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## From the Principal

Dear Parents, Staff and students

### Greetings to everyone in our St Stephen's School community for 2009

I extend a warm welcome to our new families across our two campuses and trust that you will soon feel at home in our school. I hope that each new student settles in happily and quickly finds friends.

I also welcome our new staff members and hope that they soon feel at home. A Commissioning Service was held for new staff before students returned. At this service Ms Christine Benson was commissioned as our Head of the Primary School at Duncraig. We wish her God's blessings as she leads and serves her community with wisdom and care. Our Chair of Council, Mr Michael van Drunen, also commissioned me as Principal. This appointment has been made by Council for a 12–18 month period until a new Principal is found. I feel honoured to be leading our wonderful school and know that 2009 will see new growth and development for all who work and learn here.

We have had a very smooth start to the year, thanks to our special staff who have all spent a considerable amount of time preparing for 2009. It is also due in part to your preparations on the home front in getting your child/ren ready both physically and emotionally for the new beginning. I want to focus on two points:

### Community

Community and care are essential elements in our school's character. It matters here that people feel a part of our community and that they experience care. We want you and need you as our parents, to become part of the partnership that will support your child's education. We know that children do better at school when they see that their parents are involved in their school. As a school, we need the triangle of the students, parents and staff to be a strong bond.

I encourage each of you to be involved and to make connections with other parents and students. Speak to your child's teacher, Dean or Head; check the Calendar; read Dove Tales, find ways that work for you to make connections through school events and activities. You may feel a bit shy or daunted by the prospect of meeting new people, but we are friendly and eager to have you join with us.

I am looking forward to a year of vibrant, inclusive friendships in a community that is growing.

### Learning

We celebrate the successes of our Year 12 students in their final results for 2008 and are all proud of their achievements. They have brought honour to themselves and our School and we wish them ongoing success in their career choices. Their example to our younger students is worth emulating. We expect each student at school to work hard this year. Opportunities

to learn are available for each student and there is no reason to waste them. A positive attitude and perseverance are our expectations of everyone in their learning this year.

Parents, please encourage your children in their learning and maintain your own high expectations. Keep them striving to do their best and working hard. It can be easy to say, "well done", to children, but it is not always so easy to discern whether it was the best they could do. Children always know whether it was their best effort.

My prayer is for this community, its students, its staff and its families: that God will bless us as we seek to walk His path for our school for 2009.

***The source for a productive life: 'I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in Him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. John 15:5***

*Mrs Caryl Roberts, Principal*

## Announcements

### Year 12 Academic Results – 2008

The staff, parents and students of St Stephen's, Duncraig, are justly proud of the achievements of the 2008 Year 12 students. We are all delighted by the way in which this group of young people performed under pressure. We recognise that the combination of individual aptitude, ability and effort, combined with good teaching, support and encouragement from home all play a vital part in achievement. The culture of hard work and achievement within the school also contributed towards an ethos where striving for excellence is the norm rather than the exception. I know that the congratulations and good wishes of the community that make-up the partnership that is St Stephen's, go to each of the students who worked so hard. It took 12 years to achieve these results and each teacher and each parent and each student has played their part in getting the recipe correct.

There were 99 students from the Duncraig campus who sat the WACE examinations of 2008. Significantly, 37 of these students achieved a TER over 90 (37.3% of the cohort), 16 achieved a TER over 95 (16.1%) and 14 achieved a TER over 96 (14.1%). Four students achieved a TER over 98 and three of these students were positioned over the 99th percentile. St Stephen's, Duncraig, has achieved its place in the top 50 schools in the state with 100% graduation; for achievement of one or more subjects scoring 75% or above; for being a school in the top third of the state; and as a school in the top 50 schools for VET. The average TER for St Stephen's was 87.45 and the school ranked fourth in the state with 81% of the students achieving their first University preference. We were included amongst the highest performers in Applicable Mathematics, Discrete Mathematics and Geography. These achievements have positioned the campus in the top ten schools in the state for these subjects.

The Academic Dux, Joel Lekias, has been awarded a General Exhibition from the Curriculum Council as one of the top 40 students in the state. The Honour Board in Cousins Hall will now carry the names of an additional four high achievers: Joel Lekias, Sian Hopkins, Christopher Venables and Jamie Cole. We congratulate Joel on being awarded the John Curtin Scholarship, one of the most prestigious and sought after awards in the state. Joel and Sian, both achieved Certificates of Distinction (placing them in the top 0.5% in the state) and they were awarded, together with Christopher Venables and Naomi Carter, Certificates of Excellence for achieving ten A Grades over Year 11 and 12. Breanna Rose was the winner of the Westscheme Super award for VET studies. The Vocational Dux, Jack McAllister, will also see his name up in Cousins Hall for future generations to note.

League tables say very little about students and their families. The tables never tell of sacrifice by families or the effort made by individuals who put in so much effort and manage to pass. They never tell of the connection between students and their teachers or of the way parents help keep the spirits of their children up. The tables compare schools in a superficial way and fail to take in the socio-economic differences between schools. League tables cannot measure the culture and attitude within a school towards the task of learning. We are proud to have done well. More importantly we are delighted that so many students have worked hard and efficiently and that because of this, they have created opportunities for the future. We are pleased that St Stephen's is a place of learning.

*Dawn Clements, Deputy, Curriculum and Learning and Bruce Titlestad, Head of Secondary School*

### Late to School Due to Traffic Jam ??? – Some Useful Solutions

Due to an increase in student numbers, the morning drop off and afternoon pickup situation (including other schools in the vicinity) have caused delays. Possible solutions include; (a) arriving at school earlier; (b) picking up your child later in the afternoon; (c) encourage your child to walk/bike to school; (d) in the morning, drop off your child close to the school to walk the rest of way safely to school; or (e) in the afternoon, arrange to pick your child at a location that is away from the main traffic.

## Parking Policy – Duncraig Campus 2009

Traffic flow and Campus parking will follow the following rules, while on school grounds.

### Doveridge Drive Entry

#### Primary:

All entry into the school will be handled via the School Main Entrance off Doveridge Drive for parents dropping off or picking up for Primary School students.

To access the Primary kiss-and-drive, you will proceed around the turning circle, adjacent to the Administration Building and down into the Primary kiss-and-drive entry driveway. Parents **will not be able to turn right** into the Primary kiss-and-drive (as this will interfere with traffic flow).

In conjunction with this, if your child is not ready for collection as you drive in you will be asked to proceed through the kiss-and-drive and out of the school around the block and then re-enter the school. (Much of the traffic flow becomes congested due to cars being parked and others not being able to move through).

The exit point from the school is out through the Primary exit. Upon exiting it is a **LEFT** turn only (to eliminate cars turning across traffic which is where congestion occurs).

#### Secondary:

All entry into the school will be handled via the School Main Entrance off Doveridge Drive or the Hepburn Avenue Entry for parents dropping off picking up High School students.

Secondary school pick up will occur in the turning circle and, if your child is not ready for pick up as you get there you will be asked to proceed through the kiss-and-drive, out of the school around the block and then re-enter the school for pick up. (Much of the traffic flow becomes congested due to cars being parked and others not being able to move through).

Doveridge exit from the School will be via the Main Entrance. Upon exiting it is a **LEFT** turn only (to eliminate cars turning across traffic which is where congestion occurs).

### Hepburn Avenue Entry

Afternoon school buses will use the Hepburn Avenue entry to transport students at the end of the day. The buses will utilise the kiss-and-drive bays at the Hepburn entry between the times of 3:00pm to 3:40pm and therefore parents will **NOT** be able to pick up in this area during these times. Please note, you will be asked to move on if you park in these bays during this time.

Outside of these times, parents are able to use this as a pick up/drop off point.

### Parking on School Grounds

#### Staff Car Park

For visitors to the school, volunteers or parents picking up children at any time, the staff car park is out of bounds.

#### General Parking

We ask that any volunteers/parent helpers park at the bottom of the school in the Year 12 car park.

If you need to park to pick-up your child from school please **DO NOT** enter the grounds but utilise the Year 12 car park at the bottom of the school on Doveridge Drive and either walk in or have your child walk down to you.

#### Start of Year Parking

**During the first full week of school**, Hamer Oval (main school oval) will be used for parents who wish to pick up their children. Parents of either Primary or Secondary students may use the oval parking and walk via established footpaths to the pickup points for the children. After the first full week parents will utilise the Year 12 car park at the bottom of the school on Doveridge Drive and either walk in or have your child walk down to you.

| Key Dates             |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Monday 9 February     | Captains Leadership Training                                   |
| Tuesday 10 February   | Year 6 Parent Meetings, School Photos (Secondary),             |
| Wednesday 11 February | House swimming carnival (Secondary)                            |
| Thursday 12 February  | School photos (Primary)  |
| Friday 13 February    | Year 4 Family Fun Day  |
| Monday 16 February    | Year 6 Surfing all week, Captains Leadership Training          |
| Tuesday 17 February   | P&F Meeting  |
| Wednesday 18 February | Parent Evening—Essay Writing                                   |
| Thursday 19 February  | Parent Evening – Analysis, Finance Committee                   |
| Friday 20 February    | Year 5 Family Fun Day, Year 11 Geography Excursion, Dove Tales |

## Donations – Hardwood Timbers

Our Design and Technology Department would like donations of hardwood timbers for use in the furniture and materials classes. Old pagola wood etc would be suitable. If you can help out, please contact David Marriott the Design and Technology Technician on 9243 2145.

## Reading Glasses - If no longer used

If you have any prescription glasses you no longer need or use, please donate them to a worthy cause. These are sent to Christian Blind Mission who distribute to people in undeveloped countries who cannot afford or access the privileges we have. Please leave them at main administration in the secondary school for Mrs Williams.

## Urgently Required

Do you know anyone who was born in the early **1920s**? Someone who was living in Australia in the **1930s** and **1940s**, and is willing to be interviewed by some enthusiastic History students? Then St Stephen's School **Needs them!** Please contact Bernadette Lhota, HOLA S & E on 9243 2119 if you can help.

## Absences

*Unexpected absences* – Primary and Secondary parents are requested to phone the School Offices on the morning of an unexpected absence. Primary Office 9246 3466 and Secondary Office 9243 2409. A note is then required from a parent or guardian to explain any absence of a day or longer, on the day the student returns to school.

*Anticipated absences – Primary.* If for any reason a student has to leave the school during the day a note in the Primary Student Diary is required and shown to the teacher. Parents are required to come to the Primary Office to sign their child out for an appointment and to sign them in on their return or to sign them out if they are not returning to school that day.

*Anticipated absences – Secondary:* If for any reason a student has to leave the school during the day a note in the Secondary Work Record is required. Secondary students must follow the following procedure. Notes are to be shown to the Homeroom teacher in the morning Homeroom. If the note is to explain an early departure from the school, the note will be signed by the Homeroom teacher, shown to the teacher of the class they are leaving and shown at the Main Administration Office as the student leaves the school.

Parents are then requested to collect students from the Main Administration Office. When students return to school after a temporary absence, they must enter through the Main Administration area to advise office staff of their return.

Secondary students who arrive at school after 8:45am must enter through the Main Administration Office with a written explanation for their lateness. Students will be issued with a late slip for entry into class.

*Extended absences during the school term.*

Please note that when a student is ill or in hospital, the school does its utmost to support students in this situation. Please liaise with the Dean of your child's house.

We strongly discourage parents from taking their children on holiday during term time. This is of particular significance in Years 10–12 where missed time is very difficult to make up. Students are responsible for catching up work on their return.

## Secondary Assistance

Parents/Guardians who hold a Centrelink Family Health Care Card, Centrelink Pension Concession Card or Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession card who have student/s in Years 8–12 can claim the allowance. The Card held must be current in first term of the school year. To apply for the scheme please call at the Main Administration to complete the application form. Applications close on Thursday 9 April 2009.

## Students Information Forms, Data Collection Forms and SmartRider Application forms

In October every student received by post or on Orientation day an *Information, Policy, Parents Consent, Health & Emergency Form 2009*. Some also may have received a *Data Collection Form* and Year 7 & 8 students an application for a SmartRider form. Please complete and return forms to the school urgently, even if there are no changes to the information, using the reply paid envelope provided or drop them off at administration. This data needs to be imputed into our computer system for a smooth start to the year.

To those parents who have already returned them - Thank you.

## Music Notes

### Rehearsal Times 2009

We are planning for and looking forward to working with our new Ensembles for 2009. ***The dates and times of some Ensembles have been changed, and the new schedule is listed below.***

### Rehearsal Schedule

| DAY       | TIME            | ENSEMBLE                |
|-----------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Monday    | 7:45am          | High School Choir       |
| Monday    | 3:30pm – 5:00pm | Wind Ensemble           |
| Tuesday   | 7:30am          | The Girls Chorale       |
| Tuesday   | 7:30am          | Middle School Orchestra |
| Wednesday | 7:30am          | Barbershop Blokes       |
| Wednesday | 7:30am          | Middle School Ensemble  |
| Wednesday | 3:30pm – 5:00pm | Swing Band              |
| Thursday  | 7:30am          | St Stephen's Singers    |
| Thursday  | 3:30pm – 5:00pm | Senior Orchestra        |
| Thursday  | 3:30pm – 5:00pm | Concert Band            |
| Friday    | 7:30am          | Middle School Chorale   |
| Friday    | 7:30am          | Jazz Ensemble           |

String Quartets and smaller Ensembles will be notified separately of their rehearsal arrangements.

### High School Choir

All students from Years 7–12 who enjoy singing are encouraged to come to High School Choir on Monday mornings from 7.30am. This is a large choir of over 100 students, almost half of whom are boys, and the repertoire is both challenging and fun! We look forward to seeing you there.

### Year 7 Singers

Students in Year 7 are very welcome at High School Choir. However, if you are particularly interested in singing and would like to audition for our Middle School Chorale, please speak to one of the music staff or ask one of your teachers to contact us and we will be delighted to arrange an audition for you.

### Music Camp

Members of St Stephen's Singers, Concert Band, High School Orchestra and Swing Band will be going on camp at Club Capricorn, Yanchep, from Wednesday morning 25 February until Friday evening 27 February. Information will be sent home next week. We are asking parents to drop off and collect students at Yanchep to minimise costs; there will be a concert for parents and families on the Friday afternoon.

### Students who are new to school

There are a number of students who are new to our school who are already able to play a musical instrument. Hopefully we have now managed to speak with and listen to most of them play, so that they can join a suitable orchestra or band. If your child has **not** spoken to one of our Music Staff in either the High School or Primary School please encourage him/her to come and see us as soon as possible.

### Performance Uniforms

Members of the Senior Ensembles – St Stephen's Singers, Concert Band, High School Orchestra and Swing Band – wear our performance uniform. If your child has been promoted to one of these Ensembles for 2009 they will need a special shirt – and smart black pants. The shirts will be available through the Uniform Shop *from the beginning of 2009*.

### Art Department – Parent Helpers

The Art Department are looking for parent helpers for 2009 in the following areas:

Term 1–Towel & Apron washing, Term 2 –Towel & Apron washing, Term 3 –Towel & Apron washing

Art Exhibition Preparation, Term 4 – Towel & Apron washing. The towel and apron washing is a convenient job which can fit around pick up and drop off times and completed off campus. Please contact the Art Technician, Claire Davenhall for further information: [davenhc@ststephens.wa.edu.au](mailto:davenhc@ststephens.wa.edu.au)

### Peanut Products

#### Peanut and Nut Allergies

A number of students attending St Stephen's are severely allergic to peanuts and/or other nuts (eg cashews, pine nuts, hazelnuts). Exposure (consumption, smelling and/or touching any residue left on balls, rails, etc.) can lead to anaphylaxis, a life threatening allergic reaction.

Therefore, while the school appreciates that for some children finding an alternative spread to peanut paste or nut spreads is difficult, **please do not allow your child to bring food containing peanuts, peanut paste or nut spreads to school.** (Please note we do not expect you to ban all foods that state "may contain traces of peanuts".) Due to the number of students with severe tree nut allergies we also **discourage** their consumption at school.

There will be no punitive action taken should your child be found to have these foods but they will be asked to wash their hands and have a drink following their meal. It will be explained to them why the request is being made and why we discourage the consumption of nuts and nut pastes at our school.

As a community we aim to make the school as safe as is feasibly possible for all our students. If you have any questions, please feel free to direct them to the school nurse. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter. A copy of the school's *Guidelines on Managing Students with Anaphylaxis at St Stephen's School* can be obtained on request or from the School Handbook.

### Year 7 immunisations

Year 7 Immunisation forms should have gone out in Homerooms and need to be returned as soon as possible. The first immunisation for Hepatitis B (boys and girls) and Gardasil (girls only) will be held on 20 March 2009. For those students participating in the excursion on that day they will have their immunisations either on the 19 March or the 24 March (date yet to be confirmed).

Mrs Alice Fern, School Nurse 9243 2419

## Primary News

### Welcome to the Primary School

This week we have seen over 120 new students come into the Primary School. We extend a very warm welcome to each family and trust that they will soon feel part of the St Stephen's community. By the end of Week two each class teacher will have held their own information evening and you will have learned much about how the class teacher will work with your child this year. If you have any concerns about your child settling into the class, please talk with the teacher. We hope that many parents of students in Years 3, 4 and 5 will enjoy and participate in the Fun Days which are being planned, over the next few weeks. I believe some exciting activities are to take place!

As well as new students, we have also welcomed new staff into the Primary School. Mrs Diana Brown joins us in Year 4, Miss Julie Ridder joins us in Year 5 and Miss Alyce Tilley has come to work as an art technician. We look forward to the valuable contributions they will make to our team.

Over the next few weeks, I hope that I will get to know many of you so that I can begin to associate which students belong to which parents! Learning everyone's name is definitely one of my challenges but I will do my best, so feel free to introduce yourself to me as you see me around the school.

Christine Benson, Head of the Primary School

### Primary Photos

School photographs will be taken on Thursday 12 February for Primary. Correct summer uniform is to be worn. Physical Education uniform is NOT to be worn. Hair is to be tied back. Jewellery and make-up rules apply.

## Double Helix Science Club

The Primary School's Double Helix Science Club meets fortnightly on a Monday from 1:00–200pm. It aims to give students passion about Science the chance to explore as many areas of Science as possible. The Year 4– 6 members undertake scientific activities and projects, listen to guest speakers and go on excursions.

We are always looking for guest speakers and opportunities to visit scientists at work. If you, a family member or friend work in a Science-related area and would be willing to speak at a meeting of the Double Helix Club or have Club members visit, please contact Shirley Houston, the Coordinator, on 9243 2440. This is a great opportunity to fill Family Commitment Hours!!

*Shirley Houston ,Coordinator of Gifted Program*

## Primary Library

Another busy year has started in the Primary Library. The library is open before school, lunchtime and usually a short time after school for book loans and homework research. Children are to bring their library books **every** week on their library day with a waterproof bag. They may be renewed if they haven't finished reading them.

There is a parent roster for each class to assist with shelving books. We hope that each class has lots of helpers. Parents are welcome to choose the time of the day that is most suitable for them eg after the morning drop-off. The library also has a roster in the workroom for additional help with a range a tasks around the library and with processing library items. Offers of help with covering are always appreciated. There will be a workshop about covering books on Thursday 19 February at 8:45 in the Primary Library.

We would like you to encourage your child to be responsible with their library books. Overdue books take up considerable time to follow up and damaged books take up considerable time and money to replace. See you soon in the Primary Library.

*Sue Stopher, Teacher Librarian*

## Secondary News

### School Photos

Student photos will be taken on Tuesday 10 February for Secondary students. Correct summer uniform is to be worn. Boys to wear a tie and Physical Education uniform is NOT to be worn. Hair is to be tied back. Jewellery and make-up rules apply.

### Opportunity not to miss - Help us, help you, help your child

On the 18 and 19 February, between 7:00pm and 9:00pm in the Duncraig Theatre, parents of all students are invited and encouraged to attend two parent seminar evenings. The first, on the Wednesday evening will be on How to Write an Essay. The second, on the Thursday evening, will be on How to Analyse.

Both sessions will provide an opportunity for parents to engage with ways to effectively help their sons and daughters navigate the tricky currents of the English course.

*Phillip Taylor, HOLA English*

### Lou Morrison Kimberley Experience Parent Information Meeting

Tuesday 3 March 6:30pm – Cousins Hall

If your child has submitted an Expression of Interest for the 2009 Kimberley trip, you must attend a Parent Information meeting in Cousins Hall. Please ensure that you sign in at the front door so that we know who was in attendance. During the meeting, you will be asked to pay a refundable deposit. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Rev'd Wilson at 9243 2160 or [wilsonh@ststephens.wa.edu.au](mailto:wilsonh@ststephens.wa.edu.au)

### All Year 12 – Parking Permit

Before you are allowed to park in the Year 12 designated car park, you must complete and return your parking permission form, then place your parking sticker on the bottom left hand side of your car's front screen. Parking permission forms are available from the front office. Year 12 drivers must have the school parking permit placed properly on the front windscreen BEFORE you park in the carpark. SBRs and sanctions will apply if this ruling is not followed. Please take on the responsibility to ensure the school's parking procedure is followed.

## Tax File Applications

All Year 10 students will be given an opportunity to apply for a Tax File number through the school during their Careers classes. This is a much easier process than going through the Tax Office and providing paperwork.

If students from other years require a Tax File Number and would like to participate in the School system, they need to collect a Tax File Application form from Mrs Darby and return it by Monday 9 February. Otherwise the final time this offer is available will be at the start of Term 2.

## Assessment Policy

Please note that the Assessment Policy for the Secondary School is available on the website near the Curriculum handbook link. Students need to be familiar with the policy which includes the penalty for late submission of work at 20% per day deduction and includes the request for a medical certificate and parental letter in the event of a missed test, or the 20% per day penalty applies.

*Dawn Clements, Deputy Head of Secondary*

## CAS Sport

This week students have nominated for CAS Sports and next week coaches/managers will be calling meetings and trials via the daily bulletin. Students must listen carefully in homeroom as it is their responsibility to make contact with their coach. Senior (Year 10–12) CAS Sport will commence on Tuesday 17 February and Junior (Year 8 – 9) CAS Sport will commence on Wednesday 18 February. Please note that the week of Year 8 Camp Junior CAS will be held on Monday 23 February. Matches will continue until the last week of term.

*Mrs Sue Libbis, Director of Sport*

## Study Skills Tip For February

What is the space like where you work at home? Do you have a clear workspace? Is there a shelf or storage space? What sort of lighting do you use? Ever wondered if it is OK to listen to music when studying? There are many aspects to a good home study environment and it is a good idea to stop and reassess how you could improve the space where you work at home. You can learn more about these in the Home Study Environment Unit by logging into the school intranet and going to the library databases. There you will find a link to the Study Skills website and login details.

Also check out the new content added to the site this month:

- The first of the MODULES is now on-line in the Organisation and Filing Unit. Each month new modules will be released. The modules are more challenging than the end of unit quizzes as the questions are open-ended and require students to apply their knowledge from the unit. As they complete a module this contributes toward their digital portfolio as a PDF file is created of their answers for that unit.
- New 'Extra' Unit (drop down menu on home page) on Starting Secondary School. Great for students who have just started school this year.
- New game in Managing Stress unit and in Managing Workload unit.
- New video in Active Studying Unit, Time Management Unit, Writing Skills Unit and Asking for Help Unit. (Thanks to teachers and students at Mountain Creek State High, QLD Academy of Science, Mathematics and Technology and Smiths Hill State High school for these videos.)
- Link to PhD research wiki: watch the process of real research developing.

## Collinson Secondary Library

Welcome to 2009 at the wonderful new Collinson Secondary Library Duncraig! The renovations are complete and we are so proud of our modern, spacious Library and would love to have lots of parent helpers this year. We are very flexible and have a range of jobs for parent helpers. It is an excellent way of getting those parent hours.

There is an immediate vacancy for a parent helper to coordinate the laminating once a week. Please contact Jenni, Pam or Susan if you are interested. The Library front desk phone number is: 9243 2448.

## Water Theme

This month's healthy theme is water. Water bottles are available at canteen for 50c all February. Always ensure that your children take a cold water bottle to school everyday.

Children who don't drink enough water during the day can become tired, irritable, develop headaches and can have difficulty concentrating on their schoolwork. Every night before school fill up water bottles half way and freeze. Top up with cool water before packing it for school, this way your child has cool water to drink all day long.

*From Healthy school Committee*

Several items have been deleted from the school menu this term: spring rolls, spinach pie, tuscan pie and rice paper rolls. Fonterra have announced that they can no longer supply Calci Hum dairy dessert. All other items are still available on the Summer Term 1 Menu.

Our Winter Term 2 and Term 3 menu is currently being planned. Any requests will be considered. Please call in, email or phone as we appreciate input from our school community.

New parents and students if you are unsure how to use the canteen please call in or phone and we will be happy to help you out. We are always in need of volunteer help. Please do not hesitate to contact the canteen if you are able to help once a term or once a month, 8:30am to 11:30am or 11:00am to 2:00pm. We are flexible with shift times to accommodate everyone's busy lives.

*Sheryn Aubrey, Canteen Manager 9243 2104*

## Canteen Roster

|                       |                                   |                           |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Monday 9 February     | M Mosenthal<br>S Warner           | HELP NEEDED               |
| Tuesday 10 February   | K Cox                             | HELP NEEDED               |
| Wednesday 11 February | Sufficient Staff                  | Swimming Carnival         |
| Thursday 12 February  | T Vlahos<br>L Beament<br>L Bissel | S Anderson<br>HELP NEEDED |
| Friday 13 February    | J Fraser<br>HELP NEEDED           | K Bush<br>HELP NEEDED     |
| Monday 16 February    | L Kerspian<br>K Brouwer (10-1)    | M Adair                   |
| Tuesday 17 February   | S Delamotte<br>M Bodenstaff       | HELP NEEDED               |
| Wednesday 18 February | P Glavinias<br>G Brune            | HELP NEEDED               |
| Thursday 19 February  | T Bowie<br>T Botica<br>A Littler  | L Hogben                  |
| Friday 20 February    | L Luck<br>N Naglan<br>B Woodworth | HELP NEEDED               |

## Community News

Karate has resumed for 2009. Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday in the Secondary School Gym. Separate junior and adult/teen classes are available. Phone Ben Mettam on 9243 3554 for more information.

High School Overseas – Free information meeting for students and parents for anyone who is interested in going overseas on exchange. Wednesday 4 February, 2009, 7:30pm – 9:00pm EF Language School, 365 Beaufort Street, Highgate, Phone 1900 251 688 [www.ef.com/highschool](http://www.ef.com/highschool)

**P & F Meeting – Thursday 12 February – 7:30pm Cousins Hall**

The first Parents and Friends meeting for 2009 will be held on Thursday the 12 of February at 7:30pm in Cousins Hall. All parents are very welcome to attend. Throughout the year the P&F meetings will generally be held on a Tuesday evening, but we are just altering this first one to also fit in a "Meet and Greet" evening in February.

2009 will be a great year to enjoy the connections you can make at the P&F. We plan to have fun, enjoy meeting other parents, learn from guest speakers and be up-to-date with presentations by members of staff. All this and no major fundraiser in 2009. We look forward to meeting you. The next P&F meeting will be on the 17 March.

**"Meet and Greet" evening – Tuesday 17 February 7:30pm Cousins Hall**

All parents of children from Pre-Primary, Years 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 are invited to come along to an informal evening on Tuesday the 17 February at 7:30pm. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents from your child's year group. The evening is hosted by the P&F and members of staff will also come along. Please BYO drinks and a glass. We will also have tea and coffee and some cheese and biscuits. Please come along. It is really a great evening, especially for parents new to the School.

Student Exchange Australia – free information evening in Perth on Wednesday 11 February, 7:30pm Medina Grand Perth, 33 Mounts Bay Road, Perth [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au)

Academic Task Force – TEE Help for Year 11 and Year 12 students, Saturday classes, small groups and experienced teachers. Phone Dr Robert Hallam, 9317 4421.

Netball umpire wanted for a lovely group of Year 7 girls (ex doves) who are staying together as a team and registering independently. We are desperate for a full time or part time umpire and will pay top dollar. Contact Sue on 0439 795 088 or Terri on 0417 976 781.





Defence Technical Scholarships – The ADF has developed scholarships for Year 11 and Year 12 students who are considering a Technical Trade Career. Successful Year 11 recipients will receive \$2000 divided into two semester based payments. Successful Year 12 students will receive \$3000 as two semester payments. The financial support is provided to assist students with fees, materials, tools, protective clothing and other educational costs. Students need to be doing either Mathematics 2A/B in Year 11 or Discrete Mathematics in Year 12 as well as one technical subject such as Auto or Materials. If this sounds like you, please see Mrs Darby as soon as possible as applications close on Friday 13 February.

Woodvale Baptist Church is having its annual sale of pre-loved baby's and children's goods to raise funds for its children's ministries. Saturday, 21 February, 2009, from 9:00am – 12:00pm at Woodvale Baptist Church, 67 Woodvale Drive. Come along and grab a bargain!

Doves Duncraig Netball Club will be holding its AGM and Registration Night on Wednesday 11 February at 7:30pm in the Primary School Forum. Girls aged between 8 and 13 years as at 31 December 2009 are welcome to register. Registration forms are available at the school reception areas. Committee members are urgently required. For further information please contact the Registrar, Katie Brown on 9402 2458 email [ktbrown@tpg.com.au](mailto:ktbrown@tpg.com.au) or the President, Brenda Mizen on 9447 7294, email [bmizen@bigpond](mailto:bmizen@bigpond)

The Freeway Bike Hike is a fundraising event for the Asthma Foundation of Western Australia. In 2009, the event will include a 10km Family Bike ride, a 30km Tunnel Bike Ride and the 60km Bike Hike from Kwinana to Joondalup. We need volunteers at Aid stations and road side along Cedric Street, Whitfords, Belmont Race Course, and Greenwood and at the finish line in Joondalup. For further information please contact Michael Caddy, by phone 08 9289 3656 or email [bikehikevolunteers@asthmawa.org.au](mailto:bikehikevolunteers@asthmawa.org.au)

Love to sing? – Come along to our 7-week singing course commencing on 4 February, 2009, including an opportunity to see an international coach in action and perform what you have learnt. Radiate your passion for singing and become a part of something extraordinary! For more details and to register your interest contact Vicki 9300 5430 or Helen 0411 243 326 or email [helenbolton@inet.net.au](mailto:helenbolton@inet.net.au). Find out more about Perth Harmony Chorus by logging onto our website at [www.perthharmony.com.au](http://www.perthharmony.com.au)

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