High school, realistically, is a minuscule portion of our lives. Of the 80 years most of us will see on this planet, only six are spent in secondary schooling. So very few moments are given the opportunity to stand out and be remembered long after we complete our time here. The Year 12 retreat, at the risk of sounding disgustingly cliché, is a time in my life I will never forget.

The theme of 2016’s retreat was *United as One*, inspired by the wise words of Bono in U2’s 1992 hit *One*. The message of the single resonates with all of us today, as it did to our teachers and parents 20 years ago, to respect all life, and to “carry each other” through life, as one. As the graduating class of 2016 step into the most pressing and stressful time most of us have yet to face in our short lives, we are reminded to make time for ourselves and for each other.

Fundamentally, retreat served as a way for the students to forge new and healthy relationships with each other, and teachers, and to expand and strengthen the friendships we’d already established. It's amazing what three days out of our ordinary lives can do to a group of teenagers; in our week back from retreat I have seen, first hand, more communication and warmth between my peers than I have in the 5 years I’ve known them.

Retreat has encouraged us all to look at our lives from a new perspective. Having taken time back to look at the bigger picture, our lives here at Prendiville in contrast to our lives beyond, we are refreshed and full of hope. I believe that as a cohort we have re-learned, as we seemed to have forgotten since we were in our primary years, how to value each day and each moment and each person in our lives, for the happiness and the value they bring to our time.

Personally, I see the retreat as a self-reflective time that is instrumental in the way my peers and I are to construct our outlook on our final year. It is all too easy to let the pressure of school and one’s future dictate one’s actions, emotions and thought. Retreat allowed for us to escape this bind and figure out how to be truly happy as we step forward into 2016.

The mask building activity reminded us that we needn’t hide behind facades in order to impress others or fit in and this message, however seemingly banal, unconsciously stuck with us throughout retreat and beyond, encouraging us to be our true selves. The personal activities we completed in smaller groups encouraged us to look back on our lives and the people and events that have filled it, to understand who we are today and how we got here. And how to move forward. And Warm Fuzzies, a personal favourite, gave each of us the opportunity to express how we really felt about each other in the simplest of ways; sharing our hopes for our relationships to grow in our senior year together and highlighting the most admirable aspects of each other’s personalities. This exercise led us not only to value each other and ourselves but, in the purest of ways, it brought out the best in all of us.

The Year 12 retreat reminded us to live our lives in ways that will make us happy, be it being inclusive of everyone, not in *spite* of our differences but *because* of them or taking time to look after ourselves. Ultimately, the Year 12 retreat can serve as a symbolic reminder to all of us, young or old, to reconnect with those people and ideas and moments that are really important in our lives.

“One Love, One Blood, One Life”

Eirinn Gilmartin
Class of 2016
Health Care/Pension Card Tuition Discount Scheme - APPLICATIONS CLOSE 8TH APRIL 2016.
A reminder to eligible families who have not yet done so, to complete their applications for the Health Care/Pension Card Tuition Discount Scheme. This discount is applied to student’s tuition fees. All applicants must provide a current Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card in person and once deemed eligible, will be asked to complete an application form. Please note: In order to qualify for the Health Care Card Tuition Fee Discount, parents must provide a valid card throughout the year. If you are not re-issued with a card or do not provide the new card when requested then your account will be adjusted accordingly.

Forms are also available for the Secondary Assistance Scheme which provides families with a clothing allowance of $115 paid directly to their nominated bank account so please bring your bank account details with you. To be eligible for this allowance, your Health Care/Pension Card must be valid at some point between 1st February and 8th April 2016. Applications for 2016 can be made at the College Finance Office.

The Finance Office is open from 8.00am to 4.00pm weekdays during school terms. Enquiries can be directed to Mrs Kaye Moran 9307 2000

Kaye Moran
Finance Officer

Enrolments for Year 7 2018 are CLOSING.
Any siblings of current students that have not received an application pack from the College please contact Mrs Kim Craig ASAP on 9307 2000.

Kim Craig
Registrar

PROJECT COMPASSION

Each year during the season of Lent Prendiville is involved in raising funds for Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Money raised helps Caritas assist people all around the world, not just by giving handouts but by educating and empowering people to have better lives. They teach them skills in farming and land management as well as trading skills so that they can improve many lives. This year some of the main focus countries are Laos, Australia, PNG, Cambodia and India. As a school we have raised just under $1000 so far this year, well short of the $8000 we raised last year. Project Compassion runs until Easter Thursday, March 24th, so I encourage everyone to please donate to this marvellous cause, making huge differences in many people's lives both in Australia and overseas.

Paddy Devlin
Christian Service Learning
EDUCATION SUPPORT CENTRE – INAUGURAL ROTTNEST ISLAND CAMP

The ESC has been shortlisted for a Bankwest Easy Grant of $1,000 to help with expenses towards their inaugural Rottnest Island Camp for Years 10, 11 and 12 in November this year. Voting opens on Monday 7th March. The more votes we receive the more chances we have of being one of the three recipients of $1000. We would appreciate your support for our students by taking the time to vote at: http://www.bankwest.com.au/about-us/in-the-community/easy-grants?redirect=Gallery Click on the PCC – ESC image for more information and then go to ‘vote and view recipients’. Voting opens on Monday.

Thanks for your support.
Cathy Shannon
Education Support

HEALTH NOTICES

Year 8 Immunisations
Just a reminder that the Year 8 Immunisations will be scheduled for Thursday 17th March 2016. Please call me on 9301 6269 if you wish to speak to me about your child’s immunisation. Please follow the link for more information regarding the Australian Childhood Immunisation Schedule.

Esther Stuart
College Nurse

THE STAFF TAKE THE PLUNGE

With just a month to go staff took it upon themselves to rev and remind the students about the great time that awaits them on Friday 18th March. Dressed to impress, the staff spent the day in costume and encouraged many more students to take The Plunge. It is all a part of the Spirit of Prendiville. Hats (or Hawaiian shirts if you like, just ask anyone from the Phys Ed department) off to the P & F organising committee, who continue to drive this very exciting 30th Anniversary celebratory event.
On Thursday 25th February the Year 11 English ATAR course was blessed with the presence of a man by the name of Len Ogilvie and his daughter Cheryl Bradley, who came to educate us on the touchy subject of the Stolen Generation. A generation of neglect, brutality and pain through the corruption of government power and policy, from which a brave and fearless man arose.

Many take this tragedy to heart and many young people have very little idea of what it was really like. Mr Ogilvie began to tell us about his journey from his home to the Moore River settlement. He described his existing happy surroundings as "humpies, tents and no running water".

At 9 years of age he spent 6 years of his life at Moore River losing touch with his family of origin and never knowing when his brothers would return. The institution had no recreation programmes, leaving young minds with little or no stimulation. The institution also told the children that their own kind, Aboriginal people, were "dangerous and vulgar" in an attempt to brainwash children against their own people and change who they were inside.

Along with feelings of emptiness, children were stripped of their dignity and treated like second class citizens, as that's how the indigenous Australians were seen. Parents had their children ripped from them and were told that their children were dead. Such a soul destroying experience is enough to destroy any family.

The journey for Mr Ogilvie didn't stop there; along with waking up at 5:00am every morning to begin chores for 6:00am, children received no education and were only allowed to participate in manual labour.

Later, Mr Ogilvie overheard a conversation saying the Australian Army treated all men as one body of troops which enticed him to join. He began his six year adventure fighting in the Korean War where he was seriously injured. None of this phased him, as he was treated as an equal and he described it as the "best time of his life".

The well respected life he lived in the army came to an end when all the Aboriginal soldiers came back to Australia. Not only were they not given any credit or honours as men who fought for their land and country, but they were not allowed to march with their fellow "white" troops on ANZAC day.

Laws at the time prohibited Aboriginal people from being out on the streets past 6:00pm after which they would be locked in prison for three months. There were also punishments that began to make the practice of their traditions nearly impossible, such as speaking their language for which they would be flogged. Not being allowed to express who you were or being unable to celebrate and be proud of all you ever knew ruined their sense of identity.
A student asked a very personal question "What is Australia Day to you?" Len replied with two simple words "Survival day. A day of mourning."

Mr Ogilvie was one of the lucky children who was able to find his parents and returned home to his family 12 years later but the only thing he could say about the experience was "I went back to a home of strangers".

The class asked if the Labour Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's speech in 2008 called ‘The Sorry Speech’ affected him in any way. His response was "Too little, too late". However, his daughter believed that the speech meant the country and the Government had taken responsibility for its actions and could now begin to heal and move forward as one. In my opinion no amount of sorry could ever return all these children to the life and family they deserved.

After all Mr Ogilvie’s experiences, you'd think his outlook on 'white' Australians would be negative or bitter but instead he believes "We are all Australians and we've got to mingle together".

I can't begin to thank Mr Ogilvie and Mrs Bradley enough for coming into our school community and allowing us into their darkest memories, giving us an understanding of our past so that we may change the future. Not only have you touched my heart, you have touched the heart of many of my peers. Through listening to his story, I have learnt many valuable things.

Finally, as Year 11 students, we must also thank our wonderful English teachers for organising such a heartfelt talk for us.

Ashleigh Cloughley
Year 11

Science USA Tour April Holidays – 2017 – Year 9 and 10

The College Science Department are very excited about our planned Science Tour of the USA next year. This is for students that are currently in Years 9 and 10. The 13 day tour will take in the east coast of the USA including Florida and Washington DC. The tour will include going to the NASA Kennedy Space Centre, Disney World in Orlando including the Epcot Centre and Disneyworld, Universal Studios and the Smithsonian Institutions in Washington including the National Air and Space Museum. It will also include an Airboat ride in the Florida wetlands, attending a sporting event and hopefully visiting a Science and Technology Secondary College. A full itinerary is being planned using Educating Adventures tours. A very keen group of Science teachers are involved in the organisation of the tour with Miss Skelin being the chief co-ordinator.
Students in Year 9 and 10 that are keen on science have been encouraged to apply and to be a part of this great experience. There seems to be great interest with nearly a hundred students on the official forum. An information night for parents and students will be held on the 9th March.

For more information please contact the Head of Science at the College.

Science Night 23rd February – Gravitational Waves Detected Celebration Night.

On the 23rd February over 60 students along with staff came together to celebrate a great moment in science, the historic detection of gravitational waves that was announced a week earlier. This is the last of Albert Einstein’s great ideas (theories) now proven to be correct. The gravitational waves detected came from two black holes that collided 1.3 billion years ago. That in itself is amazing.

On the night Mr Van Der Kwast gave a talk to explain what this really means along with three of his Physics students – Seamus McMillan, Cris Macraig and Brayden Templeton. We sat around a camp fire in our Indigenous Garden and even cut a cake in celebration made by Mrs Owen.

Thanks to all staff that came along including our Principal Mr Antulov, Acting Deputy Ms Leck and our science staff Mrs Marshall, Mrs Jones, Mrs Georgiu, Miss Skelin, Mr Van Der Kwast and Mrs Owen. Also, thanks to the fantastic keen group of Prendiville students that turned up.

Science Clubs – 2016
It’s going to be an amazing year for science at Prendiville

The Year 7 Science Club (now in its sixth year) will be holding its first function in Week 7 and the new formed Astronomy Club will be holding its first event for the year. More details will be given to students soon.

Gerard Giannasi
Head of Science
SPORTS NOTICES

CAS Sport
We have now completed three rounds of fixtures and have thank you to all teams for the way you have settled into the routine of CAS Sport. All reports have come back with the Prendiville students playing with excellent sportsmanship and spirit and it is important for this to continue into the second half of the season. Next week will be a bye for all teams to coincide with the long weekend however training will continue for all teams during their allocated time slots. Selection in many teams is quite tight for spots so training attendance is vital. Please continue to liaise directly with team coaches for team specific queries. A list of coaches, current ladders/results and the training timetable for all teams is available on the school's SPORTAL page on SEQT.

ACC Swimming
Training attendance has continued at excellent numbers into Week 3 of the swimming season. Please remember that next week there will be no training on Monday due to the long weekend and no training the following Monday due to the Interhouse carnival. It is not too late to start training if any parents/students are worried and significant improvements could be made still through attendance at a few sessions leading up to both carnivals. If any students are interested in commencing training, please ensure they collect a permission slip from me in the PE office prior to their first session.

Another reminder regarding bathers for the upcoming carnivals. Students are able to wear bathers of their choice for the Interhouse carnival however will be required to be in school bathers for the ACC carnival the following week. School bathers can be purchased from the Uniform Shop or alternatively we can arrange for a plain pair of black bathers to be embroidered with the school logo. Bathers will have to be given to Mrs Thayer in the Uniform Shop by Thursday of Week 6 so they can be embroidered and returned in time for the carnival at the beginning of Week 8.

School Sport WA (SSWA)/ Champion Schools Sports
Nominations for the following Interstate teams are currently open through the School Sport WA website. Interested students should click on the links for more information regarding each of these teams.

Boys & Girls U/19’s Soccer- nominations close 9th March
Boys & Girls U/12’s Soccer- nominations close 12th March

For information about other upcoming sports please visit the SSWA Website.

Sporting Excellence
Congratulations to the following students on their outstanding performances:

Grace Lenaghan (Year 9) has been named in the State Triathlon Team. She will compete at the national Championships in Queensland in April.
Ben Hillen (Year 9) - won a silver medal in the 3000m and Nikita Evans (Year 10) won bronze in the 100m at the State Athletics Championships.
Madison Snelling (Year 8) - won a gold medal at the WA Surf Life Saving R&R 2 Person U13’s State Championships.

Jamie Birrell
Sports Coordinator
ATAR Music Excursion
On Wednesday 17th February the Year 11 ATAR Music class attended a performance of their set works at Churchlands Senior High School, performed by the West Australian Symphony Orchestra. The concert was a sell-out event with hundreds of ATAR students from across the state attending.

The class excursion to see the West Australian Symphony Orchestra was an opportunity that educated me both academically and personally. As an ATAR Music student, not only did I get to experience some of the course’s set works live but I also had the amazing opportunity to hear an analysis of these pieces as well being provided with historical context of the eras. This allowed me to see into the future of my music studies and to visualise the depth of analysis and study that I will have to partake in. As a musician, it also allowed me appreciate just how remarkable the orchestra members were at their instruments and just how long it would have taken these musicians to master them and when compared to myself, it is clear that I have a long way to go before I am even remotely comparable to these amazing men and women. The music was great, the playing was remarkable and the excursion was definitely one I will remember.

Bailey Porro

The excursion to see WASO perform our set pieces was amazing. It was an enjoyable time but also filled me with more knowledge about the musicians and composers of the time and how a century can change music so much. I had a great time and my favourite part of it all was during Bach's Brandenburg Concerto when the harpsichord performed a cadenza for a couple of minutes; Bach was a mad genius of his time.

Justin Farinosi

Student Achievement
Year 10 Vocal Student Niall Coyle was featured in the local community newspaper last weekend. The article highlighted Niall’s recent success in the performing arts industry both here in Perth and overseas. Congratulations Niall!

Upcoming Events
Twilight Sounds Concert: The annual Twilight Sounds Concert will be held on Tuesday 15th March at 6.30pm in the Prendiville Entrance Gardens. Concert Winds, Jazz Band, Year 11/12 VET students and various solo and small ensembles will be performing. Bring a picnic rug, dinner and your family and friends for an evening of fantastic performance in our beautiful grounds. Tickets are available from http://www.trybooking.com/186753 or at the door.
YEAR 11 VISUAL ART INCURSION - STREET ART

On Tuesday February 23rd eighteen Year 11 students studying for their Certificate III in Visual Arts participated in a full day incursion with street artist and curator Trevor Bly. Students were given a talk on some of the history of graffiti and street art in Perth, especially around the legal painting walls at Craigie High School. The full story can be read in his book, Craigie Tales.

Students discussed legal ramifications of street art and employment opportunities for artists in Perth. As part of the incursion students were shown demonstrations of can control, stencil preparation and spraying techniques.

A tradition that has run the last 4 years that students look forward to is the chance to create a full custom paint job on a car. Kelvin Woods, father to Vanessa (Grad 2013) and Alyssa (Yr 9 FR2), again provided a car for students to decorate using street art techniques. The car has been selected to run in this year’s SBox Rally between Mackay and Hobart. Cars in the rally must be purchased for less than $1000 and are driven with the aim of raising money for the Cancer Council.

This year, students painted a French themed design on a 1985 Citroen. Each student contributed to the preparation of the car, sanding, masking and painting of the tricolour base coat. Students then added their own flair to the car with individual stencil pieces.

The students worked well throughout the day braving hot sun, a touch of rain and the familiar afternoon sea breeze here at Prendiville to create a striking mobile artwork.

Chris Longshaw
Year 11 Visual Arts Teacher
DISABLED SURFERS DAY

On the 20th February Mrs. Relo-Fisher, myself and 18 other students made our way to Leighton Beach where we volunteered with the Disabled Surfers Association. The day consisted of sun, sand, waves and laughter as we helped give disabled people (aged 4-70) of all different abilities an opportunity to surf. Volunteers assist them to catch waves either sitting, lying down or even standing up. I would honestly recommend this monthly program to anyone who has a big heart. You don’t have to be Kelly Slater or Mick Fanning to stand waist deep in water! I would say it was the best day I have had this year, I met so many beautiful people with such amazing personalities. I would urge anyone who is keen to get in the water and make some memories to come down next month (19th March)!

Tyrah Spencer
Year 10

The next Disabled Surfers Day and the last for the summer season will be held on Saturday 19th March. Please see Mr Devlin or Mrs Relo-Fisher for further details

P & F NEWS

Easter Raffle

Each student will have received an envelope with 5 raffle tickets to sell and return to the Finance office by Wednesday 16th March to enter the 2016 P&F Easter Raffle draw on Thursday 17th March.

To make the raffle a success we are asking for donations of Easter eggs and other Easter related items to give away as prizes – these can also be left at the Finance office before Wednesday 16th March.

Thank you for your participation!
Prendiville Catholic College P&F Association
Welcome to TechSpot for 2016! This section of our newsletter is for students and staff to share tips, tricks, ideas and apps to do with our all things technology at Prendiville. If you would like to contribute, please contact Mrs Marshall!

This week – welcome to our new space in the Library!

The new iPad Helpdesk and Tech Zone incorporates a point of contact with Miss Bianca Marshall’s desk – she can help with charging, printing and setting up your iPad. There is also a student-manned helpdesk for any type of technology question, a working space for MakerSpace and class projects, and a collaborative space for learning from each other. Come and check it out!

We look forward to seeing you at the Helpdesk soon!

Some Common Problems… and their solutions

Internet not working? Try these fixes:

a. Check for the WiFi symbol in the top right of the device – is it visible?
b. Check in Settings that you are connected to PCC-WL.
c. Authenticate on our network: login using the NetBox Blue app (on enrolled devices) or open a new tab in Safari.
d. Ensure your iPad is enrolled to make the connection more stable.
e. Check to see if you can log into SEQTA Learn or if the entire internet is unavailable.
f. Clear the settings and history out of Safari; sometimes a website causes the connection to ‘hang’.
g. Change your password using the Change Password app (on enrolled devices); try and connect with your new password.
h. Turn off your WiFi and turn it back on again.
i. Turn off your device and turn it back on again.
j. Come to the iPad Helpdesk and we will give you a hand!

If you need help with iPads or just want to ask a question, feel free to drop into the iPad Helpdesk in P1 at lunchtimes – we will soon be moving to the Library! We will be happy to give you assistance.

Mrs Melissa Marshall
eLearning Coordinator
COMMUNITY NEWS

PFFWA Conference and AGM 2016

The Parents and Friends Federation of WA are excited to be putting the last touches to our conference program for this year. The conference opening dinner will be held on Friday evening 20th May at Crown Perth.

The conference will commence the following morning and go through until 5.00pm. Refreshments including morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea are provided on the day of the conference, along with great speakers, interactive sessions and the usual fantastic networking opportunities.

With both Federal and State elections on the horizon, PFFWA have invited politicians from the major parties to attend and you will have the opportunity to hear what their vision is for education in Western Australia in the foreseeable future.

Dates for your diary – 20th & 21st May 2016 at Crown Perth

For more information, please keep an eye on the PFFWA website and our Facebook page or contact admin@pff.wa.edu.au  tel 9271 5909

Ocean Reef Youth Group

2ND, 4TH & 5TH SUNDAY
6-8PM
18-20 PRENDIVILLE AVENUE
FOOD, GAMES, ACTIVITIES, FAITH & FRIENDS
YEARS 7 -12
CONTACT
PAUL CROSSLEY: 0430 636 274
WWW.247YOUTHMINISTRY.ORG

Taizé

The Courage of Mercy

Brother Matthew from Taizé will be in Perth 3-6 March 2016.

A night at the movies with Our Lady of Grace Parish

Thursday 10th March
Grand Cinemas
Whitford City
Film Commences at 6.45pm
Please arrive at least 15 mins early, as this is a group booking.
Tickets $20 each, available from the parish office or phone Christine 0411 273 572

Risen is the true Biblical story of the Resurrection, as told through the eyes of a non-believer. Clavius (Joseph Fiennes), a powerful Roman military tribune, and his aide Lucius, are tasked by Pontius Pilate to investigate rumours of a risen Messiah and to locate the missing body of Jesus, in order to quell an imminent uprising in Jerusalem during the first 40 days following Christ’s resurrection.
**REGULAR MASS TIMES**

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**COMING EVENTS:**

- **Monday 7th March** – Labour Day Public Holiday
- **Tuesday 8th – Thursday 10th March** OLNA testing
- **Monday 14th March** – Year 7-12 Interhouse Swimming Carnival
- **Tuesday 15th March** – Board meeting
- **Tuesday 15th March** – Twilight Sounds Concert 6.30pm
- **Wednesday 16th March** – P & F Meeting, 6.30pm
- **Thursday 17th March** – Year 8 Immunisations
- **Friday 18th March** – Prendiville Plunge

**OUR SCHOOL PRAYER**

Dear Lord

We thank you for our school community inspired by the holy work of Redmond Prendiville who gave our college its name and sense of self. Help us to follow his example and live in the light of Christ.

We thank you for our teachers, friends and family. Help them to guide and support us in all our academic, sporting and community endeavours.

Our College crest speaks of how close we are to the eternal beauty of the ocean. It reminds us we are blessed to be young and free. Lord, never let us forget this symbol we so proudly wear, for it represents our Catholic faith and your eternal love.

Help us, therefore, to respect the natural beauty of our school grounds and environment and to consider the classroom as a place of opportunity and learning. Grant us the strength of will and clarity of purpose to be the best that we can be.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen