From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to Term 2, 2013

A special word of welcome to our new students:
Year 1  Nico le Roux, Fida Santhosh
Year 2  Samuel de Beer
Year 3  Tahlia Plumb, Simon de Beer
Year 4  Michiah Plumb
Year 6  Emma Innes
Year 7  Marcus Theart
Year 8  Oscar Mayordomo Barrero, Reanne Kelemen, Micaela Claassen
Year 10 David Nkhoma, Kiara Kelemen

We also welcome Mr Andrew Woods who joins our secondary Mathematics Department.

Term 2 promises to be a busy term with many school events and a busy academic programme beginning with NAPLAN in Week 2. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the nationwide standardized test.

It is very important students not only attend on the days of the testing but also do their very best. The results provide the school, school sectors, individual teachers, parents and students with valuable information and help shape the literacy and numeracy programmes of our school.

Ascension Day

God is sovereign over time and space. At the beginning of history, God created the world. Later He judged the world by the flood. At the appointed time, Christ came and died for our sins. Three days later He rose from the dead. Forty days later He ascended into Heaven. Ten days after that He sent the Holy Spirit upon His disciples at Pentecost. One great day He will return to this earth and judge the nations.

History has a goal. Time has meaning. Our calendars should reflect that.

Forty days after Resurrection Sunday we celebrate the Ascension of Christ into Heaven. He is alive forevermore and He is exalted and enthroned at the right hand of God the Father, Almighty. He is above every other name and authority in Heaven and on earth. Jesus is The King of Kings and The Lord of Lords. We have an advocate in Heaven. He hears our prayers. He will come again.

The Ascension proclaims the Lordship of Christ in all areas of life. Jesus has all authority. Jesus is Lord over the world of business, sport, entertainment, and government. Jesus Christ is Lord over the schools, the shops, the cinemas, the factories, the hospitals, the law courts and Parliament. There is no area of life that is outside of His authority.

"Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the Name that is above every name, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Philippians 2:9-11

Mr Hugo de Ridder

Reference: “The Importance of Ascension Day by Dr Peter Hammond”

Uniform Shop Opening Times

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Busy Bee

BUSY BEE
Our school Busy Bee will take place on Saturday, 25th May between 8.30am – 12.30pm.
This is a great way to meet other families and to serve our school community. All families attending will receive a $75 credit to their school account. Registration forms are available from the school office. Completed registration forms should be returned to the school office by Wednesday, 22nd May.
We look forward to seeing you there!

School Photos

Thursday 30th – Friday 31st May
School photos will be taken on Thursday, 30th May and Friday, 31st May. Students are to wear their formal winter uniform on photo day.

Primary Boys to wear – shorts, navy Grace socks, shirt and tie, and navy woollen Grace jumper (no trousers)

Primary Girls to wear – white shirt, pinafore, socks, and navy woollen Grace jumper (no tights)

Secondary Boys to wear – trousers, navy Grace socks, shirt and tie, and navy woollen Grace jumper

Secondary Girls to wear – skirt, shirt, (recommend new shirt) socks, navy woollen Grace jumper (no tights)

Sibling/Family photograph envelopes are available from the school office.

All completed envelopes must be returned to the school office by Tuesday, 28th May 2013.

Thank you.

School Fees

Important Reminder
School Fees are due 17th May.
Please contact Mrs Fiona de Ridder should you have any queries.

Parent-Teacher

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Parent / Teacher interviews will be held on Thursday, 16th May and Tuesday, 21st May for students in Year 4 – Year 12. Interview times are in 15 minute slots and can be booked online at ‘Parent Teacher On-line’ (PTO). Primary teaching staff will meet with parents in their classrooms, and secondary staff will be located in the Resource Centre/Library.

Primary Students  Secondary Students
Thursday
16th May: 3.30pm – 5.30pm 16th May: 3.30pm – 8.00pm
Tuesday
21st May: 5.00pm – 8.00pm 21st May: 3.30pm – 8.00pm

Bookings for teacher interviews open on Monday, 6th May at 9.00am and will close 4.00pm 2 days prior to the interview day.

Junior School News

Dardenup Heritage Park Excursion
Year 1 and Year 1/2 classes
With local history an important part of the curriculum an excursion to the Dardenup Heritage Park was ideal and what a wonderful morning it was! Much anticipation and excitement was obvious with the bus trip there and back a highlight for many students who experienced this for the first time.

We were greeted with enthusiastic volunteers who gladly showed us around the Park with a wealth of information about the tractors, such as the Jolly Green Giant, trucks, cars, fire engines, household items and old toys. Visiting the military shed revealed bombs, guns, uniforms, pictures and the amazing tank, called ‘Leopard’, donated by the Australian government. How blessed Isaac Guy was to have a photo seated on the tank as a birthday treat!

Milking the mechanical cow (the real one wouldn’t milk due to all the fuss), having a ride on the tractor wagon, checking out the old print shop and seeing our school name printed out and receiving an ice-cream treat were other highlights.

Thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to come with us, it was much appreciated!

Mrs Sharyn Harris & Mrs Amanda Guise

But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3 v 4-7 (NIV)
Middle School News

Year 7 Greek Day
by Brooke, Brian, Joshua, Daniel, Ethan, Chantelle and Electra

On the Thursday of the last week of school, we had a “Greek Day” and the whole Year 7 class had to dress up as Greeks using only bed sheets and lots of safety pins. The guys wore chitons or tunics and the girls wore chitons or peplos. At first we were split into City states of Ancient Greece, which were Corinth, Argos, Athens and Sparta. Then we had to make our flag and a song to suit our state. Mr Meyer judged our flags and marching. Later, Mrs Jolly divided the class into different classes of work; philosophers, hoplites (soldiers), farmers, students and slaves. Philosophers were the lucky ones. They got to rest and talk, while farmers toiled away in the gardens. Students had to finish classwork while slaves called pedagogues made sure the students worked well, or helped prepare food. The hoplites had a great time making paper weapons and bossing others around. The philosophers’ job was to make a play out of Paul’s “sermon” and re-enact his preaching to the Greeks. For recess, we had a feast of Greek food and it was delicious. We had meatballs, Baklava, fruit, olives and hard bread chips to dip in Tzatziki. The food was yum, but we really liked the grape Fanta. During the day we also had a mini Olympics. I competed in javelin, but there were other events like boxing, marathon, discus, shot-put and high jump. We enjoyed competing in the various games and felt like we’d experienced Ancient Greek culture all in one day.

Senior School News

Young Australian of the Year

We were recently honoured with a visit from the 2013 Young Australian of the Year, Akram Azimi. Akram came to Australia as a child refugee from Afghanistan. He enthralled our students with his stories of his family’s escape from Taliban held Kabul, the poverty he witnessed in Pakistan and his journey to finding a new home in Australia.

Despite the challenges of his early years at school in Australia, Akram went on to become his school’s head boy and achieved outstanding results in his Year 12 examinations. He is currently studying Law, Arts and Science at UWA and spends much of his time doing philanthropic work. This includes mentoring young Indigenous students and working with students with disabilities, including a Special Olympics athlete.

Akram’s story is one of hope and determination. He is a most engaging speaker and held the attention of the students for the duration of his presentation. It was a real privilege to have him visit Grace Christian School.

Mrs Diane Hackney

Visit by Nola Marino MP

It was indeed a privilege to have our Member of Parliament for the Federal Seat of Forrest come to visit Grace Christian School on Wednesday 5/5/2013. The original purpose of the visit was for the Year 9 and 10 students who have or had studied Law and Government to get a clearer insight into real politics that extend learning beyond the textbook. The visit, however, turned into an even richer experience for the students.

Our Federal Member took us through the busy life of an MP in the House of Representatives. It became clear to the students that a politician’s life is indeed far busier than the shallow media sometimes present. The plethora of meetings, committees, parliament sessions and her role of being a ‘whip’ were all outlined.

Further to this, students were also encouraged to their best in all things. Mrs Marino presented several examples of local people who have achieved beyond expectations; people like Brad Scott (Para-Olympian and medallist) and Anthony Moribito (Significant knee trauma - Fremantle Dockers). Mrs Marino used the life-story of these people to encourage us as students. Stories of her recent visit to Afghanistan to see the Australian troops also engaged the students.

Our Federal Member is also deeply involved in committees that deal with cyber-safety and Mrs Marino volunteered to give various seminars to groups of students on this most pertinent issue. The students came away with a much greater understanding of cyber safety.

Regardless of your political persuasion the Grace Community can be assured that our Federal Seat of Forrest is being well-served by our hard working Federal representative and we thank her for her visit to Grace Christian School.

Mr Lindon Chatman

Gardasil Vaccination

Year 8 – 10 Boys

Dose 2 of the Gardasil vaccination will take place at school on Thursday, 23rd May (Week 3)

Please direct any queries to the School Based Immunisation Program, Bunbury Community Health, Hudson Road
Community Health

Nutrition Corner
There are endless food choices available for lunch boxes but it can sometimes be difficult to decide which foods are healthy choices. Encourage children to be involved in their own lunch preparation.

Sandwiches
Offer a variety of bread and fillings, especially if children begin to lose interest in sandwiches. Choose one or more of the following:
- Salmon or tuna. Try the mini cans of tuna with added flavours
- Cheese – preferably reduced fat cheese
- Egg
- Falafel or lentil patties
- Sliced lean cold meats such as ham, chicken, lamb, beef or meatballs
- Baked beans or bean salad
- Peanut butter or vegemite
- Grated carrot, lettuce or sliced tomato.

Include bread or rolls, flat bread, fruit loaf or buns, bagels, corn or rice cakes, Turkish bread, crisp bread or pikelets.

As an alternative try:
- pasta or fried rice and add some vegetables.

Best left out: Avoid chocolate spreads, jams and honey.
Avoid fatty meats such as salami or polony.

Enquiries: WA Country Health Services South West, telephone 9781 2353

Community Notices

Earn & Learn 2013
The Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion is back on.

It’s simple to participate. From Monday 8th April, when you shop at Woolworths collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points from the checkout operator and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet. There’ll be 1 Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every $10 spent.

Once completed, sheets can be placed in the Woolworths Collection Box in reception in the school office.

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program will help our early learning centre, primary or secondary school purchase valuable learning resources.

Thank you for your support!

This year the Rotary Club will again conduct its ‘Give a can’ appeal.

All food items collected will be passed on to the In Town Lunch Centre, Salvation Army and St. Vincent de Paul Society for distribution to needy families.

It is a great opportunity for students to be personally involved in a community service programme simply by bringing gifts of food – cans, packets of pasta or other non-perishables. The collection box for food items is located in the school administration office.

The appeal will run until Wednesday, 5th June. Every contribution helps, and is greatly appreciated.

GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - 2013 Term dates
Term 1: Monday, 4th February – Friday, 19th April
Term 2: Tuesday, 7th May – Friday, 5th July
Term 3: Wednesday, 24th July – Friday, 27th September
Term 4: Tuesday, 15th October – Friday, 13th December