



## MAXIMISE YOUR CHILD'S ACADEMIC SUCCESS

### Part 2 Time Management

Learning to schedule enough time to complete an assignment may be difficult for your child. Even when students have weeks to do an assignment or research project, many won't start until the night before it's due.

#### Tips to help your child manage time:

- Track assignments on a monthly calendar. Handbooks for students in Stages 4, 5 and 6 include Assessment Task Schedules which are provided to assist students in their time management.
- Work backwards from the due date of larger assignments and break them into weekly or even nightly tasks.
- Help your child to record how much time she/he spends on homework each week, so they can work out how to divide this time into manageable chunks.
- Together, designate a time for nightly homework and help your child adhere to this schedule. Help your child to understand that time wasted on the schedule has to be made up from other activities, such as watching TV or playing computer games.
- Include sporting and other commitments into the schedule, so realistic time allotments can be made. One afternoon or evening out will have to be compensated for on another day for the task to be done to the best of their ability.
- If afternoons or evenings aren't enough, help your child to find other times for schoolwork, such as early mornings and weekends.

*Adapted from Greatschools.net*

Deborah McWatters (Deputy Principal)

## DEVOTIONS

I recently attended a funeral to support one of my close friends whose brother had died tragically and was

once again struck by the intense emotional impact that losing a loved one has upon us all. It was an incredibly moving service and the unnatural order of a young person having left this life seemingly so prematurely had a profound effect on all who knew him.

It is a difficult task to reconcile in your own mind and heart the complexity of God's will and it proves impossible in situations like this without seeking a biblical perspective. In the service, a comforting passage from the book of Wisdom was read: The virtuous man, though he die before his time will find rest. Length of days is not what makes age honourable, nor the number of years the true measure of life.

These words emphasise how important the life of a young person is to God. Even though they are young in years, they are just as valuable to God as mature Christians who have had many opportunities in which to refine their faith and work on their relationship with the Heavenly Father.

I found this funeral to be a stark reminder of what is truly important and to be valued in my life. Are you like me, too often concerned with pettiness rather than putting your energies into appreciating and showing love to the people in your life?

I have been reminded how important it is to measure our earthly existence as God does. Only heavenly wisdom can hope to explain such tragedies as this one and enable those still on earth to envisage the eternal rest of their departed brother.

David Butler (Director of Learning – Stage 6)

"For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens  
I Corinthians 4: (New Jerusalem Version)

# SHAKESPEARE AT NORWEST

Recently Norwest's Years 7-10 students experienced a live performance of 'Love's Magic' by the Bell Shakespeare Company. Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* came to life in an intelligent and entertaining way, exploring all of the comic possibilities, plot complications and theatrical surprises of these wonderful compositions. It was a unique opportunity for our students to see professional actors interpret Shakespeare's rich language and timeless characters and, for some, complementing the study of these plays in their English classes. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the performance and for many it changed their perceptions about Shakespeare's work - taking it from the books to the theatrics of the stage. The College looks forward to hosting many more live performances like this one!

Geraldine Paynter (Curriculum Coordinator)



## “SNAKES ALIVE”

Kindergarten are studying 'Staying Alive' in Science this term. As part of this unit they are experiencing different pets and their needs to stay alive. One pet they met recently was a friendly snake owned by one of our Year 9 students, Blake Cunningham. The Kindergarten students enjoyed touching and holding the snake. Much to their surprise they discovered it 'feels soft'. They also learnt that snakes can open their mouth very wide to eat their food.

Carol Gray (Science teacher)



## P&F Press

**"Girls' night out, coming soon!"**

Next P&F Meeting Tuesday  
16 June commencing at  
7pm in the Library.

HAVE YOU HAD  
YOUR MORNING  
PICKUP?

# NOTICE BOARD

### Reader / Writer Required

Offering your time as a reader and/or writer is a great way to accumulate your parent participation hours. You will also gain insight into the examinations undertaken by students at Years 10 and 12.

It is not as daunting as it seems. The Education Support team are happy to train you. Please contact Nicola Glew at the College if you would like more information ([nplew@nwcc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:nglew@nwcc.nsw.edu.au))

### TERM 2 2009

#### TERM 2 WEEK 5B

27 May	Computer Competition
28 May	Secondary CIS Cross Country
29 May	Athletics Carnival (Y3 – 12)

#### TERM 2 WEEK 6A

5 June	Infants Athletics Carnival
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#### TERM 2 WEEK 7B

8 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
9 June	Year 7 & 10 Immunisations
10 June	Science Competition
11-12 June	Year 9 and 10 Core Exams