

Grace Notices

Friday, 22 July | Term 3, Issue 1



1 Thessalonians 5 : 16—18 NLT "Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus."

Coming up

WEEK 2

Monday, 25 July

- * Parent Prayer Group 9am

Tuesday, 26 July

- * Little Library 9am

Wednesday, 27 July

- * Secondary Assembly 2.20pm
- * Netball Cake Sale at recess

Thursday, 28 July

- * Interschool Cross Country (BCGS) Year 3—Year 6
- * Australian Maths Competition
- * Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday, 29 July

- * Year 10 PARTY Program

WEEK 3

Monday, 1 August

- * Parent Prayer Group 9am
- * In-term Swimming Year 1—Year 6 (25 July—5 August)

Tuesday, 2 August

- * Little Library 9am
- * Parent Teacher Interviews

Thursday, 4 August

- * Kindy Tour 9.30am

Friday, 5 August

- * Junior Assembly 2.20pm

Sunday, 7 August

- * Year 12 HASS Excursion (Perth)

Uniform Shop Open Times

Monday and Friday

8.15am—9.00am

Wednesday and Thursday

3.00pm—3.45pm

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From the Principal's Desk



At a recent conference I was challenged to think about the purpose of schooling. From a non-educationist perspective, this may seem like a rather peculiar question for a Principal to be contemplating. Perhaps it's a little like asking a plumber why they plumb. Obviously the plumber needs an income to survive. However, when all is said and done they provide a service. Establishing or maintaining existing household or commercial properties with the necessary reticulation to allow a comfortable, safe and hygienic level of access to water and gas, and the removal of wastes is a significant service. It is one we tend to take for granted until, the septic tank overflows or there is no hot water, or you visit a developing country with no water supply close to the living area.

There is little doubt schooling is about learning and learning leads to growth; growth in skills, understanding, knowledge, wisdom and character to name a few. I believe life is a journey of learning and living in response to the learning that has taken place. A lesson learned in character development should change a heart to reflect this lesson and so one's character is shaped. A lesson in science gives us a better understanding into the world we live in and a greater understanding of our Creator. Learning from scripture introduces us a little more to our Heavenly Fathers plan for His people, His love for us and His character.

Learning as we know it begins in the womb and ends in the tomb. It never stops. Whilst we may no longer attend a "school" to learn, if faced with a problem, a question, or develop a new interest, we will take the time to learn about it through books, google, YouTube and speaking to others. Developing a passion for learning is not only the responsibility of established institutions, this passion can be encouraged and "hot housed" in the home. Research indicates parents who value learning and are indeed passionate about learning themselves, instill this passion into their children.

Here are some questions that may allow you to gauge the passion you place on our children's learning:

- Do I have a definite purpose for my child's learning?
- Am I intentional in what I do as a parent to assist my child's learning?
- Do I see myself as a very influential determinant in my child's success or failure?
- Do I actively engage with my child's teacher to discuss strategies for my child's successful learning?
- Am I aware of the core values and beliefs of the school and do I actively support them and live them?
- Do I actively involve myself in the mission and vision of the school by volunteering to assist and offer experience, gifts and talents?

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Colossians 3 : 13 NLT "Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others."

- Do I have high standards and expectations for and from my child?
- Do I regularly reinforce the reason I placed my child in Grace, to my child?
- Do I send my child off to school with positivity and reinforcing the value of learning and so set the tone for the day?
- Am I consistently demonstrating an interest in their learning and in their progress?
- Do I demonstrate an appreciation of their teachers and school and encourage their involvement in all aspects of school?
- Do I assist my child and demonstrate good organization skills and provide a quiet study zone to facilitate good study habits?

Learning is for life and at Grace we hope to instill in our students a desire to be lifelong learners.

Hugo de Ridder
Principal

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Parent Teacher Interviews—Year 3 to Year 12

Parent Teacher interviews will take place on Thursday, 28 July and Tuesday, 2 August in the Resource Centre.

Appointment times can be booked via the PTO on-line booking system. Interview durations are 10 minutes. An email detailing how to logon to the PTO booking system has been emailed home.

Primary teachers will be available on:
Thursday, 28 July : 3.30pm to 5.30pm and on
Tuesday, 2 August : 4.30pm to 7.00pm

Secondary teachers will be available on:
Thursday, 28 July & Tuesday, 2 August : 3.30pm to 7.00pm

Tuition Fees

A friendly reminder that, should you not pay school fees via a direct debit, that Term 3 fees are due by Friday, 29 July. Any questions, please contact our Bursar, Mrs Fiona de Ridder on 08 9726 4200.

Netball Coordinator 2017

Grace Netball needs a new coordinator for next year. If you are a parent with an interest in netball, are well organised and would like to be involved, you may be interested in this volunteer position.

For more details please contact Mrs Leah Gadsby on 0428 034 359 or email lgadsby@grace.wa.edu.au

Netball—Cake Sale—Wednesday, 27th July

Save the date! Our annual fundraiser is coming up during Week 2 of next term. Yummy treats will be for sale at recess.

In-Term Swimming Lessons

Lessons for all students in Year 1 to Year 6 commence on Monday, 25 July and will run for 2 weeks. All students are expected to attend. Instruction is given by qualified swim instructors appointed by the WA Department of Education.

Parents may attend as spectators only and may watch their child's progress from the designated 'spectator area'. As of this year the South West Sports Centre will be charging all spectators a \$1 'Spectator Fee'.

Umbrella's

Been caught in the rain lately? Why not check out our very own Grace Christian School promotional quality golf umbrellas available to purchase from the admin office for \$25. Great quality and a must have in this weather. ☺

Alpha Course — Is there more to life than this?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith.

Alpha sessions are held in small groups in a relaxed environment where there is opportunity to discuss your thoughts, ask questions and hear from others about any aspects of the Christian faith. It is also a great opportunity to get to know others.

When: Thursday evenings, 28th July to 8th September
Time: from 6.30pm
Where: Grace Christian School/Dreambuilders Church
Register Interest: email bunbury@dreambuilders.church

Camp Australia—Before and After School Care

A reminder that we have before and after school care available Monday to Friday during the school term. Please contact Camp Australia should you be interested in utilizing their services on 1300 105 343 or info@campaustralia.com.au

Grace Soccer

A big *thank you* to South West Pets for their generous sponsorship and support of our Grace Soccer club. South West Pets have donated individual prizes for players as well as a \$750 donation which will go towards purchasing new gear and uniforms for our ever growing club.

Thank you, South West Pets!



2016 TERM DATES

- Term 3:** 19 July to 23 September
Student Free day—Mon, 22 Aug
- Term 4:** 11 October to 15 December

PRESENTATION EVENINGS

2016

- KI/PP:** Tue, 6 December
- Year 1 & 2:** Thu, 8 December
- Year 3—6:** Mon, 12 December
- Year 7—11:** Tue, 13 December

2017 TERM DATES

- Term 1:** 1 February to 7 April
- Term 2:** 26 April to 23 June
- Term 3:** 18 July to 22 September
Student Free day—Mon, 21 Aug
- Term 4:** 10 October to 14 December

Calendar of Events

Please check the calendar regularly for updates.



Philippians 4 : 8 NLT "And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honourable, and right, and pure and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise."

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 2 25 * Parent Prayer 9am (Boardroom)	26 * Little Library 9am	27 * Secondary Assembly 2.20pm * Netball Cake Stall (recess)	28 * Year 4—6 Interschool Cross Country (BCGS) * Australian Maths Comp. * Parent Teacher Interviews	29 * Year 10 P.A.R.T.Y Program
Week 3 1 Aug * Parent Prayer 9am (Boardroom) * Year 1—6 In-Term Swimming (SWSC)	2 * Little Library 9am * Year 1—6 In-Term Swimming (SWSC) * Parent Teacher Interviews	3 * Year 1—6 In-Term Swimming (SWSC)	4 * Year 1—6 In-Term Swimming (SWSC) * Kindy Tour 9.30am	5 * Year 1—6 In-Term Swimming (SWSC) * Junior Assembly 2.20pm * Year 12 Geography Excursion Perth CBD 31 Jul-2 Aug
Week 4 8 * Parent Prayer 9am (Boardroom) * Year 1—6 In-Term Swimming (SWSC)	9 * Little Library 9am * Year 1—6 In-Term Swimming (SWSC)	10 * Year 1—6 In-Term Swimming (SWSC) * Young Writers Day BCGS—Year 9 & 10	11 * Year 1—6 In-Term Swimming (SWSC) * Young Writers Day BCGS—Year 7 & 8	12 * Year 1—6 In-Term Swimming (SWSC) * Middle Assembly 2.20pm
Week 5 15 * Parent Prayer 9am (Boardroom)	16 * Little Library 9am * School Board Meeting	17 * Secondary Assembly 2.20pm	18 * School Tour 10am	19
Week 6 22 * Student Free Day	23 * Little Library 9am * Primary Athletics Carnival (Year 4—Year 6)	24 * Secondary Athletics Carnival (Year 7—12) * Year 10 & Year 11 Bible Society Master Class Conference Perth	25	26 * Junior Assembly 2.20pm
Week 7 29 * Parent Prayer 9am (Boardroom)	30 * Little Library 9am * Year 6 Excursion—Scitech and Parliament House * Primary Athletics Carnival (Year 1 to Year 3)	31	1 Sep * Year 10 Parent Dinner	2 * Year 4 Excursion—Duyfken Replica * Athletics Assembly 2.20pm
Week 8 5 * Parent Prayer 9am (Boardroom)	6 * Little Library 9am * Creative Arts/Open Night	7 * Secondary Assembly 2.20pm	8 * School Tour 10am	9 * Middle Assembly 2.20pm



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Friday Evening | 7pm

Sixoh Youth from 5.30pm
Family Service starts at 7pm
Crèche and Kids Program available

More Info: Tel. 9726 4201 or email bunbury@dreambuilders.church

Sunday Morning | 10am

Family Service starts at 10am
Crèche and Kids Program available