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Christian College

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FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Last week saw our Child Protection Policy tested and procedures thrown into action to ensure that all measures were taken to make sure that all students of the College were safe and protected from any harm.

No doubt your child has come home and relayed to you their own version of an incident that occurred while one of our Primary School Classes was running the cross country track last Thursday.

The following will provide you with a brief, accurate account of what actually took place.

In the morning while the students were running the leg of the course that takes them out of the College grounds one of the four staff accompanying the class of students noticed a white station wagon parked in Warton Road near the entrance to the Canine Association. The staff member noticed that the occupant looked a little suspicious as they were not attending to anything other than watching the runners running along the fire break. As he drew closer to the car the driver drove off. Our staff member wrote down the plate number of the car and immediately reported this to me on his return. I phoned the Police and reported the car and the Police were sent to the area to see if the car and driver was still in the vicinity. At this stage staff were alerted and in particular those who were scheduled to run the same track later on in the day for Physical Education.

After lunch when the next group were running the track the same car was sighted parked in Warton Road but further towards Furley Road. This time as the students approached the car the occupant called out to one of the students requesting some responses. Staff who were right by the student moved the students quickly on and down the track to the College. The incident was immediately reported to me and once again we notified the

Police and within 20 minutes they arrived at the school to get a description of the occupant and car which we were able to give. Although the incident was one that we would rather not have encountered, the students were accompanied by several staff and were not in any danger.

Following this, a procedure was put into place to ensure that all students at the end of the College day were safe on our buses, safe with their parents as they came to collect them and the walkers were driven home or walked home by a staff member. Cyclists were also escorted home. All College staff were on duty surrounding the College. The students are to be commended on the way they co-operated with the instructions given. It certainly helped the operation to run smoothly and to be successful in providing safety and protection for all the College community. We also thank parents for their co-operation on the day.

It is times such as this that we reassess the situation to make sure that the measures in place are in line with our Child Protection Policy providing a safe and protected environment for our students.

There were however, as a result of this exercise a few areas of concern that have been identified and need to be brought to your attention.

- Students are apparently being collected by their parents from the car park down where the College buses are parked. This car park is out of bounds for picking up and dropping off students. This area is only designated for buses and students using the College Buses.
- We have several students riding their bikes to school. It was observed that very few are wearing bicycle helmets. This is illegal and more importantly the students' safety is at risk. As parents could you please ensure that your child does not ride their bike to school without wearing a helmet. Students' caught arriving or

leaving the College without wearing a helmet will have their bike impounded and parents will be called to collect their child and the bike.

- It was also observed that some students riding on the College buses are getting off the bus at stops different from the arrangements made by their parents, either to go to a friend's house to play or for another reason. The bus drivers will be adhering to the original arrangements made by the parents unless a note is given to the bus drivers or a phone call to state otherwise. Where an arrangement is to go to a friend's place, a note from both parents must be provided.

If any of the above applies to you or your child we would appreciate your attention to the matter so that we can be sure of their safety.

Be assured that Thornlie Christian College recognises that it has a special responsibility to protect its students when they are on College premises and at all times when they are under the care of the College, teachers, staff and volunteers. All College students have a right to feel safe and secure while at the College and while participating in College activities.

MRS HELEN BALDING
ACTING PRINCIPAL

FROM THE SENIOR SCHOOL COORDINATOR

We are nearly half way through the second term and students in the Senior School are approaching examinations and completion of assignment times. It is important that students submit their work by the due date and avoid a penalty. Failure to do this will result in the parents being notified by letter, a failure to submit the assignment notification and the possibility of a Saturday detention. Unfortunately some students will be sitting a Saturday detention this Saturday. If your child has been given a detention we ask for your support in making sure they sit the detention and in turn catch up on some of the outstanding work.

YEAR 11 AND 12 EXAMINATIONS

These examinations are almost upon us. The Year 12's commence their exams next Monday May 28 for the week. Parents are reminded that for TEE students, if they do not have an examination, they are permitted to remain at home to study. Vocational Pathway students will attend classes as usual except for Wednesday morning

when they will sit their English exam. They have also been given permission to leave at lunchtime on Tuesday to prepare for the examination. The College uniform must be worn to the exams. Other items of clothing, beanies, jackets etc may not be worn. In the event that a student is unable to attend a scheduled examination due to illness or misfortune, the College should be notified immediately. Parents are asked to speak with me or their subject teacher so that alternative arrangements can be made. Year 11 exams commence in week seven, Tuesday, June 5. As this is a short week, two exams have been scheduled on some of the days.

GAT TEST (General Achievement Test)

All Year 12 English students who are studying an English Course of Study are required to sit the General Achievement Test which will be held on the morning of Thursday June 14. A flyer outlining all the details of the GAT will be given to all Year 12 English students.

CURRICULUM COUNCIL INFORMATION

All Year 12 students will soon receive the Year 12 Information Guide from the Curriculum Council. This is an important booklet which needs to be retained by students and parents until the end of the year as it contains information which you will need to refer to throughout the remainder of the year.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Amy Irvine** who has been awarded her Silver Certificate for achieving 30 commendations.

EXTRA/CO-CURRICULAR FOR TERM 2

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING -

Tuesdays & Thursdays 3.30-4.15 pm
(These are supervised by Mr Khaira)

BLOOD DONATIONS – Year 12 BLOOD brothers and sisters.

Seven Year 12's and a couple of staff are accepting the offer of donating blood, an initiative run by the Australian Red Cross encouraging the older students to understand the urgency and necessity of having "blood in the bank" for use in our hospitals. This will take place at the Carousel centre on June 19.

UNIFORM

A clarification on the Winter Uniform. Girls may wear either the College sock **OR** the College stockings. Scarves may be worn but only the College scarf.

A reminder that items of College uniform must be purchased from the College Uniform Shop.

PARENTS IN ACTION

A reminder – If you as parents would like to be a representative for your child's Form class on the PIA please contact your Form teacher so that your name can be forwarded to the committee. This a wonderful opportunity for you to become involved in the up and coming exciting projects and their vision of building strong links within the College community.

CAREER AND COURSE INFORMATION

TAFE

Enrolments for Semester 2 – Close June 6

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

Chartered Accountants Cadetship Information Evening

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 28	Week 6 Year 12 Exams
June 4	Foundation Day
June 5	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
June 22	Career Choices Expo Yr 10-12
August 13-17	Yr 10 Work Experience

**MRS HELEN BALDING
SENIOR SCHOOL CO-ORDINATOR**

SEE YOU AT THE POLE

Thirty four members of the Student Leadership Team organised and lead an amazing time of Praise, and Prayer held recently at our own College "See You at the Pole." Each representative had a part to play in the service, reading bible readings, leading the prayers, leading the worship, and assisting with the organisation on the day. God was certainly present that morning at 7.30 am and what an awesome atmosphere was created with so many students, parents and staff praying spontaneously for their College, friends, teachers, Government and the Nation.

Over sixty of our College community were present around our flagpole to support this important event. Special thanks to the parents who came along prior to going to work to join us. Imagine how powerful we will be next year!

**Riley Kentish and Elisa Sweeney
Leaders of the Student Council**



FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL COORDINATOR

MIDDLE SCHOOL EXAMS

As the middle of the term is upon us, it is important that all students continue to stay focussed on their work and maintain a high standard of behaviour. In a few short weeks the Middle School students will be sitting Semester 1 exams and it is time to begin reviewing work already completed as well as the regular daily reviews of current work.

Parents, please encourage your children to be diligent in their studies and to remain on task with schoolwork. Your support is appreciated as always.

**MR PETER WORTH
MIDDLE SCHOOL CO-ORDINATOR**

FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL COORDINATOR

Greetings,

Book Club

We have joined the Scholastic Book Club for a number of reasons. Firstly, by offering quality reading books at a reasonable price, it helps build the excitement about reading for the students, secondly, we as a Primary School benefit by receiving free teaching resources, reading books and educational resources from Scholastics.

However, we as a College must stress that we do not approve of every item available from the catalogues your children take home. As we are in this world, but not of this world, we need to be discerning about what we choose to purchase and what we choose not to. This goes for most things, what TV shows shall we watch, what movie we shall go to, what books shall we buy, etc. As parents, please take this opportunity to teach your child how to be a discerning young Christian. Discuss with them the sorts of books they should choose to read and why. Also discuss which ones are not suitable and why. If we can teach our children to be discerning while they are young, then hopefully, this will guide them in the choices they make as they grow older.

MS Read-a-Thon

This is just another reminder to encourage as many students to take up the challenge of reading books to support a good cause. As we mentioned at Assembly, reading is part of their everyday homework, so how good will it be if they can also get rewarded for doing this? You can find all the information about this on the MS Read-a-thon web-site.

Canteen

The College Canteen is **only** available on **Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays**. Please do not send your child to school with a lunch order on Monday or Wednesday. If a child does bring in an order on the wrong day, we will be ringing their parents to come to the College to supply them with a packed lunch.

Sick Children

If your child is not well, please keep them at home and do not send them to school. We understand that some children do not show symptoms until later in the day, but if your child is coughing excessively, or has a runny nose or a temperature, could we please ask that you do keep them at home.

Assemblies

Mr Kennedy's Year 3 class did a fantastic job running our last Primary School Assembly. Well Done!

We were very proud of the first public performance by our Junior School Choir. They sung beautifully and looked a treat! We are very blessed to have this choir running and being led by some very talented and gifted Primary Teachers.

Our winning class for the Games Box this fortnight is Year 4Z. Well Done!

As our games in the Games Box are being loved to death, we are asking for donations of new games from our Parent Community. If you would like to bless our students in this way, please feel free to donate a game that can be added to the 'Games Box'. Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

Swimming Lessons

Could we please ask that all Swimming Enrolment Forms be in by the end of this week?

Swimming Lessons are seen as part of the Curriculum and as such are deemed to be compulsory. If by some medical reason your child cannot participate in these lessons, we are asking for a copy of a medical certificate outlining this.

Primary 'Clubs Programme'

We are running an activity programme that will include all students from Pre-Primary to Year 6. There are a variety of 'hands-on' activities for your child to choose from in which they will participate with a group of other students whom they may not normally socialise with. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow friendships amongst our students and for them to mix with students of different ages. It is also a great opportunity for students to try something new.

'Clubs' will be running for three consecutive Friday afternoons from 2:15pm till 3:15pm. The dates will be the 25th May, 1st June and the 8th June.

Your child will have brought home a note outlining this as well as the opportunity to choose the activities that they would most like to participate in. It should be a fantastic time that the students will really enjoy and get a lot out of.

God Bless!

**MRS CORINNA KEANE
PRIMARY SCHOOL COORDINATOR**

**A reminder for:
Year 4Z and families:**

Our afternoon tea is on this Sunday, 27th May, at Tom Bateman Reserve from 2pm to 4pm. Please bring a plate to share and some chairs if you have any. Let's hope it's not raining this time!

**Mrs Zanich
Teacher Year 4Z**

PRIMARY EDUCATION SUPPORT UNIT

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

Dates: MAY 28 & 29
Time: 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. (Note ½ hour only, not 1 hour as previously advertised.)

I hope that you will be able to make it.

Lindley Thompson
 PRIMARY EDUCATION SUPPORT TEACHER

Oven Needed

The New Pre Primary is in need of an oven.

If there is anyone who would like to donate a new or used one, it would be hugely appreciated!
 (We will even cook you something in it!)



Cross Country Training

Every: Tuesday and Thursday

Starting on: 29th May (Week 6) through until 25th June (Week 10)

Time: 3.30-4.15pm

Parent please ensure that if your child is attending this practice that you are able to collect them from school at 4.15pm

Chaplain's Commentary

When I hear the word “gambling” I automatically think of someone going down to the local TAB and placing a bet on the horses or the sports on the weekend. But gambling is not only restricted to this. Some choose to gamble with their health by smoking, drinking large amounts of alcohol, continually eating unhealthy foods or not eating at all. Some choose to gamble with their life by driving recklessly or putting themselves in harms way on purpose.

Why do we do this? It comes down to self worth and self esteem. Many people abuse themselves because they feel inadequate as they are, and sometimes it is a form of punishment. To those of you who can relate to this, I want to share with you what a wise man once shared with me. *You are beautifully and wonderfully made.* You need to believe this and know this for certain. You are not a mistake. You have a purpose.

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: Thursday lunchtime (12.30-1.05pm, starting in Term III), all are welcome for audition

Instrumental Ensemble: After school (3.30-4.10pm, starting very soon – day to be advised), acoustic instruments only, audition needed

Instrumental Tuition

Drums (full)

Violin (already started, new students welcome)

Flute (need one more student to start)

All enquiries to Mr Francis Fong, please.

Mr Francis Fong
 HEAD OF MUSIC

DRAMA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Middle School Drama Club

This past week, a number of Middle School students underwent Drama Auditions for the up and coming play, Rapunzel Uncut. Casting will be announced on Monday of week 6, and the first rehearsal will be on Wednesday lunch time, in Week 7 (instead of Monday after school, due to the public holiday). The first after-school rehearsal will be on the Monday of Week 8 – June 11, 3:40 – 5:40

Year 10 Drama

After school rehearsals will be held on Thursdays, 3:40 – 5:40pm – 7 June (Week 7), 21 June (Week 9), 28 June (Week 10) and the performance will during lunch time on Thursday 5 July (Week 11).

(Please note we do not meet on the week of Year 10 Examinations)

Year 11 Drama Studies

After school rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays, 3:40 – 5:40pm – 13 June (Week 8), 20 June (Week 9), 27 June (Week 10) and the performance will be during lunch time on Monday 30 July (Week 11)

(Please note that after-school rehearsals only begin after Year 11 Examinations.)

Sean Tobin

DRAMA TEACHER

GENERAL INFORMATION

STUDENTS ARRIVING AT THE COLLEGE EARLY in the morning

It has been observed that some students are arriving at school very early in the mornings. Please be reminded that students are not supervised prior to 8.30 am each morning. If your child is dropped off REGULARLY very early please speak with either Mrs Keane, Mr Worth or Mrs Balding so that they are aware of the situation.

TERM 2 FEES

Fees for Term 2 are now over due and payable within 7 Days.

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 31st May 2007

Thornlie Church of Christ
319 Spencer Road, Thornlie
at 7:00 p.m.

If you do not plan to attend the Annual General Meeting it is important that you return the reply slip sent early this term re confirmation of Minutes, Annual Reports and Budget as distributed with the original notice of the Annual General Meeting.

NEWS from the UNIFORM SHOP

All boys' trousers on back order have finally been issued! If you have already paid, your child's trousers were sent to their classrooms. If you haven't paid, an invoice or reminder to pay and collect from the front reception office was sent. ***Please contact me if you have ordered trousers and have not received any notification of payment or collection!***

Jumpers that have been placed on order should arrive this week! If you have paid in full, they will be sent straight to the relative classrooms. If not, an invoice or reminder will be sent.

URGENT UNIFORM INFORMATION...

STOCKINGS or SOCKS??

According to the UNIFORM HANDBOOK, girls may wear socks OR stockings (Uniform Shop issued only) in terms 2 and 3. Obviously, the stockings would keep the legs warmer; however, it is not compulsory to wear the stockings only.

HAIR REGULATIONS...

All girls with shoulder length or longer hair must have it tied back neatly off the face. You may wear a head band to accomplish this, but it must be royal or navy blue without any embellishments. Boys' hair should be NO LONGER than collar length.

SCHOOL BATHERS...

Girls in Year 4 – 12 one piece bathers (school issue only)

Boys swim shorts (school issue only)

(Boys may wear racer bathers under their swim shorts; however, they must be black or navy blue. The school does not stock racer bathers any longer.)

Please refer to the Uniform Handbook for further information on uniform regulations.

Please don't hesitate to contact me regarding any uniform requirements.

In Christian service,

Mrs Robbie Wojcik
UNIFORM SHOP COORDINATOR

LOST / MISSING

Missing/Lost 2 Winter College jumpers belonging to:

CALEB WATSON Year 2M

SKYE WATSON Year 3K

Both Caleb and Skye have iron-on labels displaying their name on the inside of their jumper.

Parents with children in Primary School please check your children's jumpers to see if they have inadvertently picked up one of these jumpers. Mrs Watson would be most grateful that a careful check is done and jumpers returned if found.

BUILDING FUND

Sincere thanks to all the families who have donated to our building fund thus far.

We wish to encourage all families to donate to the building fund which will help to ensure that Thornlie Christian College continues to maintain and grow in resources for students and staff.

Please note that all donations are tax deductible.

Karen Illich
BUSINESS MANAGER

**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 getting into the swing of our projects!

A VERY SUCCESSFUL NEW PARENT'S MORNING TEA

This was held on Wed 16 May, a special thanks to all who came, it was good to meet and have fellowship with all of you. Big thanks to the ladies who provided eats and to TCC for the use of the Hospitality block.

PARENT CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

These key parents in each class will assist in communicating and coordinating class and College activities. Thank you to those parents who have put their hands up for this. We look forward to more of you responding to our request and from there working with you.

DON'T FORGET TO "SHOP FOR YOUR SCHOOL"

For all who registered please spend at Westfield, to give TCC a chance of winning some fantastic prizes.

PIA NEXT MEETING

This is scheduled for **Tuesday 29 May, at 7:30pm**, in the TCC staff room. We would love to have the parent class reps join us.

Best Regards

Mark Leggott

PIA CHAIRPERSON

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)

OUT OF SCHOOL NOTICES AND ACTIVITIES

We have information at the College for the following activities:

Learning Performance Seminars:

Edith Cowan University – Churchlands Campus

Years 8-9: 9th-11th July 9am to 12:15pm **\$210**

Years 10:12: 9th-12th July 9am to 3pm **\$410**

For a free brochure phone 9246 2733

www.learnperform.com

The Australian Ballet School will be holding auditions in Perth on June 2 & 3 for talented boys and girls with a dream to pursue vocational dance training. 03 9669 2807

www.australianballetschool.com.au

ENGLISH as a second language - The focus – *Promoting Life in our Community - Adult (18+)* conversational English for beginners and above. To be held at the **Billabong Community Centre in Canning Vale**.

For more information, please Phone **Bill and Audrey Langlands on 9490 3097**

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
WEEK 6		
Mon 28 May	Year 12 Exam Week	ALL WEEK
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	Year 11 Exam Week	ALL WEEK
Thurs 7 June	Senior School Assembly	9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
Fri 8 June	Calm Bush Rangers Arbour Day	
WEEK 8		
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	Year 10 Exam Week	
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		
Mon 23 July	CSA Conference	
Tues 24 July	CSA Conference	
Wed 25 July	Staff PD Day	
Thurs 26 July	TERM 3 BEGINS	
	Whole School Assembly	