

**SEMESTER 2 Term 3
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**FROM THE
PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

Dear Parents

There is no doubt that the Bible is the ultimate handbook for life. Therein can be found advice, guidance, instruction, wisdom, in fact all that is required for living life *well*.

Many people have climbed onto the bandwagon of producing instruction manuals for life – in the sixties Dale Carnegie marketed the “How to Win Friends and Influence People” philosophy. A closer look at his approach showed that, at best, he was providing little more than “band-aids” for the social abscesses of life - He was changing behaviours but not the attitudes behind the behaviours. In the decades since, any number of authors have offered their “fail-proof” recipes for a successful life.

Some authors have however managed to get parts of the recipe right. One of my favourite authors in this area is a man by the name of Stephen Covey, most famous for his book, “*The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*” – a great read if you have the time. Stephen is from a Christian background and so there are many parallels between his writings and the eternal biblical principles that we deem so important for life.

One of his seven “habits” is this:

BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND.

So, what does this mean? Well, basically Covey is suggesting that the best way to undertake a successful journey is to plan it in advance. First, know where you are going. If you know where you are going, you can plan out the route, you can accurately estimate how long the journey will take, how much fuel it will require, where you will stop to rest and so on. You can even plan for emergencies.

Now, this all sounds like plain, common sense - after all who ever left on a vacation without knowing where they were actually going? And yet in life this is what many of us often tend to do...

We take each day as it comes; we don't look further than the next weekend, the next payday, the next month. We're heading in a direction but we haven't really worked out where we're going.

I see this phenomenon quite a bit within our student body and it concerns me. Students come to school, day after day, term after term and there seems to be little urgency or sense of direction. Work is completed in a haphazard fashion... or not..., uniform is worn *sort of* the way it is expected to be worn..., paying attention in classes is an optional extra..., for some of our students even school attendance seems to be a bit of a hit or miss affair!

I know that our teachers encourage each student to set personal goals, work out study plans, set high expectations for themselves and use their God-given talents to the best of their ability. Many students take this advice and find that, with the correct attitude, education becomes an exciting, challenging and fulfilling pathway, each phase preparing them for the next, more challenging step, on the pathway of life. Unfortunately, some students allow these educational opportunities to slip through their fingers.

I would encourage you to sit down with your children tonight and help them to identify the end of their particular journey at this time. It may be something as simple as the completion of a school task or making the selection for a sports team. It may be something as challenging as getting into TAFE or Uni or making a personal commitment to Christ. Help them to see the *end* so that they can begin *planning their journey* and in this way become proactive in getting to where they aim to be.

**BILL INNES
PRINCIPAL**

**FROM THE SENIOR
SCHOOL
COORDINATOR**

Within the next few days parents of our current Year nine and ten students will receive an invitation to attend the Subject Information Evening. The purpose of the evening is to inform you of the pathways and the subjects being offered at the College for 2007 and to bring you up to date with the new requirements for Secondary Graduation. There will be two sessions, the Year 9's at 6.00 pm and the Year 10's at 7.30 pm. Staff members will present a brief overview of their

subject areas. Subject handbooks and subject selection sheets will be available to parents in attendance. **This is an extremely important meeting and we would encourage parents to make this evening a priority.**

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Emma Robinson, Taliah McKenzie, Jorja Hocking and Casey van Dongen who have been working hard and obtained ten commendations and received their Bronze certificate.

Combined Christian Schools Athletic Carnival

Congratulations yet again to **Lydia Winslade** who has another trophy to add to her collection – R/Up Open Champion Athlete at the Interschool Carnival. Congratulations to all who were chosen to represent their College. I would also applaud the following students who competed far and beyond what was required of them filling in for those who were not able to compete so that Thornlie was represented: **Sam Baker, Jorja Hocking, Lydia Winslade, Casey van Dongen, Kristen Tascone, Neveen Dahdal, Nyree Wharton, Jesse Blackburne, Matthew Marsh, and Henry Skeen**

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT: It was disappointing to note that some students did not attend the carnival while others were not prepared to support the College by entering events, thus leaving the College conspicuous by its absence in a number of events. This does not support the collegiate attitude that we encourage at TCC.

YEAR 12 MOCK TEE EXAMINATIONS

A reminder - The Year 12's will commence their TEE mock examinations on Friday **October 6** and continue through to **October 13**.

The **Drama** students will also be performing their TEE practical examinations in the first week of the holidays.

SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

Thank you to the members of the College Community that have responded to the article in the last newsletter and have purchased some shares. We will keep you up to date with how the business is progressing in the fortnightly newsletters.

YEAR 12 LEAVERS TOPS

You may have seen flashes of a new navy blue top moving around the College. The Year 12's are now wearing their distinctive navy with a special design depicting that their final days at the College

are drawing closer. Although the design was a team effort, Mikaela Watts, Chloe Clifton and Kathryn Wall have played a significant role in putting it all together to create the final design.

TERTIARY INFORMATION

TEE REVISION COURSES

Academic Associates 93104490

Muresk Institute Open days

September 8 and 10

Notre Dame – Courses Expo Tuesday September 5 6-8 pm

STUDENT and STAFF HEALTH - Over the last few weeks many of our students and staff have been struck down by illness with many of them having to take days off and in some cases over a week to recover from the many viruses that seem to lingering around. Some of these are Year 12 students who are in the midst of completing their schooling and preparing for exams and graduation. **I draw this to your attention so that as a College community we can unite together and remember them in prayer and pray for the healing of all those who are struggling because of sickness.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please keep a note of the following important events that are happening in the Senior School

August 28	Nominations for Prefects 2007
August 30	Yr 12 Drama Solo perform.
Sept 7-8	Yr 12 Geography excursion
Sept 14	Commedia delArte perform
Sept 15	Applications for Prefect due
Sept 18	Subject Info Night – Yr 9 & 10 Parents 2006
Sept 21	Speeches for Prefect Assembly
Sept 28	Announcement of Training Prefects
October 2-5	Yr 12 TEE Drama Pracs
October 6-13	Yr 12 Mock Exams
October 17-Nov 21	Yr 11 Driver Ed Course
October 23	Year 12 student Art exhibition
October 27	Yr 12 Final day & Assembly
October 28	Senior School River Cruise
November 6	TEE commences
November 13	Year 11 exams begin
November 20	Year 10 exams begin
November 21	TEE concludes
November 22	Yr 12 Valedictory Service & Dinner
November 24	Year 11 final day 1.00 pm
November 27-29	Yr 12 Leavers Camp
November 30	Year 10 final day 1.00 pm
December 1	Senior School Awards Night

MRS HELEN BALDING

SENIOR SCHOOL CO-ORDINATOR

FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL COORDINATOR

For any College, one of the best support networks they can have is their parent community.

At a recent Middle School staff meeting we discussed some of the benefits of life here at TCC. A few of these benefits are:-

- A good knowledge of students by staff.
- Good student/teacher relationships
- Very supportive parents.

I would like to echo these feelings and say that if it were not for the valuable interaction with you as parents, we would not be able to have such a good connection with your children.

It takes a huge amount of faith and trust to drop your child off at a school each day and feel comfortable that they will be treated with care and respect.

The fact that you do entrust us with your children day after day is a huge vote of confidence on your part because we do have a heart to see your children succeed in all aspects of their education.

Even if you don't say it, your actions have meaning.

**PETER WORTH
MIDDLE SCHOOL COORDINATOR**

FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL COORDINATORS

Greetings!

Here we are in Week 6 and we are wondering just where has the Term gone? There has been a lot happening this Term with Edu-dance, Assemblies, WALNA Testing, preparations for our 'Learning Journey' and the upcoming Swimming Lessons. Here are some areas we would like to keep you informed on:

Learning Journey

We are very excited about our upcoming 'Learning Journey' that is to take place on Friday the 1st of September in the Primary School. All parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, are welcome to attend this special day where you will have the opportunity to visit the classrooms and be led through the different displays by the students themselves. The 'Learning Journey' will be open from 1:15pm till the end of the school day. The students have been busy preparing their classrooms and are eager to share with you what they have been learning this Term on the Theme: AIR.

Edu-Dance

The children have been doing a fantastic job at the rehearsals and it looks to be a great production at the end of the Term. At the moment the Concert is going to be performed on Friday the 29th of September at the Thornlie Church of Christ. We hope to start the Concert at 2pm and finish by 3pm. The children will be bussed to the Church during the day for their final rehearsal and will stay until the concert. If you wish to take your child home from the venue, please feel free to do this, but we ask that you let your child's teacher know. The rest of the children will be bussed back to school at the conclusion of the concert. This will be a great opportunity for you to see just how hard your children have been working on their routines as well as the other classes. We look forward to seeing as many of our parent body there as possible.

Swimming Lessons

Thank you to all the families who have been diligent in returning their enrolment forms. For those who haven't done so yet, please be reminded that they are due and there are spares in the front office if you have misplaced them. The lessons will be running during weeks 9 and 10 of this Term.

Could parents please ensure their children have the right bathers, whether it be school bathers or a one-piece bather for the girls. Also, please make sure *all* clothing pieces are labelled. Thank you for this.

Assemblies

We would just like to show our gratitude to those parents and grandparents who come along to our assemblies, you are greatly appreciated and the children love having you there. Our next assembly will take place, the Lord willing, on Monday the 4th of September and it will be led by the Year 5/6 V class. You are all welcome to attend.

Healthy Food Survey

In order to help parents in their quest to find food that is not only healthy, but also appealing to their children, representatives from D'Orsogna have asked our school to participate in a healthy food survey. Please see the attached note to the newsletter for more information on this, and how you can be a part of it.

As you can see, there is a great deal happening in the Primary School. We praise God that we are able to do these things and that we are so blessed in this country that we live in. Let's remember that in all things we want to glorify God. Continue to pray for our College, our students and our staff, that God provides us with all we need to finish this Term and that we can do all things through His strength.

To God be the Glory!

**MRS CORINNA KEANE
PRIMARY SCHOOL COORDINATOR**

GENERAL INFORMATION

DRAMA NOTICES

Give Me Five

Congratulations to all the year 12 Drama and Drama Studies students who were responsible for GIVE ME FIVE at Don Russell Performing Arts Centre.

Thanks also to all the wonderful parents, students and friends that came to support us as audience.

We wish the Year 12 Drama Studies students all the best as they continue to work on their performances for their TEE Practical Examinations.

Middle School Drama Club

I regret to announce that the Drama Club has shut down for the year.

Thanks for all those who kept their commitment and produced some fine work.

**SEAN TOBIN
DRAMA TEACHER**

From the PE Department

The first half of term 3 has been very busy as far as athletics are concerned. Both the secondary inter-house and interschool athletics carnivals have been run very successfully.

The CCS interschool competition was held over two days. The jumps and throwing events were held on Wednesday 23 August at Swan Christian College. The track events were held on Friday 25 August at Perry Lakes Stadium. There were many great individual performances over the two days with most students giving their best. It was great for the competitors also to have the whole school in attendance for the track day and their cheering could be heard loud and clear on the track.

Thornlie Christian College finished a great 4th place overall which is a great effort considering the size of our school. There were two standout individual performances on the day. Congratulations to:

Charlie Winslade: Runner up 13 years boys' champion.

Lydia Winslade: Runner up open girls' champion.

What a great family effort!!!

Coming up are the primary carnivals. Dates to remember:

15 September: Primary inter-house carnival.

19 October: Primary CCS jumps and throws day.

3 November: Primary CCS track day.

**BRENDON HARDERS
PHYSICAL ED. TEACHER**

HOME ECONOMICS/HOSPITALITY DEPARTMENT NEWS.....

The new Home Economics/Hospitality Department is finally taking shape and, it won't be long before we will be enjoying the opportunities it has to offer our students and wider community. In the meantime it will be business as usual!

The Year 10 Hospitality students and Year 11 and 12 Food Production students will be going on an educational/fact finding excursion to Bentley TAFE in just a few weeks. The Year 11 and 12 students on Monday September 18, and Year 10 students on Wednesday September 20. It has been very difficult to book dates other than the ones mentioned because of the popularity of the venue, most times it is booked up to 12 months in advance with school groups. The excursion involves a tour of the Hospitality department of the campus and lunch in the Bentley Pines Restaurant. This restaurant is operated by trainee students studying Food and Beverage courses at the campus. The opportunity enables our students to see the training in operation and be able to compare their abilities and talents and experiences to date, to a similar training environment. Students will be allowed to wear 'modest/presentable/appropriate to fine dining free dress' on the day of their excursion. They will leave at 10.15am and return by 2.30pm.

Our new facilities will be very good, and it is hoped we will also have a 'Training Restaurant'. It is therefore imperative that your student attends this excursion so as to experience the vision that we will have in operation relatively soon! The cost of the excursion is \$20 and includes bus fees. Final payment needs to be made to me by Tuesday September 5 (next week). Confirmation of final numbers will need to be submitted by 4pm that day. Students have been issued with a note.

Monday September 18 -**PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT** (Year 9s going into year 10, and 10s going into year 11)

A special \$5 MEAL DEAL will be available on the night from 5pm to 6pm. Hot and cold drinks will also be available at \$1 each.

This will be the final Assessment Task for Year 12 Food Production students and we hope to see you there!

The MENU and venue will be advertised in the next Newsletter, so KEEP WATCH!

If you have any queries about the Home Economics/Hospitality Department activities, please feel free to contact me at the College on 94551607 Tuesday, Thursday or Friday, or leave a message and I'll return your call as soon as possible.

**MRS LORRAEIN O'CALLAHAN-MUNT
HOME ECONOMICS TEACHER**

BOOK NOW! and journey
into a book at our Book
Fair.

Our school Book Fair will arrive and be set up in the Library in time for the Learning Journey Day on Friday the 1st September.

Do come along and support your child's literacy and our school. Every sale from the Book Fair will benefit the school. A wide selection of books will be available for your child.

Looking forward to seeing you all in the library at our Book Fair this Friday so complete your journey at the library!

Wendy Brownhill and Lynda Walker

Armadale Bus Run



Please note that **John Shepherd** is the new permanent driver for the Armadale bus run. His contact number is **0439 526 266**. Please use this to notify him if your children will be absent or for any other queries, until advised otherwise.

FOOTBALL NEWS



Please mark in your calendars:

Football Windup
Sunday 24th September at 3:30 p.m.
At AMF Bowling Cannington

All forms to be sent in and money paid before 15th September. Our last game is 16th September.

Derby weekend for the Carey Competition

Saturday 2nd September

Thornlie V Thornlie

Come and scream for your team.

**Breakthrough Treatment for
ADHD, Dyslexia and Aspergers!**

Is your child struggling with learning and reading, can't concentrate, clumsy, can't keep their friends?

ADHD, ADD, Dyslexia or even Dyspraxia – whether your child has been diagnosed or not, the Dore Program treats the real cause of the problem. It doesn't just cover up the symptoms like the drugs do.

"In my view, Dore have stumbled across a cure for ADHD," confirms independent Professor Rod Nicolson, Head of Psychology, Sheffield University England.

Get all the facts, attend the free Public Talk at Evelyn Gribble Community Centre, 9th Road, Brookdale on Tuesday 12th September from 7-9pm.

To reserve your seat call the Dore Program on

1300 55 77 11

Let the Dore Program help your child today, don't put it off any longer!

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1 Thessalonians 5:14

'Encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone.'

LOST AND FOUND

LOST: Pokemon blue and yellow game boy with a donkey kong game. If you have found this item please return it to student services as it is a precious Christmas Gift.

FOUND: Boy's bicycle and Helmut found in the College grounds. All enquires to Wendy Brownhill.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



DATE	EVENT	TIME
WEEK 7		
Mon 4 Sept	Primary School Assembly	9:00 – 9:45 a.m.
Tues 5 Sept	Middle School Assembly	9:00 – 9:45 a.m.
Thur 7 Sept	Senior School Assembly	9:00 – 9:45 a.m.
WEEK 8		
Tues 12 Sept	Middle School Assembly	9:00 – 9:45 a.m.
Thur 14 Sept	Senior School Assembly Commedia del Art Performance	9:00 – 9:45 a.m.
Fri 15 Sept	Primary School Inter-house Athletics	All Day
WEEK 9		
Mon 18 Sept	Primary School Assembly	9:00 – 9:45 a.m.
Tues 19 Sept	Middle School Assembly	9:00 – 9:45 a.m.
Thur 21 Sept	Senior School Assembly	9:00 – 9:45 a.m.
	Board Meeting	7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
All Week	Primary Swimming Lessons – Riverton	TBA
WEEK 10		
Fri 29 Sept	Whole School Assembly	2:30 – 3:00 p.m.
	Drama Production	TBA
All Week	Primary Swimming Lessons – Riverton	TBA
Oct 2 – 13	Yr 12 Mock Examinations	
Holidays	Yr 12 Drama Studies TEE Practical	
TERM 4:		
WEEK 1		
Tues 17 Oct	School Opens Whole School Assembly	9:15 – 9:45 a.m.

Open Day?

This year our Open Day was to have coincided with the official opening of our new Science and Home Economics buildings on 1 September. Unfortunately the buildings could not be completed in time for this to happen.

The new buildings should be completed in October and so we plan to have the official opening towards the end of October or early in November. Holding an Open Day so late in the year has little value and so a decision has been taken to make the official opening of the buildings a special event in its own right that will replace the Open Day for this year.

Bill Innes



Please note that two dates included in the “**Important Dates for your Diary**” were incorrect in the last Newsletter. In Week 9 the Middle School Assembly is on 19 September (not 5 Sept) and the Senior School Assembly and Board Meeting are on 21 September (not 7 Sept). We apologise for not picking this up before the publication went to print.