Coming up!

**TERM 4**

**STUDENTS RETURN IN SUMMER UNIFORM**

**Week 1**
- **Tuesday, 18th October**
  - Students return for Term 4
  - Principal’s Tour
- **Thursday, 20th October**
  - Grace Notices

**Week 2**
- **Wednesday, 26th October**
  - Kindergarten Dinner for 2012 parents
- **Thursday, 27th October**
  - Year 12 Final Assembly
- **Friday, 28th October**
  - Queens Birthday Public Holiday

**Week 3**
- **Thursday, 3rd November**
  - Creative Arts Evening

**Week 4**
- **Monday, 7th November**
  - Scholastic Bookfair starts
  - Easy Mark Tests (Yr 2–7)
- **Wednesday, 9th November**
  - Principal’s Tour
- **Friday, 11th November**
  - Primary Assembly

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**TERM DATES**

**Term 4:**
- **Tuesday, 18th October** - **Wednesday, 14th December**

(28th October is Queen’s Birthday Holiday)

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**From the Principal**

Thank you to those members of our community who have enquired about my recent break. The five weeks of long service following an exceptionally busy period leading up to re-registration of our school, was greatly appreciated and enjoyed.

For some, my style of retreat involving sun, sand and surf; may seem unattractive however, for my wife and I, it was God sent.

**Bali Trip 2011**

After 4 days of school, I was off with a group of 8 students and 3 staff to Bali; an extension of our Indonesian and Mission programmes. The trip, the second for us as a school, involved experiencing the climate, culture and people of an Indonesian Island.

Whilst we stayed in resort style accommodation, a number of our excursions involved seeing the “real Bali” and our students got to visit an orphanage, part of the Widhys Asih (House of Knowledge and Love) Foundation. The foundation has 7 orphanages across Bali catering for children from 2 – 22 years of age. Many of the children at the orphanage are not orphans in the truest sense, but are from families too poor to look after and educate them. During the visit, our students had the pleasure of presenting the orphanage with almost Aus$2000 we had raised on their behalf to assist with educational resources and other needs.

The Director of the Orphanage, Ibu Endang, said she had been struggling to make ends meet just feeding everyone, and their building is currently undergoing much needed renovations. Therefore the donation will be much appreciated.

The group also went on a sight-seeing cycling trip, visited the Bali Bird Park, Reptile Park, Waterbom Park, went to church, swam, surfed, shopped, were amazed by the crazy but smoothly flowing traffic and much amused by the antics of Loughlin Fowles along the way.

The students who attended this year’s trip were: Lachlan Cole, Loughlin Fowles, Sam Guise, Josh Hackney, Gioia Parkes, Dillon Paulette, Tamsin Pemberton and Anthony Riggio. I would like to thank them all for their conduct, with the exception of the “green chilli eating challenge!”

I would also like to thank my wife, Judy de Ridder who assisted with supervision during her long-service leave, along with Mrs Jean Stasse.

We thank everyone for their prayers and praise God for an exciting and safe trip.

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**Uniform Shop Opening Times**: Monday: 8.15am - 9.15am / Thursday: 2.45pm - 3.30pm / Friday: 8.15am - 9.15am
**Grace Notices**

**Taking Early Holidays**

I would like to remind all our parents and guardians of the legal obligation for children to be at school when the school programme is running.

Early holidays are not sufficient grounds to be absent from school. Please make every effort to coincide family holidays with school breaks.

**Congratulations - New baby**

As a school, we offer our heartiest congratulations to Mrs Kathryn Rosair and her husband, Josh, on the arrival of a healthy little baby girl: Heidi born Saturday, 24th September. Mum and baby both doing fine.

Hugo de Ridder : Principal

**Uniform News**

Uniform fitting appointments for students going in to Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 8 for 2012, will be emailed early next term. Please look out for this information.

**Kindergarten & Pre-Primary** — Denim long legged shorts and jeans. Well priced stocks are currently available for Pumpkin Patch outlet stores in Mandurah and opposite IKEA in Perth.

**Term 4 - SUMMER UNIFORM** — Students are reminded to return to school in SUMMER uniform for Term 4. Please check the student diary if you are unsure, or enquire at the office.

Summer uniform reminder :

- All : No ties needed
- Girls : Socks only — no stockings
- Primary boys : Shorts, no trousers
- Secondary boys : shorts or trousers
- All Year 1—7’s : Hats compulsory.

**Please note** : Unfortunately, our current hat style is no longer being manufactured and as yet, we don’t have a substitute. Current stocks will be available for new students. If you happen to have any spare hats, either in our old or current style, it would be appreciated if you could drop them into the uniform shop or give them to a student in need.

**Creative Arts Evening - Term 4**

On Thursday 3rd November from 7pm to 9pm the school will hold its inaugural Creative Arts Evening.

The evening will showcase a wide range of student art work including Music, Drama, Fine Art, Cooking, Metal and Wood Work, Languages and Computing.

We would like to invite all parents and friends to this evening as a celebration of the wonderful achievements of our students and staff.

**Camp Grace—Busselton**

Camp Grace is once again open for bookings and families wishing to book for the Christmas holidays are asked to do so as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

If you would like to book - please contact them as soon as possible. Phone: (08) 9755 4014. E-mail campgrace@westnet.com.au.

It is hoped that a new lease will be signed by the Apostolic Church with Grace Christian School taking delegated

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**Sporting Days : Carnivals**

Grace’s education programme includes a number of sporting days. The expectation is that all students will not only attend these days, but also participate. Whilst I accept not all students have been gifted with “sporting prowess”; these student community days are vital for the health, education and social development of the students.

Students who do not attend, besides breaking the law, also miss an opportunity to contribute to a team and the school.

Students who experience success, should give praise to God for their gift and be encouraged to achieve excellence in this arena. Students not so gifted, should be encouraged to give their best, and encourage and bless others who have been gifted thereby experiencing what it means to be part of a team.

Another very important lesson is dealing with losing. A tendency that is being developed in our society is to protect our children so much, that they do not develop the necessary skills to cope with the knocks of life. Very important social, health and life issues are learnt at events such as sporting carnivals.

**Presentation Evenings**

Next term, our school will celebrate our students achievements in service, dedication and academia at our Annual Presentation Evenings. All students are expected to attend their respective Presentation Evening.

This community event is another occasion for the development of life skills, and provides an arena for children to be recognised for effort, set goals for personal achievement as well as learning about celebrating their own, and the achievement of fellow students.

**Presentation Evenings will take place as follows :-**

- **Junior (K-3)** : 6.30pm Thursday, 1st December
- **Middle (4-7)** : 6.30pm Tuesday, 6th December
- **Senior (8-12)** : 6.30pm Thursday, 8th December

**For families leaving Grace at the end of 2011**

If you intend un-enrolling your son or daughter at the end of this year, it if vitally important the school is notified before the end of Term 3.

This not only fulfils the required one term’s notice as per the Enrolment Agreement; but greatly assists with planning for staffing and class requirements for the coming year.

We understand circumstances can and do change, however for those families who are aware of certain withdrawals, please notify the school immediately.

According to the Enrolment Agreement, the cost of one term’s fees is imposed on families who do not provide one term’s notice of withdrawal.

**Classes for 2012**

We are planning to introduce a number of additional classes in 2012 due to the increase in enrolments currently predicted to reach 500 for the start of 2012.

Some classes are already at capacity, whilst others have only very limited space. If you are aware of any families keen to have their children trained in a Christian school environment, we ask that you encourage them to contact our Enrolment Officer: Mrs Marie Waite, as soon as possible.

Christian parents who would like a Christian education for their children, but feel this is out of their financial capacity, are also encouraged to make application as certain financial assistance is available to qualifying families.
Community Notices

Expressions of Interest - FRENCH as a second language

The school is looking at the option of providing private FRENCH lessons after school, run in a similar way to our Private Music Tuition programme.

Parents interested in the possibility of their child taking FRENCH lessons after school are asked to please email Mrs Lea McDonald on lmcdonald@grace.wa.edu.au

If this programme goes ahead, it will commence at the start of 2012 and be run on the school premises in one of our classrooms. Group lessons will be conducted and billed by a Private Tutor. Approximate cost = $10.00 - $15.00 per lesson; to be confirmed.

Young Endeavour

Australia’s national sail training ship Young Endeavour is now accepting applications for youth to join eleven day voyages departing between January and June 2012.

Young Australians aged 16 to 23 can apply for the ballot at www.youngendeavour.gov.au until 30 September 2011. No sailing experience is required.

A voyage in Young Endeavour is an amazing experience, and a unique opportunity for youth to develop teamwork and leadership skills through a world recognised organisation. The current ballot includes voyages along the eastern coast of Australia, which will be crewed by youth from around the country.

During each voyage youth crew learn the skills to successfully sail a square rigged ship. They climb the 30 metre mast, set and furl sails, and maintain a 24 hour watch on the bridge. They also learn to navigate, take the helm, keep lookout and help the chef in the ship’s galley. Once they have learned these skills, each youth crew will take command of Young Endeavour for 24 hours, and on their last day at sea will host a local group of youth with special needs, sharing their new found knowledge and experiences.

18 year old Hannah Richards of Blackburn, Victoria completed a voyage from Hobart to Sydney in February, and says it was one of the best things she has ever done. “Young Endeavour pushes you outside your comfort zone. It challenges your expectations and teaches you about your own strengths,” says Hannah. “I met new friends from all around Australia and now constantly recommend a voyage in Young Endeavour.”

17 year old Errol Zanos travelled all the way from Wagait Beach in the Northern Territory to join the youth crew and sail Young Endeavour into Sydney in July. He applied after hearing about a mate’s amazing adventure, and says, “I will always remember climbing aloft at night and furling the sails. As well as learning how to sail a tall ship, my time aboard Young Endeavour has improved my teamwork skills and my self esteem.”

Since 1988 the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme, in partnership with the Royal Australian Navy, has provided challenging training voyages for over 11,000 young Australians in the tall ship Young Endeavour.

The specially designed programme delivered aboard the ship increases the youth crew’s self awareness, develops teamwork and leadership skills, and fosters a strong sense of community spirit.

For more information please visit www.youngendeavour.gov.au

LOST PROPERTY

There is a large amount of lost property in the office. Could parents and students please check the lost property box as soon as possible.

Also, could parents please check their child(ren’s) jumpers and jackets to ensure they have not taken the incorrect one home in error.

Labelling your child’s clothing — All items of clothing should be clearly marked with iron-on or sew-on labels. Writing on the garment label is not sufficient as these are often very difficult to read, or can be cut off.

- Iron-on label order forms are available from the school office, or visit www.identitydirect.com
  Pricing : $17.95 per 50; $24.95 per 100
- Sew-on label order forms are available through the front office and are a very effective way of preventing the loss of your child’s clothing. Highly recommended.
  Pricing: NZ$20.50 per 50; NZ$31.80 per 100. Delivery time is approximately 2 weeks.

Thank you!