

Well what a busy two weeks we have had in the lead up to the registration visit. The Registration Panel's visit on Monday was very positive and while we will have to wait for an official report, the panel's summary of the day was very encouraging, noting particularly the progress we have made with the implementation of the Curriculum Framework and the redevelopment of the College during the last five years.

All the last minute grounds projects were completed on Saturday, and I think you will all agree have improved the College's appearance all round. Many thanks to those who have come and helped out with the working bees during these last 4 weeks. A particular mention of appreciation to Antony Hocking and his team of volunteers from MMM, Bill Griffiths who has faithfully attended all four working bees and John Treadgold for coordinating the various projects.

I would like also to thank the College teaching, admin and leadership teams for their efforts during the last few months in assisting with the preparation work that was required for the visit. I am expecting we will hear back from the panel formally before the end of the term and look forward to giving you some further feedback.

SEX EDUCATION - PLEASE READ

On a completely different note; recently a private school in our area received some bad press over their approach to Sex Education and while I do not intend to discuss the matter here, I made particular note of a comment made by a parent who, when interviewed, commented that she knew nothing about the school's Sex Education programme and was shocked when made aware by her children of the content of some lessons.

Our College Board, at its most recent meeting, addressed a request from a parent to review our current policy with a mind to introducing a programme to year fives rather than leaving the initial introduction of a formal programme until the following year. Earlier maturation among our nation's children is a recognized phenomenon and an appropriate adjustment of the programme was approved.

Rather than repeat the details of the Sex Education Policy here, may I suggest that you read the details in your parent handbook which you would have received earlier this year.

At present we do not have a programme to run for the year sixes, an issue we are hoping to address with support from the parent community.

With this in mind I would like to invite interested parents to form a review committee which will have as its initial brief, a review of Sex Education in the Junior School and recommendation of learning programmes and resources; with the further task of reviewing the Secondary programmes once this task is completed.

I am expecting that there will be a keen interest in this topic and would make the comment that while subcommittees need to be representative, we may not be able to accommodate everyone who is interested in being part of the committee. To assist us in the selection of Committee members I would like to invite parents interested in being part of this committee to write a brief letter of application stating why you would like to be a part of the committee and what you believe you have to offer as a committee member and either mail or hand your applications to the College office. Applications will be considered by the College Board and applicants will be notified once the committee has been selected.

Crispin

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

I am sure you will be interested to know that we have two new Board Members on the team. While there are still vacancies, we do have a quorum which allows us to meet at least.

Welcome to Graham Irvine and Julia Kennington. Graham, our new Chair, is the Principal of Regent College and has many years of experience on school Boards and will be a valuable addition to our Board team. Graham has 2 children in the middle school of our College and is keen to serve the College and see it prosper and grow.

Julia has 2 children in the junior school and is also a welcome addition to the Board, bringing the perspective of parents with younger children to the Board.

Our continuing Board Members include:

- Mr Chris Bridge, Board Secretary
- Mr Donovan Phillips, Vice Chair
- Mrs Margaret Swan, Treasurer
- Mrs Jenny Roper, Ordinary Member
- Mr Ron Patterson, Elders Representative

and of course, Trevor and myself.

Applications for Board Members are still open if you would like to be involved. Please contact the office for an application form.

Crispin

FROM THE BURSAR

SCHOOL FEES AND OTHER CHARGES

I need to report to you that there is still a significant amount of school fees and other charges owed for terms 1 & 2. We are reliant on regular payments for cash flow purposes to pay salaries and other accounts, as I am sure you will appreciate.

To families who do not have a payment plan in place, we remind you that your fees are overdue.

To all families, we remind you that additional charges are also overdue.

Your cooperation is earnestly sought.



FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL COORDINATOR

First of all I would like to extend a hearty welcome to Nikki Orrock who has joined Mr Van Niekerk's class. She was just in time to join in with the year 5/6 camp. Thank you teachers and camp Mums and Dads for the efforts you put in and the night of sleep you did without. A special thanks goes to Mrs Steven for all the food preparation done before the camp. From all accounts a great time was had by all.

This year we have not had a Nit Brigade at school. However, the problem is still very much alive in our midst. Please continue to check your children's hair regularly. These pesky things are here to stay, and probably will never be totally eradicated.

I would also like to remind all mums of our healthy eating policy. Please do not pack snack foods that are extremely high in sugar, salt or additives in your child's lunchbox. Teachers will ask students to pack these foods away and to save them for after school. We understand that it is easier to pack ready packed snacks, but our concern is for the students' health and for their ability to learn. Foods such as chips and candy do not support our policy.

With more after school activities happening there also arises a problem with students or other unsupervised children being in the school ground after hours. Please ensure your children are safe at all times, and that you are able to account for their whereabouts. The swings and other

equipment are out of bounds unless there is a parent to supervise.

Our swimming lessons will commence on June 20. If you have not yet completed the enrolment forms and paid for the lessons, we ask you attend to that as soon as possible.

All students who were at TCC last year and who are in years 4 to 6, need to return their portfolios (with contents) to the school so we can add to this document. Many of these binders are still at home and need to be returned as a matter of urgency.

In the next few weeks we will welcome two student teachers from Victoria to our school. **Mr Sean Webb** and **Mr Brian Stone**, who will be working with Mr Pitchford and Mr Keane respectively. We extend a hearty welcome to both these young men, and it is our prayer that their stay in our midst is mutually beneficial.

This Friday, tomorrow, June 3, is a **student free day** for the Junior School only.

MISS BETTY HART

Junior School Coordinator

SENIOR SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Week six of the term is nearly behind us and hopefully all of the students of the Senior School are putting in the necessary hours in preparation for their examinations and completion of tasks. It is pleasing to see many of the students working hard and achieving some very pleasing results.

Student Achievement

Congratulations to Joseph Abou Haidar, Joseph Pitnavick, Emma Clutterbuck, Claire Bilich, and Melissa Caulfied who have been awarded a Bronze Certificate recognising 10 commendations. Parents are very welcome to join with us at the weekly assemblies to share in these presentations.

Work Experience - Year 10

A reminder that all placement details should now have been handed in to Mrs Balding for processing. If you are still having difficulty in finding a placement, please phone to discuss the situation.

Arts Careers Night - UWA -June 21 7.30 – 9.00 pm. For further information see Mrs Balding.

MRS HELEN BALDING

Senior School Co-ordinator

GENERAL INFORMATION

DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 3** Junior School Pupil Free Day
June 6 Foundation Day Public Holiday
June 8 Interhouse Cross Country
June 13 Semester 1 Exams Yrs 10 & 11
June 20 Semester 1 Exams Mid. School
Junior School Swimming Starts
June 30 CCS Cross Country Yrs 2-12
July 1 End of Term
Lantern of Hope Fundraiser
July 18-19 Bushrangers Camp
July 20 Term 3 Begins

WORKING BEE



Please give your name to the front office if you participated in the Working Bees during May, so that your fees can be discounted against your attendance.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS – TERMS 2 & 3

Wednesdays & Thursdays 8.30am – 12.00pm

OFFICE HOURS

The office is open during the term from 8.00am to 4.00pm.

KINDY ENROLMENTS 2005

- If you have a child that will be old enough to start Kindy next year, please come to the office and enroll them now.
- You will only need to fill out a Student Data Form, as the College already has the rest of your details. Please do not leave this and assume we know you have younger children who will start next year. Once places are filled, we cannot make exceptions.



SOCCER

There will be **no game** this Saturday (June 4) due to the long weekend.

DAY CARE

Carey Baptist College has a Vacation Day Care program that is during the July school holidays. We encourage any interested families to collect an application form from our front office.



RING IN ABSENTEES

If your child is absent from school on any day, it is important that you let the office know before school starts. This is a security measure designed to ensure the whereabouts of students is known.



Thank you.

SPORTS NEWS

We have had some students recently compete in sporting competitions outside of the College's program.

Amy van Niekerk competed in the National Christian Schools Swimming Championships at Challenge Stadium. To even reach this level of competition is quite an achievement. She represented Western Australia in the 50metres Breastroke, Backstroke and Butterfly and achieved 4th place in each of her races. Well done Amy, we are very proud of your hard work and achievements.

Joslyn Pickens competed at the National Gymnastics Championships in Sydney recently. She placed an outstanding 8th overall in her age group and achieved first place in the uneven bars competition. This is a very competitive event and Joslyn's dedication to training has really paid off with these fine results. Well done Joslyn!

X Country



The Interhouse Cross Country will be held at the College on Wednesday June 8. All students will be competing for their House.

Cross Country training will continue until the Interschool Cross Country Championships on Thursday 30 June. Training is on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 3.40 – 4.30pm.

FROM THE UNIFORM DEPARTMENT

If you have ordered winter clothing items they are ready for payment and collection in the Front Office and Uniform shop. Please note that the Front Office can only accept cash or cheque payments. Please bring your invoices with you to make collection and payment easier for Staff and helpers. Winter orders not collected by next week will be returned to stock and monies paid will be transferred over to an 'in credit' account held in the Uniform Shop.

The Kindy and Pre-primary fleecy tops are available for purchase in sizes 4 and 6 and are selling for \$25.00 each. The fleecy pants sell for \$16.30 each. All TCC Uniforms are to be purchased through the Uniform Shop. A decision was made last year **not** to change the winter uniform for Kindy and Pre-primary due to the cost involved. Children at this age and level of education are very hard on their clothes not to mention how often paint and play dough find their way onto your children's tops and pants at the end of a school day. If you require any red polo shirts, sports shorts or the above said items please don't hesitate to call in, send me a note or leave a message on my phone. Also, Visa or MasterCard payments can be made over the phone if this is more convenient for you.

Junior, Middle and Senior school dresses arrived last week. All back orders have been filled so if you require a dress please call in, send a note or leave a message on my phone. Middle and Senior school size 12 skirts will be ready for purchase in two weeks. To those that have ordered white and blue shirts, I thank you for your patience and am told that they too will be ready in a couple of weeks time (if not sooner!).

Students are reminded that the new micro fibre jacket is only to be worn on your designated sports day and not to be worn with the college uniform **or** over the jumper.

- The Uniform Shop now stocks boys black leather look a like belts in 3 sizes. These sell for \$12.50 each and are available in stock right now.
- ALL girls and ladies blue and white style 'Peak' shirts are still on sale for \$20.00 each normally priced at \$29.70 each. Stock up now for winter and summer.
- I have plenty of jumpers in stock at present. Jumpers in sizes 5 – 16 sell at \$65.00 and sizes 18 – 26 sell at \$76.00 each.

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP CONT...

- Navy blue tights for *ALL* girls are available for purchase at \$6.70 each.
- Middle and Senior school navy polar fleece scarves are priced at \$10.00 each.

We are open on Wednesdays and Thursdays in Term 2 and 3 between 8:30 am – 12:00 pm. Please call in and see us or alternatively you can leave a note with the Front Office and/or leave a message on message bank and I will call you back.

SUPERVISION HOURS

Please remember that teachers do not go on duty until 8.30am before school. If you need to drop your children off at school before this time, please note that they will not be supervised, and therefore remain your responsibility.



MISSING JUMPER

If you find a jumper with the name Clutterbuck on the tag, please hand in to student services.