

# Grace Notices

Friday, 14 October | Term 4, Issue 2



Psalms 116 : 1-2 NLT " I love the Lord because he hears my voice and my prayer for mercy. Because he bends down to listen, I will pray as long as I have breath."

## Coming up

Term 4 ends Thursday, 15 December

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### Saturday, 29 October

- \* Schoolyard Blitz 8.30am - 12.30pm
- Pancake breakfast from 8am

### WEEK 4

### Monday, 31 October

- \* Parent Prayer Group 9am
- \* Reformation Day

### Tuesday, 1 November

- \* Little Library 9am
- \* Uniform Fittings (Year 6)
- \* School Board Meeting

### Wednesday, 2 November

- \* Year 1&3 BREC Excursion
- \* Secondary Assembly 2.20pm

### WEEK 5

### Monday, 7 November

- \* Parent Prayer Group 9am

### Tuesday, 8 November

- \* Little Library 9am
- \* Year 7 Orientation Day
- \* Year 6 Parent Dinner 6.30pm

### Thursday, 10 November

- \* School Tour 10am

### Saturday, 12 November

- \* Family Photo Shoot

## Uniform Shop Open Times

### Monday and Friday

8.15am—9.00am

### Wednesday and Thursday

3.00pm—3.45pm

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Skoolbag— Grace Christian School

## From the Principal's Desk

### Schooling is never neutral

"By its very nature, schooling is always seeking to nurture and shape children according to some-one's understanding of the world. Textbook writers, for example, decide what information to include, and what information to exclude, and even how to present the information. A good example of this is some current science textbooks still include information that has been disproved years ago, such as the evolutionary trends of comparative embryos. Hence an author, philosopher, educator, researcher will present the information according to their perspective on what will help students develop an understanding of the world and their role in it.

Classroom teachers and curriculum designers also make similar choices; they have a clear belief about what is best for the student, and they shape classroom materials and experiences that reflect and foster that belief.

In this country, the two main education systems that present themselves as potential options for most Christian parents are: the Christian schools which have proliferated around the country in recent decades, or the government-funded public or state schools, which are secular by nature."

"The Miriam-Webster dictionary defines religion as 'a cause, principle. Or system of beliefs held with ardour and faith'.

- ◆ On that basis, Christianity, which believes in the supernatural and claims that the origin and purpose of all of life finds its fulfilment in Jesus Christ, is a religion. This means that Christian schools, in their design, curriculum and desired outcomes, are religious schools.
- ◆ On the same basis of that Miriam-Webster dictionary definition, secularism, which claims any belief in a reality beyond naturalistic and the sensory experience is a misguided illusion and is unworthy of a place in any understanding of the world. This means (and there is much evidence to support this contention) that secular schools, in their design, curricula and intended outcomes are also religious schools because it is based on a belief system.

There is no neutrality."

I think as parents and those responsible for our children's upbringing, it is vitally important that we understand that no school system is neutral. Each system is permeated by, and based on, their core beliefs, and these beliefs heavily influence; the curricula, the learning experience, the behavioural expectations, the value placed on partnership with parents, the teachers employed, the priorities, the value of the student and the value of community, to name a few.

We believe a school that finds its fulfilment in Christ is a school that allows children to flourish, grow and experience success.

We acknowledge Edserv International as the publisher of the article identified in quotation and the Author Dr Richard J Edlin. This article is from a booklet on "Thinking about schooling" which will be available from the school office by request by Week 6.

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Psalm 73 : 26 NLT "My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; He is mine forever."

## Pre-Primary teacher

Many will now be aware the school is advertising for a Pre-primary teacher. Mrs Sarah Bartlett has decided to take a break from Pre-primary teaching and move into a relief teacher role, and as such will not be leaving our community but taking on a new role.

Sarah has and will continue to be an integral part of our school. The process for finding a suitable replacement has commenced and the community will be informed in due course.

Blessings,  
**Hugo de Ridder**

## Notices

### Grace Christian School Swimming Club

Commencing next week for students in Year 4 to Year 7 having completed Stage 6 swimming or above. Students participating must be able to swim a length of the 50m pool unaided.

**When:** Monday and Wednesday  
**Time:** 6.30am—7.30am  
**Where:** South West Sports Centre  
**Cost:** Pool entry fee

Two coaches will be on hand who are registered with Swimming Australia. Parents will need to remain with their children during the lesson times. Please bring goggles and flippers.

Any queries can be directed to Mrs Vanessa McQuade, Grace Christian School Swimming Club coordinator via email: [vmcquade@grace.wa.edu.au](mailto:vmcquade@grace.wa.edu.au)

### Family Photo Shoot

Do you want to update your family portraits? There is a great opportunity to do so on Saturday, 12 November where Advanced Life Studios will be here to capture family portraits, including your pets if you wish. J

Bookings are essential, with the first appointment from 9am. Please call Sharyn Harris at the school office on 9726 4200 to secure a booking or for more information.

### Tuition Fees

Term 4 Fees are now **overdue**, please contact the Bursar, Mrs Fiona de Ridder should you need to make alternative arrangements.

2017 Fee Assistance – application forms were due **in TODAY** (Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October). Please return application forms as soon as possible, in order for assessments to be completed for next year's tuition fees.

### Sustainable School Shop

Why not check out Sustainable School Shop where you can buy and sell secondhand text books and other items. The website offers excellent email and telephone helplines. To register visit:

[www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au](http://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au)

For any enquiries, please contact Sustainable School Shop on 1300 683 337.

### Scholastic Book Sale

The Scholastic Buy-one-get-one-free book sale is now on in the Library.

Open during tomorrow's 'Schoolyard Blitz' and until 3rd November. Great buys, new books, Christmas Presents—why not come and check it out!

### Philippians 4 : 8

And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

### 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

### UNIFORM SHOP OPEN TIMES

**Monday and Friday**  
8.15am - 9.00am  
**Wednesday and Thursday**  
3.00pm - 3.45pm

### 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 - 21 Aug*  
**Term 4:** 10 October to 14 December

# Calendar of Events

Please check the calendar regularly for updates.



1 Corinthians 1 : 10 NLT " I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other, Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose."

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 4 31 <i>Reformation Day</i> • Parent Prayer 9am (Boardroom)	1 Nov • Little Library 9am • School Board Meeting 5.15pm • Year 6 Uniform Fittings	2 • Year 1 & 3 BREC Excursion • Secondary Assembly 2.20pm	3	4
Week 5 7 • Parent Prayer 9am (Boardroom)	8 • Little Library 9am • Year 7 (2017) Orientation Day • Year 6 Parent Dinner 6.30pm	9	10 • School Tour 10am	11 Saturday, 12th: Advance Life Studios Family Photo Shoot
Week 6 14 • Parent Prayer 9am (Boardroom)	15 • Little Library 9am	16 • Kindy 2017 Playcafé • Secondary Assembly 2.20pm	17 • Year 6 Graduation Dinner	18
Week 7 21 • Parent Prayer 9am (Boardroom)	22 • Little Library 9am • PP Boys Uniform Fitting • Year 7—10 Exams	23 • Year 7—10 Exams	24 • Year 7—10 Exams • Kindy Tour 9.30am • Volunteer Afternoon Tea 2pm	25 • Year 7—10 Exams 25-26 Nov—Prefect Camp
Week 8 28 • Parent Prayer 9am (Boardroom)	29 • Little Library 9am • PP Girls Uniform Fitting	30	1 Dec	2 • Dreambuilders Church "Christmas at Ours"
Week 9 5 • Parent Prayer 9am (Boardroom) • Spring Concert	6 • Little Library 9am • 2017 KI Uniform Fittings • KI/PP End of Year Celebration Evening 5pm	7 • Year 10 ECU Excursion	8 • School Tour 10am • Junior School (Year 1 & 2) Presentation Evening 6pm	9
Week 10 12 • Parent Prayer 9am (Boardroom) • PP Orientation Day • Middle School (Year 3 - 6) Presentation Evening	13 • Little Library 9am • Secondary (Year 7 - 11) Presentation Evening 6.30pm	14	15 • End of Year 'Fun Day' • Last day 2016 ☺	16

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**Friday Evening | 7pm**

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

More Info: Tel. 9726 4201 or email [punbury@dreambuilders.church](mailto:punbury@dreambuilders.church)

**Sunday Morning | 10am**

Family Service starts at 10am  
 Crèche and Kids Program available