



## Dove Tales Newsletter

Carramar Campus



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**Service** is a key word in the language of St Stephen's School.

Our School motto indicates that we are about serving people and through this service we are serving God. Jesus told us to love others as much as we love ourselves. Our neighbours need this love and service and the world needs it.

Some of our students have been doing just that recently in a formal way through school activities.

One group has spent time in the Kimberleys assisting Aboriginal schools.

Other students have just returned from time at Bethany Home in Thailand helping in an orphanage for children with disabilities.

These experiences can be life changing for our young people and they are fortunate to have the opportunity to serve others in this way. Throughout our School there are many activities of service happening daily, in small groups, in classes and in Year groups. Our staff works hard to incorporate these into our students' education and understandings about life. Your own example as a parent is also vital in demonstrating the life of serving in your community.

Two young ladies from our School, Georgia Gannon and Chloe Hewitt, were recently recognised with Youth Awards by the Joondalup Shire for their service. Although rewards or recognition are not the goal for our service, we are pleased to see outside groups acknowledge the service of our young people.

In September we will be celebrating our Thanksgiving Service. This year there will be a separate service for each campus and details are included in this copy of Dove Tales. I urge you to attend and demonstrate your pride and love for our School.

The Federal Government is providing literacy and numeracy resources to assist the schools with the largest numbers of students who have not reached the Reading or Mathematics Bench Marks in the NAPLAN testing done in May. The selection of schools is done on the number of students below the Bench Mark, not on a percentage basis. Being one of the largest schools with over 2500 students, we naturally have more students in this category, and so resources will be provided for our School. This support will commence in Term 4 and teachers of these students will determine how the resources will be used.

My Executive Team and I are concerned with the student absentee rates this year, especially with the increasing number of students who are taken out of school for extra holidays during term time. This sets a student behind in their learning and gives a wrong message about the value of schooling. The impact of influenza may well be felt in classes in the coming term, but this is a situation where you are *encouraged* to keep your child at home!

Our School Council will begin the selection process for a new Principal through the services of Lester Blades. You will notice advertisements in the newspapers during the next few weeks. An announcement will be made at the end of the year with the new Principal starting in either Semester 2 in 2010 or at the start of 2011.

## Comment (cont)

As Term 3 begins we seek the support of parents to make your home environment a place of love, of contentment and calm, as well as a place where you are all supportive of hard work in school study. Keep the following reality check in mind as you observe some of the delaying tactics that may come your way once the homework routine kicks into gear!

*The average student spends 90 minutes per night on homework assignments. The time is broken down as follows:*

*15 minutes looking for the assignment*

*11 minutes calling a friend for the assignment*

*23 minutes explaining why the teacher is mean and does not like children*

*8 minutes in the bathroom*

*10 minutes getting a snack*

*7 minutes checking the TV schedule*

*6 minutes telling parents that the teacher never explained the assignment*

*10 minutes sitting at the kitchen table waiting for Mum or Dad to do the assignment.*

**We make a living by what we get but we make a life by what we give.** - Sir Winston Churchill.

Have a wonderful Term 3.

Mrs Caryl Roberts  
PRINCIPAL

Key Dates 2009			
Mon 27 July	Primary House Cross Country Yr 4-6 Yr 11 & 12 2010 Parent Info Night	Wed 5 Aug	VET
Tue -Thu 28-30 July	Yr 11/12 Subject Counselling	Fri 7 Aug	Yr 11 River Cruise <i>Dove Tales</i>
Tue 28 July	Junior House Debating	Mon 10 Aug	National science week T & E Week
Wed 29 July	VET	Tue 11 Aug	Junior House Debating
Thu 30 July	RACI Chem Quiz French Day	Wed 12 Aug	VET
Fri 31 July	NIPSSA (Primary) I Cross Country Yr 4-6 Secondary House Athletics Carnival	Thu 13 Aug	Senior House Debating Primary Regional Chess Championships Yr 2 - 6
Mon-Fri 3-7 Aug	Book Fair Battle of the Bands Alliance Françoise Exams <i>Dove Tales</i>	Fri 14 Aug	40 hour famine sleepover
Mon 3 Aug	Yr 9 & 10 2010 Parent Information Night Yr 11-12 subject counselling	Mon Fri 17 - 21 Aug Fri 21 Aug	Primary Swimming Lessons Yr 1,3 <i>Dove Tales</i>
		Mon -Fri 24 - 28 Aug	Primary Swimming Lessons Yr 1, 3

# Whole School Information

## Congratulations!

*Aria Ruparelia* (Pre Primary), *Tisha Shah* (Year 1), *Josie Perkins* (Year 1), and *Lily Cochrane* (Year 1) competed in the Mandurah Dance Festival as part of John Cleary's Dance Troupe, and came first in the Under 6 Theatrical Dance category with their tap dance routine. This event took place at the Mandurah Arts Performing Centre on Monday 13th July 2009. The girls took home a trophy and medals.

*Flynn O'Neill* (Year 3) has successfully completed the Kids Perth Marathon on Sunday 5 July at Burswood finishing on the day with a strong run in the top 20. Well done Flynn!

## We need your music

The Thanksgiving Service for the Carramar Campus will be held on Friday 11 September in the Sports Centre. This year, we are planning to have a large band and a massed choir consisting of students, staff, and parents (and grandparents, uncles, aunts etc.).

The choir will rehearse on Tuesday 4 and 18 August and 1 September, from 3:30—4:15pm in Parresia. Please join us. Enquiries can be directed to Mrs Jennifer Key ([keyje@ststephens.wa.edu.au](mailto:keyje@ststephens.wa.edu.au) or 93067163).

Enquires about joining the band can be directed to Mr Shannon de Bie ([debiesh@ststephens.wa.edu.au](mailto:debiesh@ststephens.wa.edu.au) or 93067342).

## Tour Mornings

Tour Mornings of St Stephen's School for any interested new families will be held at Carramar on Tuesday

## Building resilience: Teach and model resilience to your child

Presented by: Associate Professor Pia Broderick, PhD Clinical & Academic Psychologist School of Psychology Murdoch University. St Stephen's School has been very fortunate to secure a night with Pia Broderick!!

Why do we need resilience?  
How resilience is related to bullying and learning independence  
How to we learn to be resilient?  
What parents can do to help their teenagers develop resilience.

When? 4 August, 2009 from 7.30pm—9.00pm  
Where? Makaria House

This evening will be offered first to Year 7 and 8 parents—but bookings are required. Please call Mrs Jones (Mr Plowman's Personal Assistant) on 9306 7363 to register

## Men With A Mission: Fathers, Fat and Good Eating

Jane McCaffrey is a Nutrition Medicine professional who will give fathers tips on healthy eating habits and being good role models for their kids.

Time: 6.30pm for Dinner  
7.30pm for Speaker  
Date: 19 August 2009  
Venue: Glengarry Tavern, Duncraig  
Cost: \$5.00 at the door. A-la-carte menu available. Buy your own drinks  
Contact: Brian Plowman (9306 7363)  
Roderick Wood (9306 7104)  
Glenn Chinen (9243 2135)

## Whole School Information (cont)

### Quiz Night

This popular event is happening again this year on Friday 4 September at 7.00pm in the Primary Forum. Start getting your tables of 8 together. Tickets will be on sale from Week 2 Term 3 from Mrs Brooks-Crew in the Secondary Administration. This is an alcohol free event. Proceeds go to the *UnitingCare*.

### Library News

**Book Amnesty** Please search your bookshelves at home and if you find any books from our school, slip them into the library.... no questions will be asked, and if you have been charged for them previously, You will receive a credit.

We are particularly looking for a science text book called **Foundations of Science Book 4** which is no longer available for purchase and needed this term.

**Help Needed** - We have a couple of jobs besides our normal library jobs which need to be done. One job involves a little computer work, but we can instruct you. They would probably take several hours, but can be done in parts. We also have quite a large ongoing job which involves scanning photos so we can save them to disk. This is a job for several interested people, but must be done at school. As always the kettle will be on and we are very friendly! Please call Mrs Claire Bentley on 93067138.

**Book Week looms** - This is the term when we all go a little silly in the library. (What's new??) Come and see the giraffes on Wednesdays! Book Week occurs in week 6 and the theme this year is "**Book Safari**" More details will follow of course.

We will also be hosting the annual Book Fair in week 3, where you can purchase from a lovely selection of books at reasonable prices. Not only do the students benefit, or the Christmas stockings get planned, the school receives a generous donation of books for the library. We look forward to seeing you there.

Many thanks for your ongoing support..

## Primary

### Active After School Communities' Program

The program for Term 3 will commence on Monday 27 July and operate on Mondays, Tuesdays and Friday. This will run for 8 weeks, finishing on Friday 18 September.

If you wish your child to participate in Term 3, please complete the form which can be obtained from the Primary Office. The form has to be completed before your child can participate.

This program is funded by the Commonwealth Government. There is no cost to you.

Please contact the Primary Office on 9306 7111 if you have any queries.

## Secondary

### Parent Information Evenings regarding 2010 Subject Selection

Year 11 and 12 students (in 2010) and parents should attend this evening to obtain information about upper school subject selections for 2010, expectations, tertiary education pathways, TEE requirements, ATAR ramifications and WACE or 'graduation' requirements.

When: Monday 27 July  
Times: Year 12s 6.30pm—7.15pm  
Year 11s 7.30pm—8.30pm

Where: Primary Forum

Curriculum Leaders will be available to answer questions.

Year 9 and 10 students (in 2010) and parents should attend this evening to obtain information regarding course selection options, expectations and requirements for their child in preparation for later studies in upper secondary.

When: Monday 3 August  
Times: Year 10s 6.30pm—7.15pm  
Year 9s 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Where: Primary Forum

Curriculum Leaders will be available to answer questions.

### Parents of 2010 Year 11 and 12 Students

Following on from the Parent Information Evening for Years 11 and 12, compulsory subject selection counselling sessions for both student and parent, are being held 27 July – 3 August.

This is to give every student the most appropriate, advantageous and sensible subjects for their upper schooling. We insist upon this interview, in order to maximise your son's or daughter's academic outcomes and will not process any selections unless a meeting has been attended.

### Year 7 Transition

Pia Broderick will be speaking to Year 7 & Year 8 parents on Tuesday 4th August in relation to "Building Resilience: Teach and model resilience to your child". We strongly recommend attendance this vital life skill from a leading expert.

Our Year 7 Learning Journey is taking place on Tuesday 12 August at 7 pm in the gym. Our students would love for you to attend to show off all they have learnt and experienced so far in Year 7.

The Maths Focus group has resumed this term. This is an excellent opportunity for students to work in small groups and continue to reinforce their learning of the math concepts covered in class. Thursday 8 am in G2.

### Year 11 Drama Production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

Get your free ticket from week 4 to see an Australian spin on a timeless favourite! Performances are on 26 and 27 August at 7pm in the T6 of the Tech Hub. All are welcome to attend, just make sure you organise tickets through Mrs Emma Leadon, as seats are limited. I really encourage any students hoping to continue Drama in 2010 to attend.

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

### **Tapping Dental Therapy Centre**

With the winter/influenza season approaching and the need to contain the spread of infection, it is wise to take simple precautions to minimise transmission of all respiratory infections.

As part of this process, if your child feels unwell, has high fever, cough and/or sore throat, they should not attend for dental treatment.

You are advised to contact the Dental Therapy Centre to cancel your child's appointment and make another appointment for your child at a later date.

If your child is in pain or requiring urgent treatment, this can be discussed and arranged with staff at the clinic.

Those children who attend with symptoms of illness will not be treated.

Tapping Dental Therapy Centre is located at Tapping Primary School, 87 St Stephens Crescent, Tapping. Phone 9404 7902, fax 9404 6133.

### **UnitingCare West Winter Appeal**

The sad fact about the world's economic crisis is that people who were financially comfortable are finding themselves struggling to pay the rent or buy food for their children.

To help in a time of crisis, UnitingCare are seeking donations. These can be done online at [www.unitingcarewest.org.au](http://www.unitingcarewest.org.au) or by phoning 1300 663 298

Please give generously. Every little bit helps.

### **Karate at St. Stephen's School**

Karate is a great way for young people to get fit while having fun. Help your child to excel at school by developing their self esteem, confidence and self discipline. They will learn authentic Karate in a safe and professional environment. For more information visit [www.karatewa.com](http://www.karatewa.com) or phone Ben on 92433554

### **Wanneroo GIANTS Baseball Club's Registration Days for the upcoming Junior season of baseball.**

The Registration Days will be held on Saturday 1st and 8th August from 1pm until 4pm at our home ground at Skeit Rd, Madeley (Kingsway Sporting Complex) and is open for boys and girls from 8 years upwards.

Contact: Carol Mackenzie, Registrar  
Wanneroo GIANTS Baseball Club  
[giantregistrar@bmail.com.au](mailto:giantregistrar@bmail.com.au)  
08 9304 2108 / 0422 115 534

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



## CAREERS INFORMATION

### **Up and Coming Events – August**

ECU

Open Day (Mt Lawley Campus – includes WAAPA) – 2 August

Nursing Information Evening – 7 August

Teacher / Education Information Evening – 11 August

Psychology, Social Sciences and Speech Pathology Information Evening – 13 August

CURTIN

Open Day – 16 August

Year 12 Parent Information Evening – 26 August

MURDOCH UNIVERSITY

Be an Engineer/Science Student for a Day – 2 August

Be a Nurse for a Day – 2 August

Open Day – 30 August

NOTRE DAME

Open Day – 16 August

UWA

Open Day – 9 August

Don't forget the current Careers Display in the Library has posters, fliers and information about current events at the universities and the School.

### **Mapping Your Future 2009**

All Year 10 and Year 11 students will receive a copy of this publication this week. It contains useful information and advice about subject selection, university admission, TAFE and other post school options which may assist you when making decisions this year.

### **Student Exchange Australia**

Student Exchange Australia is holding an information evening on 5 August. This evening will give students and families the opportunity to learn more about becoming an exchange student and the various scholarships opportunities that are available. Please phone Student Exchange Australia on 1300 135 331 for more information or to register.

### **University of Notre Dame**

If you are considering applying to University of Notre Dame applications for Undergraduate studies close on 30 September 2009. Notre Dame is a private university, so please remember that applications are sent directly to the University and are not submitted through TISC.

### **New Careers Publications**

*The Good Universities Guide* – if you're still wondering what to study and where *The Good Universities Guide* may help. This fantastic publication features profiles, rankings and ratings of courses, universities and other institutions offering degree-level courses throughout Australia. It can help students to answer such questions as what can I study at university, which unis offer which courses, how does each uni perform in each area of study, and how competitive is entry to different courses at different universities? *The Good Universities Guide* is available to loan from the School Library or the Careers Office.

*The Art & Design Education Resource Guide* – this is a comprehensive guide to art and design courses at all Australian universities, TAFE colleges and private schools. It includes over 500 pictures of graduate work, 15 selection charts and a detailed directory. It is available now for loan from the Careers Office. There is also an online version available at <http://www.dgdesignnetwork.com.au/aderg/>.

### **The Box – Curtin University**

In the last week of Term 2, all Year 12 students received The Box from Curtin University. The Box provides students with access to resources designed to help them cope with the pressures of Year 12 and exam preparation. This includes study tips, how to lead healthy, active social lives, what to expect at university and much more. Many of our students have already registered their Box, however there is still quite a few that either still need to register or need to authenticate their registration. We strongly encourage all students who received The Box to register/authenticate if they haven't done so, so they may take full advantage of this excellent resource.