Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends of the College,

**Year 12 2012**

In the last fortnight Clancy graduates of 2012 have received their UAC offers. We are pleased to announce that 67% of our students have been offered places in tertiary education and that equates to 65 of our 96 graduates. Congratulations to those students and indeed to the teachers at Clancy for such a successful outcome.

Last week we had Fiona Fuller, our Dux of 2012, speak at our Assembly around her success. Fiona was an outstanding student and is an outstanding person. She and her mum attended the Assembly and Fiona spoke to our students about the importance of setting goals and believing in themselves. One of the interesting things I learnt from Fiona was her ability to bring home the work that she engaged with at school and discuss it with her family. She felt that if she was able to articulate it at home around the table, then she would be able to express it in an exam or an assessment task. We are very proud of Fiona and we are also very grateful that she came to the school to give back to our students also. Fiona makes us very proud, she is a person who has a sense of community, she has a strong work ethic, a person who has set high expectations for herself, a person who understands she can make a difference in the world and a person who has a place for God in her heart.

**Parent Survey Feedback**

We are continually looking for ways to improve our performance at Clancy Catholic College. My thanks to the Year 9 and 10 parents who completed surveys on Monday 25 February, as part of our Parent Information Night. The majority of parents have provided us with very strong affirmation for the work that we do here and we thank you for that. In the short term, there are questions and comments I can respond to today.

**Can semester reports be received several days before parent interviews?**

Yes, we trialed the idea of handing out reports on the Parent/Teacher Night last year, but we will revert to the former way of providing reports. The reason we attempted to keep the reports for the Parent/Teacher Night was to encourage greater attendance on these nights.

**My son/daughter is a high achiever and sometimes teachers cannot fit an appointment in.**

We have allocated greater time for parent teacher this year so we hope this improves.

**The Year 9 Exam block is very close to NAPLAN**

We have placed a week gap between the Exam block and NAPLAN. Many KLAs will not use a test at this time and choose assessment tasks that will be due outside this time.

**The classroom should be air conditioned.**

It was a very hot night! Our classrooms have been designed to maximise the airflow naturally. Classrooms in the C Block and of course the demountables do have air conditioning. Unfortunately, we have no plans to provide air conditioning as this is something the College isn’t in a position to fund installation and the electricity costs. We may look at which classrooms are the most heated for next year’s budget and develop a plan from there.

**There are no contacts on the website.**

Contact emails for Coordinators and the Leadership Team are available on our website for key people in the community. Go to contacts and scroll down. If you need to contact a classroom teacher our generic email is info@clancy.catholic.edu.au

**Why is parking so bad?**

I sympathise, however we don’t have any control over the parking conditions outside the school. The only thing we can do is police it so it is safe for our students. It does worsen at the beginning of each year with Year 7 students being driven to school. Eventually these students get the bus. We recommend that our students travel to school by bus.
Joel Alfaro

Our prayers and sympathies go to Joshua Alfaro (Year 11) and his family for the loss of Joel Alfaro who passed away on Wednesday night. Joel was a Clancy graduate of 2011.

We celebrated the life of Joel on Wednesday morning and welcomed back around 40 of Joel's former year group to the liturgy. Joel's artwork is still displayed around the College, testament to his great talent in this area. Teachers and staff attended his funeral on Wednesday, a wonderful tribute to a much loved young man.

Eternal rest grant unto him
Let perpetual light shine upon him
May he rest in peace
Amen

Iris Nastasi
Principal

From the Religious Education Department

This week is the third week of Lent. As we prepare for Holy Week we have been engaged in several opportunities for prayer and almsgiving. The support of our House Leaders working with Year Coordinators in promoting Project Compassion demonstrates their compassion and respect for those in need. Not only have the students offered financial support to those less fortunate than themselves, they have also been learning about the injustices; the most significant way to make a change is to be educated on how to improve the living conditions of others. Thank you to all families for supporting this initiative, I encourage you to continue in your support of our social justice projects.

Lenten Prayer is occurring every day in the Chapel. Many staff have led very meaningful prayer services and many students take this opportunity to stop and reflect in the busy nature of their day. We encourage every student to ensure that at some stage during this Lenten season to stop and spend time in prayer.

Fr Joseph Truong continues our College tradition of celebrating Mass in the Chapel every Tuesday morning at 8.00am. Parishioners from Holy Spirit are invited to join our community, so too are the families of our community. Each Pastoral Class will be allocated a Mass to assist with Ministry. Next Tuesday 12 March, 12.3 Pastoral Class will attend Mass and the following Tuesday will be 12.4. We invite the families of these students to also attend.

Finally, Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor (or the Brown Nurses) are celebrating the centenary of their Religious Order this year. Our school has a connection with this Religious Order, as Cardinal Clancy is cared for by them at Randwick. There are several events this year to celebrate their significant milestone. If any family would like to attend you are more than welcome. There is a Celebration Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 13 April at 10.00am, followed by a morning tea. Other events will be published in future newsletters.

Melinda Melham
Religious Education Coordinator

Year 12 Powerhouse Museum Excursion

On Friday 22 February, the Year 12 English Studies class attended an excursion to the Powerhouse Museum in the city. The excursion was created to support the students’ developing understanding of their current unit of work, Discovery and Investigation – English and the Sciences. The students were taken on a guided tour of the museum, accompanied by teachers Mrs Rooke and Mrs Blain. Here they were able to engage in interactive workshops and ask questions about the various exhibitions and demonstrations they encountered.

Throughout the tour, there were several interesting exhibitions to explore. Some of the main attractions were the Boulton and Watt Steam Engine – the oldest surviving rotating steam engine in the world, the Transport Exhibition and the extremely popular Space Exhibition, which contained the International Space Station and the Zero Gravity Space Lab where students experienced feelings of weightlessness. Another favourite was the hands-on Experimentations Exhibition where students were able to witness and take part in experiments with heat, light, chemistry, electricity and movement.

Overall, the excursion was an informative day that was enjoyed by all. The day’s events will now contribute to the students’ English Studies assessment for this term, as they write reviews of the various exhibitions and reflect on what they learned as part of their digital portfolios.

Alison Rooke
Leader of Information Services

BBQ Helpers needed

We need parent helpers to organise and run our BBQ on Open Day. If you are able to assist us on the day (and it was a lot of fun in 2012) would you please indicate on the return slip that was sent with your child last week.

Donations for Open Day

As in 2012, we would welcome any donations of food and drinks for our BBQ. We would be most grateful for any:
- Drinks
- Sausages
- Bread Rolls
- Cakes

We thank you in advance for your generosity. Please ensure all donations are delivered to the College Office by Friday 16 March 2013. If you require further information please contact our Business Manager Gary Williams.
A great opportunity occurred on Tuesday 5 March for our Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal students to be engaged in a series of workshops with GOODJARGA 2013 CaSPA program. Three students under my supervision travelled to All Saints Girls Catholic College at Liverpool where they took part in a series of Contemporary Dance, Drama and Music workshops.

Jazmin Williams of Year 10, Joao Lopes and Jordan Luke of Year 8 began their day with a traditional Aboriginal dance. The workshop involved the students being able to express themselves in song, where they wrote the words and performed in front of an audience made up of other students from other Catholic Schools and invited guests.

Highlights of the day were where the students created their own Rap Music working closely with Malcolm and Rhímis the Aboriginal Rap artists. Jazmin used her talents to write a song and carried through with a performance second to none on the day. Joao and Jordan excelled in the performance of a traditional Aboriginal dance. They did three dances in total, and the production of the painting ceremony dance received a cheer from the audience.

I would like to thank Elizabeth Mullane the Secondary Archdiocesan Coordinator for all her hard work in making this opportunity available to our students. The event was a proud occasion for our Aboriginal students at Clancy Catholic College.

It was a delight to see our students’ involvement and how well they engaged with all the activities and people on the day. The program allowed the students to explore, develop and celebrate their story. There will be another two workshops to follow on 21 May at All Saints Girls Catholic College and on the 23 August at Redfern.

Rose O’Callaghan.
Learning Support Officer for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

On Monday 25 February, the Year 11 Music 1 class travelled into the City for the 2013 Encore Concert hosted by the Board of Studies. This concert is a showcase of the students who achieved optimum results in their 2012 Higher School Certificate Examination in Music across the state of NSW.

The venue for this spectacular concert was the Sydney Opera House which boasts one of the best performance stages of the world. The students were able to obtain an understanding of the level of skill needed to attain a highly successful result in Year 12. This is the reason why we take Year 11 so that they can set high goals and start their practice regime early.

There were a variety of performances ranging from different genres, which also included performances of HSC compositions. I feel that the students benefitted from experiencing the styles of music that students throughout the state present at an HSC level.

Just prior to the concert, students were taken on a tour of the newly built facilities at JMC Academy Ultimo which is one of the premier tertiary institutions for the study of music and audio visual. We were very lucky to have had two presenters who spoke to the students about post school studies in these areas and provided some valuable insights. We were granted access to the facilities which included recording studios, practice rooms, lecture theatres, AV and film rooms. The students were amazed at the technology available to JMC students at this academy.

It was a great day in which students were able to plan ahead for the future not only from the perspective of their musical studies, but also an insight into further studies after the HSC.

John Alvear
CAPA coordinator

From the TAS Department

This year, Clancy is going to be participating in the National Schools Packaging Design Competition. The challenge is not to design a new product, but to design and create new and innovative packaging for any given product we use on a daily basis.

The competition is open to all students with Years 7 to 9 able to work in teams of two and Years 10, 11 and 12 to work individually. There are some great money and design pack prizes to be won for yourself, in teams and for your school.

Anyone who is interested in entering or if you just want to find out more information please meet in D1 at the start of lunch on Thursday. We meet every Thursday to go over design ideas and build models of packaging designs.

Lorena Ghignone
Acting TAS Coordinator
Carnival
Sydney Alliance Excursion

On Friday 22 February, a group of Year 10 Evangelisation students along with two Year 11 students and Mr Ghignone, attended a Sydney Alliance Excursion at Catholic Education Office, Revesby. Sydney Alliance brings together diverse community organisations, unions and religious organisations to advance the common good and achieve a fair, just and sustainable city.

On the day, the students were able to access key aspects of leadership and were guided through tasks that allow development of leadership skills, especially communicational skills. The students participated in something called a Listening Campaign, where they listed the current issues and tried to find solutions to them. As well as learning these important skills, we were able to meet new students, communicate and learn the great things happening in all Catholic schools across Sydney. This was a great excursion to get to know people from other schools in our region and to indirectly learn and gain ideas to benefit and grow our own school. We all shared ideas, listed issues, found solutions and took those ideas into consideration for all schools in our region.

This was a day of fun, learning and a day for our Clancy students to grow in skill and step up to leadership roles. As always, the Clancy students were vibrant and engaged in the activities of the day. Overall, it was a great day for all Clancy students attending and we hope this tradition and skill passes down to the younger generations of the school!

Van-Anh Ho and Michael Benson
Year 11 Students

Social Justice Column

SOCIAL JUSTICE FACT: Did you know that there are currently 105,237 people who are homeless? That’s 49 out of every 10,000 people or 0.5% of Australia’s population (according to homelessaustralia.org)

This week at Clancy, the students have been busy fundraising for Caritas Australia, through our Project Compassion appeal. Each morning and afternoon, students are invited to donate any spare change into the Project Compassion boxes located in every classroom, to help improve the lives of the disadvantaged. As well as this, each year group is undertaking a fundraising initiative, in support of a particular cause. Each year group has a case study that they are reflecting on and raising money for, and thus far this has been a wonderful triumph! Thank you to the students for participating in the great cause and we look forward to your continuing support! Caritas Australia helps people help themselves, regardless of their race, religion or political beliefs. For Clancy to take part in this, we are promoting the equality of all, raising awareness of the social issues and inequalities that exist in our world, doing our small part to make the world a better place, and through that, living out our motto by striving to ‘Love Like Christ’!

Carissa Dunn and Giuseppe Mazza
Year 11 Leaders

Night Patrol Program starting at Clancy Catholic College!

This year, Clancy Catholic College will commence involvement in the Liverpool St Vincent De Paul Society Night Patrol Program. Night Patrol is a service offered by The St Vincent De Paul Society to the homeless and disadvantaged of our community. It is a service that engages with people by offering friendship, support and compassion. Volunteers provide warm drinks, something to eat, warm clothing as required and friendly conversation.

Clancy will be involved on alternating Wednesday nights (fortnightly basis). Three students and two staff members will attend each Night Patrol run. This will be offered to senior students, commencing with Year 12. Students that wish to attend will be rostered on to a particular date and MUST attend a short information session (dates will be announced) and collect and return a permission note from Mr Ghignone. Please stay tuned for notices and opportunities to be involved. In our next Newsletter there will be an article written by our very first Night Patrol volunteers sharing their experiences with the College community.

Please see Mr Ghignone if you are interested in being involved or have any questions.

Marc Ghignone
Youth Ministry Coordinator

Caritas

Project Compassion, Week 3, brings you the story of Salma.

Expectant mothers in remote communities in Bangladesh used to live with constant worries during pregnancy, due to a lack of knowledge about the causes of illnesses and good nutrition. Newly-trained community midwives are enabling women like Salma to live a healthy pregnancy and look after their babies better.

Your donation to Project Compassion enables marginalised communities to access services that would otherwise be too remote or expensive for them to access.

www.caritas.org.au

3rd Week of Lent

Photo: Majed Chowdhury
Southern Sydney Combined Catholic Colleges Rugby League Trials

On Thursday 21 February, our U/15’s and Opens Rugby League teams trialled for selection in the Southern Sydney Combined Catholic Colleges (West) Squads.

The boys played in good spirits and many of our Clancy students were successful in gaining selection. The boys will play with students from All Saints Senior Casula, Freeman and Good Samaritan to play against the East squad to make the SSCC squad for the CCC RL Carnival. This could see selection for Combined Catholic Colleges at the National Schoolboys Carnival which could lead to selection in the Australian Schoolboys. Many former and current NRL greats such as Ben Elias, Paul Sironen, Chris Lawrence and James Tedesco have represented CCC on the way to the Australian Schoolboys.

Congratulations to the following boys who embark on this journey:
Opens: Avia Minute, Esau Taetuli, Jordan Lemalu, Sebastian De La Paz, Zachary Rhodes, Matthew Zarate, Jacob Sua.
U/15’s: Mark Taetuli, Anthony Dimanche, Brendon Santos, Richard Tabet, Dallas Grieco, Jye Ellul, Phillip Vatau, Frankie Cutri, Mitchell Costa, Francis Lemalu. Avia, Esau, Jordan, Sebastian, Matthew, Dallas and Mitchell were successful in making it to the next level, the Southern Sydney Rugby League Team which will be held on Thursday 28 March.

A very big thank you to all the boys who tried out on the day, some of you were unlucky to miss out. Thank you to Mr Bell for organising the boys and to Mr Mulford for leading the Opens on the day.

Matthew Holland
Coach

Swimming Carnival Results

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AGE CHAMPIONS

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MISA ROUND 1: CLANCY vs FREEMAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

- **Softball - Years 8/9**: Wash out
- **Volleyball - Years 8/9**: Boys won 3 sets to 2, Girls lost 0 sets to 3
- **Oz Tag - Years 10 - 12**: Wash Out
- **Basketball - Years 10 - 12**: Boys won 42-10, Girls lost 5-27
- **Tennis - Opens**: Girls lost 4 games to 20, Wash out
- **Cricket - Years 10 - 12**: Wash out

ROUND 2: CLANCY vs GOOD SAMARITAN COLLEGE

- **Softball - Years 8/9**: Wash out
- **Volleyball - Years 8/9**: Boys won 3 sets to 1, Girls lost 3 sets to 0
- **Oz Tag - Years 10 - 12**: Wash out
- **Basketball - Years 10 - 12**: Boys won 37-27, Girls lost 41-7
- **Tennis - Opens**: Girls drew 16-16, Wash out

COMING UP: Tuesday 12 March

ROUND 5: CLANCY vs WILLIAM CAREY

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Ann-Marie Bissett
Acting Sports Coordinator
**Being Your Best**

It is human nature to have two competing desires when we are doing our work. On one hand, we want to do the best we can. We want our work to be of the highest quality. On the other hand, sometimes we simply want to finish... especially homework!

The “I want my work to be quality work” person settles for nothing less than their best effort. Excellence is what matters. The “Just Get It Done” person just wants to complete a task. Finishing, is what counts.

Reflection, collaboration, creativity, time, editing and a positive attitude are important strategies that people can use in the search for excellence. To see someone work with dedication and hold themselves to high standards is a pleasure to observe in any given scenario. The goal isn’t to get it done; it is to make work the best it can be. It is one of the most powerful ways to create a culture of quality and lifelong learning in your life.

David Timillero
Leader of Student Development

**English For Academic Purposes at Clancy Catholic College**

What is it?

English for academic purposes aims to support and build on the English skills acquired across all Key Learning Areas. It endeavours to connect student learning to a long-term goal of success in secondary education.

Who can join?

This year our EFAP support is tailored to Years 7, 8 and 9 students, preparing them for the language demands of senior study at Clancy.

When & Where is it held?

EFAP will occur on a weekly basis starting in Term 2 through the modes of either withdrawals or specific team teaching lessons. Each lesson aims to enrich and extend students own use of academic language with a specific focus on developing the English skills required for students to achieve in their assessment tasks.

How can my child participate?

Students will be allocated a spot on a needs basis based on assessment of their writing skills and NAPLAN results. However, if you wish your child to be considered, a criterion will be used to assess their needs in consultation with classroom teachers.

If you have any queries or would like your child to be involved, please email clara.cheung@syd.catholic.edu.au.

Clara Cheung
EFAP/ English Teacher

**UNSW Engineering Student-Parent Night**

**Event Type:** Event

**Date:** 20 March 2013

**Venue:** UNSW Kensington Campus

**Cost:** FREE

**Contact Name:** Kate Stead

**Contact Details:** k.stead@unsw.edu.au/ 9385 6437

Anne Weeks
Careers Advisor

**From the Finance Office**

A friendly reminder to all families that school fees for Term 1 are due by Monday 18 March 2013. Payment may be made by Bpay, cheque, cash, eftpos or credit card. If you have not received your account, please contact the College.

The preferred option for notification of School fees is by email. If you have not supplied your email address for school fees, can you please email to: accounts.18144@sydstu.catholic.edu.au

Any queries regarding fees or payments please contact the College Office. All conversations are strictly confidential.

Thank you for your continued support of Clancy Catholic College.

Gary Williams
Business Manager

**The Gift of Presence**

Please come to “Mass, Talk and Reflection” this Wednesday 20 March from 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm at St Patricks in the City. The focus of the talk is on “The Gift of Presence”. This is part of the Marist Laity Australia monthly meetings. Mass will start in the Church and then move to the crypt. For more information contact info@maristlaityaustralia.com or just turn up.

**Careers News**

**UNSW Engineering Student-Parent Night**

**Event Type:** Event

**Date:** 20 March 2013

**Time:** 6.00pm

**Target Group:** Students - Year 10, 11 and 12

**Venue:** UNSW Kensington Campus

**Cost:** FREE

**Contact Name:** Kate Stead

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Anne Weeks
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