

**SEMESTER 1 Term 1
NEWSLETTER No. 3**

8 MARCH 2007

**FROM THE
PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

Dear Parents and Friends of TCC

This week we held our (belated) 2007 Commencement Service. You may remember that we postponed this event at the beginning of the term because it was predicted to be a 40°C day and rescheduled it for this past Wednesday – which turned out to be a 42°C day!

I want to thank all the parents, friends and students who braved the heat to support this event. We really enjoyed your company and were pleased to have an opportunity to build new relationships and renew old ones!

At the Commencement Service I spent some time talking about our College Vision Statement. This is something that I have written about before but I believe that it is one of those things that need to be repeated regularly. Too often, companies create, at great cost, a fancy vision statement that is soon filed away and becomes a “dead document” only to be pulled out a couple of years later and reinvented in a slightly different guise.

At TCC we are using our Vision Statement as a compass bearing, a direction beacon, to guide and inform our entire education programme.

Our Vision statement says:

Thornlie Christian College seeks to develop people of influence who engage life from a Christian world-view.

As providers of a unique “pathways” style of education to families south of the river, our staff seeks to equip, empower and envision students for a lifetime of Christian Service.

The first key word in this statement is the word “**people**.” We have chosen this word deliberately because we are referring here not to the student in our classes but rather to the person who will leave our College at the end of their education-journey. We are referring here to our ‘end-product.’

So what will our “end-product” look like then? Well, two things will stand out:

1. Our “end-product” will be ***“a person of influence.”***
2. Our “end-product” will ***“engage life from a Christian world-view.”***

We could probably swap the order of these two statements and say:

1. ***because*** our students will have learned to ***“engage life from a Christian world-view,”***
2. they will ***become*** “people of influence!”

What then, do we mean by “**people of influence?**”

Our vision of a “person of influence” is one who reflects God’s grace in their life to such an extent that people who come into contact with them will be impacted by them and begin to ask questions like,

“What has he/she got that I haven’t got?” or

“Why does this person reflect love... grace... serenity... confidence... peace... respect etc. despite the daily stresses and challenges in their lives?” and then,

“I want whatever it is that he/she has got!”

Our people of influence will, through their example, impact the lives of those they come in contact with, for Christ! This may sound idealistic to some and we accept that none of us is perfect but isn’t this what we are all called to do? If we as a College can, in a meaningful way, better prepare each of our students for their life-ministry, then God’s influence will be transmitted in ever-increasing circles to the world outside our College and our students will be fulfilling part of their purpose in Christ.

**Bill Innes
PRINCIPAL**

**FROM THE SENIOR
SCHOOL
COORDINATOR**

A **big thank you** to the parents who despite the heat attended our Parent Information and Meet the Teacher evening on Wednesday evening. Because there is such a lot of information to impart, it is sometimes difficult to decide what has the highest priority. In each newsletter I shall be keeping you up to date with new happenings and course information so please spare some time to read it.

As I mentioned at the meeting the education of your child is a team effort, the child, the parent and the teacher so it was a little disappointing that many parents were not in attendance, particularly since a letter of invitation was posted to each parent and the number of apologies did not tally with the number that were absent. If you did not receive a letter about the meeting could you please contact me so that I can check that we have your right address.

IMPENDING EXCURSIONS

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

March 20 Yr 11&12 Art – WA Art Gallery

EXTRA CURRICULAR AND COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

It is encouraging to see many students have already taken advantage of the opportunities that our generous staff are offering to assist them with their academic studies. The following is a timetable of what is being offered 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

ENGLISH, HISTORY, & GEOGRAPHY

Mrs Jellicoe – Tues Lunchtime by appointment

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

MUSIC

Mr Fong – To be advised by teacher

BUSHRANGERS

Mrs Brownhill, Mr Allen, Mr

Harders & Mrs Munt - Mondays after school

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 20 - College Senior Ball Yr 11 & 12
Fremantle Sailing Club 7 pm – 12

April 27 - SWL commences Yr 11 & 12

August 6 - Work Experience week Yr 10

MRS HELEN BALDING

SENIOR SCHOOL CO-ORDINATOR

FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

A Much Awaited Trip

I was really looking forward to our trip to the Museum because I wanted to get a lot of information about Ancient Egypt for my SOSE assignment and an answer to all the new big words in Archaeology that Mrs Coelho kept using in class. Then the opportunity came and we got to go to all the sections in the museum. It found it really interesting. I also got my answers to all my queries.

Perhaps I will grow up to be an archaeologist some day and use my classmates as artefacts! I want to thank Mrs Coelho for organising the trip to the museum because I always find it really fun.

Isaac Nieves Year 8B



year 8 girls mummified

Sarah Smith

... And from Mr Peter Worth and Mrs Meena Coelho comes the warmest ever 'Merci Beaucoup' for the overwhelming response from our dear parents.

Meena Coelho
TEACHER

FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL COORDINATOR

Greetings,

We have crossed the half way mark for the term and it has been exciting to watch as the College has grown and the progress it has made. We truly have been blessed by God in so many areas. We have witnessed a growth in numbers and it has been wonderful to see that the majority of students have settled in. It is also a blessing to see so many parents willingly helping out in so many ways. The new classrooms are a hub of activity and we are thankful for their completion. The most exciting part at present is the news that **ALL** the students are waiting for: "When can we play on the new playgrounds?" After waiting for so long to receive the playground grant, the consensus is; that we don't mind waiting a little bit longer.

END OF TERM FOR PRIMARY

As you are aware from the last newsletter, the Primary School will finish on Monday the 2nd of April. This is due to a two day PD (Professional Development) being undertaken by the Primary Staff. The PD is based on programming from a Christian Perspective. As we are a Christian College, we see this as fundamental in all we do and we look forward to joining other Christian Teachers as we learn further in how to do this effectively.

We are aware that as some of you look forward to the extra days with your children, there are others who will find it very difficult to get time off work to care for your children. In order to alleviate this, we have been able to organize an on campus day care programme for families with the most need. The 'Day-Care' will run for the two days of the 3rd and 4th of April from 8:15am till 3:15pm sharp. There are limited spaces, so bookings are essential and it will be a first in first served basis. The cost for the day care will be \$20 per child per day.

All bookings need to be made with Mrs Corinna Keane by phoning the College between 9am and 11am. Bookings are to be made **before** Friday the 23rd of March.

PRIMARY SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The swimming carnival involves all students in Years 3 to 6 as well as a group of students in Year 2. All students involved will have received a note to take home.

Please remember to return the reply slips to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. This is necessary so that we can place students into events where they can feel confident.

This year, we are holding the carnival at the Armadale Aquatic Centre on Monday the 12th of

March. Please ensure that your child comes to school in the correct clothing and brings all the necessary items as listed on the note sent home. It is also very important that children arrive at school on time as we will be leaving at 8:45am sharp!

Please pray for an enjoyable and safe carnival for all involved.

ASSEMBLIES

Due to the Monday public holiday, the next Primary School Assembly will take place on Monday the 19th of March at 9:00am. All are invited to attend.

RESPECT FOR THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

Unfortunately we have been experiencing some senseless 'vandalism' in the primary school toilets. As a staff we have been trying to find out who is responsible for this, but at present, we have not been successful. Therefore, we are asking you as parents to help us by reinforcing the 'Respect' theme with your children. Could we also ask that as a community, we join in praying for the children involved, that there will be a change in heart and that this behaviour will cease.

Once again we would like to express our thanks to the parents who take time to encourage and support the teachers (in whatever way they can) at Thornlie Christian College and thereby promote the central business of our college, that of bringing up our children to be the best that they can in Christ.

MRS CORINNA KEANE
PRIMARY SCHOOL COORDINATOR

GENERAL INFORMATION

NOTICE

The Annual General Meeting of THORNLIE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE INC.

Will be held on

Thursday March 29, 2007

At

THORNLIE CHURCH OF CHRIST

319 Spencer Road Thornlie

At 7.00.P.M.

Chris R. Bridge –Board Secretary

The Annual Report will be sent to school families by 20th March 2007

Karen Illich – Business Manager

CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTARY

Back in the 90's there was a band called Hanson, made up of three brothers who wore makeup and grew their hair long. Their voices had not broken and their video clips looked like home video footage. Their first single, "MMMBop" was a huge hit and stayed at number 1 on the music charts for some weeks. Their second single was not so popular; in fact I can't remember the name!

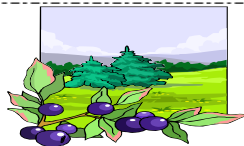
Do you ever find that you compare yourself to past achievements? Maybe not even your own achievements, but others in the same field? This is the exact situation that Joshua was faced with. He was chosen by God to be the successor of Moses and lead the nation of Israel. We all know Moses and how much he achieved. The Israelites would have been comparing Joshua to Moses all the time. After his initial feeling of inadequacy, Joshua listens to all God has planned and submits to Him. Joshua took his eyes off the people, and off what Moses had achieved, and fixed them onto God. He listened intently and obeyed. As a result, Israel remained faithful to God throughout Joshua's lifetime and he became a leader in his own right.

Whatever it is that you are faced with, don't look to others. Don't compare yourself to anyone else. Fix your eyes on God and obey in every aspect of your life.

For the record, I have never been and never will be a Hanson fan.

AMIT KHAIRA
CHAPLAIN

Year 2 Excursion

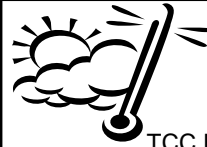


The Year 2's have enjoyed learning about plants this term. To conclude our theme the Year 2's will be going on a 'Botanic Walk of Wonder' in King's Park on Wednesday 14 March 2007.

Mrs Danielle Dunn and Miss Amy Matthews
YEAR 2 TEACHERS



**WINTER UNIFORM ORDERS
ARE DUE IN BY THURSDAY 15 MARCH**



TCC Extreme heat procedure:

- ☀ As our College is air conditioned, students are required to attend school on days when extreme hot weather is forecast.
- ☀ During these times physical activity (including P.E) is minimised and students are encouraged to drink plenty of fluids.
- ☀ On these days classrooms are made available during breaks for students to seek shelter in, from the conditions outside.

DRAMA

Year 11 Drama Studies – Students continue their after-school rehearsal for the Easter Festival each Wednesday, 3:45 – 5:45 until the end of term.

Year 10 Drama – Students rehearse on Thursdays, 3:45 – 5:45 from weeks 6 - 9. This is for the Easter Festival. Rehearsals are compulsory.

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 (Rapunzel Uncut!) at Don Russell Performing Arts Centre, Friday September 7, along with Year 10 and Year 11 Drama performances. Auditions for the club will be held in Term 2 – Week 5. Weekly sessions will be on Mondays, after school, 3:45 – 5:45.

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 2-4, in Term 1, week 10. Our programme is nearly ready to be published so you will receive it soon!

Year 7 Drama Excursion – In Week 9, Friday 30th March all the Year 7 Students will have the exciting opportunity to travel to Spare Parts Puppet Theatre to enjoy a performance of The Little Prince. This is in line with their study of Puppetry as part of the Year 7 Drama Programme. A note will be coming home soon about this excursion.

SEAN TOBIN
DRAMA TEACHER

Proverbs 30:24-28 (The Message)

There are four small creatures,
 wisest of the wise they are—
 ants—frail as they are,
 get plenty of food in for the winter;
 marmots—vulnerable as they are,
 manage to arrange for rock-solid homes;
 locusts—leaderless insects,
 yet they strip the field like an army regiment;
 lizards—easy enough to catch,
 but they sneak past vigilant palace guards.

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE
 THURSDAY 5 APRIL 2007**

WHO CAN APPLY?

Parent/Guardian who holds a Centrelink Family Health Care Card, Centrelink Pension Concession Card or Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card who has student/s Year 8-12 can claim the allowance up to and including the year the student turns 18 years of age. **NOTE: Card held must be current in first term of school year.**

**FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FRONT
 OFFICE OF THE COLLEGE**

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WEEK 7		
Mon 12 Mar	Primary Inter-house Swimming Carnival	Armadale Aquatic Centre
Tues 13 Mar	Middle School Assembly	9:00 - 9:45 a.m.
Thurs 15 Mar	Senior School Assembly	9:00 - 9:45 a.m.
Fri 16 May	Opening Ceremony for new buildings	10:00 a.m.
WEEK 8		
Mon 19 Mar	Primary School Assembly	9:00 - 9:45 a.m.
Tues 20 Mar	Middle School Assembly	9:00 - 9:45 a.m.
Thurs 22 Mar	Senior School Assembly	9:00 - 9:45 a.m.
WEEK 9		
Tues 27 Mar	Middle School Assembly	9:00 - 9:45 a.m.
	CBR Perup Reward Camp begins	TBA
Thurs 29 Mar	Senior School Assembly	9:00 - 9:45 a.m.
	CCS Secondary Swimming Carnival	Challenge Stadium
	Annual General Meeting	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
	CBR Perup Reward Camp concludes	TBA
WEEK 10		
Mon 2 Apr	Easter Services	TBA
	Easter Festival starts	
	Primary School Term 1 finishes	
Wed 4 Apr	Easter Festival Concludes	
	Middle School & Senior School Term 1	

SOCCKER REGISTRATION



Soccer Registration for Southern Force Football Club will be held this Saturday, **10th March from 11am - 1pm**. Registration forms have been issued to all children and we encourage all keen players to register on Saturday.

Entry age is 6 years by 31 December 2007 and no older than 17 years of age by 31 December 2007.

All players who register on Saturday will be in the draw to win one free Registration valued at \$100. Registered players will also receive a 20% discount card to Armando's Sports.

A reminder to players from last year's competition who have soccer uniforms, please return them to Student Services at school or otherwise bring them along to Registration Day for collection. All uniforms that are handed into Student Services will need to be placed in a plastic bag with the name of the child on it.

We look forward to meeting you all on Saturday.

SOUTHERN FORCE FOOTBALL CLUB