Grace Notices

From the Principal

Ephesians 5:19 – 20

"Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Grace Christian School full-time Year 12 students sit the WACE examinations for the first time in the School’s history

Students are sitting their final WACE examinations state wide, and for the first time in Grace’s history, our full-time students will experience the stress and excitement of demonstrating their learning of the past two years through a number of rigorous examinations run over a four week period.

As a school, we pray for clear minds as our students carry out their final preparations and sit these examinations.

Creative Arts Evening

The inaugural Creative Arts Evening was held in the Auditorium on Thursday evening. Mr Hugh Ryder, who chaired the committee, made sure there was something to suit most people’s taste.

Jazz, Modern, Solos, Art and Technology and Enterprise displays gave visitors a glimpse of the talent and activities at Grace Christian School.

Displays and performances were held in the Auditorium and Resource Centre, and light refreshments were sold in the cafeteria for a nominal charge.

Work displayed was of an exceptionally high standard and a huge thank you goes to our teachers and students for all the hard work put in to produce such pleasing pieces.

We look forward with anticipation to next year’s event!

Christians applaud saving of AD, BC

AAP Australian General News (Similar articles in The Age, The Daily Telegraph and The Advertiser)

The Australian Christian Lobby says a decision to specify in the National Curriculum that children should still be taught the terms BC and AD, is a win against political correctness.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), told a Senate Estimates Hearing yesterday it hasn't removed the use of BC and AD.

The new National Curriculum mentions BCE (Before Common Era) and CE (Common Era), as examples of historical terms and concepts students will learn. But ACARA will change the explanatory material to specify the commonly-used BC (Before Christ) and AD (Anno Domini) should still be taught as well.

Timely warning for child care

A recent conversation on the topic of child injuries statistics show some of the most common horrific injuries amongst children are from quad bikes, swallowing button sized watch style batteries that damage internal organs rapidly, and standing in shopping trolleys.

It appears the falls experienced as children slip through the frame create spiral fractures that cannot be attended to in the normal way, rather children have to lie for weeks on end with legs braced in bed.
With the holiday period fast approaching, this is perhaps a timely reminder to check for and secure, household chemicals and other hazards that may injure a child in their home environment.

**Phones at School**
A reminder that phones are not permitted to be used at school. Parents are asked to support the school in this matter and should it be necessary for a student to have a phone at school it must be stored in their locker, their bags or preferably left at Student Services.

**Facebook**
Whilst the social media forums can prove to be wonderful ways to remain in touch with families and friends, evidence amongst young people demonstrates they are often putting themselves at risk and falling victim to predators or cyber-bullies where much of the communication is centred on belittling or passing negative comments on others.

Parents are reminded to closely supervise student’s Facebook accounts, should children have accounts, which I would not recommend.

**Alysha Loffler attends the State Reception**
As part of the 70 school students that formed the Guard of Honour, Alysha appeared as an invited guest at the recent State Reception in her role as Youth Ambassador for Research Australia. This meant that she was able to mingle with the rich and the famous, and share in the beautiful selection of food available.

Although she did not actually meet the Queen, she did get to chat with The Duke of Edinburgh. She also met Gina Rinehart, as well as Adam Gilchrist with whom she had a photo taken.

She chatted with Fiona Stanley and Nola Marino who remembered her from a previous meeting and they discussed the difficulties facing country students wanting to go to Perth to study.

The 8 hours Alysha had with the CEO of Research Australia, gave her many opportunities to discuss jobs in health research fields as well as the merits of each University.

She had a lovely interview with Channel Ten which showed her as being articulate and controlled. If you would like to view the interview, you will find it at:


If you would like to read a copy of the initial essay which Alysha submitted as her winning entry, you will find this attached at a separate document.

Well done Alysha - you could not have conducted yourself with more decorum, poise and eloquence. We are all very proud of you.

Hugo de Ridder - Principal

**Seeking a "Crosswalk" attendant**
We are seeking assistance of a mature, road wise crosswalk attendant. The position is voluntary with recognition that comes with serving Christ. Time : 3pm - 3.20pm daily on any number of days in the week.

Interested members of our community are asked to please contact the School’s reception to register their interest.

**Annual Kindergarten Dinner - Wednesday, 26th October**
The Annual Kindergarten Dinner for the parents of students commencing their schooling in our Kindergarten next year, was held on Wednesday, 26th October. Approximately, 52 parents attended.

Our grateful thanks goes to:

- Mrs Gemma Stevens and Mrs Donna Holman for assisting with setting up the tables and decorations.
- Mrs Carol Turner and her husband Ric for cooking the scrumptious meal including home-made ice-cream.
- Our servant Prefects who did a fantastic job waiting tables. Hayden McDonald, Joel Carter-Morgan, Joshua Hackney, Megan Mepham and John Shone.
- Mrs Marie Waite and her helpers who looked after 15 little ones in the ‘crèche’. Mackenzie Holman, Brianna Holman, Kelly Ann McDonald, Taneeka de Ridder, and Shania Wrankmore.
- The Community Development Committee members - Mr Mike Shaw, Mr Ric Turner, Mrs Lea McDonald, Mrs Sharyn Harris and staff members, Mrs Ruth Wheatcroft, Mrs Karen Wrankmore, Mrs Joss Barnes, Mrs Cathy Bignell and Mrs Julie Cook who assisted wherever needed.
- Mr Keiren Lane and Mrs Julie Cook for the use of their classrooms.
- Mr Anthony Napoli and Mr Pierre Meyer for setting up the car park and other lighting, and for assisting with moving furniture etc.

These many hands assisted to make this year’s dinner such a resounding success. Thank you so much everyone, your input was truly appreciated.

Mrs Lea McDonald - Kindergarten Dinner Coordinator

**FRENCH as a second language**
Thank you to those parents who have indicated an interest in the proposed FRENCH classes for 2012. If you have not yet registered your interest but would like to, please email Mrs Lea McDonald on leamcdonald@grace.wa.edu.au as soon as possible.

**Remembrance Day - November 11th**
This year marks the 93rd Anniversary of Armistice Day, which will be celebrated on Remembrance Day, 11th November. A service will be held at the War Memorial in Bunbury at 11.00am.

Members of the school community are invited. Poppies will be available for sale from our front office reception desk at .50c each.
**Community Notices**

**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 the Principal’s Assistant: Mrs Lea McDonald

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**Learning Performance Seminars - Years 10 -11 - 12**

Learning Performance seminars have been operating in Western Australia for the last 22 years, providing public seminars at Edith Cowan and Murdoch Universities during the school holidays.

**How you would benefit:** Students emerge from the seminar confident and motivated towards their studies and possessing powerful new strategies for speed reading, advanced understanding, summarising, memorising, revision, essay planning, stress management, time management, goal setting and correct study methods.

This unique Australian 4-day program has been proven over many years with thousands of students. It is presented every school holidays by experienced university lecturers Dr John Happs, Trevor Spence and Heather Sparrow.

In a survey conducted on an average of six months after their child’s attendance, 95% of parent respondents said there had been a positive change in their child’s school performance.

**Cost:** $450.00  
**Venue:** ECU Mount Lawley Campus & Murdoch 
**Time:** 9am – 3pm daily 
**Dates:**  
- 9 - 12 January (ECU Mt Lawley)  
- 16 - 20 January (ECU and Murdoch)  
- 22 - 25 January ECU and Murdoch)  

For further information: Call 9246-2733 or see website [www.learnperform.com](http://www.learnperform.com)

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**Study Skills – Essay Writing – Subject Revision**

**Master Mind Australia - Academic Pathways. January Jump-start programme.**

This revision programme prepares students for Term 1 (2012) before the academic year begins. The classes will revise those important components from the 2011 syllabus that are vital for success in the new-year. The programme will also preview what students can expect in their courses in 2012.

For more information consult our web-site or call Dr Robert Hallam at Master Mind Australia on 9486 1377  

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**Rappin’ Raves @ HYPERSPACE - DANCE PARTY**

Dance night with commercial & Top 40 Tunes !!!

**Smoke, drug and alcohol free**

**Security checks and Bag checks @ Door**

For youth aged 9-16 years, 
Food and drinks available @ event.

**DATE:** 11th November 2011 
**VENUE:** Bunbury PCYC, Parade Road 
**TIME:** 6pm – 9pm 
**COST:** $5.00 entry, No pass outs!

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**Volunteer Host Families Needed**

Overseas students will be arriving in February 2012 and require Host families.

There are two different programmes arriving, ranging in duration from 5 months to 11 months. We have students arriving from countries including Germany, Japan, France, Switzerland and Canada.

Gain friendships that can last a lifetime? So – whether you have cattle or a poodle, six children or none, you have the perfect family!

Please call AFS WA Volunteer Hosting Coordinator, Joyce Van den berg on Ph: 08-9534-5823 for more information if you’re interested in hosting an AFS exchange student or visit [www.afs.org.au](http://www.afs.org.au)

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**Summer School - Lunar Circus**

The **Lunar Circus** is delighted to announce the Summer School circus workshop programme is back in January 2012.

Lunar Circus has been successfully running children’s school holiday programmes for many years.

Workshops are designed to build and strengthen self esteem and confidence in all school age children. Children also benefit from structured fun physical activity in a socially supportive environment, often leading to an increased enthusiasm for active leisure which can last a life time.

**Lunar Circus Summer School and WA circus festival**

- 2 weeks of circus for kids aged 5-55 @ Karridale (Margaret River).  

For more information please contact: Pip Tugwood, Lunar Circus School Tel. 9757 2895 or email: pip@lunarcircus.com

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**Learn Mandarin Chinese**

By learning Mandarin Chinese, your child will learn multicultural social skills, gain an understanding of Chinese culture, and build confidence – a huge advantage in competing for jobs in the century of the Chinese economic boom.

**Cost:** each lesson $15 per student in a group of 10  
Enquiries Tel: 0400 558 337 
website [www.learnchinesebunbury.com](http://www.learnchinesebunbury.com) or email: qin@learnchinesebunbury.com
**Infectious Disease Control**

**Head Lice**

The following article may be of some assistance to parents battling these pesky critters.

The easy way to get rid of head lice is to wash your child’s hair in orange juice. Freshly squeezed juice is best, but you can use bottled juice. Just make sure it is unsweetened orange juice.

Strain the juice through a sieve to remove any particles (or else they will get caught in the comb). Pour the juice through the child’s hair until it is thoroughly wet from the crown to tips. While the hair is still wet with the orange juice, use a nit comb to comb out the nits and dead lice. They’ll slide down the hair.

Orange juice kills the live lice and makes the nits (eggs) slide easily from the hair.

Be sure to use the lice comb through the hair for four consecutive days to remove any nits that may be close to the scalp. If these nits are not removed, they could hatch giving the impression that your child has been reinfected.

Prevention is always better than cure, and a couple of drops of tea tree oil added to bathwater and put on hairbrushes is a great preventative measure. This solution does not burn the child’s head and head lice do not become immune to this treatment, unlike many other commercially available chemical preparations.

Extracted from Shannon Lush’s tip of the week.

**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.

**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: A$17.95 per 50; A$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!

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**Australind Tennis Club**

Mini Tennis 5-9 yr olds. Saturday mornings 9am - 10am. $20.00 covers until Christmas. Fun games, rallying over mini nets, games of Jail. Not formal coaching. **Junior social play** - Saturday 9am - 11am. $60 covers 12 months. All welcome. Come and try !!!

**JOIN NOW! Ballroom Dance**

**Capel RSL Hall**

Kindy / Pre-Primary / Year 1 - 3.25pm, Wednesdays : 35mins

7 - 15 Years Medal Fun Class - 4.00pm, Wednesdays : 45mins

Term 4 : 6 weeks $48  Suzanne: 9727 2626

**Bunbury Studio_1 Arthur Street**

Medal Fun Class :

Boys & Girls 7-15 Years : Thursdays - 4.30pm- 5.30pm

Term 4 : 8 weeks $80

For more information : Contact - Suzanne Crews Tel :9791 8900  
Mb: 0438 913 791 or www.bunburydancestudio.com

**Spring Encounter : Saturday, 19th November**