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MESSAGE FROM MR MURRAY

With the AFL finals gearing up to be something great for WA, it is worth considering 'finals fever' momentarily, and glean a life lesson from it. Let's face it: life is a competition in many ways. There is a time to prepare and train, a time to face your opponents, a starting siren, and a trophy at the end. Sometimes, it appears that we would rather not be in the competition, but simply spectating – watch what goes on, cheer, and so forth, but not have any risk of embarrassment if you do not perform well.

However, my message is this – is just being a spectator enough? Can you describe the emotion of struggling in something and then achieving gold at the finish line? Most athletes never can articulate their emotions when achieving a big result. In short, it's worth it all!

That's what I'd like us all to be aware of next time we challenge our teens with something. It will be worth your

effort to encourage them in their effort. Achievement is extremely rewarding for the moment, and very motivating for future goal achievement. As we see the hurdles approaching, especially as we enter the final 'lap' of this school year (and particularly for our Year 12 students) let us all do our part in keeping them strong in the race of their lives. Justin Langer once said, "The pain of discipline is always far less than the pain of disappointment." It may hurt to keep going, but it will have rewards untold. Let us all be an encouragement to each other so that the victory will be a sweet one.

Regards,

Phil Murray
TEACHER

CALENDAR

YEAR 11 AVONDALE TRIP
ARRIVE HOME SEPTEMBER 10TH
QANTAS QF583 - 10:35PM

YEAR 12 TRIAL EXAMINATIONS
17TH - 25TH SEPTEMBER

YEAR 10 CAMBODIA SERVICE TRIP
20TH SEPT - 2ND OCTOBER

P & F MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22ND AT 4PM

BENCUBBIN SDA CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP
DUE 28TH OCTOBER

LAST DAY TERM THREE
FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

P&F MEETING - 22ND SEPTEMBER

Attending a parents and Friends meeting is a great way to meet new families and have an opportunity be part of positive change in our College community. Afternoon tea will be provided and we look forward to seeing you at our new time **4pm**.

YEAR 12 MALAYSIA FUNDRAISER DINNER AND CAKE AUCTION

That is right, the fundraising dinner and cake auction to raise funds for the Year 12 Leavers Service Trip to Malaysia is back again this year! The meal will be an all-you-can-eat two course meal smorgasbord catered for by the Year 12 Food and Nutrition class, and their teacher Mrs Robinson. The always popular cake auction will follow the meal. Entry will only be by pre-paid ticket, and they will be available from next week. Adults and children over 10yrs will cost \$30/head. Children 10 and under will cost \$20/head. This is the one large event being put on in support of the Malaysia service trip so please save the date: **Monday the 19th of October at 6:00pm**. See you there!

YEAR 12 TRIAL EXAMINATIONS

For our students in Year 12 the year is rapidly coming to its conclusion. Commencing next week, the Year 12 TEE students will be sitting their Trial Examinations at the College. The examinations run from Thursday, the 17th of September, to Friday, the 25th of September. Timetable information has been sent home with the students this week along with some FAQs in relation to examinations. Students are required to be familiar with the WACE examination requirements. They must bring their signed timetable with them to each Trial Examination and be present at 9am for a 9:30am start. Please contact our Director of Studies, Mr Darren Martin, for more information.



YEAR 12 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

The Year 12 Outdoor Education class have enjoyed the wonderful outdoors again this term, this time showcasing their mountain biking skills as they tore up the Kalamunda trails. Although a couple of injuries and many sore bodies came out of the day, lots of fun and laughs were had by all. They were led down and up the trails by one of Carmel's mountain biking gurus, Mr Stafford Snr, who enjoyed showing off his skills.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Happy Spring Everyone!

This is a reminder if you have signed up to pack operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. It is now time for them to be collected. Please drop them off at reception by Tuesday next week (Sept 15).



Thank you for all your support!

Please don't hesitate to contact me, my email is mirandaleijser@adventist.org.au or you can call the College on (08) 9293 5333.

*Pr Miranda
Chaplain*



NAPLAN RESULTS

Please note that the Year 7 and Year 9 NAPLAN results from 2015 have been mailed today. All parents of students that sat the assessments earlier this year should receive their students' results within the week. Please contact the College if you do not receive this information.

Attached to the newsletter is a document showing our overall results for 2015 and how we compare with other schools both within the state and nationally. Some summary statistics are shared with you below. The College can be very proud of this year's results.

YEAR 7

- o On average, the cohort of 2015 achieved results that place them half of one band ABOVE the national average across the Numeracy, Reading, Writing and Spelling assessments.
- o On average, in the Grammar and Punctuation assessment, the cohort achieved nearly one full band ABOVE the national average.
- o These are the highest results obtained by a Year 7 cohort at the College since NAPLAN testing was first introduced in 2008.

YEAR 9

- o On average, the cohort of 2015 achieved results that place IN LINE WITH the national average across the Numeracy, Reading, and Spelling assessments.
- o On average, in the Writing assessment, students in the cohort achieved ABOVE the national average.
- o On average, in the Grammar and Punctuation assessment, students in the cohort achieved BELOW the national average.

CAMBODIA DONATION

We would like to thank the generous donation given to the school by PT Environmental Services for the amount of \$2500.00.

This was given to the school to contribute to the fundraising efforts of Chaniece Marney, as she is from the Pilbara and has close connections with this company.

This greatly appreciated donation was presented to the school last week by the owner of the company, Mr Geoff Stocker, and Michael Garkaklis.

We are proud to acknowledge this very generous pledge towards our mission trip to Cambodia on behalf of Chaniece Marney.

We look forward to continuing involvement with PT Environmental Services, as our Indigenous students from the Pilbara continue to represent Carmel Adventist College on our mission trips.

BENCUBBIN ADVENTIST CHURCH

SCHOLARSHIP

The Bencubbin Adventist Church Scholarship was established to assist students who are attending, or are planning to attend, Carmel Adventist College. The student is to:

- come from a home where their parents are considered financially challenged,
- have a demonstrated interest in spirituality and;
- are an existing or prospective student at the College.

This annual scholarship is worth \$1000 and is awarded to one student per year.

If you wish to apply, please complete the attached application form, and return it to College Reception by 28th October, 2015.

YEAR 9 CHALLENGE CAMPS

The Year 9's participated in Challenge Camp at the end of last week. The boys and the girls were at different camps (including a farm). While they were away, they participated in a variety of practical and challenging activities, with lots of surprises along the way.

BRONWEN HEALY VISITS CARMEL

Bronwen Healy, from the Hope Foundation in Brisbane, came to Carmel College last week to talk to the students. The Hope Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation that helps women escape drug addiction and prostitution. Her moving message, 'Every choice has a consequence', inspired the students to consider that the choices they make now can influence their future, and how that every student is loved, valued, and created with a purpose.

