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

Stations of the Cross

For the second year here at Clancy, our experience of the Stations of the Cross was magnificent, mostly through the collaboration of our staff and students. The students reenacted the Stations of the Cross for the school assembly and made a journey through the students to a high point of the school.

Last year we looked at the crucifixion from the point of view of a mother. We commended Mary’s loyalty; we were in awe of her faith. This year we viewed the crucifixion from the point of view of Pontius Pilate the outsider, a Roman, a man a long way from home, a man who didn’t quite understand the culture he was governing, a man who in many ways admired Jesus. Although he questioned the justice of what was happening, disappointingly as a leader he allowed it to progress.

The brutality that was shown on the day of the crucifixion has been etched into the memory of every Christian. The conviction that the Christians showed after the Crucifixion and Resurrection, no one could ever have imagined. Pontious Pilate, not quite engaging fully in what was happening washed his hands of the matter and thought it would go away. He underestimated the impact of the bystander, the observer, the poor, the marginalised in society. He underestimated the capacity of those who had no power, no vote. How could he tell that the bravery of the early Christians would take on such a powerful force, a faith force that 2000 years later, in another continent we, last week would be reenacting this story.

The story of the Crucifixion and Resurrection lead to some of the most remarkable stories of loyalty and faith.

I would like to thank Mrs Melinda Melham, Mr Mark Bolonia and Mr Marc Ghignone in particular, for their leadership and encouragement of our students. Miss Nadia Montibeler created the costumes for the day and some of our staff members including Miss Tiana Romeo, who also participated in the liturgy. The reverence our students showed on the day was outstanding and reflected their understanding around the significance of the Crucifixion.

On our first day back this week the same students reenacted the journey to Emmaus and the Resurrection. Again, I would like to thank Mr Ghignone for his coordination of this wonderful experience. We think it is important here at Clancy that students not only experience the trauma of the Crucifixion, but also the enormous joy and tribulation of the Resurrection of our Lord.

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter and had time to slow down and reflect on the importance of our own faith in God and the redemption that comes through the Crucifixion and Resurrection.
**Staff Development Day**

As you know, we have our first Staff Development Day on the first day of next term, **Monday 29 April**. The focus of our day is particularly around curriculum. One of the sessions I am very much looking forward to is, the development of writing for academic purposes. This is an area that is of interest to every teacher who teaches at Clancy and for every student who attends.

To put it simply, our students often use the colloquial language of the playground in formal writing tasks. We hope to further address this by continuing to refine our skills around the explicit teaching of academic language. It means providing an emphasis on a vocabulary bank, it means developing an awareness of language register and language purpose.

Another way that we can develop a student’s language is through reading and you might encourage your sons and daughters to read every night. Not only is it enjoyable, but it provides deep and rich learning around the language we use.

Further in our Newsletter, Ms Cheung has invited applications from students who would like to attend extra learning sessions in the development of Academic language. I thank Ms Chueng for this initiative.

Have a safe and happy holiday with your children in the next fortnight.

*Iris Nastasi*

Principal

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**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 & 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

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**From the Religious Education Department**

As we return from the long weekend, we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The liturgical events celebrated at the College over the last week have focused on the significance of Holy Week and the message it has for us today. The efforts by Mr Ghignone, the Liturgy Team and the Evangelisation Group resulted in a very moving re-enactment of the Passion of Christ. We pray that as a school community this message continues with us for the rest of the year.

A reminder that Tuesday morning mass is celebrated each week in the Chapel by Fr Joseph from Holy Spirit. This is a wonderful opportunity for students and their families to come and devote time to pray before the busy nature of the day takes over. Next week 11.2 Pastoral Class will assist with Ministry, whilst an open invitation is to everyone, we especially encourage the families of this Pastoral class to attend.

Term 2 will be another busy term at Clancy. In Week 2 we will celebrate our Mothers Day Mass on Wednesday 8 May. Mass will be celebrated in the Main Yard at 11.30am, all families, especially Mothers and Grandmothers are invited to celebrate Mass with us. Year 12 will attend their final Senior Residential Retreat in Week 4, spending time at Stanwell Tops as a community before their HSC. Finally, the Feast of Corpus Christi will be celebrated on Sunday 2 June at St Mary’s Cathedral. Students in the College will all have the opportunity to write a petition in the ‘Book of Life’ that will be carried in the Procession. All families are welcome to attend, further details will be communicated in future Newsletters.

*Melinda Melham*

Religious Education Coordinator

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**From the TAS Department**

**Year 11 & 12 Construction**

During Term 1 of 2013, Year 11 Construction have built toolboxes for assessment. These toolboxes are now finished and have been marked for assessment. Students can now fill their handmade toolboxes with all the tools of the Carpentry trade!

Clancy Catholic College students will use these toolboxes for years to come. Next term, Year 11 Construction will be constructing saw horses to use on the worksite to hold material when cutting and framing carpentry joints.

Well done to the Year 11 Construction Class on the quality workmanship demonstrated in the production of these toolboxes!

Year 12 Construction have also been very busy framing up wall and floor frames and plastering them ready for tiling in Term 2!

The students had a lot of fun constructing this project and are looking forward to finishing off the ‘half room’ by tiling the walls and floor next term.

*Lorena Ghignone*

Acting TAS Coordinator and Construction Teacher
Colours of Brazil Day - Congratulations Clancy

On Wednesday, March 27 Clancy held a “Colours of Brazil” mufti day to raise money and awareness of World Youth Day 13. The students of Clancy participated wonderfully in the day, dressing in the colours of Brazil (green, blue and gold). At recess and lunch fairy floss and icecream were sold and a jellybean guessing competition was held. Congratulations to Trishala Dayal and Colin Choy of Year 11, sharing the “best dressed” award and scoring themselves a $20 iTunes Card each. Mostly though, congratulations to all students of Clancy—we raised over $1900.00!!!

Thank you everyone for your efforts!

World Youth Day Rio13 –Trip of a lifetime!

Each week we will share with the Clancy community details about where our WYD pilgrims will be going in South America and what they will be doing there.

Destination: Lima, Peru

The Church of Saint Rosa

The Church of Saint Rosa was built at the place where Santa Rosa of Lima (the Patron Saint of Lima and the Philippines) was born. The Dominican Sister established in her parents’ home a hospital for the poor. Here she nursed and healed these forgotten people in a remarkable, dedicated and sacrificing way.

Birthplace of St. Martin de Porres

St. Martin de Porres was born at Lima, Peru, in 1579. His father was a Spanish gentleman and his mother a coloured freed-woman from Panama. At 15, he became a lay brother at the Dominican Friary at Lima and spent his whole life there as a barber, farm laborer, almoner, and infirmarian among other things.

Lima Immersion Experience

The WYD pilgrims will take part in a Lima immersion experience, assisting shanty towns in Lima, Peru through missionary activities such as a stairs building.

Meet a Pilgrim – World Youth Day 2013

Name - Michael Musumeci
Age - 16
Hobbies - Listening to music, gym, hanging out with friends, partying, generally going out and having a good time.

Favourite Singers - Major Lazers, Kanye West, Jay-z, Justin Timberlake, Afroman, Avicii, Macklemore.

Why are you going to WYD this year?

I’ve decided to go to World Youth Day because it would be such a great experience, something that I will never forget. Also it is a great way to further develop and strengthen my faith.

How do you expect your WYD experience to influence your faith?

I assume it will be very eye opening. I hope that the experience takes us on an inner journey.

How are you preparing for WYD?

I have been preparing spiritually, working to save money for the trip, fundraising and of course counting down the days.

How do you expect your WYD experience to influence your faith?

I believe the experience will be an eye-opener, bringing me closer to my faith and to God. I feel I’ll further appreciate God and life in general, helping me to be a better Catholic day-to-day.

What are you most looking forward to?

I'm really looking forward to the mission work in Peru leading up to WYD week. I think it'll bring a great realisation how lucky we are here at home. It will also be enriching to help the people in Latin America. Even if it is a small difference that we make, it will be something that will stay with me for life.

Favourite Quote: “The trouble is, you think you have time.”

Buddha

Station of the Cross and Road to Emmaus Reenactments

On Holy Thursday 28 March Clancy’s wonderful Evangelisation Team reenacted the Stations of the Cross for the College community and on Tuesday, 1 April they reenacted the Road to Emmaus story. Both were beautiful and powerful reenactments, credit to the hard work of the students who were involved. We are so lucky here at Clancy to have so many eager and enthusiastic students willing to give so much of themselves. Throughout the Lenten season, students were asked what they would open the door to this Lent. Now they are called to walk through that door, living out the Ministry of Jesus Christ. Thank you to all the students for their attention, reverence and involvement in the Stations of the Cross. A list of students involved is as follows:

Victoria Abreu, Pietro Mazza, Giuseppe Mazza, Carissa Dunn, Van Anh Ho, Jessica Jobbers, Angela Messina, Kaitlin Gonzalez, Mima Rabbat, Michael Benson, Frankie Schirripa, Michael Musumeci, Shannon Pestana, Sarah El-Azzi, Michaela Rubens, Caroline Rivera, Jye Hawes, Sam Gogolewski, Anthony Dimanche, Travis Abela and Thomas Bowler.

A special thank you to Giuseppe Mazza of Year 11 who played the part of Jesus in our reenactments.

Marc Ghignone

Acting Youth Ministry Coordinator
**Project D Dance Party**

On Friday 22 March, Clancy held a dance party for students in Years 7 and 8 in the College Theatre. The initiative was developed by the Year 12 College Leaders to raise awareness and funds for Project Compassion.

A total of $615 was raised to help disadvantaged students in Papua New Guinea receive an education and have resources for learning. Thank you to all Year 12 students who assisted on the night or donated items to the canteen. Well done to Alex De Martin of Year 10 who was the DJ and did an outstanding job!

Anne-Marie Bissett  
Year 12 Coordinator

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**Careers News**

- Reminder to all Year 9 students that they need to return their Tax File Number application to the Office before the end of term.
- New guides have arrived in the Careers Office including the 2013 NSW Job guide and the UAC Information booklet listing all University degrees and where they are offered. These are available for use in the library.
- Remember to check the SWSI TAFE website for updates to courses and enrolment procedures for 2014.

Anne Weeks  
Careers Advisor

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**Clancy Sport News**

### MISA Results

#### Week 9

**Grand Final**

**Basketball-Years 10/11/12**  
Boys Lost 22-15

**Wash Out Round vs Good Samaritan**

**Softball 8/9**  
Boys Won 6-3  
Girls Lost 1-7

**Oztag 10/11/12**  
Boys Won 6-4  
Girls Won 10-1

**Cricket 10/11/12**  
Boys Lost 46-80

**Playoffs**

**Volleyball 8/9**  
Boys Lost 1-3  
Won 20-12

**Tennis Opens**  
Lost 54-55

#### Week 10

**Grand Finals**

**Oztag 10/11/12**  
Boys Won 6-3  
Girls Won 9-0

**Softball 8/9**  
Boys Won 5-4  
Girls Lost 3-8

**Playoffs**

**Cricket-Years 10/11/12**  
Boys Lost 6-3  
Girls Won 10-1

Well done to all students and coaches for a great Term 1 and congratulations to the following teams for winning the Grand Final:

- Boys Oztag
- Girls Oztag
- Boys Softball

**MISA TRIALS Term 2**

Trials for the following sports will occur next **Monday 8 April or Tuesday 9 April** at the College from 3.00pm-4.00pm.

**Monday afternoon**

- Year 7 & 8 Girls Soccer
- Year 9 & 10 Boys Soccer
- Year 9 & 10 Girls Netball

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**From the Finance Department**

A friendly reminder to all families that school fees for Term 1 are to be settled by end of the Term. Payment may be made by Bpay, cheque, cash, Eftpos or credit card. If you have not received your account, please contact the College.

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

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**From the Uniform Shop**

A reminder to any Students who have a Blazer on Lay-By to please collect it next Thursday to ensure they have their Blazer ready for the start of Term 2. The Blazer is part of the winter uniform.

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**Term 2 - Winter Uniform**

Reminder all students should be wearing full winter uniform as of Term 2. This includes the blazer to and from the College.

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**Important Message**

Next week is Week B. All students are required to bring Week B books.

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**Dates to Remember**

**Tuesday afternoon**

- Year 7 Girls Oztag
- Year 7 Boys Oztag
- Year 7 & 8 Rugby League

All Senior MISA Teams will trial in week 1 of Term 2 when Year 12 return from exams.

Ann-Marie Bissett  
Acting Sports Coordinator

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**Clancy University Project Launch at 5.00pm**
Dear Parents/Carers

An article in the Sydney Morning Herald last week provides further evidence to debunk the myth that Government schools receive less funding than Catholic systemic schools.

Using data from the My School website, journalist Josephine Lovey shows that even when all sources of income are added together – including funding from governments, schools fees and fundraising – Catholic schools operate on less money than government schools and independent schools.

These are the facts. In 2011:

- The average total income for a student in an independent school was $15,182,
- The average total income for a student in a government school was $12,034
- The average total income for a student in a Catholic school was $11,079.*

So what does this mean? Put simply, Catholic systemic schools already operate on less money than independent schools or government schools. So any new model that would see funding to our schools reduced in real terms would be very unfair.

The facts are clear. With this in mind, a new funding model that puts more financial pressure placed on families of children in Catholic schools would be completely unacceptable.

Make your voice heard on this important issue. Make contact with your local member today and let him/her know what you think. Every child in every school deserves a fair go – this includes all children in Catholic schools. You can help to make that happen.

With warm wishes

DR DAN WHITE
Executive Director of Catholic Schools
HAVE YOUR SAY and WIN 1 OF 3 IPAD MINIS

The Archdiocese of Sydney’s quarterly magazine for Catholic school parents is giving away an 64Gb iPad mini to three lucky winners!

Have your say and complete the survey at the CEO Sydney website www.ceosyd.catholic.edu.au to win 1 of 3 iPad mini’s worth $589!

ENTRIES CLOSE AT 5.00PM AEST ON 29 APRIL 2013

Only one entry per entrant is allowed. Winners will be notified and announced online on 27 May 2013, and in the Term 2 edition of About Catholic Schools. The total prize pool is $1767. iPad is a registered trademark of Apple Inc.