



PRINCIPAL'S PEN

I wanted in this newsletter to draw your attention again, as I did last fortnight, to matters that need prayer. With just three weeks of the term to run, things are hotting up, particularly for our senior students as they prepare for final exams and the inevitable round of pressures which beset them at this time of the year. I would ask that you remember the group in your prayers and the teachers who work with them as their workload at this time of the year is also considerable.

If you have a student in your household facing their final term of year 12 please remember to pray for and encourage them. Here are a few pointers you may find helpful in supporting your young people:

- Pray with and encourage students at every opportunity
- Exercise patience and understanding in responding to behaviour and attitudes which may be the result of stress
- Make sure your young people have adequate rest and keep reasonable hours, especially over the weekend
- Determine whether a break from casual work might be appropriate
- Keep an eye on diet and eating habits
- Set and keep students focused on study plans and habits
- Diarize exam dates etc for the whole family
- Stay aware of work completion dates, help students keep track by encouraging them to let you know when an assignment is issued, what is involved and when it falls due.
- Make sure you program some rest and relaxation for the family
- Speak with teachers if you have concerns about your child's workload etc

On another point of prayer, we are currently working through a number of issues relating to future planning at Board and school level for which your prayer support would be equally valued. Also, with staff allocation for the coming year nearing resolution we will be focusing our energy in the next few weeks on interviewing new staff applicants. Please pray for us as we seek the Lord's people to fill the various vacancies we have. If you know anyone who might be interested in any of our vacancies for 2005, please ask them to apply. We have had a very poor response to date, which is a little disappointing.

We are looking to appoint a new PE teacher (0.8 FTE) to help lighten Belinda's load, a new junior primary teacher, a Kindergarten teacher to replace our Janelle, a Science teacher to replace our irreplaceable Kerry, and someone to teach the Arts somewhere on the team to help spread Peter a little further and take some of the load off him.

I would value your prayer on these appointments as we work to make these appointments.

**Crispin Sexton
PRINCIPAL**

STOP PRESS

You might be wondering what our College Captain and Vice Captain are doing in the photo below. On Tuesday of this week we attended the election campaign launch for our local member the Hon Don Randall. We were especially invited, as the Prime Minister Mr. John Howard was the guest speaker.

After the speeches we joined the jostling crowds and pressed forward for a handshake and photo opportunity. The girls are pictured below wearing gloves they donned when we arrived back at the College to protect their hands.

On a **SERIOUS** note, Camille Beckingham, our Head Girl, took the opportunity to let the Prime Minister know that we pray for him and his ministers. He was notably impressed, which was a real encouragement to the girls and I.



FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL COORDINATOR

The end of term is approaching quickly. When we look back on the term we can see that much has been accomplished. God has allowed us to work well in all our classes to achieve in such a way that we can honour and praise him for the things He has done in and through us all. We still have a few exciting days to look forward to for the rest of this term.

On September 24 the students in years 3 to 6 will be holding their annual Athletics Carnival. This year we have decided to hold events for those in years P to 2 on a separate day in fourth term. We believe that we can make it less confusing and more special for both of the groups involved. All parents of students in years 3 to 6 should have received a note about the carnival. We would appreciate lots of assistance on the day, so please do consider volunteering your services if you are able to do so. The event will be held on the new oval, past the secondary buildings.

On the last day of term all the students in years 3 to 6 are also able to participate in a movie screening to be held at Thornlie Church of Christ. This is being organised by some of our senior students, and monies raised will partly assist the shipping costs for all the shoeboxes we have been filling up. A separate movie deal will be worked on for the younger students, and you will get a note about that soon.

All the classes have been collecting items for the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Classes will be starting to put these together soon. There may be some last requests for certain items to add to the boxes to fill them effectively. Class teachers will let you know how the boxes are going. Please do pray that these boxes will be given to just the right children and families, and that they will be blessed through these efforts.

All students in years one through six have been doing some standardised testing these last few weeks. By doing these we are hoping to gather data to enable us to assess how we are performing as a school, and also how individual students are doing. Results from these tests will be used mainly to help us plan a successful programme to meet the students' needs more effectively into the future.

Betty Hart
JUNIOR SCHOOL COORDINATOR

FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL COORDINATOR

On Tuesday this week the Middle School staff and I conducted an on the spot uniform check of each

student from Yr 7 to Yr 9. As a result, 32 uniform infringement notices were mailed home to parents.

Firstly, let me say thank you and congratulations to each of the students who were in correct uniform. I appreciate the dedication and pride that you take in your College and yourselves.

Secondly, if you were a parent that received a letter home regarding your child and their uniform, take heart, I'm sure your child has the correct clothing at their fingertips but sometimes chooses not to wear it.

With the onset of a new uniform in 2005, the expectations for wearing the College uniform correctly are going to be increased. This is not to say that these expectations have not already existed but they are going to be enforced at a greater level.

One of the more frequent uniform problems is the wearing of incorrect footwear. Could you please check that your child is wearing **black lace up school shoes** with their formal uniform and **sport trainers** with the PE uniform. **Skate shoes and their variations are not a part of any of the College uniforms.**

As part of your commitment to your children and our College I would really appreciate the support in regard to uniform issues.

Peter Worth
MIDDLE SCHOOL COORDINATOR

GENERAL INFORMATION

FEES AND OPTION / BUS CHARGES OUTSTANDING

We appreciate so many families who have paid their fees and option charges up to date and acknowledge their commitment and thank them for it.

However, there are some families who are falling behind in their fees and option charges and we really need to see these settled by term end.

Families would be aware that we have cash flow obligations which must be met, and we are very dependant on fees and charges being paid in a timely manner.

At present we are writing to families regarding fees and also direct debit assessments so that we can see, even with payment plans in place, that the annual fee will be cleared by December 31.

Again we stress our appreciation for those who do the right thing at the right time.



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



This year we have decided to split the Junior School Athletics Carnival. The Year 3 - 6 students will have their carnival on Friday September 24. The PP - Year 2 students will have a half-day carnival on a Tuesday in Term 4. We will advise you of the exact date closer to the time.

LOST PROPERTY BOX

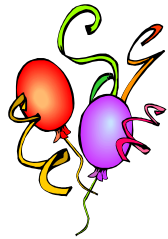
Please note that the lost property box is OVERFLOWING.

If your child is missing any clothing please go to student services to see if it is in the lost property box. Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to the following people:

04/09/92..... Rebecca Wallis
05/09/91..... Bonney Hemmings
05/09/92..... Rhianna Humphreys
05/09/96..... Jodie Ledbury
06/09/93..... Sophie Robinson
06/09/90..... Mitchell Turner
06/09/89..... Kathryn Van Niekerk
06/09/92..... Bryce Ward
07/09/88..... Adam Ewen
09/09/96..... Connor Marshall
10/09/94..... Casey James-Cupit
10/09/91..... Lennon Smartt
10/09/91..... Jacob Street
11/09/87..... Michael Flood
12/09/95..... Aaron Evans
12/09/89..... Christopher Strahan
12/09/90..... Prudence Sutton
12/09/99..... Sabine Van Zelst
13/09/94..... Benjamin Throssell
15/09/91..... Jed Laloh
15/09/91..... Courtney Smith
15/09/89..... Katie Treadgold
16/09/87..... Joshua Gavin
16/09/92..... Olivia Pickens



We hope you all had a wonderful day!

TCC 20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CARNIVAL

On Saturday November 6 Thornlie Christian College, together with the whole College community, will be holding another event to continue to celebrate the College 20th Anniversary. There will be a variety of entertainment, with students' participation, fun activities for all age groups to enjoy, including an afternoon Devonshire tea. Help from parents, grandparents and ex-students would be greatly appreciated. So mark your calendars, pencil in your diaries and get ready for an awesome time of sharing and fellowship.

CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

A BIG THANKS to all families who supported our major fundraiser for the year, the chocolate drive. It was a very successful event, but will be even more successful when we receive all of the outstanding money. Please help us to finalise this event by returning all outstanding money by next Tuesday. Money may be handed in to Parent Services.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

The TCC.CommUNITY Parent Group would like to invite parents to come along and join us over a cuppa to discuss and share suggestions on our College environment, enhancing learning surroundings and different developments taking place within the College. We look forward to seeing many smiling, enthusiastic parents at our next meeting, Wednesday 27th October 2004.

God's richest blessings to all families and friends of Thornlie Christian College.

Avril Manning (Secretary)

LOTE

Thanks to those who've bought back the LOTE TUBS on time - even though we have busy lives the families are really enjoying having extra time with Indonesian resources. If you are allocated the TUB please remember to send it back to school on Monday morning so it can go out to other students and return the feedback questionnaire included. Have you booked the PARENT LOTE TUB yet??? It is also a fantastic resource for adults and families to get to know Indonesia better. Just ring the school office on a Fridays for your turn!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

COMPLETION DATE: FRIDAY 24th SEPTEMBER!!!!

If you still want to add to our shoeboxes please send in items this week, because next week the boxes will be completed and collected. Thanks to many for the great effort so far.

Ibu Leanne

BUSES - REMINDER

If your children are not catching the bus in the morning or afternoon, please remember you are required to let either the bus driver or the school office know. Our bus drivers' new phone numbers are listed below:



- Bentley (Elaine Baguley) 0418 455 450
- Armadale (Mike Baguley) 0417 900 781
- Rockingham (Chris Godleman) 0438 190 329
- Forrestfield (Merica Wharton) 0421 906 914

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT
September 16	Music/Drama Production
	Junior School Assembly hosted by year 4/5
September 17	CCS Track Events Years 7-12
September 20	Mock TEE Exams Commence
	Kindy class 1 to Cohunu Wildlife Park 9.30am-2.30pm
September 21	Kindy class 2 to Cohunu Wildlife Park 9.30am-2.30pm
September 23	Junior School Assembly hosted by year 3/4
September 24	Junior School House Athletics Carnival
September 30	Junior School Assembly hosted by year 2/3
	Lantern of Hope Fundraiser
October 1	Last Day Term 3
	Middle School Rewards Day
	Bushrangers to Rottnest Day Camp. 6.15am-8.30pm
October 18	First Day Term 4
October 29	Year 12 Final Day
November 6	Family Celebration Day
November 9	TEE History Exam
November 10	TEE Discrete Maths Exam
November 11	TEE English Exam
November 12	TEE Chemistry Exam
November 17	TEE Human Biology Exam
November 18	TEE Geography Exam
November 19	TEE Applicable Maths Exam
	TEE Art Exam
November 22	TEE Physical Science Exam
	Year 12 Valedictory Service
	Year 11 Exams Commence
November 26	Year 11 Final Day
November 29	Year 7-10 Exams Commence
December 3	Year 10 Final Day
December 9	Primary Picnic
December 10	Middle School Awards Day
	Pupil Free Day
January 31	First Day Term 1 2005

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

FALLS ON

OCTOBER 4

WHICH IS IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

PLEASE NOTE THIS IN YOUR DIARIES.

STUDENTS RETURNING 2005

Please complete the following form before the end of term 3. Please remember that you are required to give a term's notice if you are leaving.

FAMILY NAME

STUDENT/S NAME

_____ Year '05_____

_____ Year '05_____

_____ Year '05_____

_____ Year '05_____

_____ Year '05_____

RETURNING

WILL NOT BE RETURNING

(Please circle one)