

Comment from the Principal - 26th August 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

I enjoyed, in Assembly on Monday, being able to praise all of our musicians and staff who contributed so significantly and successfully to our success in the Music Festival, about which I spoke last week.

MUSIC

Just to conclude on this aspect with some final thoughts. With something like a third of our students involved in music in one way or another the impact of it on our community is significant not just in terms of its sound. Music is something elemental, almost atavistic, and I know that it provides performers and listeners alike with something deep and spiritual, complementing neatly elements of our philosophy. For those who play, the discipline(*sic*) involved instils a sense of rigour and resilience in order to reach the right standard: taking time and effort to achieve something worthwhile is a valuable skill for life. So, too, is providing pleasure to others in playing and performing - this was aptly expressed at Assembly in the Junior Band's reprise of their winning performance.

With three bands - Junior, School and Jazz - a strings ensemble and a vocal group we really do have a solid musical foundation within the School. This will allow our students to take their part alongside their peers in other ASC schools when they play in the biennial ASC Concert in mid-September. This will represent the culmination of a week's music camp about which Mrs Saunders will have written to those concerned.

CHAPEL

Jackman House led us in Chapel earlier in the day providing us with a well-thought piece on leadership. The concept of 'servant leadership' shone through strongly which is the very style we seek to encourage in our people. Having students lead Chapel gives them the opportunity to develop their own sense of spirituality through the exploration and development of their theme. In addition, standing in front of the School to deliver their pieces gives students a chance to hone their public-speaking, and gives them confidence in front of people.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

My apologies for the delay in circulating the new internet and iPad policies - an incident of excessive downloading at School by a student caused our internet access to be compromised and so it was felt that we needed to add a further element to our policies.

The documents will be with you shortly and I would appreciate you and your child signing and returning to the relevant PCG Tutor - you need only sign the declaration pages. Thank you, in advance, for your help with this.

STUDENT USE OF VEHICLES

I have spoken with all student vehicle drivers about the following:

- All student use of vehicles must be approved by me through the relevant form (available from Reception)
- Vehicles must be parked in the approved and designated locations
- All keys must be handed-in to Reception for safe-keeping at the start of the day, and collected at the end of the day
- Vehicles must be driven carefully and sensibly, obeying the speed limits and directional signs

I would very much appreciate if parents of students involved could reinforce these simple expectations to ensure safe and responsible use; thank you.

YEAR 12 MOCK AND WACE EXAMS

Parents of students in Year 12 will be pleased to learn that these exams will be held in the Anglican Parish Centre. Full details will be published in due course but it will be good for our students to sit their exams in their 'own' venue with their peers. Uniform will be worn for these exams.

THE WEEK AHEAD

I append a summary of forthcoming events but if you need more information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Week 7 Wood on duty

OLNA tests all week - Deputy Principal has published schedule (see below)

Year 12 Outdoor Education Camp all week - Rottnest Island

Tuesday 30th - 1900-2100 - Rotary meeting at EACS

Thursday 1st - Visit of ASC staff to EACS

Friday 2nd - Footy colours free-dress day

OLNA

The schedule is as follows:

Writing Monday 29 August P3&4

Numeracy Tuesday 30 August P1&2

Reading Tuesday 30 August P3&4

Writing catch-up day Tuesday 30 August P3&4 (priority over reading)

Numeracy and Reading catch-up day Thursday 01 September P1&2

NAPLAN

Parents of students in Years 7 and 9 should now have received the results for their children.

Happily the School averages are either above, or very close, to all the state and national averages; it is also good to report that Year 9 results show, again, for the fourth year running, an overall improvement. The results have also given us the opportunity to analyse where weaknesses lie, and if particular students need help with specific issues: where this is the case parents will be contacted by our Learning Support Co-ordinator, Mrs Christine Dowell.

I look forward to another energising week and extend to you all my warmest wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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