Dear Bethany Campus Community,

Last week, Marcel Rijken, Toshi Umehara and myself, attended the Christian Schools Australia National Conference. We were certainly challenged and inspired by the speakers and the “food” was sensational also. It is a great opportunity to network with principals and leaders from other Christian schools and share ideas. On the Tuesday, we visited three Western Australian Christian schools, which gave us ideas and concepts to adopt, especially in our two new buildings—the Performing Arts Centre and the Trade Training Centre. However, overall I must say we are very blessed with the facilities we have, and will soon have, considering we are only in our twelfth year of operation.

Cambodia Missions Trip
Marcel met with the team of students and staff that will be going to Cambodia at the end of this term. We have a very enthusiastic group that have been very busy raising funds. Each student is expected to raise at least $500 as a gift towards the work in Cambodia. We have two more team meetings before the end of the term. Please pray for the team and God’s covering and protection.

Year 11 and 12 Information Nights
We have completed our Information Nights for students entering Year 12 and Year 11 in 2013. These have been led by Mrs Moore who is in charge of the SACE and Curriculum. The evenings have been very thorough and informative. It was great to connect with families on each of these nights.

World Vision 40 Hour Famine
The World Vision 40 Hour Famine is a focus for fundraising this term. It is encouraging to see that a good number of students have already signed up. Students can choose to go without a variety of different things for 40 Hours, including technology, speaking or food.

Steel Magnolias
I am really looking forward to our Senior Drama production ‘Steel Magnolias’ that will be performed at the Shedley Theatre on August 17 at 7pm. We have a very talented group of students and the production is sure to entertain all who attend. Tickets can be purchased at the door of the theatre.

Insights
Today’s helpful parenting hints article is: “How much should parents push their kids?” Good open communication between parents and children is vital to inspiring your child to succeed. Remember communication is two-way, listening as well as sharing. We as parents love to share but it is important to listen to your child’s view, perceptions, state of mind and heart. When they feel heard, they are then more likely to listen.

Prayer Points
Please continue to pray for the following needs of our school community:

1. Brian Hagger, the previous Temple Christian College Principal (Marcel Rijken’s predecessor) has been diagnosed with cancer. Please pray for successful medical treatment and a miracle which results in his total recovery. Brian was instrumental in overseeing the establishment of the Bethany Campus.
2. Sarah and Adam Wolf’s new baby, Ava Marion Wolf, born prematurely weighing 1.53kg. Both are doing well, but Ava is confined to hospital until she puts on more weight.
3. Brad Mercer, the West wing building supervisor, who tragically lost his father in a workplace accident last week. Pray for the Holy Spirit to strengthen and comfort Brad and his family during this time of tragedy.
4. The continued progress and completion of our West wing building, Trade Training Centre and Oval development.

Jesus says in Mark 11:22-25 (The Message) “Embrace this God-life. Really embrace it, and nothing will be too much for you. This mountain for instance: Just say, ‘Go jump in the lake’ - no shuffling or shilly-shallying— and it’s good as done. That’s why I urge you to pray for absolutely everything, ranging from small to large. Include everything as you embrace this God-life, and you’ll get God’s everything. And when you assume the posture of prayer, remember that it’s not all asking. If you have anything against someone, forgive—only then will your heavenly Father be inclined to also wipe your slate clean of sins.”

Jesus encourages us to pray in faith, believing that God wants the best for us. Our responsibility is to make sure that there is no unforgiveness in our hearts towards someone else. I believe as we pray we will hear wonderful testimonies of miracles. God Bless.

R J Klimionok

PARENT’S NOTE:
Friday, SEPT 7 is a STUDENT FREE DAY. Staff will be on a Professional Development Day.
Congratulations to Adam and Sarah Wolf on the birth of their daughter, Ava Marion. Born Aug 1st (6 weeks early) weighing 1.53kg.

YEAR 10 BIG NIGHT OUT

On a cold night in late July, forty-four Year 10s, one Year 12 and four teachers travelled by coach to the Arts Theatre, Angus Street to watch Independent Theatre’s production of “To Kill a Mockingbird”.

The students (and teachers) were impeccably behaved, and after the show were privileged to meet cast members and the director, Rob Croser, in the foyer where they had the opportunity to give feedback in person and have their photographs taken with the stars.

Tia Hartwig writes “it was a very moving play…I think it would touch most people, I highly recommend they go see it”.

Unfortunately the season for this particular play has ended, but this excursion certainly introduced some new recruits to the magic of live theatre!

Bethany Christian School Canteen Changes

Parents, please note that there will be a change to the way lunches are bought from Bethany Christian School’s canteen from this Monday. Unless students are ordering sandwiches or wraps, they will no longer be required to fill in a lunch order bag, but will go directly to the canteen at recess and lunchtime to buy food over the counter. Students will be asked to form lines and wait patiently for their turn. They will be supervised by a yard duty teacher at all times. If they have pre-ordered sandwiches or wraps, they will still need to go to the canteen to pick up their order.
Venue: World Harvest Christian Centre, 61 Baloo Street, Ingle Farm

Conference One: Program for 12—14 years
Monday Sept 24—Wednesday Sept 26
Conference Two: Program for 15—18 years
Thursday Sept 27—Saturday Sept 29

Full Registration $50.00

For more information and a registration form contact Karen Vanderveen on 8256 9622 or go to www.providencechick.com
Bethany Christian School Canteen

As our students are able to buy food from Bethany Christian School’s canteen, they have requested some parent volunteers from Temple Christian College to help prepare food and serve students at lunch and recess times.

If you are available to help at some time, even if it is for a few hours, please return the slip below with your interest and availability. The opening times are 9.00am to 2.30pm. If you require more information, please contact Steve Strikwerda via Bethany’s school office on 8283 0000.

☐ I would like to volunteer one day per term
☐ I would like to volunteer one day per fortnight
☐ I would like to volunteer weekly

Please specify which days and what times you are available.

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Name: ........................................................................................................................................................................

Contact number: ........................................................................................................................................................
North Zone Netball Carnival

On Friday, August 3rd 2012, ten Year 8 and 9 girls set out to achieve victory at the North Zone Netball Carnival. With skill and determination, the girls won 5 out of the 6 games and entered the final to play for 1st or 2nd place. The game began with bated breath and a very boisterous coach, but with 2 minutes to go, the girls were the clear winners. With “2012 winners” engraved on the trophy, there were big smiles all round! Well done girls, you did a fantastic job!

Mrs Stephanie Drummond

Parents Coffee Morning

Temple Christian College Bethany Campus is looking for a volunteer who would be interested in beginning a Parents Coffee Morning.

This could be held weekly, fortnightly or monthly. A Coffee Morning is a great opportunity for parents to get to know one another better.

If this is something you would be interested in starting or being a part of, please contact Linda Hunter at the School Office on 8256 9600.

Mid North Christian College Aviation Studies

Dreamt of piloting/flying or restoring a plane? Have an interest in the aviation industry?

The Aviation Studies program is just about the most exciting school course a student could ever do at school. The students, under expert tuition, are learning to fly, restoring a plane and are able to apply for a Student Pilot Certificate.

This program is available to any student who has a desire to enter the Aviation Industry. It is a course conducted over 2 years completing 40 SACE credits in Years 10 and 11. Students attend MNCC 1 week per term (4 visits per year). We currently have students billeted with families from all over the state and even one from Tasmania and New South Wales.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2013-2014 program. For more details please phone the College on 86324240 or email Natalie on natalie.fariaols@midnorthcc.sa.edu.au

PARENTS PLEASE RETURN the ‘Family Details Collection Form’ that was posted home at the end of Term 2 with a reply paid envelope. This is very important to make sure all information is correct on our computer system in case of an emergency. Thank you

Entertainment Books

Only five books available. Hurry don’t miss out!!
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Monday September 17

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Term 3 MISSION POSSIBLE

Casual Day

Thursday, September 6

$2 Gold Coin donation

All funds raised go to World Vision

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STUDENT MATTERS

BLITZ ON LATENESS

Commencing Week 6

Punctuality is very important to the good order of the School day. While it is good to report that the majority of students are in Care Group and in class on time every day, habitual lateness for no good reason, by some students, has become a concern of late. This includes lateness to school, to Care Group and to classes.

Lateness is unsettling and causes disruption impacting on all members of the school community and adding extra unnecessary work for teachers and admin staff. Ongoing lateness for no good reason also implies an underlying lack of respect for the School Community and the parameters that are set for the good of all.

Commencing on Monday, August 20th the School will conduct a Blitz on Lateness. Students have been advised of this via the Student Notices.

The first bell goes at 8:30am. The bell for the commencement of the school day goes at 8:33am. At 8:33am students are expected to be at Care Group for the marking of the Roll and with all of their equipment ready for Lesson 1.

As stated previously,

* Ongoing lateness due to public transport means the student must review their travel plans and ensure they are working on the most efficient timetable to get to school before the 8:30am bell.
* Students who drive to school must calculate travel time and allow for delays.
* Students being driven to school by parents also must do their part to ensure they arrive to school on time and ask parents to write diary notes (or send an sms) to cover lateness.

Consequences will be given and will escalate quickly.

If there is a genuine case for students to be late regularly, parents are asked to contact Mr Hudson, Assistant Principal, Student Development, to see if there is a case for a special consideration to be put into place.

The School will be monitoring lateness very closely for the remainder of this term and we extend our thanks to parents for your continued support in this matter.
ATTENDANCE AND REPORTING ABSENTEEISM

The School has recently completed the Government Student Attendance Audit.

It has served as a reminder to all involved in School Administration that the Roll, as a legal document, must accurately reflect attendance and reasons for absence.

Communication from parents is vital to this process and we thank all parents who send or respond to sms messages or contact the school by other means to advise of absence.

Please can we remind parents of the necessity to:

* Obtain a Doctor’s Certificate for students being absent for 3 consecutive school days or 3 days in any school week. This covers the school, the parent and the student for various situations.

* Obtain a letter from the supervising Doctor if your child has any health issues likely to impact on attendance or school work. A clear understanding of what could be expected is to be included in this correspondence together with any other ‘care’ aspects the school can assist the student with.

* Advise the school in writing prior to holidays if it is necessary to schedule holidays during school term time

1. For less than 1 school week a Diary Note to the Care Group Teacher or email to the Student Services Officer, candace.vanderveen@templecc.sa.edu.au will suffice. This information will be communicated to School Leadership, teaching staff and will be reflected on the Roll.
2. For periods greater than 1 school week, but less than 4 school weeks, notification in writing prior to the absence is to be directed to the Principal.
3. For periods of 4 school weeks or more please contact Miss Vanderveen in the Student Services Office to obtain a DECS Form to formally apply for an exemption from school. The completed form is to be returned to the School and the Principal will formally approve the exemption and submit your forms as required.

Please also note that ‘parent consent’ and ‘family reasons’ cannot be entered as a reason for absence unless there is an explanation to justify this entry. Enough information should be given so the school can make a considered judgment to show ‘Parent Consent’ on the Roll. Parents can relay this information to Mr Hudson, Assistant Principal, Student Development, Candace Vanderveen in the Student Services Office or either of the Student Mentors if this is more appropriate.

The School Leadership has the mindset that there should be no Unexplained Absences on the School Roll and will work, through the Care Group Teachers and the Student Services Office, to resolve these matters. Please do not be offended if you are contacted in order to resolve these matters.

Frequent unexplained and unauthorised absences may be viewed as truancy for which students may receive a consequence.

In some cases ongoing unexplained or unauthorised absence from school is a matter for Mandatory Reporting. The School is bound by law to report such cases that fall within the guidelines.

Again, we thank parents for their continued kind consideration and support in all these matters.
As parents, a vibrant school community is important to us. Being involved in the Parents and Friends group not only gives us the opportunity to be actively engaged in supporting events and initiatives, but provides a wonderful avenue through which to get to know and work alongside other parents. Together we make a difference in the life of the school.

If you would like to join us, an invitation is extended to all interested parents and friends to join us at any of the Parents and Friends meetings held through the year.

Please put our next meeting in your diary.
Tuesday Aug 28, 7pm.

**Parent Prayer Group**

Parents and friends are invited to join the Parent Prayer Group, who meet fortnightly at **2.30pm**, to pray into the life of the school. We look forward to seeing you.

**Parents Prayer Meeting dates for Term 3:**
**Tuesday 28/8, 11/9**

**BREAKFAST CLUB 2012**
Mondays & Thursdays @ 8am
Home Economics Room

**ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS**

Interviews are now being given for all Year Levels for enrolment for 2013. An Enrolment Form must be received by the school before an interview can be booked.

Please contact Mrs. Linda Hunter on 8256 9600 to request a Prospectus Pack

**2013**

At Temple Christian College we are now preparing staff numbers and resources for 2013. If your child will not returning for 2013, please remember that one full term’s notice in writing must be given. Therefore we must receive your notice by the end of this term. Failure to give notice may incur one term’s fees in lieu of notice.

Outstanding Fee Accounts: Please note that an overdue account charge of $10 per month will be charged from Term 2 if fees are not paid by due date (ie the 2nd Friday of each term) and there is no agreed payment arrangement in place. Please contact the School urgently on 8405 0935 if you have an outstanding fee.

**New Christians Group**
Join Karen Friday Lunchtime in the Home Ec. Sewing Room

**Uniform Shop News**

Only 5 weeks until the uniform changes from Winter to Summer. Don’t leave it to the last minute to check that your student’s summer uniform still fits. Avoid the rush and pop in to get any items you may require.

**Uniform Shop Hours**

Monday & Thursday
8am—9.45am
Friday
2pm—3.45pm

**Parents & Friends**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Cash Converters Fundraiser. We raised nearly $400.