



# MOORA RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE TERM 2 NEWSLETTER 2024

## Important Dates for Term 3 2024

<b>15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>College re-opens for Term 3 at 3.00pm</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>School Starts</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>School Photo Day</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Football Camp – Fremantle v Geelong</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>College closes for Term 3 at 5.00pm</b>

### **Dear Parents, Carers and Staff,**

For a long term it has gone very quickly. The weather has changed, and it is lovely to see the rain. The College has had a very active term with lots of fun activities for the students over the weekends. We had a camp which the students and staff enjoyed and during Term 3 there will be a Footy Camp, we have secured tickets to the Dockers vs Geelong Cats game.

Staffing-wise, there are a few changes happening. We will have a new cleaner starting in Term 3. I would like to thank Noi Stoner for filling-in while we advertised the position. Vima Alvarez has won the position and we look forward to Vima starting with us. Natasha Crane has had her first full term in the Active Night shift role, she is enjoying the role and is a valuable Team member.

We now have the new Sunshade up over the pool, not a lot of help this term but during Term 1 and Term 4 it will be very useful.

Please keep the 23rd of November in mind for our 50-year Celebration. The school are celebrating their 50 years on the same day and are having a Fete on the school oval, we will have ours during the afternoon.

I would like to thank all the MRC team for all that they do, you are all amazing.

From the team at MRC, enjoy the holidays with your children, keep warm and we look forward to seeing you back for Term 3.

Happy Holidays

Warmest regards

Anne-Marie Wilson

College Manager

## Outstanding Fees 2024

Parents and Carers please ensure your boarding fees are up to date at the start of Term 3.

If you are having trouble paying these, please contact **Jess on 96539 700** to set up a payment plan.

## Term 2 Activities

### A Message About Self-Care

A friendly reminder from Miss Porter, self-care is important for everyone and it is encouraged at the college for our students. We enjoy pampering ourselves with face masks and movies often and some of our students are practicing gratitude writing or journaling as a form of self-care. It is ok to slow down and take some time out for yourself. We have posters around the college with self-care ideas and there are lots of online resources available for tips and tricks on self-care.

[Kids Helpline](#), [Headspace](#) and [Kiddie Matters](#) all have helpful information online for self-care.

So, what will you be doing this week to ensure you have taken care of yourself?



### Pots & Tangles

We had Tammy from [Pots and Tangles](#) come to the College and show us how to make a plant holder, we had a lovely fun-filled Sunday.



## Pots and tangles – By Ruby

One glorious Sunday a lady whose name escapes my mind taught us how to do macramé. We had a triangle frame with rope on it called practice rope. After practicing on the practise rope, we put it aside and got our actual rope and tied it, but not just tied it - we did a square knot, a square knot is this knot.

We did it for about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way down the rope then we did *that* to two parts of the ropes twice like this one shown. Then we did whatever we wanted to with the leftover rope and finally we got our pots and put them in to the macrame, filled the pots up with soil and put a plant in it and either kept it or gave it away to our mums for Mother's Day. We all had a great experience learning something new to try.



## Vegetable Garden



After the abundance of pumpkins that we harvested last season, it was time to pull out the vine and start again. We were able to make unlimited scones, soup, and roasted pumpkins from that haul. The remainder we sold to the Moora Community to help raise funds for our students attending Country Week at the end of this term.

The harsh elements of the weather play havoc with our plants so it was time to invest in a greenhouse which will help protect the seedlings whilst they mature until they can be planted into our garden beds.

Aaron Woolley assembled our greenhouse over the school holidays and with the help of staff and students it was then positioned within our vegetable garden plot.

Charli helped Mrs Harvey plant 60 seedlings into small pots and they are currently sprouting. The humidity of the shade house is just perfect for cultivating seeds.

We have Snow Peas, Broad Beans, Sugar Snaps, Spinach. Silver Beet and Cherry Tomatoes (I can feel a lovely Winter meal coming on) – Leanne Harvey





## Perth Excursion



Over the weekend of the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June we all went down to Perth to have a fun-filled weekend. We stopped off and got Maccas for an early lunch and then we headed to Bounce at Joondalup, that was lots of fun and everyone liked the Dodge Ball or doing cool tricks on the trampolines everyone was enjoying it until our time was up and we needed to leave.

We stayed at SIDE in Perth where we had showers and had pizza for dinner, which was very yummy. Then we headed to see the lights at Kings Park, it rained, and we all got wet, but nobody really cared because it was lovely to walk through the lights.



We headed back to SIDE, we went to bed and then in the morning we got up, had breakfast, and cleaned up and headed for the shops at Midland Gate with a stop off at Maccas, we had lunch and headed back to Moora. We had a great time, thank you to the supervisors for making this happen and taking us down to Perth.

– Charli – Year 8

## Ready Steady Cook Grand final 2024

Once again, our students did not disappoint!

We had 7 teams vying to claim the title of Ready Steady Cook Grand final Winners 2024. Once again, we held our event over at the High School Home Economics room and had four judges meticulously scrutinize each meal and award them points for the following categories – teamwork, presentation, taste, clean-up, and interpretation/individuality.

Our judges were Aaron Woolley, Jasmine Porter, Tina from Jeanne D'Moore and Carrie Dewing

The task this year was to make two dishes – one following a recipe and one without. The dessert was a Self-saucing Caramel Pudding, which they had to adhere to the recipe. The main meal had to contain a Chicken Breast portion and it was up to each team to come up with a dish – their dish had to include either pasta or rice and use as little or as many of the ingredients that were available to them on the table. They were also allowed to use their mobile phones to google recipes and each team had the added support of being able to phone a friend for advice and instruction. Some teams rang their grandmothers and other teams phoned home to mum.

N.B Sucking up to the judges was totally permitted!

I am so glad that I was not a judge because I would have found it near-on impossible to select a winner. Each team worked hard and collaborated their skills, experience, and workmanship to deliver amazing meals to our judges.

As the saying goes, there can only be one winner and that accolade goes to our most senior competitor that chose to work on her own. Kayzli's dishes were planned to impress, both in taste and presentation – wow! Congratulations Kayzli – you must be so proud of yourself!

Second prize went to a team of three students – Tyler, Max, and Noel. Their dishes were both visually appealing and very tasty according to our judges. Well done young men, you worked so well together and were just pipped at the post. Looking forward to your efforts in next year's Ready Steady Cook!

All teams must be commended on their efforts and on their teamwork. Here is a selection of photographs taken of our competing teams and of their creations. So proud to be a supervisor at this amazing college!

