

Grace Notices

Friday, 11 November | Term 4, Issue 3



Proverbs 9 : 10 NLT "Fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgement."

Coming up

Term 4 ends Thursday, 15 December

WEEK 6

Monday, 14 November

- * Parent Prayer Group 9am

Tuesday, 15 November

- * Little Library 9am
- * PP Boys Uniform Fittings

Wednesday, 16 November

- * Playcafé
- * Secondary Assembly 2.20pm

Thursday, 17 November

- * Year 6 Graduation Dinner 5.30pm - Green Jade Restaurant
- * Scitech Incursion

WEEK 7

Monday, 21 November

- * Parent Prayer Group 9am

Tuesday, 22 November

- * Little Library 9am
- * Year 7—10 Exams

Wednesday, 23 November

- * Year 7—10 Exams

Thursday, 24 November

- * Kindy Tour 9.30am
- * Volunteer Afternoon Tea 2pm - Auditorium Café
- * Year 8 -10 Exams

Friday, 25 November

- * Year 8 -10 Exams
- * Prefect Camp (25 Nov—26 Nov)

Saturday, 26 November

- * Cadets Kayaking Excursion 8am-Pelican Point

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

In schools, you will often encounter one of 4 ways of understanding children.

1. Following the insights of John Locke, some educators view children as blank slates or empty vessels, waiting to be written upon or filled with information. Therefore, they view education as the behavioural process of carefully selecting and controlling inputs in a child's education, in the hope that this will result in an educated child, well equipped to enter society.
2. Others follow the romanticist precepts of Jean-Jacques Rousseau and view children as basically good who, if given freedom and encouragement, will find truth within themselves, and make right choices for the benefit of all. If these self-righteous children are protected from corrupted societal institutions, their natural curiosity and innate goodness will lead them into greater knowledge and wisdom.
3. Often inaccurately attributed to Augustine, some educators view children as created evil and in need of a strictly controlled education that curbs their evil desires and directs them towards the good.
4. The authentic Christian educator has a different, step-by-step, unfolding view of the child:
 - i) The first step is the recognition that the child is a special creation, made in God's own image, and with the universal human desire to search for the transcendent (Acts 17:27). Boys and girls, each with their own divinely-ordained creativity and sexual identities, have tremendous talents, imagination, and capacities, and also possess a God-given stewardly authority to shape culture in a truth-filled, God-honouring way.
 - ii) The second step is to acknowledge that all human beings – including children – are inheritors of the sin of Adam and Eve, and thus are now naturally disposed to sinful, idolatrous choices and lifestyles that forlornly attempt to put themselves in God's place (Romans 1:25) and move away from God and hope-filled living.
 - iii) In Jesus Christ, God has offered an exclusive, redemptive path back to peace with him, open to all who put their trust in Christ as Lord and Saviour.
 - iv) Christian schools nurture children to learn about the world and their places and tasks in it in the light of this biblically-founded understanding of humanity.

Christian education, based upon this view of the child, recognises certainty and truth as found in Jesus Christ; brings together human dignity and accountability, justice and mercy in the classroom; and fosters collaborative, hope-filled resilience and purpose among students. In so doing, it equips young people with a dynamic sense of purpose, and encourages a heart commitment to God, as children aspire to a pattern of living that serves God and fellow human beings, filled with hope, direction and purpose.

Article from "Thinking About Schooling" by Dr Richard J Edlin

Community Health Audit

As part of its ongoing commitment to excellence, the school works closely with Endeavour Community Relations and Development, a Christian community relations company.

Endeavour's services are enlisted to conduct an independent Community Health Audit of the school regularly. The objective of this exercise is to gauge the health of our school. Key stakeholders in our community are asked for feedback on a number of crucial services the school provides and this information, once analysed, provides a platform for school improvement.

We have mailed surveys to all families in our school community, and I encourage you to use this opportunity to provide the school executive with your thoughts and suggestions, both positive and those areas of concern.

Blessings,

Hugo de Ridder
Principal

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Proverbs 15 : 31-32 NLT "If you listen to constructive criticism, you will be at home among the wise. If you reject discipline, you only harm yourself, but if you listen to correction, you grow in understanding."

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In-Term Swimming 2017

In-term swimming lessons for next year are scheduled for Term 3, the timing of which we unfortunately have no control over.

With the timing of these lessons (winter) and the additional Year 6 class next year, in-term swimming will now only be available to students in the Middle School, from Year 3 - Year 6. We are mindful of the importance of learning the skills to swim and strongly recommend students in Kindergarten to Year 2 be enrolled in VacSwim classes.

VacSwim—December/January holidays

It is important for every child to learn to swim and develop essential water safety skills. Enrolments are now open for VacSwim's school holiday lessons, which are conducted by qualified instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers. For further information and online enrolment visit: www.education.wa.edu.au/swimming

2017 Booklists

2017 Booklists have been sent home with your child. Order online at OfficeMax Schools: www.officemaxschools.com.au/WA/Bunbury/Grace-Christian-School

Supplies ordered before 4 December receive free delivery. Delivery charges for order placed after 4 December - \$9.95 and after 18 December - \$19.90. Orders placed after 31 December are not guaranteed to arrive before school starts.

Sustainable School Shop

Why not check out Sustainable School Shop where you can buy and sell second hand text books and other items. The website offers excellent email and telephone helplines. For any enquiries, please contact Sustainable School Shop on 1300 683 337.

To register visit: www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

Uniform changes in Secondary

Please note that Secondary sports jackets may no longer be worn with the school uniform, other than with the sports uniform. This includes wearing the sports jacket over the school jumper. This rule will be reviewed for the winter terms, Term 2 and Term 3.

From the School Chaplain

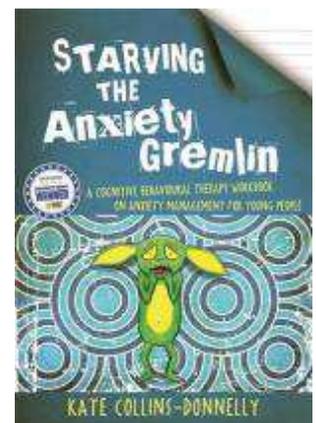
There are various self-help books on anxiety, one of which I recommend to you and is featured below. This text may be beneficial to any teenager who wrestles with anxiety on a regular basis.

"Starving The Anxiety Gremlin" by Kate Collins-Donnelly – A cognitive behavioural therapy workbook on anxiety management for young people.

"Starving the Anxiety Gremlin is a unique and award-winning resource to help young people understand different types of anxiety and how to manage them, including panic attacks, phobias, social anxiety, generalised anxiety and obsessive compulsive disorder. Based on cognitive behavioural principles that link thoughts, feelings and behaviours, the techniques described help young people to understand why they get anxious and how they can 'starve' their anxiety gremlin in order to manage their anxiety. This engaging workbook uses fun activities and real life stories, and can be used by young people aged 10+ on their own or with a parent or practitioner. It is also an ideal anxiety management resource for those working with young people, including mental health practitioners, social workers, education sector staff and youth workers."

You can find this workbook on a variety of online bookstores, such as BookTopia, selling for approximately \$25 per book.

This workbook can be used by young people either on their own or with a parent or practitioner. If your child is working through this CBT workbook and you would like them to have some support, I am happy to meet with them regularly (with their workbook) and go through the chapters/concepts with them, on a weekly basis until all concepts are covered. Please contact me if you have any questions or feedback.



Akita Olsen
School Chaplain

PRESENTATION EVENINGS 2016

KI/PP:	Tuesday, 6 December @ 5pm
Year 1 & 2:	Thursday, 8 December @ 6pm
Year 3 - 6:	Monday, 12 December @ 6.30pm
Year 7- 11:	Tuesday, 13 December @ 6.30pm

2017 TERM DATES

Term 1:	1 February to 7 April
Term 2:	26 April to 23 June
Term 3:	18 July to 22 September <i>(Student Free day - Monday, 21 August)</i>
Term 4:	10 October to 14 December

Calendar of Events

Please check the calendar regularly for updates.



Proverbs 3 : 3-4 "Never let loyalty and kindness leave you! Tie them around your neck as a reminder. Write them deep within your heart. Then you will find favour with both God and people, and you will earn a good reputation."

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 6 14 * Parent Prayer 9am (Boardroom)	15 * Little Library 9am * PP Boys Uniform Fitting	16 * Kindy 2017 Playcafé * Secondary Assembly 2.20pm	17 * Year 6 Graduation Dinner * SciTech Incursion	18
Week 7 21 * Parent Prayer 9am (Boardroom)	22 * Little Library 9am * Year 7 - 10 Exams	23 * Year 7 - 10 Exams	24 * Year 8 - 10 Exams * Kindy Tour 9.30am * Volunteer Afternoon Tea 2pm	25 * Year 8 -10 Exams * 25-26 Nov—Prefect Camp Saturday, 26 Nov * Cadets Pelican Point Kayaking Excursion 8am
Week 8 28 * Parent Prayer 9am (Boardroom) * Year 8 Geography Excursion (Bunbury CBD)	29 * Little Library 9am * PP Girls Uniform Fitting * Year 11 Incursion (Dr Yes)	30	1 Dec	2 * Dreambuilders Church "Christmas at Ours" * Piano Recitals 1pm (Mrs Newhouse and Mrs Faed's students) * Year 10 Indoor Beach Volleyball Excursion
Week 9 5 * Parent Prayer 9am (Boardroom) * Spring Concert 7pm - School Library	6 * 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 6.30pm	13 * Secondary (Year 7 - 11) Presentation Evening 6.30pm	14	15 * End of Year 'Fun Day' * Last day 2016 ☺	16



Sixoh is the Youth Ministry of Dreambuilders Church. We love young people and are passionate about seeing them encouraged and championed. We believe God has so much in store for the students of Bunbury and want them to know they are always welcome here!!

Sixoh is on Fridays at 5:30pm - 8:30pm @ Dreambuilders Church for all students in Year 7 to Year 12. (This includes Friday night church).

We have fortnightly 'Midweeks', which are our small groups and run either on a Monday or Tuesday evening depending on the age group.

For more info contact Tim Foster, Youth Pastor @ Dreambuilders Church on 0432 998 464

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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