



From the Principal's Desk

Principal's Cocktail Party

This year, the Principal's Cocktail Party is on Friday 20 November. This event is to recognise the people in our community who have provided support to the School during 2009. Please contact Community Relations on 08 9424 6475 or email communityrelations@plc.wa.edu.au if you wish to attend.

Information and Learning Technologies 2010

Earlier this year we embarked on an extensive internal review of our ILT programme and services that included a feedback and consultation process with parents, students and staff. We are excited to announce a number of new initiatives for 2010 and beyond that emerged as a result of our review.

In summary the 2010 programme includes:

- An ILT Levy that remains unchanged at \$1,220;
- Apple's latest MacBook with improved features;
- MobileMe subscription for two (2) years valued at \$240;
- AppleCare Protection Plan for two (2) years valued at \$579;
- Two (2) year lease rotation (rather than the prior three (3) year rotation);
- Onsite technicians for warranty and non-warranty repairs;
- MacBooks available to students over the Summer break;
- Software Download Centre that enables a less complex standard PLC image but allows for downloading of specialist software on a needs basis;
- 1^o software and technical support, based in the Senior Library;
- Reduced insurance excess at \$175 (conditions apply for screen replacement).

Please note that insurance arrangements for laptop computers have changed. Full details of insurance and the above benefits are detailed in a [Fact Sheet](#).

In addition, our financier has placed some conditions on fair wear and tear at the end of the two (2) year lease. We have included guidelines in the Fact Sheet in addition to some Care Tips. Although we work very closely with our insurer and financier, from 2010 they will have the final decision in relation to claims and MacBook returns.

Middle and Senior School Speech Night

Speech Night this year will be held at Challenge Stadium on Thursday 3 December. The evening will commence at 5.45 pm and will conclude at approximately 8.30 pm. All students from Year 7 to Year 12 are required to attend and of course, family and friends are welcome. Professor Lynn Beazley, WA's Chief Scientist will be our guest speaker.

Beth Blackwood
Principal

ILT News from 1^o

Laptop 2010 Update

November 23 to 27 is the 2010 PLC laptop rollout for over 600 students in Years 6 to 10. As a parent you can help make this process easier for your daughter by asking them the following questions:

Q1. Have you done a successful Time Machine backup?

Your daughter has her work on the Passport Backup disk that was given to all girls in 2009. The laptop she receives will have none of her data, and she will need to restore her work from the Time Machine backup after receiving her laptop. If your daughter has any questions or issues with her Time Machine backup she needs to come to 1^o so we can help her.

Q2. Is your computer clean and ready to hand back?

With so many laptops to hand out, it will speed up the distribution process, and her time out of class, if your daughter's laptop is clean. If it needs to be cleaned on the day she will be sent to a cleaning station and depending on the amount of cleaning required this could mean she is out of class longer. There are a number of cleaning stations that she can access anytime leading up to the rollout. Ask at 1^o.

Parent ILT Information Sessions

Parents in the Junior School have already attended a Parent Information Morning Tea on Tuesday 10 November and a Cybersafety Talk on Thursday 12 November. The Middle and Senior School parents are invited to attend the following technology sessions:-

Keeping up with my daughter on Wednesday 25 November from 4.30 pm - 5.30 pm at 1^o, in the Senior School Library and repeating on Thursday 26 November from 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm.

These sessions are hands-on sessions where we will discover the digital world your daughter is in. The session will focus on :

- Social networking including Facebook and iShare, PLC's collaboration site.
- Applications available on the laptop.
- Web sites that can assist in homework to researching for assignments.
- Podcasting and iTunesU.

School News

There Have Been Some Changes To Surf Camp For This Term

Due to reasons beyond our control, we have had to change the camp to a Super Surfing Day Trip!!!!

Parents have been contacted, but here are the details again so you can mark it down in your diary.

Saturday 21 November

Meet at PLC (by the school buses) at 6.15 am for a 6.30 am departure.

You only need to bring your beach gear for the day – bathers, towel, sun cream, hat, change of cloths and a water bottle. We will provide morning tea and lunch, do not bring extra food. You will be back at PLC for a 4.00 pm pick up.

PLC Auxiliary

The last meeting of the PLC Auxiliary for 2009 is Monday 23 November. This Auxiliary meeting starts at 11.00 am. Parents are asked to park at Star of the Sea church, entry from McNeil Street.

Please click on the following link to [view the minutes](#) of the last meeting and all previous minutes for the year.

Parents' Committee

The next meeting of the Parents' Committee is Tuesday 24 November commencing at 7.30 pm. If you would like to include any items on the agenda, please email parentscommittee@plc.wa.edu.au

Year 9 Parents

A reminder that you are invited to an information evening on Monday 16 November 2009 at 7.00 pm in the Hazel Day Drama Centre to outline the changes and opportunities that will be available for your daughter as she enters the Senior School at PLC. Principal Beth Blackwood, Deputy Principal Keith Anderson and Head of Senior School Neesha Flint will cover the following topics:

- Your daughter completing her Year 10 MYP studies in Term 3, 2010, and starting her Year 11 course at the beginning of Term 4, 2010.
- The introduction of the IB Diploma - what it is and why your daughter might choose the Diploma.
- An explanation of the Western Australian curriculum structure for Years 11 and 12.
- Anticipated changes to degree courses at the University of Western Australia.

Year 12

Year 12 girls and their parents are invited to a final get-together at the home of Kate and John Atkins after Speech Night on Thursday 3 December. Click here to view the [flyer](#).

Year 10 Parents

You are invited to Christmas drinks on Friday 27 November at the Albion Hotel, Cottesloe. To view the flyer click [here](#).

Year 8 Parents

You are invited to an end of year Sundowner at Nedlands Tennis Club on Sunday 15 November. To view the flyer please [click here](#).

Year 7 Parents

You are invited to an end of year Sundowner at Alison and Stephen Edlin's home on Saturday 21 November. To view the flyer for [information](#).

Second Hand Book Swap Meet

PLC parents and students are invited to take part in the Second Hand Book Swap Meet on Saturday 28 November in the Hugh Baird Sports Centre from 9.30 am to 11.30 am.

Any parents or students may attend, sell their books or donate them to the Auxiliary stall on the day. Tea and coffee will be available and sellers should bring their own card tables where possible. For more information view the [flyer](#).

Second Hand Uniform End Of Year Drop Off

Have you got PLC uniform items you no longer need, wear or that fit. The PLC Clothing Shop will accept second hand uniforms until 4.30 pm on Friday 27 November or bring to School on Monday 30 November and Tuesday 1 December between 8.30 am and 3.00 pm to Room SM4 in the Senior School (McNeil Street entrance). You need to wash, iron, fold or hang items you would like to resell. There will be forms available to fill out or they can be printed from the PLC Website and stapled to clean plastic bags containing freshly laundered and folded second hand uniform items.

Next year, the PLC Clothing Shop will ONLY take second hand items after Tuesday 16 February 2010. If you'd like to help with the second hand uniform busy bee, please email Jan Usher at jan@epiccorporate.com.au

Clothing Shop Hours**2009**

23 November - 27 November 9.30 am – 4.30 pm
30 November - 3 December 9.30 am – 4.30 pm

2010

18 January - 22 January 8.30 am – 3.30 pm
25 January - 29 January 8.30 am – 3.30 pm
Closed 26 January – Australia Day
1 February - 4 February 8.30 am – 3.30 pm

Normal shop hours Tuesday and Thursday 12.30 pm – 4.30 pm
Wednesday 8.00 am – 1.30 pm

Also open on the first Monday of each new term - 8.30 am – 3.30 pm

PLC Environmental Team News

The PLC Environmental Captain for 2010, Tess Grapsas, is already hard at work preparing for a busy year of planet-saving activities at the College. The PLC community will be kept informed of opportunities to become involved in this aspect of service at PLC.

The *E Team* would like to draw the attention of all families to the next Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day on Saturday 28 November (9.00 am – 1.00 pm) at the Subiaco Oval Car Park, Subiaco Road, Subiaco. On that day you can rid your garages and garden sheds of any unwanted cans of paint, pool and garden chemicals, pesticides and herbicides, flammable liquids, gas bottles, fluorescent tubes and bulbs, signal flares, dry cell household batteries, etc and have them disposed of safely by taking them to Subiaco Oval. Please see www.wmrc.wa.gov.au or www.wastenet.net.au or phone the Western Metropolitan Regional Council on 9384 1633 for notification of items that cannot be accepted and to find out what precautions should be taken when transporting household hazardous waste to the collection point.

Community News**Author Talk – Paullina Simons**

From the author of the top five bestseller *Road to Paradise* comes a novel of love, betrayal and redemption against the odds. Hear Paullina speak at PLC on Wednesday 18 November at 7.00 pm. The entry price of \$15 includes a glass of wine, tea, coffee and finger food. A previous title of Paullina's will also be free for ticket holders. Please [click here](#) for further details.

Indigenous Communities Education Appeal

Scotch College, in conjunction with Indigenous Communities Education Appeal (ICEA), cordially invite you to the Gooch Pavilion (Scotch Playing Fields) to enjoy a festive afternoon on Monday 23 November. Please join us from 3.45 pm and help us raise money and resources for remote schools in the Kimberley.

The afternoon will comprise of music, food, parasol painting (great Christmas gift idea), a staff vs student cricket game and other fun activities. We are also collecting any story books for children aged 5-12 that you may not need anymore to help fill school libraries. It will be a family event so please bring along anyone in your kinship system who likes to have fun and support a good cause. All are welcome. Gold coin entry.

The National Self-Detection Programme for Scoliosis (NSDP)

A new online forum was launched on 21 October 2009. Girls and their parents can obtain general advice from certified specialists who manage patients with spinal curvature. Within the forum healthcare professionals and other interested parties can discuss the National Self-Detection programme for Scoliosis.

Scoliosis is something we feel parents of teenage daughters should be aware of. If you have concerns or queries about your daughter's spinal alignment please feel free to contact the Health Centre.

Dates for your Diary

Nov 14 Saturday Musical Auditions Hazel Day Drama Centre 12.00 pm

16 Monday Year 9 Parent Information Evening Hazel Day Drama Centre 7.00 pm

17 Tuesday **Year 10 Exams Start**

18 Wednesday Middle School Assembly Hazel Day Drama Centre 12.10 pm

Paullina Simons Author Talk Hazel Day Drama Centre 7.00 pm

19 Thursday **Year 10 Exams Finish**

20 Friday Year 7 Orientation 9.00 am

Principal's Cocktail Party Hazel Day Drama Centre 5.30 pm

21 Saturday Super Surfing Day Trip

23 Monday PLC Auxiliary Meeting Boarders Sitting Room 11.00 am

Year 7 - 10 Performing Arts Showcase Hazel Day Drama Centre 6.00 pm

24 Tuesday Parents Committee Meeting 7.30 pm

25 Wednesday **TEE EXAMS FINISH**

Junior School Celebration of Learning Scotch College 6.30 pm

27 Friday Principal's Assembly Hugh Baird Sports Centre 8.30 am

Year 7 - 9 Great Escape 5.00 pm

LINKS

28 Saturday 2nd Hand Book Swap Meet Hugh Baird Sports Centre from 9.30 am to 11.30 am

Dec 1 Tuesday Prep. Nativity Heather Barr Chapel 9.00 am

2 Wednesday Final Assembly Advent Service Hugh Baird Sports Centre 11.30 am

LAST DAY TERM 4

3 Thursday **Speech Night Challenge Stadium 5.54 pm**

Parents are welcome at these events