

Tranby news

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Tranby College
A College of the Holy Spirit, Mandurah & Perth

14th August - Week 4 - Term 3

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST PRODUCTION

On Wednesday 29th July, teachers, backstage crew and a cast of 90 students all gathered at Mandurah Performing Arts Centre for the production of 'Beauty and the Beast Jr'. This was the technical rehearsal and the moment everyone involved had been waiting for. Since the start of work on the production in February we would finally see the entire show come together with added lighting, sets, costumes and on a brand new stage.

The following day emotions ran high at the dress rehearsal as we realised it would be the last time that the production was performed without an audience.

Friday 31st July, show day! We would be performing a matinee show for local schools and an evening performance for family, friends, and anyone who wished to come. After a frantic morning of makeup and costumes the show ended to the sound of cheers and applause.

On Saturday 1st August we performed the final show to another lively and appreciative audience, with some people there for a second time. With all three performances finished and the final curtain down, everyone felt a mixture of happiness and sadness as we realised it was the end.

On behalf of all the students who performed we would like to thank all the those who helped make 'Beauty and the Beast Jr' such a resounding success.

We will never forget the joy of Tranby's 'Beauty and the Beast Jr'.



Thanks for the memories...

By Ben Leeming and Harriet Fettis a.k.a Lumiere and Mrs Potts



From the Principal

Mrs Jo Bednall

Your ideas and feedback are needed

In 1998 the College Community developed the statement that has described our purpose as a school ever since:

Tranby College is building an accessible and inclusive community in which students are educated to discover and realize the excellence within themselves. Within the values and ethos of the Uniting Church in Australia, it is developing people of conscience who play a responsible role in creating sustainable compassionate communities.

This mission statement has been used in many different ways since 1999. It has been used to help us to explain the culture of the College to new families and staff. It has been used as a guide for policy development. It underpins the more specific three year visions that staff have developed to determine their priorities and it has been used by the College Council to structure their ongoing strategic planning.

Overall, it has been integral to the development of the culture of the College but it is ten years old and we should be asking whether it needs to be rewritten.

Does the statement still reflect who we want to be as a school? Does it help us to move forward? Is it being lived out in the life of the school? Are there changes that need to be made? Are there things that need to be added?

All of this needs lots of discussion and between now and the end of the year I will be finding ways of gathering ideas from parents, students and staff.

Accordingly, parents are invited to register for one of three discussion groups planned for week eight of term:

- Group 1 Monday, September 7, 9:20am-10:30am (we will start after 5T's assembly and meet in the Parent Resource Centre in the Middle School)
- Group 2 Tuesday, September 8, 7:00pm-8:30pm (Technology and Enterprise Building)
- Group 3 Wednesday, September 9, 1:30pm-3:00pm (Library)

Please ring Faye Capewell at Reception to register for one of these groups. If you would like to be involved but cannot attend at any of these times please let Faye know and please suggest another time if you can. I am also happy to receive email feedback bednallj@tranby.wa.edu.au or to meet with you individually or in small groups.

The Tranby Day Awards

Tranby Day is four weeks away on Friday, September 11. Each year we ask the school community to nominate some-one, usually but not always a volunteer, who has made a particular contribution to the development of the Tranby Community. Previous winners have included coaches of sporting teams, bus drivers, canteen volunteers and various members of staff.

You can nominate some-one by completing a form that is available from Reception, or by emailing my secretary, Chris Calver calverc@tranby.wa.edu.au. Please include the name of the person along with your reason for nominating her/him. Nominations close on September 8.

Junior School News

Mr Graham Badge

ABSENTEE PHONE NUMBER – JUNIOR SCHOOL 9524 2424

Junior School Inter-House Cross Country Carnival

On Tuesday 4th August Tranby Junior School held their annual Inter-House Cross Country Carnival. The weather was perfect and the students were all set after weeks of preparation. The students assembled in their House Bays and races began. All students who competed did a fantastic job racing in their events. Well done to Marra who were the overall Champions for 2009. Also congratulations to those who had individual success in winning Champion or Runner-Up Champion!

In the cross country I will try my best and I will run really fast and I will try to get some house points and be good and I won't walk I will run!

By Claudia Burrows – Year 1

In the cross country I am going to do fantastic running. I might get 100%!

I am trying my best to get first place. I will not stop running till the finish line.

By Hannah Chen – Year 1

In the cross country I will try my best in the run. The cross country will be fun. I hope to come first. It's a nice day for cross-country!

By Ella Arscott – Year 1



Scitech Visit to Kindergarten

Scitech had an Early Childhood Road Show Workshop that visited the Kindergarten on Tuesday 11th August. There were stations that the children visited and a range of toys that we interacted with. One child's comment was: "It was very fun."



Junior School Eco Rangers

Congratulations to the Junior School Eco Rangers on participating in Schools' Tree Day. The Eco Rangers planted 44 Callistemon and Banksia plants on the sand bank behind the basketball courts. Rockingham City council donated the trees and delivered them to the school on Thursday 30th July. The students gave up their lunch time to plant the trees. Many thanks to Mr Buonocore, Mr Russell, Mrs Russell and Mrs Miller for their assistance. The Eco Rangers have also been busy planting a vegetable patch in the Early Learning playground. Hopefully we will see some progress in the next few weeks.

Mrs Samantha Joseph - Eco Rangers Coordinator

KEY DATES IN JUNIOR SCHOOL FOR THE BALANCE OF TERM 3

Week 5	Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st August	Asia Week
Week 6	Monday 24th August	School Closed – Mid Term Break
	Thursday 27 th August	IPSHA Cross Country
Week 8	Thursday 10 th September	Inter house Athletics
	Friday 11 th September	Tranby Day
Week 9	Tuesday 15 th – Friday 18 th September	Yr 6 Camp – Bridgetown
Week 10	Tuesday 22 nd September	IPSHA Athletics Carnival
	Wednesday 23 rd September	Learning Journey



Middle School News

Mr Mike Jenzen

ABSENTEE PHONE NUMBER – MIDDLE SCHOOL 9523 3101

Social justice is one of the significant pillars upon which the Uniting Church operates. As part of their SRP (Studies of Religion and Philosophy) Year 9 students have been learning about the various services provided by Uniting Care West, an agency of the Uniting Church which assists people who are in need of support. Some of the issues this organisation becomes involved with are Teenage Mums, Housing for the Mentally Ill, Foster Care and Homelessness. Once having researched each issue, a class chooses one to 'champion' by raising community awareness and supporting the cause in whatever way they feel appropriate.

9Bilu have chosen Homelessness. Next week the students will all be travelling up to Tranby Service, which is the programme which provides meals for the homeless. The students will be preparing food to take up and donate, will hopefully have the opportunity to talk to a homeless person and will tour the facility and attend a workshop about how the service operates. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to see first hand just how hard life can be for some and hopefully make more 'real' for the students the many occasions in which we participate in events for those less fortunate than ourselves.

In addition, two students, Hannah Bent and Demi-Lee Winter, took it upon themselves to help out some other people who found themselves in this unfortunate scenario. After having seen an article in the newspaper about a young boy and his father who were living out of their car, the two students decided to raise some money to help out. They organised some competitions at school and spoke to the other Middle School students about it. Once having raised some money, they then contacted the paper and were put in touch with the Principal of the boy's primary school and earlier this week travelled up to handover some items of uniform and stationery they had purchased for the boy.

I think of the many things our students learn and get exposed to, none are more important than such experiences as these. It is lovely to see two of our students choose to take matters into their own hands and live out what we often tell them, 'one person can make a difference'.

In the coming weeks there will be further information on the website in the Middle School section about all of the Year 9 classes and what they have been doing to support each of their causes. Be sure to check it out!



Senior School News

Mr Steven Davies

ABSENTEE PHONE NUMBER – SENIOR SCHOOL 9523 3114

Service Learning in the Senior School

Tranby College will continue to encourage our students to involve themselves in voluntary service activities. We will continue to ask students to record their service in log books so a record is established during their time at the College. Although the Curriculum Council no longer requires a compulsory 20 hours of community service for achievement of the Western Australian Certificate of Education, the service that is completed in Years 10, 11 and 12 will be published on the Statement of Results provided to students by the Council at the completion of their Year 12 year. I believe that any prospective employer or educational institution will take notice of a student's commitment to others when considering any application put to them, so continued service is in the whole community's interest.

Mr Steven Davies
Head of Senior School

Integrated Studies Programme

"Being socially connected and involved in meaningful activity is a fundamental need of all people. These things are commonly suggested to affect mental health and wellbeing." (Wendy Palmer, Uniting Care West)

As we embark upon a new semester, the culture of Community and Service has continued to flourish amongst our students and within the College with the commencement of new programmes as part of the curriculum.

The Community Service component of the Year 10 Integrated Studies programme has continued to prove successful, as a new rotation of students have commenced the semester by forging relationships and providing a service to clients from Take Time. This is one of the many organisations designed to provide support and care for people with disabilities provided by Uniting Care West.

Every Monday afternoon, clients from Take Time visit the College to engage in social and recreational activities which are run by Tranby students. Such activities so far have included arts and crafts, bingo, afternoon tea and journaling.

We have received an overwhelmingly positive response from both students and clients from Take Time. We realise that accessing social and recreational activities becomes more challenging for people with disabilities. Therefore, our students are committed to this programme throughout the remainder of the semester by continuing to provide a range of stimulating activities such as cooking, computing, dancing, games and various other activities.

By taking part in this programme, our students are becoming increasingly aware of the needs of people with disabilities. Our aim is to ensure that Tranby students learn that social connectedness and involvement in meaningful activity truly is a fundamental need for all people!

Year 10 Tranby students are congratulated on the manner in which they have conducted themselves and approached these visits with such maturity, enthusiasm and consideration for the needs of others. These students have continued to represent the College in a very admirable and commendable fashion since the commencement of the programme. It gives me great pleasure to work alongside our students in providing such a valued support service within our wider community.

Ms Angela Gileno
Service Co-ordinator



From the **Head of Student Services**

Mrs Audrey Klein

LEARNING AND WORK EXPLORATION EVENING

Parents and students welcome

- WHEN:** Tuesday – 18th August 2009
- VENUE:** Challenger TAFE Automotive Technology Skills Centre
Corner Gilmore Avenue/Sulphur Road
KWINANA
- PROGRAM:**
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| 6.00 pm | Careers Expo |
| 6.30 pm | Seminar with four great guest speakers |
| 8.00 pm | Refreshments and networking |
- RSVP:** Please send attached registration form to Mable Laidlaw by email
mabel@dataprime.com.au or phone 9594 1938.



SCHOOL BANKING DATES FOR TRANBY STUDENTS

Dates for the remainder of 2009 are:

- Wednesday 2nd September
October School Holidays please call into the ANZ Branch.
Wednesday 4th November
Wednesday 2nd December

8.15am – 8.30am COLLEGE LIBRARY

The ANZ Bank offers a Progress Savers account for students up to the age of 18.

Please contact Leah Vagel or one of her team at ANZ Baldvis on 9523 1799 for information.



College & Community News

IMPORTANT DATES:

17-21 August	ASIA Week
19 August	Parent Information Evening for students in Years 11 & 12 in 2010
24 August	MID TERM BREAK
26 August	Parent & Student Course Presentation Evening for Students in Years 11 & 12 in 2010
27 August	Yr 4-7 IPSHA Cross Country – Bunbury
8 September	Yr 1-6 Inter-house Field Events
9 September	Yr 8-12 SWISSA Athletics
10 September	Yr 1-6 Inter-house Athletics
11 September	TRANBY DAY
16 September	Yr 7-12 ACC Athletics

White Nights Baldvis Cricket Club

Sign up Day: Saturday 22nd August 2009
Where: Baldvis Stockland Shopping Centre
Time: 9.00am – 4.00pm
Age: Yr 1 to Under 14's
Contact: Leigh on 0419 895 522 for details



CLAN WA Make a Difference?

CLAN WA in Rockingham is currently recruiting volunteers. Can you give 2-3 hours per week to support families with young children?

You can become part of a fabulous team of caring and like minded volunteers, learn new skills and have the opportunity to enhance your own personal development.

A FREE, eight day training course is starting soon.

Dates: 31 August, 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21 & 22 September.

Please contact: Sue or Sheryl on 9593 5244 or email:

rockingham@clanwa.com.au



TRANBY COLLEGE UNIFORM SHOP ASSISTANT(S)

Part-time positions, previous retail experience not essential as training will be given.

Further details can be found on the College website.

Applications close Friday 21st August 2009.

TRANBY COLLEGE TOURS AND INFORMATION AFTERNOON

Wednesday 19th August -
1.00pm to 6.00pm

We have Vacancies for Year 6 to Year 12
for 2010 and beyond.

Please telephone 9524 2424 to arrange a tour for you
and your family.

17 Tranby Drive, Baldvis 6171
www.tranby.wa.edu.au



P & F News

Parent Forum, followed by a General Meeting

On Tuesday, September 1, 7:00pm in the Technology and Enterprise Building, College staff will run a forum for parents on Cyber Safety. This will be followed by a General Meeting of the P&F Association.

Kindergarten Play Area

Parents will be aware that the money raised from the Quiz Night will be used to redesign and upgrade the Kindergarten play area. Planning is well underway. Mrs Suter has met with the College's Business Manager, Mrs Buonocore, to share her ideas and a master plan is being developed. This will then be costed and we will work with the College to develop a timeline for getting the work done.

Watch out for information about opportunities to become involved!



Discussion Groups with the Principal

In her column, Mrs Bednall, has invited all parents to be involved in discussions about the future directions of the College. The current Mission Statement underpins all that the College aims to do but it is ten years old and input is being sought from all members of the College community about what you think should guide Tranby's ongoing development.

I urge all parents to get the details of the meetings from the Principal's page and to register for one of them. If you cannot come to the College at the designated times, Mrs Bednall is also very prepared to hear from you via email or to organize small groups at other times.

Tranby Day Awards

These awards are an opportunity to recognize people in the College community who have made a positive contribution to the development of the Tranby spirit. Further details are available in this newsletter and everyone is able to submit nominations by completing a form that is available from Reception, or by emailing Chris Calver calverc@tranby.wa.edu.au. Please include the name of the person along with your reason for nominating her/him. Nominations close on September 8.

SECRET HARBOUR LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUBS

Affiliated with Baldivis Little Athletics Centre – www.baldivislittleleaths.com.au

Family, fun and fitness.

Registration Day at Secret Harbour Shopping Centre on
Saturday 5th September 2009,
10.00 am – 5.00 pm.

For any further information please contact: Peter Norman on 0403 178 345.