

Grace Notices

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James 1 : 2 – 3 NLT "Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow."

Coming up

WEEK 5

Monday, 22 May

- * Parent Prayer Group 8.45am
- * Scitech Visit (Year 9 & Year 10)

Tuesday, 23 May

- * Little Library 9am

Wednesday, 24 May

- * Secondary Assembly 2.20pm
- * Free Dress Day
- * Year 9 Photography Excursion

Thursday, 25 May

- * Ascension Day
- * Kindergarten Tour 9.30am

Friday, 12 May

- * Year 10 JOLT English

WEEK 6

Monday, 29 May

- * Parent Prayer Group 8.45am
- * School Photo's

Tuesday, 30 May

- * Little Library 9am
- * School Photo's
- * SIDE Exams (Year 11 & Year 12)

Wednesday, 31 May

- * Careers Expo Year 10 (BCC)

Thursday, 1 June

- * Year 11 Exams
- * Interschool Cross Country
- * Kindy Health Screening
- * School Tour 10am

Friday, 2 June

- * Year 11 Exams
- * Junior School Assembly 2.20pm

Sunday, 4 June

- * Pentecost

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From the Principal's Desk

Between a couple of weeks on long service and my recent trip to the Eastern States I must admit to feeling a little removed from the community I have been part of for so long. It is good to be back and to receive all the "welcome home" greetings.

Proposed Funding agreement

The media have been feasting on the Budget recently and of particular interest to us is the proposed new funding arrangements for schools. The current funding agreement will expire in 2017 and we are pleased the Government is addressing the matter in a timely manner. The proposed funding arrangements will no doubt be distorted to achieve the greatest impact in the media, and until the various proposals are passed through parliament we will not know the full extent of the changes. We will keep you in the loop as more details become available.

Long service

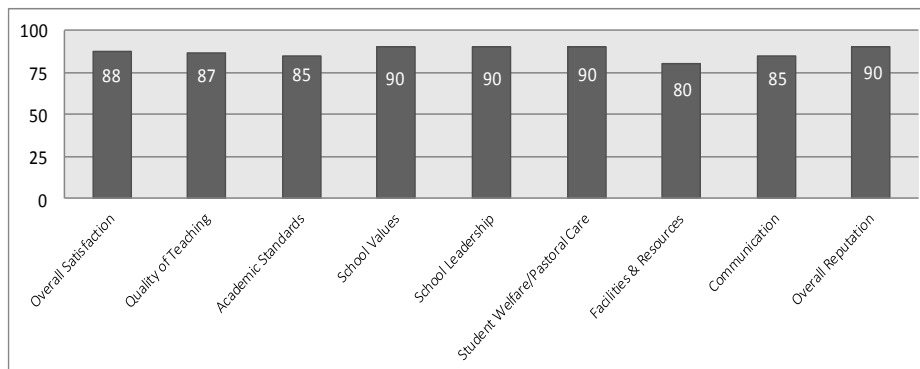
There are many blessings that come with a stable staff team, the down side *if I can describe it as such*, is staff will eventually go on long service leave. As of next week both Colin Stillman (Business Manager) and his wife Gill Stillman (PP and Uniform Shop Manager) will be taking a well-earned rest. Both Colin and Gill have faithfully served the school community since the school's inception. Gill in similar roles as she serves in today and Colin as School Director in the absence of a Principal and Board Chair and Board Member for many years. Both Colin and Gill are to be commended and thanked for the incredible dedication and faithfulness over the 27 years of the school's history.

New Buildings

Over the next three months you will see the beginnings of the new Primary Science and Language centre. We are planning for building to commence near the end of July and completed for the start of 2018.

Health Audit

At the end of last year a Health Audit was conducted in our school community. Health Audits have become part of our culture for the past 8 or so years and have proved invaluable in assisting us set strategic directions for our school. The findings of the audit have been presented to the school from the auditing company and below is a very brief overview of the results. A more detailed report will ensue in the weeks to follow.



Leadership

The reason for my recent absence has been twofold. Initially I attended a Master Class in Leadership to assist in my professional development. This was followed by my involvement in a panel that conducted a leadership review of another Christian school in Canberra.

This audit provided me with an insight into the practices and structures of another school and in turn allows us to use these findings as a thermometer against our own schools practices and structures.

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Ecclesiastes 11:5 NLT "Just as you cannot understand the path of the wind or the mystery of a tiny baby growing in its mother's womb, so you cannot understand the activity of God, who does all things."

From the Principal's Desk cont.

You may have also noted this week we in turn had a visit from a similar panel comprising leaders in education who conducted a similar review of Grace's practices and structures.

I do want to take this opportunity to thank those who were involved in one way or another, and make mention of the glowing reports we received about our school including the students conduct. Thank you.

Next week Mrs Donna Holman will be part of a panel visiting a similar school in Dubbo and the week following I will be at Wagga Wagga reviewing yet another school. The hectic schedule will undoubtedly produce rewards for all schools involved, including ours.

**Blessings,
Hugo de Ridder**

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Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is on in the Library until Thursday, 25 May. If you have not already done so, why not pop into the Library to check out the many books and stationery for sale.

The Library will be open from 8.20am until 3.30pm during the book fair for sales. Cash and Eftpos facilities are available.

Give a Can Promotion 2017

The 'Give a Can' promotion run by the Rotary Club of Bunbury and Leschenault is back on.

A collection bin is located in Reception if you wish to donate non-perishable food items for those in need in the local community.

School Photos Days

School photos will be taken on Monday and Tuesday 29-30 May 2017.

Every student will have their photo taken, whether you purchase photos or not, for school records.

Your child has received an ordering instruction sheet, which contains the shoot key code you will need when ordering online.

Family photos will again be taken this year before the start of the school day. Family photo envelopes are available from Student Services should you wish to order family photos, and must be handed directly to the photographer on the day of the photos.

Alpha Course—Do you have questions about life?

Alpha is a course organised around informal weekly get-togethers. The sessions are interactive with discussion designed to encourage, debate and explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, honest and informal environment, with no pressure, follow up or charge.

Alpha commences Thursday 11 May—22 June from 6.30pm. To register: email bunbury@dreambuilders.church or for more information, please contact Mrs Sharyn Harris in the admin office via email: sharris@grace.wa.edu.au or call 9726 4200.

Watchmen School of Intercession

A Foundation Level Course, consisting of six sessions over three evenings will be held from Tuesday, 23 May to Thursday, 25 May in the Library. The sessions will run from 7pm to 9.30pm as follows:

- Day 1 Session 1: How Prayer Works
Session 2: Intercession: A Lifestyle
- Day 2 Session 3: Spiritual Authority
Session 4: Principles of Small Groups
- Day 3 Session 5: The Spiritual DNA of Your Community
Session 6: How to Hear God's Voice

Should you be interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Mr Tim Barrett on 0408 379 644 or email barrett.ts@gmail.com

Parenting Girls

Three week online course with best selling author and parenting expert Michael Grose, commencing on 26 May.

- ⇒ A 'go to' course for parents of girls form 3 - 15 years
- ⇒ How to have health friendships, deal with confrontation and manage social media
- ⇒ Build confidence, positive self-esteem and body image

For more information visit: www.parentingideas.com.au/product/parenting-girls/

Calendar of Events

Please check the calendar regularly for updates.



1 Corinthians 13 : 6 - 7 NLT " It (love) does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up , never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance."

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Week 7 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Labour Day 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little Library 9am Year 11 Exams 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Exams Year 9 Photography Excursion 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 - Year 11 Exams Winter Sports Carnival (Year 5 & Year 6) 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 - Year 11 Exams Cadet Camp (9—11 June)
Week 8 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Prayer 8.45am Worship Assembly 2.20pm 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little Library 9am 	14 	15 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 JOLT English Excursion Eisteddfod (Choir)
Week 9 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent Prayer 8.45am Piano Concert (Library) 1pm 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little Library 9am Year 10 - Year 12 Meningococcal Immunisations 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 Photography Excursion 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Geography Excursion GHGT Assembly Kindy Tour 9.30am 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day Term 2

2017 TERM DATES

Semester 1

Term 2: ends 23 June

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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BUILDING LIVES | TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

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@dreambuilders.church

Sunday Morning | 10am

Family Service starts at 10am

Crèche and Kids Program available