Politics, politics and more politics.
It’s an interesting game being played in our great State. Everyone has an opinion on just about everything and opinion slaps right into a personal set of core beliefs. I spoke at length with local candidates, as I raised a number of issues that directly have an effect on our College and the delivery of education in our region. In summary – it’s a numbers game.

May I encourage you all democracy is a very important Christian construct that enables the spirit of God to move through His people to do His will. It’s that simple.

As I visited classes at school this week, I’ve been greatly encouraged to see that our very dynamic HASS Department is explaining in detail our political system and the way in which legislation is determined and laws made in our State and Country. We are equipping students with the essential knowledge of the system that determines who sets the vision and direction for the future. It is a big deal and too many of us tend to dismiss this very important fact. We have a good system, which like all systems has flaws, but it’s a system we must adhere to because the other choices are pretty diabolical. We only need to look across the globe to see the fruit of what some of the alternatives look like. War, persecution and dictatorships.

But I want to pause and focus our attention on the big picture; that if a community of people are one, united and convinced of the truth in their own mind, the power of God moves mightily through them. We see this time and time again through the scriptures where immense moves of God have happened through mere men and women, flawed and simple people, just like you and me. One of the essential ingredients is a willingness to be used by God for the benefit of others. It is then that God chooses to act mightily, when we choose to submit. Be it in leading our family, our small group, our friendships, our church, our work organisation or the State and outwards in larger circles of influence. Why? Because God Honours his Word and those who honour His word will be rewarded. By Faith we put our trust in Him, not in our own skills – rather by putting our skills to work for Him.

As parents, we need to monitor very carefully what our children are hearing and viewing. Too many of us are allowing things into the minds and hearts of our young people that simply should not be. I will refer a lot to a great pearl of wisdom that someone shared with me many years ago - “You will be pickled in the vinegar you have made”. What I mean by this is that eventually, maybe not today, or tomorrow, or even next week or month or year, the fruit of the seeds you sow into your kids each day will become part of them.

Prayer, thinking of others before self, submitting lies to the truth, being confronted with personal responsibility, explaining the fruits of the Spirit, serving others are all Biblical principles that promise results and form the very vinegar that we are trying to create in our College. In time, it will be a sweet tasting fruit. Vinegar is a great cleaning agent, it washes away mould, which grows in darkness and filth. So I ask you, as you are looking around this wonderful City, to think carefully about what we take in and what practices of thinking we choose to dwell on.

I urge you all to remember this: But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:3 May this direct your thinking about who will lead our State and City and may you think deeply about the vital long term fruit of spiritual training to look at the World through God’s eyes.
IMPORTANT DATES

PRIMARY
Mon 20 & Tues 21
Primary Swimming Lessons (Yrs 1-6)

*_changed date*
Thurs Mar 16
Primary Swimming Carnival (Yrs 3-6)

SECONDARY
Mar 2
Year 8 Immunisations

Fri Mar 3
Secondary Swimming Carnival

OTHER EVENTS
Feb 23
Welcome Feast
Everyone welcome to attend
5.30pm - 8.00pm
Click on link below to RSVP
(Please don’t forget to include your children in the RSVP - thank you)
https://welcomefeast2017.eventbrite.com.au

SCC FACEBOOK PAGES
SCC Community FACEBOOK PAGE
Join and become a member of the Strath Community Facebook page (closed group). Its a great place to buy second-hand uniforms or specific College event information.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Primary Library Book Borrowing (Kindy to Year 6)
There have been a number of Library books which have been damaged by water already this year. Please ensure that your child uses a College Library Bag when they are borrowing books from the Library. Library bags (blue, waterproof, with a College logo) can be purchased from Mrs Kanini in the front office for $9.50.

Mrs Denise du Boulay, Library Manager

The Eland Community Library located at Strathalbyn Christian College is a Christian Community Library. College families and the wider Christian community are welcome to use books and resources from the Library. The Eland Community Library has books for young children through to adults, as well as magazines, DVDs, CDs, and audio books.

The opening hours are Monday to Friday 8.30am to 3.30pm.
(‘Don’t forget to sign in at the Front Office & collect a Visitors Pass)
Come along and visit the Library today!

College Uniform Policy – Infringements
This week we have been reminding students of the College policy on hats. College hat is required to be worn outside at all times throughout the year. This is intended to limit the risk of our students developing skin cancer in later life. It is not intended that students should have to wear a hat while crossing from one building to another. We have a ‘No Hat, No Play’ policy, which requires students to wear hats for any activity or play outdoors and during recess and lunch times. Hats are to be clearly labelled with the student’s name. If your child has lost their hat, please encourage them to check the lost property box in Student Services.

Students are reminded that infringements will be issued for any breach of the Uniform Policy. The policy is available on the College website www.scc.wa.edu.au

Darron Gedge
Deputy Principal, Student Welfare
KAPTURE PHOTOGRPAHY - Wed 8 & Thurs 9 March 2017

Our school photo days are coming!
Students will receive a Kapture Photography order envelope to bring home. Families with split/blended situations will be emailed student codes so parents/guardians can order online.
The preferred method of ordering your photos is online through Kapture’s website as your payment is secure and can be easily verified at any time. Alternatively you can pay by cash and return the provided envelope to the school on the photography day.
If you place your order online please return your envelope to the photographer on the day.
You have the remainder of the current year to order, however for orders placed 5 days after photography a late fee will apply.
You also have the option to order a sibling photo package online, however please be aware there may be a limited number of sibling orders that can be placed due to time constraints on photo day. We suggest you place your online sibling order the moment you receive your personalised envelopes.

Sibling photo orders close at midday Tues 7 March. Late requests cannot be granted.
Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please direct them to the Kapture office on 9240 1714 or email enquiries@kapture.com.au.

All students will be photographed individually on photo day for school administration records AS WELL as included in their class group photo available for purchase to all families. Should there be any reason why your child should NOT be included in the photo shoot – please contact the school office.
https://www.kapture.com.au
Strathalbyn Christian College Code: 6YHZPE

Swimming Carnival Time Keepers Needed - 3 March
Can you help?
We are looking for time keepers who think they can push a button when they see a swimmer touch the wall. We are happy for you to commit to half a day or a whole day. It may be the sort of thing you can do while watching your child/ren swim. If you think you are capable of doing this task, please email Caleb Castlehow at ccastlehow@scc.wa.edu.au

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Self esteem- what is it
Positive self-esteem appreciates the unique person that God created you to be, however there are times when we struggle to see ourselves in a positive light. Click on the link below if you would like to find out more about healthy self-esteem and how you can help your child improve their self-esteem.

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. Psalm 139:13-14

Primary Students:
Secondary Students:

Week Three Student Support Tips!
Student Support Services at Strath include a Counsellor, Chaplain and Primary Student Support
Please contact the front office if you would like to speak to someone.

I am able to do all things through Him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

Learning God's Way
Welcome Feast
Thursday 23 Feb
We would like to welcome everyone but especially new families, to join us in a meal together on Thursday 23 February.

RSVPs Close on Monday 20th February at 3pm. RSVP by email directly to the College at admin@scc.wa.edu.au or online at Eventbrite https://welcomefeast2017.eventbrite.com.au

YEARLY PARENT CALENDAR available
Have you ever wished to have a calendar on the fridge will all the major school events on it? Well, we have done just that. If you would like a copy, please call into the Front Office and collect one from Mrs Julie Fong.

ELY Tupperware FUN-Raiser
This term we are doing a Lunchbox Fun-Raiser from Tupperware. Please place your orders at Student Services by Friday 24th February.

At the Welcome Feast we will have some of the products available for you to see & purchase if you haven’t placed an order yet. 10% of all sales will go back to the College.

Homework Help – Mathematics and Science
We will be running a Homework Help Session after school in the Library again this year: Who: Year 7-12 students
When: Wednesday afternoons, 3.00-4.00pm Where: L03 (Library classroom)

Students should bring along any work that they have been struggling with in class for either Mathematics or Science. Mrs Kiera Foster and Mr Greg Thorpe will be there to assist. If you would like your child/ren to participate in the Homework Help sessions, please send an email to fdavidson@scc.wa.edu.au requesting that your child/ren be added to the CareMonkey Permission eForm.

Please respond to the eForm as soon as possible. Prompt collection of students from school at 4.00pm will be appreciated when they attend. Students don’t necessarily have to attend every week, but we do require permission from you for their attendance.

SPORT NOTICES - Check Online for more notices about Sport and Other Community Groups

TEENIS
Hot Shots Tennis League is starting again on Wednesday 22 February. Please go online to view all the details.

NETBALL
Calling all Strath netballers in Years 3-6! There will be a training and information session for all students who would like to play for a Strath netball team this season.
When: WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH, 3:15-4:30pm
Where: Meet at the hangar

7-A-SIDE SOCCER
Mrs Kristen Fenby, Primary Sports Coordinator, handed out nomination forms and a copy of the attached letter to Primary students last week (Pre-Primary to Year 6). Just a reminder that forms and payment ($35 per student) are due back to Mrs Kanini in the Front Office by next Friday 24 February. Late nominations cannot be accepted. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Fenby directly kfenby@scc.wa.edu.au.

ROLLER DERBY/ SCOUTS/PAREN HELP/ TENNIS/SWIMMING - All online

FOR MORE COMMUNITY NOTICES - PLEASE VISIT THE COLLEGE WEBSITE UNDER NEWSLETTER