

## SEMESTER 2 Term 3 NEWSLETTER No. 11

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### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

Dear Parents

As Term 3 begins it is my pleasure to welcome you all back to school. By now you will have received and studied your children's reports and we are looking forward to seeing you at our parent interviews in Week 3.

I have been receiving feedback on last semester's results and I would like to share some thoughts with you in this regard.

Firstly, it is gratifying to acknowledge the large number of our students who are achieving to their potential at TCC. We commend these students on their achievements because we know that, for most, these results do not come easily but are the result of commitment, self-discipline and a good measure of hard work!

When I interview prospective students and their parents for positions at TCC, I often state that:

*"TCC aims to see each student achieving to the best of his or her ability using the talents that each has been blessed with by our awesome God. Each child has been uniquely gifted and we rejoice in this God-given uniqueness."*

Therefore we do not expect every child to excel in every way – that would be unrealistic – but we do expect *every child to be trying their best*.

This brings me to my second thought: it is of concern to me that we have a growing number of students who seem to lack the desire to make use of the opportunities on offer to them at TCC.

Issues such as *incomplete homework, incomplete assignment work, untidy, incomplete and even missing workbooks, not paying attention in classes and even disrupting classes*, all reflect this lackadaisical attitude.

As a staff we are committed to providing high-quality opportunities for all of our students to benefit from an education that will prepare them well for the next phase in their lives. Ultimately though, it is each student's choice as to whether they grasp these opportunities with enthusiasm or allow them to slide through their grasp because they are lacking motivation or self-discipline.

If our students are to go on to become successful, Christian adults they need to be learning the essential life-habits of *commitment, dedication, perseverance and excellence* that will equip them to compete in the ever-more-competitive global marketplace.

Thank you for supporting us in reinforcing these attitudes and life-habits in your children. Together, in partnership, College and home can form a powerful partnership for life-learning. And that, after all, is why we became parents and teachers, isn't it?

**Bill Innes  
PRINCIPAL**

### **FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL COORDINATOR SENIOR SCHOOL HAPPENINGS**

Welcome to term three. From the outset it is set to be another very busy term with many important events on the College calendar. It is also an important term for the whole of the Senior School with the Year 12's contemplating "where to next" with their tertiary studies for next year and enrolling into the various courses at TAFE and University. It is important that they be well versed with the entry requirements and the alternative pathway of entry for 2007. The Year 10's and 11's will within weeks be selecting pathways and subjects for 2007. Many of the Year 11's will also have the opportunity to consider being part of the College Student Leadership Team for 2007 and make application for Prefect positions. Others are in serious training for the Inter-House and Interschool Athletics carnivals. On the social scene the Entertainment and Functions committee are putting together and organising a Talent Quest for students to enter throughout the whole of the College and at the end of the term, we have the Annual Senior School River Cruise.

I encourage all students to be excited about learning and remember that learning of all types whether it be academic, physical or in the workplace, is about risk and about challenge. It is about confronting what it is that you do not know with confidence and courage; and in so doing building further upon that courage and confidence to positively tackle your life. It is also important to remember that all are supported by the many around you that understand the challenges faced and continually offer encouragement, guidance and prayer.

## CAREER EDUCATION

Next week the Year tens, hopefully all 67 of them will be heading off to work for the week to have a taste of "real" work. Essentially it involves them observing the various tasks performed by their employers and trying to put themselves in their shoes. It will be interesting to see and hear of their experiences when they return and whether or not they want to pursue that pathway or never again! I would just like to thank those parents who were able to assist in finding placements for their child. It has certainly been appreciated.

## STRUCTURED WORKPLACE LEARNING

SWL continues this term with thirty four students studying the Vocational Pathway going to work each Friday. This is a Curriculum Council subject and is providing students with another opportunity of exploring work options. The industries represented are many and varied including – Childcare, Travel and Tourism, Computing, Aged Care, Health and Fitness, Plumbing, Electrical, Graphic Design, Counselling, Autism, Interior Design, Occupational Therapy, Mechanics, Landscape Gardening, Events Co-ordinating. Many success stories have been initiated through our workplace programme.

## PARENT INTERVIEWS – SENIOR SCHOOL

If after receiving your child's report you would like to speak with a subject teacher, please ring the College and leave a message for the teacher to phone you and organise an appropriate time for an interview.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the many students in Years 10-12 who achieved awards for term two. It was very pleasing to see so many achieving to the best of their ability in their subject areas. **Special congratulations** go to the following who have achieved their Bronze certificate recognising their efforts in achieving 10 commendations. **Bronze certificates** were awarded to **Benjung Pitavanik, Alandra Wilson, Rebecca Rebeiro, Tammara Carter and Amy Irvine.**

## SENIOR FIRST AID CERTIFICATES

**Congratulations** to the following Year 11 & 12 students who spent a few Saturdays completing and passing their Senior First Aid course. **Katie Treadgold, Mellissa Udiljak and Kathryn van Niekerk.**

## STATE SPORTING REPRESENTATIVES

**Congratulations to Ashanti and Ashara Wills** for being selected in the State Christian Basketball team to compete in Queensland next week.

**Lewis Flood** for being selected in the State Under 16 years Rugby team to compete in the National competition later on this term.

## UNIFORMS

The Winter uniform is the uniform for term three. We appreciate you assisting us by making sure that your child is in correct College uniform. The following are some areas of the uniform that we continually have a problem with.

- Skate shoes are not to be worn at all to school.
- The correct College white sock must be worn.
- Zips on tracksuit trousers must be done up at all times
- Only the top button to be undone on the sports tops and shirts.
- Skirt length for girls is to the knee when kneeling.
- Tracksuit tops may be worn but over the College jumper.
- Make-up is not permitted
- Hair bands for girls must be navy blue
- Scarves are to be the College uniform scarf
- Girls ear-rings to be as per the uniform policy
- Boys must be clean shaven.

## PARENT SUBJECT INFORMATION EVENING

**MONDAY SEPTEMBER 18.** This will be a meeting for all parents of current Year 9's and 10's. The purpose of the evening is to inform you of the pathways and subjects being offered at the College for 2007. There will be two sessions, the Year 9 at 6.30 pm and the Year 10 at 7.30 pm. Each staff member will present a brief overview of his or her subject area. You will also be brought up to date with what is happening with the new Courses of Study and OBE.

## TEE EXAMINATION DATES

**The TEE** examinations commence on October 3 for our Drama Students and November 7 for all Theory exams. The following are the dates our Students will be sitting their subject examinations at Carey Baptist College.

<b>October 3-13 (School Hols)</b>	<b>Drama</b>	<b>Studies</b>
	<b>Prac</b>	
<b>November 6</b>	<b>Drama</b>	<b>Studies Theory</b>
<b>November 7</b>	<b>Human</b>	<b>Biology</b>
<b>November 9</b>	<b>English</b>	
<b>November 10</b>	<b>Discrete</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>
<b>November 13</b>	<b>History</b>	
<b>November 15</b>	<b>Chemistry</b>	
<b>November 16</b>	<b>Geography</b>	
<b>November 21</b>	<b>Physical</b>	<b>Science</b>

**The Mock TEE examinations commence in week nine and some of the exams will be held in the October holidays.**

### **GOVERNOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Last Friday 28 July, we had the opportunity of attending the Governor's Prayer Breakfast held at the Burswood Convention Centre. 1200 people were present, including dignitaries such as the governor of Australia, Ken Michael AC and guest speaker Ed Silvoso, who gave an insightful message about how God has anointed each in his/her own area of specialty. The morning provided a chance for the public to show their support for our State Government by uniting together in prayer.

We left the Breakfast early to head to Gosnells Civic Centre for our next engagement.

### **MEET THE HON PRIME MINISTER MP**

We were present to greet the Hon Prime Minister John Howard MP along with other student representatives from nearby schools. He was impressed with the students' enthusiasm, and later gave a speech about the importance of small businesses around Australia.

We were privileged to attend both functions, and Mr Innes and Mrs Balding deserve thanks for providing us with transport so early in the morning.

**By Grant and Lydia**

**Head Boy/Head Girl**

### **MEET OUR SENIOR SCHOOL TEACHERS**

Hello. My name is Neil Munyard and...no; I am not married to Mrs. Munyard (Raelene, Middle Schools' Mathematics teacher). Raelene is, however, my sister in law.

I joined TCC's staff at the beginning of last term as the SOSE teacher for Year 7 boys, Year 8 girls, Year 9H and Year 10 stream 1 students. I also teach Biblical Studies to the whole of Year 10 and English to Year 10 stream 3. This term I get the opportunity to teach one module of English to Year 9M.

I completed my Bachelor of Education in March of 2006 through Murdoch University after being employed with Telstra as a technician for 22 years.

I entered teaching because it was made clear to me that God had something more for me to do in another role while I was still young enough to make a difference.

My hobbies outside of school include rallying (I am a licensed navigator), anything to do with music (I love to play any musical instrument and to sing) and spending time with my family. My wife and I have three children aged 14, 12 and 9.

I enjoy greatly the challenge of teaching at Thornlie Christian College and believe that I am where God wants me to be and am doing what He has called me to.

I look forward to serving for many years at the College until God taps me on the shoulder to say that my time is finished here and there is something else I am required to do.

### **TERTIARY EXPOS AND OPEN DAYS**

#### **CAREER CHOICES EXPO Aug 4, 5, 6**

Unfortunately we will not be visiting the Expo as a Senior School this year as we have our Inter-House Athletic Carnival on the same day. However I do encourage all students in the Senior School to visit the Expo. This is an excellent opportunity for students to investigate a wide range of occupations, observe many demonstrations, and speak with the representatives from TAFE, Universities and Private Colleges.

#### **MURDOCH UNIVERSITY COURSES AND CAREERS DAY - ROCKINGHAM**

August 20 10am -3 pm

#### **EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY**

**NURSING** - August 11 6.30 pm

**EDUCATION – August 16**

#### **SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCES**

Wednesday August 16 6.00 pm

#### **MANAGEMENT & INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

August 17 4.pm

**PSYCHOLOGY** - August 17 6.00 pm

#### **ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS**

August 17 9.30 am

#### **CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY STUDIES**

September 6 - 6 pm

#### **DEPT OF FISHERIES**

**Students interested in working in an aquatic field**

August 18

#### **MURESK INSTITUTE OPEN DAYS**

Students interested in studying Agriculture

September 8 and Sunday September 10

#### **TAFE ARCHITECTURAL AND DESIGN STUDIES**

OPEN WEEK AUGUST 28 – SEPT 1 Leederville

Campus - Mon – Thurs 10 am – 6 pm

#### **CURTIN UNIVERSITY - OPEN DAY**

Sunday August 13

#### **HELEN BALDING**

**SENIOR SCHOOL CO-ORDINATOR**

### **FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL COORDINATOR**

**“Achievement seems to be connected with action. Successful men and women keep moving. They make mistakes, but they don't quit.”**

**Conrad Hilton.**

What is success and how do we measure it?

Does it occur when we are the highest achiever in any given class or task? Does it occur when we are outstanding in our chosen field of work or sport? Is it measured by the amount of money that we earn?

Yes, each of these can be used as an outward measure of success and achievement; but is that all we should be teaching our children to work towards? If the heart is in the correct place and we are listening to what God wants for us in connection with His plans, we can work towards achieving success in Him.

Achieving the best that we can with what God has blessed us is the real expression of success that we can teach our children to work towards.

**MR PETER WORTH**  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL COORDINATOR**

## **FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL COORDINATORS**

Dear Parents

Welcome back to everyone after the holiday break, I trust that you have had an enjoyable and restful time away from the normal school routine.

Term 3 has got off to a great start and with everyone back into their busy routines, the holidays almost become a distant memory. There are many exciting activities, events and occurrences happening this Term and I draw your attention to some of them:

**EDU-DANCE** – We were to start off the program in Week 1, but as it turned out, we got washed out and therefore had to postpone our first session. The Lord willing, we will have a venue to use in case of wet weather and a make-up lesson will be provided. The children are still very enthusiastic about the program and we look forward to the final concert at the end of the Term. A huge ‘Thank You!’ to all the families who have paid the Edu-dance fee so far and we would like to gently remind those who have yet to pay, that payment is due and it is to be forwarded on to the front office. Once again, it is \$15 for students in Pre-Primary to Year 4 and \$20 for students in Years 5 and 6.

**WALNA** – It is that time of year again where students in Years 3, 5 and 7 participate in the ‘WA Literacy and Numeracy Assessments’. These will be happening during Week 3. The teachers have been busy preparing the students for these assessments with practice questions, as well as preparing the students mentally to cope with any added stress and anxiety they may feel. We ask that parents assist us in this area by reminding your children that they are to do their best and that is all that is asked of them. Please add these points to your daily prayers.

**PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS** – On Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of August, we will be holding our Parent/Teacher Interviews starting from 3:30pm. A note went home on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of July to inform you of this and the need for parents to ring the front office to make an appointment. The front office will do their best to slot you into a time that

best suits you, but it will be a first in-first choice type of situation. In order to put together a timetable for each teacher, we have set a deadline for Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August as being the last day you can ring to make an appointment. Please use this opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher to discuss their progress.

**SWIMMING LESSONS** – These will be happening this Term in Weeks 9 and 10. We have had some queries as to why we hold in-term lessons at this time of year, the reason being is that schools are slotted into set times on a rotational basis. This means that next year, we should be booked into a much better time of year for swimming. The swimming venues do this to try and make it as fair as possible for the large number of schools who use their facilities.

**PUNCTUALITY** – Just a friendly reminder to parents and students that as school commences at 8:45am each day, students should be at school by 8:40am at the very latest, to ensure that they can organise their equipment and be prepared to commence school on time. It is very important that our children learn to respect other peoples’ time by being punctual to school.

If your child/ren will be absent, your cooperation to notify the front office is much appreciated. It is preferable if you contact the school before 9am. A note on their return to school is also required.

Thank you for your cooperation.

I look forward to an exciting Term and would like to finish with this quote:

“Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God.”

“Truly, truly I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to the Father.”

John 14:12

May God bless us this Term as we work together to equip and nurture our students.

**MRS CORINNA KEANE**  
**PRIMARY SCHOOL COORDINATOR**

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

CONTACT NUMBERS FOR SCHOOL FAMILIES



If you have changed your home or mobile phone number recently please make sure that you have advised the Front Office on 9455 1607 of the change so that we can contact you if we need to.

Thank you.

### **DOUBLE HELIX SCIENCE CLUB**

I would like to encourage parents/guardians to consider getting their children to join the Double Helix Science Club. It is especially good for young people who have an interest in science. The magazines provide many interesting articles and activities that will stimulate the inquiring young mind. There are also special activities, competitions and prizes. Although TCC can not endorse all the ideas presented in the magazines I know that they are full of very helpful and exciting material. Please see the insert in this newsletter for further details or you can contact me at the school.

**Peter Crouch (Science teacher)**

### **FOCUS ON BEING ON TIME FOR SCHOOL AND LESSONS**



The College will be focussing on lateness this term.

#### **Reasons why being on time for class is important:**

- ❖ Being punctual and on time is an important life skill.
- ❖ It is important for you to be on time for classes so that you don't miss important instructions from the teacher.
- ❖ If you are late to class it can disrupt the learning of others.

#### **Common courtesy if you are late:**

- ❖ If you are late you knock on the door, make eye contact with your teacher and wait for a signal from your teacher to join the class or to explain your absence.
- ❖ If you are late because of circumstances beyond your control (e.g. late bus) then you are to find an appropriate time to explain to your teacher. If you walk into a class late your teacher might be in the middle of doing something important. If this is the case you wait for a signal to sit down and then wait again to find an appropriate time to tell your teacher the reason for your lateness.

#### **The Rule for Lateness:**

**Students who are late for Form Class or Period 1 must obtain a note from Student Services.**

### **DRAMA NOTICES**

\* Middle School Drama Club will be changing its meeting day, from Tuesday to Wednesday as of week 3.

\* Year 12 Drama Students will present some of their best work of the year, in a night of solo performance presentations. The students will present completely original performances that they themselves have written and created. Don Russell Performing Arts Centre. Wed 30 Aug, 7pm. More details coming soon!

### **FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP**

Welcome back! Thank you to all the parents who prayed for the girls and ladies slacks to arrive before the end of Term 2. I am very pleased to say that they finally arrived on the Monday before the end of term and have been safely issued to the families who ordered them! Praise the LORD!

### **SUMMER UNIFORM ORDERS**

Order forms for summer uniform in Term 4 are enclosed in this newsletter. **Please return any orders by Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> September. Any orders received after this date will incur a 5% late fee.** (I have given you almost five weeks to get organised!) Thank you, in advance, for all the families who consistently order on time!

### **LOST PROPERTY**

I am disappointed to hear that many parents already have to replace items that they have only just purchased recently. This is especially disappointing when they advise me that the items have been clearly marked on the name tags provided. Some students have reported finding their name tags (cut off) on the ground – but no garment attached! Parents, you know what you have purchased for your child/ren. If you notice that an item of clothing has been mistakenly taken home by your child, please return it to Student Services as a courtesy to others who have also invested a great deal of money on uniforms. Together, I'm sure that we can stop this problem from growing. Thank you!

### **UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS**

Shop opening hours for Term 3 are as follows:-

**MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS  
8:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. ONLY**

As per the uniform handbook, Terms 2 and 3 are only half day trading times. Terms 1 and 4 will be full days.

Have a great Term 3!

Yours in Christ's service,

**Robbie Wojcik  
UNIFORM SHOP COORDINATOR**

**LOST JUMPER SIZE 12**  
Has Ashley Pearce's name on it.

### LOST PROPERTY

Below is a list lost property items that have names on. Please check the list and pick up any uniform belonging to any of your children. This list was current as at the end of Term 2.

ANGWIN Molly	Jacket
BAILEY Jordan	Jumper
BLACKBURNE Jesse	Jacket
BRACEGIRDLE Bethany	Hat
CAREW Paula	Hat
CHOONG Kimmy	Hat
CLARK Hayden	Hat
EVANS Aaron	Jumper
FURLONG Andrew	Jumper
IB - maybe Isobel BAVERSTOCK	Shorts
KW - maybe Kezia Wojcik	Netball Jacket
LEDBURY	Jumper
LEDBURY Jodie	Jacket
LT - maybe Larissa TUCKER	Jacket
MASARANI Claire	Hat
MATHERS Jaymie	Hat
McCAMLEY Brendan	Hat
MORRIS Meagan	Hat
PICKENS	Jacket
RILEY Michele	Hat
SMARTT Lennon	Hat
SWIFT Carl	Hat
THOMSON Brock	Hat
VAN HOUWELINGEN Addison	Jacket
VAN HOUWELINGEN Kael	Jumper
WALLIS Rebecca	Hat
WOJCIK Jacob	Shorts

### OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Information is available from the college for the following "Out of School" activities:

**City of Gosnells Sportsmania** - A sports programme especially designed for 5-12 year olds on Tuesday afternoons from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Richard Rushton Community Centre.

**Thornlie-Kenwick (TK) Harriers Little Athletics Club** - Registration days for the 2006/2007 season - contact numbers available.

**Willetton Baseball Club** - Information available for Tee Ball, Softball and Baseball.

### Flute Lessons

The Flute teacher has advised that she has 2 spots available during school on Thursday mornings for any student who would like to learn the flute. Contact number is available from the Front Office.

### WELCOME!

It is always a pleasure to welcome new members to the staff team! When making any appointment at TCC we ask God to bring his special, anointed people to join the team in this, His school. And so it is with great pleasure that I am able to welcome **Mrs Karen Illich**, our new Business Manager and **Mr Amit Khaira**, our new Chaplain to TCC. Also joining us this term is **Mrs Joan Lee** who is replacing Mrs Maria Binns for this term. Please take time to come and meet our new staff members and make them feel welcome.

Also, we welcome the following new students to TCC:

**Megan Jenkins 9H**  
**John Plowman 9M**  
**Klem Nazier 5/6S**  
**Fifi Nazier 5/6S**

We trust that each will grow in Christ and in knowledge in the time that they are with us.

**Bill Innes**

