Welcome

It is that time of the year when the 2014 NAPLAN results are reported and published. I want to celebrate the success of our students, and acknowledge the hard work they have done.

I am proud of our students. Their performance is an indication of the hard work and courage that they have as they continue to grow in character, academic strength and personal discipline. It is great to see the way in which many students perform to, and above their potential. Students with the capacity continue to excel, in an environment where the quality of teaching and the high level of individual care and support is received.

As we celebrate an improvement in our results, we congratulate our students, knowing that ‘Quality is not achieved by Chance.’

We have just celebrated Father’s Day. This is an important time for me, because as a father, I have a huge responsibility to portray and adopt the father’s posture. For me, the two main roles of a father are to provide and protect. I do not just refer to my own children but also as Principal to the Secondary students at Austin Cove Baptist College.

Fathers know the names of all their children, they encourage, motivate, believe in and support the dreams of their children.

I enjoy walking around the school, talking to each student that I meet. I enjoy relating and engaging with them. I love hearing about their dreams and aspirations. In my role, I want to see their dreams realised. I want to celebrate with them and be a listening ear when they need it.

The school has certainly been built, from my perspective, on the understanding of a Father’s Heart. With that comes encouragement and celebration, but also firm and fair discipline. Discipline that is never administered in anger; it corrects the actions but encourages the child. I see the potential of every student and believe in them. Repeated actions become a habit and that strong habits form the child’s character and ultimately leads to their destiny.

We have a poster in our classrooms which outline how thoughts and words lead to actions - habits - character - destiny.

As a father, I see that their destiny is in their hands and the question I constantly ask myself whether, the College is 'providing' and 'protecting' students to become all that they can be and go beyond the ordinary and into the extraordinary.

God the Father, is the best example I know. My role as a Christian leader, is to represent His Character in the best way that I possibly can.

Mr O dos Santos
Principal

‘But as many as received Him (Jesus), to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His (Jesus’) name.’

John 1:2
Welcome cont.

A great quote can convey BIG thoughts and sentiments in just a few small words.

‘I know what a good man is because I saw it in my father.’ Raimond Gaita

‘A father is someone who will play with you, even though he has friends his own age to play with.’ Unknown

‘If you can give your son or daughter only one gift, let it be enthusiasm.’ Bruce Barton

‘Just do what we say, Dad, and no one will get hurt.’ Two daughters.

‘Your children need your presence more than your presents.’ Jesse Jackson

‘The fundamental defect of fathers is that they want their children to be a credit to them.’ Bertrand Russell

‘One of the unseen benefits of having children is that they deliver you from your own selfishness. There’s no going back.’ Martin Amis

‘What a father says to his children is not heard by the world: but it will be heard by posterity.’ Jean Paul Richter

‘When you have kids, there’s no such thing as quality time. There’s just time. There’s no, ‘Ooh, his graduation’s better than going to the mall.’ It’s all kind of equal. Changing her diaper and her winning a contest — it’s all good.’ Chris Rock

‘My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person: he believed in me.’ Jim Valvano

‘Having a kid is like falling in love for the first time when you’re 12, but every day.’ Mike Myers

‘A man knows he is growing old because he begins to look like his father.’ Gabriel Garcia Marquez

‘When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to twenty-one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years.’ Mark Twain

‘I have found the best way to give advice to your children is to find out what they want and then advise them to do it.’ Harry S. Truman

‘My sisters and I can still recite Dad’s grilling rules: Rule No. 1: Dad is in charge. Rule No. 2: Repeat Rule No. 1.’ Connie Schultz

‘My father taught me that the only way you can make good at anything is to practice, and then practice some more.’ Pete Rose

‘Before I got married I had six theories about raising children; now, I have six children and no theories.’ John Wilmot

‘He has always provided me a safe place to land and a hard place from which to launch.’ Chelsea Clinton

‘I just sit there and make up songs and sing to [my son] in gibberish. I’m very good at gibberish now.’ Elton John

‘A (rad) dad is someone who carries a picture where his money used to be.’ Rad for a Dad

‘The older I get the more I can see / How much he loved my mother and my brother and me / And he did the best that he could / And I only hope when I have my own family That everyday I see a little more of my father in me.’ Keith Urban

Father's Love
Curriculum

The NAPLAN results for 2014 have just been released.

We are very proud of all of our students who gave their best effort in these tests earlier in the year. All students, regardless of their ability, were encouraged to complete NAPLAN testing and are included in the results below. Each student's courage in completing these tests is to be commended.

The tables below indicate the National Mean for each of the different tests that the students completed as well as the School Mean for those tests.

Although students struggle with some of these areas of literacy and numeracy and their scores are below the National Benchmark, the improvement made by the Year 9 cohort over the past two years gives us confidence that students will improve with the assistance and level of teaching that they are receiving at Austin Cove Baptist College. Several areas that were below in 2012 are now above the National Mean and indicate significant improvement.

I would like to thank all of the staff in the Secondary school who have put so much time and effort into their teaching. It is apparent that their commitment has helped our students improve in areas that are vital for their future education. We have a very enthusiastic team of teachers and educational assistants who are dedicated to individual students and are committed to helping them achieve their full potential.

Mrs M dos Santos
Deputy Curriculum

2014 National Program for Numeracy and Literacy (NAPLAN)

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Student Services

Thank you for assisting us in helping your child become the best they can be. I would also like to congratulate the Year 7 students and their teachers for an awesome night out at Bounce. To the boys who participated in the Rugby League competition – well done. I have heard good things about your attitude and behaviour on the day.

Housekeeping

Lunch Orders

As you are aware, Subway no longer provides school lunches. Students are encouraged to make use of a local provider, ‘Pelicans on the Murray’, for their lunch orders. The process is as follows:

- Students are to collect a Menu from Secondary Student Services
- Lunch orders placed, with correct money where possible, in an envelope. NB: The College will not provide envelopes.
- Name and Form clearly marked on the front of each envelope
- Place the envelope at Primary School Student Services no later than 8:30am.
- Collection of lunch orders and change will be from Primary School Student Services during Secondary lunch.
Student Services cont.

My prayer for all our families is this: That we may experience little bits of heaven in how we perceive our spouse/partner, how we see and treat our children, how we see and treat our parents and friends and how on occasions, when we are still and hear Him speak in the rustle of leaves or the setting of the sun behind the trees.

Quote of the Week:
’Soo do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.’ Isaiah 41:10

Mr P Venter
Deputy Student Services

Bounce

On Friday the 29 August the Year 7 students went to Bounce in Cannington. It was all very exciting arriving at Bounce, even though it was drizzling with rain.

Everyone ran straight to all the trampolines, bouncing and running everywhere. There were students and teachers bouncing and dodging dodge balls in the dodge ball arena.

Mr Capener was seen doing many flips and handstands. Some students were extraordinary with their bouncing skills and were amazing their friends and the public. One student, Isaac S, did nine backflips in a row before he stumbled.

Into the first hour we had many tired people sweating like crazy. Then, of course, everyone went back for more bouncing.

When our two-hour session finished we were all tired and disappointed to leave. It was still drizzling outside but we braved the cold to get on the bus and back safely to school.

Keeley G
Year 7 Student

Watch This Space

SMS Messaging is coming to Austin Cove Baptist College.

This will enable quick and effective communication between the College and Parent Community regarding important notifications such as weather warnings, student absences, up-coming events etc., all via mobile messaging.

Further details to follow in the next edition of the College News.

Thank you.

Administration
Myara Mine Excursion

Recently (26 August) the students of 2B Geography class visited the ALCOA mine site Myara, just north of North Dandalup. The main purpose was to see the mining processes and in particular the approach to rehabilitation and sustainability of the local forests.

The students learnt how ALCOA has a 100% approach to leaving the mine site in better shape than they found it. The students also discovered how ALCOA work closely with many groups (stakeholders) to ensure that the mines minimise the damage to flora and fauna.

While observing, the students had an opportunity to watch a 575 bulldozer at work, which is controlled remotely and is the largest in size, in the world. Then an opportunity to go into the forest to inspect the rehabilitation work close up was made available. We would like to thank the staff at ALCOA for every opportunity they provided us on the day.

Mr S Price
Head of Year 10 and Year 11

Year 8 Drama

Congratulations to Jessica D. on winning the poster design in Year 8 Drama class for her poster advertising The Enchanted Castle play.

The Year 8 Drama class have written the play and will be performing it in Term 4.

Mr S Capener
Head of The Arts

College News

The Austin Cove Baptist College Newsletter is emailed to all families fortnightly. Should you wish to receive the newsletter in hardcopy please notify Mrs Price via reception: reception@acbc.wa.edu.au.

Newsletters can also be found on the College website www.acbc.wa.edu.au.
All high school students were introduced to Operation Christmas Child last term. They were very excited about the 500 boxes that will be filled for poor children all over the world. The next drive is for 500 ‘Something Special’. We are appealing to all our parents to give generously because our goal is attainable only if we work together as an awesome team.

The items being collected are as follows:

**Week 7 and 8:** School Supplies
Still need Notebooks (smaller than A4) / Pencils / Pens / Colouring Pencils / Erasers / Sharpeners

**Week 9 and 10:** Special Item Drive

There is also an urgent call for **Teddies**!

The Operation Christmas Child committee have arranged two fund raising events to be held at The Good Guys in Mandurah (Pinjarra Road) on Saturday 13 September and Saturday 1 November. Volunteers are required to assist with cooking and selling both days.

Anyone interested in assisting please contact Mrs Mouton or Mrs Botha via Secondary Reception.

A huge thank you to all our parents and friends.

*The Operation Christmas Child Committee*

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**Uniform Shop**

**Uniform Shop Holiday Hours**

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The Uniform Shop will be open every morning during School Term from **Monday to Friday 8:00am to 10:00am**.

Should your child need a fitting, please call 9537 7177 to make an appointment or email uniforms@acbc.wa.edu.au.

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**Kiss and Drive**

Please respect there is no parking or standing in the Kiss and Drive area.

As there is an increased amount of vehicles passing through the College grounds, it is imperative that the Kiss and Drive does not hold up traffic. If your child is not ready and waiting at the pickup point it will be necessary for parents/guardians to drive around the circuit until they are ready.
School Fees

A reminder that if there are any changes to the frequency or bank account details that you have previously provided the College, from which your annual, semester, termly or monthly payments are made, please notify the College as soon as possible. Unless we are informed otherwise, your information from 2013 will be used in 2014.

Direct Debts will continue to be made as follows:

- 1 payment on 20 February
- 2 equal payments 20 February and 20 July
- 4 equal payments on 20 February, 20 April, 20 July and 20 October
- 10 equal payments on the 20th of each month from February to November

2014 Fee Schedule
Kindergarten $2800 pa
Primary $3100 pa
Secondary $5060 pa
20% discount for second sibling
40% discount for third sibling
* Discount applies if attending simultaneously.

Compulsory Camps
Compulsory Camp costs are included in the fee structure.

Term Three Dates

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* Dates may be Subject to Change

2014 Term Dates

Term 3
Tuesday 22 July to Friday 26 September

Term 4
Tuesday 14 October to Friday 12 December

Helpful Information

The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register

The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register is hosted by the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children and is supported by Vision Australia and Guide Dogs. It is the first national register of children in Australia with vision impairment. The Register has been collecting data since 2009, and this data is providing important information about the types of eye disease and vision disorders children have and the support they need. The data is also used by service providers and researchers. Data is stored securely and no child can be identified in any way when the data is released.

Families are invited to register their child (aged 0-18 years) if they have vision impairment in both eyes which has been diagnosed by an eye specialist or ophthalmologist. Registration can be completed by contacting Register staff on (02) 9872 0303, or by visiting the VI Family Network website at: vifamilynetwork.org.au. The website also provides information on eyes and vision; family support; education and related issues; braille and low vision aids; technology supporting vision impairment; newsletters from Australian low vision agencies and support groups, useful websites; and news and events that might interest families across Australia.

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