

Grace Notices

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Psalm 33 : 20-22 NLT " We put our hope in the Lord. He is our help and our shield. In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His holy name. Let your unfailing love surround us, Lord, for our hope is in you alone."

Coming up

WEEK 4

Sunday, 7 August

- * Year 12 HASS Excursion (Perth)

Monday, 8 Aug

- * Parent Prayer Group 9am
- * In term Swimming (1-12 Aug)

Tuesday, 9 Aug

- * Little Library 9am
- * Year 9 Drama Excursion (GMAS)

Wednesday, 10 Aug

- * Young Writers Day (Year 9 & 10) (BCGS)

Thursday, 11 Aug

- * Young Writers Day (Year 7 & 8) (BCGS)

Friday, 12 August

- * Middle School Assembly 2.20pm

WEEK 5

Monday, 15 August

- * Parent Prayer Group 9am

Tuesday, 16 August

- * Little Library 9am
- * School Board Meeting 5.15pm

Wednesday, 17 August

- * Secondary Assembly 2.20pm

Thursday, 18 August

- * School Tour 10am

WEEK 6

Monday, 22 August

- * Student Free Day

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

Listening is not Hearing

From Focus on the Family—One week to a Better Family Challenge

"Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger." James 1 : 19 ESV

There's no such thing as a good relationship with poor communication. And it doesn't happen by accident. It is a learned skill that families need to work at every day. When communicating with your family, remember that your ears are your most important tools. All the talking in the world won't help if you can't truly see each other's point of view. Instead of telling them what you think about a problem, ask what they think, and then listen until you understand. The solution you arrive at isn't nearly as important as your willingness to talk it through.

Hearing is passive. Listening is active.

For example, you say your teenager doesn't listen to you anymore. Could it be because that perhaps they feel you're not listening to them? Communication is a two-way street and for it to work properly both parties have to be willing to listen as well as talk. If all you do is lecture, your teen is bound to shut down.

As parents, it's easy to get into the habit of appearing to listen to our kids without really hearing them.

When we get busy and preoccupied with the cares of life, we can easily miss the opportunity to really engage with our kids when they're trying to communicate with us.

Here a few tips: (these work with your kids and your spouse)

- ⇒ Begin with a goal of 5 minutes of focused listening. Make eye contact and pay attention to your child's words, feelings and body language.
- ⇒ Ask open-ended questions. Those will encourage thought and communication, and they don't require a right or wrong answer.
- ⇒ Practice active listening. Instead of saying, "I don't know why you feel so angry," say, "It sounds like you're mad and hurt. I understand that." Let your child know he's heard before you offer a solution.

Mr Hugo de Ridder
Principal

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Creative Arts | Open Night

Our 2016 Open Night is fast approaching and will be held on Tuesday, 6 September. The evening is a great opportunity for us to get together as a community to celebrate the creativity of our students, as well as showcase our school.

Please keep this evening free and bring along your friends or anyone who may be interested in learning more about our school. Invitations will be sent home during the course of next week.

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James 1 : 22 NLT " But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves."

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Enrolments

Our Kindergarten classes for next year are at capacity. If you have any children attending Kindy next year that are not yet enrolled, please contact our Enrolments Officer, Mrs Leanne Brooks, on 08 9726 4200.

Attendance — It is not ok to stay away

The School Education Act 1999 stipulates that parents or legal guardians of all school aged children are responsible in ensuring their child attends school each day. Attendance is fundamental to children's learning and essential for their social, spiritual and academic development.

Every day or half day missed places children at an educational risk, and as such parents are requested to avoid making general appointments during the day, unless unavoidable, such as specialist appointments. We appreciate your cooperation and support in the education of your child.

Library Monitors

The Student Leadership program at Grace Christian School is unique, focusing on Christ's example, and provides opportunities to students to develop the necessary skills and character to become people of positive influence in the spheres they serve in.

Last term students in Year 6 to Year 11 were invited to submit applications for our newly created Library Monitor positions. The Library Monitor position provides opportunities for student leadership, encourages community service, assists students to acquire new skills and broadens the perception of the function of our School Library as well as holding a leadership position in our school.

Following an interview process, we congratulate the following students who were appointed to serve as Library Monitors in 2016: Abigail Dinkelman, Caitlyn Douglas, Tanja Mare, Jodie Prentice, Tyren Roos, Isobel Sherratt, Ethan Topliss, Charnte` van Deventer, Elizabeth Woods, Erin Wrانkmore.

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 Sandra Dinkelman on 08 9726 4200 or email sdinkelman@grace.wa.edu.au

Basketball Registrations

Registration day for Grace Basketball teams is taking place next **Wednesday, 10 August at 3.15pm** outside the Student Services entrance. Coaches and managers are required to register teams on the day.

Teams available for u10 (Year1-3), u12 (Year 4-5), u14 (Year 6-7), u16 (Year 8-9) and u19's (Year10-12).

For more information, please contact Mrs Sarah Bartlett on 0438 913 186 or sbartlett@grace.wa.edu.au

School Photos

Our 2016 school photos have arrived. Individual student photos will be sent home with your child. All family photos can be collected from Student Services. Should you wish to order sporting team photos, please refer to the letter sent home with your child. The letter includes the MSP shoot key code and detailed instructions on how to order online via the MSP website.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mrs Mary Kent or Mrs Jodie Field at Student Services on 08 9726 4200.

Springfest 2016

Springfest is the annual Youth Conference of SIXOH Youth, the youth ministry of Dreambuilders Church. This event spans three days, packed with live music, speakers, games and a whole lot more. Not to be missed is the opportunity to experience Tent City! Each year the expanse of tents rise, with exclusive activities and entertainment for all its citizens!

Sixoh is excited to announce that Springfest is coming to Bunbury in 2016! If you are a high school student (Year 7 to Year 12), you do not want to miss out on this!

Held in the new location at the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre, the Springfest 2016 "Fearless" Tour promises to be the most exciting and memorable three days of the year.

When: 3—5 October 2016

Where: BREC & Tent City @ Dreambuilders Church/Grace Christian School

Cost: Tent City / Dorm Life Registration—\$150
Conference Only Registration—\$80

For more information or to register please visit www.sixohspringfest.com.au or email Tim Foster, Youth Pastor at Dreambuilders Church at timf@dreambuilders.church or call Tim on 0432 998 464.

Registration forms are also available from Student Services.

2016 TERM DATES

- Term 3:** 19 July to 23 September
Student Free day—Monday, 22 Aug
- Term 4:** 11 October to 15 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—Monday, 21 Aug
- Term 4:** 10 October to 14 December

Calendar of Events

Please check the calendar regularly for updates.



Rom 10 : 9-10 NLT "If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved."

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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) * Year 9 Drama Excursion (GMAS)	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) * Year 9 Indonesian Excursion (Mandurah)	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 * Year 9—12 Photography Excursion	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
Week 9 12 * Parent Prayer 9am (Boardroom)	13 * Little Library 9am * Year 1 Bunbury Farmers Market Excursion * YOH Fest * School Board Meeting	14 * Year 12 Study Day	15 * Year 12 Mock Exams * Pre-Primary Nautical Night Picnic 5.30pm	16 * Year 12 Mock Exams
Week 10 19 * Parent Prayer 9am (Boardroom) * Year 12 Mock Exams	20 * Little Library 9am * Year 12 Mock Exams	21 * Year 12 Study Day	22 * Kindy Tour 9.30am * Year 12 Mock Exams	23 * Year 12 Mock Exams * Last Day Term 3



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BUILDING LIVES | TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

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