

**SEMESTER 2 Term 3
NEWSLETTER No. 14**

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**FROM THE
PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

Dear Parents

This week I thought I'd use this space to bring you up to date on a number of issues within the College at this time.

Farewell!

It is with a sense of sadness that we bid farewell to Mrs Julia Kennington, our Registrar and PA to the Principal and Mrs Leigh-Aire Hall from the Student Services Desk.

Both of these ladies have formed an integral part of our tight-knit Administration Team and have gone above and beyond the call of duty to keep the machinery of TCC running smoothly and efficiently. We thank God for the season of their ministry at the College that He has seen fit to bless us with. As they move on to new chapters in their lives we pray God's continued blessings and grace on them both.

**Subject Choices Evening: Monday, 18
September 2006.**

I know that Helen Balding has informed you of this meeting and the importance of your attendance if you have children currently in Years 9 or 10. I just want to reinforce this with you. We have found that parents who have missed this meeting in the past have been pretty seriously inconvenienced as a result. We look forward to your attendance!

Home Economics and Science Block

You may have noticed that our new multi-purpose block is rapidly approaching completion. This is really exciting as it gives us a bit of an idea of what our College will eventually look like when all the demountables are replaced with quality brick and mortar buildings. We had originally hoped to open the buildings this month but some delays have caused this date to be extended into late October.

This being the case, we will probably have to postpone the official opening until Term One of 2007 because, firstly, our students and teachers are very much focussed on end of year assessments, examinations and reporting at that

time and, secondly, we are obliged to invite a government representative to attend the ceremony. This means that it cannot coincide with the sitting of parliament which closes on 27 October.

However the good news is that we *can* take occupation of the buildings and use them prior to the official opening so there is a very real likelihood that our students will have the opportunity to get into the new classrooms before the end of this year. I will keep you informed of any future developments.

Strategic Planning

You may think that the much publicised Strategic Planning exercise has dropped off the edge because there hasn't been much said about it in recent weeks. This is far from the truth – Mark Steyn, our facilitator, has been hard at work collecting all sorts of information that will inform us of the College's present situation. You may remember that I spoke about collecting enough information to present a "snapshot" of the College as it is at present. This "snapshot" will then provide the basis from which we plan for the future... well; we've almost got the "snapshot!"

To date Mark has consulted with representative groups of parents from all three schools, representative groups of students, the staff, the Board and the Church Elders.

By consulting so broadly, he has been able to gain an understanding of the way in which the College is perceived by the various groups of stakeholders within the College community. Over the next month or so Mark will continue to consult across the College community to validate and/or modify his research to date. Thereafter we will move into the planning phase of our strategic plan.

Please pray earnestly for the College as it proceeds along this path – we trust that God has His hand very firmly on His College and that He will guide our paths.

Uniform

There is no doubt that there has been a general improvement in uniform and dress standards at the College this year. For this I want to thank all parents who have supported us from home in this quest– your participation is both noticeable and greatly appreciated! Next year things will be a lot simpler as the new uniform becomes the only option available to our students.

On the not-so-positive side, we have a number of habitual defaulters, a sprinkling throughout the College, but particularly in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 who continue to deliberately default *regularly* on uniform compliance.

My patience with these students is fast running out. The issue has become one, not so much of the uniform per se, but rather the *attitude* of defiance, non-conformity or disobedience that is reflected in their continual breaches of the uniform code.

Some examples of, but not necessarily all, of the types of breach that concern me are:

- Girls wearing 'vests' of various colours that hang out below their shirts.
- Girls and boys wearing long-sleeved coloured t-shirt type garments under their College shirts with the collars, sleeves and bottoms hanging out.
- Non- sports type shoes on sports days. E.g. skate shoes,
- Girls continually abusing the make-up rules.
- Girls continually wearing inappropriate jewellery.

Let me stress once again that these students form a very small percentage of our school population. I need to inform you that, when dealing with these 'habitual defaulters' from now on I shall reserve the right to issue a Step if I deem it necessary. This Step is aimed at the *attitude* that sees these students continually defaulting rather than the actual uniform infringement itself.

We also have a uniform issue outside of College hours. As I have said on numerous occasions, our students are potentially our best... or worst... marketing tools. A number of our students seem to think that once the final siren has gone, normal uniform rules no longer apply. As a result we see students at the local shopping malls, often with their parents, in *part* uniform or uniform *plus* their "optional extras" and any number of variations on this theme. This is not good marketing for our College.

Finally, some of our students who travel by bus appear to think that the uniform code no longer applies once they have boarded the bus or on the walk home from their bus stop.

I appeal to you as parents, where necessary, to assist us by reinforcing the College's uniform expectations outside of College hours.

Bill Innes
PRINCIPAL

FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL COORDINATOR

SENIOR SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

By now all parents in the Senior School will have received a letter regarding the Subject Information Evening which is to be held next Monday evening September 18. As mentioned in the letter 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 6.30 pm and the Year 10's at 7.45 pm. Staff members will be present to present a brief overview of their subject area. 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. Prior to the meetings the Year 11 & 12 Hospitality students will be providing a meal for any parents that may wish to "dine out" for the evening.** This is part of an assessment task. The cost of the meal is \$5.00

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to our first Silver award recipient for the Year, **Lennon Smartt** who has been working hard to receive 30 commendations and to **Bonney Hemmings, and Sarah Bahbah** on receiving their Bronze Certificates.

Our congratulations must also go to **Nicholas de Hoog** and **Daniel Hart** who have been chosen to represent WA in the State Under-17 Evangelical Soccer Competition competing against the other States and New Zealand in Queensland during the holidays.

UNIFORMS

Mr Innes has written about the uniform issue elsewhere in this newsletter. Herewith, specific details where we ask you as parents to help us by making sure your children leave home each morning dressed according to the College Uniform Policy.

Until the end of this year students are permitted to wear **either** the complete old uniform **or** the complete new uniform. **Girls - Skirt** lengths – The **skirt** should be to the knee.

Stockings must be ladder free. **Hair** must be tied back and off the face. If a **ribbon** or material **band** is worn is must be the College navy.

Anything worn **underneath** the shirt must be tucked into the skirt and it also must be white or fawn.

Make-up is not permitted and if lip gloss is used it must be clear. **Earrings** are to be studs or sleepers. No other jewellery is to be worn except a watch.

Boys - Anything worn **underneath** the shirt must be tucked into the trousers.

All students - If the tracksuit top is worn other than with the sports uniform for extra warmth, it must be worn over the College jumper. **Long Sleeve shirts** are not to be worn underneath the short sleeve shirts or sports tops. **Shoes** are to be predominately white and **not** skate shoes.

Socks – only the College sock is to be worn. If for some reason your child is out of uniform for the day they must obtain a **Green Slip** from the office in the morning and this must be accompanied by a note from the parent. If your child is out of uniform for a **second** time for the same reason there is a consequence – the parent will be phoned to either take their child home or bring the right piece of uniform to school. As you have read, Mr Innes retains the right to Step students who deliberately and regularly default on the uniform code.

Let's work together on this area of uniform as a mark of Respect, respect for self, others and the College.

MOBILE PHONES AND PERSONAL CAMERAS

Of late we have had a few issues with students bringing a mobile phone or personal camera to College.

Reminder – The College rule - If a mobile phone is brought to school it **must be handed in at the office at the commencement of the day and picked up at the end of the day**. Over the past few weeks some students have brought their mobile phones to school and left them in their bags and they have been stolen. Unfortunately we cannot take responsibility for this as the College policy has not been adhered to. **Cameras** are not permitted at school. This is part of the privacy act where the only photos of students taken at school have the permission of the parent. This also alleviates the problem we have been dealing with, with photos being downloaded onto websites. (Cyber-bullying potential) Please be aware there that there are serious legal ramifications for students who indiscriminately use their mobile phones and other cameras to capture images of other students without their permission.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Sep 14	Commedia delArte perform
Sep 15	Applications for Prefect due
Sep 18	Subject Info Night – Yr 9 & 10 Parents 2006
Sep 21	Speeches for Prefect Assembly
Sep 28	Announcement of Training Prefects
Sep 28	Year 12's finish Term 3
Sep 29	M.A.D. performance
Oct 2 – 5	Yr 12 TEE Drama Prac's
Oct 6 – 13	Yr 12 Mock Exams
Oct 17– Nov 21	Yr 11 Driver Ed Course
Oct 23	Yr 12 student Art Exhibition
Oct 27	Yr 12 Final Day & Assembly
Oct 28	Senior School River Cruise
Nov 6	TEE commences
Nov 13	Yr 11 exams begin
Nov 20	Yr 10 exams begin
Nov 21	TEE concludes
Nov 22	Yr 12 Valedictory Service & Dinner
Nov 24	Yr 11 final day 1:00 p.m.
Nov 27 – 29	Yr 12 Leavers Camp
Nov 30	Year 10 final day 1:00 p.m.
Dec 1	Senior School Awards Night

MEET OUR SENIOR SCHOOL STAFF

- MR PETER CROUCH -

JOINED TCC - at the beginning of 2006.

CLASSES AT TCC – Year 8 boy's form class and Science, Year 9 and 10 Science, Year 11 Maths in Practice and Yr 12 Human Biology and Biblical Studies.

WORK HISTORY – 4 years at Cherith Brook Educational Centre (Gidgegannup), 1 year at Governor Stirling SHS, 1 year at Wagin DHS and 13 years at Central Midlands SHS (Moora).

EDUCATION – 2 years of Occupational Therapy (Curtin), 2 year Teacher's Certificate in Christian Education (CBEC), Bachelor of Applied Science with distinction in Human Biology (Curtin), Graduate Diploma in Education (Curtin) and Certificate III in Ministry (Tabor Bible College).

LIFE HISTORY – Born in Brisbane, lived in Port Headland, Perth, Gidgegannup, Wagin and Moora. Gave life to Christ at 12 years of age and at 16 had a strong calling to serve the Lord. Have lead youth groups, scouts and cadets. Was an elder at Moora Baptist Church.

FAMILY – Happily married to Anni with 4 children: Brendon (17), Rowan (15), Laura (13) and Melody (11).

HOBBIES – running, skin diving, reading, drumming and just keeping up with my kids!

HIGHLIGHTS – running an outreach youth group in the high school in Moora for 12 years, being leader of the cadet unit in Moora and doing lots of camping and hiking, getting an aquaculture course going and running a fish farm in the school.

GOAL – To help young people to reach their potential and to find the great plan that God has for their lives.

I would like to thank the school community for the warm welcome that I have received in coming to TCC. I am enjoying getting to meet so many wonderful students, staff and parents in this school. God bless you all!!! **Peter Crouch.**

MRS HELEN BALDING
SENIOR SCHOOL CO-ORDINATOR

FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL COORDINATOR

Some of our Middle School classes have recently been on excursions to SciTech, the Channel Seven studios and the City of Gosnells. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Coelho, Mr Munyard, Mr Chan, Mr Crouch and Mr Berkelaar for their organisation and planning of these events. Thank you also to the Parents who gave of their time to help with these events. Here are some recounts of the excursions from the student's point of view.

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Year 8 Boys Channel 7 Excursion

On Friday the 8 of September the Year 8 boys' class went to Channel 7 news studios. We arrived at the front door and we waited till someone came to escort us. A man came and we followed him down the steps. We got to a room and he explained a little about Channel 7 and some history. We followed him again into a room and up another pair of stairs. In this room were the Producers of the news and they sat on computers and wrote the stories or fixed up the images. Then in another room they had lots of TV's and a monitor that they looked at and competed with other TV channels. We then went in the news room where they film **Today Tonight** and **TTN** and we were told how the news works. We went outside and walked down some stairs to the helicopter pad. The guide said that the helicopter was about 20 years old and was worth about \$2 million when it was bought. He also told us it costed about \$70 to turn on. We went back to our bus and everyone has a fun time.

By Todd Heathcote

Year 8 Girls SciTech Excursion

On Monday the 11th of September we went to SciTech in City West. We had about an hour of free time to begin with, we looked around and it was awesome fun. The last time I remember going there was in year 4 and I must say they have remodelled just a bit. There were new and old experiments and I found the thong-o-phone and whirlpool machine quite interesting. Of course there were many more which I liked but it would probably take up too much space to explain every single one. I enjoyed Horizon the most, a huge planetarium, the biggest in Australasia. The whole roof lit up and it was like lying on the grass staring at the sky. The movie, which was narrated by Harrison Ford, was called "Are We Alone" was about how evolutionists thought the planets were created, basically it was like the big bang theory. It was quite interesting though I do not believe it, however, the graphics and special effects were magnificent and I thoroughly enjoyed it. We also had a High Voltage show which was hosted by a lady called Rachel. The Vaan De Graaf Generator was very interesting, we had seen a smaller generator but this one was huge. All together it was a great excursion and we all enjoyed it.

By Holly Triplett

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PETER WORTH
MIDDLE SCHOOL COORDINATOR

FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL COORDINATORS

Greetings,

Once again we are heading towards the end of another busy Term.

The Primary Staff would like to thank all the families who came and took part in our 'Learning Journey'; we hope you enjoyed viewing each class and seeing what the students' have been learning on the theme 'Air'. It was great to see children taking a real part in explaining to the parents the different displays, showing parents just 'how' things work, and carrying out experiments with them. The response has been great and I personally would like to thank all the staff for the extra effort and time they have put into making the 'Learning Journey' a reality.

The children have been putting in a lot of effort into their Edu-dance routines and we would like to remind parents that they are invited to our final performance on Friday the 29th of September. This will take place at the Thornlie Church of Christ between 2pm and 3pm. You will receive a more detailed flyer closer to the date.

You will receive your child's Portfolio on the first day back in Term 4. This is so that you can have the rest of the week to look through it with your

child and return it by the Friday of that same week.

We are in need of Parent Helper's to assist in **covering Reading Books**. We have quite a few and we really need them to be covered so that we can put them to use in the classrooms. Please see either Sue Yardley or Corinna Keane if you can assist us in this area.

You may have heard that we have a new teacher on staff, Mrs Serena Tobin. Mrs Tobin is taking over the Year 3/4K class so that Mrs Keane can now take on her role as Primary Coordinator full time. The Lord has blessed us with sending the right person for the job and we praise Him for this. Please make Mrs Tobin feel welcome and don't hesitate to introduce yourself to her. She is a wonderful addition to the great team that we have.

We are God's workmanship and it is a real privilege to be in a school where we can work together to bring our children up in the fear of the Lord. Here are some Bible Verses to help you in instructing your children in their everyday lives:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." Deuteronomy 6:5

"Love your neighbour as yourself." Matthew 22:39

"We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

God Bless!

MRS CORINNA KEANE
Primary School Coordinator

September	Events
Monday 18 th – Friday 29 th	Swimming Lessons Yrs 1 to 6 (Weeks 9 & 10)
Friday 29 th	Last Day of Term 4 2pm to 3pm Edu-Dance Performance at Thornlie Church of Christ

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOST PROPERTY

Please check the list below of named Lost Property:

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| BLACKBURNE Jesse | Jacket |
| GRIFFITHS Naomi | |
| HEAD Jayson | Jumper |
| Josh J (Joubert) | Jacket |
| MONTEIRO Josh | Pants |
| SMARTT Lennon | Jacket |
| STOKES Ross (Blair) | Jacket |
| WATTS | Pants |

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

Greetings to all parents and students! It has been relatively quiet in the uniform shop lately. Only a handful of parents have placed orders for Term 4 by the due date. This must mean that all parents are fully organised for Term 4 this year! (I gave parents a full five weeks to get organized on the uniform order form sent out with the first newsletter of this term. Late orders incur a fee of 5 %.)

We are currently just waiting the usual delivery times for stock to arrive. All orders should be filled completely by week 9—God willing!

WATCH THIS SPACE!

In Term 4, an order form for uniforms required for Term 1, 2007 will be sent home with the first newsletter. Please look out for it as we need to know quantities to order from the manufacturers. Orders to the manufacturers take up to eight weeks for delivery. This is a crucial time to get your orders in before next year. Most manufacturers close down in late November, therefore, we must make our orders before they close to avoid lengthy delays (up to 12 weeks!).

LOST PROPERTY BOX

It is with great surprise that the lost property box is still overflowing with an excessive number of garments (over \$1000 in value). This is *after* numerous newsletters alerting parents and students to check the lost property box regularly. **Please ensure that your child's garments are clearly marked with their names—not just on the name tags but also on the material of the garment.**

Thank you to all the students who are honest in returning missing items that were mistakenly taken. God will reward you for your integrity!

Yours in Christ,

Robbie Wojcik
UNIFORM SHOP CO-ORDINATOR

CAN YOU HELP?



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are in the process of designing the garden for the new Science/Home Economics Building. We wish to continue with our indigenous plant theme throughout the College.

Donations of:

Native Plants (preferably allergy free);
Mulch/Wood chips (if anyone is affiliated with a gardening company) would be greatly appreciated.

Karen Illich
Business Manager

PIZZA PIZZA PIZZA PIZZA



Come and get your **END OF TERM PIZZA LUNCH**

WHEN: Thursday September 28, Week 10

WHERE: Primary Assembly Area at 12:30 p.m.
Secondary – CANTEEN 1:10 p.m.

COST: \$1 per Slice, Soft drinks \$1 each

CHOICES:

PIZZA'S: *Supreme, Hawaiian, Meatosaurus*

DRINKS: PRIMARY = *Lemonade or Sunkist*
SECONDARY = *Pepsi Max, Sunkist, Lemonade or Solo*

HOW: PRIMARY – Money to Class Teacher in an ENVELOPE with order and child's name written on outside during **WEEK 9**
SECONDARY – Money to be paid to the students at **PIZZA ORDER STATIONS** outside YR 12 ROOM during **WEEK 9**

Organised by the Year 12 Fundraising Committee and Mrs Munt.

Extra drinks may be available on the day. SO, get your orders in early!



FREE INFORMATION EVENING IN PERTH -
THURSDAY 21 SEPTEMBER
AT 7:30 PM
Medina Grand Perth
33 Mounts Bay Road, Perth
www.studentexchange.org.au
1300 135 331 (cost of a local call)

- Come and meet our staff
- Hear comprehensive information on all aspects of exchange
- Ask questions
- Listen to questions asked by other students and parents, and
- Meet other students who are considering going on exchange
- Scholarships available!

LOST

A4 Black Student Organiser belongs to Marcus Altmann Yr 7. Please return to Marcus if found.

FOOTBALL NEWS



GREAT NEWS GREAT NEWS GREAT NEWS

Greetings,

I write to parents and students of TCC and parents, players and officials of Southern Force Football Club.

I would like to announce that two of our students, Daniel Hart (14) from our Crusaders team, and Nick de Hoog (16) from the Riverside Soccer Club, have recently been selected to represent ESAWA (Evangelical Soccer Association of Western Australia) in the under-17 age group. They will not only be representing their Clubs, our School, and the Christian League, but also Western Australia when playing against NSW, SA, Victoria, Queensland, Tasmania, Papua New Guinea and New Zealand in the National Finals, to be held in Brisbane this year. The competition will take place from 29 September to 2 October, 2006.

Congratulations to Daniel and Nick, we wish you every success on behalf of everybody at the Southern Force Football Club.

Yours in Christ,
Robert Pipes
President S.F.F.C

Wind Up

This Saturday the 16th September is the last game for the Thornlie V Carey competition.

The Wind Up is on Sunday 24th September. Please have all money and forms in by Friday 15th September to the office or a committee member, as we have to order the food.

If we have not received the money and form by this date we will assume that you will not be there and the trophies will be given out at the assembly.

Glenda Broughton

Week 8

James 1:5

'If any of you lack wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.'

Wisdom - knowing what's best to do and say.