Dear Parents

I would like to begin with a “Thank you”.

Sitting amongst the Mum’s and Dad’s farewelling their children in the morning reminded me yet again, how much children at Grace are loved by their parents.

I am proud to be part of this school and honoured that so many families trust us to partner with them in the nurture and education of their children. Next year our family numbers will again increase, and enquires for future years continue to come in steadily.

I am so pleased that the “little school behind the trees” is not only being spoken of in a very positive light, but also shining that light amongst the Bunbury Community.

One of the many privileges of my position, is that of meeting families who are keen to join us and invariably during the conversation a question relating to Christian Education will come up.

Whilst I could spend a considerable amount of paper putting forward the points discussed, I might take a moment using simple mathematics to remind us all of one of the potentials of Christian education.

Children spend approximately 6 ½ hours per day at school in the care of their teachers. Do the sums, and you’ll find this equates to 32.5 hours per week, 325 hours per term or 1300 hours per year.

Dr Brian Harris in an address at a Missional Education CSA, CEN, SCEA Banquet, estimates parents would, on average (and this is a generous estimate), have 730 hours per year of meaningful contact with their children.

Brian went on to point out that a comparison of these two totals highlights the importance of parents being actively involved in and aware of the partnership they enter into for their child’s education. Effectively, schools have almost 50% more time with children, than their parents.

My question is always, who is partnering with you as parents? If, as scripture states, “a student will become like their teacher”, who will your child emulate?

1300 hours is an enormous quantity of time in which your child is being educated, which is, as Brian states, “a compelling reason for Christian Education” and a convincing reason for ensuring your child is in the care of teachers and staff who love God, share your values and morals, teach a worldview that marries with yours and who have dedicated their lives to teaching children who are extremely precious not only in their eyes, but more importantly in God’s eyes.”

Thus, I say THANK YOU for trusting us. We are honoured to assist you in the task of raising your children. May the Lord bless you in this remarkable calling.

I would extend a very warm welcome to family members to attend our celebratory Presentation Evenings. These delightful occasions allow us to thank our Heavenly Father, share in the success of the school year, and celebrate the gifts and talents of our students.

Blessings

Hugo de Ridder

Principal

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**Uniform Shop Opening Times:**

- Monday: 8.15am - 9.15am
- Thursday: 2.45pm - 3.30pm
- Friday: 8.15am - 9.15am
Senior Secondary Programme

In 2012, Grace will supplement the full-time Year 11 and 12 programme with the addition of two new subjects - Physics and Mathematics Specialist. We will also, for the first time be offering Certificate III in Ministry and Theology.

The WACE is an important achievement for all students in Senior Secondary School and one of the requirement is a broad and well balanced education.

2012 list of subjects include:-

Presentation Evenings 2011

All parents, friends and relatives are invited to share these wonderful evenings together which will be held as follows:-

Junior (K-3) : 6.30pm Thursday, 1st December, 2011
Middle (4-7)) : 6.30pm Tuesday, 6th December, 2011
Senior (8-12) : 6.30pm Thursday, 8th December, 2011

During the school day prior to each evening, affected year groups will be asked to wear sports uniform to school. This is to allow parents the opportunity to make sure their child will have a clean and ironed uniform (including shined shoes) for the Presentation Evening. Hair is to meet grooming standards. Please check your child’s hair length and if necessary arrange for a haircut. Girls are to wear the correct colour elastics, scrunchies or ribbons.

Uniform for Presentation Evenings is Formal Summer Uniform. Please check the explanation below of Formal Summer Uniform.

Note : No jewellery , other than earrings for girls, which meet the school’s uniform standard and a modest, functional watch.

List A
(Enter/Languages/Social Science)

• ENG English (COMPULSORY) [Stage 1, 2 & 3]
• GEO Geography [Stage 2 & 3]
• HIM History – Modern [Stage 2 & 3]

List B
(Mathematics/Science/Technology)

• AIT Applied Information Technology [Stage 2 & 3]
• CHE Chemistry [Stage 2 & 3]
• HBS Human Biological Science [Stage 2 & 3]
• MAT Mathematics [Stage 1, 2 & 3]
• MAS Mathematics Specialist
• PES Physical Education [Stage 1, 2 & 3]
• PHY Physics [Stage 2 & 3]

Certificate III in Ministry and Theology

Young 1-12 Girls FORMAL SUMMER UNIFORM

Shirt White short-sleeved, stand-up collar (including top button)

Pinafore Navy, school tartan; pleated (Years 1 - 7) or Navy, school tartan; inverted pleat (Years 8 - 12)

Skirt White, ankleit with school logo. (No tights).

Shoes Plain black leather lace-up school shoes (not available through Uniform Shop)

Tie 8 – 12 girls must also wear their school tie – Navy/school logo

Young 1-12 Boys FORMAL SUMMER UNIFORM

Shirt White, short-sleeved, stand-up collar (including top button)

Shorts Navy, elastic-backed school issue, (Years 1 - 7 only)

Trousers Navy looped school issue (Year 8 – 12), with black leather belt (from uniform shop only) - No shorts

Socks Navy, school issue (2 white stripes)

Shoes Plain black leather lace-up school shoes

Tie School tie – Navy/school logo (Year 8 – 12);
- Navy/ school stripped (Years 1 - 7)

Year 10 Acronyms

During our devotion time on Friday, the Year 10 students were given the task to come up with some acronyms. The acronyms had to be based on the following words Faith, Jesus, Judas and Baptism.

There were many funny ones, but the challenge was to make the acronym connected to the word in some way. The following are what the students came up with.

J ust A mbiguous
E xit I ncentives
S pirited T hrough
B y A ccepting
A ccepting U ngodly
P au's D ecisions
T eaching A re
I S illy
S read T ruth

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WA State All Schools Athletics

Congratulations to Kyle Mastrangelo (Year 7) for an outstanding performance at the WA State All Schools Athletics.

Kyle’s results
- Discus - Gold 29.87m (Personal Best)
- Triple jump - Gold - 10.99m (Personal Best)
- 100m - Gold - 13.02sec
- 200m - Gold - 26.55sec (Personal Best)
- Javelin - Silver - 31.09m (Personal Best)
- Shot put - Bronze - 10.70m (Personal Best)
- Long jump - Bronze - 4.98m (Personal Best)

Music Tuition - NEW APPLICATION FORMS REQUIRED FOR 2012

All students interested in taking private music classes in 2012 are asked to please complete an application form which can be collected from Student Services or the front reception desk.

New applications are welcome and positions will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis where possible.

Existing students are also required to complete a new form for 2012 in order to maintain their placement.

Private Music Tuition is conducted during school hours on the school premises. Students are required to attend their music tuition on a rotational basis to avoid missing the same class each week. Secondary students can opt for a fixed time if it does not disrupt their studies.

Tuition offered in the following: Violin, Piano, Guitar, Vocal and Flute.

If you have any queries in this regard, please speak to Mrs Lea McDonald or email lmcdonald@grace.wa.edu.au

Seeking Music Tutors

To compliment the School’s expanding Music programme, the Principal is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified Music teachers in the following areas:
- Woodwind
- Brass
- Percussion

Interested teachers are asked to please contact Mrs Lea McDonald.

For Sale

Quarter Sized Violin VGC (Suit 5-7 year old) $60.00  Tel : 041 717 1988

Book lists

Booklists have been distributed to all classes, along with a $20.00 voucher if you order online. Parents are asked to please check with their child who should have their own form. The deadline for pre-orders is 25th November.

Direct Debit forms

DIRECT DEBIT FORMS are due back by the end of the month.

FEE ASSISTANCE forms due back today, FRIDAY 18 November.

If you have any queries in this regard, please speak to Mrs Fiona de Ridder (Bursar).

Application for Transport Assistance

The Public Transport Authority are calling for students who are eligible to access the ‘orange’ school bus network in 2012 to make application as soon as possible. New applications are required if a student is changing schools or has a new residential address.

For further information and to check eligibility criteria, please go to www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au

Community Notices

Fun, interactive music sessions for young children and their parents/caregivers.

Young children and their parents/caregivers join together for a fun, thirty-minute music session, then afterwards enjoy morning tea in a relaxed setting.

Mainly Music is an activity you and your child (birth to school age) can participate in.

Sessions are held on Friday’s in the Grace Church Auditorium @ 10am.

For more information: Contact Michelle 0416-451-539 or Grace Christian Church - 97264201