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The original meaning of the word 'holiday' was 'holy day' and although we can say we have well and truly lost this understanding in our practice of holidays today, I must say that my recent holiday in Kruger National Park in South Africa was a blessed experience for my husband and me. We were privileged to see about 110 different species of wild animals and birds in our 8 days in the National Park and wild life reserve of this beautiful country. I can empathise with our many South African school families who feel homesick for the magnificent mountains and bush areas of their beautiful homeland.

In my Annual Report to Synod last month I proposed that Synod call upon the Federal Minister for Education, Hon Julia Gillard, to increase the funding for students with special needs and to make it equitable for all sectors. Our Chair of Council, Mr Michael van Drunen, spoke to this proposal and it received strong support. From 2005 to 2009 we have seen an increase of 100% in the number of students with diagnosed disabilities who receive government funding. However this funding is not equal to what these same students would receive in State schools and our School needs to find the extra money required to support them in their learning. You can read the report on this item from Synod at <http://www.wa.uca.org.au/home/blog/funding-for-students-with-special-needs/>

Our Year 12s will graduate next week and many are facing their final exams in the coming weeks. Our prayers go with all of them as they branch off into their various directions in this next stage of their lives. We thank them for their many fine contributions to our School during their time with us. With some we have shared in their development since Pre-Primary days, and for teachers it is always exciting to observe the changes in their maturity as they leave us as young adults. Our hope is that they have grown in wisdom and love and will *'walk in the way of good people and stay on the paths of righteous people.'* Proverbs 2: 20

For those parents who are leaving our School with your Year 12 student's departure, I would like to say a big thank you to each of you for your support of our School through your dedication, commitment and involvement. My staff and I appreciate all that you have done during this time and hope it has been a rewarding and beneficial time for you and your family. We look forward to seeing you all at their Graduation Dinner next week and at the Secondary Awards evening at the end of term.

As our final term gets under way, please ensure that the special events are highlighted in your home calendar. You can keep abreast with what is coming up through *Dove Tales*.

Caryl Roberts
Principal

Whole School Information

Key Dates 2009			
Tue-Thu 20-22 Oct	Yr 12 Art Exhibition at Blend(er) Gallery	Mon 2 Nov	Yr 6 Dancing
Tue-Fri 20-23 Oct	Yr 12 TEE Seminars	Wed 4 Nov	Spring Soiree VET
Wed 21 Oct	VET Yr 12 House Farewell	Thu 5 Nov	Yr 11 Study Leave Yr 7 Immunisations
Thu 22 Oct	Grad's Day Primary Interschool Athletics Yr 3-6	Fri 6 Nov	Yr 8 Orientation for 2010 Yr 11 Study Leave Yr 3 Sleepover Yr7 Mother and Daughter Evening
Fri 23 Oct	Primary Interschool Athletics Yr 3-6	Mon 9 Nov - Thu 12 Nov	Yr 11 Exams
Mon 26 Oct	Yr 6 Dancing	Mon 9 Nov	TEE/WACE Exams Yr 6 Dancing Yr 9 and Yr 10 Humanities Extension Expo
Tue 27 Oct	Arts Variety Night	Tue 10 Nov	Yr 10 Music Night Yr 9 and Yr 10 Humanities Extension Expo P&F Meeting
Wed 28 Oct	Dry/Wet Trades VET Information Night Yr 7 Transition 2010	Wed 11 Nov	VET
Thu 29 Oct - Fri 20 Nov	TEE	Fri 13 Nov	Primary Captains' Election <i>Dove Tales</i>
Fri 30 Oct	Yr 7 Orientation for 2010 <i>Dove Tales</i>		

Men With A Mission

How to Drug Proof Your Kids: Mr Jethro Sobejko is a trained facilitator for this course which is offered by "Focus on the Family". This course offers practical tips to help reduce the risk of your child falling into the trap of drug addiction.

Date: Wednesday 28 October 2009

Venue: Glengarry Tavern, Warwick Road, Duncraig

Time: 6:30pm for Dinner
7:30pm for Speaker

Cost : \$5.00 at the door. A-la-carte menu available. Buy your own drinks.

For further information, please contact: Brian Plowman (9306 7363), Roderick Wood (9306 7104) or Glenn Chinen (9243 2135)

Congratulations!

Isaac May (Year 11) was awarded a Certificate of Academic Excellence for achieving the highest grade in a written project in SmARTS 2009. SmARTS is an academic initiative of the University of Western Australia that extends gifted students in problem solving, research, analysis, innovation, team work and communication skill

Callum Normington (Year 2) won the Best Actor for 2009 at the Joondalup Academy of Performing Arts.

Whole School Information (cont)

Library

Book Amnesty! - This is our term for stock checking so could you all look around your homes and send in any library or text books which may be there. No questions asked!

Dates for returns of secondary text books will be published in the next issue.

Book hire return dates

Year 12 – Non TEE – by 22 October, TEE as exams finish **(Immediately after exams please as the Year 11 will be issued these books before the end of the year.)**

Year 11 – all non-exam by Wednesday 4 November, remainder after exams

Year 10—all non-exam by Friday 20 November, remainder after exams.

Year 9, 8 and 7 – Tuesday 24 November

Boxes will be placed at the back of the Sports Centre for book collection at each exam.

Arts Variety Night

Once again, the Arts Variety Night is on and is bigger and better than the years before!

It will be held at the Duncraig campus Theatre on Tuesday 27 October at 7pm. The evening will showcase the talents of a large number of students in Art, Drama and Music, with the theme being "Catch A Falling Star".

Tickets can be purchased for a gold coin donation from Secondary Office at Carramar. If you are a performer, please get tickets for your family and friends but you will not be able to be in the audience yourself.

We hope to see you all there for a great night of entertainment.

Expressions of Interest - Year 11 Semester 2 Exam Supervision

We require approximately 15 parents to assist us with the invigilation of the Year 11 Semester 2 examinations this year. The examinations will be conducted from Monday 9 November to Friday 20 November. If you have ½ or full days available during this period, to work off your 2009/2010 Family Commitment hours, then please contact Miss Simone Robinson on 9306 7320 as soon as possible.

Presentation Evening Year 7 - 12

1. Booking forms have been mailed to families (Year 7 - 11) on 12 October. We urge families to return their ticket booking slips as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.
2. Any Year 12 student who has not returned their "Early Bird" booking form that was mailed towards the end of last term, needs to return their form to the Office on or before Grad's Day.

All Year 7 - 12 families please note, there is a maximum of 4 tickets per family due to limited seating.

Duty of Care

Staff members are on duty from 8.05am. Students who arrive before this time are not supervised. There is also no staff supervision provided after school. Students are therefore not allowed to play on any playground equipment.

Nut Products

Please be aware that in our school community we have several students who have life threatening reaction to peanuts and other nuts. Therefore, this school is, as much as possible, a "nut free zone". Please avoid giving children food containing nuts.

Primary

Merit/Infringement Notices

This term we will be introducing Merit and Infringement notices for students in the Primary School. Merit notices will be issued to students who consistently display appropriate behaviour, are correctly groomed and wear their uniform appropriately and for learning and organisation skills.

Infringement notices will be issued in similar areas. These notices will be stapled in student diaries. When a student receives 5 merit notices they will receive a special prize. Once a student (Year 2 – 6) receives 3 infringement notices they will be required to attend a Friday after school detention from 3.20 – 4.00p.m. which will be supervised by one of the Deputies. Year 1 students will receive a lunchtime detention. Parents will be advised in writing prior to the detention.

Uniforms – Year 2 Parents

When you are purchasing uniforms, including shoes, for next year please ensure that you are aware of the changes that occur for Year 3. Black shoes must be lace ups, no Velcro fastening or t-bars are permitted.

Active After School Communities

AASC continues from Monday 19 October for a 6 week period ending Wednesday 25 November. Your child, from Pre-Primary to Year 6, is welcome to come along and participate on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon, (or as many as they'd like) from 3.30 - 5 pm. AASC's aim is to encourage children to actively engage in sporting activities rather than sitting in front of the computer or TV screen all afternoon. The sessions are free, but please note that it is not a child care service! Enrolment forms are available at the Primary Office. If you have any queries please contact the AASC co-ordinator, Mrs Leigh Barnes who is contactable on 0408 696 956.

Year 6 Primary

The Information Night for Year 7 Transition will be on Wednesday 28 October. Orientation Day for students will be on Friday 30 October. Current Year 6 students will return to their classes with Miss Budworth and Mr Sloan at 2 pm to remain in school until 3.20 pm.

Primary Celebration and Awards Night

This takes place on Monday 30 November in the Sports Centre, starting at 7.00 pm. Tickets are free, but you need a ticket to attend on the night. Tickets can be requested on the slip on Page 9, or by visiting the Primary Office. Students will sit with families and will also need tickets. This is an important evening in the school calendar and all students in Years 1-6 are expected to attend, in their best school uniforms.

Chess Club

Starting from Week 2 (for the next 4 weeks) we are going to have a chess play-off competition for our different levels of ability. We will need players to commit themselves for the entire 4 weeks. The competition will culminate in an end of term chess celebration and awards afternoon after the final play off in Week 6. Prizes will be awarded for the winners. Students who wish to be involved must submit their names before next Wednesday 21 October at the Library front desk to Mrs Urquhart.

Year 7 Transition

Year 7 Athletics

We were delighted that our Year 7 boys athletics team won the inaugural U13 Champion Shield for Division C Interschool Athletics Carnival. *Samuel Brown*, as champion boy, received the shield on behalf of the team at assembly. The overall U13 champion girl was also from our school; we congratulate *Rebecca Singleton* on this achievement. We also acknowledge our students' successes in a wide variety of out of school sporting and creative fields.

Mother and Daughter Evening and Lads and Dads' Morning

Our Mother and Daughter Evening will be held on Friday 6 November. Invitations to follow soon! 'Lads and Dads' morning will be held on Saturday 7 November. Details to follow.

The Year 7s will be included in the Secondary Presentation Evening to be held on Friday 27 November at 6.45 pm. More details can be found on page 7.

Secondary

English Week 2009

English week was again celebrated with great gusto with creative writing, spelling bees, quizzes and more with outstanding results.

Haylock Shield 2009

The annual creative writing award again this year revealed some amazing productions from our talented students. The competition encourages excellence in creative writing and gives students a real audience for their writing. This year's chief judge, Ms Simone Stephen commented that it was very difficult to decide on the winners as students wrote in a wide variety of styles with excellent command of the genre. The eventual winners and those who attained a high commendation are to be congratulated on their achievements.

Year 7	Mark Moore	"Pandora's Box"
Highly commended	Jasmine Middleton	"The Box"
Year 8	Savannah Moscarda	"The Princess and A Pea"
Highly commended	Erin Whyte	"Oh, To Be Human"
	Georgia Coombes	"Crushed"
Year 9	Jayden Kennedy	"The Enemy Within"
Highly commended	Katrina Keegan	"Ashes to Ashes"
	Rory Venville	"The Mars Conflict"
Year 10	Hannah Bailey	"Class of Angels"
Highly commended	Jade Forlani-Brennan	"The Midnight Atoll"
	Miloslav Res	"The Last Hope"
Year 11	Brendon Clark	"What's the Story Morning Glory?"
Highly commended	Lara Hentrich	"The Amazing Madame Sauvage"
	Sophie Armstrong	"Cleaning House"
Year 12	Samuel Bean	"The Lawyer"

Charis House won the Haylock Shield for 2009 due in part to their students' strong participation and most significantly, the number of winners they had in the competition.

Spelling Bee

The English week spelling bee competition was hotly contested again this year with willing combatants vying for top spot on the spelling league tables. The eventual winners with outstanding spelling prowess were:

Year 8	-	Vaithes Siva
Year 9	-	Kim Edwards
Year 10	-	Darcy Love
Year 11	-	Dan Ray
Year 12	-	Samuel Bean

Congratulations also go to MA6 who showed outstanding knowledge of literature, mythology, film, spelling and grammar to win the quiz contest.

Year 12 Art Exhibition

The Year 12 TEE Art and Art and Design students would like to invite you to their Visual Art Exhibition Opening on 20 October at the Blender Gallery in Joondalup. The Opening commences at 6.45pm when there will be food and drink available. Further viewing times are Wednesday and Thursday during the day until 4.30 pm. Invitations with directions can be collected from Secondary Administration. The Blender Gallery is off Central Walk and the Grand Boulevard in Joondalup.

Community News

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.

The Uniting Church Connection

Some families have no connection with a Christian church, yet would like to have their child baptised, or to have a service of thanksgiving to God for their child. If you would like to discuss this with someone, Rev Rick Williams, who is Minister in Residence at our Carramar campus, will be happy to talk with you.

He can be contacted on 9306 7338, 0424 791 535, or rickw@uniting.com.au.

Tapping Dental Therapy Centre

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

Karate at St Stephen's School

Karate make kids fit, confident and resilient. Come and learn authentic Karate in a safe and professional environment. The new term commences Friday 17 October. For more information visit www.karatewa.com or phone Ben on 9243 3554.

Fun4Kids After school Program

When : Every Tuesday afternoon during school term.

Time : 3.30pm-5.00pm

Where: Christian City Church, 31 Chadlington Drive, Hepburn Heights, Padbury.

Age : 4-12 year olds

Cost: \$2 per child (includes afternoon tea and all activities)

What : Games, craft, afternoon tea, music, drama, stories, prizes and lots more.

Want to know more? Contact Nicole 9307 5000 nicolem@c3hh.com.au

Carramar Junior Cricket - Gets in2 Cricket!

Starts Friday 23 October 2009 and continues to 29 January 2010 from 4-5pm (12 week season). This will take place at Houghton Park, Carramar. \$80 registration includes: backpack, bat, ball, T-shirt, bucket hat, Milo giveaways and training/game days. For further details contact Sandy on 0408 826 622.

Technosafe Cyberbullying Parent Awareness Seminar

Are you aware of the dangers of the increasing phenomenon, cyberbullying or how your child could be affected by it? You are invited to a seminar on Wednesday 28 October from 7.00-8.30pm in Parresia House.

Guest speakers are Kate McCaffrey, Teaching and Author of "Destroying Avalon", Julian Dooley, Cyberbullying Research Director of ECU Child Health Centre and Mr Brian Plowman, Deputy Head of Secondary (Care). Coffee and cake will be provided.

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

CAREERS INFORMATION

Tertiary Application Reminders

Hopefully Year 12 students have met the 30 September deadline to put in an application to TISC. If not, it is still possible to do so until 30 November (except for Medicine, Dentistry and any courses requiring a portfolio or audition), upon payment of a late fee of \$110.

University of Notre Dame Applications closed on 30 September but Notre Dame is happy to receive late applications at no cost. However, there is no guarantee that late applicants will be able to be considered in the first round of offers.

ECU Portfolio Entry Pathway – 27 November (While your application for entry via the Portfolio Pathway is submitted through TISC, you need to submit your supporting portfolio documentation directly to ECU by this date).

TAFE Applications

A reminder that the closing date for TAFE applications requiring submission of a folio is 16 October 2009, but applications for all other courses will remain open until 13 November 2009. Late applications (except for courses requiring a folio) will be accepted up until 9 December upon payment of a late fee of \$75. Applications should be completed online, following the link from the home page of the TAFE WA website www.tafe.wa.edu.au.

ECU Admission Changes – Portfolio Pathway and UPC (University Preparation Course) 2010

Due to the transitional phase between TEE subjects, WSA (Wholly School Assessed) subjects and WACE Courses for students in Year 12 in 2009, ECU has recognised that some students may have been disadvantaged and be ineligible to apply for entry through the Portfolio Pathway and UPC. ECU has advised of the following amendments to these entry pathways for students applying to undertake studies in 2010 only:

Portfolio Entry - students will need to have studied, in Year 12, at least four subjects/courses, including a combination of three TEE and/or WACE courses (at stage 2 or 3) and/or WSA subjects. Students must also meet ECU's English Competency requirements, satisfy WACE requirements, meet any course pre requisites and score at least 17 points toward entry.

UPC – students will need to have studied, in Year 12, at least four subjects/courses, including a combination of three TEE and/or WACE courses (at stage 2 or 3) and/or WSA subjects. Students must also meet ECU's English Competency requirements, satisfy WACE requirements and score at least 8 points toward entry.

See the ECU website <http://reachyourpotential.com.au/futurestudents/schoolleavers/entry/pathways/portfolio-entry.html> for information relating to English competency, points schedule and portfolio structure or contact ECU Student Recruitment on 134 328 or futurestudy@ecu.edu.au if you have any queries.

TISC Updates

Students, especially those in Year 12, are strongly encouraged to regularly check the TISC website, www.tisc.edu.au, for amendments and updates regarding university courses and admission requirements, such as the information provided about ECU above. Users can also choose to subscribe to the TISC Circular and have regular updates sent directly to their inbox.

STAT Test

The STAT test will be held on 9 January 2010 for those students who do not achieve English competence for university entrance. Students will be invited to sit the STAT test provided they achieve a TER that makes them eligible for at least one university. Advice regarding achievement of English competence for university admission, STAT test invitations and bookings will be provided to students on their University Admissions Advice Letter (UAAL) which they will receive from 30 December 2009.

PRIMARY CELEBRATION AND AWARDS NIGHT

BOOKING SHEET FOR TICKETS

MONDAY 30 NOVEMBER, 2009

7.00 PM

IN THE SPORTS CENTRE

Please complete and return this form to the Primary Office.

Please supply _____ (number) tickets

and send them home with _____
(student's name)

In _____ (student's classroom e.g. 4L)

Parent signature: _____

SEX EDUCATION

Talking to young people about sex

Speaking to young people about sex is embarrassing, but a necessity. If you spent your child's early years avoiding the subject of sex then it is tempting to leave it up to your teen's peers and teachers to give them the facts.



Parental avoidance is not a recommended method of sex education. A teenager's perception of sex and sexuality can be skewed by incorrect or misleading information that comes from many sources, including: magazines, television and other teenagers. Parents need to provide young people with accurate information so they can act safely and responsibly.

Parents who have been successful communicators in their children's early years are generally good sexuality educators. Talking to a teenager about sex is certainly easier if you have talked about sex already and the communication lines are open.

Talking about sexuality covers a wide range of topics extending beyond the issue of biology that we so often get stuck on. It includes issues such as; emotions and feelings, relationships, gender roles, sexuality, contraception, safer sex and values.

Perhaps the most important part of the process is to help young people develop their own views and values that will determine their sexual and relationship behaviour. It is helpful then

for young people to know your values and understand the reasons behind your beliefs. Young people may at first reject their parents' values but they often return to them in later adolescence or early adulthood.

Young people usually love to have discussions about sexuality, relationships and sexual behaviour as long as the talk doesn't focus on them. Discussing issues such as abortion, homosexuality and safe sex helps parents stay in the game with young people at a time when they are often cut out.

Talking about sexuality with young people is not a one-off event where you discuss the topic once and only revisit it if trouble arises. It is an ongoing activity that relies on honesty and open communication from both parents and young people.

WHAT TO TALK ABOUT

Numerous studies have shown that the most influential role models for young people are parents. Parents need to talk about more than biology when they discuss sex with young people.

1. **RELATIONSHIPS AND EMOTIONS:** Placing sex in a context of relationships is important when talking about sexuality. The notion of values, gender roles, and sexual feelings are part of the broad spectrum known as sexuality education.
2. **SEX OPTIONS:** Safe and unsafe sex, different practices and pregnancy are covered in this area.

3. **CONTRACEPTION:** Birth control options including the ability to say no to sex need to be discussed as well.

DECISION-MAKING

Help your young person make informed decisions about their sexual experiences in the following ways:

- Encourage them to discuss sex with you. Be non-judgemental in your views. Help them see the consequences of different decisions.
- Discuss ways they can resist the pressure to have sex. Keep in mind that a great deal of pressure for girls to have intercourse comes from their female peers
- If they are sexually active reinforce the importance of using condoms.

KEEP IN MIND

1. Teenagers need accurate information about sex so they can make informed decisions and act safely and responsibly.
2. Sex education needs to cover a range of topics and not just focus on biology.
3. Talk with young people about sex rather than to them.


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