Grace Notices

Coming up!

**TERM 2**

**Week 6**
- Monday, 28th May
  - 9am Parents Prayer Group
  - Vision & Hearing tests
- Friday, 1st June
  - SIDE Examinations
  - No Assembly

**Week 7**
- Monday, 4th June
  - Foundation Day Holiday
- Tuesday 5th - Friday, 8th
  - Secondary EXAMINATION week
- Thursday, 7th June
  - Interschool’s winter carnival
- Friday, 8th June
  - Grace Notices
  - Junior Assembly

**Week 8**
- Monday, 11th June
  - 9am Parents Prayer Group
- Tuesday 12th June
  - Yr 1 - 3 X-country
  - Youth Literature Course
  - K-3 Parents Forum (7-8.30pm)
- Wednesday, 13th - 15th June
  - Endeavour Conference
- Thursday, 14th June
  - Yr 4 - 12 X-country
- Friday, 15th June
  - Young Writer’s course
  - Senior Assembly

**Week 9**
- Monday, 18th June
  - 9am Parents Prayer Group
- Tuesday, 19th June
  - Principal’s Tour
  - Board Meeting
- Friday, 22nd June
  - Sports Assembly

From the Principal’s Desk

Our Business Manager, Mr Colin Stillman recently attended the Christian Schools National Policy Forum in Canberra (21 & 22 May).

Feed back from the Forum was very positive and our school movement is gaining recognition amongst the decision makers in this country. The following is the introduction to the Forum prepared by Stephen O’Doherty CEO Christian School’s Australia.

Oscar Wilde warns that : “A cynic is a man who knows the price of everything, and the value of nothing.”

By the time they have finished breakfast and set off for the day, the average Australian media consumer has been fed plenty of reasons to be angry and knows who to blame. Cynicism about the political process has rarely been at a higher level.

Each year at this time Christian school leaders gather to exchange ideas and discuss our interests, concerns and passions with policy makers.

We gather as people who know the value of our democracy, believing in the Apostle Paul that the governing authorities have been established by God and it is good that we pray for them. In Australia particularly we can give thanks for the freedom to worship and to openly educate children in the light of the truth about Jesus.

We come not as observers, but as participants and practitioners. National objectives for education, and indeed the important role of building a peaceful and prosperous nation, are entrusted to us.

Cynicism is disengagement. It feeds on itself and degrades democracy. Cynicism is not for us.

We have a responsibility to engage - not only here in Canberra each year, but on a daily basis in our schools and communities.

We have an even greater responsibility to prepare young people for positive participation in their democracy - as those who have something to say, ambassadors for Christ.

Welcome to all who gather for this important Forum, and thank you for all you do in serving Jesus in Christian education."

Other speakers at the forum were:

- Hon. Peter Garrett AM, MP
- Hon. Christopher Pyne MP
- Tony Cook - who was appointed to the role of Associate Secretary, Schools and Youth in 2011. Prior to this, he was Deputy Secretary Government and Corporate with the Victorian Department of Premier and Cabinet.
- Dr Ken Boston AO - With a wealth of experience in England, NSW, Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania. Dr Boston also was member of the Gonski review, currently chairs the NSW Ministerial Advisory Group on Literacy and Numeracy, and is a member of the Australian Qualifications Council.
- Rev. Dr Philip Hughes - Board Chair : Kingsway College Melbourne
- Margery Evans - CEO of AITSL
- Peter Adams - General manager : Assessment and Reporting (ACARA)
- Mike Potter - Principal Tyndale Christian School

Hugo de Ridder - Principal

Uniform Shop Opening Times:
- Monday : 8.15am - 9.15am
- Thursday : 2.45pm - 3.30pm
- Friday : 8.15am - 9.15am
Senior School News

Examination Preparation

By now, all Senior School students should have set up a study timetable to assist them prepare for their up-coming examinations. There is little point trying to study for a major exam the night before.

All students from Year 8 - 12 will be sitting their examinations during week six and/or seven which leaves 1-2 weeks for preparation. Students should allocate sufficient time for their studies, as well as their usual weekly commitments and activities.

It is a good idea to have breaks during which time physical energy can be exerted.

Monash University provide the following guidelines for their students.

“Refuse to believe the student who says she only works just before exams and still gets through. Revision doesn’t begin a week before the exams, although it might be more intense towards the end of the semester.

To maximise the chances of a satisfactory result in your exams, start your preparation as early as possible in the semester.

Here are five concrete things you can do at any time to prepare for exams:

- Get hold of appropriate textbooks early and familiarise yourself with them. Try to do some preliminary reading.
- Make contact with other students - they may wish to form useful study groups later on.
- Make sure you’re acquainted with the course programme, lectures, tutorials, lab sessions - what is or has been covered, and when?
- Think where your subjects fit in to your overall course and career objectives. Maybe more work on that subject you find boring now, will pay off much later on.
- Work through past papers. If working through a whole paper seems a bit daunting, it’s a good idea to select some questions. Sit down to them, turn off the stereo and your mobile, and take the landline telephone off the hook. Time yourself and see how much you can accomplish within the allotted time. You might want to select questions that you have not covered during the semester, answer these, and give them to your lecturer. At the very least this will let the lecturer know you are interested in the subject - and it will give you good practice

Extracted from : http://www.monash.edu.au/lls/llonline/study/exam/1.xml

Mrs Diane Hackney - Head of Senior School

Middle School News

Student Exchange – Setagaya Japan

Meg Mathys and Zachary King

Congratulations to two of our Year 7 students Zachary King and Meg Mathys, who have been selected for the Goodwill Tour to Setagaya Japan which will take place on October.

As part of the selection process, students were asked to complete a questionnaire about themselves, their hobbies, family life etc. They were also asked various questions about the sister-city programme and how living in a Japanese home would differ to living in an Australian home.

During their two week stay, students will be expected to give a speech at one of the official functions they will attend, and will have fun times visiting local attractions including Japan’s Disneyland.

“The Sister City relationship between Bunbury and Setagaya enables a developed understanding of two very different cultures. These contrasts, coupled with a commitment to friendship and peace, have inspired people from both cities since the Sister City agreement was signed in 1992”.

City of Bunbury Publication: Sister Cities – Bunbury, Western Australia / Setagaya, Tokyo, Japan

This year, Zacharie King and I have been privileged enough to be chosen for the 2012 Goodwill visit to Japan. We are both looking forward to experiencing all Japan has to offer - not to mention Disney Land! It will be an amazing, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Meg Mathys - Year 7

Year 7 Parents Dinner

Parents of all our current Year 7 group are invited to a special dinner put on in your honour, on the 27th June. Invitations will arrive in the mail within the next two weeks, so keep a look out for these, and please send your RSVP’s back as soon as possible.

Annually, this dinner is held for that special group of parents facing the move of their children from the Primary environment, to Secondary school. At Grace, this currently occurs in Year 8 and this time of transition brings to students and their families unfamiliar territory.

Our aim at the dinner is to present our parents with helpful insights and information to assist families navigate these sometimes turbulent waters. Additionally, our secondary teachers are on hand to answer any questions that may arise from a curriculum perspective.

The evening is fully catered for, with a sumptuous three course meal and we would love to see as many of our Year 7 parents at this very special evening function, as possible.

Scholastic Bookfair

Each year, our Primary students eagerly await the Scholastic Bookfair where heaps of fantastic books and other goodies are available at very reasonable prices.

Parents and students are encouraged to visit our Library over the next two weeks to see what’s on display and to purchase any items that catch their eye. This year we have pens, books, posters, books, erasers, books, pencils and … books! There is a wonderful selection of picture books for little ones, junior novels and information books, along with novels for upper primary. Donations welcome!

This is also a fantastic opportunity to support the school, as Scholastic donate a portion of their takings back into our school, or you can purchase a book for our library. Your child will be the first child to read any book you donate.

So come along to the library between 25th May and 31st May. The library will be extending its opening times from 8.30am - 4pm to allow Mum’s and Dad’s the opportunity to browse at pick-up and drop-off times.

Mr Pierre Meyer - Head of Middle School
Junior School News

2013 Kindergarten Enrolments

To ensure your child has a place in our 2013 Kindergarten classes, and you haven’t yet submitted an ‘Application to Enrol’ form for them - please do.

Places are filling quickly and the school’s public advertising will start soon for 2013. We expect demand for places to increase.

Application forms are available from Reception or from the school’s website www.grace.wa.edu.au.

For assistance, please call Marie Waite on 9726 4200 or email admin@grace.wa.edu.au.

School starter bags

Do you have a friend or family member with Pre-schoolers?

If so, we would like to treat them with a ‘School Starter Bag’, available from Reception. These bags are filled with helpful hints on starting school, developmental information and play dough.

If you have any questions, please see or contact Marie Waite on 9726 4200 or email admin@grace.wa.edu.au.

Mrs Donna Holman - Head of Junior School

School Community News

Camp Grace - FREE weekend on offer

Camp Grace is a ministry of Grace Christian School and provides a wonderful, cheap holiday for our school families, staff and the public. School groups are also encouraged to use the beautiful beachfront facilities. If you have never been to Camp Grace, now is your opportunity to enjoy a FREE weekend in return for assisting Rocky with the renovations!

Rocky and Belinda are working to a tight time-line and would really appreciate any assistance you are able to offer, to help complete the work required by the Council as part of the upgrade to the camp facilities.

If you have suitable skills (i.e. can use a drill and a few hand tools) Rocky would love to hear from you. There is free accommodation for all workers and families so why not make a weekend of it.

Please call Rocky if you are available to assist, on 9755 4014 or 0412271280; email: campgrace@westnet.com.au

Thank you to all our families for their fantastic effort. We managed to collect 526 items - a truly fantastic effort!

Although we are no longer collecting Cans at the school, families wishing to donate items can still do so through the Salvation Army.

Thank you so much!

Overflow car park construction

Our grateful thanks to Catalano Pty Ltd for their donation of machines and labour when constructing our overflow car park area.

This extra space has reduced the traffic congestion we have experienced for some time, and we are most grateful for their very generous contribution which has made it that much easier for Grace Christian School to provide Christian education at an affordable level, and still provide much needed extra parking.

Thank you Catalano’s!

Earn ‘n Learn - Woolworth’s promotion

Grace Christian School is participating in the Woolworths Earn ‘n Learn programme.

Sticker cards have been handed to all Primary students, and more are available for the Admin office.

Every time you shop at Woolworths, simply collect stickers from the checkout operator and place them on the sticker cards. Completed sticker cards can be handed in at the school office.

Whooping Cough

Parents are advised that a number of students and parents at Grace have been diagnosed with Whooping Cough and there are others showing similar symptoms.

If your child presents with flu-like symptoms and is coughing, please assist the school by keeping them home until you are able to seek medical advice from your GP.

For further information contact: 9781-2359 Public Health Nurse

WA Premier’s Summer Reading Challenge (In support of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of WA)

Congratulations to the following students who completed the Summer Reading Challenge

Caleb Bowden, Hudson Mousney, Thalia Mousney, Nathan Quartermaine, Jordan Walker, Savannah Walker, Eli Allan, Lochlan Allan, Rachel Allan, Joel Belton.

Mobile Phone Collection - raising funds for teenagers with Cancer

Our school has registered to support CanTeen, an organisation helping Australian teenagers survive cancer or deal with its effect in their lives.

If you have any old mobile phones lying around your home, PLEASE bring these to the school office. A collection box is available opposite the Student Services desk. Our aim is to collect at least 400 old/un-used mobile phones before 30 September 2012.

Parents are asked to collect old/unused mobile phones from their work place colleagues.

For further information on how the collection works, please visit www.youcanschools.org.au

Who we are

CanTeen - The Australian Organisation for Young People Living with Cancer - is a national support organisation for 12 - 24 year old people living with cancer.
olds who are living with cancer, and is the only organisation of its kind in Australia.

A cancer diagnosis is traumatic at the best of times, but perhaps even more so for a young person. At this stage of their lives they will already be experiencing issues relating to their identity, independence, relationships and career; and whilst cancer is not a death sentence, it can mean the start of a long process of painful treatment and years of uncertainty.

The inspiration behind CanTeen is the belief that young people are better able to cope with the uncertainties of a cancer diagnosis through meeting and talking with other young people who have had a similar experience and understand exactly what they are going through.

Since it began, CanTeen has had a clear focus on meeting the needs of young people living with cancer, and has always put into practice the idea that Members should be able to participate in the management of the organisation. This commitment ensures that we remain true to our mission and can continually be in touch with the needs of our Members.

What we do
CanTeen’s mission is to support, develop and empower young people living with cancer. We do this by providing an Australia-wide peer support network for 12 to 24 year-olds, who include*:

- **Patients** - young people who have been diagnosed with cancer
- **Siblings & Offspring** - young people who have an immediate family member (brother, sister, parent or primary carer) who has been diagnosed with cancer; and
- **Bereaved Siblings & Offspring** - young people who have had an immediate family member die from cancer.

We provide Members with a place where they can simply be young people, away from the day-to-day pressures that come from living with cancer in the hospital or at home.

Through a wide range of camps and programs, CanTeen encourages Members to share their experiences, make great friends...and of course, have fun!

*Young people who don't quite fit these descriptions might still be able to join - please contact us for more information.

**Extracted from**: [www.youcanschools.org.au](http://www.youcanschools.org.au)

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**Healthy Lunch Box ideas**

**Juices**
- Buy a small drink container and re-fill from a big juice
- Be careful and check the % of fruit in the juice, some have only 35%! Don’t think the most expensive brands are healthier, they sometimes contain less real fruit juice and more sugar!
- Milk and water should be the main drinks for children
- It’s much better for kids to have a piece of fruit and water rather than juice. Kids often fill up on too much juice and then don’t eat their food. They will prefer juice over food because it is so sweet and sugary.

**Muesli Bars**
- The basic ingredients that make muesli bars are generally healthy, it’s what sticks them together in a bar that aren’t.
- Some muesli bars are healthier than others, read the labels and look for an energy content of <550kJ per bar and at least 6g fibre per 100g
- Muesli bars cost around $20.00-25.00/kg - much more expensive than fruit or bread
- Yogurt - a great choice full of calcium for strong bones. You will pay a lot more for yoghurt targeted at children. Buy small containers and fill these up with yogurt from the big 1kg packs
- Children can have low fat dairy after 2 years.
- Freeze yogurt to keep lunchboxes cool

For more information contact your local Community Dietician.

**Photographic Competition**

Agwest is again holding a Photographic competition in 2012 with the theme “Living, Playing, Using Water”. Competition entries opened on 01 May and close at 4.00pm on 30 June 2012. For more information : Tanya Whiteaker Ph. 9780 9513.

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**Community News**

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**Art / Bible (Long-term Relief)**

Grace Christian School is an independent Christian school affiliated with Christian Schools Australia, catering for approximately 480 students from K - 12.

The successful applicant will be a committed Christian in regular church fellowship, who is an experienced **Art and Bible teacher**, keen to support the school and its parents in providing expert tuition for an education of excellence, taught from a Christian worldview.

This is a three-day per week, relief position standing in for one of our valued staff members who will be on long-service leave.

Application form and Position Description enquiries should be made to:

Principal’s Assistant, Mrs Lea McDonald
Email: lmcdonald@grace.wa.edu.au

**Applications close:**

4pm, Friday, 1st June 2012