



## Dove Tales Newsletter

Carramar Campus



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Recently, I heard a speaker label our society the most emotionally fragile of all time. Trauma counselling is a growth industry; we are encouraged to ensure that our children never experience failure; we avoid scoring children's sports so that no-one loses; our children are distressed if they miss out on an opportunity, or if things don't go as they had hoped; people fail to move on with their lives because they cannot deal with a difficult event; our marriages and other relationships break easily. Our lives and our relationships are full of stress fractures, which quickly become destructive cracks.

Yet disappointment, failure, difficulty, pain, illness, death and other stressors are part of life. We all need to learn to cope with them.

Now clearly I am not excusing bullying in any form; nor being critical of people with diagnosed mental health disorders; nor belittling the traumatising effect some events have on people. Our school has a reputation for our care – not just of students, but also parents and staff and families. We will continue to be a caring community.

What I am saying is that as parents and teachers we walk a fine line between supporting our children in times of stress and weakening them. One measure is that our support should help lift the child up and make them stronger, not drag them down into further despair.

Children are outstandingly resilient; they bounce back readily – if we encourage them to do so.

We need to ensure that we teach our children hope, and confidence in their ability to cope with life. No matter what happens in their personal lives, and no matter what happens in the world, there is always hope. Hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the confidence that we can make sense of it, or at least move beyond it, regardless of how it turns out.

I encourage you to teach your children that

- Disappointment, failure, loss and pain are part of life, but people cope with it. You do. They can.
- Friends and family can help in overcoming pain. Alcohol and other drugs will not help.
- You will protect them from some of life's difficulties and evil, because there is a limit to what children – including teenagers -- can process. That's why you have rules about where they go, what they do, the television programs they watch and the computer games they play.
- Life is full of good things; and good things sometimes come out of bad experiences.
- Hope is not a feeling, but a decision. It is better to cultivate hope than despair.

And you might add that one of the key concepts of Christianity is hope. So, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15, verse 13).

Let's help our kids to overflow with hope.

*(Dr) Phil Ridden*  
Head of the Primary School

## Whole School Information

Key Dates 2009			
Tue 9 June	P & F Meeting CAS	Mon-Fri 22-26 June	Primary and Yr 7 Arts and Academic Festival
Wed 10 June	VET CAS	Mon 22 June	Yr 12 Leadership Evening Music Concert
Thu 11 June	Yr 7 Immunisations	Tue 23 June	CAS
Mon 15 June	Upper School Music Night S & E Week	Wed-Fri 24-26 June	Yr 10 Exams
Tue 16 June	CAS	Wed 24 June	CAS VET
Wed 17 June	VET CAS	Mon-Fri 29 June– 3 July	Yr 10 Work Experience VET Wet Trades at Balga TAFE
Thu 18 June	IPSHA Speakers Challenge Junior House Debating	Mon 29 June	Primary Captains' Election
Fri 19 June	Arts @ Lunch (Drama) <i>Dove Tales</i>	Fri 3 July	<i>Dove Tales</i> End of Term 2

### We have a NEiTA Teacher!

The NEiTA Foundation has congratulated our school on having a teacher nominated for an ASG Inspirational Teaching Award.

Miss Julie Budworth was nominated by members of our community and this week was presented with a NEiTA Certificate of Nomination at school assembly.

The purpose of these prestigious awards is to honour and recognise inspirational teachers, highlight the work, not only of individual teachers through Australia and New Zealand, but also the team contribution of all teachers in every school and centre.

Miss Budworth is now eligible for consideration for a National ASG Inspirational Teaching Award and grant. Congratulations, Miss Budworth, and thank you to the nominator, and 'well done' to all our teachers for doing a great job!

Nominations can be made online, or forms can be downloaded at [www.neita.com.au](http://www.neita.com.au). Forms are also available from the school office, or by phoning free call 1800 624 487. The closing date is 31 July, 2009.

### Carramar Campus Thanksgiving Service

The Thanksgiving Service will be held on Friday 11 September in the Sports Centre at Carramar. Please put this date in your diary.

### Secondary Presentation Evening

Please note the date for our Year 7 - 12 Presentation evening is Friday 27 November 2009 in the Sports Centre. Year 12s are to attend this function as it is the school's formal farewell to them.

### Primary Celebration and Awards Night

This takes place on Monday 30 November in the Sports Centre.

## Whole School Information (cont)

### Congratulations!

*Ariane Bolton* (Year 1) will participate in the World BMX Championships in Adelaide in July. Ariane competed in the National Championships in April and qualified for the World Championships.

*Jade Hansen* (Year 8) won two gold medals on beam, and one silver medal on floor, in the latest Women's Gymnastic Level 7 Competitions held recently. Jade is also a joint winner of the one of the City of Stirling "Stirling Times Junior Sports Star" award.

#### *Prizewinners from the Photography Competition:*

##### *Charis*

First	Josh O'Brien
Second	Lauren Pilkington
Third	Nicole Hansen
Highly Commended	Lauren O'Connor, Jennifer Stokoe (two entries)

##### *Makaria*

First	Kelsey Robson
Second	Maisie Robson
Third	Jennifer Oliver
Highly Commended	Craig Birkholtz, Roxanne Reed, Elisha Orr

##### *Parresia*

First	Amy Helm
Second	Kate Lambe
Third	Ben McPheat
Highly Commended	Alex Fagan, Jessica Robinson, Amy Helm

##### *Year 7*

Harry Armstrong  
Jasmine Middleton (two entries).

Mrs Corbett found the calibre to be excellent and judging quite difficult. Winning entries and the judges comments will displayed in Technology Hub.

### Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop hours are:      Tuesday 12.30pm -4.00pm  
   Thursday 8.00am -11.00am

#### **Year 8 Parent Sundowner**

**Mullaloo Beach Hotel**

**Wednesday, 17 June**

**6-8pm**

**\$5/head**

**Platters of light finger food provided**

**Purchase tickets from Margaret Jones (Secondary Office)**

**Bring your ticket on the night!**

## Whole School Information (cont)

### Term Dates 2009

Term 2	ends Friday 3 July
Term 3	Wednesday 22 July—Friday 25 September
Term 4	Tuesday 13 October—Friday 4 December

### Term Dates 2010

Term 1	Friday 29 January—Thursday 1 April
Term 2	Tuesday 20 April—Friday 2 July
Term 3	Tuesday 20 July (Reporting Day) P-12 start Wednesday 21 July—Friday 24 September
Term 4	Tuesday 12 October—Wednesday 8 December

## Primary

### Primary Arts and Academic Festivals

Our Primary Arts and Academic Festivals (Arts and Smarts) will be held in the week beginning 22 June. If your child is participating they will receive notification of the time of their event. Parents are very welcome to come and watch any of the events, most of which will be held in the Primary Forum. Please encourage your child and assist them in their preparation. If you have any queries about the festival please talk to Dr Phil Ridden.

### Oral Reporting

Reports will be available on Reporting Day, Tuesday 21 July when teachers are available to meet with parents for interviews. Your child is welcome to be part of that interview unless you wish to discuss something particularly confidential.

On the next page, you will find a schedule on which you can nominate your preferred interview time. Please note that interviews are timed for 10 minutes only. If there are larger issues that you need to discuss with the teacher please negotiate an alternative time. Specialist teachers are not listed on the schedule. If you would like to meet with any of them please contact them directly or through the Primary Office.

### Primary Art Room

The Primary Art Teachers would be grateful for donations of jars with lids and cushion wadding or unwanted pillows or cushions. Please bring to the Primary Office. Thank you.

### Loud Shirt Day

Thanks so much to everyone who wore their Loud Shirts on Friday 15 May and made a gold coin donation. The total raised was \$508.80 which is a wonderful contribution for the Telethon Speech & Hearing Centre and is very much appreciated. Judging the colouring competition was very difficult since we had some beautiful entries but the winners are as follows:

Pre-Primary winner	Amity James.
Year 1/2 winner	Gemma Anderson.
Year 3/4 winner	Mathew Pickersgill.
Year 5/6 winner	Jackson Nesbitt.

Winning entries are on display on the door of the Hearing-Impaired Unit and we invite the winners to come and collect their prizes from the Unit.

## ORAL REPORTING FOR PRIMARY PARENTS 2009

The Primary School has three main ways of reporting to parents. In priority order, they are

Workbooks or work samples are sent home regularly (*Dove Tales* weeks).

Interviews are held with parents. You may negotiate times to talk with staff as needed. However, staff also make themselves available for two formal reporting times per year. That is the focus of this letter.

Written reports are provided each semester. You are invited to an interview with your child's class teacher. **Interviews are limited to 10 minutes.** If there are major issues to discuss needing more than 10 minutes, you should arrange an alternative time for a longer interview.

Below is a form on which to request an appointment time. We will provide an appointment as close to your requested time as possible. **We encourage you to arrange interviews during school hours if at all possible.**

Reports can be collected at the following times in the Primary Forum:

7.15am	-	11.00am
1.30pm	-	7.15pm

**Interviews will be conducted within the following times:**

7.30am	-	11.00am
2.00pm	-	4.00pm
4.30pm	-	7.30pm

Pre Primary students do not have a written report this semester but Pre-Primary teachers are available for interviews: Miss Hort (with the new Pre Primary Teacher) and Mrs Robinson.

Year 1	Mrs Holland	Miss Oliver
Year 2	Mrs Clay	Ms Winkler
Year 3	Miss Palmer	Mrs Wilkinson - Please see separate letter.
Year 4	Mrs Loxton	Mr Pestell
Year 5	Mr Jackaman	Mrs Thaug
Year 6	Miss Budworth	Mr Sloan

Interviews with other specialist teachers can be arranged, if required, through the office. With the exception of the Pre-Primary class, we encourage you to have your child present at the interview (but not siblings!) This is optional, and is left for you to decide with your child

*Please complete the top section of this sheet and send it to School with one of your (Primary) children.*

I would like to meet with the following teachers near the times indicated below:

TEACHER	CHILD	TIME
<i>e.g. Mrs Sweetie</i>	<i>Ernest Fowkes</i>	<i>2.00 pm</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

*The following will be completed by teachers and the form returned to you:*

Appointments have been arranged with these teachers at the times shown. If these times are not convenient, please phone the Primary School (9306 7111) to arrange an alternative time.

TEACHER	TIME
<i>e.g. Mrs Sweetie</i>	<i>2.10 pm</i>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

## Secondary

### Clubs, clubs and more clubs!

What clubs you ask?? Well did you know that the school offers a variety of extracurricular clubs which can assist students with extra help, clarification, homework help. Listed below are the subjects covered and times that all students are welcome to join:

Special Art	Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30pm	Upper School Art	Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30pm
Geography	Tuesday 3.30pm – 4.30pm	Physics	Tuesday 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Maths Club	Wednesday 3.30 – 4.30pm	Human Biology	Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30pm
Art Club	Thursday 3.30 – 4.30pm	Chemistry	Thursday 3.30 - 4.30pm
Political & Legal Studies - Lunch time Thursdays, Thursday As 3.30pm, Wednesday Bs 3.30pm			

### Year 10 Coffee and Conversation Evening

Year 10 parents are invited to the Coffee and Conversation evening to be held on Thursday 18 June 7.00 - 8.00pm in the Makaria Forum. This has been a highly successful and informative evening the past two years and we encourage you to attend. Letters have been sent out via the students. Please return your slip as soon as possible if you are attending or ring Mrs Titlestad on 9306 7100.

### Reporting Day 21 July

The Parent/Teacher/Student interview day for **ALL** students from Years 7 – 10 will take place on Tuesday 21 July. This will be a pupil free day. On this day, parents are asked to pick up their child's report and then meet with each of the teachers. Appointment times will be available from 7.30 am - 7:30 pm. Letters and interview schedules will be available soon.

### Year 10 Exams

Letters and exam schedules have been sent home via homeroom this week regarding the Year 10 exams. In class exams will commence on Monday 22 June with French students being withdrawn from classes on Wednesday, 24 June. **ALL** students will sit 'core' subject exams on Thursday 25 June and Friday 26 June. If you have any queries, please contact the Secondary Office or Mrs Dorney on 9306 7148.

### Careers Information

#### Year 12 TISC Information Evening

Year 12 parents were recently sent a letter inviting them to attend the TISC Information Evening being held at the School on **Tuesday 23 June 2009 in the Charis Forum to begin at 7pm**. This important presentation will give students information on University entry, TAFE entry, selection processes, TISC procedures, subject and TER requirements for entry to courses and alternative entry procedures for University. It is strongly recommended that parents and students attend this evening to ensure they have a good understanding of the process for entry to Tertiary study as they begin to plan for life after St Stephen's School.

**Careers Information in the Library:** This month's theme is "What's On?" and features loads of information about up and coming careers events at School, Universities, TAFE and the wider community.

#### Media Frenzy

Are you in Year 10, 11 or 12 and interested in media? Murdoch University is running Media Frenzy - a week-long program of activities where students will have the opportunity to produce work in print, radio, TV, video and multimedia at Murdoch's Media Arts Centre. Cost is \$385 and includes lunches and materials. Please contact Mary-Anne Romano, Media Frenzy Coordinator, [m.romano@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:m.romano@murdoch.edu.au) or 0418 941 826 for more information or to book a place.

#### A Day in the Life of an Astronomy Student

Do you like star gazing? Are you interested in solar systems and galaxies and how the Universe was formed? Then you should consider attending UWA's 'Day in the Life of an Astronomy Student'. It's for Year 11 and 12 students and it's on during the July school holidays. Applications close 12 June and are available from the Careers Office.

**Duncraig Campus Careers Expo** – TAFE, all the Universities, the Defence Force and various trade organisations – 9 June—please see flyer at the end of this newsletter.

**The National Careers and Employment Expo**, Perth Exhibition & Convention Centre – 19-20 June

**Curtin University:** Science & Engineering Information Evening – 10 June

Business School Information Evening – 17 June

Humanities Information Evening – 24 June

**Edith Cowan University:** Teacher Education Information Evening (Mt Lawley Campus) – 9 June

**Murdoch University:** Science and Sustainability Career Night – 9 June

History/Philosophy/Theology/Languages Career Night – 10 June

**University of Notre Dame:** Course Information Evening – 23 June

## Community Notices

**St Stephen's Uniting Church Carramar:** A church meeting is held at 9am each Sunday in the Primary Forum. All are welcome to attend. The Minister is Rick Williams, phone 9306 7338.

**Parents and Friends' Association Meeting and Guest Speaker:** Tony Westall from *Gone in 5* will be at the P&F meeting to show us the best way to evacuate quickly and safely when there is a fire in our home or office. This will take place in the Technology Hub and starts at 7.30pm. Please see June P&F Newsletter on the website.

**FUN4KIDS Weekly Club** takes place on Tuesdays after school 3.30pm-5.00pm at the Christian City Church, 31 Chadlington Drive, Padbury. This is for children aged between 4 and 12 years. The cost is \$2.00 per session and includes afternoon tea. Activities are games, music, stories, craft and more. Contact details are phone: 9307 5000 or email [nicolem@c3hh.com.au](mailto:nicolem@c3hh.com.au).

**FUN4KIDS in July 2009.** The theme is Winter Escape and takes place on Monday 6 July and Tuesday 7 July from 8.30am to 3.30pm at Christian City Church, 31 Chadlington Drive, Padbury. This is open to children aged between 5 and 11 years. The cost is \$35 per day which includes lunch, drinks and snacks. Activities will include Kelly Sports, arcade games, bouncy castle, beados, music, pull-aparts, sport, craft and more. For more information please phone 9307 5000 or go onto the website <http://www.c3hh.com.au/>





**Project Independence: Sleep Well Tonight.** SIFE Curtin, in partnership with PEP Community Services, will be collecting sleeping bags and blankets to be delivered to those that will be living rough on the streets this winter. What you can do: donate any second hand adult sized sleeping bags, warm blankets or jackets. For more information, contact SIFE Curtin at: [sifecurtin@gmail.com](mailto:sifecurtin@gmail.com).

**Redbacks Netball Team** (Year 7) (previously known as Lizzie's Girls) are looking for a new team player. Please contact Audrie on 0430 052 194. Games are played on a Saturday morning.

**This fortnight's Bible Reading: please click on** <http://www.lectionarystudies.com>

### Canteen Roster—if you can help, please call 9306 7132

Monday	8-Jun-09	M Kearney		Danielle West
Tuesday	9-Jun-09	Connie Mader	D Markovic	
Wednesday	10-Jun-09	H Weybury	L Saunders	J Dugdale
Thursday	11-Jun-09	B Lang		
Friday	12-Jun-09	T Oliver		Louise Sutton
Monday	15-Jun-09	Amy McCallum		L Scott
Tuesday	16-Jun-09	C Crafford		HELP NEEDED
Wednesday	17-Jun-09	S Overstone		J Baron
Thursday	18-Jun-09	HELP NEEDED		
Friday	19-Jun-09	Derrin Muirden		S Safe
Monday	22-Jun-09	New Crosser		Justine Craven
Tuesday	23-Jun-09	Norgard		HELP NEEDED
Wednesday	24-Jun-09	H Weybury	L Saunders	HELP NEEDED
Thursday	25-Jun-09	Derrin Muirden		A Res
Friday	26-Jun-09	Janelle Vlahov		HELP NEEDED

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