

**SEMESTER 1 Term 2
NEWSLETTER No. 5**

27th April 2007

**FROM THE
PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 2. This is the longest term of the year at 11 weeks long and it also sees the assessments and testing for Semester One being completed. Full reports will be issued at the end of this term.

With this in mind it is imperative that all students, especially our more senior students, *begin* the term with an organised, realistic study programme in place. Students can avert much of the "assessment anxiety" that appears to be so prevalent these days, if they are able to build their confidence through thorough preparation.

Parent Interviews: Week 2 sees our Kindy to Yr 9 Parent Interviews taking place on Monday and Tuesday evening and the Senior school will hold their interviews the next week on Monday 7th May. These interviews are an excellent opportunity for you to meet with your child's teachers to discuss the Progress Reports issued last term and the way forward this term.

The College staff view these interviews as of great importance to the education process of each student and so this year we want to ensure that we see *all* parents in each class. You will by now have received a letter from the College explaining the process and requesting your preferred times for interviews. I appeal to you to respond to this letter immediately to secure your preferred interview times. The College will follow up on parents who have not responded to arrange suitable alternative interview times.

Annual General Meeting: Last term the Board of Directors called an Annual General Meeting at which the members (parent body) were required to vote on a number of important issues including the nomination and election of new Board Members. Unfortunately so few parents attended that we were unable to form a quorum for voting purposes and the meeting had to be postponed. The Board

will set a new date for an AGM in the near future and you will be informed accordingly. I appeal to you to diarise this date and commit to attending the meeting.

Cross-country: This term our students will be competing in inter-house and inter-college cross-country competitions. As with learning, there is nothing more enjoyable than competing in a race when one is well-prepared. The College aims to have as many students participating as possible. May I appeal to you to encourage your children to get out and build up to running 3 kilometres at least 3 times a week – around the block, the local park, the college ovals – it doesn't matter where. Just 2 weeks of this will see any child feeling more confident in themselves and in their ability to compete.

In closing: At TCC we encourage every student to use their God-given talents to the best of their ability. May this term be a time when your child/ren achieve this in all aspects of their lives!

**Bill Innes
PRINCIPAL**

**FROM THE SENIOR
SCHOOL
COORDINATOR**

Welcome to the start of a new term. I pray that as we continue to work collaboratively, the term will prove to be successful and enjoyable and that the new term goals that we set ourselves will come to fruition. I encourage all members of our College community to keep the lines of communication open at all times. If there are any concerns, we can only act upon them if we are informed. Please contact the staff or myself at the College and I am certain that together we can resolve any issues before they assume "monumental" proportions.

Remember, there are many people to whom you can turn if a problem arises. The most readily accessible avenue of communication is your child's **Homework Diary**. There is space provided for parents to make contact with the appropriate staff members. Do not hesitate to use this space and always seek clarification if something is not clear to you.

I wish all of the students, staff and parents a rewarding and fulfilling term two.

PARENT INTERVIEWS

MONDAY MAY 7 - The interviews will be held in the B7 and B8 room from 4.00 pm – 9.00 pm. Five minutes has been allotted for each appointment. **All parents** have been asked to phone Mrs Green or myself to arrange an appointment time with each subject teacher to discuss your child's progress and interim report. This is a time to meet staff and share concerns and positive stories. Students are welcome to attend these interviews - but this is at the discretion of individual families.

COLLEGE PHOTO DAY - May 4

All students in the Senior School are reminded that full College uniform must be worn for the photos. Students with sport or electives must bring their sports uniform to change into during the day.

HUMAN PAPILOMA VIRUS (HPV) IMMUNISATIONS YEAR 10, 11, 12

Families of girls in Year 10, 11, &12 are reminded that girls who have agreed to this immunisation will undergo treatment on May 9. **Students are to bring their sports top to change into prior to having the injection.** The consent forms which were sent home prior to the holidays will need to be returned to Student Services immediately. To date only half of the consent forms have been returned.

SEE YOU AT THE POLE (SYATP)

SEE YOU AT THE POLE is a student initiated, student organised and student led meeting at the flagpole to pray for the College, friends, teachers, government, and the nation.

It is a specific designated time when all schools, through their student body, are asked throughout the Nation to pray. Schools in Western Australia (those choosing to do so) will be praying at the pole at 7.30 am. There is nothing political in this meeting.

Prayer at the pole will be held on Thursday 10 May at 7.30 am, at our College Flagpole.

Although this is a student led and organised event all staff, parents, and the College community are invited to join us at the flagpole.

We ask you as the College community to begin praying now that God would direct the prayer movement, the student leaders and the whole student body as they prepare for this event.

We also ask you to ask your churches for their prayer support leading up to and on the day of the event. We would also encourage the forming of groups within your church to gather in church buildings, in homes, in the workplace around a flag

to pray for the College, the students, the teachers, our Government and the Nation.

STRUCTURED WORKPLACE LEARNING

The final arrangements are being made in readiness for the Year 11 and 12 SWL students to head off to work on Friday May 11. The placements are for 16 weeks (term 2&3) and provide valuable skills and assistance for students making important decisions about their future career options.

COLLEGE SENIOR BALL

Once again a great night was had by all of the Year 11 & 12 students who attended the Annual College Ball. It is always pleasing to hear praise given about our students. The management and staff of the Fremantle Sailing Club have commented on how impressed they were with the students' courtesy, respect and the way they behaved and presented themselves throughout the evening. One of our staff also had a call from a limousine company to say how well mannered and behaved the students were who used his cars. Although many were invited guests, it was obvious that they too were young people of the same repute. Thank you to the Staff and the Year 12 Parents who came and shared with us this special evening. A special thank you to the Entertainment and Ball committee, Bree La Hogue, Elisa Sweeney, Katie Treadgold, Melissa Udlijak and Ashanti Wills who spent many hours with the preparations so that the evening would be a success and one to remember. The highlight of the evening was the announcement of Belle and Beau of the Ball. Congratulations Elisa Sweeney and Nicholas de Hoog.

DRAMA STUDENTS

Congratulations to all of the Drama students who were involved in the Easter, Drama productions during the last couple of days of the term. It was amazing to see how these students have developed into confident performers and utilising their giftings in this learning area. Through this medium they certainly brought closer to the College community the reality of the Easter message.

FREE DRESS DAY

Students in the Secondary School participated in the end of term Free Dress day and an amount of \$364 was raised. Money raised will once again go to the Dala Mission project. This year our contributions will assist in further establishing the School and help with staff wages and resources. The amount raised was an excellent result from 324 students in the Secondary School and congratulations to all students for abiding by and respecting the rules given pertaining to Free

Dress. **Nyree Wharton and Alisha Simpson**, Fundraising and Social Concerns committee, thank all students and staff for their generous support on the day.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

It was very pleasing to see the number of students awarded subject certificates at the assembly on Thursday. These certificates were to recognise achievement, effort and attitude throughout term one.

A CHAMPION BOWLER IN OUR MIDST

Congratulations to **Lennon Smartt (Yr 11)** who represented the State of WA at the National Junior Bowling Championships in both the singles and the doubles events.

Lennon received a 1st and a 3rd place in his events and his team a 3rd place. As a result of his excellent performance he has been selected for the Australian Development Squad from which a Youth Team will be chosen to represent Australia in Beijing in 2009.

CAREER INFORMATION

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Course Information Evenings - May 15 – July 3.
More information on their web site.
www.nd.edu.au

CAREER AND EDUCATION EXPO 2007

MAY 18 - 20

Perth Convention Centre. This event is well worth visiting. You will be able to obtain lots of career information to help you decide where to from school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 27	SWL commences Yr 11 & 12
May 4	Senior School Photos
May 7	Parent Interview Evening
May 9	Human Papilloma Virus Injections Yr 10, 11, 12
May 9 & 14	Yr 10 Career Reference Centre
May 28	Week 6 Year 12 Exams
June 4	Week 7 Year 11 Exams
June 18	Week 9 Year 10 Exams
August 6 – 11	Yr 10 Work Experience

MRS HELEN BALDING

SENIOR SCHOOL CO-ORDINATOR

FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL COORDINATOR

Book Review: Sharron Peek Year 8 - Review of the book by Sally Morgan - *My Place...*

Sally is a happy girl who was enjoying life, but one afternoon after school, toward the end of the year

when she got home, she saw her Nan sitting down looking really sad, so Sally asked her what was wrong, Nan hit the table with her hand because she was angry then shouted "You kids don't want me, you want a white grandmother and I'm black." Nan was upset so Sally was stunned.

Sally wasn't conscious of her Nan's colouring and her Nan was right "She was black." Sally thought that if her Nan wasn't white, neither were they, so what did this make her? That night Sally had a discussion with her sister Jill.

Jill told her they were 'Boongs' but Sally was ignorant of the meaning of the word. So, she took a while to build up courage to ask her sister what a 'Boong' was. Jill answered "You know, Aboriginal." She suddenly understood. There was a lot of social stigma attached to being an Aboriginal at her school. Jill was stunned. She couldn't believe that Sally hadn't heard of the word "Boong" before.

Sally was starting to pester her mum about their background. But her mum wasn't going to give up easily.

As Sally lay on her bed she recalled some things from when she was younger.

Soon Sally got too caught up in her exams to be bothered about her origin. Her mum had been really encouraging Sally to study up and to pass all of her exams. In the end she, surprisingly, did pass every subject.

THE END

As a Christian I value this story because racism and discrimination have no place in my life and in the life of our school. We study as equals.

Sharron Peak
Year 8 Student

FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL COORDINATOR

Greetings,

Welcome back to another Term. We trust that you had an enjoyable break and are excited about starting another Term at TCC. A special welcome goes out to all our new students and a big welcome back to Mrs Shanhun. (Previously Miss Hendroff, for those not in the know...)

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

This coming **Monday, 30th April**, is our **Parent/Teacher Interviews**. Could we ask all parents to please phone the College as soon as possible in order to make an interview booking? If you are unable to make it on the Monday, please

see your child's teacher to arrange a more suitable day. This is an important opportunity for to touch base with the teachers and to see how your child is progressing academically and socially.

TERM 2 SWIMMING LESSONS

To give you some prior notice, students in Years One to Six will be participating in Swimming Lessons at Riverton Leisure Plex in Weeks 8 and 9. Please ensure that your child has the correct one-piece bathers. Students in Years Four to Six, require the College Bathers. You will receive the forms at a later date during the Term.

MS READ-A-THON

You will have heard by now, that a representative from the MS Society came out to our College on Tuesday the 24th of April to give a talk about MS and the Read-a-thon. Students in Years One to Six will have received a form about the Read-a-thon and we would like to encourage all our students to participate. It's a great opportunity to help others in need, while at the same time, doing something that is expected of them anyway (something they may actually enjoy!), and also as a bonus, they will be working towards receiving some great prizes.

ASSEMBLIES

Our first assembly for the Term will be on Monday the 30th of April starting at 9am. The presenting class will be Mrs Zanich's Year 4's. All are welcome to attend.

May God Bless you all!

MRS CORINNA KEANE
PRIMARY SCHOOL COORDINATOR

MUSIC



Primary School

Recorder Class: Tuesday lunchtime (12.30-1.05pm), open to Year 4-6 students

Primary Choir: Friday lunchtime (12.30-1.05pm), open to Year 3-6 students, audition needed

Coming up in Secondary School

Secondary Choir (depending on students' response)

Instrumental Ensemble (depending on students' response)

Instrumental Tuition

Violin lessons starting soon

All enquiries to Mr Francis Fong, please.

Mr Francis Fong
MUSIC TEACHER



Chaplain's Commentary

As I mentioned in the assembly on Monday morning, my wife and I were able to travel to Bali during the past holiday break. We went there thinking about a beautiful beach holiday where we could unwind, relax and enjoy our time together. The first day there we went to check out the much talked about beaches and found nothing but brown water, grey sand and people following you around trying to sell everything from "genuine" Rolex watches to curry scented incense sticks! Not quite what we had in mind. Since we have been back, almost all the people we have talked to who have been to Bali have said that you do not go there for a beach holiday. Should have spoken to them first!

Many people who look into the Christian faith seem to have a certain mindset. If you commit to Christianity you become governed by a set of rules and regulations which limit the amount of fun you can have in life. How wrong they are! There is ultimate freedom in living your life with Jesus Christ! There is no guarantee of a smooth sailing life but there is guarantee of life beyond the grave. There is no guarantee of all the answers to all your questions but there is hope in knowing that as you walk with Him through your life, you will learn to trust Him and that will give you a peace that passes all understanding! Jesus is the way, truth and life!

Amit Khaira
CHAPLAIN



Firstly, thanks to all the parents that supported our programme by helping ensure your child made it to all our after-school rehearsals and in some cases excursions as well. We had very little problem with absentees, and for this I thank you!

Thanks also to those who came and supported the Easter Festival. It was an exciting time for all of us, and it has been great to see the standard of the students work already so much higher than last year. There were some very powerful and engaging performances. Some gave us the tingles, others brought on the tears, and some gave us laughter.

Please note the following notices for specific student groups.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DRAMA PRODUCTION STARTS:

The Production begins its preparation in week 5, when interested students audition/interview for a part (There are limited roles).. Mr Tobin will only select students who are able to make the Monday rehearsals (Term 2 & 3), and who have demonstrated outstanding levels of confidence, skill and commitment to Drama. **Rapunzel Uncut** will be staged at Don Russell Performing Arts Centre, Friday September 7, alongside Year 10's and Year 11's. The aim of the production is to give extra-passionate students an opportunity to push themselves further and get a special platform to display all their extra hard work and development. Students who are interested must see Mr Tobin for a form, which they must fill in, and then wait for their audition slot (all auditions in week 5, during recess and lunch times)

MIME WORKSHOP

20 Students from Year 9 -11 have successfully signed up for the exclusive Mime Performance and Workshop with Darian Le Page. Please note it will be held on Monday May 7, 3:40 – 5:40 (Week 3). Please start to send in the \$10 in a clearly labelled envelope as soon as you can! Kindly ensure that payment is made well before the day of the event.

YEAR 10 DRAMA

-This Term will be much lighter in terms of extra-curricular rehearsals. Students will only have three compulsory after school rehearsals, on Thursdays again – Weeks 7, 8 and 10, leading to an in-school lunch time performance on Monday July 2 (Week 11).

-The students will sit their first written Drama Examination this term.

YEAR 11 DRAMA STUDIES

-This Term will be less demanding in terms of extra-curricular rehearsals as the performances that the students are doing are smaller in scale. Students will only have three compulsory after school rehearsals, on Wednesdays again – Weeks 8, 9 and 10, leading to an in-school lunch time performance on Wednesday July 4 (Week 11).

-Term 3 will be heavier again as they prepare for their production at Don Russell Performing Arts Centre on Friday September 7.

-We may also have at least one optional Theatre Excursion this Term. Details are not confirmed yet.

-This term the students will also experience their first written Drama Examination which is modelled on their final Year 12 TEE Drama Examination.

Mr Sean Tobin
DRAMA TEACHER

Physical Education

CCS Swimming Carnivals 2007

Middle & Senior School

A squad of **75** swimmers were cheered on by over **210** TCC spectators and in each individual race there was much to cheer about!

After a squad meeting on the Tuesday, all swimmers were in confident mood and any nerves were quickly dispelled after the first set of races which saw **Ryan Cammaide** and **Lindon Mellor** gain first places in the B Division.

There were several quality performances by individuals and we gained a lot of 2nd & 3rd placings which were only a touch from turning into 1st and 2nd placings.

Francois Alberts was outstanding in every individual event and was unlucky not to gain the overall runner up in his age, but **Larissa Tucker** (year 11) demonstrated the consistency in her events to become the overall **CCS 16 year girls runner up**. Other notable performances were in the **15 & 16 years girls relay** squads gaining runner up placings.

Overall Results:

Junior Squad	3rd Place
Senior Squad	4th Place
Overall Handicap	4th place
Overall Championships	4th Place

Being paced **fourth** out of **eight**, behind some of the bigger colleges is something we should all be proud of and hopefully build on for next year. Also we were the only college to fill all **94** events!!!!

I am also very proud to announce that the following students have been selected for **Western Australia CCS** squad to compete at the **National Championships** in **Sydney** in **May** and they should be congratulated on their achievements

Larissa Tucker (Year 11)

Amy Van Niekerk & Francois Alberts (Year 10)

Miranda Kelder (Year 9)

Thanks to **Jeffrey Larans** (Year 12) who was on lane judge and timekeeping duty all day!

Primary School

The following day we were back at the Challenge Stadium with the **40**-strong primary squad cheered on by an enthusiastic TCC crowd!

There is no overall winner at this carnival but there were some fine individual performances, notably **Stephen Scott** (year 7) who gained **2 runner-up**

medals for the 100m Freestyle and 50m Backstroke.

All swimmers performed to their best ability and hopefully we can introduce 50m swims in next year's inter house competitions.

Thanks must go to **Mrs Keane** for organising the spectators, **Mr Splatt** and **Mrs Zanich** who assisted with marshalling the swimmers and **Mrs Levison** for timekeeping and lane judging all day!

The final race of the afternoon was the staff/parent **4 x 50m medley relay** and TCC is proud to announce that TCC's team of **Levison, Splatt, Kennedy & Richmond** cruised home way in front of their nearest rivals in a time of **2 mins 45 sec**, (just off world record pace).

Finally thanks for all the parental support over the 2 days; it was great to see so many of you supporting our fantastic swimmers who were all a credit to our college.

Year 12 PE studies

The Year 12 have been learning about coaching and teaching methods for the first term and as part of their assessment produced a 6 week soccer coaching programme in which they had to deliver to the primary school.

With the help of Mr Splatt, Mrs Williams and Mrs Zanich's classes we had over 90 primary school pupils being coached by fourteen year 12 students on the senior oval.

The standard of coaching was consistently high and all involved learnt a great deal from the cross college experience.

Date of Inter House Cross Country - Friday 29th June.

Matt Richmond
PHYSICAL EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR

NetAlert

The Australian Government has provided information which includes:

A Parent's Guide to Internet Safety
Who's looking out for your child online?
Parent Power – a CD

Information Packages are available at the Front Office of the College.

More information is available at:
www.netalert.net.au or on 1800 880 176

School Photo's

MASTER SCHOOL PORTRAITS – PERTH

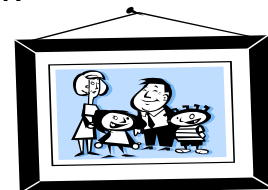
IMPORTANT

Photo Days:

Primary School - Thursday 3rd May

Middle & Senior Schools-Friday 4th May

- ❖ Individual envelopes will be distributed to each child this week.
- ❖ **Every child must present their own envelope to the Photographer on Photo Day**, even if payment is included in brother or sister's envelope.
- ❖ Please include correct money – **change cannot be given by the photographer.**
- ❖ Please check the spelling of your child's name, etc. and make any changes to the envelope before returning.
- ❖ Family photos are available – please collect your Family Envelope from the College Office prior to photo day.
- ❖ A \$20 search fee will apply to late orders/payments. **This surcharge will apply to all orders placed after photo day. Late orders must be directed to Master School Portraits (please do not send to the college).**
- ❖ **GIFT PACK & INDIVIDUAL PORTRAIT ITEMS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE WHEN PURCHASING VALUE PACK, STANDARD PACK, BASIC PACK, GROUPS ONLY OR PORTRAIT PACK ONLY.**



MATHEMATICS

The TCC Math Club will continue in Term 2 (Thursday lunchbreak in Room B5). All Year 11/12 students who wish to utilise this time to share knowledge and develop a greater understanding of Mathematics are welcome.

Mr J Berkelaar
TEACHER

STUDENT SERVICES

Welcome back to Term 2. We trust you all had a meaningful Easter and enjoyed your holiday break.

The Student Services line - 9456 3025 - is up and running and we'd like to thank all those who are now using this to ring through and inform us of an absentee and/or late student. It is a direct line and although it diverts to a mailbox, we access the messages on a frequent basis. You can also call this number for any student-related matters and changes to family details.

Can we remind parents to make sure your children know if they are catching the bus home or not and what their after-school activities are. Also, we are receiving a number of students who are asking to phone mum or dad requesting that due or overdue homework be dropped off at school.

Please come in and see us if you need a SmartRider card to use on Transperth bus and train services and we will order one for you. Delivery to the school takes approximately 7 – 10 days.

All Students are reminded to hand in their mobile phones, ipods and mp3 players to Student Services in the morning. Students who don't hand them in do so at their own risk and the school can not be held liable for any loss or damage incurred.

Deb Heathcote & Pam Stringer
STUDENT SERVICES

GENERAL INFORMATION

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

If you have a current order please check with your child/ren to see if they have been given an invoice indicating that you have uniform ready to pick up.

Recycling Facilities

Please remember that the College has Re-cycling Facilities available for all used drink cans. Situated up the 2nd Driveway behind the IT Lab

Wrong Shoes?



Matthew Storer Year 9B has picked up the wrong shoes. Matthew picked up a pair of size 9 ½ New Balance Sports shoes instead of his size 10 ½ or 11 New Balance Sports shoes. If you have New Balance Sports shoes please check that you have the correct size.

Newsletters



Please note that newsletters will be released by the Friday of each alternate week of term, starting with Week 1.

i.e. Week 1, Week 3, Week 5, Week 7, Week 9 and Week 11 (if we have one!)

OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Brochures for City of Gosnells Sportsmania are available from the Front Office.

CANTEEN

Canteen days are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A Menu for Term 2 will be provided soon.

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)