Dear Friends

Welcome to our first issue of Community Link for 2011. Here we are at the start of another year, and once more we are celebrating the success of our 2010 Leavers and the many great activities and events that shaped 2010, as well as looking forward to a wonderful year ahead.

In 2010 our School marked many successes including finishing in the top three of seven different IGSSA competitions. Of course, 2010 was also the year of our triennial Fete, further information on this has been included later in this edition of the Community Link.

Thank you to the many members of our local community who supported Perth College in 2010. We had such wonderful participation in our High Tea, our annual Garden Walk and Christmas Carols. Of course our community also supported our many Visual and Performing Arts celebrations, including The Wiz and The Witches performances. Our K-12 Art Exhibition and Art@PC Exhibitions were also well supported by the local community.

The Perth Swim Academy (training squads) and Lawley Aquatic (a competitive swim club) also enjoyed the involvement from members of our local community, with great attendance from all.

In 2010 the “Building Bridges” programme began. This project offered our girls the opportunity to connect with residents at St David’s Retirement Home in Mt Lawley. The girls are teamed with one resident each and use these meetings as an opportunity to bring in photographs from home and view the photograph albums of the residents. Board games, manicures and discussions formed the basis of the weekly catch-ups. The Perth College Boarding community were highly involved in this initiative, spending a great deal of time catching up with their resident, they even hosted a Christmas party at St David’s, where they made special cards, hosted an afternoon tea, sang Christmas carols and called bingo for the residents. We received some lovely feedback from St David’s about this event.

Perth College Community Tours continue to be popular with local residents and friends from further afield, and further Tours are planned for 2011. The dates are listed on upcoming events on the back page.

Of course a great way of seeing our School in action is by attending the Open Day on Monday, 7 March. This is a great opportunity to see the School through the eyes of our Year 10 students, and all members of the community are most welcome to visit the School on this special day.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of Community Link and we look forward to further forging partnerships with our local community.

Warm Regards

Jenny Ethell
Principal

Perth College
Anglican School for Girls

One of our successful rowing teams
Our Vision, Mission and Values

In 2010, the Perth College Council spent considerable time working together to appraise who we are as a School, and in doing so reviewed and renewed our Vision, Mission and Values.

Below is an outline of these.

Our Vision
Perth College Girls: Remarkable women

Our Mission
As an Anglican School, we provide an academic and personal learning community enabling our girls to make a difference in their world.

Our Values
Capable, Courageous, Caring

Capable: continuously learning and striving to fulfil our potential as resourceful, confident women;

Courageous: welcoming challenges with strength, confidence and resilience;

Caring: contributing to our community with integrity, respect and compassion.

These words reflect who we are as a School, and what we are trying to achieve. We hope that our local community is able to see our Vision, Mission and Values in action in our girls and our staff on a daily basis.

Facilities Update

The new Early Years Facility has risen from the ground and glimpses of the shape and scale of the new building can now be seen from Queen’s Crescent between St Crispin’s and St Rita’s.

The internal fit-out of the building is progressing well as is the internal refurbishment of St Crispin’s and St Rita’s. The construction and refurbishment aspects of this project have provided some challenges and the School in conjunction with Perkins Builders have endeavoured to minimise the impact of this work on our local neighbours.

It is hoped that construction work will be completed by the end of February followed by a two week handover period giving an anticipated project completion of mid March 2011. This provides the School with ample time to fit out the building ready for the commencement of Term 2.

The electrical sub-station being constructed on the corner of Queen’s Crescent and Beaufort Street is progressing slowly as the builder has had to excavate with caution due to the dry nature of the soil in the area. A completion time of the end of April is anticipated for this project.

Once the electrical sub-station is complete a formal opening of the Early Years Facility will be held. Full details of the opening will be advertised at a later date when more details are available.

We greatly appreciate our neighbours patience and understanding while construction work is being undertaken on these projects. A reminder that should any issue arise with the building works, please contact the Project Manager at Perkins Builders on 0419 938 672 or alternatively contact the School on 9471 2100 so that the matter can be addressed.
Perth College will be introducing our new website in 2011, integrating more interactive elements, and more navigation tools, for ease of use. As with any website, our clients can access our information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

This new site will enable the School to clearly tell our story of who we are, in a more visual way. Tools such as on-line forms will also help our website visitors to respond in a way that is more time effective.

Of course, a new website will also help us communicate with our local community, and as such, a dedicated community section will keep local residents informed of activities, events and opportunities available at the School.

Our website address will remain: www.pc.wa.edu.au and we hope that many of you find the time to visit our site and keep abreast of what is happening at the School.

Perth College students are digital natives who have never known a world without email or mobile phones. They live in a technology and media-driven environment, with an abundance of information, rapid changes in technology, and the ability to collaborate and make individual contributions on an unprecedented scale.

As Perth College moves towards “one to one” computer technology, our girls continue to seek out new opportunities to display their information technology skills, and demonstrate why it is so important that the School remains at the forefront of information technology developments into the future.

In 2010, two Year 8 students approached School Principal, Jenny Ethell, with the idea of introducing an electronic student newsletter in 2011. Dana Lee and Sarah Connor were keen to produce this “e-newsletter”, with the students’ interest in mind and School Principal, Jenny Ethell, willingly embraced the idea. Dana and Sarah have been excitedly planning the advent of the e-newsletter and are hoping to enlist the support of fellow students to help with production in 2011.

Students have also utilised their technology skills in a variety of other ways. An example of this is the art work of Year 7 student, Lola Balsing who has been working on a technique of art called speed paint, where digital images are produced on graphic design software packages, using shortcuts to produce finished artwork in a short amount of time. The results are really quite amazing. Lola’s artwork can be viewed online by visiting Youtube: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2gdg0wG0JGA

*Wonderful Website!*

Technology on the Go!
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An event of this size simply does not happen without the support of our community. The School would like to thank each and every member of the Mt Lawley community for their work towards, and patronage at our School Fete.

We realise that the Fete certainly affects all nearby residents and we are greatly appreciative of the overwhelmingly positive support we received. We also are thankful for the wonderful donations we received from the Mt Lawley business community.

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**Upcoming Events**

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**PC Music Staff Recital**

Friday 25 February; 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Join us in this showcase of the many and varied talents of our very own music staff. Our newly refurbished Anne Hairsine Studio will be a wonderful venue for this much anticipated event.

**Perth College Open Day**

Monday 7 March; 10:00am – 2:00pm
The Annual Perth College Open Day offers an opportunity for all members of the community to visit and see the School in action as well as many of our new developments. Come along and take a tour with our students.

**Art @ PC**

Saturday 9 April & Sunday 10 April; 10:00am – 4:00pm
Perth College Pavilion will be the venue for the 26th Annual Art Exhibition. Public viewing hours will be 10:00am to 4:00pm throughout the weekend. For further information please contact School reception on 9471 2100.

**Year 12 Play**

Thursday 5 May & Friday 6 May; 7:00 – 9:00pm
Anne Hairsine Studio will see the performance of a contemporary play by our Senior Drama students over two nights. More details will be available on the School website in February.

**Mothers Day Bazaar**

Saturday 7 May; 10:00am – 2:00pm
PC Auxiliary will be conducting a Mothers’ Day Bazaar at the School with gifts galore! Many wonderful gift opportunities are available for the special mother in your life.

**Senior Music Night**

Saturday 7 May; 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Our annual Senior Music Night will once again delight and amaze you with the depth and breadth of the talent that abounds in our senior music students. A varied and entertaining program is sure to satisfy all music tastes.

**Community Tours**

Wednesday 18 May and Wednesday 29 June; 10:00am – 12:00noon
A tour of the School will be conducted on each of these dates for those interested members of the community and it is a great way to see Perth College. Morning tea is provided.

**Cyber Safety – Michael Carr-Gregg presents**

Thursday 16 June; 7:00pm – 8.30pm
Perth College is once again very proud to host this presentation on Cyber- Safety from the respected Dr Michael Carr-Gregg in the Judith Cottier Theatre. Bookings made through reception on 9471 2100.

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For enquiries or more details on these events please email development@pc.wa.edu.au or contact the Perth College Development Office on 9471 2124.