

Grace Notices

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Psalm 91:1-2 "Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty. This I declare about the Lord: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; He is my God, and I trust Him."

Coming up

WEEK 2

Monday, 6 February

- * Parent Prayer Group 9am

Tuesday, 7 February

- * Little Library 9am

Thursday, 9 February

- * Kindy Parents Meeting 9am
- * PP Parents Meeting 5.30pm

Friday, 10 February

- * Secondary Assembly 2.20pm

WEEK 3

Monday, 13 February

- * Day of Prayer 9am-3pm

Tuesday, 14 February

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

Wednesday, 15 February

- * Welcome BBQ

Thursday, 16 February

- * Kindy Tour 9.30am
- * Elevate Study Skills Sessions
Parent session - 6.30pm

Friday, 17 February

- * Junior School Assembly 2.20pm

WEEK 4

Monday, 20 February

- * Parent Prayer Group 9am

Tuesday, 21 February

- * Little Library 9am
- * Year 8 Immunisations

Wednesday, 22 February

- * Swimming Carnival (Year 4 - 12)

Friday, 24 February

- * Middle Assembly 2.20pm

Saturday, 25 February

- * School Ball

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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to Term 1, 2017

It has been an incredible start to the year. Thank you to all for making day one an exceptional day. It was a joy to see so many happy people around the school, fresh from the holidays and ready to start the school year.

This year we welcome 111 new students to the Grace Christian School community along with parents and extended family. Our school population continues to grow and currently has 630 students enrolled, a far cry from the 30 students at the schools inception 27 years ago. We also welcome three new staff members:

- * Mrs Maritha van Deventer – Pre-Primary
- * Mr Brad Potgieter – Year 6
- * Mr Ben Prebble – Secondary PE, Mathematics and Outdoor Recreation

All three are a welcome addition to our staff body and school community and their abilities, experience and talents will further strengthen the many educational opportunities Grace offers. If you see them around the grounds, please make them very welcome.

Welcome BBQ

All our new families are invited to our Welcome BBQ on Wednesday, 15th February. If you are new to Grace and haven't as yet received an invite, please call Sharyn Harris in the admin office.

Pick up and Drop off

With the increase in student population the pick-up and drop off periods will be even busier. We ask you to be patient and be alert for children in the car parks and adhere to the speed limit and traffic flow directions within the car parks. Please consider turning left out of the school and taking the roundabout to return to the bypass if necessary.

Please reserve the front car parks for our Junior School parents with students in Kindergarten to Year 2. Parents of students in Year 3—Year 12 are requested to make use of the kiss and drop zones available or the car park adjacent to the auditorium.

I also encourage you to make use of the pick-up zone, south of the Primary Oval.

Congratulations to our Year 12 Students (2016)

Our Year 12 students from last year are to be congratulated on their application to their studies and the way they finished off the year.

Besides the many certificates achieved in the VET pathway, our ATAR students produced many outstanding results. I'd like to congratulate the students who excelled personally; those who achieved their best. I would also like to make mention of one of our students, Cody Philipp who has been awarded a scholarship to study Astrophysics at UWA. Yes, there actually is a course of this nature. It doesn't just appear in American sitcoms. ☺

This year we have added a number of other options to our Year 10, 11 and 12 courses offered, including Politics & Law. If you would like to know more, please contact Mrs Diane Hackney or Mr Keith Knauf.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2017 – 2020

Both our Kindergarten classes are at capacity for this year with a current waiting list. 2018 classes are nearing capacity. Should you wish to enrol your child for 2018, please contact Leanne Brooks as soon as possible to secure a spot.

Thank you again for your trust in us as a school. I pray the Lord continues to bless our community as we offer an education with Christ being central.

Blessings,

Hugo de Ridder
Principal

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Proverbs 16:24 "Kind words are like honey—sweet to the soul and healthy for the body."

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Study Skills Workshops

Year 9 and 10 and ATAR Year 11 and 12 students will participate in one or two sessions of study skills during the day on **Thursday 16 February**.

These seminars assist students in developing sound routines of revision and study, with workshops covering memorising information, time management, study techniques, exam preparation and maximising exam time.

A parent seminar will be held from 6:30pm – 7:30pm to give parents insight into the material shared with students at each year level and help you support your child to take responsibility for their learning. The parent seminar will be held in the Lecture Room.

It would be much appreciated if you could give an indication of your intention to attend the parent session to allow us to manage seating, by calling Student Services on 9726 4200.

School Fees

A reminder that Term 1 tuition fees are due next Friday, 10 February. Please contact the Bursar, Mrs Fiona de Ridder on 9726 4200 should you have any questions relating to tuition fees.

2017 Secondary Assistance Scheme (Year 7 - Year 12)

The State Government through the WA Department of Education provides an allowance to assist eligible families with secondary schooling cost.

To be eligible for the allowance parents/guardians must hold a Department of Human Services (Centrelink) or Veteran's Affairs card.

The allowance consist of two components:

- \$115 Clothing allowance paid directly to the parent
- \$235 Educational Program allowance paid directly to the school

Application forms are available from the admin office, and must be completed at the school before Friday, 7 April.

Family Data Collection Forms

To assist us in keeping up to date records of your child/children, please complete the data collection forms (emailed to all families) and return them to Student Services as soon as possible.

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 6.30am—7.30am
Thursday 6.30am—7.30am or 5pm—6pm*
Friday 3.30pm—4.30pm*

Where: South West Sports Centre

Cost: Pool entry fee

Note: *Thursday and Friday afternoon sessions are with South Bunbury Primary School.

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 & flippers.

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

Year 8 Immunisations

Immunisation consent forms have been sent home with your child. Please return the completed forms to Student Services as soon as possible. For details or any questions, please contact the Public Health division of the Department of Health on 9781 2350.

School Health Assessment Forms—Kindergarten

Please return all completed forms to Student Services as soon as possible.

Uniform Shop Open Days

Please note changes to opening days of the Uniform Shop. The days and times for 2017 are as follows:

Monday & Friday: 8.15am - 9.00am
Wednesday : 3.00pm—3.45pm

School Ball Tickets

Tickets for the 2017 School Ball are available from Mrs Mary Kent or Mrs Jodie Field at Student Services. Ball tickets cost \$85 and can be purchased via Eftpos or cash.

Grace Netball Registrations

Registrations for the 2017 Netball season will take place on Friday, 17th February from 3pm outside the Student Services entrance. All students in Year 2 to Year 12 wishing to play netball must register on this day. The Netball Committee members will be on hand to assist with any questions on the day.

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN TIMES

Monday and Friday

8.15am—9.00am

Wednesday

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.



Matthew 6 :25 NLT "This is what I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing?"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 2 6 * Parent Prayer 9am	7 * Little Library 9am	8	9 * Kindy Parents Meeting 9am * PP Parents Meeting 5.30pm	10 * Secondary Assembly 2.20pm
Week 3 13 * DAY OF PRAYER 9am-3pm (Boardroom)	14 * Little Library 9am * School Board Meeting 5.15pm	15 * Welcome BBQ 5pm	16 * Elevate Study Skills Sessions Parent Session 6.30pm * Kindy Tour 9.30am	17 * Junior Assembly 2.20pm
Week 4 20 * Parent Prayer 9am	21 * Little Library 9am * Year 8 Immunisations	22 * Swimming Carnival SWSC (Year 4 - Year 12)	23	24 * Middle Assembly 2.20pm Saturday, 25th: School Ball
Week 5 27 * Parent Prayer 9am	28 * Little Library 9am	1 Mar * Year 7 Camp * Year 9 & 10 Young Writers	2 * School Tour 10am * Year 7 Camp * Year 7 & 8 Young Writers * Parent Information Evening	3 * Year 7 Camp
Week 6 6 * Public Holiday—Labour Day	7 * Little Library 9am	8	9 * Swimming Assembly 2.20pm	10
Week 7 13 * Parent Prayer 9am	14 * Little Library 9am * School Board Meeting 5.15pm	15 * Year 11 Camp/Colour Conference (15-19 Mar) * Library Incursion - Author Sally Murphy	16 * Year 11 Camp/Colour Conference * Library Incursion - Author Sally Murphy	17 * Year 11 Camp/Colour Conference * Junior Assembly

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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

Sunday Morning | 10am

Family Service starts at 10am
Crèche and Kids Program available