

**SEMESTER 2 Term 3
NEWSLETTER No. 15**

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**FROM THE
PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

Dear Parents

Well, we have come to the end of another term. On Saturday I was walking through the city and noticed that Christmas decorations are already appearing in the shop windows! It is hard to believe that we are being encouraged to start the count-down of shopping days to Christmas already...

TCC Car Park – Term Four, 2006

For a quite a while now we have been concerned with safety issues in the College's main car park. Our aim is to make the car park as safe as is humanly possible for our children. We will be introducing a number of new strategies next term. I have listed them below and appeal to you to make yourself familiar with them before school begins next term.

1. **The 'bus lane' next to the oval will become the drop off and pick up area for Parents/Caregivers.**
2. **Staff will be required to park in the rows of parking bays closest to the oval.**
3. **Hopefully we will have concrete curbing in place by the beginning of the fourth term to prevent vehicles from driving across the pedestrian walkways.**
4. **The 'drop-off zone' in front of the Administration building will no longer be used as a drop off and pickup zone for parents.**
5. **The Pre Primary car park will become the College bus pick up and drop off area. This car park will no longer be used for staff or parent parking.**

6. **Parents and visitors will be required to park in the main car park in bays marked parents/visitors.**

7. **Finally, a note to parents who are using the gravel car park behind the Middle School to drop off their children: The College does not sanction the use of this car park for student drop-offs or collection. This area is set aside for staff-parking only and, therefore there is no supervision provided. *Parents using this car park to drop children off do so at their own risk.***

I trust these measures will provide a greater measure of safety for all of our children. We would rather take a few preventative measures now than have to deal with a tragedy at some time in the future.

Many thanks for your support and cooperation in this initiative. I trust that your children will have a fantastic holiday and come back enthused and prepared for the final term!

**Bill Innes
PRINCIPAL**

**FROM THE SENIOR
SCHOOL
COORDINATOR**

This term has been both busy and challenging and once again it's conclusion at the end of the week is surrounded by a flurry of activity. So often in this Winter term it is difficult to maintain enthusiasm and motivation because of the wet weather and the constant coughs and colds. However students and staff have worked keenly throughout and are looking forward to a well earned break. It is also the time of the year when students are provided with, New pathways, New learning and New opportunities. Yes, it is that time of the year where a new world of possibilities and opportunities is opened up for our students in the Senior School. For the Year 12's as they begin to choose "where to" from school, University, TAFE or work, the Year 10's and 11's with their subjects choices for 2007 and creating a programme to suit their individual needs. In providing these opportunities the College is very conscious of its responsibilities. The range of subjects offered to the students is beyond many other schools of the same size and as we continue to grow, so will the choices. Next year we are once again offering three pathways, TEE, Vocational and Ministry. We are offering two

new subjects for Year 12 students, Applicable Math and Music in Society and in Year 11, Geometry and Trigonometry and Digital Media. Not all private schools offer an education from a Biblical perspective, a Structured Work Placement programme enabling students to go to work one day a week, Fast Track courses to TAFE in four industry areas, an Information Technology programme giving students the opportunity to complete a recognised TAFE certificate, a very successful Art programme, a progressive Music and Drama programme, a separate programme for those with special needs, small classes enabling individualised tuition and free tutoring by staff in many subject areas. We are also very fortunate in having a College Chaplain and the services of our own College Psychologist. We place great significance on building a culture of ongoing improvement in the teaching of the curriculum, new initiatives and learning growth. It is important that every family here at the College fully understands the uniqueness of what we have to offer and the services we provide so that you can be a true ambassador for the College and encourage others to come and share this exciting journey with us.

May I take this opportunity to say thank you to the parents who attended the Subject and Pathways Information evening held last Monday. It was encouraging to see the interest in our new format of moving from one subject display to another giving parents the opportunity of researching the subjects being offered and listening to information given by staff. A reminder that selections for subjects 2007 are now due.

May I wish all families of the College a safe and restful break and I look forward to working along side you again in the final term.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Chloe Congram, Michaela Yardley, Mellissa Udlijak** on achieving 10 commendations and therefore receiving their Bronze Certificate.

Senior First Aid Certificate - Congratulations to **Emma Cathles and Katherine Furlong**, Year 12 students who along with several staff, have spent the past two Saturdays at the College studying the Senior First Aid course and have all passed with flying colours. The lecturer was Mr Harders.

We also like to recognise students who play and are part of different sporting clubs in the wider community or who are recognised for other achievements and this week we congratulate **Michaela Yardley** on being chosen as Runner-up

Fairest and Best for her age group in Netball. Michaela plays for the Willetton Netball Club.

UNIFORMS FOR TERM FOUR

Thank you to all students who have made a concerted effort over the term to wear the correct College uniform. A reminder that the **Summer** uniform is to be worn next term and part of the uniform is the hat. We look forward to your continued support of the wearing of the correct uniform.

SELECTION OF PREFECTS FOR 2007

Ten courageous Year 11 students are to be congratulated on the speeches they presented to students at the combined Middle and Senior school assembly this week. The high standard and presentation of the speeches certainly made it hard for students and staff who following the assembly had the task of voting for their choice of leader. "Prefects in Training" will be announced at the assembly in week one of term four. These students will be given the responsibility of working closely with the current Prefects learning the ropes in preparation to take over their duties on October 27, the last day for the Year 12's.

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 on Thursday October 5 at Penhros College in Como. We wish them all the best.

DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAMME

All students in Year 11 will be attending the six week Driver Defence Education Programme commencing in the first Tuesday of term four. The College has provided this opportunity to the students as part of their contribution to educating our young drivers to develop the attitude, knowledge and skills necessary to be a responsible road user. By now all parents will have received the letter explaining the course and the form giving permission for your child to sit their Learners Permit is now due.

YEAR 12 FINAL ASSEMBLY

The whole College will join together to **farewell the 2006 Year 12's** at their **final assembly** on Friday October 27 at 2.00 pm. There will be items from the different schools and the 12's will have the opportunity of saying farewell. **An invitation is extended to all of the College community to join with us at this important assembly.**

SENIOR SCHOOL RIVER CRUISE

The annual Senior School River Cruise has once again been organised by the Entertainment and Functions committee. This is to be held on **Saturday October 28** and is an event that all students look forward to. Parent permission to attend is required and a letter has been forwarded to your child giving all the necessary information. Permission to attend along with the \$22 is now due.

YEAR 12 VALEDICTORY DINNER AND SERVICE

This is to be held on **Wednesday evening November 22** at the Southern Districts Alliance Church in Warton Road. An invitation is extended to all Year 12's their parents and family, College staff and College Board members. Further details to follow.

FAREWELL TO SENIOR SCHOOL STAFF

Unfortunately we say farewell to **Mr Norrie Taylor**, teacher of our Year 10 Design & Technology, General Workshop in Year 11 & 12 and Form Teacher of the Year 10's. Mr Taylor has become a very popular and valued member of our College and has spent in his short time here many hours of his own time refurbishing and extending the D&T area and assisting in making props for the Drama production. We wish him all the very best as he takes up a new position and venture with Carmel College and say a **BIG thank you** for the contribution he has made in so many ways to T.C.C.

We also say thank you to **Mr John Berkelaar** for his contribution to our Year 10 Science and Year 11 Math students. Mr Berkelaar leaves having completed a term of Practical Teaching. We wish him all the very best as he heads back to Notre Dame University to complete his Teaching Degree and then the search for a teaching position.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Last week during lunch-time, a clean up of the College grounds was organised by the Social Concerns and Environment committee. The Year 5/6 students of the Junior School paired up with a student from Pre-primary and with rubber gloves, plastic bags and loads of enthusiasm tackled our never ending problem of rubbish around the College grounds. It was amazing how this event turned out to be lots of fun and with many getting quite competitive. But the end result was fantastic, a rubbish-free College – well nearly. Thank you to all students in the Primary School and to Ms Williams and Mrs O'Sullivan for their assistance.

Bethany Walker (Chairperson of Social Concerns and Environment)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Sept 28	Year 12's finish Term 3
Sept 29	M.A.D. performance
Oct 5	Year 12 TEE Drama Prac's
Oct 6 – 13	Year 12 Mock Exams
Oct 17 – Nov 21	Year 11 Driver Ed Course
Oct 19	Announcement of Prefects in Training
Oct 23	Year 12 Student Art Exhibition
Oct 27	Year 12 final day & Assembly
Oct 28	Senior School River Cruise
Nov 6	TEE commences
Nov 13	Year 11 exams begin
Nov 20	Year 10 exams begin
Nov 21	TEE concludes
Nov 22	Year 12 Valedictory Service & Dinner
Nov 24	Year 11 final day 1:00 p.m.
Nov 23-25	Year 12 Leavers Camp
Nov 30	Year 10 final day 1:00 p.m.
Dec 1	Senior School Awards Night

**MRS HELEN BALDING
SENIOR SCHOOL CO-ORDINATOR**

FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL COORDINATOR

Here we are again at the end of another school term (already!).

As we finish the term I'd like to thank a couple of people for their contribution to the Middle School. Firstly a huge thank you to Mrs Wendy Brownhill for her superb effort once again in arranging relief teachers when any of us needed a day away from the College either through illness or curriculum commitments.

Secondly I would like to say thank you and farewell to Mr John Berkelaar who has spent term 3 with us serving the internship of his final year of study at Notre Dame University. Under the guidance of Mr Peter Crouch, Mr Berkelaar has proven to be a valuable asset to our College during his stay and we pray God's blessings for him and his family as he completes his studies.

Farewell also to Mr Norrie Taylor who leaves us to pursue a career change. Thank you for the influence that you have had on the Middle School Design and Technology department. Our students

have come to appreciate and respect you and I am sure that you will be missed by them.

Parents, enjoy your children over the holiday break.

Students, (those who read this), be kind to your parents.

Enjoy the Royal Show if you are fortunate enough to attend and buy me a show bag!

Last of all, 2 thoughts for the holidays:

Everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

And

A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

Peter Worth
Middle School Co-coordinator

FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL COORDINATORS

Greetings,

It is amazing to think that we are in the last week of Term 3. These last two weeks of term have proved to be a challenge as they have been very busy with the comings and goings of swimming lessons and Edu-dance, as well as all the other day to day occurrences of Primary School life. It's times like this that we are continually reminded to turn to God for the strength we need to get things done. We are truly blessed that we are children of God and that everything is in His Plan and that all things work for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose.

Thank You!

A big thank you goes to the Utley family who donated the medals given to the Primary Students who received First Place in the Cross Country Championships which was run some time ago. It is great to see families being involved in the life of the College in so many different ways.

A big thank you also goes to Mrs Beckingham for taking our new reading books home for covering. There were quite a few books and I am sure that she will be very busy during the holidays.

We as a staff would like to thank all families who volunteer their help in one way or another. This may be in helping in the classroom, helping during swimming lessons, attending excursions, as well as for the time taken to make sure children complete homework, bring notes back and in getting their children to school on time.

Edu-dance Concert

Just a reminder that you are all invited to the highly anticipated **Edu-dance Concert** this Friday. This will be performed at Thornlie Church of Christ starting at 2pm. If you wish to take your child home from the venue after the concert, there are a few things we need to make you aware of. Firstly, let your child and class teacher know that they will need to take their school bag with them on the bus; you will also need to go to your child's teacher after the concert to get their name ticked off the class list. This is very important as it will stop any unnecessary confusion and anxiety in regard to the accounting of children's whereabouts after the concert.

The children have been working hard at their routines and are very excited about performing it for the parents.

Lost Property

If your child has lost any item during the course of the Swimming Lessons, then please take a look at the table outside the Billabong (Primary School Staff Room). There are many pieces of clothing, bags, towels and other items which have been either left at school or in the change rooms. Even if your child doesn't seem to have lost something, please take a look anyway, you may be surprised and grateful to have items returned.

Portfolios

The Teachers are busy putting your children's portfolios together and these will be ready to go home the first day back of Term 4. This will give you and your child the opportunity to sit down and go through their portfolio together. We see this as a special opportunity for parents to spend some quality time together with their children in sharing what they have been learning at school and to celebrate their Learning Journey.

Primary School Athletics Carnival

Last Friday was our annual athletics carnival where we were truly blessed with glorious weather. This did however bring out hundreds of unwelcome little guests (or should I say, pests), but by mid day this problem was soon alleviated.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Sports Carnival, it was great to see students using the talents God has given them. It was a wonderful display of sportsmanship to see students cheering each other on, and encouraging each other regardless of what place they came in. It was awesome to see the parent involvement in the Carnival, not only with cheering (even though it was hard to see past the 'Purple Ladies'), or the helping out on the sidelines, but also with the after carnival clean up. Thank you very much.

The final Congratulations must go to Reuben for taking First Place, followed by Levi by only one point in Second Place, in Third Place was Judah with Joseph coming in Fourth. Well done to everyone!

A big 'Thank You' needs to go to Mr Matt Splatt who took on the majority of the organising of the Carnival. There are always a few hiccups, especially when it's your first time round, but on the whole, the carnival ran smoothly and finished right on time. In keeping with true sportsmanship, the next day the staff were rewarded with chocolates for their roles in the carnival, by Mr Splatt (even though he did all the organising). It just reminds us that we are truly blessed with staff unity and good relationships amongst our teachers.

Cartooning Camps

Brochures have gone home about Cartooning Camps which will be taking place in Perth from Monday the 9th of October to Friday the 13th of October. If you are interested in a brochure, we have plenty of spare copies in the Billabong. (These brochures have come from an outside organisation that has no affiliations with Thornlie Christian College.)

As this is our last item for the newsletter this term, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful, blessed and safe holiday.

May God Bless you richly!

MRS CORINNA KEANE
PRIMARY SCHOOL COORDINATOR

GENERAL INFORMATION

Out of School Activities:

City of Gosnells Holiday Fun-times

A vacation care programme especially designed for 5-12 year olds.

Enquiries to Kristina on 9452 9904.

Western Power October School Holiday Activities

During the October school holidays activities will be available at World of Energy, 12 Parry Street Fremantle.

For information contact Chris on 9430 5655.

Kalamunda & Districts Toy Library - Open Day

Celebrate 25 Years as an incorporated body
14 October 2006 at 33 Canning Rd, Kalamunda
Activities include, Sausage Sizzle, Bouncy Castle, Light refreshments, Kids Farmyard, Face Painting and much more. Phone: 6293 1857

DRAMA NOTICES from Mr Tobin

- ❖ Thanks and congratulations to all the Drama students involved in M.A.D and thanks to all the students, staff and parents who attended the event!
- ❖ **Year 12 Drama Studies students** can attend the following optional (highly recommended) tutoring workshops on the school holidays, with Mr Tobin, in preparation for the Practical and Written Examinations.

Mon Oct 2, 10am – 4 pm an Acting Workshop to prepare for all aspects of the Practical Exam (scripted, original, improve and interview)

Fri Oct 6, 12:30 pm – 3:30pm Theory Workshop in preparation for Written Exam.

- ❖ **Year 12 Drama Studies Practical TEE Examinations** are on the school holidays at Penrhos College, between Oct 3 and 5. Students have been given their times, and the necessary paper work. They must be sure not to lose and to bring with them on the day.

❖ Coat hangers and Costumes needed!

If you have any spare coat hangers, we could do with up to 50 coat hangers to help us store out costumes.

If you are clearing out your wardrobe and have any striking clothing items that you think could make interesting costumes, feel free to drop them off at the College, addressed to Mr Tobin, with your name on it too so we know who to appreciate. What are we interested in? Well please do not send us entire bags of everyday clothing,

We are especially interested in costumes that can suggest specific personalities or characters, specific occupations, or clothes from specific cultures or eras in history. Or items that are extremely unusual and eye-catching. If you think you have something that falls into that category, then please do send it our way! Please note that we will simply pass any unsuitable items to the Salvos. ☺

UNIFORM MISSING

Bailee Saron left a school uniform (dress) with her name on and black leather shoes size 3 in the Junior School Toilets. If anyone knows where these are please let Bailee know.

1 Thessalonians 5:17.18

'Talk to God continuously, give thanks in all circumstances.'

FROM STUDENT SERVICES

There are just a few things that we would like to bring to your attention.

- Thankyou to all the families who are now using the 'Absentee Line' to leave messages on behalf of their children. Can we encourage more families to use this service as it minimizes the time it takes to contact parents and more importantly is an early warning sign for us if your children should be at school and are recorded as being absent!
- It is school policy that ALL students who are late after the second bell, that being 8.50am come to Student Services for a late slip. This is the only way we can determine who is at school and who isn't as we record absentees and process late students throughout the morning.
- The 'Lost Property' box is literally overflowing. Please check for lost items, as this will be cleared out the first week of Term 4. Any unclaimed uniforms, books, water bottles etc., will be returned to the uniform Shop for re-sale or disposed of.
- As per school policy items that are 'confiscated' must be collected by parents in Student Services. We have sent out letters informing parents to come in and collect their child's personal items but to date still have an assortment of unclaimed items. These items will be disposed of at the end of the first week, Term 4. Ask your children if they have had items confiscated. I'm sure they would remember!
- A special 'thankyou' to Chrissie O'Dea who comes in every week and washes the sheets in the Sick Bay. Also, to Andrea Jones who washes the uniforms and clothes in the Lost Property Box. Much appreciated.
- Please inform us in writing if you no longer wish us to 'hold' medication/s for your child/ren and we will return them to you.
- If your child has asthma then please remember to include a photo of your child and a doctors signature when returning the Asthma Plan forms that were included in the last newsletter.
- Enrolment Forms are now overdue. If you need another form please see Student Services. We need to finalise student numbers for 2007 so please fax or give the form to your teacher or hand in to us as soon as possible.
- By law we as a school are required to have parents' permission to administer Panadol. As yet, we have not received all the Medication Forms back from some

families. This means we cannot give Panadol to students who require it. If you need another form then contact us or send your child in to collect one.

We pray that everyone has a wonderful, restful and enjoyable holiday break. We look forward to seeing you all next term.

Deb Heathcote
STUDENT SERVICES

Starting a Christian School in Dala Burma Project

Update –

Goal

We have reached our financial goal! Thanks be to God & thank you for your efforts. The goal went up to \$8000 as there are extra costs e.g. funds for the connection of power, putting in a toilet and septic, and already we have covered this.

Some funds that have come in recently –

Thank you to Mrs Cole for making jewellery for sale. Thank you to the Year 12s who are giving part of their small task business profits (Work Studies). We opened the donation tins and we received \$274.55.

Extra Money Raised

From this point, any extra funds raised for the Dala School will go towards investing in a project to help the school become self-supporting.

Visiting and Reporting on the Project

During Week 6, Term 4, Mr Winslade & Mr Rebeiro will be travelling to Burma specifically to check progress, needs, discuss ways of being self-supporting, and future opportunities.

Please pray for this school, that God will touch the lives of many in the Dala Community.

Psalm 105:1

'Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done.'

Our school is a community of doers as well as listeners.

Daniel Winslade
DALA COORDINATOR