



Fairbridge College
Kalgoorlie Campus

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From the Executive Principal's Desk

Term 4 is always a hectic one! It's crammed with activities like writing reports, planning excursions, finalising awards and holding the end of year showcase. This is topped off with the excitement that surrounds summer holidays and the festive Christmas season. It's also a bittersweet time of year as we look back and reflect on all the things that the students have accomplished while also knowing that some of our students AND staff will not return in 2022.

I'd like to take this opportunity to say "good-bye" to Jordan, Andrea and Marnie. On behalf of the whole Fairbridge community I want to thank them for their hard work and dedication to the students and the work of the College. The difference you have made in the lives of the young people at the Kalgoorlie Campus is immeasurable and your presence will be sorely missed.

At the end of this term, we also welcomed Liz and Mayo to the College family. They are already making an impact in the short time they have spent with us, and I cannot wait to see what the future holds. We are so happy that you have joined the team!

There is so much to be proud of here at the Kalgoorlie Campus. From volunteering in the community to completing work experience, each student at the College has challenged themselves this year. They have all, at one point or another, demonstrated our values of Grit, Growth, Inclusivity and Safety. They have made a commitment to do things differently and give things a go! Well done!

Finally, I would like to close by thanking parents and carers for their support this year. They say that it "takes a village" and this is certainly evident in the partnership we have with you, as well as your willingness to back us up and help out in a variety of ways. The work we do with the students and the success of the College would not be possible without this.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season. I look forward to seeing what 2022 holds in store for the students and staff at Fairbridge College.

Jen

From the Campus Principal

Last night was our end of year showcase and awards ceremony followed by our final celebrations for the year, and whilst I watched the students persevere, demonstrate resilience and importantly support each other when someone fell down, I had a moment of reflection on how amazing every single person is at Fairbridge. The students demonstrated a kindness and respect for each that can't be taught but is born through mutual respect and comradery. I am so proud of what every child has achieved this year. As you go into the holidays remember your growth is your own and you can not be measured by the people around you but only by what you yourself achieve.

To the staff that are leaving next year; Jordan, one of the original teachers of Fairbridge College, you have helped develop the young individuals at the school into resourceful students who look beyond the walls of a classroom and embedded learning as a lifelong process, something we will all be eternally grateful for. Andrea, thank you for the compassion and kindness you showed every student, your high expectations of your students allowed them to flourish into the individuals who demonstrate our school values daily and Marnie, when we asked the students one word to describe you, happy and kind resonated with almost all of them. We will miss your positive, smiling face and wish you all the best in Geraldton on your new adventure.

We welcome Liana Carmody and Peta Barwise to the college next year. Liana will be taking a year 8-10 class and Peta will be our new VET Teacher Trainer. We look forward to being able to share Fairbridge with them and excited for the new skills and experience both bring with them. Warwick will be joining our Student Support Team with Lizz and Mayo in 2022, stepping down from a Teaching role to focus on student wellbeing.

To our sponsors of the award ceremony UON Energy, the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Full Circle, JTS Metallurgy and Fairbridge College, thank you for your support of the college and the students, I have always found it humbling to know that our community is so vastly supported in the region. The support the Goldfields continues to show towards our students always provides a sense of pride of accomplishment of who we are as a community.

It has been so exciting this term watching students as they reflect on the year that has gone past, whether they started with us or joined us along the way, each has left a stamp on the college and the staff. We are so proud of their accomplishments from those starting the Duke of Ed journey, the volunteer work, work experience, starting paid employment or helping out to raise money for their camp next year. Each time you start something new we celebrate you! Well done everyone.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and I hope that you enjoy the time together as family.



Jayde

Warwick's Crew

Halloween Cooking Cook-Off

As part of our HASS program Students had to research, plan and produce Halloween treats in the form of 1 sweet dish and 1 savoury dish. Over the course of a few weeks' prices were sought by students and compared between both Coles and Woolworths and after visits to both stores, it was settled that Coles was the best option. On the day Tazmyn (pictured) decided to make some 'Ghost Pizzas' and "Bat Cup Cakes", in the photo I was really annoyed that I could not get all the bats to face the camera! It was a fun day and Tazmyn shared most of her food creations with the rest of the school.



Mobile Food Van Project

Recently we have been visiting mobile food van outlets and food outlets in general to gain ideas on our own mobile food business. In this process we are creating logos, putting together menus and allocating prices for our menus. During our site visits we then compare the prices to ensure we are not over or under pricing our items. We also take the opportunity to ask the business owners questions about their businesses in terms of the day to day running. Pictured are a few of the menus we have photographed, one from the coffee menu at Jesters and the other is a burger menu at Dig In Burgers.

East Kalgoorlie Primary Reading

East Kalgoorlie Primary is an independent school here in Kalgoorlie which is made up mostly of Aboriginal students. We recently visited their kindergarten class to read to them for about 20 minutes. The little ones were really excited to see us and were split into groups for Shaynee, Tazmyn and Demi to read them books that they chose. Afterwards our Fairbridge students spoke about how much they enjoyed it and could not wait to go back with many kindy kids hanging on to them not wanting them to leave! Visiting and reading with these school students is something Fairbridge will hope to continue to do in 2022.

Warwick

Jordan's Corner

My class finished the 2021 school year with a flurry of enthusiastic activity! We created and presented a story book to our Year 1 buddies at South Kal Primary School. We compared the prices of products at different outlets around town and graphed the results. We studied some of the differences between Australia and New Zealand as well as highlighting some of the best features of each nation. We studied the ways in which companies attempt to persuade us while creating some ads of our own. We designed, tested, and raced cars made out of Lego!

Each student accomplished and grew so much over the course of the year and my personal highlight of the term was seeing the class prepare and present *their* highlights for the showcase. It gave me so much pride to see how much pride they took in presenting the work they had completed throughout the year.

During p5 this term, we continued our weekly trek to Chunky Timbers in Boulder. Thank you so much to Chunky and Tina for allowing our students to join in your fabulous work; I know that each student who attended enjoyed the process, but also learned something without even realising it! I also conducted my final Tasty United Nations sessions (India, Japan, and Germany); thanks to all of the students who joined in my geeky geography passion... and were willing to try some weird and wonderful snacks from around the world!

As this is my final term with Fairbridge College, this is also my final newsletter. I have to begin my thank you's with Jen and Jayde; thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to be a part of starting this school in Kalgoorlie! We have already seen so much development and growth and I am honoured to have been here at the start. To my fellow staff members; thank you so much for the ways in which you have supported me and encouraged me and made me laugh over the past two years! And last but not least, to the students; thank you for being willing to try; for being willing to stretch yourselves in and out of the classroom; thank you for (occasionally) laughing at my jokes; thank you for feeling comfortable enough to just be yourselves. I've said it many times before, but each and every student at this school has grown in some way or another and I hope that each of you can hold onto that feeling and keep chasing it, because that growth doesn't need to stop when you leave Fairbridge one day.

Take care and I'll catch you on the flip side.



Jordan

Andrea's Circle

It's hard to believe the 2021 school year is over already! Term 4 has been busy with STEM challenges, Food Truck designs, Duke of Edinburgh activities and so much more! Here are some of the highlights from our class.

In Life Skills we have been hard at work completing activities for our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards. Each week a small group has been volunteering at the food bank where we put together hygiene packs, parade goodie bags and one week we packaged eggs into dozens in the warehouse.

In HASS we have been entrepreneurial skills! In our first unit we planned, priced, purchased, baked and sold Halloween desserts. Students reviewed their costs before setting their prices with a couple of teams turning a profit. The Monster Cookie team used their persuasive skills to attract customers to their stall even though their cookies cost \$4 each and made a profit, earning a gift card of \$20 as their reward.



In STEM students completed weekly challenges to solve a problem. Jesse designed a hut to keep the wind out for a shipwrecked traveller. He used his creativity skills and included a rope system to use to open and close the entrance door. Murdoch University held an incursion at our school including a challenge to design a space to grow plants on a spaceship considering gravity, light and water sources. They also ran a Rube Goldberg Machine workshop where students worked in small groups to create complex machines to solve simple problems in our case getting a marble in a cup.



As many of you have likely heard I am pregnant and will be taking time off next year to have my baby. We are hoping to move back to South Australia to be closer to family, waiting on state border plans. I have really enjoyed my time here at Fairbridge College. The Fairbridge community is unparalleled and I will greatly miss the students, staff and families. Happy holidays!

Andrea

Getting Down to Business with Gil

This term has seen the development of an idea from last term when a student wanted to have a dress up day and created a poster. This progressed into the class forming groups and planning and designing a food menu, incorporating dietary requirements, and decorations, including solving problems with resources. Although this process was developed around Halloween, the real purpose was the communication, problem solving, leadership skills, IT skills and time management. Parts of the process have proved frustrating which provide valuable learning opportunities for the students. Life is not easy, and not everything is scripted so the ability to think and communicate is vital for their involvement in future life. As a teacher it has been a joy to see the process evolve, noticing their strengths but mainly, just how engaging it has been for them. They have had their own motivation.

We have continued our volunteer journey for the Duke of Edinburgh to Goodstart Early Learning. We have begun visiting the Nursery 1 which includes children under the age of 1. We have had some new students come along for this age group. For some students the skills associated with comforting and caring for this age seem to come naturally whilst others are more outside of their comfort zone. Some have really shown skills in this industry and it is great to see their eyes sparkle and know that they are capable. Students can become concerned when a child does not want to come to them straight away which is a wonderful opportunity to relate our idea of feeling safe to the young babies needing this same thing. That when we are standing we could be quite imposing and that we need to adapt our body, and for some of us, our voice, to help them feel safe.

This term we have continued the Inclusion Group which was created by the silent petition of a group of students from Term 2. We met with Goldfields Pride, on the suggestion of students in this group, to see how we could assist in their goal of having a float in the St Barbs Parade. As a result we are creating banners for the float and work has currently begun. This is a small group but has created many opportunities for discussion within the group and in the wider school community about appropriate language. This is an official invitation for everyone reading this newsletter to come and show support for the LGBTQI+ community by walking with the float. Goldfields Pride are welcoming others to walk with them. The Parade is on the 5th December. Please contact us if you would like further details.

Thanks for making me feel like a part of an amazing community. 2021 has been a year of all emotions and it has been my pleasure to assist students to continue on their learning journeys.

Gil

Welcome Marnie and Joelyn

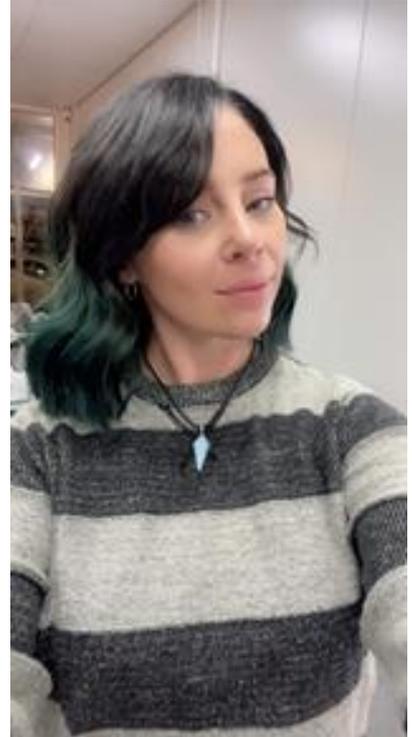
Hi,

My name is Elizabeth (Lizz) Landwehr

I am so excited to be one of the new youth support workers for Fairbridge College Kalgoorlie, it's a real honour to be able to support and care for all the current and new students that will be starting in the new year.

I have lived in Kalgoorlie for 15 years and 12 of those have been working in Processing Plant for KCGM before making the change to youth work where my passion for supporting young people to be the best version of themselves really lies.

Some of my passions are dancing or anything sporty, art, music, and having a good laugh.



About me.

My name is Manylok Malek. commonly known as Mayo, I'm 6'8 tall, and yes a basketball player.

I come from a big family, 1 of 7, I've been in the youth work industry now for about 2 year before that I was a qualified mechanic, my inspiration and motivation to work with people in general came from my parents, growing up I've seen my parents always lend a hand to people and they were always caring and giving to others so I grew up absorbing that nature and it's something I love doing.

Why Fairbridge? Fairbridges values align with mine from my very first day, I felt it, it was homely, welcoming and inclusive, the vibe at fairbridge college has been positive and I can't wait to add value and be a part of it in 2022.



From the Wellbeing Team

I'd like to start by wishing you all a very happy holiday and my best wishes for the new year!

How to summarise Term 4, 2021?!

Three more trips to Kalgoorlie, lots of new friends and the excitement of preparing for a new school year. I've interviewed lots of lovely people who'd like to join the Fairbridge family soon. You'll like them, and because I know our current Fairbridge family well now, I just know they will be welcomed and supported by you.

Down in Pinjarra I created a wellbeing space this past semester, inspired by the great space your principal created at your campus. The Kalgoorlie team often leads the way with innovation, and all of Fairbridge students and staff benefit from this. It helps us to better care for ourselves, to manage our feelings and to take care of our needs whenever we're under pressure.

I subscribe to the useful infographics created by Kids Helpline [kidshelpline.com.au](https://www.kidshelpline.com.au) . Parents and young people will learn a lot at their site, or their Facebook [facebook.com/KidsHelpline](https://www.facebook.com/KidsHelpline) or Instagram [instagram.com/kidshelplineau](https://www.instagram.com/kidshelplineau) . I saved these helpful self-care graphics to share with you as we transition from school to holidays. I hope you find them helpful when we're not around to remind you to look after yourselves!



Self-care fun facts

you (probably) didn't know

- 1 Meditation doesn't just change your thoughts - it can actually change the size of different parts of your brain 🧠 The hippocampus (which plays a role in regulating mood) gets thicker, while your amygdala (which plays a role in stress) has a reduction in cells 🙌 That's why meditating can decrease anxiety and depression, and increase feelings of wellbeing 🙌
- 2 Human-made noise pollution (e.g. traffic) can have a negative effect on mental health by triggering cortisol (our stress hormone). This is because our ears are constantly scanning the environment for signs of danger 🦻 Luckily, natural noises have a positive effect, as does listening to music 🎵

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Self-care fun facts

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- 8 Anxiety is naturally heightened at night (the dark is dangerous for humans as we can't see very well and dangerous predators like wolves are out hunting) 🐺 Going to bed at a reasonable time can reduce anxiety 🌙
- 9 Nice smells can improve your mood 😊 This is because your olfactory system (which processes smells) is directly connected to your limbic system (which processes emotions) and your hippocampus (learning and memory) 🙌 Your brain uses your nose to scan the environment for smells that mean danger (such as smoke or rotten foods) and rewards you for smells that are safe (e.g. yummy foods) 🍷

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Self-care fun facts

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- 5 Walking barefoot on the earth (sometimes called 'earthing' or 'grounding') can have a beneficial effect on the electrical signals in your brain ⚡ It's really good for your body too (balance, pain management, and building stronger muscles)
- 6 When we read or write, we can get 'mental pictures' because the parts of our brain linked to sight and hearing are being stimulated 📖
- 7 Reading is actually a very mild form of 'brainwashing' - when a word you can read is in front of you, your brain reads it automatically, whether you want to or not! 📖

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I'll be seeing you again soon and I look forward to hearing all about your break. Tell me how you took care of yourself over those weeks. Your fun, your challenges and your growth.

Much love,

Jayne & Dug & Gal



1 st February 2022	First Day Back for students Term 1
7th March 2022	Public Holiday
8 th April 2022	Last day of Term 1 for students and staff

Attendance Stars

The following students had **at least** 90% attendance this term:

Shaynee
Harry

Brock

Tenaya

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