

# Term 1

## 25<sup>th</sup> Thursday 2020

### Important Dates:

First Day of Term 2:  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

Anzac Day:  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April  
(All major events cancelled)

Labour Day:  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

Penthouse Day:  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Last Day of Term:  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June

# Arcadia

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### Newsletter

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### HAVE YOU MOVED, CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS?

A quick and easy way to update your details is through **PARENT LOUNGE**; it only takes a minute and saves you time on the phone or coming into the office.

## Acting Principal Update

Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Friends,

Jingeri Wallal Wahlu – Hello, and welcome to the end of Term 1.

All staff at Arcadia College hope our families and friends are safe and looking after each other during these times. It is without question, the impact of the Coronavirus disease has devastated the lives of many people around the world and in Australia. During recent events, Arcadia College continues to follow the direction of medical professionals and the government by providing continual education for our students, practicing safe social distancing, and conducting healthy hygiene habits in our environment.

Due to the uncertainty and impact of the virus on the operation of schools, Arcadia College is continuing to develop online learning tools and maintain all support processes as we lead into the next term. From Term 2 (Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April), school will be open to support students of essential workers and students who are vulnerable and staff will be available to guide students through their online learning tasks and assessments, as well as provide social/emotional support. From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April, families without online devices have the opportunity to sign out and collect their child's school iPad to use from home, or likewise, organize a package of hard copy materials, as we are now closed for the end of term school break.

Throughout Term 1, Arcadia College students have been exposed to exciting and engaging activities leading to amazing engagement and attendance along the way. Through education projects and excursions, to year level camps/adventure-based learning activities, and also Indigenous and community programs – our students have had the opportunity to develop personal growth while building trusting relationships with their peers and staff.

Positive acknowledgements and feedback continue to be provided to students through our Shooting Stars award system. It is pleasing to see students place a star on my office window identifying the great choices they are making from their staff, and listening to them explain these choices to me when I ask them to pop in for a chat. The confidence and pride I see, with added smiles make the day meaningful for all. When students receive a certain number of stars, they receive certificates and awards along with a positive phone call home.

From all of us here at Arcadia College, please have a safe school break. We will still be here to support you and your child next term with any learning and welfare needs you require.

In the meantime, either on site or online, Nimbulima bulling ya baugull – Return strong and well.

Regards,  
Byron Cracknell – Acting Principal



SHOOTING STAR AWARDS

Year 7: Yasha Haley, Fleix Hoare, Jay Carlson (Teacher- Joel Lawson)  
Year 9: Taylah Pitt, Oliver Senol  
(Absent: Deyton Williams)



### **2019 Graduates - 2020 *Next Step* survey**

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual state-wide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2019. The survey, sent out between March and June, is brief and confidential and gains a picture of employment, study and life choices made after finishing Year 12.

The survey is web-based or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office. Students are encouraged to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate.

Thank you for your support of the *Next Step* survey in 2020.

Further information on Next Step is available online at [www.qld.gov.au/nextstep](http://www.qld.gov.au/nextstep) or on toll free telephone 1800 068 587.

### **Arcadia stands out at Oceanic swimming trials for South Coast School Sports**



On the 19th of February 2020, our fearless oceanic sports leader, Mick Gray, took a small squad to Somerset to show the rest of the schools in our district what we are made of. The joy on Mick's face was evident when he walked through the doors and smelled the chlorine and the victory in the air. Our team of three athletes took to the pool with heart and determination and showed that quality beats quantity every time. Our students gave there all in the races with Katelyn and Mia finishing 1st and 2nd respectively in their heat of the under 15's, 50m freestyle race.

Rhayne made an instant impact in the pool winning the majority of his events, and being awarded the Under 13 age champion on the day. With so much success with such a small team, we can only hope to show up bigger and better next year.

### **Year 9 Jellurgal and Wollumbin Excursions**



Week 5 saw the Year 9 Jellurgal and Wollumbin tribes testing themselves in some very challenging environments. The Wollumbin tribe were very fortunate to have access to Mt Cordeaux (1135m) after being significantly damaged from the bushfires late last year. It was special to see the regeneration of native plants and other flora which were left burnt and blackened. Also, downstream of the mountains from the Great Dividing Range we were able to see the burnt wood after being washed into Lake Moogerah during the February floods.

Duncan Hopkins  
Outdoor Recreation Coordinator

## Studio Updates

### Year 7

WOW! What a wonderful start the Year 7's had to the year! We were so thrilled to embark on a learning journey with you all, and have come leaps and bounds in such a short amount of time. This Term our focus was on Water in the World, and how we as citizens can contribute to maintaining our sustainability within the environment. The students created their own water conscious Water Cities, that were subjected to flooding, and we were so impressed with their creativity and well-thought-out designs to ensure their cities didn't flood! Well done Year 7's. Each and every one of you have developed such confidence in what's a daunting process of starting High School. So proud of you all and we look forward to an amazing Term 2, where we will focus on Rocks and our Planet. We hope you have a safe and wonderful school holidays.

See you all in Term 2.

From your Teacher Joel, Teacher Aide's Ev and Amore, and Well-being Coordinator Lara.



### Year 8

The theme for the Year 8's this term is "Wildlife at Risk", where students have been exploring endangered animals and what we can do to protect them. A few weeks ago we had Wild Call come into the school and showcase some animals that we were able to touch and interact with. This gave us firsthand experience of what we were learning about in class.

We have also enjoyed our canoeing program this term for HPE, with 8R able to put these paddling skills into practice while on camp during Week 8. Camp was a definite highlight for many students in 8R and staff were impressed with the confidence and leadership skills that students exhibited over the three days.

Students are enjoying the 'Breakout Space' this term which is a new addition to the juniors this year. This space has been provided by the school to give our students space to move around and play games during break times, as well as provide us with small learning spaces for our Corrective Reading program.

We are looking forward to an even better Term 2!

Kim, Raph, Kylie, Bonnie, Maxine



### Year 9

What a great start to the year. We have nearly made it to the end of term 1 and our staff are looking forward to delivering you more learning opportunities next term.

One of our highlights for this term was the Team Building Camp during week 5 at the Outdoor Recreation Centre in Boonah. This was important for us to be able to break down barriers and form positive relationships within the class. We hope that this team culture will continue throughout the year.

Keep safe over the holiday break and we look forward to seeing you all next term.

Year 9 Staff





## Year 10

Senior school is a massive step in our students lives and our Arcadian kids have taken it all in their stride. While it has been a massive change with welcoming new staff and students, I believe that the students have all risen to the change and the challenge and are thriving in their new environment. They have shown true Ohana spirit, making the new students feel welcomed into our family and finishing the term with some firm new friends.

I was so pleased that I got to follow this cohort into Grade 10 and cannot wait to see what they will achieve with all the new opportunities that are available to them. Some students have already taken the steps to employment and are completing a hospitality certificate while others are exploring options with school based traineeships and apprenticeships with the help of our Careers Advisor Michelle.

In English with Jo, the students have learned about advertising within the Tourism industry and they have produced some amazing brochures advertising their chosen tourism venture. This tied in with their Art elective where Jess tasked them with designing a resort, statue or a landmark. The creations were truly breathtaking. I was in awe at what was produced and it was so good to see the students creativeness come out.

So the students could get some real understanding of tourism in the industry, Jo led an excursion to the Q1 building and the Mantra where students were given an insight into how tourism could change and be affected between seasons. The students were amazed with the 14 second lift and the view from the top of the Q1. We had so much positive feedback about how our students conducted themselves on the day and they were an absolute credit to Arcadia.

In Science with Elisha, our students learnt about the Big Bang Theory and explored how our universe began while Maths with Mick and Elisha saw students hard at work solving algebraic equations. History with Elisha and Jo has seen students exploring the past and discovering the origins of WWII. Students have investigated the Kokoda trail and learned about Australia's involvement in the war effort. For their assessment, students were asked to investigate how the events of WWII contribute to the tourism industry and to also create a virtual museum exhibition.

Canoeing with Nev and Duncan gave our students the chance to get out in the open water and test out their paddling skills. The students worked together to power their boats across Tallebudgera creek and back while exercising the required safety and techniques they were taught. Year 10 also offered the exciting opportunity for our students to become involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Award which many of our students have signed up for. Starting next term participants are required to complete four sections at each level: Voluntary Service, Skill, Physical Recreation and Adventurous Journey.

This term has been packed with learning and adventure and I can't wait to see what next term will bring.

Greta Jones  
Teacher Aide







### Year 10 Wellbeing

I have been overwhelmed by the warm and caring welcome I have received since joining the Year 10 studio in Week 6 as a Wellbeing Coordinator alongside Sam. I have witnessed students supporting each other, freely giving compliments and contributing to maintaining a clean and tidy studio by pitching in to assist with daily duties. Jane

Each week the students participate in activities based on Green X7 Awareness Areas of Mental Health, Nutrition, Friendships, Relationships, Sleep, Fun, Physical Health and Purpose. Some activities are- walks, stretching, meditation, games, boxing etc.

The students also participated in 'Close the Gap' and Anti-Bullying Awareness campaigns in Week 8.

With the holidays just around the corner, it is important to ensure we all take time to rest and relax recharging our batteries for a fun filled Term 2.



### Year 11

This term students explored a variety of topics throughout Social Community Studies, English and Maths. In English, students investigated future careers and how meaning is communicated in contemporary texts developed for and used in a work context.

In Maths, students were able to combine culinary skills with problem solving skills by creating a 2-course meal catering for 15 people including two international food critics. Social Community Studies focused on personal budgeting and the broader implications of financial literacy for society, including the impact of scams, the importance of safe purchasing and the impact of consumer behaviour.

This term our Science in Practice students explored the fundamental properties to maintain and distribute safe water supply, including water chemistry, water treatment, catchment studies as well as water health. In class, students have created their own water filtration system and have had the opportunity to speak with experts during an excursion to Hinze Dam. Sports and Recreation students learnt the core requirements when coaching individuals, they explored different drills and techniques in order to create their own coaching session. Arts in Practice students have been exploring the purpose of Art in relation to cultural practices and identity. The Arts students attended an excursion to the Mindjumbul Indigenous Centre where they learnt about the rich Aboriginal cultural heritage, of the local Goori people both past and living.

What a jam-packed term we have had! We hope you have a safe and relaxing break.

The Year 11 Team





## Year 12

The Year 12 cohort have had an exciting start to the year, with heavy focus on independent learning, goal setting and resilience. Students have had opportunities to take part in two excursions, the Jellurgal Aboriginal Cultural Centre at Tallebudgera as part of their Social and Community Studies and to beautiful Austinville Nature Reserve. Students were challenged to push themselves and find comfort in the uncomfortable by climbing a seemingly never-ending ascent.

On the 6th of March three Year 12 students and two Year 11 students attended the University of Southern Queensland's Springfield campus to receive their certificates acknowledging their successful applications for the Qatsif scholarships. A delicious lunch was provided after the ceremony that featured cultural dances and performances from local Aboriginal student groups, as well as a fire blessing from Auntie Peggy to encourage students to achieve their dreams.

This term the Year 12 students have incorporated an Acknowledgment of Country to start them on their learning journey at the beginning of each week.

Most year 12 students have completed their term 1 assessments, with many personal and academic achievements being made.

Students have been extremely creative with their Art pieces representing global issues, they have been engaged in learning Mathematics focussing on building and budgeting.

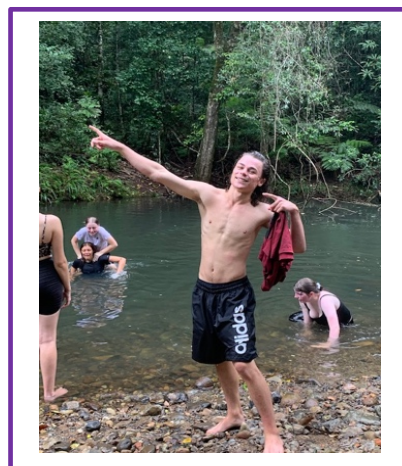
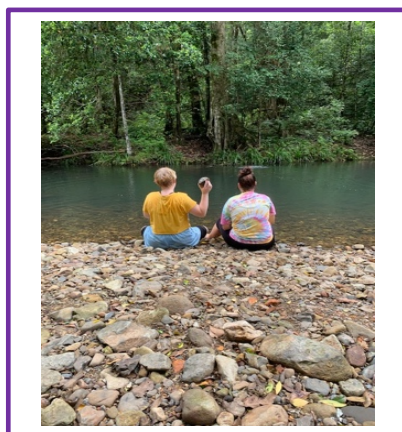
In English they have focused on global and community issues that affect young people and how they may be addressed in order to make a brighter future. They then had script a TED talk and record themselves. We have some budding TV stars in our midst.

In Social and Community Studies they have been looking at today's society and how it affects our lives and in Science students have been out on 5 days of work experience, learning about the importance of WH&S.

We congratulate students on their engagement and positive attitudes learning in Social and Emotional Learning as well as Traineeships and Certificate Courses.

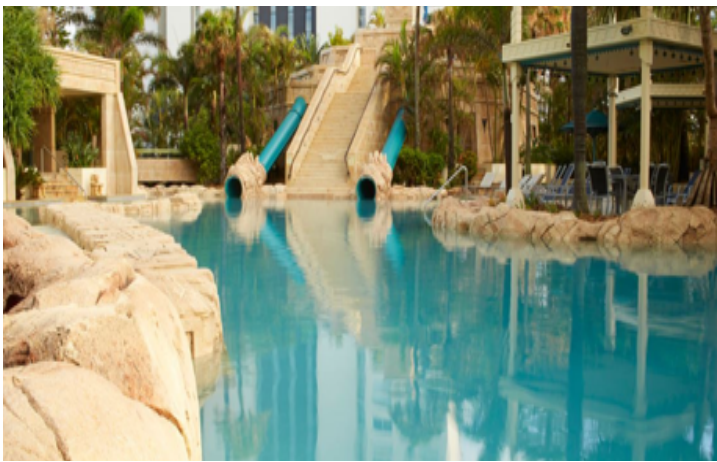
The beginning of the year has been a busy time for our students, who despite the uncertainty of the last few weeks have had a positive term.

Year 12 Staff





*How to win two nights accommodation at the Mantra Sun City Surfers Paradise for you and your family!!!*



## Mantra Sun City Surfers Paradise

Located just one block from the pristine beach and the Pacific Ocean of Surfers Paradise, Mantra Sun City is the ideal destination for a relaxed beachside Gold Coast holiday.

This family-favourite Gold Coast resort features Aztec inspired architectural features and décor, set amongst lush tropical gardens. We have a wide range of accommodation options, with self-catering facilities and air-conditioning, and views over the Pacific Ocean or hinterland.

**How you and your family can you win this amazing prize?**

**One lucky family will go in the draw to win two night's accommodation at the Mantra Sun City Surfers Paradise .....**

**To go into the draw for this amazing Prize your attendance has to be between 90% - 100%.**

**Drawn Week 9 Semester 2**