Insights

Strath Family Fun Day

Is it really a year since our last open day (renamed Family Fun Day this year)? Anna Hollander our School Marketing and Community Relations Officer is running around feverishly, ensuring that show bags are packed and all the details sorted so that it will be an even bigger and better success than it was last year.

So please show your appreciation for the staff and students and all the hard work they have put in to make the day a success by dropping in for an hour or two. Music, stalls, games and festivities, food and entertainment all shine a light on the Strath Story but it is all for naught if our community does not turn up. Can I also express my deep appreciation to the many parents who have also donated time or goods in kind to support the days success.

Happily we know that last year’s open day led to numerous new enrolments at the College because it was a great way for people to see what all the buzz is about. Strath is a school where the students are happy, engaged and enjoy learning within the context of a strong, supportive and connected community. This is apparent when you walk around the school and importantly is talked about in the wider community where the school is viewed favourable for its strong values and standards which emirate from its Biblical foundation. So please make a point of inviting friends and acquaintances to come and check us out and who perhaps have school aged students or just want to see those mad science experiments going off in the science labs!!

Also - Did you know that:

Our NAPLAN results in Years 5, 7 and 9 continue to show impressive improvement over each two year cycle and demonstrate clearly the value adding our students receive because of the clearly differentiated curriculum. It was impressive to see was our students are excelling in reading with our Year 5 and 9 students are performing above the National mean.

We now have waiting lists for entry into some year levels due to the widely held community understanding that an education at Strath builds character, instils a strong moral framework and provides the security of a safe and caring learning community.

Exit interviews with Year 12 students this year again confirms the fact that our senior students rate highly the quality of our teachers and the way they have been supported, encouraged and nurtured. It is such a privilege for me to hear the warmth of which they speak about the teachers, their friends and the experiences they have had on mission camps, ACC trips, rogaines and so on whilst at Strath.

Our Year 10 Buddy Program with Rangeway has been extremely well received with feedback from the teachers there that our kids have helped boost attendance on the days they visit and on the quality of the engagement our Year 10 students have with the Rangeway Kids.
**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Primary**
- Primary Dress-Up Day
  - Fri 16 Sept
  - Dress in Red or Green

**Secondary**
- Year 12 Recitals
  - Thurs 15 Sept @ 7pm
  - Tickets $10

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

**Other Important Dates**
- End of Term
  - Fri 23 Sept

- Start of Term 4
  - Mon 10 Oct

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**IMPORTANT NOTICES TO PARENTS**

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

**Sports Socks**
The Uniform Shop has patiently been waiting for a sports sock order to arrive, as we have run out of most sizes. Unfortunately, we’ve had news that the order has been delayed and won’t arrive until about the 20th of October (Week 2, Term 4). We will advise as soon as the sports socks are here.

**Sports Polo Shirts**
Primary Sports Polo Shirts are due to arrive by the end of next week. Again, we will advise as soon as the new stock arrives.

**Primary School Notice - Crazy Camel Fundraising**
The students have been busy this week creating wonderful art for the calendars and such. Next week, we will be sending out order forms. Keep a look out for it.

**Koorong Book Fair - LAST WEEK THIS WEEK!**

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**Strathalbyn Christian College - The Link - August 2016**
LAST WEEK!
Hurry in and get your books, CDs, DVDs and Bibles and more!

Finishes next Fri 16 Sept.

Primary Noticeboard

Book Week Assembly
Thank you to Parents and friends who attended our Book Week assembly for 2016, the student’s costumes were amazing. Much fun was had by staff and students. Students were awarded for their excellent class work that showcased the book that the class studied.
Here are the students that were recognised for their work;

Pre Primary (AP)  Angeline Bouwer & Jude Enslin
Pre Primary (BP)  Harriet James-Wallace & Tobias Bandy
Year 1            Addison Orr & Reuben Boonzaier
Year 2            Sheridan Hood & Alec Breytenbach
Year 3            Geraldeen Van Tonder & Denzel Drown
Year 3/4          Serena Koruthu & Colin Buckley
Year 4/5          Tia Orlando & Jayden Minchin
Year 5            Ashley Priest & Nelson Boekeman
Year 6 T          Isabelle Fletcher & Declan Righton & Marcos Plant
Year 6 S          Imogen Taylor & Daniel Lambden & Elise Micke

The winner for the most creatively dressed class
K-2               Year 2
3-6               Year 5

The winner for the best decorated class
K-2               PP (Mrs Pattenden)
3-6               Year 6 (S and T)

Mrs Denise du Boulay
Library Manager
Prayer Points

• Protection and peace over the College and the families in our community.
• Pray for God’s favour on Paul Arundell and the leadership of the College.
• For our Year 12 students during their last few weeks of school and studying for exams.
• For the Family Fun day tomorrow.

Year 12 Music and Drama Recitals

So what’s it all about?
The Year 12 students will do various performances that showcase the work they have been doing all year. It’s of a very high standard and it will be a fantastic evening out.

Come along and support the Year 12’s on Thursday 15th September. Tickets are $10 and be purchased from the College Office. Tickets include tea, coffee and cakes, with seating at tables in the Hall. The events starts at 7pm. Ticket sales close 3pm Wed14 Sept.

Do you recognise this bike? It’s been hanging out in the Sports Shed at school for most of the year. If it’s yours, please contact Miss Spencer dspencer@scc.wa.edu.au

German Cultural Exchange Program – Year 10

Strathalbyn Christian College is looking for a student/family in Year 10 who are interested in participating in a school cultural exchange. This is not your typical exchange; it’s a reciprocal program where you, as a family, would host a student from Germany for 3 months and your son/daughter would then go to Germany to stay with their host family for 3 months. There are no extra fees charged and no extra costs associated in Germany for the educational program (so you would just pay your normal Strathalbyn Christian College school fees whilst your child is in Germany). This is an arrangement directly between Strathalbyn Christian College and August-Hermann-Francke- Schule Giessen.

We have one applicant from Germany who would like to come to Strathalbyn Christian College, which means we already have one family in Germany within the Christian school community who are keen to take your son/daughter in exchange. The student exchange program is planned for the following dates:
• German student in Australia: Approximately June – Sept
• Australian Student in Germany: Approximately Oct - Dec

If your family is interested in being a part of this life changing opportunity, please contact me for further information ghirschhausen@scc.wa.edu.au

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX DONATIONS:

Thank you so much to everyone who bought items in for Shoeboxes this year. You still have this week to bring things in if you haven’t had a chance yet. Student Councillors will be making up boxes next week. Categories are:

• Something to LOVE
• Something to WEAR
• Something for SCHOOL
• Something SPECIAL (bags are awesome for this category)
• SCHOOL SUPPLIES
• Personal TOILETRY ITEMS
Leane’s Trench

The 11th Battalion Living History Unit, an organisation of dedicated volunteers determined to retain and commemorate the achievements and character of the 1st AIF 11th Battalion, has constructed a careful replica of a trench captured by the 11th at Gallipoli. This extraordinary tribute to the Anzacs is made available to the rest of us through engaging and interactive tours conducted by volunteers Tim Rust, Natalie Rust, Stuart Adamson, Harry Adamson, Chris Cox, Bryan Phillips, Daniel Treasure and Mark Long. We thank these generous people for their time, creativity and dedication. The trench is just 30 km from Geraldton and is very accessible through group bookings.

Most Year 10 and some Year 11 students participated in the excursion tour on Wednesday 7th September and experienced trench conditions as they were at Gallipoli, including simulated and very real detonations, machine-gun fire, .303 rifle fire and the percussions and impacts of trench warfare. The Committee volunteers wear authentic uniforms and allow students to handle authentic (and safe) weapons. This is a tremendous way to help young people understand what other young people did over 100 years ago to maintain a free and independent Australia.

Mr Lachlan Mason
Teacher

Year 10 Students’ reflections on the Trench:
'I really liked this part of the excursion - it was enjoyably informational. As we entered the trench, the gunshots almost deafened me, but I got used to the noise very quickly.'
Jadon Krekos

'I liked being able to see the trench and hear what it was kind of like.'
Chelsea Bennett

'I loved the authenticity, and the way they take it all very seriously. I thought that all the effort put into honouring the Anzacs was amazing.'
Mathew Adams-Constable

'Having people carry ammo boxes and wooden guns was very good for creating a feel of what the Anzacs had to carry.'
Mark Rathjen
POSITION AVAILABLE AT STRATH - GROUNDSMAN

Strathalbyn Christian College invites applications from suitably qualified Christians to fill the position of Groundsman – a full time position commencing 10th October 2016. This position reports to the Property and Maintenance Supervisor.

Duties:
- Grounds work - tending the College gardens, reticulation, removal of rubbish, support OSH committee
- Maintenance - duties around College grounds, buildings, servicing machinery and tools, monitor security fences, manage purchasing of chemicals as needed
- Bus Driving - taking students to various venues (as needed)
- Assisting around College - with event setup, moving furniture, etc.

We are a vibrant gospel community where Christian world view meets progressive educational practice.

If you would like to be part of our dynamic learning community, please call or email our office for an Application Pack and Job Description on 9938 9100 or email: jdeklerk@scc.wa.edu.au

Applications close:
Thursday 22nd September 2016

Dolphin and Flippa Ball
All new and old players welcome!

**Dolphin Ball**
Who: Pre-primary – Year 3  
Cost: $55
Where: Indoor Leisure Pool, Time: 3.30-4pm, 4-4.30pm, 4.30-5pm
Season Dates: Wed 12th Oct – Wed 7th Dec

**Flippa Ball**
Who: Year 3 – 6  
Cost: $55
Where: Indoor Lap Pool, Time: 8.30-9.15am & 9.15-10am
Season Dates: Sat 15th Oct – Sat 10nd Dec

Registration day Sat 17th September 9am-12pm at Aquarena
Contact Larena Manuel 0427 076 404 or manuel.home@bigpond.com.au