



Thornlie

Christian College

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents,

TCC – COMMUNITY... or not?

At TCC we often refer to ourselves as a College *Community* or College *Family*. This implies that we see ourselves as more than simply an organisation providing a service – rather we see ourselves as a multi-faceted group motivated by similar ideas and values, working to achieve a common vision for the students entrusted to our care. (Quite a mouthful...)

Our sense of identity is founded on the assumption that our community is comprised of staff and students (obviously) but also the *parents, guardians* and *families* of each student.

We plan much of our year programme, much of our communications and many of our activities around this assumption. We also reinforce this philosophy to all new parents in the enrolment interview, indicating that we *expect* parents to build solid relationships with their children's teachers.

Cynics are heard to say that most organisations work on the 80:20 rule – it is expected that 80% of the group will choose to be uninvolved, disinterested, disconnected, while 20% will be passionate, involved, committed. The active 20% *carries* the passive 80%. A sad, but often true, indictment of the society in which we find ourselves today.

So how does TCC measure up? Some interesting snippets:

TCC: ±600 students – therefore, ±1000 parents and guardians.

- AGM - This important date has been on the calendar since the beginning of the

year and has subsequently been advertised in the College newsletter.

Turnout on the evening: less than 25 parents.

- Request for e-mail addresses so that the Newsletter can be sent electronically, saving the College both money and time. Response: 220 addresses received - less than 50%. By implication then, half of our community is not receiving the newsletter! (and won't read this article...)
- We announced that, for those families who do not have e-mail, we would provide hard copies of the newsletter at the office. Number of copies collected from the office: 12.
- Parent Interviews – While we have enjoyed a more positive response to the interviews this year, (approximately 60% ☺- therefore 40% of parents have not met with their children's teachers ☹) We were surprised that some parents *did not know their child's teacher's names nor the subjects they were taking* when they phoned in to book an interview.
- Parents In Action – Our new parent support group sent out requests for interested parents to form a "Communication Tree" to facilitate coordination and communication for College events. Response: By the closing date 4 responses had been received. They are also coordinating a New parents' Tea to (belatedly) welcome new parents to the College. Response: at the time of going to press, 1 response had been received.

It is no secret that the children of parents who are positively involved in their education, tend to be more secure in their learning environment and, as a result, tend to achieve better results. This alone should encourage parents to become more involved in their children's education.

The College is working hard to encourage greater parent involvement at all levels. I want to acknowledge, commend and thank all those dedicated and loyal parents who contribute in so many positive ways to the life of our College – and I also want to encourage parents who have not made this a priority yet, to make a difference - to become involved in some of the many small ways available:

- read the newsletters and other information sent out, (from cover to cover!)
- respond promptly when required,
- check the correctness of your child/ren's uniform before allowing them to leave for College each morning
- ensure that they are correctly and neatly dressed when they accompany you in public while in uniform
- sign your child/ren's Homework Diary regularly,
- attend College functions, Subject Information evenings and Awards functions,
- attend Parent interviews and get to know your child/ren's teachers better.
- Support the College in expecting only the best from your child/ren.

Empower your child to get full value from the Thornlie Christian College experience.

Be blessed this week!

Bill Innes
PRINCIPAL

FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL COORDINATOR

Many thanks to the parents who came and met with their child's subject teachers on Monday evening. Feedback from the evening was very positive and now after hearing exactly how your child is progressing in all aspects of College life, together we can put into place some strategies to make sure this term is a productive one. We look forward to your continued support as we work together to achieve the best results in their education. For those parents who were unable to attend, we shall be contacting you over the next week to make an appointment time on another evening.

UNIFORM

A **Reminder – Complete Winter uniform** is now required. We ask for your assistance in making sure your child is dressed correctly each day.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Shona Wharton (Yr 10)** who has received ten commendations and been presented with a Bronze Certificate.

GAT TEST

Year 12 students studying an English Course of Study and producing work at a Level 4 are required by the Curriculum Council to sit, along with all students in the State studying a Course of Study, the GAT (General Achievement Test). This is a three hour exam with two writing tasks and multiple choice questions relative to English, Math and Science. It is basically a general aptitude test. Students who are required to sit the exam will be notified by their English teachers and will sit the exam on **June 14**. The results will go towards the scaling process for students sitting the TEE or an English external exam.

CURRICULUM COUNCIL INFORMATION

We have been notified this week that the Curriculum Council will defer the introduction of 20 out of 40 new Year 11 & 12 OBE courses following deliberations by independent teacher juries. There are also pending, three other courses. New Courses being introduced in 2008 at TCC are Design, Career and Enterprise, (Work Studies) Drama, Materials Design and Technology (General Workshop) and pending Visual Arts (Art and Art & Design) and Food Science and Technology (Food Production) Introduction of other Courses of Study has been postponed until 2009/2010. Staff involved in the New Courses of Study next year are continuing to attend the required PD's. I will keep you informed as new information comes to hand.

CAREER AND COURSE INFORMATION

University of WA

Medicine and Dentistry Information Evening

May 16 - 7 pm For further information please speak with Mrs Balding

Notre Dame University

Course Information Evenings May 15 through to July 3

Open Day - August 26 10 – 4 pm

More information - www.nd.edu.au

The Careers & Education Exp 2007-05-09

Perth Convention Centre Friday May 18 – May 20

Chartered Accountants Cadetship Information Evening

June 11 4.30 pm - For brochures re the evening please see Mrs Balding.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 9 & 14	Yr 10 Career Reference Centre
May 28	Week 6 Year 12 Exams
June 4	Week 7 Year 11 Exams
June 14	GAT Test Year 12
June 14	Human Papilloma Virus Injections Yr 10, 11, 12
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

Whenever I have a new class of students for Photography, I always start the semester with a motto that I like them to memorize. That motto is 'LOOK AND LOOK AGAIN'. What I am encouraging the students to do is not just look at their surroundings at face value for pictures to take but to look again for things that originally seemed to be unseen. I am continually impressed by what they can find with that second look.

The same principal of LOOK AND LOOK AGAIN also applies when we meet someone new. All too often we make surface judgments of each other based on what we think we see without taking a second look or giving a second chance. I am equally impressed with the hidden qualities and abilities possessed by many of our students and all it takes is a second look to find them.

Food for thought!

Middle School Assemblies

As from next week, Middle School assemblies will be held fortnightly on Thursday mornings during module 1. Parents are welcome to attend.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the Middle School parent teacher interviews last week. Your response was greatly appreciated and the staff really valued some of the discussions that they had with a number of you. Understanding your children and what makes them tick is always a help for us and has an ultimate benefit for them.

Peter Worth
MIDDLE SCHOOL CO-ORDINATOR

FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL COORDINATOR

Greetings,

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

I would like to commend all the parents who made the effort to meet with their child's teacher to discuss their individual progress. I would also like to thank all the staff who made themselves

available for these meetings. As you can well imagine, it tends to quite a long day and it was wonderful to see the staff giving of their time so generously.

There will also be an opportunity for parents whose children are involved in our Education Support Programme to see Mrs Lindley Thompson later in this month. Notes will be sent home for those families involved. Could I please encourage you as parents to take up this opportunity?

SWIMMING LESSONS

All students in Years One to Six have received a Swimming Lesson Enrolment Form to take home. The dates for the swimming lessons are: Monday the 11th through to Friday the 22nd of June, 2007. Lessons will be held at Riverton Leisure Plex and we will transport students to and from the venue by bus. The cost for these lessons is included in your school fees and therefore, no payment is required. Please ignore this section on your child's swimming form.

It is one form per student. If you need extra forms, please see the Front Office. Could we please ask that forms are returned by the end of Week 4 at the latest?

Students in Years Four to Six are required to wear the College Bathers. Younger students are required to be in one piece modest bathers. Please remember to label everything as we do end up with quite a bit of lost property by the end of the two weeks.

ASSEMBLIES

Our next Primary School Assembly will be held on Monday the 14th of May at 9:00am. The presenting class will be Mr Kennedy's Year 3's. All are welcome to attend.

YEAR 6 CAMP

Our Year 6 Camp at Point Peron will be taking place in Term 3, from Wednesday the 1st of August until Friday the 3rd. As camps can be costly, we are giving parents plenty of advance warning so that it gives you the chance to budget for it and put money aside as needed. At present, the camp costs will be somewhere between \$85 and \$100. We will be able to let you know more about the camp later on in the Term. Please refer any queries to Mr Matt Splatt our Year 6 Teacher.

God Bless!

MRS CORINNA KEANE
PRIMARY SCHOOL COORDINATOR

Chaplain's Commentary


This past week I have had the privilege of spending time with our primary school students in class. I have seen Yr 1 students from an entire class line themselves up in alphabetical order in

complete silence in under 10 seconds! I have witnessed junior primary students doing mental maths sums and giving correct answers in under 5 seconds. I have seen students giving adults their utmost attention and giving them the respect that they deserve. What an incredible primary school we have! Looking at these children and how they have been in and out of class has been such a blessing and makes me say with pride that I am a part of this College!

In the same way, God looks at us, His children, watching how we act, how we speak and the attitudes behind our emotions etc...Am I making my Father in heaven proud of me? Are my actions, words and attitudes a true reflection of Him?

How does your life reflect on your Creator? I think most of us would fit under the "work in progress" category! Be encouraged! Take life one step at a time and do what you can, not in your own strength but in His!

Amit Khaira
CHAPLAIN



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 (starting soon)

Instrumental Tuition
Drums (full)
Violin (starting next week)
Flute (depending on students' response)

All enquiries to Mr Francis Fong, please.

Mr Francis Fong
Head of Music

ORDERS - KOORONG KIDS



Reminder all **Koorong Kids** orders need to be in by Monday 14th May.

Inter House Overall Results 2007

Current standings after both swimming carnivals.

Position	House	Total Points
1	LEVI	1296
2	REUBEN	1246
3	JUDAH	1129
4	JOSEPH	909

Matt Richmond
PHYSICAL EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR

PRIMARY EDUCATION SUPPORT UNIT

Information Sessions will be held regarding the Literacy Support Programme, after school in Week 6 of this term.

Dates: 28th and 29th May
Time: 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

I hope that you will be able to make it.

Lindley Thompson
PRIMARY EDUCATION SUPPORT TEACHER

WRONG SHOES? ...More Information



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 New Balance Sports shoes - Style 621 Size 10 ½ white with navy trim in an extra wide - almost brand new. If you have New Balance Sports shoes please check that you have the correct size.

Please ring 9455 1641 if you find Matthew's shoes.

Jewel's Future School Project, Dala, Myanmar

As you are probably aware, the focus this year is to help the school become self-supporting. We aim to do this by providing funds for (1) micro business activities and (2) for the purchase of land for cash crops.

2 x Water Carts (which they will rent out)	\$260
Land	\$4800

However, until they reach the stage where they are well on their way to be self-supporting, there are on-going needs, which need to be addressed. These are as follows:

Building extension (room to added on back for class space & to house the teacher especially during the wet season)	\$2000
Feeding Program	\$800
Money to Elsy & Angam	\$400
General resources	\$200
Total Costs	\$8460

The current approximate funds we have raised are:

Target to raise to date:	\$2137
Less amount raised	\$8460
Amount to raise	-\$2137
	\$6323

Soon you will hear about different fund raising activities to help this become a reality. Please participate, and especially, please pray for this project. Lives already are being changed both physically and spiritually because we are stepping out and blessing the needy in Christ's name.



Daniel Winslade
Mission Organiser

The Call to Freedom



*To war 'they' rode and battles long
And many a life was lost
The fight for freedom in this land
To pay the price, the cost...
Through wind, rain, sun and snow
Our Anzacs fought our cause
To give this land its liberty
Upon a barren hillside moor*

*With courage and skill 'they' fought this
fight
And 'those' that played their part
The most important thing 'they' had with
them*

*Was the spirit of our hearts
Times were hard, and life was rough
On the terrain, the enemy unknown
But for the men in Gallipoli
The harsh lands then were their home*

*For those that died in the war for peace
Our hearts with them will be always
Time that elapses, the minutes, the hours
And the countless passing days
Although many died and some yet
unknown*

*Forever we shall remember
Our Anzac's legacy lives on
While fond memories linger...*

By Levin Lian Year 8B SOSE

CONTACT NUMBERS FOR THE COLLEGE MAGNET FOR YOUR FRIDGE

A magnet displaying the contact phone numbers for the College will be mailed to you today. Information on the magnet includes the new Student Services number which can now be used for all absentees, early and late arrivals and other student related needs.

Attention All Parents!!!

There is, unfortunately, a further delay in the supply of the following garments:-

- **JUMPERS (E.T.A. End of May)**
- **PRIMARY BOYS' GREY TROUSERS (E.T.A. End of May)**
- **SKIRTS, DRESSES (Unknown)**

Please be assured that I have ordered well within the usual times and feel for the families who are affected in this way. Our suppliers have disappointed us with their lengthy delay. I have been in constant communication with them to rush the order, but it is out of my hands. Please pray with me—that the Lord can intervene so that we will have our garments without further delay & that the weather stays warm for the month of May!

The children who are without a jumper may continue to wear their sports jacket with their formal uniform **ONLY** until the jumpers arrive—please collect a note from the uniform shop to verify this and place it in their diary.

Thank you so much for your wonderful patience and understanding in the face of this disappointing news!

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR ORDERS!!

All winter orders received have been filled—minus the items above. By now, you should have received a tax invoice (via your child's form room) verifying items that are ready for payment and collection. If not, please contact me during trading hours to arrange payment/collection as there are upwards of twenty bags still to collect!

Yours in Christ's Service,

Robbie Wojcik
UNIFORM SHOP CO-ORDINATOR

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)

COLLEGE TRACKSUIT

Parents, please be aware that the College Tracksuit is sold as a complete unit – pants and jacket.

Students are expected to wear the full tracksuit on sporting excursions and when competing in inter-schools events.

Students are encouraged to wear the full tracksuit to school during winter on sports days but may choose to wear the jacket only if they so desire.



PARENTS IN ACTION (PIA)

VISION: *“PIA aims to cultivate a Christian community within the College, by building strong links, supporting one another and having fun.”*

The PIA committee is up and running and we are excited about our first projects!

THE NEW PARENT'S MORNING TEA

To be held on **Wed 16 May @ 8:45am**, in the new **Hospitality Block**.

Please join us for tea and fellowship, **all parents** (not just new ones!) most welcome!

PIA'S FOCUS IS TO BUILD STRONG LINKS WITHIN THE COLLEGE COMMUNITY.

One way we would like to achieve this is by introducing Parent Class Representatives. These key parents in each class will assist in communicating and coordinating class and College activities. We believe this will be a good starting point and improved communication channels will be opened as a result.

WESTFIELD IS RUNNING A COMPETITION: “SHOP FOR YOUR SCHOOL”

1st prize is a “School Make Over.” Wouldn't it be awesome if we could win this for the College? Let's all get involved and get that make-over for TCC!

To be a part of this exciting, easy competition, register online at www.sfys.com.au or at the Concierge Desk in any Westfield centre, before 21 May 2007.

Before you do your next shopping at your usual shopping centre, think WESTFIELD, think MAKE-OVER at TCC!

We look forward to working with you, achieving some awesome results and having heaps of fun in the process!

Best Regards
Mark Leggott
PIA CHAIRPERSON

Out of School Activities

- **In celebration of Family Week 2007** ALL Parents and Caregivers, are invited to attend a FREE "Safe Families – Safe Future" Protective Behaviours Parent Workshop.
Details are available at the Front Office of the college for 2 workshops held 16th May at Armadale and 18th May at South Lake.
- **Academic Task Force** is providing TEE help through Saturday classes. Classes are also available for Year 8, 9 and 10. Information is available at the Front Office.

Expressions of interest sought for Canteen Manager



25 hours per week (5 days, School hours, Term time)
Hospitality experience preferred.
Previous experience leading a small team or running a small business is an advantage.

For further information please contact
Karen Illich (0402 902 739)

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WEEK 4		
Mon 14 May	Primary School Assembly	9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
Thurs 17 May	Middle School Assembly	9:00 a.m.
WEEK 5		
Mon 21 May	Year 12 Exam Week	ALL WEEK
Tues 22 May	General Staff Meeting (Front Office closed at 3:45)	Front Office close 3:45 p.m.
Wed 23 May	Middle School Drama Production Auditions	
Thurs 24 May	Senior School Assembly	9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
Thurs 24 May	Middle School Drama Production Auditions	
WEEK 6		
Mon 28 May	Primary School Assembly	9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
Thurs 31 May	Middle School Assembly	9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
WEEK 7		
Mon 4 June	FOUNDATION DAY HOLIDAY	
Tues 5 June	Middle School Drama Production Rehearsals Start (To be confirmed)	
Thurs 7 June	Senior School Assembly	9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
Fri 8 June	Calm Bush Rangers Arbor Day	
WEEK 8		
Mon 11 June	Year 10 Exam Week	ALL WEEK
Mon 11 June	Primary School Assembly	9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
Mon 11 June	Primary School Swimming Lessons	ALL WEEK
Thurs 14 June	Middle School Assembly	9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
WEEK 9		
Mon 18 June	Middle School Exam Week	ALL WEEK
Mon 18 June	Primary School Swimming Lessons	ALL WEEK
Thurs 21 June	Senior School Assembly	9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
WEEK 10		
Mon 25 June	Primary School Assembly	9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
Tues 26 June	General Staff Meeting (Front Office closed at 3:45 p.m.)	Front Office close 3:45 p.m.
Thurs 28 June	Middle School Assembly	9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
Fri 29 June	Inter-house Cross Country	
WEEK 11		
Thurs 5 July	Senior School Assembly	9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
Fri 6 July	Whole School Assembly	
Fri 6 July	Term 2 Ends	
TERM 3		
WEEK 1		
Thurs 26 July	Term 3 Begins	
	Whole School Assembly	