

# Tranby news

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**Tranby College**

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## YR 7 CANBERRA CAMP 2009

Excitement lay ahead.

RRRRROOARR as planes rumbled above.

Wheeling suitcases across to Perth domestic airport.

Spotting friends arriving at the same time. We gathered together as we received our all-important boarding pass.



“Hello, may I have your boarding pass please,” repeated the robotic voice of the woman behind the book in desk.

“Thank you James.” “Next please.” I think she was really thinking, “Oh my goodness look at all these kids!!!  
AAAAHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!!!!!!!”

Canberra! We were the first group of Year 7 students from Tranby College to go across Australia to our Nation’s Capital. Five days exploring our new surroundings. This was going to be a trip to remember for life. We waved goodbye to our parents, parents that we would see soon enough, to rabble on about our exciting trip.

Boarding our aircraft that we were going to be on for three and a half long painful hours. I am not even going to write what I think the cabin staff were thinking. The whole plane was filled with two schools and a sprinkling of business suits. The safety procedures rolled but our minds were filled with nervous expectations of what was ahead. After an hour of bumps and stomach lurching we were flying high.

We were meant to be arriving late at night but it felt more like midday. The lights in Canberra were blinding!! As our eyes readjusted we could make out tall skyscrapers and symmetrical road patterns. We were in Canberra.

Once we had collected our bags we were ready for a solid night’s sleep. With blurred vision we met our coach driver, ‘David’. Travelling for a further half hour we arrived at the Canberra Carotel. Half knowing what we were doing we crashed for the night.

I felt like I had just got to bed when we had to wake up. We expected a warm snooze in but clearly not.

Breakfast... Well let’s just skip breakfast and move on.

It is so hard for me to talk about my favourite activity because they were all enjoyable and there were so many of them such as:

NASA Deep Space Complex, Embassy of Indonesia, Parliament House, Old Parliament House, National Dinosaur Museum, Australian Institute of Sport., Mount Ainslie Lookout, the War Memorial and Discovery Zone, Blistering blizzards and icy winds, in fact if I am right I think that is was the worst weather Perisher had experienced in the last 10 years, National Capital Exhibition Centre and Questacon (a much larger equivalent of SciTech).

Government House, I have to tell the story connected to that. Arriving at the Governor-Generals house I felt nauseas from the coach trip. Mrs Moller rushed me to one of the toilets in this million-dollar mansion partly owned by the Queen. The thing is, Mrs Moller rushed me to the special guests toilets. To think I freshened up in a toilet that the president of Russia or America could have used or even the Queen!!!!

I would love to tell you the story of how Mrs Moller set off the alarms at Parliament but that would take too long, let’s just say I am sure she now knows to look and not touch!!!!

I have to say I didn’t have a favourite activity because they were all great. *James Case – Yr 7*



# From the Principal

Mrs Jo Bednall

I had a wonderful time last term. It was a time of relaxation, reconnection, learning and reflection and I am extremely grateful to the College Council and to my colleagues for making it possible. Particular thanks must go to Mike Jenzen for the admirable way in which he fulfilled the responsibilities of Acting Principal.

During the term I visited every state and territory in Australia, with the exception of Tasmania, and I also spent nearly a week in Singapore. I attended five conferences, completed a four day course and saw some wonderful scenery from the Great Dividing Range and the Hunter Valley, to the Western Desert, Central Australia and whales in the Great Australian Bight.

I was also very privileged to hear a range of amazing speakers who presented challenging ideas about the changing context in which schools are operating and about the transformative leadership that is needed to help our schools and young people to flourish.

However, it is good to be back at work and to reconnect with the Tranby Community. There were times during the term when I felt incredibly proud of our school. At the Middle Years Conference it became clear that our approach to middle schooling matches best practice anywhere in the world. At the AHISA Senior Staff Conference our approach to leadership and staff development was affirmed and at the Convention of the International Coalition of Principals the importance of our involvement in the Engage with Asia projects became very obvious. Furthermore, wherever I was and whoever I was listening to, I was continually reminded that our quest to help our students to develop their character and to be the best they can be is absolutely essential for their future success.

Time and again I heard statements such as:

*Building resilience and robustness is a challenge; we need to prepare our young people for not having easy success.*

*You don't become a strong swimmer by paddling in shallow water.*

*We need to introduce our young people to the pleasure of the rigour of work. The intellectual project is part of the moral project.*

*It is dispositions that are important now, not just credentials. Credentials are still necessary but many people have them and the important sorting tool is dispositions, for example flexibility, community service, team work, problem solving and creativity.*

As my colleagues feared, I have returned with many new ideas and a range of strengthened convictions but I also know that I need to be patient. I am always restless to see Tranby improve and I am looking forward to continuing to work with the entire school community to build on our strengths and to make the changes that are necessary for even greater success in the future.



## Cybersafety

On the first staff day most members of the Tranby teaching staff took part in a workshop that introduced us to the range of issues that are involved in helping our students to learn how to engage safely with cyberspace. We have a lot of work to do to further develop the necessary policies and curriculum but there are many immediate things that can be done. We are looking for opportunities to involve parents in this work and I hope that we will have some dates for parent workshops in the near future.

In the meanwhile there are many online resources, for example the Australian Government is developing a range of wonderful resources at [www.cybersmart.gov.au](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au)

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns or questions about this complex issue.

# Junior School News

Mr Graham Badge

ABSENTEE PHONE NUMBER – JUNIOR SCHOOL 9524 2424

## Junior School House Official Assembly

At Monday's Investiture assembly the following students were presented with their badges of office.

Marra –	Matthew Blevin (Capt) Tyler Hocking Olivia McLean
Karla –	Laura Kemp (Capt) Sam Warren Hayley Dixon
Bilu –	Brodie Rodgers (Capt) Daniel Gage Jean-Luc Buonocore
Budjar –	Katie Gaskell (Capt) Lucy Warwick Ethan Shaw
Art Captain –	Joshua Santana
Music Captain –	Hannah-Rose Daniels



## Year one Excursion to Coles

First we went to Coles we had to find some things from Australia and not from Australia. Then we went to the shopping centre. We looked in the newsagency and Red Dot. My best bit was when we had to find pencils. They were Winnie the Pooh pencils. *By Emma Pipe 1T*



On Thursday the Year Ones went to Coles. First we went into Coles and looked at made in Australia things. Then we looked in lots of different shops. My best bit was looking in the lollies aisle. *By James Crooks 1R*



## Junior School Inter-house Cross Country

A reminder to all parents of children in Years 1-6 that next Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August will be the Inter-house Cross-Country carnival. All children will earn points for their house.

The events will be run as follows:	Year 1	300m	1.45 pm
	Year 2	500m	1.55 pm
	Year 3	1000m	2.05 pm
	Year 4	1500m	2.15 pm
	Year 5	1500m	2.35 pm
	Year 6	2300m	2.45 pm

## Ibu Indy's visit to Tranby College

This week Tranby College is lucky and very happy to be hosting Ibu Indyastuti from Surabaya in Indonesia. Ibu Indy is accompanying Ibu Steele in Junior School Indonesian lessons, assisting students with their Indonesian and observing other classes across the curriculum. Ibu Indy is here as a part of the Indonesian-Australia Bridge Program, aimed at building school to school relationships between the two countries. Senior School Indonesian teacher Ibu Richardson has already hosted Mr Abdul Latif in March, who is from the same school SMA5 in Surabaya. Working together, all of these teachers will hopefully be able to build a close friendship and school collaboration to carry on in the years to come.



# Middle School News

Mr Mike Jenzen

ABSENTEE PHONE NUMBER – MIDDLE SCHOOL 9523 3101

On Monday afternoon our Middle School leadership group for Semester Two were invested into their positions. In being presented with their badges the students were asked to accept the expectations of their positions within a style of leadership called Service Leadership. We explained to the students that being a leader is about serving their community and not about bossing people around and telling them what to do. It is being prepared to give time and energy to things which will enhance the community.

The group read their mission statement and their responsibilities which are:

## Mission Statement

“We will strive to create a friendly, caring and responsible middle school community which encourages students to do their best in an environment which is safe and fun. We will do this by listening to our peers and unselfishly giving of our time, energy and effort.”

## Responsibilities

As House Captains, Sport Captains and Colours Captains we undertake to achieve our mission by being positive and responsible role models to our peers. This will be evident through:

- our attitude towards our fellow students and College staff.
- our behaviour within the school and the wider community.
- our willingness to participate in College activities.
- our example in terms of uniform, personal appearance and approach in class.
- our pursuit of excellence in all that we do.
- our willingness to assist our peers and College staff where necessary.



During the recent holidays the College Council approved the one to one laptop programme beginning in Year 7 for 2010. This decision was taken following several meetings with parents and much time researching the best way forward for the College in providing our students with the best possible opportunities for their learning in the years to come. This is an exciting initiative and already planning for the programme is well under way with staff. A parent night will be held later this term for current Year 6 parents outlining the details of the programme.



**MIDDLE & SENIOR SCHOOL INTER HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL -  
FIELD EVENTS 3 AUGUST - M/S 9am – 12pm and S/S 12pm – 3pm, TRACK EVENTS 7 AUGUST 9am-3pm**

# Senior School News

Mr Steven Davies

ABSENTEE PHONE NUMBER – SENIOR SCHOOL 9523 3114

Families of students in the Senior School will have had time to read their Semester One reports and to consider their success, or otherwise, in their academic studies so far in 2009. The process of reflection on these results is very important, and should involve a discussion about the report between the student and their parent/s or guardian.

Some students will be well-satisfied with their results and be able to identify many things that worked well for them in their study during Semester One. It would be wise to take these things, build on them and continue to do them in Semester Two. Some students who are new to the Senior School, or new to the Curriculum Council WACE courses implemented this year, may have found that the study habits they had developed in previous years proved inadequate. Year Eleven students, in particular, may have found the assessment rigour of the new courses, the formal examination structure, increased difficulty of content and increased volume of work covered somewhat confronting. At this stage of their schooling, Year Twelve students have more experience behind them and, hopefully, are starting to refine their study routine and strategies so that they can perform at their best for the remainder of the year.

The whole process of working on assessments throughout the semester, submitting work on time and to a high standard and then the examination that covers concepts from the whole semester is something that most students will get better at with practise. It is vital that our students learn from this first semester experience and put in place habits that help them to improve on their performance in Semester Two. Most will be able to identify things that they could do better next time. They may start revising for examinations earlier, use their time in the examination more effectively, seek help from their teachers more consistently, produce draft copies of assignments for checking, and use any of a number of other strategies. Whatever change is necessary, having experienced this first semester will be of benefit to them. Now they know better what they must do to succeed and they need to implement the changes in Semester Two.

Now is also a good time to think about future goals. Some students may be aiming to enter university or TAFE. Some may be aiming for an apprenticeship or employment. Whatever the destination, performance at school will have an impact on whether that aspiration is realistic. A useful exercise is to check the results achieved this semester against those required by a future educational institution or employer. If students are unsure how to start doing this, a visit to the Student Services Co-ordinator, Mrs Audrey Klein, or to me would be well worthwhile.

In order to help our students to improve their study skills, a company called ICS Learning Group was engaged to offer a study skills course at the College in the first week of the holidays. I was pleased that, in our first attempt to offer such a course, 13 students enrolled. Feedback from ICS and from our students indicates that it was a success. The facilitator of the course said she was “very impressed with the students’ behaviour, enthusiasm to participate in various activities and desire to learn”. In a survey after the course was completed, students were asked “Did this course help you?” All answered “Yes”, and comments included:

“This course will really help me with my time management skills and exam prep. It has also helped me to learn how to calm myself in stressful times at school”.

“Plenty of techniques and advice, strategies and planning awareness to help me succeed and reach goals”.

“Now when I have a test I know how to tackle it and where to begin and what to do”.

Students were also asked to identify how they will change their study techniques and all could identify ways of effecting change.

When asked to rate themselves before the course in a number of categories, including using different intelligences, motivation, setting goals, time management, reviewing & note taking, exam prep. & strategies, and writing essays in exams, and then again after the course, there was a significant shift upwards in their confidence to use these skills.

I am keen to offer these courses for the benefit of our students on future occasions, and will advertise them closer to the time.

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# From the **Head of Student Services**

**Mrs Audrey Klein**

## **PARENTS OF TEENS**

4 & 11 Aug                      Understanding Teens Pt 1 & 2  
18 & 25 Aug                      Communicating with Teens Pt 1 & 2

Time:                              7pm – 9 pm  
Venue:                              Port Kennedy Family Activity Centre  
   5-7 Clipper Drive, Port Kennedy  
Cost:                                \$5 per session

For further information and bookings: Please phone Parenting WA.  
on **9524 5658**

## **TEE HELP: ACADEMIC TASK FORCE**

**Saturday Classes for Year 11 and 12 students.**

**Excellent Exam Preparation:** Subjects include Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, English, Literature, Human Biology and Economics. They are small group classes with very experienced teachers.

**Year 8, 9 and 10 Saturday Classes are also available** in English and Mathematics.

For more information please contact:

Dr Pam Bagworth or Dr Robert Hallam on **9317 4421**.

## **UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS**

Year 12 students who are considering applying for a University place are strongly recommended to attend their Open Days. The universities will have tours, advisors and information available to you. The Open Day dates are as follows:

<b>Edith Cowan University</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> August 2009
<b>University of W.A.</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> August 2009
<b>Curtin University</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> August 2009
<b>University of Notre Dame</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> August 2009
<b>Murdoch University</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> August 2009

Please check the relevant Universities web sites for further information.

# College & Community News

**IMPORTANT DATES:** 3 August – Yr 7-12 Inter-house Field Events, 4 August - Yr 1-6 Inter House Cross Country, 7 August – Yr 7-12 Inter-house Athletics, 10-14 August – Yr 9 Camp, 10 August – Yr 11 Curtin Talk, 13 August – Cadet Camp, 24 August - Mid Term Break

## Challenged by your child's asthma? *'Parenting Children with Asthma'*

The University of Queensland is conducting research investigating the challenges faced by parents of children with asthma. This project involves a survey examining the factors that parents believe make management of childhood asthma more difficult.

**What does participation involve?** Parents of children with asthma, aged 3 to 12 years, can participate by completing a set of online questionnaires about their family, their child, and their child's asthma. These questionnaires will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

You can complete the survey at:

<http://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/asthmaparents>

For more information, please contact: Caroline

Gregory ph: 07 3365 9186, email:

[caroline.gregory@uqconnect.edu.au](mailto:caroline.gregory@uqconnect.edu.au)

Your participation will be greatly appreciated!

**Asia Week** is commencing in Week 5 (17<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> August) and is a whole week of special activities aimed at celebrating and enjoying the teaching and learning of Asian language and culture at Tranby College. The main activities to be included are:

**Monday** – Guest speaker Bill Waterer from The Australian Orangutan Project.

**Tuesday** – Dress up Day – Asian theme dress.

**Wednesday** – Market Day – All Junior School and some Middle and Senior school year groups to set up a stall to sell items. Years 8 & 9 Guest speaker Bill Waterer.

**Thursday** – Mask parade (Yr PP-6) Period 1 and Junior School Indonesian Assembly, period 7 & 8.

**Friday** – Kite Kinetics Workshop (parent help needed for PP-Yr 2 session).



Parents are welcome to join Asia Week activities.

## CITY TO SURF 2009

Join the Tranby College Team.

Registrations are now open for this year's event.

To register as part of the College Team simply follow these steps:

1. Log onto the link [www.citytosurf.activ.asn.au](http://www.citytosurf.activ.asn.au)
2. Click on 'register'
3. Select 'team'
4. Type 'Tranby' as your team name
5. Enter your details



## TRANBY COLLEGE ATHLETICS TRAINING



Monday 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm

Wednesday 7.00 am – 8.00 am

Friday 7.00 am – 8.00 am

Breakfast is available after all morning sessions at the cost of a gold coin.