

Encounters are great!



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Hospitality students serve Armadale Pioneers



John Wollaston Hospitality students are thanked by the Mayor of Armadale, Henry Zelones for their fantastic work at the Pioneer Reunion.

On Saturday 10 September, John Wollaston Year 11 Hospitality students assisted with serving at the Pioneer Function for the City of Armadale.

The seven students looked smart in their JWACS Hospitality aprons and worked incredibly hard at the large reception for pioneer families from the Armadale region.

The City of Armadale has hosted the Pioneers' Reunion since 1963, as a way of acknowledging the contributions that many families have made to the area. Guests are people who have resided in the City for 50 years or more, reflecting on why Armadale is a great place to live, to raise a family and to call home.

This event gives guests an opportunity to reflect on early years in the City of Armadale and catch up with old friends, reminiscing about times gone by.



Victoria Van der Wedden catches up with some pioneers of Armadale and also found some long lost relatives. Photos courtesy of Kelly Pilgrim-Byrne, 7 to 1 Photography.

Our Sound of Music star



*Ava Sharp stars in **The Sound of Music**.*

Year 5 student Ava Sharp has been having a ball playing Marta, one of the von Trapp children in *The Sound of Music* at the Crown Theatre, Perth.

Ava auditioned with hundreds of other children and was thrilled to get the part of Marta. She feels at home with her large stage family as her real life family has six children of similar ages to the von Trapps.

Ava is loving performing and only finding 20 second costume changes a bit tricky.



*A scene from **The Sound of Music**.*

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends

Three of the most popular films of my childhood were *The Sound of Music*, *Mary Poppins* and *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*. With "happy ever after story lines" and catchy music, the films had universal appeal.

In more recent years, the three films have subsequently been reprised as successful stage musicals playing extended seasons in theatres around the world including on Broadway in New York, the West End in London and even the Crown Theatre in Perth. How wonderful it is that the current Rodgers and Hammerstein production of *The Sound of Music*, playing in Perth, features our own Ava Sharp. Ten year old Ava plays the role of Marta the second youngest of the seven von Trapp children.

Ava is a gifted singer who aspires to a career on the stage. She has thrived on the rigorous rehearsals and preparation required for this

production, the opportunity to meet other people and learn from seasoned performers such as Lorraine Bayley and Cameron Daddo. We are very proud of Ava's achievement and wish her every success in realising her ambition.

John Wollaston creates many opportunities for students to participate in and enjoy the Arts. This term's highlights were undoubtedly the musical *Hairspray* which enjoyed a sell-out season and fabulous reviews; the annual School Art Exhibition which featured outstanding artworks from Primary and Secondary students of all ages; and the Anglican Schools Commission Combined Schools Concert at the Perth Concert Hall.

Amongst many benefits, the Arts foster confidence, self-esteem and an appreciation of the aesthetic, all important qualities in a child's development.

This has been a most successful term for the School. The engagement and



energy of our students in all they undertake is contagious! I hope you enjoy this Spring Edition of The Charter.

**With good wishes
Anne Ford**



Ukulele donation

JWACS primary parent Mr Paul Henneberry is an amazing ukulele craftsman.

Mr Henneberry who is an electrician by trade, taught himself to play the ukulele and build them by hand. He makes about four ukuleles a year and intends to donate one a year to the John Wollaston

Music Department for students to enjoy.

The first ukulele is presently displayed in Administration. This beautiful instrument is made from Tasmanian Blackwood and Mulga.

The School is most grateful for Mr Henneberry's generous gesture.



JWACS parent Mr Paul Henneberry with his hand-crafted ukulele that he has donated to the School.

Alumni wins City to Surf Half Marathon!

Rochelle wins again!

Past pupil Rochelle Rodgers nee Thorpe (Class of 2004) has won the women's 21.1km Chevron City to Surf for Activ Half Marathon for 2016.

Rochelle said she hoped she would place in the top three and did not expect to win the event but she did crossing the line in the winning time of 1:21:42. Rodgers, the 2013 champion, has completed every Half Marathon since they were added to the City to Surf more than a decade ago.

"The harder you work the more rewarding the result and I've used this motto all through my life."

Most of the Chevron City to Surf for Activ competitors would take a well-earned break after running the City to Surf race but not long-distance runner Rochelle, who was just getting started.



Picture: Bohdan Warchomij courtesy of *The Sunday Times*.

I'm doing the Melbourne Marathon which is the Australian Championships this year," Rodgers said. "I had to finish the (City to Surf) Half Marathon feeling like I could keep running. So the next day I got up and did a 60-minute run. The goal for Melbourne is to finish in 2:45 so I've got to get the kilometres in my legs."

She has also been invited as an elite competitor to the Tokyo Marathon in 2017. Rochelle trains seven days a week covering an average of 145km a week. A typical day could start with a 9km jog in the morning and finish with a 15km run after work. On Sundays she has time for a longer run of 2.5 hours.

29-year-old Rochelle is a good friend of John Wollaston's Head of Physical Education, Lonneke Holleman who competed in the Melbourne Marathon in



Past pupil Rochelle Rodgers has won the City to Surf half marathon twice and is now in training for the Melbourne Marathon 2016. She has an invitation to compete in the 2017 Tokyo Marathon.

2015. They run together for Front Runner Sports.

Rochelle works for The Running Centre, which is a specialty running store that provides a medically based shoe fitting service. Her running coach Raf Baugh is also her boss. Rochelle said that since training under Raf she has won several major races in Perth (Chevron City to Surf Half Marathon and the Perth Marathon both won twice). "He has me striving for my goal to represent Australia at a Commonwealth and Olympic level for the marathon (42.2km)," she said.

"I am very lucky to be surrounded by people who have faith in me. I enjoy giving back to my sport and do this by coaching a few juniors and recreational

runners several times a week as well as holding a free community run," she said

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Rochelle attended John Wollaston Anglican Community School from Pre-Primary to Year 10. Rochelle says John Wollaston helped her grow into the independent person she is today and she encourages all students who attend John Wollaston to follow their

goals and dreams.

"There isn't anything we can't do today in the world we live in. All we have to do is try," she said.

"The harder you work the more rewarding the result are and I've used this motto all through my life," Rochelle explained.

Dylan brings home medals



Dylan Bailey shows his State Cross Country medal.

Year 7 student Dylan Bailey recently came second in the State Cross Country Championships and completed the 4km City to Surf in a fantastic time.

Dylan Bailey ran hard for silver, achieving second place in the recent State Cross Country Championships on Saturday 13 August at Jorgensen Park, Kalamunda. Dylan completed the 2km run in just 7 mins 25 sec! Dylan runs for the Melville Roar Athletics Club.

The 2016 Chevron City to Surf for Activ was also a great event for Dylan where he came 23 out of 4,216 in the 4km run. He completed this race in an amazing time of 14 mins 27 secs.

Year 3 Encounter, Bickley

The Year 3 Encounter experience was held at Bickley Outdoor Recreation Camp on Friday 9 September.

The aim of this big day out is to build resilience and emphasise the importance of caring for each other.

Mr Wayne Revitt Head of Primary said, "It is always interesting to see students adapt to such a different environment, often displaying leadership qualities that may not be apparent at school."



Pre-Primary Encounter

The Pre-Primary Encounter day was at Naturescape Kings Park on Friday 9 September.

Head of Primary Mr Wayne Revitt says Naturescape is a fantastic venue to investigate and explore. There are towers to climb, creeks to cross, tunnels to navigate and ropes to wrestle.





Anne Ford
Principal

Outside the Frame Winners

John Wollaston students have swept the prize pool at the recent Outside the Frame Art Awards in Armadale.

Year 12 student Sarah D'Ermilio won the Excellence Award for Painting for her artwork *What a Time to be Alive*.

Outside the Frame showcases an array of contemporary artworks by some of the best young artists in the southeast metropolitan region.



Year 12 student Evie Dodge accepts the **Local Artist Award** from the Mayor of Armadale, Henry Zelones.

Head Prefect, Evie Dodge won the Local Artist Award for her artwork *From Small Acorns*. John Wollaston Anglican Community School won the School with the Best Collective Works \$1000 cash prize.

The Awards were established many years ago as a stepping stone to develop young creatives. It is open to students in Years 11 and 12 across the Perth metropolitan area.



Luke Morgan Secondary Visual Arts Coordinator collects a cheque for \$1,000 from the Mayor of Armadale for the the **School with the Best Collective Works Award**.



Year 12 student Sarah D'Ermilio accepts her **Excellence Award for Painting** from the Mayor of Armadale.



Above: Year 12 student Sarah D'Ermilio's artwork *What a Time to be Alive* won the Excellence Award for Painting in the Outside the Frame exhibition.



Above right: Popular local artist, Andy Quilty opened the 2016 John Wollaston Art Exhibition.



Art Exhibiiton

The annual John Wollaston Art Exhibition is another great event in the School calendar.

This year's Exhibition was opened by artist Andy Quilty on Wednesday 14 September. It was a fantastic opening night with amazing works on display from Pre-Primary to Year 12.

Mr Quilty was overwhelmed by the high standard of works. He congratulated students and staff on their creativity and hard work.



Principal's Art Acquisition

Each year the Principal selects a Year 12 artwork for the School's collection. This year *Through the Eyes of Experience* by Rachel Tobin has been selected by Ms Ford.

Rachel has travelled on two pilgrimages to Manila as part of the Anglican Schools Commission Reachout Manila initiative. This artwork reflects her personal insight and experience as a pilgrim. The artwork will be hung in the foyer of Administration.

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Through the Eyes of Experience by Year 12 student Rachel Tobin.