Insights

**Engagement**

“levels of hope, engagement and wellbeing are linked strongly with graduation rates and future success.”

Last week I talked about the ways in which we engender hope in students and noted that the school can only build on good foundations laid down by parents. Therefore strong and positive messages about the future combined with an optimistic and hopeful world view are critical to enabling students to hope and not see the future as a threat. Unconditional love in a home free of conflict, danger, manipulation or functional Khama are therefore the bedrock of a healthy childhood and creates a readiness to learn with purpose.

**How can parents build engagement?**

1. Stop rescuing - every time we rush in to save our kids from consequences we undermine competence and remove engagement. It trains them to be dependant.
2. Remember that boredom can be your friend - it allows children to problem solve, think and do. Make sure you give them unstructured time, free of screens or media to unlock and stimulate their imagination. Despite the saying, nobody ever died of boredom.
3. Help them to develop a passion - do something with them that they will enjoy and can gain mastery of sport, hobbies, collecting etc creates the time and space to be focussed and engaged in a task that brings joy, satisfaction and a sense of purpose.
4. Build a significant circle: Churches, clubs etc can provide valuable mentors who can speak into their lives and be great role models.
5. Give them accountability - regular chores and responsibilities train them that life is not all about fun or amusement. Pleasure should follow endeavour, otherwise it becomes an end in itself and loses its power. We all dream of a holiday by the beach yet if we were condemned to be on an eternal holiday on a beach it would lose its appeal and become meaningless. Focused work that teaches skills, competency and mastery helps to predispose children to the reward that is hard work. Help them to have an expertise.

**How does the College build engagement?**

6. All of our staff undertake regular professional development and appraisal.
7. Learning Coordinators regularly visit classes to assess classroom practice and the level to which each staff member is constructing a meaningful education program that engages their students.
8. Teachers undertake a biannual formal appraisal which identifies strengths and areas needing development. This information is then used to construct a teacher’s Professional Development Program. Student surveys are also being rolled out to allow student input and feedback on Teachers levels of engagement.
9. A key part of our College’s Mission Statement is “to equip students for works of service.” Providing meaningful opportunities to use their gifts and talents to help others is perhaps the greatest engagement tool we have. This is demonstrated for example in the Year 10 Rangeway Buddy program where our students have been connecting with other students to support and encourage them.

All this is against a backdrop of growing youth alienation, family breakdown, depression and increased youth suicide. Affluence, individualism and the culture of “I, Me, Mine” is killing community and the cohesiveness of our society. Real life demonstrations of the Gospel of Faith, Hope and Love at SCC provide hope, engagement and wellbeing for our students.

**Next week - Wellbeing.**
IMPORTANT DATES

Primary
ALIVE!
Primary Drama & English Showcase - Wed 31 Aug @ 5.30pm

Secondary
Secondary Assembly
Mon 29 August @ 12.05pm

Whole School
Koorong Book Fair
29 Aug - 16 Sept in the library

Family Fun Day
Sat 10 Sept
10am - 2pm

Other Important Dates
End of Term
Fri 23 Sept

Start of Term 4
Mon 10 Oct

IMPORTANT NOTICES TO PARENTS

Family Fun Day
On Saturday 10th of September we will be having a family fun day at Strath. We are looking for people to have a stall or to help out on our Parents Team Stall. If you are interested in having a stall, please contact Anna Hollander for an registration form. Stalls will range from $20 (unpowered) and $25 (powered). Please get in early to avoid disappointment. If you can help out managing a stall, please let me know even if it’s just for an hour - this would be really helpful. Register your interest by emailing - ahollander@scc.wa.edu.au

ENROLMENTS

Is your little one turning 4 before the end of the year or in the first six months of 2017? If so, they will be eligible to attend our Kindy class. Now the big question...........have you completed the necessary enrolment paperwork and submitted it to our Enrolment Officer, Jenny Visser? Please call in to the office or email Jenny jvisser@scc.wa.edu.au Our numbers are growing steadily for 2017 so please ensure that your child will be a part of next year’s Kindy class at Strath.

Steve Grace - Crossing Australia - Let's Ride
FREE CONCERT at Strath on THIS SATURDAY
5pm - Food Stalls   7pm til 9pm - Concert
Bring a chair if you would like to sit on the lawn & watch the big screen
Primary Noticeboard

Come and Join Us ...
“Our God is a great big God” - Wednesday Morning Worship - 8.20am - 8.35am

ATHLETIC CHAMPIONS 2016

YEAR 1 BOYS
3 Ryan Lumsden
2 Levi Fabian
1 Isaac Consalvo

YEAR 1 GIRLS
3 Cassandra Richards
2 Addison Orr
1 Leilani Taylor

YEAR 2 BOYS
3 Samuel Koruthu
2 Riley Carter
1 Lysander Foster

YEAR 2 GIRLS
3 Hazel Lamb
2 Isabelle Boonzaier
1 Bridie Fabian

YEAR 3 BOYS
3 Mackinnley Orr
2 Denbi Horstman
1 Jack Fox & Denzel Drown

YEAR 3 GIRLS
3 Emily Peel (already handed out)
2 Mia Allen
1 Nicole Steenekamp

YEAR 4 BOYS
3 Seth Boothman
2 Dylan Serman
1 Mac Hoeffhamer

YEAR 4 GIRLS
3 Serena Koruthu
2 Devine Mbano
1 Summer Sutherland

YEAR 5 BOYS
3 Alex Obrien
2 Kristian Steenekamp
1 Nelson Boekeman

YEAR 5 GIRLS
3 Lea Putri
2 Sasha Williams
1 Chanelle Wennekes

YEAR 6 BOYS
3 Camron Hoeffhamer
2 Marcos Plant
1 Samuel Henry

YEAR 6 GIRLS
3 Asha Serman
2 Lily Sutherland
1 Jana Van Staden

Family Fun Day

MAKE IT ON THE CALENDAR *Saturday 10th September - Family Fun Day*. Invite your friends and family to come along. Featuring:

Carnival Games & Showbags

It’s Show Season and going to the shows can be a costly adventure, especially for families. So come along to the Strath Family Fun Day! ITS FREE! and we’re going to have wonderful Carnival Games.

Throw the Sponge was a very popular game last year, especially when Mr Arundell stepped up... I don’t know if he’ll give it a go again this year - you will have to come along to find out.

We’ll also have Showbags and a Lolly Stand.

So you don’t need to go to an expensive show - come here instead.

Mrs Anna Hollander
Marketing & Community Relations Officer

Enrol now for VacSwim
October school holiday swimming lessons

It is important for every child to learn to swim properly and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim October school holiday swimming lessons are run by instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. To enrol or find out more visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming.
Enrolments close on Monday 29 August.
Randolph Stow Young Writers Award Presentation Evening at Strathalbyn

Held at Strathalbyn Christian College Hall on Thursday 25 August at 6pm.

Secondary Noticeboard

Politics & Law Interview Ms Melissa Price
Senior students in the ATAR Politics and Law class recently interviewed Ms Melissa Price, the newly re-elected MHR for Durack, and Julian Burnside AO QC, Refugee advocate and High Court barrister. Ms Price visited the College and clearly enjoyed the time with our students.

She answered questions on issues including law and order and economic policy, as well as sharing her experiences as a female politician.

Julian Burnside joined us in a skype interview from Melbourne (thank you Mr Rice!) and fielded questions on Immigration perspectives and practises, as well as discussing ways we could improve the legal position of refugees while maintaining security.

These were highly informative and engaging interviews, and both guests were very complimentary of the quality of the thoughtful questions posed by Andrew Rankine, Storm Walker, Eden Adams-Constable, Peni Vauvau and Lloyd Still.

The College thanks Ms Price and Mr Burnside for their willingness to share valuable time with us!

Mr Lachlan Mason, Politics & Law Teacher

Secondary Athletic Carnival Results:

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And, in the Interhouse Competition

Joshua - 3780
Daniel - 4192
Gideon - 4544

SUNSMART WA Schools Surfing Titles

The SunSmart School Surfing Titles is one of Surfing WA’s largest participation based events of the year, with over 500 secondary students set to pull on their wetsuits and take part in regional and metropolitan qualifying events which kicked off on Monday 8th August in Geraldton.

Congratulations to Mac & Jesse Carter who won first place in the Junior Boys Division. They will go onto the championships being held in Perth later this term.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX DONATIONS:

Next week we are collecting: SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Exercise book, pencil case, pencils, sharpener, eraser, pens, colouring pencils, chalk [not textas/crayons]
Choose item for a boy or a girl.
Ages are 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14.
Please take items to Student Services and put them in either the PRIMARY or SECONDARY donation box.
Remember that all items need to be NEW - no secondhand items please, thanks.
Enrol your children for swimming lessons during the October school holidays.

Find out more and enrol online at education.wa.edu.au/swimming or telephone 9402 6412.

Meal provided:
- Soup & bread, followed by slice/cake & cuppa.
- Tickets available from Lighthouse Church on Shenton St from 24 July. Order book through your own church.
- Pre-purchase your ticket and you will receive a calico bag to decorate and include in your shoebox. Please bring your decorated bags on the evening. They will be returned to you on the night. Prizes awarded on the night.
- Tickets are also available at the door on the night.

BOOKINGS: At your church
Or Ph: Lighthouse Office 9964 4169 Tues - Fri 9 - 3pm
Email: office@lighthousegeraldton.com

A night full of Games, Prize & Indulgent food!