

**SEMESTER 1 Term 1
NEWSLETTER No. 2**

22 February, 2007

**FROM THE
PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

Dear Parents

With the first term now well under way it is perhaps a good time to take stock of what has already happened and then refocus on the weeks to come. We've had a busy but blessed first three weeks – our new students seem to have settled in well, as have our new staff-members, our Parent Information Evening was a big success with most slots being well-attended, our building programme and the equipping of the new buildings is now almost complete and the education programme is well under way!

As we look forward to the remainder of this term we can look forward to:

- a number of swimming carnivals,
- a long weekend to relax on,
- a (late) Commencement Service/ social gathering,
- the Year 11 / 12 Parents Information evening
- the Official Opening of our new buildings,
- the College AGM,
- an important Primary Staff Professional Development in the last week of the term
- and finally, our Easter Service at the close of term.

Please check the calendar in this newsletter to confirm these dates.

Also, **Primary School parents** please note that **the Primary term will finish on Monday, 2 April** – a very unconventional day to finish on, but the Key Speaker at our Professional Development is coming over from Victoria and is only available on the Tuesday and Wednesday. We understand that this will be an inconvenience for some families and so we are in the process of arranging a child-care service for these two days. This is to assist working mums and single-parent families who will find it difficult to make alternative arrangements and so numbers will be limited. Corinna Keane will provide more details in the next newsletter.

TCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ELECTIONS:

The TCC Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 29 March. At this meeting we need to appoint two new Board members. As part of our Strategic Planning we have considered the future composition of our Board and we are looking to fill specific portfolios in future. We are praying that God will bring to us Godly people who can build into the future of the College in one or more of the following portfolios:

- Legal issues
- Marketing
- Policy-writing
- Finance

If you fit into any of these categories or know of anyone who may have an interest in serving in this way, please contact Graham Irvine, Board Chairman on 0414 706 810 or Chris Bridge, Board Secretary on 0417 706 810.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS:

The College has been looking at its budgets with a view to making cost-savings. One area where we believe we can save both time and money is our fortnightly newsletters. At present we mail out a hard copy to every family in the College and this has cost implications for paper, photocopy charges, envelopes and stamps. One mail-out costs us in the region of \$400!

From the beginning of the second term we will be moving to electronic delivery of the newsletter (E-mail). This requires us to collate a database of all e-mail addresses in the college community. Please complete the reply slip included in this letter providing us with your current e-mail address in *clear print, using upper and lower case letters as appropriate*.

If you do not have an e-mail address, you will have two other options to access the newsletter.

- We will have a small number of copies of the newsletter available in reception.
- Alternatively you will be able to access it online on our webpage at www.tcc.wa.edu.au

Thank you for assisting us to be more economical at the College.

I look forward to seeing you all at one of our forthcoming functions.

Be blessed today!

**Bill Innes
PRINCIPAL**

FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL COORDINATOR

SENIOR SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Many thanks to the parents of our Year 10 students who attended our Parent Information and Meet the Teacher evening held last week. We hope the information given has assisted you in understanding the procedures and expectations that take place in the Senior School.

A meeting for the Year 11 & 12 parents will be held on March 7 in the B8 room. The purpose of this meeting is to bring you up-to-date with changes to the curriculum and other issues relating to your child's education at the College. This meeting will commence at 7.00pm following the Commencement Service.

CHANGING SUBJECTS

Year 10, 11 and 12 students are advised that the last day for changing subjects is Wednesday February 28. Students who are still thinking they may like to change a subject must first discuss this with the Teacher concerned and Mrs Balding. A form must also be completed and signed by the parent authorising the change.

ELECTION OF HOUSE AND VICE HOUSE CAPTAINS

All Secondary students and staff met in their House groups these weeks to elect their House and Vice House Captains for 2007. The elected students were announced at a combined assembly with the Middle School and Senior School and presented with their badges.

The following are to be congratulated on their election to the Student Leadership Team for 2007.

HOUSE	CAPTAINS	VICE CAPTAINS
REUBEN	Jazlyn Gabriel-Kenworthy	Rachelle Disting
JUDAH	Riley Kentish	Elisa Sweeney
JOSEPH	Lennon Smartt	Sarah Bahbah
LEVI	Joseph Pitavanik	Courtney Smith

COLLEGE INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Inter-house Swimming Carnival is to be held on Thursday March 8. I would like to encourage all students to support their House, firstly by attending the carnival, it is a compulsory College event, secondly, to participate to the best of their ability and therefore supporting their House and thirdly, to wear the correct College bather and sports uniform. Parents are very welcome to come along and cheer for their children and their House.

EXTRA CURRICULAR AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

SENIOR STUDENT STATUS

Year 12 students each year are given the opportunity of accepting Senior Status. Senior Status requires that they display responsible behaviour, a commitment to learning, satisfactory attendance and punctuality and dress according to the College standards. In return they are given certain privileges. This year all students have accepted this responsibility and were presented with their Senior Status badges at assembly.

IMPENDING EXCURSIONS

The following academic excursions have been planned for the different subjects.

Feb 23 Yr 11 Bible students – Carousel
Feb 28 Yr 10 SOSE – Green House Maddington
Mar 20 Yr11&12 Art - WA Art Gallery

STAFF ASSISTANCE

We are encouraging students to avail themselves of the opportunities that our generous staff are offering to assist them with their academic studies and therefore reach the goals they are setting themselves. The following is a timetable of events to date.

MATH

Mr Allen - Mon-Fri lunchtimes by appointment
Mon-Thu Recess by appoint.

Mrs Jacobsz – Thu 3.30pm - 4.30pm Discrete Math

Mrs Munyard – Mon 3.30pm - 4.30pm Year 10 and for a simple question – lunchtime

Mr Berkelaar - Thu lunchtime G&T/Intro Cal Study Club

SOSE

Mrs Coelho - By appointment

HISTORY

Miss Stevens - Mon lunchtime Yr 12

ART

Mrs Florisson Mon – Thurs lunchtimes Yr's 11&12

SCIENCE

Mrs Raynor – Mon lunchtime – Science Club

Mrs Raynor - Chemistry & Physics by Appointment

IT LAB B5

Mrs David - Mon-Fri lunchtime for research and assignments

DRAMA

Mr Tobin - Wed 3.45-5.00 pm Yr 11's

Thu 3.45-5.00pm Yr 7, 8, 9

BUSHRANGERS

Mrs Brownhill, Mr Allen, Mr

Harders & Mrs Munt - Mondays after school

STUDENTS' ART EXHIBITED AT THE WA ART GALLERY

TEE Art students **Arlie van Houwelingen** and **Lydia Winslade** have had the honour of their Art pieces chosen to be exhibited in the Gallery. The Art pieces will be exhibited until next April and all are invited to visit the gallery and view these pieces.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO COLLEGE STUDENTS

Two of our Year 12 students of 2006 have been awarded scholarships to study their chosen courses at University. **Grant Dusting** to study at the University of WA and **Bethany Walker** to study Health Sciences at Curtin University. We congratulate both of them and wish them every success with their future studies.

COLLEGE SENIOR BALL

It's time once again to start thinking about the College Senior Ball. All Year 11 & 12 students are invited to attend and as well, an invitation is extended to the Year 12 parents. Each student is permitted to invite a friend. If the friend is not a student at the College, it will be necessary for an interview to be arranged for the friend to meet Mr Innes and Mrs Balding. The Ball will once again be held at the Fremantle Sailing Club on Friday April 20 (the last Friday of the holidays).

FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL COORDINATOR

The New Middle School I.T. Program



It is the aim of TCC to have all students who pass through Middle School to be computer literate. To meet this aim, our students are currently working through ICDL training.

ICDL is the International Computer Driver's License. It's an internationally recognized qualification, showing that the holder possesses competency in fundamental I.T. skills.

The training program roughly equates to 80 hours of interactive work and is self-paced. So if a student is diligent or wants to put more time in to getting ahead, they can. However, at the end of each sub-module, they must take a test and pass with 75% or more to progress to the next stage.

The 7 test modules that make up the program are:

- Basic Concepts of IT
- Using the Computer and Managing Files
- Word Processing
- Spreadsheets
- Databases
- Presentations
- Information and Communication

During the training, I will be periodically stopping students (both as a class and individually) to discuss important concepts covered.

When the whole training program is complete, students then sit the ICDL Test for accreditation.

It is important at this stage of your child's education that they gain sound I.T. expertise that can be transferred to other subjects e.g. producing graphs and spreadsheet information for SOSE. In addition, by doing this training, your child will gain self-confidence from knowing they can use a PC and a variety of standard computer software applications.

Mr Daniel Winslade.

I would like to add my thanks to Mr Daniel Winslade and Mr Antony Street for researching this programme and for their dedication to the IT department. I would also like to acknowledge their desire to equip our Middle School students as effectively as possible for the years to come in regard to accessing and using available technologies.

PETER WORTH
MIDDLE SCHOOL CO-ORDINATOR

FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL COORDINATOR

Greetings,

Thank you to all the parents who came along to the Parent Information Night. It was a real encouragement for the teaching staff to have so many parents dedicate their time to get to know their children's teachers and to learn about class happenings and expectations. As parents, I am sure that you appreciate knowing what days your child needs to wear sports uniform, what days to bring back library books, what homework expectations are, as well as all the other information needed for smooth day to day running of the classroom. Also, thank you to those parents who did notify their child's teacher of their unavailability to attend the meeting. This was greatly appreciated as it enabled the class teacher to still send information in the form of a 'Class Handbook'. I would like to take this opportunity to

ask the parents who did not attend the meetings, to get in contact with your child's teacher so that you too can receive the information booklet.

We had another wonderful assembly led by Mr Splatt's Year 6 class on the Monday of Week 4. The students wrote and acted out some plays taken from the Bible. It was very entertaining and a great way to be reminded of 'Respect' and 'Forgiveness'. We certainly have some budding talent in this class.

The Year 2M class was very excited to be this year's first class to win the use of the Primary 'Games Box'. Well done Year 2M!

Our next Assembly will take place on Monday of Week 8 (not Week 6 due to the public holiday) and will be lead by the Year 4/5 class. All parents are welcome to attend. The start time for our assemblies is 9am.

The students are settling into the new Lunch-time procedure and it is producing the desired effect. Please be reminded that the school day starts at 8:40 am. We are still experiencing some slight disruptions with late students as we get used to the new starting time.

We are truly grateful to our Heavenly Father for all his blessings in the Primary School. We only have to look around at the new buildings, the lovely smiles on the student's faces, as well as the staff's faces, the 'Unity' that we are experiencing, the fantastic parent helpers who are volunteering their time, and the growing expectation of the construction of our new playgrounds. It is certainly another exciting year at Thornlie Christian College.

MRS CORINNA KEANE
PRIMARY SCHOOL COORDINATOR

CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTARY

Do you remember the Bobby McFerrin song "Don't Worry, be Happy"? It talks about the simple things in life and how we often worry about events that may be out of our control. What is the purpose behind worrying? What does it achieve? Does it actually improve the situation that caused us to worry in the first place?

In relation to worry, trust and faith go hand in hand. If we say we have faith in Christ, then trust should be the evident fruit. This almost seems a little too simplistic doesn't it? Just try it throughout this next week. In all situations, trust God. Tell Him your concerns and what it is that is worrying you, and then leave it to Him. Do what you are able to do then leave the rest to God. Allow Him to take an active part in our life.

Matthew 6: 25-32

GENERAL INFORMATION

HOME ECONOMICS & HOSPITALITY DEPARTMENT NEWS

The new building is up and running and should be ready for inspection by the whole community at our Opening Ceremony on Friday March 16th 2007.

We are seeking the services of willing parents to do the following:

- Make curtains and pelmets
- To assist with baking

If anyone feels they could offer anything to improve the environment for our students, please let me know as soon as possible.

Thanking you.

Lorraein O'Callaghan-Munt
TIC Home Economics & Hospitality
You can contact me on 9455 1607 or
Email: locmunt@tcc.wa.edu.au
I will get back to you as soon as I can.

CALLING ALL INTERCESSORS

Opportunities exist to cover the staff and students of TCC.

On: Mondays 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Thursdays 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Where: MMM Classroom (through gate at fence)

Please feel free to join us.

For more information call Andrea Mellor on:
9354 1796 (evening)

P.S. We would like to set up an emergency prayer chain and a prayer sheet for those who would like to cover the school at the other times. If you are interested please call me.



KOORONG KIDS

REMINDER: ALL Koorong Kids orders need to be in NOW.

FOR SALE – 9256 3630

Size S Primary to Middle School sport shorts – as new / excellent condition. \$27.00 (o.n.o.)

SWIMMING CARNIVAL DATES



Senior Inter-house Swimming Carnival
Thursday, Mar 8th at Riverton Leisure Complex

Primary Inter-house Swimming
Monday, Mar 12th at Armadale Aquatic Centre

Combined Christian Schools Inter-School Carnival
Thursday, Mar 29th at Challenge Stadium

DRAMA

Year 11 Drama Studies – Students have their first compulsory after-school rehearsal for the Easter Festival this coming Wednesday (28th Feb), 3:45 – 5:45pm.

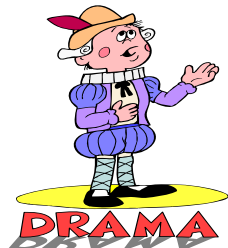
Rehearsals continue until the end of term.

Year 10 Drama – Students will be preparing for many exciting performances this year. Their first will be featured in the College's Easter Festival April 2-5. Students will be expected to attend after-school rehearsals on Thursdays from weeks 6 - 9. A note will be sent home soon.

Middle School Drama Club – This year the Drama Club will only be held in Term 2 and 3 and will lead to a Drama performance at Don Russell Performing Arts Centre, in Term 3, along with Year 10 and Year 11 Drama Students. Auditions for the club will be held in Term 2 – Week 5. Weekly sessions will be on Mondays, after school, 3:45 – 5:45pm.

Easter Festival – Middle and Senior School students are preparing for performances for the College's second Easter Festival, which will be held all around the College from April 2-5, in Term 1, week 10. Once our programme is confirmed you will be notified.

New Drama Room – We are very blessed and excited to have a brand new Drama Room, which is twice the size of our previous room. All the students are very excited about the new possibilities that we have with much more space!



DALA UPDATE

Jewel's Future School, Dala, Myanmar (Burma)

Amazingly, last year we realized what was possible in God by starting a Christian school in an impoverished country. Think about it: there now are 40 (it has increased by 10) children from Buddhist, Muslim & Hindu backgrounds attending Jewel's Future, where they are fed twice a week and are nurtured in a Godly environment.

Since the close of our school year last year, a number of positive things have happened. They held a Christmas party at the school. 140 people comprising of students, families and local leaders attended. There were games, food, fun, gifts and the real meaning of Christmas was shared. The community loved it.

There is now a permanent Christian teacher. They have a water tank out the front and the children have uniforms to wear! The electricity is connected and they have ceiling fans.

Goal for 2007

Our aim this year is to help the school to become self-supporting as much as possible. After investigation, purchasing land for cash crops and micro-business activities, such as the renting out of water carts, are vehicles to do this. A lot of money raised this year, therefore, will go towards these ends.

Having said this, Elsy and Angam are also seriously looking at the possibility of adding another room to the back of the building. This would be used to house the teacher, and add to the security of the premises.

Steering Committee

The Jewel's Future Steering Committee will soon be up and running again. If you are interested in being part of it, please do. Contact me for details.

Yours in Christ,
Daniel Winslade
Jewel's Future Coordinator





Carey United Soccer Club - Registrations

Carey United Soccer Club offers an opportunity for your children to learn soccer skills. We play each Saturday morning from May to September at Carey Baptist College.

Our emphasis is on participation rather than competition and we encourage good sportsmanship, being part of a team and having fun through exercise.

Registrations for the Club for children from Pre-Primary through to Year 9 will be held on:

- ◆ Saturday, 24th February 10:30am-Noon
- ◆ Wednesday, 7th March 3pm-4:30pm

At Carey Baptist College, 51 Wright Road, Forrestdale.

Registration forms are available from the Carey Baptist College's website www.carey.wa.edu.au, click on 'Community' then 'Carey United Soccer Club'.

If you can't make either registration day, please post the form along with payment to the Club (details on form). These registrations need to be returned by 16th March 2007.

A second hand boot sale will be held on registration days. If you would like to sell your child's soccer boots please see the Co-ordinator on the day. There will be a selection of boot sizes available for purchase from the first Registration day until the first few weeks of the Season.

For further inquiries please contact me on 9455 5525, 0409 351 711 or careysoccerclub@hotmail.com.

Michelle Lindner
Registrar
Carey United Soccer Club

OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- Strategies for Success for Years 8 to 12 – April Holiday programme on the Churchlands Campus of Edith Cowan University.

Years 8-9 10th-12th April 9am to 12:15pm \$210
Years 10-12 10th – 13th April 9am to 3pm \$410

Learning Performance Seminars: 9246 2733

TCC BUSH RANGERS UNIT

Bush Rangers are up and running again for the year. Interested students from Yr 8 – 12 need to see Wendy Brownhill in the Library to obtain an application form. Forms need to be returned by 2nd March. This year we will be meeting on Mondays from 3:30pm to 5:30pm.

RETURN UNIFORMS: Please return your uniform if you are not continuing with Bush Rangers this year. Place the clean uniform in a bag clearly marked with your name and hand in to the Library.

DONATIONS for PLANTS

As a project Bush Rangers are planting the garden in front of the new Science / Home Economics Block and we are looking for donations to buy plants. All donations will be recognised in the Newsletter and on the programme of the official opening which will be held on 16th March.

Many thanks
Wendy Brownhill & Lorraein Munt
Unit Leaders



Ian at Fraser's Garden Centre cnr Fraser & Comirie Rds Canning Vale, a supporter of our school Waterwise programme, has provided this Waterwise tip:

Apply a soil wetting agent and water it in well. This will help get your lawn and gardens through the rest of Summer. This should be done in early Spring and mid Summer (February is ideal) at the very least. Don't forget to use one which attracts a rebate from the Water Corporation.

Please remember -



No dogs are allowed on school grounds, unless previously arranged with the Principal or School Coordinators
