

# Grace Notices

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Lamentations 3 : 22 - 24 (NLT) The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is His faithfulness; His mercies begin afresh each morning. I say to myself, 'The Lord is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in Him.'

## Coming up

### WEEK 4

#### Monday, 20 February

- \* Parent Prayer Group 8.45am

#### 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

### WEEK 5

#### Monday, 27 February

- \* Parent Prayer Group 8.45am
- \* Year 11 Politics & Law Excursion (Electoral Education Centre and Parliament - Perth)

#### Tuesday, 28 February

- \* Little Library 9am

#### Wednesday, 1 March

- \* Year 7 Camp @ Mornington Adventure Camp
- \* Young Writers BCGS (Year 9 & 10)

#### Thursday, 2 March

- \* Year 7 Camp
- \* Young Writers @ BCGS (Year 7 & 8)
- \* Parent Information Evening 6.15pm

#### Friday, 3 March

- \* Year 7 Camp

### WEEK 6

#### Monday, 6 March

- \* Labour Day Public Holiday

#### Tuesday, 7 March

- \* Little Library 9am

#### Thursday, 9 March

- \* School Tour 10am
- \* Swimming Assembly 2.20pm

#### Friday, 10 March

- \* Interschool Swimming (Year 7 - 12)

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## From the Principal's Desk

### Every education curriculum is based on a belief - Why Grace Christian School is a good choice

What we believe about education is important. A common belief is that education is for a period in our life from Kindergarten to Year 12 and perhaps a few years after. The reality is that we continue to learn our entire life. Learning is essential to who we are, what we do, what we value and what we believe.

Many believe that learning can take place in a belief, moral or values vacuum, accepting education as neutral. Reading, writing or calculating doesn't immediately appear to involve any beliefs, values or morality. However, every education curriculum is based on a belief system; heavily influenced by the beliefs of those who have written the curriculum, as well as those delivering it. We seek to educate others about what we believe is most important for life. In the same way, by not teaching, or purposefully avoiding some things, we are teaching that these are not important.

The beliefs expressed in many a school may initially appear tolerant and accepting of all ideas. However, in practice, when they actively deny God's role and plan in history, the present and the future, a very strong belief system is expressed.

What a teacher believes and how they deliver the curriculum, both hidden and defined, is often considered irrelevant to what they do in the classroom, stemming from a belief that the teacher and the subject are separate and the knowledge they impart is neutral. Much of education is relational. A teacher's beliefs will influence and shape how and what they choose to teach in a classroom, even within a set curriculum. The Bible urges us... "*whatever you do in word or deed do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ giving glory to God the Father*" Colossians 3:17

"Whatever you do" is a very broad statement. It includes learning and hence education. What a Christian teacher does, in whatever subject, can give glory to God or direct the glory elsewhere. Likewise, whatever subjects a child may study, or career they choose, they can give glory to God in it. This attaches a significant value or meaning to all of life's activities. It is no longer neutral. If God is interested in all of life, then a Christian education requires a Biblical point of view through the whole curriculum.

We are incredibly privileged to be part of both you and your children's learning journey, and pray this journey will be highly successful as your children grow and mature into young people of significant influence.

Blessings,

**Hugo de Ridder**  
Principal

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Philippians 4 : 8 NLT - Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honourable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

## Notices

### Parent Information Evening

All parents of students in Year 5 - Year 10 are invited to attend the Parent Information Evening on Thursday, 2 March in the auditorium from 6.15pm—8pm. This is a great evening for parents to hear about the programs and opportunities Grace offers to students in the secondary school and gain insight into our Year 11 and Year 12 pathways. The evening commences at 6.15pm with coffee and cake followed by two sessions:

- ⇒ **Session 1:** General information on programs in Secondary from 6.45pm—7.15pm
- ⇒ **Session 2:** Overview of pathways for Year 11 and 12 students from 7.20pm—8.00pm

The evening will be particularly important for parents of current Year 10 students, as significant decisions will be made this year regarding future career choices and subject selections.

Please RSVP to Sharyn Harris by Friday, 24th February.

### 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**.

### School Health Assessment Forms—Kindergarten

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

### Year 8 Immunisations

The Department of Health is offering a free immunisation program for Year 8 students. The program offers a booster dose of the diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough vaccine, the chicken-pox vaccine, as well as a vaccine for protection against human papillomavirus (HPV).

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 or visit: <http://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/immunisation>

### Grace Soccer Club - Expressions of Interest

Grace Soccer currently have teams from U6 (Pre-Primary aged children) to U14 and could include to U16 should there be enough interest. If your child is interested in playing soccer this year, please email your child's name, date of birth and school year to Mrs Crystal Potter (Grace Soccer Club President) at [crystalpottz@hotmail.com](mailto:crystalpottz@hotmail.com) by **Monday, 20 February**.

Our Soccer Club is also seeking additional coaches this season. If you able to assist with coaching a team, please contact Crystal at the above email address or call 0408 094 395.

### Camp Grace

Did you know that the school operates a campsite on Geographe Bay? Camp Grace is an ideal location for large or small group camps, individuals or families wanting a low-cost camping alternative.

The camp includes powered sites, on-site caravans and several bunk rooms, which can accommodate up to 90 campers.

For more information or to book a site, contact our Camp Managers, Jurrien and Wendy Swarts @ Camp Grace on 9755 4014 or email: [campgrace@westnet.com.au](mailto:campgrace@westnet.com.au) or check out the web-site: <http://www.campgrace.com.au>

### UNIFORM SHOP OPEN TIMES

#### Monday and Friday

8.15am—9.00am

#### Wednesday

3.00pm—3.45pm

### 2017 TERM DATES

- Term 1:** ends 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.



Psalm 32 : 8 (NLT) - The Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you."

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 4 20 * Parent Prayer 8.45am	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 8.45am * Year 11 P & L Excursion (Parliament and Electoral Education Centre - Perth)	28 * Little Library 9am	1 Mar * Year 7 Camp (Mornington Adventure Camp) * Year 9 & 10 Young Writers (BCGS)	2 * Year 7 Camp (Mornington Adventure Camp) * Year 7 & 8 Young Writers (BCGS) * Parent Information Evening 6.15pm	3 * Year 7 Camp (Mornington Adventure Camp)
Week 6 6 * Public Holiday—Labour Day	7 * Little Library 9am	8	9 * Swimming Assembly 2.20pm * School Tour 10am	10 * Interschool Swimming Carnival
Week 7 13 * Parent Prayer 8.45am	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 2.20pm
Week 8 20 * Parent Prayer 8.45am	21 * Little Library 9am * KI/PP Dad's Night * Year 8 Geography Excursion (Back Beach)	22 * Secondary Assembly 2.20pm	23 * GRIP Student Leadership Conference (Prefects) * Kindy Tour	24 * Middle School Assembly 2.20pm  Saturday, 25th: School Yard Blitz 8am
Week 9 27 * Parent Prayer 8.45am	28 * Little Library 9am * Autumn Concert 7pm	29 * Parent Teacher Interviews 3.30pm—7pm	30	31

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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](mailto:bunbury@dreambuilders.church)

**Sunday Morning | 10am**

Family Service starts at 10am  
Crèche and Kids Program available