Hello Everyone!
Welcome to the SMYL College, Term 2 newsletter.

SMYL College students at the Fremantle Recognise Rally with Noongar Elder Margaret Culbong - Brittany Browne, Mollie O’Brien, Sheree Sorrell, Mikayla Pu, Keira Tartano, Josh Williams (obscured), Tyrone Sorrell, Travis Hill, Dekoda Werner and Breeann McDonald.

SMYL Community College has four Principles – they are the contract between each student and SMYL College:

- **Respect**
  For ourselves, others and the community;
- **Participation**
  Getting into all College programs;
- **Learning**
  Keep an open mind and enjoy asking questions;
- **Safe & Legal**
  Being safe and legal makes SMYL College a place where everyone is welcome.

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**Key Dates for Term 2**

- **SMYL Sports Day** – Friday 13 June 2014 – check inside for the College Excursion program.
- **SMYL’s Got Talent and NAIDOC Celebrations** – Thursday 3 July 2014
- **School fees due** – Wednesday 2 July 2014
- **Term 2 Finishes** ~ Thursday 3 July 2014
- **Term 3 Commences** ~ Tuesday 21 July 2014
A note from the Principal

This term we farewell Ruth Degrassi who is returning to the Apple Isle with her husband. Ruth has been a part of SMYL College from our first year and has made a massive contribution to students, to our culture and the College ‘heart’. BIG THANKS Ruth – bon voyage!

Our brilliant literacy/numeracy specialist, Rose Irwin is also leaving - returning to the ‘Shaky Isles’ to start her family and be with family. Thanks for being a part of SMYL College Rose and best wishes!

A couple of important reminders:

- **Excursion days** (Year 12s on Mondays and Year 10 & 11s on Fridays) - these are essential attendance days! The SMYL excursions and electives are part of students’ studies and essential for their graduation. Please ensure your student is fully involved in all of these.

- **School fees** - are due by the end of this term ($60/term or $240/year) please see Pat for arrangements.

Thank you to every student and all SMYL families and staff - for being a part of this wonderful community.

Best wishes, Tony McRae

~ Excursions and Electives ~

Year 12s at the Perth Zoo, Australian Walkabout.

Ben Heath and Jordan Kavanagh-Cone at Penguin Island

Jack Murphy and Mathew Key showing off their bike maintenance skills to a reporter from the local paper

Breeann McDonald and Scott Thwaites making gnocci
**Year 10s!!**

Year 10s had a brilliant start to the term with all students participating in their first Big Picture exhibition - an opportunity to showcase their work, develop life skills and celebrate their successes in their year 10 journey. Feedback from students and parents has been positive and heartwarming with some having their best secondary school experience ever! BIG Congratulations to all involved.

In English, we are continuing our theme of rules, focusing on society rules and consequences. In Maths we’re working on length, area and perimeter as well as space and shape. Indigenous Studies continues with the *First Australians* documentary, while in Bushrangers we are learning about topics such as Climate Change, Bio-diversity and Manual Handling techniques. Finally, in Health this term we are discussing topics around adolescence, sexual health and making safe choices.

Well done to all year 10s - keep up your fantastic work!

Emily Brook, Chantelle Hicks & Ruth Degrassi

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**Year 11s!!**

Year 11's hit the ground running from the start of the year, making great progress through their 1A study units. Work completed last year has given them a great head start on a busy Y11. Each student has an increased work load and subject range this year and they are taking greater responsibility for their own learning and progress. Employability skills have been a strong focus for our students with a number already placed into traineeships and Certificate II courses in addition to core subject studies. We will be working with all students to get them a placement over the next two terms.

The students' Personal Learning Plans are a very important in linking their interests with the WA curriculum - making school more relevant to their passions and dreams. Also essential to the the Y11s' development are the Physical Education, Outdoor Education and Bush Rangers L2 which will be completed this year - well done Year 11s! Keep up the great work!

Ian Mitchell & Louise Attley

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**Year 12s!!**

The Year 12s have started the year off exceptionally! Their efforts and dedication towards completing their WACE subjects is commendable, with students completing tasks such as document studies on Rottnest Island and Science experiments growing mould and fermenting ginger fizzy drink.

Year 12 students are making their way through their Certificate II school-based traineeships, with amazing things emerging such as Jason Worrall working with native animals at the Darling Range Wild Life centre and Sheree Sorrell working at the Rockingham City Council!

This term will see the Year 12s growing their own herb garden, investigating the Vietnam War and continuing on their Monday excursions! Well done Yr 12!

Penny Lois & Melissa Priemus , the Year 12 team :)

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The SMYL program: why EACH DAY & EVERY ACTIVITY is important!

Year 10 – gives student’s a strong foundation in literacy, numeracy and work readiness. We use standard Curriculum and use ‘Big Picture’ to guide our work. Big Picture gets students to explore their passions and interests and include these in their studies. While we have ‘normal’ lessons in English, maths, science, history and physical education, students also work on Personal Learning Plan and preparing for ‘shadow days’ and work experience. Our daily Electives (Monday to Thursday) and Excursions (Friday) are essential building blocks for all Year 10 students.

Years 11 and 12 - Students are enrolled in standard courses in English, Maths, Science etc and combined these with College Electives and Excursions PLUS a traineeship so they can graduate with a Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) and a nationally recognised industry qualification. This combination is the launch pad towards a future apprenticeship, employment or advanced training in TAFE.

To ensure this program works, students need to be at school every day, all day!

*** There are 3 apostrophes (’) in this newsletter that shouldn’t be there – there’s a prize for the first 3 students to show Tony all 3!

SMYL CC Semester One Works of Art

Our motto – ‘Happiness and usefulness’ - is a great description of what goes on at College every day! This motto reminds us that happiness is deeper when we are doing something for or with others. So being useful is a good way of being happy - and being happy is always better when we are useful. They are the balance for each other - the two wings of our school!

- Happiness and Usefulness -