Grace Christian School - Raising funds for teenagers with Cancer - please can we have your old mobile phones? These can be handed in at the front office or Student Services.

Grace Notices

Coming up!

TERM 2

Week 10

- Monday, 25th June
  9am Parents Prayer Group
- Wednesday, 27th June
  Year 7 Parent Dinner
- Friday, 29th June
  SW Strings Incursion
  Middle School Assembly
  Junior Assembly

Week 11

- Monday, 2nd July
  9am Parents Prayer Group
- Wednesday, 4th July
  Piano students lunchtime concert
- Friday, 6th July
  Grace Notices
  Grace Has Got Talent Assembly

………..TERM 2 ENDS………..

TERM 3

Week 1

- Monday, 23 & Tues, 24th July
  STUDENT FREE DAYS
- Wednesday, 25th July
  STUDENTS BACK
  10am - Principal’s Tour
- Friday, 27th July
  Whole School Assembly

Week 2

- Monday, 30th July
  9am Parents Prayer Group
- Thursday, 2nd August
  Interschool X-Country
- Friday, 3rd August
  Secondary Tracksuit Day
  Year 7 Immunisations
  Sean W. Smith Incursion
  Middle School Assembly

From the Principal’s Desk

Last week, Grace Christian School had the privilege of hosting a national conference dealing with matters relating to Community Relations and Development.

The conference was co-ordinated by Endeavour Community Relations and Development, a consultancy provider that has worked in partnership with us for a number of years.

The Christian School delegates attending this conference came from as far a field as Tasmania, NSW and Geraldton.

Conference speakers were: Tim Caughey, Director of Endeavour Community Relations and Development; Monica O’Neil, Director of VOSE Leadership and Linda Lenord of Assist Global, a strategic consultancy that works with education and non-profit organisations.

Whilst the conference was hosted by Grace, we certainly do not profess to have all the answers, however we believe strongly that community and relationships within our community are extremely important. With most senior leadership members attending and some members of our Community Development Committee also in attendance, we hope to further build on our service to our school community and continue looking to develop this aspect along with many others in our school.

Later this year, during Term 3, Endeavour will again conduct the biannual Health Audit of our School Community. This audit provides an opportunity for stake holders and members of the extended Bunbury community to comment and feed back on our school.

I would encourage all parents of our community to take the time to complete the survey as it is instrumental in shaping future directions for our school. I might also add that comments both positive and negative, can be forwarded directly to me at anytime and I will endeavour to address your concerns where possible, and pass on praise to appropriate staff member(s) when applicable.

Enrolments - 2012 - 2016

In recent weeks, our school has been inundated with enquiries, particularly Kindergarten and Year 8.

If you have a sibling who is (as yet) not enrolled at Grace for 2013, please contact Mrs Marie Waite: Enrolment Officer as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Senior School Year 11, 2013

Over the next 3-weeks, parents of Year 10 students will be contacted by Mr Keith Knauf, our Career Advisor, to discuss educational pathways for each of our students.

Grace can now boast the addition of Mathematics Specialist and Physics to our already comprehensive list of senior subject choices.

Should you have any queries on our ‘blossoming’ programme in Year 11 & 12, please direct these to our Head of Senior School, Mrs Diane Hackney.

Hugo de Ridder - Principal

NEW - Uniform Shop Opening Times (TERM 3)

- Monday: 8.15am - 9.00am
- Tuesday: 3.00pm - 3.45pm
- Thursday: 3.00pm - 3.45pm
- Friday: 8.15am - 9.00am
Student Services

- **Absentees** - The School keeps accurate records of attendance, and in order for this to occur effectively and efficiently, parents are reminded that **all absentee notifications should be sent the school's administration office** on the day affected, via telephone or email absentee@grace.wa.edu.au

If you wish to let the class teacher know as well, please send a copy of your notification via your child’s diary. However, first priority of notification should be to Student Services.

- **Lost property** - deadline for collection of all lost property is Friday, 6th July. There is a collection of drink bottles, watches, bracelets, spectacles, jewellery and much, much more which will be taken to the Salvo’s after the last day of term.

Could parents and students please check the lost property box in the office as soon as possible.

Mrs Sandra Dinkelman - Student Services

Uniform Shop

- **Uniform Shop News**

You may have noticed that the uniform shop has been very busy this year. A big thank you to Mrs Michaela Ivey and her helpers for serving so efficiently and with great patience!

In order to make purchasing easier, the uniform shop has been refurbished and we will be using additional volunteer staff. **Opening times have been changed slightly with an additional session.** *(Please see the table below).*

**How you can help** - Unless you are just topping up with the same size clothing, PLEASE bring your child with you for a fitting. This will ensure you get the best fit and value and will save us valuable time. If necessary we are happy to serve students not accompanied by an adult.

Please note: Any exchanges will be made after other customers have been served.

Thank you.

Uniform Shop - new opening times:

- **Monday** 8.15am – 9.00am
- **Tuesday** 3.00pm – 3.45pm
- **Thursday** 3.00pm – 3.45pm
- **Friday** 8.15am – 9.00am

Mrs Gill Stillman - Uniform Shop Manager

Senior School News

Senior School Assemblies

Parents please note that Senior School Assemblies vary in the times they are held and do not take place routinely at the end of the day as indicated in the school calendar. This is to avoid students missing the same lesson each time we have an assembly and to allow for guest speakers to address our students from time-to-time.

On Friday 15 June, we were blessed to hear the testimony of Mr Jack Jones, who serves as a Street Chaplain in Northbridge and is currently expanding his repertoire of achievements by studying nursing.

Jack has had a range of life experiences and intrigued our students with stories of his time as an elite soldier, successful businessman, his journey in overcoming personal struggles and his work as a missionary.

He challenged and encouraged students in seeking a relationship with God as the only pursuit that truly satisfies the human soul and the means by which we find meaning and purpose in life. Both staff and students were greatly blessed by Jack’s message of hope and victory.

**The great clean up**

We are grateful for God’s protection of our school community during last week’s storms. While the first couple of days proved interesting for all, normal school life resumed mid-week and deferred exams were completed promptly on Thursday.

A special thank you to all the students who willingly pitched in to assist Mr Napoli with the clean-up, especially the team of Year 9 boys who revelled in the physical demands of removing the fallen branches in the days that followed the storm.

A huge THANK YOU to dads Greg Hall, Phil Corbin and Ahmad Adni, who rolled up with saws, drills etc. to help.

**Pedal to the metal**

Although exams have been completed for this semester, students must maintain a strong work ethic as teachers continue with class tasks, assignments and checking homework.

Senior students will have begun their Semester 2 units and Year 12’s in particular, will be extremely busy over the next few months. We wish them well in their efforts as the end of the year approaches.

**Free Dress Day**

On Thursday 28 June, the Prefects are holding a ‘**Jeans and Jumper Day**’ to raise funds for the purchase of a set of Prefect blazers. Students in Years 1-12 are encouraged to participate and make a gold coin donation towards this initiative. Students may wear modest jeans and jumpers on the day.

Please note:

- No dresses, skirts or shorts are to be worn by participants.
- Students who normally have PE classes on Thursdays must remember to bring their PE uniform to school as these classes will run as normal.

Middle School News

**Congratulations** - Madison Walton Year 8N who received a participation certificate and was awarded a book for her entry in the West Australian Young Travel Writer Contest 2012.

Very well done Maddy. What a fantastic achievement!

- **Year 7 Parents Dinner - Wednesday, 27th June**. We are looking forward to another wonderful evening with our Year 7 Parents.

This special evening provides an opportunity for parents with children entering Senior School next year, to mingle and meet...
Some of the Secondary teachers who will be partnering with them during the next five years.

It is also an opportunity for our Secondary staff to present some of the challenges children and their families experience during this transitional phase into adulthood. Approximately 100 parents and staff will be attending to enjoy a 3-course sit-down meal in the Café section of the auditorium.

- **SW Youth Orchestra Incursion** - some of the South West Youth Orchestra members will be visiting the school on Friday, 29th June to showcase their work, providing a wonderful opportunity for our students to interact with an ensemble up close.

### School Community News

**Piano students lunchtime concert** - Piano students studying with Mrs Faed and Mrs Stone, will be performing a lunchtime concert in the Library / Resource Centre on Wednesday, 4th July between 12.55pm and 2pm. All school parents, staff and students are invited to come along to celebrate their achievements.

**Private Music Tuition - expanded programme**

Grace Christian School would like to welcome on board two new Music Tutors. Ms Jennifer Maggs, a Clarinet, Saxophone and Flute teacher and Mr Adam (Patrick) Nicholson - who will be replacing Mrs Porep as guitar tutor.

Ms Maggs graduated from Bath University College with a BA Honours in Music (2000) and Master of Music (Performance) from the London College of Music & Media (2002). She has over 10 years teaching and performance experience with a passion for creating a fun and encouraging learning environment for her students.

- **Interested in learning a Woodwind instrument?** Please complete an application form available from the Reception desk.

Mr Nicholson has extensive experience in the hospitality industry and as a self-employed guitar teacher in both Canada (Mingo Music, Nova Scotia; http://www.mingomusic.com/) and England; (Treble Rock Music in Bristol, England http://www.treblerock.com/)

- **Interested in learning Guitar?** Please complete an application form available from the Reception desk.

**Coles and Woolies vouchers** - Thank you to all our parents and friends for diligently collecting stickers and vouchers. We are still collecting for both promotions, which can be dropped off at the front reception or Student Services desks.

**Aqwest photographic competition** - closes 30 June. Brochures / flyers are available from Student Services.

Enquiries: [www.bunburydancestudio.com](http://www.bunburydancestudio.com)
Ph: 9791 8900 Mb: 0438 913 791

### Community News

**Bunbury Baptist Youth Group**

12 to 17 yr olds - small group and dinner. Thursdays of school term 5:30 - 7:30 pm. If anyone is interested they should contact Interim Associate Pastor Andrew “Bus” Main
e. andrew.main@bunburybaptist.org
w. 9721 3700 m. 0427 244 287

**Try Ballroom Dancing** - Bring this Newsletter for “One FREE Lesson” All boys & girls 7-15 years old welcome.

**When** : Thursday during school terms 2012 - Medal classes commencing soon!

**Time** : 4.30pm- 5.30pm

**Where** : Studio: 1 Arthur St Bunbury