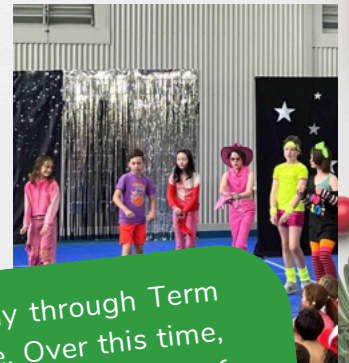




# QUINTILIAN SCHOOL NEWS

## DANCE SHOWCASE



Our students have joyfully danced their way through Term 4, bringing their original dance pieces to life. Over this time, they have discovered the power of teamwork, the value of artistic expression and the understanding that every experiment, every stumble and every moment of discovery plays a part in our growth. Thank you for supporting your child's creative journey in dance at Quintilian School and we hope you enjoyed the show!












*When you dance, your purpose is not to get to a certain place on the floor. It is to enjoy each step along the way.*

-Wayne Dyer-



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# IMPORTANT DATES

Friday 6 Dec	Last day of Term 4
Wed 5 Feb 2025	Term 1 Starts
Fri 14 Feb 2025	Welcome Back Picnic
Thurs 10 Apr 2025	Astronomy Night
Fri 16 - Sun 18 May 2025	Rottnest Family Camp

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Quintilian families,

This term has been loaded with some epic experiences for our Quintilian Students, showcasing our school's unique community spirit and partnership.

From successful camps to the Sheddies' Art Gallery, the term has been a celebration of achievement.

### Year 6 Graduation

Last week's Year 6 Graduation celebrated our students' accomplishments in an Oscar-worthy fashion. It was certainly a valuable and memorable week for our graduates, as they completed their primary school journey.

### Achievement in the Arts

A special congratulations goes to all the students that took part in Debbie's Piano Recital at UWA, Sporty Sarah's Dance Showcase, and Michael's band performance at the Universal Bar. The students were incredible, as were the parents that performed in the parent band!

### New Curriculum Updates

We are looking forward to new educational initiatives next year including White Rose Maths and MiniLit.

### School Enhancements

Health and safety remain top priorities, with summer maintenance planned, including cleaning and playground enhancements. New interactive screens are arriving in Pre-Primary, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5. These enhancements ensure an immersive learning environment. Our Student Board prioritised some of these areas.

### Staffing

Karen Mead and Karen Poole retire from Quintilian School after many successful years supporting numerous students and their families. Steph has secured a lecturing role at Madrid University, and we say farewell to Ella. We extend a heartfelt thanks and best wishes to our departing staff.

### School Board

The Quintilian School Board remains an integral part of our school's success. Each Board member's dedication has had a huge impact, and as we wrap up 2024, the school thanks them for their unwavering support.

### Merry Christmas

As the year concludes, we look forward to 2025 with optimism and appreciation for the incredible support of our families and staff. We wish our leaving students all the very best in the next stage of their education, and from everyone here at Quintilian, have an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas!

Warm regards,

Elliott Hateley



Principal Elliott Hateley

## WELLBEING FOCUS I FORGIVENESS

Our final wellbeing focus for the year saw the children explore the concept of forgiveness and how it helps us move forward in friendships. But, what exactly is forgiveness?

When we explore the meaning of forgiveness, we acknowledge it's not about condoning the other person's actions. We encourage an understanding that no-one is perfect and we all mess up sometimes, but with forgiveness, we can begin to see that it's the only way to move a friendship forward.

Children sometimes get stuck at this step, but they were reminded that a little forgiveness can help them soar!



**"Forgiveness is not an occasional act; it is a permanent attitude."**

- Martin Luther King, Jr.



## SHEDDIES' ART GALLERY

*"Creativity is inventing, experimenting, growing, taking risks, breaking rules, making mistakes, and having fun."*

— Mary Lou Cook, American artist, peace activist & teacher

This term, we celebrated the creativity and vibrant imaginations of our Kindy kids at the annual Sheddies' Art Gallery, always one of the highlights of the Quintilian calendar.

Showcasing artwork and installations completed by each child throughout the year, the exhibition offered our Sheddies an opportunity to share their beautiful pieces with their parents, grandparents and loved ones.

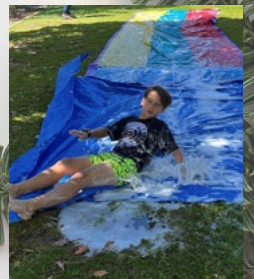
We're so proud of each and every one of them!



## YEAR 6 GRADUATION



**WATER  
FUN  
DAY**



## MEET THE TEACHER



**EMMY MAASKANT |**  
PRE-KINDY & PRE-PRIMARY

**Q: How long have you taught at Quintilian?**

A: I have been at Quintilian for 9 years! I was 23 when I started and still lived with my parents! I feel like I have grown up at Quintilian!

**Q: What does forgiveness mean to you and how do you see this show up in Quintilian students?**

A: Personally, I choose not to carry anger, hurt, and sadness with me. Forgiveness is about letting go of hurt and giving ourselves and others the opportunity to heal. We all make mistakes—it's a natural part of life, especially for children, who are still learning and growing. At Quintilian School, forgiveness is an important part of our community. It helps us work through challenges and misunderstandings, creating an environment where everyone can move forward. When we forgive, not only do we heal, we build trust, and grow stronger. Forgiveness deepens friendships by reminding us that no one is perfect, but everyone deserves understanding and grace. At Quintilian, the act of forgiveness is one of the many ways we learn to support each other, grow together and become better versions of ourselves.

**Q: If you could have any superpower to use in the classroom, what would it be?**

A: I would love to be able to 'duplicate' myself so I could be in lots of places at once!



**Q: If you were stranded on a desert island, which three school supplies would you want with you and why?**

A: I would take my roll of wire that I use in the classroom for hanging displays. I would be able to build shelter, fishing equipment or even a boat! I would take a desk for shelter and a big pot from the ELC sandpit to catch water!

**Q: What's the best costume you've ever worn for a school event or theme day?**

A: My favourite costume would have been when I dressed up as Anna from Frozen at Rottnest. I believe the theme was 'Heros and Villains'.

**Q: What's your go-to "rainy day" activity when outdoor play is cancelled?**

A: We are so lucky at Quintilian to have the flexibility to make time for outdoor play often throughout the day- even when it is wet! If we really couldn't get outside in the day I would put on some music and encourage some singing and dancing!

**Q: How long have you taught at Quintilian?**

A: Since the beginning of 2023.

Quintilian is the first school I've taught at in Australia 😊

**Q: What does forgiveness mean to you and how do you see this show up in Quintilian students?**

A: Forgiveness is an act of letting go. To me, forgiveness isn't about excusing bad behavior or forgetting the harm caused; it's about choosing not to let it hurt you. It's a way to find peace, restore relationships, and create a space for growth and understanding. Forgiveness reflects empathy, compassion, and emotional resilience. In our Quintilian students, we see forgiveness as learning from our mistakes, giving our friends second chances and fostering teamwork to overcome challenges or misunderstandings, rather than holding onto grudges.

**Q: What's your favourite way to celebrate a student's achievement?**

A: I love making my students feel recognised, valued, and motivated to keep doing their very best. Things like showcasing their work, praising my students in class, sharing achievements with families or giving rewards like extra free time are always fun ways to celebrate.

**Q: What's the "secret teacher skill" you use to instantly quiet a noisy classroom?**

A: Making a really funny sound effect or bursting out into my favourite song is always a winner!

**Q: What's the most adventurous thing you've ever done?**

A: Scuba diving with about 15 Ragged Tooth Sharks is definitely at the top of my list! Low level helicopter flying through river gorges also comes close!

**Q: If you could master any new hobby instantly, what would it be?**

A: Probably sewing and knitting!

## MEET THE TEACHER



CHRISTIE GAUS | YEAR 4





## PRE-PRIMARY SLEEPOVER

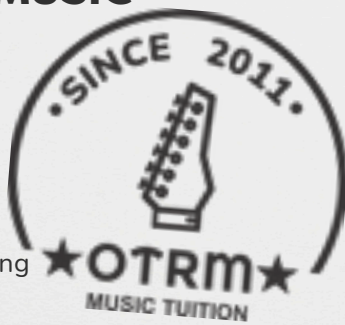
The much anticipated Pre-Primary Sleepover was once again a whole lot of fun this year, with the children taking the lead in setting up their “classroom campsite”, preparing and cooking their dinner of burgers and salad and going on a night time tour of the school, which even included popping into Principal Elliott’s office!

A visit to Jo Wheatley Park was also part of the adventures before dinner, PJs and the all-time sleepover favourite - movie night.

School camps and sleepovers are an important part of a Quintilian education. We believe they help children develop independence, teamwork and social skills and encourage self-confidence, problem-solving, and resilience in a fun, supportive environment. These experiences foster lasting friendships, broaden horizons and provide opportunities to step outside comfort zones, promoting personal growth and emotional development.

## ON THE RUN MUSIC CONCERT

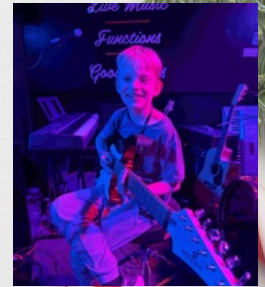
A huge congratulations to all of our On The Run Music “rock stars” for the amazing end of year concert.



The performance took place at the Universal Bar in Northbridge and it was such a thrill to see so many OTRM students take to the stage and showcase their hard work in front of their family, friends and peers.

It is an honour for us to provide an opportunity to every child involved and all OTRM teachers look forward to being able to continue to hear them progress.

Check out some of the pics from the afternoon!





THANK YOU!

**KAREN MEAD |** EDUCATION ASSISTANT

**Q: How long have you been a part of the Quintilian community?**

A: 32 years! As both a parent and staff member.

**Q: What's your fondest memory of your time at Quintilian?**

A: So many! Opening The Shed, parents and staff building the first playground, the first Sheddies' Art Gallery, the children.

**Q: What is the one thing you feel makes Quintilian special?**

A: The environment and feel of the school, the genuine care and concern and the connections staff make with the children.

**Q: How do you feel Quintilian's values of Accept, Nurture & Inspire show up each day in its students and community?**

A: The interactions between students, parents and staff - always encouraging students to be happy, feel safe, and be the best that they can be.

**Q: What are you most looking forward to now that you're retiring?**

A: I will miss the school and the children, but I am looking forward to having more time to visit family and friends at home and around the world. So many plans - hopefully come back for relief, be part of the 50th birthday celebrations, foster greyhounds, ceramic classes and try to learn some Turkish so I can make some attempt to converse with my new in-laws!



GOODBYE

**KAREN POOLE |** EDUCATION ASSISTANT

**Q: How long have you been a part of the Quintilian community?**

A: I've been part of the Quintilian community for 27 years, as both a parent and Education Assistant and have seen many teachers engaged, married, and start their families over the years.

**Q: What's your fondest memory of your time at Quintilian?**

A: Too many! My first highlight was when the Circus School came and taught the children many circus performances for their end of year concert. The atmosphere around the school was electric. The pantomimes and also fond memories of the Rottnest Family camp with my own family and later as a staff member.

**Q: What is the one thing you feel makes Quintilian special?**

A: The student/teacher relationship is very special. It's not a 'them and us' as it is in so many other schools, it is just 'us' with respect for each other in place, small class sizes, meeting individual needs and child-centred learning approach. Quintilian is unique with its class camps from PP to year 6 - the children get so excited and just love them.

**Q: What are you most looking forward to now that you're retiring?**

A: I am looking forward to my travels in my new camper van, Kimberley boat trip from Broome to Darwin and visiting Europe later in the year.

