**From the Principal’s Desk**

As Term 1 draws to a close, I take this opportunity to commend to you the dedicated work of our staff. There is little doubt a key component of a good school is their staff, and Grace Christian School has been blessed with outstanding staff.

I make mention of one staff member in particular as her time relieving in the Senior School Mathematics department comes to a close.

Mrs Janine Mitenko came to us in 2012 and generously gave of her time as a volunteer Mathematics tutor. Her passion for teaching and the subject is second to none. At the commencement of 2013, Janine took on a relieving position till Mr Andrew Woods’ arrival (beginning Term 2).

Janine has completed a remarkable terms work. I am sure the students would agree! On behalf of the Grace Christian School Community I would like to thank Janine for her dedication and professionalism, and as she takes on a more general relief role across the school we will continue to be blessed with her contribution.

**Welcome Mr Andrew Woods, Secondary Mathematics Teacher**

Mr Woods comes to us from Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School, with a long history in education and pastoral care. With 5 children at Grace, and wife Debbie who already works in the Grace Kindergarten on a part time basis, I'm sure Andrew will feel welcome and part of us very quickly.

**Well done to our students**

An extremely pleasurable task that I perform at most assemblies is that of congratulating students for outstanding conduct, application and results. The number of certificates and merit awards issued highlights the hard work of our students, and with Term 2 rapidly approaching, I encourage all our students to approach the term with renewed enthusiasm and I look forward to everyone achieving personal excellence.

I pray the Lord’s protection over our whole School Community during the school holiday break and I hope the time with your families will be a blessing,

**Mr Hugo de Ridder**

**Please note:**

Students commence Term 2 on Tuesday, 7th May. Winter uniform is worn during Term 2 & Term 3.

- **Girls**
  - White short or long sleeved shirt
  - Pinafore (Primary) / Skirt (Secondary)
  - Navy Grace jumper
  - White Grace socks or navy opaque tights

- **Boys**
  - White short or long sleeved shirt
  - Tie
  - Trousers
  - Navy Grace jumper

Hats to be worn throughout the school year.

**Uniform Shop Opening Times**

- Monday: 8.15am - 9.00am
- Thursday: 3.00pm - 3.45pm
- Friday: 8.15am - 9.00am
- Wednesday: 3.00pm - 3.45pm

**Term 1 Interim Reports**

Reports will be sent home with your child on Friday, 19th April.

Reports not collected will be held at Student Services, and can be collected at the start of Term 2.

**Presentation Evenings:**

(Yr 1 - 3) 5/12/13 (Yr 4 - 7) 10/12/13 (Yr 8 - 12) 12/12/13
Little Library

What has passion to do with literacy?
Can a 3 year old learn to read?
Can a parent make a difference in a child’s literacy development?

75% of human brain development occurs during the first 3 years. Reading regularly with your child in these years will have life-long benefits! At Grace, we are passionate about books, kids and learning to read. That’s why we’re starting a new program next term called ‘Little Library’ for carers and kids 0 – 3 years.

**Where:** School library

**When:** Tuesday mornings 9 – 10am (commencing Tuesday 12th May)

**Bring:** You, your toddlers and babies 😊

Who can come: Parents and friends of Grace community

Do: There will be nursery rhymes, stories and activities for toddlers and babies. At the end of the session, parents are welcome to borrow fun packs (containing 4 books, a toy and musical instrument) and other resources from the library.

In conjunction with the State Library of WA’s Better Beginnings program, the library has sourced great resources just for this age group, all available for borrowing.

‘Relationships are the key. For relationships, minds have to engage. Ideas are essential, and books constitute a superlative source of ideas. Books can be bridges between children and parents, and children and the world.’ (Dorothy Butler, Babies Need Books, Bodley Head, 1980)

**Partnership Opportunity**

The library is offering a unique opportunity for Grace Community businesses to partner with us in the Little Library program. Packs of age-specific resources are being put together especially for toddlers and babies, all available for borrowing by parents to use and read at home with their little ones. We are seeking sponsorship to fund the fun packs, and sponsor logos will be placed on the information sheets to be included in each pack.

Not sure about how it works? You’re welcome to drop into the library sometime and see what’s being put together, and catch the vision! We’d love to share it with you!

**Mrs Megan Reynolds**
Librarian

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**Senior School News**

**The Amazing Race**

**3A Geography - Urban Assault on Perth**

“Toot Toot. All aboard. The Australind Train Service to Perth is leaving in 5 minutes” said the sketchy Station announcer. “Has everyone got their tickets?” said a bleary-eyed and wooden teacher.

“I couldn’t book online” replied B1 (Brendan Marshall)

“I booked for next week. Is that OK asked B2? (Brendan Esmond)

After these shaky “B1 and B2” moments we settled in for the ride. The train sped along Swan Coastal Plain snaking through the rural-urban fringe and eventually rolled into Perth.

**Urban Assault – Mission #1 The Amazing Race - Challenge Accepted**

A collection of twelve teams from Grace Christian School, Australind SHS and Newton Moore SHS lined up for the Amazing Race. Grace’s teams (Iota and Zeta) managed to complete all the clues to an extremely high standard and therefore scored second and fourth for the academic component. Time scores however were lower (eighth and tenth) due to unnecessary coffee breaks. Overall, both teams finished mid-field with team Iota (Sam Guise, Brendan Marshall, Corey Barns and Brendan Esmond) finishing eighth and Team Zeta (Madison Carter-Page and Brianna Lane) finishing sixth.

**Urban Assault – Mission #2 Hunting and Gathering – Challenge Accepted**

After some free time in Harbour Town it was time for tea. We snuck up on William Street to where vertical zonation of fast food is occurring and hunted ourselves some Hungry Jacks, KFC, Chicken Spot and McDonalds. By stealth, the boys found some more homely food at Coles and made their more nutritious but less costly concoction.

**Urban Assault – Mission #3 – Storming of Ellenbrook – Challenge Accepted**

Our next challenge was to get public transport to Ellenbrook from the CBD of Perth – easier said than done. “26km, no problem” I hear the overly confident whisper. One train trip to Bassendean and then catching the 955 from Bassendean and 1hr 25 min later we arrived in Ellenbrook. Ellenbrook is a newly planned neighbourhood and our mission was to check out the liveability of this new project.

**Urban Assault – Mission #4 – Retreat back to Bunbury – Challenge Accepted**

After a slow trip back to the CBD from Ellenbrook we managed to have 1 ½ hours of free time in the CBD. Gear and students were loaded onto the bus for the trip back to Bunbury.

Thanks to Staff and Students from Australind SHS and Newton Moore SHS and the Grace Christian School Year 12 Geography students

Madison, Briana, Brendan M (B1), Brendan E (B2), Sam, Corey and Mr Lindon Chatman……Urban Assault Officers

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**Philippians 4 v 12-13**

12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.

13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.
Senior School news continued

GRIP Leadership Conference

On Monday the 8th of April our Prefect team attended the Grip Leadership Conference in Bunbury. It was a great event designed for senior student leaders to prepare them in practical ways for the role of a leader in the school environment.

The main sessions were on “Being Leaders with the Right Focus” and “How to Get a Grip on Leadership”, along with a variety of elective sessions which were great practical workshops.

A favourite segment of the day conference was the “Questions and Answers”, where student leaders could ask the panel of experts various questions or issues that they may see at their own school. It was wonderful to hear and see so many young people stepping up to their role and doing their best for their school body and for them to get advice or support.

At the end of the conference there was a “dance off” and it was a very proud moment to see one of our Head Prefects on the stage leading 350 other leaders from South West schools in a free style Ganga style dance – well done Hayden!

An enjoyable, educational day and very beneficial to our leaders and no doubt some great outcomes eventually for our whole school community also.

Mrs Akita Olsen
School Chaplain

BREC—‘Animal Farm’ performance

On the 5th of April, students from Year 10, 11 and 12 classes attended a play performed at the BREC Centre. The play was called “Animal Farm”, as it was based on the 1945 “Animal Farm” novel by George Orwell.

“Animal Farm” is a tale about a group of farm animals who rose up against their human oppressors, led a rebellion, and took over the farm. Over time, the fundamental ideas and morals that the animals believed become twisted into a system of rules that only benefits the few who are able to psychologically manipulate the other animals, i.e. the pigs.

Eventually the laws become so diluted that the leading animals become no better than the once antagonistic men of neighbouring farms. One of the recurring themes is the corruptive nature of power.

The play was very provoking, fast paced and incorporated humour through witticisms, but most importantly, it conveyed quite brilliantly the crucial allegorical imagery that makes “Animal Farm” unique, timeless and relevant even in today’s world.

The play was thoroughly enjoyed, a performance to remember.

Daniel Lee
Year 10

School Community News

VIolin Tutoring

We welcome Mrs Anne Speer, who will be joining our Music team. We are privileged to have enlisted the music tutoring skills of Mrs Anne Speer to complement the growing music programme in our school.

Anne academic qualifications include AUA (Music) and BA from Elder Conservatorium, University of Adelaide (specialising in violin), M Lib, University of NSW and M Arts, University of Sydney. Anne has tutored violin for the past 20 years and has taught pupils using AMEB, Trinity, Fletcher and Suzuki syllabuses.

Anne will be holding a few demonstration of the violin on Thursday, 9 May (week 1, Term 2).

Students keen on learning the violin should contact Mrs Sandra Dinkelman for an application form. Tutoring cost for all instruments is $26 / half hour.

Bunbury Volunteer Bushfire Brigade cadet program

The Bunbury Volunteer Bushfire Brigade is currently seeking expressions of interest for their Cadet program to be commenced in the near future. For children aged 11-16yrs and any parents who would be interested in assisting.

Training will be held on a fortnightly basis and will include basic fire fighting skills, use of equipment, general safety, team building and lots of fun activities. An opportunity to invest in the future of the local volunteer fire brigade and the potential fire fighters of the future.

For more details please contact Naomi Dekker at the Bunbury Volunteer Bushfire Brigade on 0409 919 990
Invitation to view a DVD by Dr Richard Eisenmajer

‘Imagine having Asperger’s Syndrome’

When: Monday, 13th May 2013  
Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm  
Where: South Bunbury Church of Christ  
46 Timperley Road, Bunbury  
Cost: $5.00 per person (cash only)  
RSVP: Monday, 6th May to Helen Gribi on  
  helen.gribi@worldvision.com.au, or  
  03 9287 2765

Dr Eisenmajer is a Clinical Psychologist with a special interest in Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and is renowned throughout Australia for his expertise in both the diagnosis and management of individuals on the Autism Spectrum. His DVD explains the main features of children with ASD, particularly Asperger’s Syndrome. Dr Eisenmajer provides insight into how people with Autism experience the world and offer strategies for interacting with and managing children on the Spectrum.

Workshop Helping Teenagers Overcome Bullying.

During the April school holidays ROC Teen workshops will be held in Bunbury, educating local teens who are struggling with positive thinking, family change, resiliency at school and dealing with bullies.

The idea of the workshop was to take a proactive approach and teach children aged 11 to 14 coping skills so they were prepared when they reached their late teens.

ROC workshops will be held at the Leschenault Leisure Centre on 23rd April for girls and 24th April for boys.


Invitation to view a DVD by Dr Richard Eisenmajer

“Astronomical Society of the South West”

The Astronomical Society of the South West (Inc) will be holding open astronomy nights for the public at their Observatory, Keble Heights, College Grove, Bunbury on Friday 3rd, Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th of May each night from 7.00pm to 10.00pm, weather permitting.

For further information please contact: Cameron on 9795 8204

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**Australind Tennis Club (ATC)**

Junior May Tennis (NEW)  
No membership required  
When: 10th; 17th; 23rd; 31st May  
Time: 4 pm – 5.30 pm  
Cost: $5 per person per session  
Come and join ATC for organised sets 4-5pm and games 5-5.30pm  
For more information contact: Callen Ritcey: 0410 171 054

It’s fun! It’s everybody’s sport! It’s Tennis, Australia’s favourite!