



**THORNLIE
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COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S PEN

With the term now passing the halfway mark, this will be the second last newsletter for 2005. Please keep it handy so you can keep track of the busy round of year-end events.

I am pleased to announce that we have only one more teaching appointment to make to fill our Senior Science vacancy. Filling this position has proven to be extremely difficult and has highlighted the growing shortage of teachers, which is both a national and international problem. My thanks to those of you who have been holding this matter in prayer and may I ask that you continue to pray that we are able to secure the services of a suitable candidate to fill this remaining position.

We have been blessed to be able to appoint two outstanding new Junior School teachers to complete our Junior School team, and an enthusiastic new IT teacher to take over from Mr Rod Sutton who will be leaving us at the end of the year. In addition to these appointments we have also resolved the appointment of a new drama teacher for the Middle and Senior School to expand and develop our existing drama courses. We are looking forward to great things from our new staff, particularly in the area of Performing Arts for 2005.

On another matter, I would like to draw your attention to the letter sent home with your fee accounts this week and encourage those of you who are interested in finding out more about the special offer to return your expression of interest forms to the college ASAP.

This is an exciting opportunity and we hope that with your support we can genuinely kill off the "Fundraising Beast".

Just a couple of points worth thinking about... If all our families were members of the program, which costs nothing to join, all of our phone calls to College families would be FREE and we would save around \$9,000 a year, more than our fundraising efforts for the whole year. In addition to this benefit, the College would receive a payment from ACN (Australian Communication Network) each month, determined by the number of school family members in the program; this has the potential to match and exceed the previous figure. You pay nothing more on your

account and benefit directly through discounts on your call costs.

I trust you will see the huge potential this will have in relation to our providing additional resources to our students while eliminating the need to fundraise. Please consider the program and at least let us know if you would like to participate or know more.

Lastly, a reminder about the end of year awards and presentation events; it is the College's expectation, as in previous years, that all students attend their particular awards nights, and we trust that you as parents will support us in coming along and joining with the community to celebrate our student achievements for 2005.

Please remember that it is also College policy not to make presentations of awards or graduation certificates etc to students who are not in attendance at the awards presentation. If you have a legitimate reason why you are not able to attend, arrangements can be made to receive awards or certificates, however it is imperative that you contact the Coordinator responsible for the area of the school where your children are involved and advise them prior to the event, so that such arrangements can be made.

Reports will be issued to Junior and Middle School parents at the end of the evening events. Reports not collected will be returned to the College and will be available for collection from the college office in January when the office reopens.

Senior school reports will be mailed home to families who attend the awards presentation and may otherwise be collected from the office in January as with the Middle and Junior School reports.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support

CRISPIN SEXTON
Principal

**FROM THE JUNIOR
SCHOOL COORDINATOR**

Our schedule at this time of the year becomes rather hectic, as you can imagine. Not only do we plan a myriad of end-of-year events, but we also are extremely busy planning for next year. We know that many of you are praying for the school. We

appreciate this and we ask you to continue to lift up all staff in your prayers, petitioning God for continued wisdom and perseverance. We especially need lots of God's grace at this time of the year.

All parents are invited to our end of year **awards assembly** planned to be held on Thursday morning, December 2 at 9 o'clock in the Junior School quad. Awards will be given to students from years one through six.

Pre-primary/Kindy end-of-year function will be held at Camp Wattle Grove on Tuesday evening, December 7 commencing at 7 pm. The following evening, Wednesday 8, same place and time will be the Junior School concert and Year six **Graduation**. All year one to six students are expected to attend. School that day will finish at one o'clock, and buses will leave at 1.15 pm. Please arrive at the hall at 6.45 so that the proceedings can get under way promptly at seven o'clock.

For the following day we are planning the **school picnic**. A survey has gone home to all parents asking for feedback on Adventure World as a venue. Please do send these back to school as soon as possible. By Tuesday we need to make a decision, and unless we will have 200 or more paying participants we will need to organise another venue (which we don't mind doing if necessary).

Booklists for next year are being organised. These will be handed out soon,. This year you will be able to order those items you need, and then you will be able to pick them up from Wooldridges before school commences.

A few parents have come to me concerned about composite classes. I was considering arranging an information evening to address these concerns, but at this time of the year it is difficult to find a spare evening. I will therefore be sending a letter home next week to outline our position on this matter which I hope will address.

BETTY HART
Junior School Coordinator

GENERAL INFORMATION



THE BUSY BEES CLUB

The Busy Bees Club are selling large library bags for \$6 each. There are only 16 available so get in quick, because after this batch is sold, we will be producing another batch and the price will rise. Please enquire at Student Services, who will pass the message on to the Busy Bees Club. Thank you.

The Busy Bees
Melinda Younger, Alicia Murray, Elisabeth Greydanus, Vivienne Giles and Mrs Munt

NATIONAL MATHS COMPETITION

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SCHOOL FEES AND OTHER CHARGES

I have just released school fee and other charges accounts for families' attention. The amount of fees outstanding is disturbingly high and my concern is that families will factor the outstanding amounts into their end-of-year expenditures so that the cash flow of the school will be maintained, the commitment to pay fees on time will be maintained and that bus charges and option charges which, I regret to say in a few cases, has been an ignored charge, will be settled by term end.

Particularly to bus using families, you must be conscious of fuel charges increases being experienced just now, so we ask your assistance in settling these accounts again by term end.

Parents of Year 12 students, what a blessing they are. We do need to remind you that all fees and charges for these folk must be paid prior to graduation. Thank you so much to the families who have done just that. Thanks also to those endeavouring.

Recently I asked folk owing monies to Uniform Shop to please arrange payment. As far as I can gather, that plea was not too successful. Could those parents please comply.

We really pray for your assistance in the above issues.

Blessings, Trevor Radbone



YEAR 7 TCC v DALE CRICKET MATCH

The cold wintry morning of Wednesday 10th of November saw Thornlie Christian College year 7 students commence their first match of cricket in an end of year cricket competition.

Playing against Dale Christian School at Gwynne Park in Armadale, both the girls and boys teams fielded first in the modified limited overs matches.

Captained by John Plowman, the boys' team whipped through the opposition with many of their batters failing to trouble the scorer – 7 ducks in total! TCC bowlers impressed greatly with notable efforts by Travis Wharton, John Plowman, Tim Price, Tom Hutcheson and Preshan John deserving a mention.

Set the lowly target of 39 for victory (26 of those runs were from extras) the Thornlie boys went out to bat with victory but a certainty.

Openers John Plowman and Travis Wharton started well making considerable headway into the minimal target until fellow student Corey Hunter, playing for Dale to help make up numbers, caught Travis off his own bowling. This brought Daniel Hart to the crease who worked with John Plowman to bring TCC to victory in 6 short overs. A massive win by 9 wickets!

The girls' team, captained by Katie Gavin, played brilliantly in a tight tussle that saw the girls defeated by 7 runs in the end. Dale Christian School staff present at the event commented on the impressive manner in which the girls conducted themselves and competed within the spirit of the sport.

Well done! We look forward to seeing how the students perform in their upcoming match against Regent College in 2 weeks time.

CONTRATULATIONS TO:

Lucy Mowat and Nyree Wharton, whose poetry was published in a National Poetry Competition!



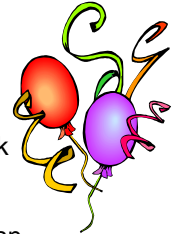
HOME TO RENT

Fully furnished 3x1 + 2 wc home to rent in Gosnells for 6-12 months. Commencing January / February 2005. Please contact Rod & Sara Sutton on phone 9398 3352.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to the following people:

- 29/10/88..... Emily Palmer
- 30/10/92..... Elisabeth Greydanus
- 30/10/89..... Bethany Walker
- 01/11/91..... Renee Graham
- 04/11/89..... Renae Storer
- 05/11/97..... Trindale Fuller
- 05/11/93..... Menno Greydanus
- 07/11/95..... Anita-Marie Marbeck
- 07/11/96..... Jarred Shipton
- 08/11/99..... Natalie Grasso
- 09/11/98..... Cassandra Betterman
- 11/11/92..... Dylan Broadbridge
- 11/11/92..... Liam Hanley



We hope you all had a wonderful day!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT
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 11 Exams Commence
November 23	Valedictory Service Southern Districts Alliance Church 6.30pm
November 26	Year 11 Final Day
November 29	Year 7-10 Exams Commence
December 1	Raising of the Time Capsule 2.00pm – 3.00pm
December 2	Junior School Awards Assembly
December 3	Year 10 Final Day
	Senior School Awards Night
December 6	Middle School Orientation Morning
December 7	Pre Primary / Kindy End of Year Function Camp Wattle Grove 7.00pm
	Middle School Kings Park Outing
December 8	Junior School Concert and Year 6 Graduation - Camp Wattle Grove 7.00pm
December 9	Primary Picnic
December 10	Middle School Awards Night Gosnells Baptist Church 7.00pm
	Pupil Free Day
January 31	First Day Term 1 2005