

# Grace Notices

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Ephesians 4 : 1—2 NLT “Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love.”

## Coming up

### WEEK 5

#### Monday, 14 August

- \* Parent Prayer Group 8.45am
- \* Worship Service 2.20pm

#### Tuesday, 15 August

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

#### Thursday, 17 August

- \* Junior Primary Athletics Carnival School Oval (Year 1—Year 3)

### WEEK 6

#### Monday, 21 August

- \* Student Free Day

#### Tuesday, 22 August

- \* Little Library 9am
- \* Primary Athletics Carnival Hay Park (Year 4 - Year 6)

#### Wednesday, 23 August

- \* Secondary Athletics Carnival Hay Park (Year 7—Year 12)
- \* Spaghetti Towers Competition (Year 5)
- \* Music Tutors Meeting 3.30pm

#### Thursday, 24 August

- \* School Tour 10am
- \* Spaghetti Bridges Competition (Year 6)

#### Friday, 25 August

- \* Middle School Assembly 2.20pm

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## From the Principal's Desk

### What's in our name?

At a British conference on comparative religion, delegates were debating amongst themselves what was unique about Christianity. One suggested that it was Christmas – that God came and lived with us. Those more knowledgeable dismissed the idea, rightly pointing to some other religions' claim that the gods came and lived amongst humans. Someone else confidently asserted it was the belief in the resurrection. But that was refuted as other faiths have accounts of people returning to life. And so the discussion went on, with no obviously unique factor being highlighted. At this perplexing point, the famous novelist and apologist C.S. Lewis walked into the room, and hearing the question responded quickly: “Oh, that’s easy. It’s grace.”

As they thought about it, the delegates realized that Lewis (as usual) was right. In every other religion, you have to earn the approval of God. Christianity teaches that God loves and accepts us because of God’s nature and character, not because of ours.

Christianity teaches that we find the favour of God not by what we do, but by trusting in what Jesus did for us on the cross. That’s why it is a faith about grace. It goes to the heart of what Christians believe.

At its simplest, grace affirms that we are not treated on the basis of our merits but on the basis of God’s love and goodness. It is God’s way of breaking the impasse in the relationship between people and God.

*From “The Big Picture. Building Blocks of a Christian Worldview” by Dr Brian Harris*

### Blessings, Hugo de Ridder

## Notices

### Student Free Day

Parents are reminded that School will be closed for all students on Monday, 21 August. All staff will be attending PD on this day.

### 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.

### Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

A big thank you to the team of volunteers, led by Rachel Fernley who assisted at the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle fundraiser on 15 July and 29 July. The total amount raised for our end of year fun

day was \$2,550, a fantastic outcome for all involved.

### In-Term Swimming

In-Term swimming commences for all students in Year 3 to Year 6 from Monday, 28 August to Friday 8 September. This is an integral part of our Health and Physical Education program, and also provides a great opportunity for students to improve their confidence and skills in and around the water.

Parents are welcome to attend as spectators only in the designated parent area to watch their child’s lessons. A reminder that permission forms are due to Student Services today.

### 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,

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Ephesians 4 : 3-6 NLT "Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. There is one Lord, one Faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all."

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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](http://www.education.wa.edu.au/swimming)

### Swimming Club

Swimming Club is starting up again this year for all students who are in Stage 7 swimming or higher.

**When:** Monday from 6.30am to 7.30am  
Wednesday from 6.30am to 7.30am  
Friday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm

**Cost:** Pool entry fee

Please also remember to bring your flippers and swim goggles.

### 2018 Orange School Bus Service

If your child travels to school and back on the orange School Bus Service SBS, please register them for the 2018 school year as soon as possible.

For more information please visit the SBS website on <https://www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au/School-Bus-Services> or call 13 62 13

### 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.

### Student Data Collection Form

All families will be emailed data collection forms in the coming week. Please check these forms carefully to ensure the school has up to date details of your child, which includes correct contact details, medical conditions, etc.

Details of any amendments should be noted on the form and returned to Student Services by Friday, 25 August.

### 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 Entertainment Book Fundraiser

A big thank you to all parents who have purchased a 2017 Entertainment book. All funds raised through this initiative went to Gideon's Bibles to help purchase and distribute 145 Bibles.

### Culture Conference

Culture Conference is a Youth event hosted by Dreambuilders Church Bunbury for all students in Year 6 to Year 12.

Every person has been created with UNIQUE purpose and significance and this event exists to champion the next generation.

Culture Conference 2017 will take place over three jam-packed days from Tuesday 26 September to Thursday 28 September. Featuring live music, inspiring speakers and a host of amazing activities, this really is an event not to be missed!

Culture Conference is for anyone and everyone. For more information and to secure your place visit:

<http://cultureconference2017.com/> or call Tim Foster, Youth Pastor @ Dreambuilders Church on 0432 998 464.

### The Global Leadership Summit (GLS)

The Global Leadership Summit is coming to Bunbury on 5-6 October. This two day event is a time for leaders to get together and be inspired in a vibrant leadership learning community.

Every year the GLS inspires and equips leaders with an incredible range of speakers who are leadership practitioners. GLS 2017 once again features a world class faculty from diverse backgrounds including the Church, business, not-for profit and education.

To register for this event or for more information visit: <https://willowcreek.org.au/2017-global-leadership-summit-australia/#wa>

### YAC—Youth Advisory Council

Nominations are currently open to join the City of Bunbury's Youth Advisory Council. Nomination forms and information are available from Student Services or alternatively email [yac@bunbury.wa.gov.au](mailto:yac@bunbury.wa.gov.au) Nominations close: 15 September 2017

# Calendar of Events

Please check the calendar regularly for updates.



Psalms 37 : 23 NLT "The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. Though they stumble, they will never fall, for the Lord holds them by the hand."

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 5</b> <span style="float: right;">14</span> * Parent Prayer 8.45am * Worship Service 2.20pm	<span style="float: right;">15</span> * Little Library 9am * School Board Meeting	<span style="float: right;">16</span>	<span style="float: right;">17</span> * Junior Primary Athletics Carnival (Year 1 - Year 3)	<span style="float: right;">18</span>
<b>Week 6</b> <span style="float: right;">21</span> * <b>Student Free Day</b>	<span style="float: right;">22</span> * Little Library 9am * Primary Athletics Carnival (Year 4—6)	<span style="float: right;">23</span> * Secondary Athletics Carnival (Year 7-12) * Year 5 Spaghetti Towers Competition	<span style="float: right;">24</span> * School Tour 10am * Year 6 Spaghetti Bridges Competition	<span style="float: right;">25</span> * Middle School Assembly 2.20pm
<b>Week 7</b> <span style="float: right;">28</span> * Parent Prayer 8.45am * In-term Swimming SWSC (Year 3 - Year 6) * Secondary Assembly 2.20pm	<span style="float: right;">29</span> * Little Library 9am * In-term Swimming SWSC (Year 3 - Year 6) * Year 10 Parent Dinner	<span style="float: right;">30</span> * In-term Swimming SWSC (Year 3 - Year 6)	<span style="float: right;">31</span> * In-term Swimming SWSC (Year 3 - Year 6) * Interschool Athletics Carnival	<span style="float: right;">1 Sep</span> * In-term Swimming SWSC (Year 3 - Year 6) * Junior Assembly  Sat, 2 Sep - School Yard Blitz
<b>Week 8</b> <span style="float: right;">4</span> * Parent Prayer 8.45am * In-term Swimming SWSC (Year 3 - Year 6)	<span style="float: right;">5</span> * Little Library 9am * In-term Swimming SWSC (Year 3 - Year 6)	<span style="float: right;">6</span> * In-term Swimming SWSC (Year 3 - Year 6)	<span style="float: right;">7</span> * In-term Swimming SWSC (Year 3 - Year 6) * Creative Arts   Open Night 5pm	<span style="float: right;">8</span> * In-term Swimming SWSC (Year 3 - Year 6)
<b>Week 9</b> <span style="float: right;">11</span> * Parent Prayer 8.45am	<span style="float: right;">12</span> * Little Library 9am * School Board Meeting * YOH Fest : Year 7 & 8 Dance Year 9 & 10 Drama	<span style="float: right;">13</span> * Year 12 Study Day	<span style="float: right;">14</span> * Kindy Tour 9.30am * Year 12 Mock Exams	<span style="float: right;">15</span> * Year 12 Mock Exams
<b>Week 10</b> <span style="float: right;">18</span> * Parent Prayer 8.45am * Year 12 Mock Exams	<span style="float: right;">19</span> * Little Library 9am * Year 12 Mock Exams * Adidas Primary Fun Run (Year 1—Year 6)	<span style="float: right;">20</span> * Year 12 Study Day	<span style="float: right;">21</span> * Year 6 Excursion Scitech and Parliament House	<span style="float: right;">22</span> * Year 12 Mock Exams * Last Day Term 3

## 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**

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