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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents

This edition of our newsletter coincides with the conclusion of a very busy third term! Over and above the normal academic programme, the College has been engaged in numerous activities and I thought it appropriate to devote my space today to a summary of some of the highlights of the term.

Highlights of This Term

So, this term our students and staff have been involved in excursions, incursions, camps, athletics at inter-house and interschool levels, cross-country, soccer matches, netball matches, drama performances, musical recitals and of course our twenty fifth birthday celebrations and Open Day. Added to this have been Prefect nominations for 2010, Team selection for our 2010 Mission trip to India and information evenings and subject selections for students in the Secondary School.

YOHFEST

Our senior students participated this year for the first time in this drama competition. The competition was held at UWA and attracted a large audience. Six schools competed on the night and it was wonderful to see how favourably our students compared with the other schools, many of whom are veterans of the competition!

A special mention must go to Melissa Dusting and Rachel Phillips who rose to the challenge of being last-minute stand-ins and conducted themselves outstandingly. I know that there were other students - Laura van Houwelingen, Ryan Cammiade, Liezel Nel, Minal Parmar, Cameron Beckley and Matt Storer - who also took on alternate roles with great confidence and success. Another person worthy of special mention is Mrs Beth Pascoe, our Drama Teacher, who virtually single-handedly put an immense amount of time and effort into the day. I left the theatre feeling extremely proud of our Drama Department!

Open Day

This was definitely our best Open Day ever! The day was well organised, professionally conducted and full of variety that showcased the many facets of life at TCC. Student participation was at its highest level ever and attendance was up on previous years. The good Lord blessed us with a dry spell that corresponded almost exactly to the time required from set up in the morning until after the pack-up in the afternoon!

We were able to celebrate the College's 25th Birthday in an appropriate manner and all-in-all we received sixty expressions of interest from visitors! We owe Justin Gunn a great vote of thanks for his overall coordination of this event which resulted in such a successful day!

SOUTHERN FORCE FOOTBALL CLUB (SFFC)

Last weekend I attended the wind-up of our very own SFFC in our new Under-Cover Area in the Primary School. (It was great to see our new facility being put to such good use!) The wind-up really brought home to me how successful the club has been this year! (This is reported on in more detail

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elsewhere in the newsletter.) The growth in membership at SFFC has been nothing short of phenomenal and the steady improvement in skills is a real credit to the dedication of the parents and coaches involved. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate and sincerely thank outgoing President and parent, Denver Reid, his committee and the coaches for all that they have achieved this year. I also want to extend a word of congratulations to each and every student who took to the field to use their God-given sporting talents to the best of their ability this year. You have all done yourselves, your families, your club and the College proud!

PREFECTS IN TRAINING

Congratulations to the following students on their appointments as Prefects-in-Training. We look forward to seeing them take up the reins early next term: Melissa Dusting, Caleb Gray, Jacinta Johns, Lexus Lian, Robin Lucio, Tarsha Long, Minal Parmar, Rachel Phillips, Sophie Robinson, Matthew Storer, Joel Stevens, Jordan Strahan, Jaren Trepp, Hannah Wallis and Nathaniel Weiland.

MISSION TEAM

The following students (and their parents!) are to be commended on their successful applications to join our first-ever mission trip to India: Patricia Anderson, Matthew Beer, Eden Fogarty, Ben Gray, Ben King, Joshua Klenner, Chloe Mackenzie, Isaac Nieves, Jadon Steven, Nathania Widjanarko and Kezia Wojcik. This week our Chaplain, Amit Khaira, (who is the driving force behind not only this Mission Trip but also the development of a College-wide Service Programme) organised our first Missions Meeting with all team-members and their parents in attendance.

It was a great meeting and I am really excited about the potential we have to serve God, help others less fortunate than ourselves and grow personally through the experience of mission work in a foreign country. We anticipate that mission trips to India will become a regular event on the College calendar with students in Year 11 being encouraged to apply.

We will keep you informed of developments along the way. Should you wish to support the Mission Trip or one of the students on the team, please contact either Amit Khaira or myself to discuss the matter further.

It only remains for me to wish all of our students a fantastic holiday and to ask you to keep our Year 12 students in your prayers as they write their "mock exams" during the forthcoming holiday period.

Also, expect to see some changes around the campus on your return next term – there are a number of projects underway. Of particular importance to those of you who pick up or drop off students, will be the changes to the main parking area which we hope will be completed before the College re-opens on Tuesday, 13 October 2009.

Bill Innes

From the Assistant Principal, Primary

Mathletics Club

A 'Mathletics/homework club' is currently running each Monday. This club will run from 4:00pm – 5:00pm each Monday in the IT Lab. The purpose of this club is to give those students that do not have a computer at home, or have difficulty accessing their home computer or an internet connection, the opportunity to spend an hour in a supervised situation completing their Mathletics homework or class work.

Assemblies

This fortnight we enjoyed an amazing assembly from Mr. Caporn's class 1C. The theme for this assembly was 'Water Pollution + God's Love'. Part of our response to God's love is to love Him, others and our world around us. Taking care of our world is a great way to honour the Creator of our world. We also learnt some amazing facts about pollution in our rivers and oceans through a quiz show. Well done Mr. Caporn and 1C!

Our next assembly will take place on Tuesday 20th October and will be presented by Miss Van Duren's Pre-Primary class. The theme is 'Superheroes'.

Athletics Carnivals

On Friday, 18th September we held our annual interhouse athletics carnival. With nervous excitement our students gave their all as they raced. We had many individual and team events on the day. It was a great day and it was made possible because of our wonderful parental support. Many parents offered up their day to help make sure the carnival was a success. Our teachers and house captains also did a great job in organising their house bays and making sure the day ran smoothly. We had many individual achievements and at the end of the day Judah were the victorious house.



We are looking forward to competing in our interschool



carnival next term. Well done to everyone who participated.



Mr. Splatt
PE/IT/Math Support

Site-work

We are now eagerly watching the work progress on the new administration block. Students seem to have adapted extremely well to the changes, however, please continue to take care as you negotiate the areas of restricted access. There is a lot of work planned for the holiday period and plenty of excitement for our return in Term Four.

Safety in the car park

Please be aware that students have many things on their minds in the morning and may not be very vigilant when it comes to crossing roads in and around school – and parents and teachers! Please also approach parking spaces and kerbs with care as students and parents use these areas to cross and access the Primary area. If you are walking your child to school to and from your car, please use the crossing areas marked wherever possible.

Parents visiting the Primary School

It has been lovely to see so many of you taking the time to visit us recently. Please make sure that you take the time to pop into Administration to collect a visitors' badge so that you are not approached as a stranger. Thanks!

Pre-Primary Request

Please save all your milk formula tins and bring them in to Pre Primary for a project they are planning in the near future. Many thanks!

Mr Nigel Wise

From the Assistant Principal, Secondary

A Well Earned Break

The term has been both busy and challenging and once again it's conclusion is surrounded by a flurry of activities. So often in the Winter term it is difficult to maintain enthusiasm and motivation because of the wet weather and constant illness that seems to strike amongst our students and staff. However students and staff have worked keenly throughout and are looking forward to a well earned break.

Subject Choices

The Year 12's have been planning what to do next year and enrolling for University and TAFE and the rest of the Senior School students have been busy choosing their subjects for 2010. The range of subjects offered to the students is beyond many other schools of the same size and as we continue to grow, so will the choices. Next year we have once again offered the Tertiary and Vocational Pathway in Year 11 & 12.. We are offering five new courses in Year 11, Economics, Integrated Science, Materials and Design, Health Studies, Creative Industries Media and in Year 10, LOTE and Advanced Creative Sewing. Health Studies has also been offered in Year 12.

Student Achievements

Congratulations to our Middle School Students of the Month for September. In Year 7, Adela Widginarko, Year 8, Joshua Diong and in Year 9 Jake Lemmer.

In the Senior School a Bronze Certificate was awarded to Clare Lange and Tayla Marshall and a Silver Award to Curtis McKinley.

Dylan Boyd is once again to be congratulated on recently being named in the National Athletic Team who will compete in Tasmania in December. Dylan has been chosen to compete in the Javlin, Long Jump and Triple Jump.

Prefects in Training

Fifteen Year 11 students have been selected as "Prefects in Training" and will work closely with the current Prefects learning the ropes in preparation to take over their duties in week two of Term Four. From these fifteen students the Prefects for 2010 will be chosen and announced at the Senior School Awards night. The following are to be congratulated for their selection thus far.

Melissa Dusting, Rachel Phillips, Tarsha Long, Jacinta Johns, Minal Parmar, Joel Stephens, Matthew Storer, Jordan Strahan, Caleb Gray, Lexus Lian, Robin Lucio, Sophie Robinson, Hannah Wallis, Jaren Trepp, Nathaniel Weiland.

Year 12 Mock Examinations

A reminder that the Year 12's will commence their TEE Mock Examinations on Thursday October 1 and continue through to October 9. The Drama and Physical Education students will have their TEE practical examinations this weekend and early next week. The College community is asked to keep not only these but all of the Year 12 students in prayer as they prepare for examinations and complete assessable work over the next few weeks.

Year 12 Final Assembly

The whole College will join together to farewell the 2009 Year 12's at their final assembly on Friday October 23 at 11.00 am in the Primary undercover area. There will be items from the different schools and the 12's will have the opportunity of



saying farewell. An invitation is extended to all of the College community to join with them at this important assembly and to share in a cuppa team after the assembly.

Senior School River Cruise

Payment is now due for the River Cruise which promises to once again be a fantastic evening with all the discussion at the moment centered around what to wear to be in tune with the theme “A Night of the Stars” Dress to Impress.

Year 12 Valedictory Dinner and Service

This is to be held on Wednesday evening November 18 at the Southern Districts Alliance Church in Warton Road. (Note venue changed) An invitation is extended to all Year 12's, their parents and family, College staff and College Board members. Further details will follow.

May I take this opportunity to say thank you to the parents for your continued support throughout the term and we look forward to this continuing in the new term.

Examples of Student Work

Friendship

When someone asks you the simple question of “What is friendship?” You wouldn't answer them with something like “A bond with a certain person you call a friend and this bond is called friendship.” Because with every friendship there is always a very beginning, no matter who you consider a friend, how long you have been friends for, or how strong the relationship is. Friendship isn't an easy thing to understand and neither is the way to start one. Everyone is different in their own way, whether it's how they look, talk, feel or even how they think and how seriously they take situations. And everyone, regardless of who they are have experienced different things in their life. All of this is what makes it difficult to make a friend. Sometimes, depending on what type of person you are referring to, it is a good benefit to be able to relate to the person you are making friends with. This will help to communicate with your new friend and know what it's like to be in their position, especially if their going through tough situations. You will be able to help or comfort your friend, which will help strengthen your bond. But sometimes, differences don't matter too much and won't stop you from starting a friendship.

To be a good friend is a big responsibility, because friendship is more than just a bond. As well as helping and supporting your friend, you need to be there for your friend in good and bad times. Sometimes people have no one they trust or can look up to and the first person they turn to is their good friend. As a friend, you should be able to know your friend's character and personality. And to know your friend as a proper friend, takes some time. But how do you know the differences between a true friend and a user? Well, for most people, this is a very difficult question to answer.

A good user can be hard to recognise at first, but if you think about the aspects of a true friend, you might be able to see

through a person before you make friends with them. Firstly, a true friend doesn't take favours for granted and doesn't constantly expect more and more from you. A real and true friend is there for you and doesn't go off without being grateful. But a user would most likely not consider any of these and might not truly consider you. A real friendship is found only with real friends and real friends are never always thinking of themselves. That is what a real friend does to show his or her friendship with another person.

Sometimes people find it hard to make friends or start a friendship, and sometimes after a while of being friends some things may go wrong. This can cause fights or arguments between two or more friends, but their true relationship has the power to bring them back together, which is what lies in every good friend, a relationship that can develop and grow to be so strong, that almost nothing can separate that person and his or her friend. But sometimes not all friendships last forever and sometimes it's only a matter of finding a new friend. But without the help and strong support of friends, there won't be anyone to laugh with or cry with, to share things with or to have fun with. Friendship will always come and go. But everyone has a right to be a friend and to have a friend, no matter who they are.

By Beth Mckinley 7C

Freedom

The topic of freedom may be described as freedom of choice in every part of our lives. These can be summarized as: Freedom of speech, freedom of movement, political freedom Religious freedom (Freedom of worship) Freedom of association. But without rules everything would collapse and the same thing would happen without freedom.

In a democratic society you should be able to talk about any opinions or ideas you have, whether it is spoken or on paper. This cannot happen in a dictatorship. Free debate of any kind is not allowed.

In a democratic society people should have complete freedom of movement. They should be able to travel from place to place inside their own country and overseas without restriction.

Political freedom is most important. Democratic choice (the ability to support the political party of your own choice), is a basic freedom. People must not be persecuted because of their political beliefs as can take place in a dictatorship. You must be allowed to disagree with the government in power Religious freedom allows people freedom of belief and worship without being persecuted. We have this freedom in Australia but this is not so in some other parts of the world where people can be imprisoned or even killed for their beliefs.

In a dictatorship people may be restricted as far as their friendships are concerned. For example in Nazi Germany people could be in serious trouble if they were friends with Jews. In Australia we can choose our own friends without



any fear of persecution.

My opinion is freedom is needed for the world to work. Because without rules everything would collapse and the same thing would happen without freedom.

By John Weckman 7C

Mrs Helen Balding

From the Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be closed for the holidays and will re-open on Thursday, 15th October at 8:30am.

Term 4 shop hours: Mondays and Thursdays 8:30 – 11am and again at 1 – 4pm.

Summer orders need to be in by November 3rd to avoid late fees.

Don't delay, come in and choose from a variety of our new hair accessories!! They are already selling like hotcakes! Don't miss out!

From the Parents In Action

Family Dance & Social Night

Term 3 has been a busy one with our Family Dance and Social Night as the highlight of our actions for this year. As a crowd of more than 300 people gathered to have an immense amount of fun, a total of \$2689.38 was added to the funds for the undercover area in the primary school.

Once again, a big thank you to ALL involved who made this event such a huge success.

The PIA was also involved in providing refreshments at a number of sporting carnivals this term. We would like to thank all the people who helped organize these events as well as the spectators for their great support.

Over the past three years we could really see the positive development of community spirit in our college community. We praise God for helping us to grow closer to one another and we pray that this community may grow to His glory.

Entertainment Books:

The PIA will once again be selling the Entertainment Values Books. This year they have a fresh new approach with more value for less. The books will only cost \$30 and they are packed with great vouchers!

Be sure to be on the look out for posters & notices early next term, and make sure you get your copy. For any enquiries in this regard, please contact Natalie Trapski on 0419049359. Have a wonderful holiday!

PIA Committee

Photo Date Changed

The graduation and school representative team photos will now be taken on Monday 19th October not Friday 16th of October as previously advertised.

TCC Netball Club

Winter season is over for another year and what a great year we have had. Thornlie Christian College put two teams in the SDNA competition at Langford. The two teams have done very well, both winning 10 games out of the 15 played this season.

Players this year on the Netta team were: Martin MacLennan, Natalie Grasso, Rebecca Matassa, Naomi Adesina, Abigail Wong, Megan Morrell, Isobel Baverstock, Hannah Baverstock, Elizabeth Pipes, Giana D'Arrigo. Their coach was Amanda Morrell, she did a fantastic job for her first year.

Players on the Sub junior team were: Emma Wallis, Georgia Wallis, Michael Zaleski, Melissa Lubbe, Erana Steven, Brennan Steven, April Stephens, Hannah Pillinger, Samadhi Fernando and their coach was Adrienne Steven.

Both coaches would like to thank the people who helped with umpiring, fruit and support for this season. Without them, things would not have run as smoothly.

Our season windup was held at the ice-skating arena with lots of fun, food and trophies.



From the Registrar

Enrolments for 2010

If you have siblings wishing to attend TCC in 2010, enrolment forms need to be lodged as soon as possible. We cannot guarantee siblings a position if we do not have the relevant documentation. For any queries regarding positions contact the College Kim Green / Pam Stringer.

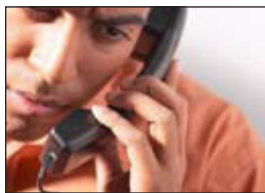
Parent Prayer



Join the Parent Prayer Team and hold up the staff and students to God.

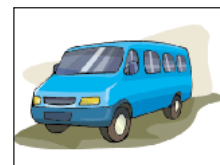
The Prayer Team currently meets on Monday mornings from 9:00 am to 10:30 am in the MMM Room. For more details please see or phone Andrea Mellor on 9354 1796 (Evenings).

Student Services



Please remember that for all absentees, early pick up and other student related matters you must call the Student Services Line on 9456 3025.

For Absentees we ask that you contact us **BEFORE** 9:00am. Message Bank services are available 24/7 and you can email studentservices@tcc.wa.edu.au or fax 9455 1062.



Car Park Courtesy & Safety

For the safety of all please drive slowly in the carpark.

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Look out for little ones and remember to use the Crosswalks.

Please do not park in the Drop Off Zone

either during or after school.

Doing so makes it very difficult for those in the nearby parking bays to reverse out.

Building Fund Campaign

The Thornlie Christian College Building Fund is registered with the Australian Taxation Office, and so all donations over \$2.00 made to the Building Fund are tax deductible. A receipt will be issued to you in the name of the Building Fund when you make your donation at Reception.

If you make your donation by way of Internet Bank Transfer, then we will issue a receipt to you after that is processed through the account. Please label clearly any donation made this way to ensure that we can issue a receipt to you.

If you wish to make a donation by Internet Bank Transfer, the details of the Building Fund Account are:

Thornlie Christian College Building Fund
BSB No. 036 082
Account No. 106750

Bus Contact Details

Should you need to contact the driver of the bus your child is travelling on the following are for your information.

Rockingham Route (Mr Godleman) 0438 190 329
Forrestfield Route (Mrs Wharton) 0421 906 914
Armadale or Thornlie Routes (Bus West Depot) 9256 3223 or 9495 8500.

If unsuccessful then call the College on 9455 1607.



Dates to Remember:

25th September 2009 Term 3 Ends
29th September – 2nd October 2009
Bush Rangers Camp – Nanga
30th September 2009 Year 12 Mock Exams Begin
13th October 2009 Term 1 Begins Summer Uniform
Whole School Assembly

Community News

Lost

Size 10 Sports Jacket “AL” marked in Red pen and Size 14 School Jumper “Kieren Littlefair” is on underside of label in black marker. Please call Monique Littlefair on 9456 1643.

Trainers Lost. If you attended the Southern Force Soccer wind up on Saturday 19th September and your son has a pair of blue, white and silver trainers that are too large for him, it may be that he has accidentally taken Nathen Harts trainers as Nathen has a pair of blue white and silver trainers that are too small for him. Please contact Tracy Hart on 9414 7986 if this is you so the trainers can be exchanged.

BOYS ON THE “REAL MAN “ROAD

Three international authorities in boy’s education and men’s business. Freerk Ykema: Founder of the “Rock and Water” program used in schools world wide. Dr Arne Rubinstein: Co founder of Pathways to Manhood and international authority on Rites of Passage for Boys Ian Lilloco: Developer of Boys Forward and leader in boys’ issues

Astor Theatre, Beaufort Street, Mt Lawley
November 19th, 2009, 7.30pm
Adults- \$35, Students- \$28, Children under 15 -\$20
Tickets available from Bocs ticketing (08) 94841133
Online booking www.bocsticketing.com.au

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