Dear Bethany Campus Community,

It has been an exciting and very busy start to the term.

National Christian Schools Games
We have 27 students from both of our campuses representing the South Australian Christian Schools Association at the National Christian Schools Games being held on the Gold Coast in Week 4. They will be part of an SA team of almost 150 students competing in Athletics, Swimming, Basketball, Soccer and Tennis. It will be an exciting week for them. We also have students competing in many other teams at high levels of competition outside of school in State, National and International events.

Parents & Friends
We would love to see more Parents and Friends attending the P&F meeting. Details of the next meeting are included in this Newsletter. The P&F are currently fundraising for a covered all weather bike rack, which will cost approximately $5,000. To date, over $2500 has been raised.

The Uniform Shop will be open from 1.00pm – 3.30pm on Wednesday 13th May, but closed in the morning. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Congratulations to Shaun Chan of Year 8 for being selected as one of the Australian Futsal team to travel to Barcelona in November this year. He will be spending time in Spain training, playing games against Spanish representative teams, as well as sightseeing and watching professional matches. Well done Shaun!!

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It is really encouraging to see the number of students involved in the many extra activities we have in the life of the school.

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Recent natural disasters wreak incredible havoc on so many people’s lives and will no doubt leave an indelible imprint on our collective psyches. Graphic images have been brought into our living rooms via the media over the last few weeks, and will continue to do so in the immediate future. As adults we all want our children to live carefree lives and keep them from the pain and even horror of tragedies such as natural disasters. In reality we can’t do this.

1. Help children process what they see and hear, particularly through television
Children are good observers but can be poor interpreters of events that are out of their level of understanding.

2. Support children’s concerns for others
They may have genuine concerns for the suffering that will occur and they may need an outlet for these concerns. It is heartwarming to see this empathy in children for the concerns of others.

3. Be available
Let kids know that it is okay to talk about the unpleasant events. Listen to what they think and feel. By listening, you can find out if they have misunderstandings, and you can learn more about the support that they need. You do not need to explain more than they are ready to hear, but be willing to answer their questions.

4. Avoid keeping the television on all the time
The visual nature of the media means that images are repeated over and over, which can be both disquieting to some and desensitizing to others.

5. Be aware of your own actions
Children will take their cues from you and if they see you focusing on it in an unhealthy way then they will focus on it too. Let them know that it is happening but it should not dominate their lives.

6. Take action yourself
Children who know their parents, teachers, or other significant caregivers are working to make a difference feel hope. They feel safer and more positive about the future. So do something. It will make you feel more hopeful, too. And hope is one of the most valuable gifts we can give children and ourselves.

Children’s worlds can be affected in ways that we can’t even conceive of. So adults need to be both sensitive to children’s needs and mindful of what they say and how they act in front of children.

In difficult times, it is worth remembering what adults and children need most are each other.
**Study Matters**

**Deadline disasters**

Many students find it difficult to form good habits with their studies. For some this might be a result of not enough time spent on homework. Mixed with a lack of focus during class time this can be a recipe for disaster, resulting in students falling behind in a number of subjects and finding themselves in highly stressful situations.

This year we have been focusing a lot of attention on our deadline policy. For our senior students, failure to submit work can result in them failing to achieve their SACE (South Australian Certificate of Education), their official high school qualification. Our aim this year is to ensure that non-submission of work is dealt with as quickly as possible so that students’ SACE completion is not compromised by this issue.

Although there are many students who do manage to complete their work on time, there are quite a lot who are regularly falling behind. We are asking teachers to step up the focus of deadlines in the junior years, to help students to understand the importance of meeting deadlines and forming better study habits much earlier in their high school years.

A copy of the due date policy has been included for your information.

What can parents do? . . . As soon as possible, help your child to develop good study habits by establishing a routine homework time each day. As they progress through to higher years of schooling, this could become a more detailed study schedule where students have specific times set to work on each of their subjects at home. Due dates for assignments could be written on the household calendar, or displayed on the fridge, allowing you to remind your child and check how they are progressing towards submitting the work on time.

**Time off for holidays**

When considering a family holiday during school terms, the implications on a student’s studies should be seriously considered. In Year 11 and 12 especially, it is quite problematic for students to be away from school. For these senior year levels particularly, parents should discuss the situation with Mrs Buckoke before making any holiday bookings.

All parents should also be aware that time off for holidays requires completion of official paperwork (available from Student Services), which then goes to Mr Klimionok for approval.

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**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

**2015/2016**

Thank you for your wonderful support last year through Entertainment Books.

If you would like to purchase the 2015/2016 Entertainment Book, please fill in the endorsed form and return it to the school.

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**SCHOOL FEES ARE NOW DUE**

Fee statements were posted to all families last week. Please contact us if you have not received yours. Unless you have an agreed payment plan in place, Instalment 2 Fees were due last Friday, May 8.

We appreciate your commitment to having fees paid on time. If you do not have a payment plan but wish to set one up please contact the Office on PH: 8256 9600

Online Payment—Instructions back page this newsletter.

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**TEMPLE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE**

**PARENTS & FRIENDS FUNDRAISING**

This term’s goal is to raise enough money to buy a covered all weather bike rack.

This can be achieved through donations: buying an Entertainment Book (the Mother’s Day Stall); sale of 2 minute noodles (Friday lunchtimes)

**YOUR KIND ASSISTANCE IS APPRECIATED**

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**Student Accident Insurance**

Each year the College takes out a student accident protection plan for all students enrolled at the College. The plan has been arranged by the College’s insurance broker, Aon and it provides 24 hour accident protection, 365 days a year. The cost of the plan is already included in the Tuition Fee. The cover is similar to those which can be obtained privately from various insurance companies. It provides for lump sum payments in the case of specified injuries or accidents.

Aon’s Student Accident Protection Plan is Gold Plus cover. If you have any questions about the plan, please contact David Scordo at AON on Ph: 1800 806 493

If you wish to make a claim, please complete the School Student Accident Claim Form which can be obtained from Aon’s web site www.aon.com.au

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**Join the Cambodian Fundraising Team for a movie night at the Salisbury Hoyts Cinema on the 28 May 2015 at 6pm.**

**The cost of the ticket is $20/person. Included in this price:**

Show tickets, one raffle ticket and one gift bag.

We start advance ticket sales on Monday 11 May. If you would like to secure your place contact Guech Lee or Mrs Cibi.

All proceeds will go towards the Cambodian Mission Trip, assisting schools and orphanages in Cambodia.

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