

Grace Notices

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Psalm 62 : 1-2 NLT "I wait quietly before God, for my victory comes from Him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will never be shaken."

Coming up

WEEK 3

Monday, 31 July

- * Parent Prayer Group 8.45am
- * Day of Prayer

Tuesday, 1 August

- * Little Library 9am
- * Year 10 & 11 Christian Conference (Perth)

Thursday, 3 August

- * Kindergarten Tour 9.30am

Friday, 4 August

- * Middle School Assembly 2.20pm

Sunday, 6 August

- * Year 12 Geography Perth CBD Excursion (6 - 8 August)

WEEK 4

Monday, 7 August

- * Parent Prayer Group 8.45am

Tuesday, 8 August

- * Little Library 9am
- * Year 9 & 10 Indonesian Concert (Mandurah Baptist College)

Wednesday, 9 August

- * Year 4 Fremantle Excursion (Duyfken and 1606 Replica & Fremantle Museum)
- * Year 9 & 10 Young Writers (BCGS)

Thursday, 10 August

- * Year 7 & 8 Young Writers (BCGS)
- * Year 2 Excursion (Bunbury Regional Art Gallery and Museum)

Friday, 11 August

- * Bethany Fields Excursion (Piano students) 1pm
- * Secondary Assembly 2.20pm

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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back to the Second Semester 2017. I hope the memories of any holidays you might have had with your family have not yet faded.

I'd like to welcome our new families that started with us at the beginning of this term and I hope your induction into your new school community has been a very pleasant experience:

Jonte Forsyth (KI), Corbin Johnston, Faith Larwood, Matthew Strooh (PR), Jack Ellis, Jurise Grundlingh, Layla Johnston (Year 5), Eli Johnston, Jack Taylor, Leveque Webb (Year 7), Tee Change (Year 9) and Merike Cronje (Year 10).

May the Lord bless you richly as you embark on your learning journey here at Grace.

Long service leave

We are thankful for the safe return of our staff who enjoyed long service leave during Term 2: Mr Colin Stillman (Business Manager) and Mrs Gill Stillman (Early Childhood Education Assistant and Uniform Shop Manager), Mr Pierre Meyer (Head of Middle School) and Mrs Christa Meyer (Secondary IT Teacher).

A sincere thank you Mr Wayne Bucknall who took on the role of acting Head of Middle School in Mr Meyer's absence and also to Mrs Almarie January and Miss Sarah Durell who so ably took on the task of teaching in the absences.

This term Mrs Julie Membrey (Kindergarten) and Mrs Fiona de Ridder (Bursar) are enjoying a period of long service. Mrs Janine Cohen who normally team teaches with Mrs Membrey has taken on the task of teaching the EC2 Kindergarten class.

New staff member

Welcome to Mrs Jennifer Monaghan, our new Uniform Shop Assistant. Jennifer received the batten from Mrs Michaela Ivey, who served faithfully in the Uniform Shop for the past eight years. Michaela will continue to serve our school community in the Library.

Building Update

Our new Primary Science and Language centre is well underway. If you haven't noticed the foundation work as yet, it is located on the south side of the Resource Centre. The plan is to have the rooms fully operational by the beginning of 2018.

Enrolments Kindergarten

There are a very limited number of positions left in our Kindy classes for 2018. If you haven't enrolled as yet and still plan to, please see Mrs Leanne Brooks at Reception as soon as possible. Available positions in subsequent years are also filling. Please don't leave your decision to enrol too late as places are limited and interest from outside our community is high.

Day of Prayer

Max Lucado wrote in his book, *Before Amen*: "Prayer is not a privilege for the pious, not the art of the chosen few. Prayer is simply the heartfelt conversation between God and His child."

I invite you to join us on Monday, 31 July from 8.45am to 3pm in the School Boardroom; time we have set aside to pray specifically for our community. Whether you have five minutes or an hour to spare, come along and join us as we uphold our community in prayer before our Heavenly Father.

Blessings,
Hugo de Ridder

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Jeremiah 17 : 7 - 8 "But blessed are those who trust in the Lord and have made the Lord their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit."

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Creative Arts + Open Night

Our 2017 Open Night is coming up on Thursday, 7 September from 5pm—8.00pm. The evening is a great opportunity for us to get together as a community to celebrate the creativity of our students. Art will be on display as well as performances in music, dance and drama.

Please keep this evening free and invite your friends or anyone who may be interested in learning more about our school.

Student Data

Parents are requested to ensure that all contact details and information relating to student data is up to date. Should your circumstances, contact details or student medical conditions change, please contact Mrs Mary Kent or Mrs Jodie Field at Student Services via email at: admin@grace.wa.edu.au or call 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.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

A big thank you to all volunteers who gave up their time on Saturday, 15 July in the cold and rain to assist at the Bunnings Treendale sausage sizzle to raise funds for the end of year fun day.

There is another sausage sizzle fundraiser at Bunnings Bunbury tomorrow, Saturday, 29 July. If you're heading to Bunnings tomorrow, please pop over and say hello to our team of volunteers and help support the end of year fun day by purchasing a hotdog and drink.

Second Hand Uniform

There are currently a number of second hand uniform items for sale on the second hand rack in the Uniform Shop, which is open on Monday and Friday mornings from 8.15am - 9am and Wednesday afternoon from 3pm - 3.45pm.

The Uniform Shop stocks second hand uniforms to assist families who may be in need. Please note: Should you wish to donate any uniform items to the Uniform Shop, please ensure all uniforms are washed and in good condition; undamaged, not faded and not stained.

Vac Swim

Enrol your children now in VacSwim swimming lessons during the October and December/January school holidays.

With swimming pools and beaches a part of the Western Australian lifestyle, ensuring your children can swim competently and safely is a must for all families.

Your children can join in the fun of learning to swim in lessons conducted at pools and open water venues across the State. VacSwim is for all children—from beginners through to advanced survival, rescue and resuscitation.

To find out more about VacSwim or to enrol online please visit: www.education.wa.edu.au/swimming

Please also note: In-term swimming will commence on Monday, 28 August until Friday, 8 September for all students in Year 3 to Year 6.

Grace Christian School—Skoolbag App

The Grace Christian School Skoolbag app is an effective communication tool for the school, and parents are encouraged to download this free app from the App Store or Google Play Store.

Once you have downloaded the app, agree to push notifications, that way you will be notified immediately of any alerts, reminders or news of activities taking place around school and the community.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

Grace Christian School is participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. Every time you shop at Woolies, simply collect stickers from the checkout operator and place them on the Earn and Learn sticker cards.

Completed cards can be dropped off in the designated box in the administration office. Alternately a designated deposit box is available at the Plaza Woolworths store.

2017 ATAR course examination timetables available online

The 2017 ATAR course examination written and practical timetables can be accessed via the Authority website at <http://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/assessment/examinations/examination-timetables>.

The 2017 ATAR course written examinations will be held from Wednesday, 1 November to Tuesday, 21 November.

Romans 15 : 13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in HIM.

Calendar of Events

Please check the calendar regularly for updates.



Hebrews 13 : 2 NLT "Don't forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realising it!"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 3 31 * Day of Prayer * Parent Prayer 8.45am	1 Aug * Little Library 9am * Christian Conference (Master class) Perth	2	3 * Kindy Tour 9.30am	4 * Middle School Assembly 2.20pm Sun, 6 Aug : Geography Excursion (Perth) Year 12
Week 4 7 * Parent Prayer 8.45am * Geography Excursion (Perth) Year 12	8 * Little Library 9am * Geography Excursion (Perth) Year 12 * Year 9 & 10 Indonesian Concert (Mandurah Baptist College)	9 * Year 4 Excursion - Duyfken & 1606 Replica and WA Museum (Fremantle) * Year 9 & 10 Young Writers (BCGS)	10 * Year 2 Excursion - Bunbury Regional Art Gallery and Museum * Year 7 & 8 Young Writers (BCGS)	11 * Bethany Fields Excursion (Piano students) 1pm * Secondary Assembly 2.20pm
Week 5 14 * Parent Prayer 8.45am	15 * Little Library 9am * School Board Meeting	16	17 * Junior Primary Athletics Carnival (Year 1 - Year 3)	18
Week 6 21 * Student Free Day	22 * Little Library 9am * Primary Athletics Carnival (Year 4—6)	23 * Secondary Athletics Carnival (Year 7-12) * Year 5 Spaghetti Towers Competition	24 * School Tour 10am * Year 6 Spaghetti Bridges Competition	25 * Middle School Assembly 2.20pm
Week 7 28 * Parent Prayer 8.45am * In-term Swimming SWSC (Year 3 - Year 6) * Secondary Assembly 2.20pm	29 * Little Library 9am * In-term Swimming SWSC (Year 3 - Year 6)	30 * In-term Swimming SWSC (Year 3 - Year 6)	31 * In-term Swimming SWSC (Year 3 - Year 6) * Interschool Athletics Carnival * Year 10 Parent Dinner	1 Sep * In-term Swimming SWSC (Year 3 - Year 6) * Junior Assembly Sat, 2 Sep - School Yard Blitz
Week 8 4 * Parent Prayer 8.45am * In-term Swimming SWSC (Year 3 - Year 6)	5 * Little Library 9am * In-term Swimming SWSC (Year 3 - Year 6)	6 * In-term Swimming SWSC (Year 3 - Year 6)	7 * In-term Swimming SWSC (Year 3 - Year 6) * Creative Arts Open Night 5pm	8 * In-term Swimming SWSC (Year 3 - Year 6)

2017 TERM DATES

Semester 2

Term 3: 18 July to 22 September
Student Free Day: 21 August

Term 4: 10 October to 14 December

2018 TERM DATES

Semester 1

Term 1: 31 January to 13 April

Term 2: 30 April to 29 June

Semester 2

Term 3: 23 July to 21 September
Student Free Day: 17 August

Term 4: 9 October to 13 December

UNIFORM SHOP OPEN TIMES

Monday and Friday

8.15am—9.00am

Wednesday

3.00pm—3.45pm

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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 bunbury@dreambuilderschurch

Sunday Morning | 10am

Family Service starts at 10am
Crèche and Kids Program available