

NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal Mr. Nicholas Lynch

Welcome to all the new families and their sons and daughters to Tardun. It was pleasing to catch up with the new families and old families last Tuesday. The term is in full swing and by week 2 (28-1st Feb) students will be used to the routines and rigours of life at Tardun.

We also welcome our new staff:

Ms Browyn Blattman (NSW) Girls boarding

Mr Gerald Blattman (NSW) teacher and tutor

Ms Lynn Bidwell (NZ) Girls boarding

Mr Peter Willoway (Local) Boys boarding

Gerald, Bronwyn and children have spent many years in boarding schools in Bathurst. Ms Lynn Bidwell has also had vast experience in girls boarding. We are very privileged to have them. Mr Peter Willoway is an old Scholar of the school.

It is also an important time as homesickness starts with parents and the students. The sense of loss will not always be obvious for parents, due to your daily routines, but there still is a loss. Some parents notice it more than others and it is important to recognise this and a phone call to the school and speaking to staff can help. Your son/daughter will develop an increasing level of independence but home sickness does generally happen, normally between week two and week five. Although some get it straight away, others a term later. It becomes the longest time they have been away from home (longer than a school camp). Some students cope better than others. They have photographs of their family members. Some keep themselves very busy and join in all activities to keep their minds off things. This is particularly important at the end of the school day when they normally go home. Most phone calls home happen between 4pm-8pm. This is a natural occurrence and as the term progresses it becomes less of an issue.

At the end of last week there was a launch of the new governance group for Christian Brothers schools across Australia. This group is called EREA (Edmund Rice (Founder of the Christian Brothers) Education Australia). This took place in Melbourne, with the Principal/board chair and school captain attending.

I leave you with this reflection

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.

To forgive the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to improvement of yourself that you have not time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, to noble for anger, to strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

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Term Calender with important dates for term 1.

Term dates and Boarders Long Weekend dates for the year.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All visitors must report to the school office or boarding supervisor before seeking their child. Read more page 2.

1st Parents and Friends meeting of 2008 to be held Friday 15th February at Skeetas restaurant in Geraldton. Read more page 2.

From the Deputy

Hello and welcome back to another year and another busy term for the teachers and students. We have a year 8 camp starting Monday (4/2/08) and our new year 8's are all looking forward to the adventure it will bring.

Two of our talented art students were involved in the creation of a wonderful banner which Mr Lynch has taken to be displayed in Melbourne at a Catholic Schools conference. Well done Mark Tureia and Kirraleigh Greham.

I am looking forward to a solid and productive term of work from all students. It can be quite a challenge for students who have not been away from home to get used to boarding, and they can get homesickness. This will fade away over time as they get more acclimatised to the school and the expectations of both boarding and the school. I hope your son/daughter has an excellent and educational time here at our unique school.

Mr Grant Howarth

Outward Bound 2008

22 February - 29th February

This will be the sixth year CBAS students will participate in an Outward Bound course. It is part of the curriculum and it is compulsory for all year 10 students to attend.

Outward Bound helps develop survival skills – not for the bush, but for the challenges they face in their every day lives. Dealing with uncertainty, coping with change, relating with other people and believing in yourself are all essential skills for life.

Outward Bound will help the students learn about themselves as they equip themselves for life.

The students will leave on Wednesday and stay the night at Clontarf Aboriginal College. This is to make the trip shorter and break up the travelling into two days.

Mrs Anita Krippner

CBAS P&F

A warm welcome to all the new families that have started at CBAS. Welcome back to all our 'old' families also. This year the P&F are looking to purchase a variety of items with the funds raised last year. To help make some decisions with this, but also to meet new mums and dads I would like to invite you to join us for coffee and cake at Skeetas Garden Restaurant in Geraldton at 10am on the 16th February. This will be more of a chat and getting to know each other, plus deciding on future meeting dates.

Rebecca Lynch

P&F President

Access to students

All visitors to the school/boarding need to report to the school office or to a boarding supervisor before seeking their child. Please note if you need to speak to other students you must seek permission from the appropriate people. (School: Principal or Deputy) (Boarding: Principal) This includes sporting events and boarding activities. This is a safety measure to ensure the safety of all present at the school/boarding. While 99% of the time people mean well, in our current society there are those who can take advantage of the good nature of our children. It is also a reminder for parents to give a list to the school of those they allow access to their son/daughter eg grandparents, sisters, brothers etc.



CBAS EREA banner completed by Mark Tureia and Kirraleigh Greham.

From the Business Manager

My return to Tardun at the end of the holidays was somewhat dampened by the news that the bowel cancer which put me out of action for a couple of terms during 2006-2007 has returned. I also have secondary cancer in my liver. I am waiting for further news from the doctors on an operation date.

Prayers welcome.

Br John Marks

Uniform/school fees

CBAS is now set up for Centacare deduction payments for outstanding school and uniform accounts. The school is still happy to accept direct deposit payments to the school bank account for these accounts. Please contact Janette in the office for further information.

Ms Janette Burges

TERM DATES 2008

Term 1

Commencement

Monday 21st JanuaryTeaching Staff

Tuesday 22nd JanuaryOrientation (new students)

Wednesday 23rd January.....Classes resume

End of Term

Thursday 20th March.....Students depart

Term 2

Commencement

Monday 28th AprilTeaching staff

Monday 28th April.....Students arrive

Tuesday 29th April.....Classes resume

Boarders long weekend

Thursday 29th May (**afternoon**)....Students depart

Wednesday 5th June.....Classes resume

End of Term

Thursday 3rd July.....Students depart

Term 3

Commencement

Monday 21st July.....Teaching staff

Tuesday 22nd July.....Students arrive

Wednesday 23rd July.....Classes resume

Boarders Long Weekend

Thursday 21st August (**afternoon**) ..Students depart

Tuesday 26th August.....Classes resume

End of Term

Thursday 25th September.....Students depart

Term 4

Commencement

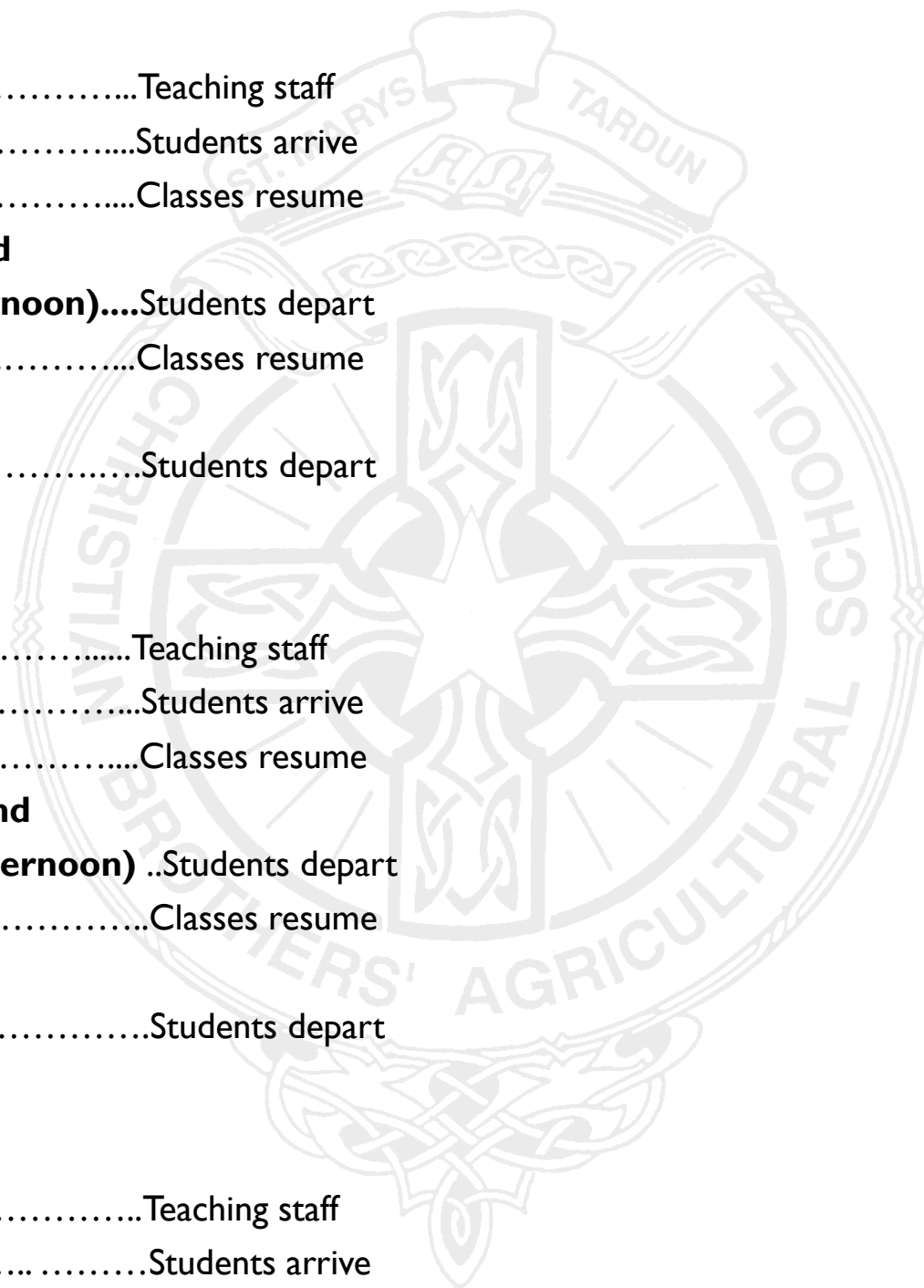
Monday 12th October.....Teaching staff

Tuesday 13th October.....Students arrive

Wednesday 14th October.....Classes resume

Sunday 7th December..... Graduation (students depart)

Friday 12th December.....Staff finish



| Week | TERM 1 2008 | | | | | | | |
|------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | |
| 1 | 21st January | 22nd January | 23rd January | 24th January | 25th January | 26th January | 27th January | |
| | Finance Meeting | Orientation (new students) Students arrive | Classes begin | | | | | |
| 2 | 28th January | 29th January | 30th January | 31st January | 1st February | 2nd February | 3rd February | |
| | | | | NL AWAY | EREA | LAUNCH | U15 G 1pm U15 B 1pm U17 B 4pm | |
| 3 | 4th February | 5th February | 6th February | 7th February | 8th February | 9th February | 10th February | |
| | → | Year 8 Camp | Jurien | → | | | U15 G 12pm U15 B 2pm U17 B 4pm | |
| 4 | 11th February | 12th February | 13th February | 14th February | 15th February | 16th February | 17th February | |
| | → | Bill Budeslik | | | Commissioning Mass Clontarf Footy Game | | U15 G 12pm U15 B 2pm U17 B 4pm | |
| 5 | 18th February | 19th February | 20th February | 21st February | 22nd February | 23rd february | 24th February | |
| | | | | | Year 10 Outward bound | | U15 G 12pm U15 B 2pm u17 B bye | |
| 6 | 25th February | 26th February | 27th February | 28th February | 29th February | 1st March | 2nd March | |
| | Finance meeting | | | | Board Executive meeting | | No bbl general bye | |
| 7 | 3rd March | 4th March | 5th March | 6th March | 7th March | 8th March | 9th March | |
| | | Farm Committee Meeting | | | | | U15 G 12pm U15 B 2pm U17 B 4pm | |
| 8 | 10th March | 11th March | 12th March | 13th March | 14th March | 15th March | 16th March | |
| | | | | | Clontarf Footy Game | | | |
| 9 | 17th March | 18th March | 19th March | 20th March | 21st March | 22nd March | 23rd March | |
| | | | | End of Term Students Depart | Good Friday | | Easter Sunday | |
| 10 | 24th March | 25th March | 26th March | 27th March | 28th March | 29th March | 30th March | |
| | Easter Monday | Board Meeting | → holidays | | | | | |
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