 837.

braverytrek.com.au

Year 12 Exploration Day



Not sure if University is for you?

Whether you have an early offer or thinking about applying to Murdoch, this FREE event will allow you to explore all Murdoch has in store!

Registrations are essential.

1 Oct

**Friday
9am - 3pm**

Sign-in at 8.30am

**Murdoch Uni
Perth Campus**

**MU Murdoch
University**

**FREE
EVENT**



**HANDS ON
WORKSHOPS
AND TOURS**



**LUNCH
PROVIDED**



**MEET OUR
STUDENTS
AND
ACADEMICS**

**For more information or to register visit
murdoch.edu.au/events**

Free your think



'Small steps start big things'

headspace Day

**7th October
10am-2pm**

**live
Music**

Food

Games

Crafts



3/18 Goddard St, Rockingham

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hello@headspacerock.com.au
08 6595 8888



**FREE
WORKSHOP**

IMPACT DRAMA PRESENTS:

SOLO ACTING GROUP

FOR AGES 10-12

If you love DRAMA at school and want to get into more acting, then this is the workshop for you

Try some fun games, improvisations, activities and prompts for solo dramas.

Tuesday 19th October

3:30pm - 5pm

Ken Jackman Hall, Darius Wells Library Kwinana

Register TODAY - Spots are limited:

<https://impact-drama-solo-acting-group-ages-10-12.eventbrite.com.au>



**FREE
WORKSHOP**

IMPACT DRAMA PRESENTS:

SOLO ACTING GROUP

FOR STUDENTS AGED 13+

Do you love DRAMA and want to get into more acting,?

Then this is the workshop for you

Inclusive, High Energy workshop
full of fun activities, improvisations
and Solo acting techniques

Tuesday 19th October

5:30pm - 7pm

Ken Jackman Hall, Darius Wells Library Kwinana

Register TODAY - Spots are limited:

<https://impact-drama-solo-acting-group-ages-13-plus.eventbrite.com.au>



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October School Holidays at Rockingham Youth Centre



Date	Program / Workshop	When	Age Group	Description
Tuesday 28 September Wednesday 29 September	Senior First Aid	9am - 4.30pm	14 - 25 yrs	Learn the vital life skills of Senior First Aid in this free and accredited course. Attendance is required for both days.
Wednesday 29 September	Christmas jobs boot camp	10am - 4pm	15 - 24 yrs	Christmas hiring is happening soon! This boot camp will get you ready to jump on these opportunities with a professional resume and the best interview and job seeking tips and tricks.
Thursday 30 September	Kangaroo stew and damper Cooking workshop	10.30am - 12.30pm	12 - 17 yrs	Come and learn how to cook the best Kangaroo stew and damper while listening to stories about growing up on Nyoongar country.
Thursday 30 September	Pottery	2pm - 4.30pm	12 - 17 yrs	Learn the secrets of building with clay, and use those techniques to make a lantern.
Friday 1 October Friday 8 October	School holiday hangout	2.30pm - 5.30pm	12 - 17 yrs	A safe space to chill out in during the school holidays: comfy couches, consoles, table tennis, board games and more!
Friday 1 October	Song writing workshop	1pm - 4pm	14 - 20 yrs	This workshop is suited to anyone who wants to learn how to write their own songs. From beginners to musicians who want to further their creative writing skills.
Monday 4 October	Gaming day	1pm - 4pm	12 - 17 yrs	Show off your gaming superiority in friendly competitions, or chill-out playing a variety of board and card games.
Tuesday 5 October	HER Space - HER Day	10am - 3pm	13 - 17 yrs	Come along for HER day, for a series of arts workshops such as candle making and crystal creativity. Lunch provided!
Wednesday 6 October	Getting creative with Eco Resin	11am - 1.30pm	12 - 17 yrs	Get introduced and creative with Jesmonite, the new eco-friendly resin!
Wednesday 6 October	Laser Tag and BBQ	2pm - 4pm	12 - 17 yrs	Fight friends and foes in an epic laser war. Refill with a free sausage sizzle after your skirmish!

Registrations essential. For further details, please head to rockingham.wa.gov.au/whatson

To learn more about our programs, please contact the Rockingham Youth Centre on **9591 0836**, email youthcentre@rockingham.wa.gov.au, or drop in to speak to us at 20 Mackinnon St, Rockingham. We are open between 10am - 5.30pm Monday - Friday.



rockingham.wa.gov.au

