Grace Notices

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From the Principal’s desk

Welcome to the 2016 School Year
A warm welcome back to all students, families and staff. I also extend a special welcome to all new students and families who joined us this year. My prayer is that you would feel at home in our school community very soon.

In addition to the 92 new students, we also welcome 5 new staff members: Mrs Megan Conradie (Year 3), Mrs Alba Cloete (Year 4), Mrs Nicky Fulton (Year 5) and Mrs Troy Voller who will be with us during Term 1 and Term 2 in place of Mrs Robyn Lane currently enjoying long service leave. We are also excited to have Mrs Katreena Gislingham back with us following her maternity leave.

Welcome BBQ
We look forward to hosting all new families at our annual “Welcome BBQ”, which will be held on Thursday, 18th February. This informal evening allows our new families to meet staff and other families in the school community. If you have not as yet received an invitation, please contact Mrs Sharyn Harris in the school administration office.

Before and After School Hours Care – Camp Australia
Camp Australia have commenced before and after school hours care which is now available to all school families between the hours of 6am – 8.30am and 3.00pm – 6.00pm. It is important to note that Camp Australia operates independently of the school. For all enquiries and bookings please contact Camp Australia on telephone: 1300 105 343 or email: info@campaustralia.com.au

2015 Graduating Students Shine
Keaton Staszewski-Hose and Cameron Fleming are recipients of Certificates of Commendation from the School Curriculum and Standards Authority because of their outstanding results in their WACE examinations at the end of 2015. Well done, Keaton and Cameron!

Parent Prayer Group
Last year each Monday morning a group of faithful parents gathered to uphold the school in prayer. I believe prayer is one of the backbones of our school and we are keen to recommence the Monday morning prayer group. If you would like to be part of this vital ministry, please contact Mrs Sharyn Harris in the Administration office or email shharris@grace.wa.edu.au.

We look forward to partnering with you throughout this year and seeing your children grow in stature, skill, knowledge and in their relationship with God.

Mr Hugo de Ridder
Principal

Other dates to diarise
29/02 Swimming Carnival (Y4-12)
01/03 Parent Information Evening (Year 5—Year 10)
Grace Christian School

School News

Student Leadership

Congratulations to the following students who were elected to serve as Student Councillors (Primary) and Prefects for 2016.

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<td>Jancke Habig (Head Girl)</td>
<td>Ashandri Barnard</td>
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<td>Daniel Woods (Head Boy)</td>
<td>Rachael Bray</td>
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<td>Chloe Douch, Emily Fernley, Harry Gracey, Sindiso Gumbo,</td>
<td>James Holman</td>
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<td>Anro Habig, Brianna Holman, Kate Monaghan, Tari Mushati,</td>
<td>Steele Newby</td>
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<td>Alicia Pienaar, Jasmine Plug, Kendall Todd and Adam Woods</td>
<td>Jacob Noble and Stephen Walters</td>
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Grace Music – Private Tutoring

Miss Stasia Worthington (Guitar and Drums tutor) resigned from Grace Christian School at the start of this term. Stasia is spreading her wings and moving to the UK. As such, guitar tutoring will not commence until Week 6, when Mr Nat Marshall joins the Music team. We are also in the throes of recruiting a tutor for drums and hope to have both guitar and drum lessons up and running by week 6. Vocals and Piano lessons will continue as per normal commencing in Week 2.

Private music tuition is conducted during school hours on the school premises. Tuition fees cost $30 per half hour session. All students interested in taking private music lessons in 2016 are asked to complete an application form which is available from Reception or Student Services. If you have any queries regarding private music lessons, please contact Mrs Sandra Dinkelman in the Administration Office.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Liam Morrissey who was selected at the National Championships in Sydney last week to represent Australia at the Oceania Speed Skating Championships in Timaru, New Zealand. Well done, Liam on this fantastic achievement.

Parking—Pick up and drop off

To manage traffic flow and minimise congestion in the car parks, please note below guideline when parking your vehicle:

- Kindy and PP—Kindy/PP parking bays and all other parking
- Year 1 to Year 3—in the front of the Admin building and Secondary area
- Year 4—Year 12—Secondary area only

A ‘kiss and drop’ zone is located adjacent to the Auditorium Café, with an additional pickup zone located in Jeffrey Road. Please adhere to signs, including traffic flow direction, speed limit and no standing zones.

School Fees

A reminder that school fees for Term 1 are due on Friday, 12 February. If you have not yet returned your direct debit form or require a copy, please contact our Bursar, Mrs Fiona de Ridder in the School office.

Data Collection Forms

Data collection forms have been mailed out to all families. In order to ensure we have up to date contact details, please return completed forms to Student Services by Friday, 12 February.

Student Medication

Students requiring medication to be administered during school hours are to complete a separate ‘Prescribed Medication Permission Form’ and return the completed form together with any medication to Students Services. Please note: Students with a medical action plan must supply medication (EpiPen’s, Asthma puffers) to Students Services, together with a copy of their action plan.

Year 8 Immunisations

Information about the Year 8 School Based Immunisation Program from the WA Department of Health, has been sent home with all Year 8 students. All forms (including those who do not give consent to be immunised) must be completed and sent back to Student Services by Friday, 12 February.

Grace Christian School ‘Skoolbag’ App

Stay up to date with all information and news via our school website www.grace.wa.edu.au and our school app. The app is also a great communication tool for you to send information to the school, eg. absentees. To download our school app go to the App Store or Google Play Centre and search for Grace Christian School. After the app is installed click on “more” then “setup” and select which categories you would like to receive push notification for. To find out more go to www.skoolbag.com.au