

## Principal's Address

Welcome to our first College Newsletter.

We are trialling a new format to keep in regular contact with you without overwhelming your inbox with lots of smaller information and hopefully to enhance communication within our community.

Term Four always feels different to the other terms. It's wonderful to be getting up in the daylight, rather than darkness, and allergies aside – the spring weather has everyone just that little bit chirpier, and the lure of a summer holiday break is only a relatively short time away! It's that sense of holidays on the horizon that leads teachers to feel pressure in Term Four – there is much to be done before we can celebrate another successful year at CLC!

From my perspective, I wish to pass on my gratitude to all our families and community partners – 2020 has been a year unlike any other, and your support and understanding has been amazing. As a new college, we work very hard as a community to develop, build and consolidate our core beliefs and values – this year has made that a challenging task to accomplish and many of the events and activities we would have normally run have been unable to happen, or have had to be significantly altered to accommodate the State Government's phase four restrictions. Our planning for next year is well under way and I'm sure I speak for all when I say I hope we can roll out our plans without having those restrictions in place.

I want to leave you with a quote I shared with students at the beginning of the year:

***"Success is not an accident. Success is a choice. Are the habits you have for today on par with the dreams you have for tomorrow?"***

Warmest regards,

Kya Graves  
Foundation Principal

## Learning Area Update - English

Earlier this Term we celebrated Book Week with a visit from author Sean E. Avery and a staff character dress up and student competition.

The staff dress-up is a great way for our staff to strengthen bonds with students, starts conversations about great books and encourages our students to develop their love for reading.

We also had an interactive visit from Author Sean E. Avery. Sean is a teacher, writer-illustrator, sculptor and designer born in South Africa; living in Perth, Western Australia.

When students get to meet an author, they discover that they are a real person, not just a name on a book cover. They then feel a more personal, human connection with books. When they hear and see examples of an author's journey of being published, students get to hear and see a first-hand account of how taking on board feedback, combined with perseverance and resiliency, leads to success. They get insight into goal-setting, hard work, and why determination matters. It's safe to say students thoroughly enjoyed the visit.



## Health & Wellbeing Committee Tip

Taking time to strengthen relationships can help you feel connected, boost energy and help your mental wellbeing.

Nurturing our relationships can help us feel happier and more secure, and can give us a greater sense of purpose.

## Student Services Update

At Coastal Lakes College we are building a College that supports success for all students where every student feels connected and supported and has a strong sense of Community.

Our Positive Support Team are here to help all students and their families in a variety of capacities such as:

- Lead educational programs for social and emotional development of all students
- Providing a safe and calm environment for students when they need it
- Support for families and students
- Assistance in problem solving and conflict management
- Assistance with emotional regulation
- One on one mentoring
- Referrals to external agencies
- Providing opportunities for student success

## Development of 21st Century Skills a Priority at CLC

Our purpose is to ensure each child leaves our school as a confident and informed individual who is competitive and well prepared for a rapidly changing future.

The work force is changing at a rapid pace. The jobs that students will undertake when they finish school quite likely don't exist yet. It is important that we prepare students with the skills they will need in an ever-changing world.

At CLC we are working with our feeder primary schools to develop an innovative partnership, with the intention of establishing a K-12 approach to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics - STEAM. The partnership will see the establishment of a common language and understanding so that as students transition through to High School they have the foundation skills in place to hit the ground running.

Within the College, each of our Learning Areas are working with students to identify and develop the skills they use within their classes so that they can connect with the language and understand how and when they are developing these important lifelong skills.

## From the Chaplain's Desk

Let's talk about connection; getting our teenagers connected and being connected ourselves.

The research behind Teen Triple P parenting seminars says the hope and dreams of parents are to raise teenagers to:

- have positive family relationships and a healthier lifestyle
- be more successful at their studies and at work
- be positively connected in their community

Our teens have three main areas of connection; family, school and community.

You can help us strengthen this connection by communicating with your child about family values and expectations, by knowing what is happening at the College (both in and out of the classroom) and by helping your child to be connected to the wider community via sport, hobbies and other activities.

The City of Mandurah have many free and low cost activities all year round, visit their webpage regularly, for more details <https://www.mandurah.wa.gov.au/community/programs-and-activities/Kids/Youth>

Act, Belong, Commit website has an activity finder that is full of ideas.

<https://www.actbelongcommit.org.au/activityfinder>

Have you considered becoming a volunteer? It's a great way to increase your sense of connection?

<https://www.edconnectaustralia.org.au/>

One of the many benefits of connection is better outcomes for physical and mental health.

If you would like to discuss this further or other topics that may affect your child, please contact me directly.

Thank you,

Margaret Marriott | YouthCARE College Chaplain

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## Upcoming Events

9 December - Term 4 Showcase

11 December - Goals Program Excursion

16 December - Rewards Excursions

17 December - Last day of Term

