Dear College Families

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to school and community life at Lake Joondalup Baptist College for 2017. We are excited to enter a new year and unlock the potential of future possibilities. This is the final year of the current College Strategic Plan (2013-2017). We will be creating a new Plan going forward, and will be consulting the LJBC community in the months to come regarding your aspiring future goals for our school, in the shared vision to keep our College growing from strength to strength.

We are so proud of our students and I congratulate our 2016 Graduates, not only for their good character but also for their hard working attitudes that eventuated in the achievement that made post school goals a reality. You would have seen published in The West Australian on 7 January 2017 the SCSA table showing the median ATAR of our Graduates as being one of the highest amongst schools in the northern suburbs. Our median ATAR of 85.4 was above the state median of 80.85. It was good to see us in the top band of schools, again! Our student results indicated the following: 85% Graduates achieved an ATAR over 70, 63% achieved over 80, 36% over 90 and 16% over 95. Graduates who achieved Certificate II and above, achieved 100% completion and 25 Graduates achieved Certificate IV.

In addition, with regard to Awards, I am delighted to provide you with the following information. Given that 48 Graduates out of our total Year 12 cohort of 140 students achieved distinguishing Awards from the School Curriculum and Standards Authority, LJBC was in fact, the highest achieving coeducational school for Awards in the northern suburbs with 34% achieving Awards. I have written to our Graduates to congratulate them. As a staff, we are so delighted for our students.

The following Graduates of 2016 deserve commendation for achieving Subject Exhibitions (highest examination mark): Abigail Middleditch for Career and Enterprise and Tia Badwi for Children, Family and the Community. In addition to a Subject Exhibition, Abigail and Tia also achieved a Certificate of Excellence (top 0.5%) together with Danelle Sanger for Human Biology.

Certificates of Distinction (based on grade points of between 190-200 accrued over the last three consecutive years) were awarded to; Lewis Downes, Benjamin Keogh, Lachlan McLean, Laura McKenna, Patrick Parera, Danelle Sanger, Bevan Simkiss, James Skipper, Benjamin Tapper and Danae Woodcock.
Certificates of Merit (based on grade points between 150-189 accrued over the last three consecutive years) were achieved by Tia Badwi, Brydie Brennan, Yvonne Burton, Olivia Bryan, Scott Chin, Monique Cox, Kellie Delahey, Shiloah Driesen, Devon Ferreira, Felicity Fox, Madison Gamble, Sara D’Uva, Sydney Hird, Bryant Kurniasurja, Jasmine Kirby, Robyn Meiring, Daniel McGrath, Dominique Loreggian, Savannah Loreggian, Sharn Muffett, Bayley Page, Samuel Rawlings, Benjamin Rumpf and Ryan Waller.

Our Graduates deserve to shine for their well-earned place and the College has paid tribute with the congratulations below published in The West Australian on Saturday 14 January 2017 (page 6).

If your son/daughter is entering Year 12 this year, please see enclosed a letter about the Year 12 Retreat/Fun Day from the Senior School Mentor, Mrs Cooke. In addition, the welcome meeting for Year 12s with Mrs Houghton, Dean of Studies commences at 9.30am in Founders Hall on 1 February. Year 12 students are expected to arrive at school at this time.

We look forward to welcoming our new Pre Kindergarten (Junior Kindy) stream in 2017. It will be a delight to see our littlest students with their 3-year-young smiles and enthusiasm, joining the College for the head start program. A reminder that only Pre Kindergarten parents may park in the ELC car park on Mondays.

Kindergarten Blue and Pre Primary parents please park on the Courts on Mondays. Year 1 to 6 parking is encouraged at the Arena if you are personally picking up your child. The supervised ‘Kiss and Drive’ is also available from 3pm. Secondary parents access the College from Kennedya Drive. As always, our community requires care when driving around entrances and exits for the safety of our young people and our Staff. Plans are in progress for improved traffic and parking facilities and, once approvals are completed, further details will be available to the community.

At the end of last year, I indicated that boys’ haircuts were to be no shorter than a number 3 for shaved haircuts and there were to be no ‘man buns’. Boys need to be clean shaven with regard to facial hair. Long hair must be tied back neatly at the nape at all times if boys wish to keep their hair long.
Girls must also present neatly, attend to respectable hem lines and be aware that visible makeup is not permitted. The Student Planner has further details on uniform and appearance standards and expectations. Students will benefit from attending to their presentation because the hard earned good reputation and image of the College supports their future prospects. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

There is a staggered start for various Year groups and I draw your attention to the following information:

**Tuesday 31 January:**
- PK to Year 6 Booklist drop off from 1pm to 3pm

**Wednesday 1 February:**
- Years 7 and 9 commence at 8.30am in the Auditorium
- Year 12 commence at 9.30am in Founders Hall
- Year 12 afternoon tea at 12.30pm (please refer to Mrs Houghton’s letter for further details)

**Wednesday 1 February:**
- Pre Primary to Year 6 commence 8.35am to 3.00pm
- Kindergarten Blue full day 8.30am to 2.45pm
- Kindergarten Green and Gold staggered half day start 8.30am to 12pm

**Thursday 2 February:**
- Year 8, 10 and 11 students commence at 8.30am
- Auditorium
- Kindergarten Green and Gold half day staggered start (8.30am to 12pm)
- No Kindergarten Blue

**Friday 3 February:**
- All new students (Year 1 to Year 12) and all Year 7 and Year 10 students will have their photographs taken from 8.35am to 1.30pm in the Auditorium. Please be mindful of the College standard expectations regarding uniform. The standards for wearing the College uniform can be located on the College website [www.ljbc.wa.edu.au](http://www.ljbc.wa.edu.au) under the community drop down menu on the Uniform Shop page. During Terms 1 and 4, the summer uniform is to be worn.

**Monday 6 February:**
- Pre Kindergarten (Junior Kindy) commences at 8.30am to 10am (Joeys) and 10.30am to 12pm (Possums) on Mondays

**Monday 6 February:**
- Year 12 Retreat (Fun Day/Monday)

**Tuesday 7 February:**
- Year 12 Parent Information Evening

**Wednesday 8 February:**
- Primary Parent Information Evening from 5pm to 7pm

**Wednesday 15 February:**
- Year 7 and new families SEQTA meeting in Auditorium

**Thursday 16 February and Friday 17 February:**
- Year 7 Camp

Please ensure you consult with the College Calendar to stay informed of events planned.
Secondary Bell (music) Times 2017

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New Primary Bell Times in 2017. Recess from 10.25am to 10.45am and Lunch time: 12.25pm to 1.00pm.

If you are new to the College as a family, may I extend a very warm welcome to Lake Joondalup Baptist College. Thank you for choosing to share your child’s learning journey with us and please know that there are many staff available to support your requirements and answer any queries you may have. We look forward to getting to know you as time continues.

We have many highly qualified staff joining the staff team and also moving to new promotional portfolios at the College. We welcome to the staff team:


We welcome Kim Clift, our new Secondary Director of Sport and Alyssa Baker, our new College Counsellor providing psychological support for College students. Ms Baker will need signed parental consent for the services she may be required to provide to students from time to time in her portfolio for student care. As standard practice, a letter will be coming from our College Counsellor to families requesting such signed permission.

We welcome Alison Roberts - Secondary Attendance Officer, Karlken Kemp - Promotions & Publications Technician, Elaine Needham - Education Assistant Primary ELC, Sharon Oesterheld - Primary Education Assistant, Rebecca Jayatilaka - Primary Nurse and Jude Paul, Technologies Support. We welcome back Avril Smyth - College Administration/Reception (part time).

I am also delighted to bring to your attention Mrs Dale Emery, appointed to the office of Executive Assistant to the Principal. Mrs Emery is highly recommended in her professionalism and available for contact for any matters of communication with my office.

We also congratulate promotional positions confirmed for 2017. Congratulations to Kim Eyre, our Secondary Curriculum Manager who is also appointed as Chair of Awards. Congratulations to (and in being newly married) Madelaine Jones, our Director of Drama. Congratulations to Santie Brink, our new Head of Arcadia House, Chris Carter, our new Head of Lancier House and Michelle Qaqish, our new Assistant to the Registrar with
Alex Wakefield exclusively moving to Primary Executive Assistant. Tony Fisher has been promoted to Promotions & Publications Manager and Sally Yeomans is now in a more managerial position as College Registrar.

We congratulate Kirstin Hamera who will be acting Head of Technologies while Daniel Theunissen is on leave during Term 1 and Diana Kelly, our Manager Staff Development who will be Curriculum Leader for English for 2017. We will be advertising for a new Head of English during the year.

We affirm the following Primary team leader positions in 2017: PK to PP Tarryn Needham (Cumberland), Year 1 and 2 Christina Roodt (Lancier), Year 3 Gillian Smith (Arcadia), Year 4 Michael Thompson (Batavia), Year 5 Michael Gaudin (James) and Year 6 Charis Bettinaglio (Windsor).

The work of our College staff is greatly valued and I am confident of all our staff contributions to appointed College portfolios. Please know that you are always welcome to connect with staff for any questions you may have.

New and exciting times are ahead! I am enthusiastic about all that we will accomplish and for which we will always give thanks.

My very best to you for a new year of wonderful possibilities,

Dawn Clements
College Principal

23 January 2017