

**SEMESTER 2 Term 4
NEWSLETTER No. 16**

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**FROM THE
PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

Dear Parents

As we enter the final term of 2006 things are speeding up and everyone, but particularly our students, will be feeling a bit of added pressure. This is particularly the case for our Year 12's who complete their schooling in a few short weeks time. Please pray for all of our students but our Year 12's in particular over the next few weeks.

Calendar:

You should, by now, have received a term calendar in the post. We posted it out under separate cover last week because this term is fairly busy and we wanted all parents to be informed of upcoming dates as soon as possible. Please take time to go through the calendar and diarise events that are applicable to your family.

Strategic Plan:

During the recent school holidays the College's Board of Directors, Thornlie Church of Christ's Eldership and the College Leadership Team met for two days to work through all the information that Mark Steyn, our Strategic Planning Facilitator, has gathered over the past months. My thanks to all staff, students and parents who have been willing to give of their time to assist Mark in collecting this information!

The two days were very busy and fairly intense but definitely time well-spent! We were able to gain a 360° perspective of the College – all the different points-of-view, opinions and information were brought together to provide an all-round perspective of the College at this time. We then tried to visualise how we want the College to look in the future... what it will be like when it is "complete." With these two pictures; one where we are now and another where we aim to be in the future, we were then able to begin the process of mapping out the steps that we need to take to get the College to that position.

In a nutshell, our vision for the College sees it growing to a campus of 1200 students with all the

resources and facilities to ensure that it compares favourably with any other College in the South Eastern Corridor. Along with our goals to lift the levels of expectation and the academic standards in the College, the distinctive element that we believe will ensure its uniqueness will be our vision of developing young people who will go out into the world to live their lives based upon a mature, Christian World View. Just think of the implications that this has for our College and the manner in which we educate our students!

One of the first steps that we are taking has to do with your perceptions of discipline at the College. There was a unanimous appeal from *all* representative groups - both parents and students – that we *tighten up* and be *more consistent* in our discipline. This came as quite a surprise – especially coming from our students!

By way of explanation: Most people, on hearing the word "Discipline" interpret it as "Punishment." However at TCC we understand discipline to be the systems and expectations that we put in place to assist our students to *avoid* punishment – our Respect theme, our Choice and Consequence theme, our Biblically-based approach to living all come to mind.

This issue was discussed at our pre-term staff-meeting and we agreed that, as a staff, we will be focusing on providing clearer discipline expectations for our students as well as greater consistency in our application of our discipline strategies. I trust that there will be a noticeable improvement this term.

We will continue to evolve the Strategic Plan with the aim of introducing the next phase in early 2007. I will keep you informed of developments as and when they arise. Please keep this process in your prayers!

Farewell Year 12's:

The time has come for another group of TCC students to leave us and begin a new stage on their life journeys. Each has left their unique mark on the College and will be remembered with great affection. We pray that, irrespective of what ever else they take away with them, they will remember to take a real sense of the awesome presence of God in their lives away as part of their equipping for life.

Our thoughts and prayers are with each one of them at this exciting time.

**Bill Innes
PRINCIPAL**

FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL COORDINATOR

Friday this week will witness the end of formal lessons for our Year 12 students and for some the beginning of their final revision programme for the forthcoming TEE examinations. As in previous years, this week has been one full of farewell activities including the farewell lunch, organised and catered for so competently by the Year 11's, a breakfast, a Prefect lunch, the final College assembly and the Senior School River Cruise. The traditional Valedictory Service and Dinner will be held on November 22 and the Senior School Awards and Year 12 Graduation night on December 1.

On behalf of the College, I wish all of our Year 12's every success, happiness and fulfilment in the future. Our thoughts and prayers go with them as they begin a very exciting phase in their lives. Their future is filled with optimism, hope and adventure.

At the final assembly for term three the Prefects in Training were announced and take on their leadership role in a training capacity demonstrating their desire to be chosen as a Prefect in 2007. It is appropriate that we acknowledge the outstanding contribution of the departing Prefects (Emma Cathles, Bethany Walker, Jemma Young, Monica Kraima, Claire Bilich, Kathryn van Niekerk, Renae Storer Sharonne Hart) under the dedicated and competent leadership of **Lydia Winslade** and **Grant Dusting** and thank them for their commitment, efficiency, approachability and care. A strong foundation has been established for our new Prefects to make a positive and significant impact on the culture of the College. **Congratulations to the following Prefects in Training: Emma Clutterbuck, Ashanti Wills, Nyree Wharton, Stacy Pang, Karrie Carew, Elara Coombe, Tony Bahbah, Jeffery Larans, Nicholas de Hoog, Simon Giles.**

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. Following the assembly all are invited to join with the Year 12's and staff for afternoon tea in the Staff room.**

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 this Saturday October 28 and is an event that all students look forward to. **A reminder** that it is the responsibility of the parents to pick their child up after the river cruise at 10.30 pm. We would appreciate it if this time could be strictly adhered to.

YEAR 12 VALEDICTORY DINNER AND SERVICE

All Parents of the Year 12 students will have received information about the **Valedictory Dinner** to be held on Wednesday evening November 22 at the Southern Districts Alliance Church in Warton Road. An invitation has been extended to all Year 12's, and their parents, College staff and College Board members. Because we are expecting a larger number of students and parents attending this year it was decided not to include siblings as the facility may not be able to cater for the additional numbers. If parents would really like to have siblings attend please contact me at the College to see if our numbers will allow it.

ART EXHIBITION "through my eyes"

I hope all of you were able to take advantage of the opportunity to come and view the exceptional talent of our Art students and in particular our Year 12 Visual Art students at the College Art Exhibition held this week. We had glowing reports from the many that attended and especially the praise given by the Mayor of Gosnells, Cr Patricia Morris and the local Member for Southern River Paul Andrews who officially opened the exhibition. Congratulations must go to all those who had pieces exhibited and special thanks to our Art teachers Mrs McCormick and Mrs Levison who are the staff responsible for the teaching of the skills for these masterpieces.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Benjung Pitavanick on receiving 30 commendations and her Silver Certificate and **Henry Skeen and Kael van Houwelingen** on receiving ten commendations and a Bronze Certificate.

NEW STAFF IN THE SENIOR SCHOOL

We welcome **Mr Guy Slingerland** who has taken over from Mr Taylor in the Design and Technology area and as well the Year 10 Form class. Mr Slingerland comes with a wealth of knowledge in this learning area and we look forward to him being a part of our College community.

NEW STUDENTS

We welcome **Nikita Keay** and her family to our College community. Nikita has joined the Year 10 GS Form and we pray that Nikita will enjoy her time here at the College.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Oct 17 – Nov 21	Yr 11 Driver Ed Course
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 23	Year 12 Retreat
November 24	Year 11 final day 1:00 p.m.
November 30	Year 10 final day 1:00 p.m.
December 1	Senior School Awards Night

MRS HELEN BALDING
SENIOR SCHOOL CO-ORDINATOR

FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL COORDINATOR

Welcome back to term 4!

As you would have noticed from the term 4 calendar, there is a lot to do in such a short amount of time this term.

Constantly chasing uniform problems can be a time consuming task so I ask for your support in reminding your children to wear the College summer uniform on the correct day and also see that your child has a College hat as term 4 is a, **'no hat no play'** term.

Just as a reminder, Middle School girls should be in either the **Navy Dress or Navy Skirt and Blue Short Sleeve Blouse.**

Middle School boys should be in the **Navy Shorts with Blue Short Sleeve Shirt.**

Correct College socks need to accompany the uniform e.g. **White Dress sock for girls and Navy Blue sock for the boys.**

Sport uniform for both girls and boys is the Red Polo Sport Shirt and the Two Panel Sport Short with the White College Sport Sock.

On cooler days the College Jumper or Track Suit Top can be worn on appropriate days but **Track**

Pants are Winter Uniform and should not be worn.

Skate shoes and the like are not permitted.

The **Bucket Hat** is the same for boys and girls in Middle School.

Please also make sure that all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name.

Thank you for helping out in this way.

PETER WORTH
MIDDLE SCHOOL COORDINATOR

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The year 7 girl's class have spent the last month filling shoeboxes with gifts for children in need throughout the world. The girls have saved up money that they have earned to fill the boxes with gifts and pay the postage to send the boxes off. I would like to congratulate the year 7 girl's class on their generosity and dedication to helping those less fortunate. In total, the girls were able to send off 16 boxes. Well done, girls.

Mrs Levison
Year 7 Form Teacher

FROM THE JUNIOR SCHOOL COORDINATORS

Greetings,

Welcome back to the final Term for the Year. We look forward to a busy term, where we once again have a lot to fill in and have only 8 weeks to do so. It is going to be an exciting term with so much to look forward to. We have our Awards Assembly, End-Of-Year Concert, Pre-Primary and Year 6 Graduations, just to name a few of the upcoming events. Joining our team in this busy term is Mrs Funmi Olubodun, who is taking over the Year 5/6 V class while Mr Van is on long service leave. We would also like to inform you that Miss Lee is now Mrs Zanich and we congratulate her on her marriage to Alan.

Billabong (Primary Staff Room)

Many of you will know that the 'Billabong' is a hub of activity. There are always classes being held there, Mrs Keane resides in her office there, staff use it as a room to prepare lessons in, it holds our photocopier, and the list goes on. Due to all these 'going ons', could we please ask parents, that if you need to see Mrs Keane or another staff member, could you please liaise with the front office to arrange an appointment time with the staff member concerned. This will prevent any double booking of appointments and any negative feelings that may arise when a staff member is not available immediately to discuss important matters

that need time to address in detail. This is just a formality, but it does give us the opportunity to give each person or situation the adequate amount of attention needed without interruption.

Duty of Care

We spoke to the students at the last Assembly about before and after school issues, It is therefore necessary to inform you as parents of these issues. Staff supervision begins at 8:30am in the morning and in the afternoons it continues until 3:45pm During these times our playground facilities are out of bounds to all students. We have informed the students that they can play on the oval nearest to the Primary buildings, talk with their friends, and get their equipment ready to start the day. In this way we can be assured that their safety and wellbeing is much easier to manage. We appeal to you to reinforce this message with your children.

'No Hat, No Play'

Please also ensure your children have a school hat as without one we can not allow them to go out and play. If they do not have their hat, they will need to stay under the covered area, which will protect them from the sun's harmful rays. We thank you for your support in this matter too.

Games Box

Congratulations to Year 5/6 S who won the votes for the Primary School Games Box! We hope you enjoy this over the next two weeks.

Lost Property

The remainder of the lost property brought back from swimming lessons has been placed into the lost property box in Student Services.

Canteen

As you may have noticed, the canteen has made a few changes to their menu. They have informed us that, if you wish, you may send your child's cooler lunch box (if they have one) with their lunch order and the canteen ladies will put your child's lunch into their cooler bag in order to keep it fresh and cool for when they receive it. This is a great advantage, especially in these hotter months. Please be reminded that it is very important to have recess and lunch orders written clearly onto the lunch bags and ready before school starts. Thank You!

Thank you once again to all the parents who encourage us and pray for us in the Primary School, it is great to have a sense of community and unity that we can experience together. We are truly blessed and we praise God for the privilege to be a part of your children's lives.

To God be all Glory!

**MRS CORINNA KEANE
PRIMARY SCHOOL COORDINATOR**

GENERAL INFORMATION

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

Welcome to the final term of this year! Yes, you guessed it, time to order uniforms for next year! Please carefully assess what your child will need for 2007. An order form is enclosed and must be returned by the **17th November** to avoid a late fee. This is particularly important as most of our suppliers are closed for three weeks in December/January. This means that you may face lengthy delays if orders are received after this date.

Remember: The old style uniform will be completely phased out by the end of this term. Only the new style uniform will be accepted in 2007. This applies to both the formal and sports uniforms.

Ordering & Invoicing

There seems to be some confusion in the method of receiving notice once you have ordered uniforms. Please be aware that once an order has been filled by the uniform shop, an invoice will be sent to your oldest child's classroom. This is your notification to pay and pick up your uniform. If you have paid in advance, the filled order will be sent to your oldest child's classroom Please call the uniform shop to check on your order if you feel that it is delayed or are concerned that we have not received it. I will be happy to investigate the delays!

Lost Property Box

Please continue to check this box regularly if any uniform items are lost.

Parents and students are still not marking their names clearly on their uniforms. Please remember that any item that is found without a name on it will be re-sold in the uniform shop.

I want to acknowledge Mrs Andrea Jones who faithfully gathers and washes the lost property uniforms at the end of each term. *Thank you so much!*

Finally, thank you to Mrs. Linda Higgins, Mrs. Narelle Mackenzie and Mrs Shanthi Christopher for helping me run things "smoothly" in the uniform shop throughout this year. I'm sure the parents that they assisted are grateful too. Thanks, ladies!

God Bless,

**ROBBIE WOJCIK
UNIFORM SHOP COORDINATOR**

Car park news 'n blues

First of all, my thanks to you all for supporting us in the changes that we are trialling this term. We believe that there has been a significant improvement in a number of safety issues already. At the same time we have identified a number of additional issues that require investigation.

News: Specifically we are looking at the Pre-primary car park and the bus drop-off point. We are looking at ways in which we can keep the Pre-primary Car Park open for parents' use while still providing a suitable drop-off point for our buses. We'll keep you informed on any developments in this regard.

Blues: I have just received *another* complaint from a parent who has had her vehicle dented by an inconsiderate car park user who has opened their door a little too vigorously. Unfortunately the perpetrator did not apologise, leave a note or make any attempt to take responsibility for the damage repair. I appeal to all car park users to ensure that they and their children show the necessary consideration for all vehicles in the car park.

Bill Innes



DRAMA DEPARTMENT

PAYMENT FOR COMMEDIA DEL ARTE PERFORMANCE

A very large number of students have still not paid for the In-School performance we had at the end of Term 3 in the Senior School. If you have not paid, please bring in an envelope, with your name, \$5 inside, and place it in the tin provided at Student Services as soon as possible. Thanks.

COSTUMES NEEDED!

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 donate any unsuitable items to the Salvos. ☺

Mr Sean Tobin
DRAMA TEACHER

Student SmartRider

From 1st October 2006, all primary and secondary school students will require a Student SmartRider to purchase 50-cent fares.

Sales of the 50-cent Student MultiRiders will cease on 1 October 2006. After this time the only way to get a 50-cent student fare on a Transperth service is to use a Student SmartRider.

With the benefit of the discounted 50-cent Student Fare comes the expectation that students will stand and offer their seat if an adult needs it. Please contact Student Services as soon as possible should your child/ren require a card or if theirs has been lost or stolen. MultiRider cards can still be used until all the credit has been used.

CANTEEN



OPENING DAYS FOR TERM 4

MONDAY & TUESDAY - All Day
FRIDAY - Recess Only

Please note the changes to this terms menu.

If you have not received Term 4 menu it is available from the Front Office or Student Services.

TCC BOOK FAIR UPDATE

Many thanks to everybody who supported our Book Fair held last term. Due to your fantastic support our sales topped \$3000.00 and as result of these sales the College library received books to the value of \$930.00 for no charge. We really appreciate the support given to the College and look forward to your continued support next year.

Wendy Brownhill & Lynda Walker

LOST

Jasmine Street has lost her pencil case – it has her name on it – and her spelling book. If you find these items please return to the Front Office or Mrs Tobin's Yr 3 / 4 Class.

GEMS - Godly Encouragement for MumS

2006 Gems Programme - "God, TV and Your Family"
10th November at Rivervale Church of Christ
Register 7:15 pm to start 7:30 pm
Speaker: Heather McEwan

OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

- ❖ City of Gosnells Sportsmania for 5 – 12 year olds at Richard Rushton Community Centre during the school term on Tuesday afternoons from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Enquiries to Danielle 9452 9910
- ❖ Art Markets – Second Saturday of the month – commencing 14 October 2006. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Gosnells Town Square, 2232 Albany Highway, Gosnells. Enquiries 9452 9903

Information on Bicycle Helmets from Road Wise

In 2001, one third of cyclists seriously injured were not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash. The following will help to ensure your children are adequately protected:

- Adults and children alike must wear approved bike helmets when cycling.
- The helmet should fit the child's head securely, without being too tight or too loose.
- Ensure the helmet protects the child's forehead.
- It is also important to adjust the straps and buckles to assist with comfort.
- All helmets bought must carry the Australian StandardsMark™ AS2063.2 and logo.

For more information please contact RoadWise on 9213 2066 or Bikewest on 9216 8000.

LOST DOG – POLONY - In the Ranford area
Mini Dachshund (sausage dog)
Contact 9298 9696 or 9441 9094
\$500 REWARD



Supporting children in swimming

Do you enjoy swimming?

Can you swim at least 25m in 3 strokes?

Would you like to be part of a group swimmers who do friendly competitive swimming?

Then come and join us on Tuesday nights to be part of Thornlie Swimming Club.

Starts 6.30pm at Gosnells Leisure World.

First 2 weeks free (Pool entry applies)