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

“Go do not be afraid and serve”
Pope Francis WYD Homily 2013
Pope Francis urged all Catholics to remember the message that Jesus sends to us all, “There are no borders, no limits; he sends us to everyone.”

Traditionally at Clancy it is around St Mary McKillop Day that we remind our students of their responsibilities as Catholics to others in our world. We embed our values into our curriculum in a very explicit way with teachers turning Mathematical problems into questions around feeding children in Vietnam as an example, or examining the inequity that surrounds water supply to some countries and the repercussions of that.

This year the drive to serve others will come through our Houses, our focus on our patrons and Clancy values. We aim to support an orphanage in Vietnam, nominated by Father Joseph from Holy Spirit Parish, refugee families and to continue our support of East Timorese children.

We would appreciate your support through your interest in this at home, by having a conversation about what we are doing here. The activities will culminate on Clancy Day where our students will be asked to donate to stalls. The aim of this drive is not predominately about raising money, but more about raising awareness.

We began our challenge last week at Assembly and I have included here some of what I said to our students. There are some very interesting statistics available that really highlight the urgency around making young people aware of the many difficulties experienced by others in our world.

Christina Aguilera Slips outside Nightclub!
“…I listened to the news in my car last Sunday and I was really disappointed to hear that Christina Aguilera had slipped while she was leaving a night club, not because she had slipped, but because this was the breaking news of the day.

When I was a child growing up in Ireland, loving history, I used to wonder how so many millions of people during the Irish famine could die on the side of the road, in poor houses, when there were so many wealthy people around.

There are paintings and representations of these wealthy Irish and English people travelling in carriages, curtains closed, travelling by the wasted bodies of children. No food, no shelter, no hope. In later times, so upset was Jonathan Swift, author of Gulliver’s Travels that he wrote a proposal to the Irish wealthy suggesting that they should buy the babies from the poor, cook and eat them. He suggested that by paying the mothers for their babies they would be in some way contributing to the income of the poor. As the babies were destined to die anyway, would it not then be better to serve them as a delicacy for dinner?

The Irish Aristocrats were outraged by this audacity, his madness, his insensitivity but he merely pointed out, if you do nothing, you condemn these babies to death, how can you then be outraged by this modest proposal?

Of course he did this to shock, to force the wealthy to see the poor, to pull back the curtain in their carriage.

How harshly I judged those people.
Now I have to ask myself the same question, I live in a society that broadcasts a slip up by a celebrity as news. What wasn’t said on that day? What else happened that Sunday that didn’t make my news?

20 People were killed in Syria

Three dead as Egyptian factions clash

Malawi faces food shortage

4000 people fled fighting in Congo

What else didn’t even make the news, because it just didn’t change?
43.7 million displaced: a reality beyond politics

Vietnam children
No education
http://www.theguardian.com/education/2010/sep/20/70m-get-no-education

Instead we are told that Christina Aguilera had a fall. We are in part to blame for this because if we had an appetite for social justice news the commercial media would bring it to us.

How different are we from the wealthy classes that in the 18th century ignored or couldn’t face the reality of the devastation? It is easy to ignore silence, the sound of those who have no voice in our society, our world.

How can we connect and become aware and be informed?

Are you brave enough to see the injustice because you have to see it and be aware of it to then act?

I am today asking you to look beyond the gates of Clancy. Beyond your view, pull back the curtain of the carriage you ride and look about you. You live in a world of great injustice too, you are fortunate to be born here but it does not excuse you from your responsibilities. It does not excuse me from my responsibilities. As Catholics we make a commitment to seek justice, to make a positive contribution to the world.

There are many reasons not to care....

Perhaps you say I can’t make a difference. (if that’s your attitude then indifference is guaranteed ).

It’s too much work. What’s too much? (Bringing in the stationary you did last year?).

It’s a distraction from my study, (how lucky you are to get an education).

Perhaps you think the problem is too big for a little place like Clancy? Perhaps you think that there is nothing one person can do.

There are over 1050 people in our community, how can this number of people not focus on an area and make it a SMART goal? Yes we can’t change the situation of a million orphans but can we make a difference to the lives of kids in one orphanage?

Then how can you make a difference even a small one? August is when Clancy looks beyond itself to see what difference we can make. August houses St Mary McKillop day, the day named after a strong woman from our past who said “Never see a need without doing something.” I think about August being your opportunity to make the difference. You will get opportunities to be involved in August. Don’t turn away. Give a voice to those who have none, make a difference to those who don’t even ask because you want to, because it is right, because it is our mission as people, as Catholics, as women and as men.”

Congratulations
Congratulations to our Year 7 Debators for coming second in the SWCCDA Competition and to the Year 8 Debators who won the Competition! This is the first time in our history we have won the Debating Competition. Another Milestone!! More details within this Newsletter.

I would also like to congratulate Liana Hogarth of Year 10 who has been selected to represent NSW Combined High Schools Netball Team and Zaine Hill of Year 8 who recently competed in the Go-Kan-Ryu Karate World Cup at Olympic Park and won his 12-13 age division.

Iris Nastasi
Principal

From the Religious Education Department
This week is Social Justice Week at Clancy. This coincides with the Feast Days of St Mary MacKillop of the Cross on 8 August. Mary MacKillop asked that ‘We never see a need without doing something about it’. She, like all our House Patrons, devoted their lives to seeking justice, and pursuing the needs of those who did not have a voice or were forgotten. We are inspired by their commitment and selflessness, so in the month of August we challenge one another to do the same. On the 14th August all students will come together in their Houses to plan and learn about their Social Justice initiatives. The MacKillop and Luther King Houses will focus on the Mary MacKillop School in East Timor, a connection we have maintained for the last three years through one of our Parishes, St Francis Xavier, Lurnea. We are fortunate to have two Josephite sisters, Sr Rosita and Sr Irene who have worked in this community, visit, to work with our students in learning about the needs of the children in the East Timorese community. The Ozanam and Chisholm Houses are focusing on the needs of ‘Refugees’ and finally the Teresa and John Paul II Houses
will work with Fr Joseph from Holy Spirit, in learning more about the needs of children in a Vietnamese orphanage. Our students will have the opportunity to learn, to empathise and plan on how to make a difference. They will continue raising awareness over the coming weeks and Clancy Day will provide the opportunity to fundraise for these communities through their stalls. It is an opportunity for us to put our faith into action, and respond to the hope of a remarkable Australian Saint.

Next Thursday 15 August, is the Feast of the Assumption. As it is only one of two Holy days of Obligation our College community comes together to celebrate Mass. Mary, the Mother of God is also an inspirational woman to us; her unwavering faith, even amidst adversity and fear, provided her with great comfort and courage. We invite all families to attend our Mass here in the College grounds at 11.30am. Please RSVP by next Monday if you are attending to assist us with seating.

We continue to celebrate Mass every Tuesday morning at 8am in the Chapel, all are welcome to join us. 9.4 Pastoral Class is leading the Ministry next week and 9.5 Pastoral Class will minister on 20 August. A special invitation to their families to join us. We would also like to thank Fr Joseph from Holy Spirit for donating a beautiful chalice to our community for celebrating Masses. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Today our College gathered to remember the International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples by having a prayer service. The Catholic Education Office held a Mass for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students (Years 3 – 12) in all archdiocesan systemic and congregational schools, our indigenous students attended. The Mass was celebrated at St Mary’s Cathedral by His Eminence, Cardinal George Pell, who has long been a champion of the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. He was joined by priests from across the Archdiocese of Sydney. This occasion provided an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the contribution of indigenous children and youth to Sydney Catholic schools and Catholic education more broadly.

Melinda Melham
Religious Education Coordinator

Weekly Academic Awards

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Josephine McKell
English Coordinator

The SWCCDA Debating Grand Final was held on Friday, 26 July. Both our Year 7 and 8 Teams proudly represented Clancy Catholic College. The Grand Finals are highly competitive events, with each debate moderated by a panel of three adjudicators. The topic for both their debates was ‘That violent video games should be banned’.

Our Year 7 Team, on this occasion represented by Ryan Mortlock, Krishneel Singh and Alicia Syron, presented a well-evidenced case and demonstrated themselves to be articulate, charismatic debaters. They came second on the evening, a wonderful accomplishment in their first year of Secondary College debating. Congratulations to all team members, including Sarah-Jane Nyul, Aaron Alphonso, Chiara Moro and their coach, Mrs Lauren Drego.

We are pleased to announce that our Year 8 Team, Aimee Manicaro, Brooke Kelleher and Olimpia Stambe won their Grand Final. These outstanding debaters are to be congratulated for their prowess, tenacity and commitment. They are a credit to our College. Thank you to their coaches, Mrs Josephine McKell and Mrs Liz Giusti.

Congratulations again to all our Debaters on an exceptional year of Debating!

Alix Stirling and Adriana Skibola
Debating Coordinator

National Literacy and Numeracy Week 29th July to 2nd August

This year during Literacy and Numeracy Week the English Department hosted two competitions that were well supported by the student body. A Six Word Story Competition was conducted and there were over 150 student entries in the competition. The stories were shortlisted and the top fifteen stories were voted upon by Clancy staff members. Congratulations to the following students who placed in the top five stories:

1st Place - Olivia Maurice
2nd Place - Neysha Santos
3rd Place - Samantha Rysko
4th Place - Sarah Casha
5th Place - Abigail Zaguirre

There was also a Year 8 Spelling Bee Competition held on the 1st of August where four students from each English
class battled it out for the inaugural trophy. Miss Agazzi's English Class narrowly took the trophy followed closely by Miss Skibola's class.

The student winners were:
- Michael Cuschieri
- Julian Dizon
- Jeremy Soh
- Nicola Marangos

The runners up included:
- Nicholas Yako
- Sebastian Garcia
- Christian Martinazzo
- Christine Viray

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the competition. These students were:
- Phillip John Vatau
- Olivia Maurice
- Bianca Briscas
- Ben Horne
- Jessica Stewart
- Nesha Santos
- Catia-Rose Romano
- Georgia Foti
- Brooke Kelleher
- Christian Theuma
- Adam Kearney
- Joshua Lay
- Emilie Kelly
- Tara Montesin
- Dominic Zappacosta
- Cameron Nouhra

Thank you to the teacher judges and all the supporters who attended the lunchtime competition. It was a very successful and adrenaline packed spelling bee.

Josephine McKell
English Coordinator

From the Creative and Performance Arts (CAPA) Department

Congratulations to Jessica Sta Maria of Year 9 for coming third in the recent contest, 'Mounties Got Talent'. Jessica participated over three heats of which there were over 200 entries. It came down to the final 15 performers of which Jessica performed her best to achieve this fantastic result. We are very proud of you Jessica and hope that this is the start of many more opportunities to develop your craft.

Last December, Mrs Giusti and a number of Year 10 and Year 12 students participated in a program that had these students design and produce Christmas posters for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Liverpool Hospital. This is yet another example of our Visual Arts students reaching out to the wider community through their talents. Here is a quote from the letter that we received: "The kindness shown by you donating the time and effort in painting the Christmas posters will show at Christmas time when we display them around our ward. This will benefit the staff, parents and visitors to our ward. It will brighten up the festive season.” Thank you to those students and Mrs. Giusti who led the project.

John Alvear
CAPA Coordinator

Year 10 Food Product Development

As part of the Year 10 Food Technology Course, students were required to document the process of designing and preparing their own innovative food product. Students had to ensure that their food product was appealing to their target market and achievable within the 1 hour time limit provided. A range of exciting food products were prepared, including; low-fat mini cheese cakes, blueberry and dark chocolate muffin bars, pizza cakes and fruit flavoured muffins. Well Done, Year 10!

Saher Jajo
Technological and Applied Studies Teacher

Careers

(Office Open Wednesdays and Fridays)

- University Open days begin soon. See the Careers Office window for dates. Year 10, 11 and 12 students may be interested in attending;
- Students interested in NIDA (the National Institute of Dramatic Art) come and visit the Careers Office for information on courses available in 2014;
- Miller TAFE is holding an education and employment Expo and Open Day on 19 September from 10.00am-1.00pm. See the SWSI TAFE website for details;
- Students interested in Apprenticeships in 2014 need to visit the Careers office;
- Various group training organisations are opening their applications for Apprenticeships. Bring along your resume when you come to the Careers Office.

Anne Weeks
Careers Advisor

Clancy Cup Points
End of Week 4, Term 3 2013

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David Timillero
Leader of Student Development
Clancy World Youth Day pilgrims arrived home safely on Sunday 4 August after a once in a lifetime pilgrimage experience that exceeded expectations. Last newsletter you read about the mission work that pilgrims completed in Lima, Peru and the focus of this article is Macchu Pichu, WYD week and Iguazu Falls.

Macchu Pichu, what a place! We journeyed for a day from Cusco to the spectacular ancient Inca city of Macchu Pichu. The sacred site stands out as one of few sites not discovered and plundered during the Spanish conquest of South America and therefore provides a great understanding of the way of life of the Incas. It is a place where the wonder of God's creation can be witnessed in the beautiful landscape. Being there and taking in the sights, you also appreciate the courage and strength that God gives people.

Naturally the climax of the pilgrimage was World Youth Day week. We arrived in Rio very early on 22 July and with little sleep we got straight into our experience of Brazil. We caught a cable-car to the top of Sugar Loaf Mountain and had spectacular views of the whole of Rio, especially Copacabana Beach, where all the WYD celebrations were held. The atmosphere was absolutely awesome, hearing youth from around the world singing, chanting and interacting with one another. Christ the Redeemer, the most prevalent symbol of Rio, was our last stop before calling it a day. The conditions were very misty and the view of the famous statue wasn't great but this did not impact the slightest on the experience of the pilgrims. In fact, the statue had a mystery and aura about it in the mist.

Each day in Rio started off with an English catechesis session followed by Mass. The pilgrims were fortunate to listen to talks from cardinals and bishops from around the world and also listen to some very inspirational faith testimonies from people not much older than themselves.

Of course the WYD spirit was alive and well amongst the pilgrims. We didn't travel anywhere without our WYD paraphernalia and Australiana items ready to trade. Chanting aloud, we made a lasting impression on the Brazilians, demonstrating the strength of the Catholic youth in Australia. It was repeated throughout the events of the week that the "Church is alive, the Church is young" and the pilgrims definitely exemplified this.

The definite highlights of the week were the events at Copacabana Beach. There was a buzz of energy amongst everyone at the Papal welcoming ceremony as we scrambled to get a glimpse of Pope Francis amongst millions of people. The modern Stations of the Cross was another highlight, however, the standout experience was the vigil sleep-out and final Mass on Sunday morning. It was an incredibly unifying and empowering experience to see the crowds descend on Copacabana Beach, the Pope celebrated the Eucharist for 3.2 million youth from around the world.

Finally, the pilgrims took part in an incredible post-WYD retreat at Iguazu Falls, one of the seven Natural Wonders of the World and spent two days in Buenos Aires, Argentina before heading home.

Once again thank you to the Clancy community for their overwhelming support of the WYD pilgrims. More especially though, thank you to the pilgrims themselves (Lucy Arpires, Carissa Dunn, Maddison Fitzgerald, Kaitlin Gonzales, Jye Hawes, Jessica Jobberns, Angela Messina, Michael Musumeci, Rumbi Nyamagudza and Frankie Schirripa). They entered the pilgrimage with open minds and a willing nature. I can confidently say that we all have taken in a monumental amount from this trip.

Marc Ghignone
Acting Youth Ministry Coordinator
On 5 August, Year 8 went on a Reflection Day to the Edmund Rice Retreat and Conference Centre in Mulgoa, Penrith, where we were warmly welcomed by the staff. Throughout the day we completed many activities to help us learn how Jesus lives in us and with us in our everyday lives and to bring us a step further in our religious journey. The activities that enlightened us spiritually were the stories and personal journeys of the instructors. There were many role plays the four instructors showed us that were entertaining and funny, but each had a different moral. The ‘Creation Story’ re-enactment helped us appreciate all that God created.

The venue was beautiful and relaxing to take us away from our busy school lives and let us reflect on our Catholic faith. The three truths taught to us were that “God made us, God knows us and God loves us.” Overall, it was a very relaxing and fun day that definitely taught us how important our faith is and left us feeling blessed for our wellbeing and fortunate lives.

Catia-Rose Romano and Michelle Sagredo
Year 8 Students
Last Wednesday Year 9 had an early start to the day, heading towards The Great Aussie Bush Camp in Kincumber, for the 3 day camp ahead of them. The Year Group was accompanied by the Year 9 Pastoral Teachers, Mr Prasser, Miss Skibola and Mrs Holmes as well as Miss Bezzina, our Coordinator. Upon arrival, Year 9 unloaded our heavily equipped bags and were introduced to the group leaders at the camp site before being shown our cabins and activity groups.

Activity group five began the day with one of the most thrilling activities at the camp site ‘The Giant Swing’. The Giant Swing challenges you to go beyond your normal comfort zone and be hauled to the highest point as the participant feels is necessary. Once this point is reached the participant can pull "The Rip Cord" and be dropped from the towering height of 15 metres or less. On day one, group 5 also participated in rock climbing. The activity revolved around team work and being able to trust in your relay team whilst setting a goal to reach the endpoint of a pre-defined route without falling.

The Year Group participated in numerous height related activities such as High Ropes, Power Fan, Leap of Faith and Abseiling as well as others such as Archery and Fencing. On the first night, the Year Group headed towards the camp site hall where we participated in the battle of the sexes, a series of activities in which males verse females. The second night, once again we headed to that same hall, this time for the excitedly awaited for, Year 9 disco. The theme was ‘denim and white’ and both students and teachers had an enjoyable and entertaining evening. It was an eventful night and following the disco we participated in a reflection, which took place around a camp fire. Overall, camp was an enjoyable and fulfilling experience for all of the Year 9 students and our teachers. It was an opportunity to challenge ourselves and ‘let our light shine’. Being away from the comforts of our homes and the demands and fast pace of our lives, we were able to achieve many things; one of the biggest accomplishments being that we connected with our year group and teachers. As a group we created many memories, some of which we will treasure and remember for a lifetime.

Rita Rabie
Year 9 Student
**Year 11 Work Placement**

Term 3 has been a very busy time for VET students at Clancy. Over the past 2 weeks, Year 11 VET students have been participating in their mandatory Work Placement for Business Services, Construction and Hospitality. This allows VET students to experience first hand what it is like to work in their respective industries. The benefits for students undertaking work placement includes:

- progress towards the achievement of industry competencies;
- develop appropriate attitudes towards work;
- learn a range of behaviours appropriate to the industry;
- practise skills acquired in the classroom or workshop;
- develop additional skills and knowledge, including the key competencies.

**Year 11 Hospitality**

Year 11 Hospitality students experienced a range of workplaces from four and five star hotels, 2 chef hatted restaurant, inner city wine bars / bistros, hospitals, function centers and some of the local restaurants and clubs.

The Hospitality students got to experience the operational side of running a commercial kitchen, the busy service periods as well as the importance of customer service for working in the hospitality industry.

Here is an account from one of our students who experienced work placement at the famous ‘ARIA’ restaurant.

‘I did my work placement at Aria Restaurant, which is located next to the Opera House. I had to get up at 6.00am to get the 7.00am train to the city.

Some of the tasks I performed were shucking oysters, separating eggs yolks, peeling potatoes, king truffles, vacuumed sealed food items, prepared meatballs, made garnishes out of apples and cucumbers and a lot of knife cutting work. It was a really busy environment and we learnt a lot about working in a commercial kitchen.

It was a really good experience but challenging at the same time. I would recommend this experience to anyone who would like to pursue a career in hospitality’.

Jessica Raish
Year 11 Hospitality

**Year 11 Construction**

During weeks 2 and 3 of Term 3, Year 11 Construction went on work-placement for 5 days. The work-placements were spread across western Sydney and allowed students to go to places that demonstrate the large scope of the construction industry.

Trades specifications ranged from carpentry and building to window frame construction and assembly and kitchen cabinetry. Tasks students were involved in, included cleaning, packing, sorting, waxing screws, watching and assisting in assembly lines, installing perlins, eaves and trimming, interior wall framing, petitions and installing insulation and colourbond sheeting.

Year 11 Construction are to be congratulated on their fine efforts during work-placements and representing the College well.

Lorena Ghignone
Senior Construction Teacher
Business Services

Business Services Certificate II is our newest and most popular VET Course being offered at Clancy. In weeks 2 and 3, we had 20 Year 11 students out on work placement learning the mechanics and operations of a Business environment. They all had successful placements with students completing their first 35 hours work placement component. Also over the holidays our first simulated work office space was set up for our students to practise their acquired skills. Our new room hosts new equipment from a printer, fax machine, photocopier, filing cabinets, shredder, laminator, binder with office desks and ergonomic chairs.

Fay Abdo
Senior Business Services Teacher

I would like to commend all the VET students for their efforts in participating in their first work placement. The feedback from all the workplace employers/supervisors was positive. Some of the comments included ‘hardworking, showed the ability to follow instructions and respectful’. All VET students will participate in their second mandatory workplace visit in Year 12.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank South West Connect for organising the workplaces for our students. They source and placed over 50 students. A big thank you to all the workplaces that support this workplace program.

A special mention to the VET staff, Ms Ghignone and Ms Abdo for the hard work and efforts with the preparation involved in getting the students ‘workplace ready’ as well as taking time out to visit the students at their workplaces.

Photos from Year 11 Hospitality Work Placement
### ROUND 1: Clancy Catholic College vs Freeman Catholic College

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SOUTHERN SYDNEY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
On Monday 22 July, the College Athletics Team travelled out to Campbelltown Athletics Track to compete in the Southern
Sydney Athletics Carnival. Despite a cool morning, the Carnival went well and Clancy competed at a very high level. Clancy
finished second overall in the boys and 4th overall in the girls giving a combined overall effort of 3rd out of 8 schools which
was a tremendous achievement. I’d like to thank the parents who attended to support the College, Ms Lupton for managing the
team, Mrs Nastasi for attending to present the trophies at the end of the day and for the following teachers who assisted with
the running of the day: Ms Bissett, Miss Skuse, Mr Thorburn, Mr Mulford and Mr Masic.

A very special mention to Andrew Lentini (U/16s) and Isabella Moro (Opens) who both achieved ‘Age Champions’ on the
day. Congratulations on an outstanding achievement.

SOUTHERN SYDNEY REPRESENTATIVES
Congratulations and good luck to the following students who will represent Southern Sydney at the NSWCCC Athletics at
Homebush in September:
Isabella Moro, Andrew Lentini, Luke Nies, Joshua Glasson, Riley Crocker and Esau Taetuli

Michael Bell
Sport Coordinator

Mathematics Drop-In Centre
In an effort to support the students at Clancy Catholic College, the Mathematics Drop-In Centre will be running again this
term.

The Drop-In Centre is open to any student who would like some extra help in Mathematics. Every Tuesday and Friday
mornings (8.00am – 8.30am), a member of the Mathematics faculty will be available in A1 to offer students the opportunity to
ask questions or get some extra help with their homework.

I strongly encourage the students at Clancy to ‘drop-in’ and take advantage of this service!

Spyro Kyritsis
Acting Mathematics Coordinator

Homework Club
As part of our ongoing commitment to helping each student at Clancy Catholic College to realise their
potential, we wish to continue running the Homework Club throughout 2013.
Homework Club will continue in Term 3

What is Homework Club?
Homework Club occurs on Tuesday afternoon from 2.30pm - 3.30pm for students who wish to work
on their homework and assessment tasks under the guidance of a teacher. Homework club runs in the College library.

Voluntary Attendance
1. On the Monday of the week if your child wishes to attend, they are to collect a Permission Note from the Front
Office.
2. Parents/Caregivers are to sign the note, date and provide contact details.
3. Your child will return the Permission Note to the Office by the end of recess on the Tuesday.
4. Your child is to meet the supervising teacher at the College Library at 2.30pm.

Please note that if your child collects a note from the Office intending to attend Homework Club but later finds they are
unable, students must still return the note to the office stating that they cannot attend.

From the Finance Department
School fees for Term 3 have been emailed to all families and are due by Friday 23 August, 2013.

Payment may be made by Bpay, cheque, cash, Eftpos or credit card. If you have not received your
account, please contact the College on 8783 6000.

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
Dear Parents, carers and school staff

I write to you today to confirm that, after extensive consultation and negotiations with the Federal government, Catholic schools have reached an agreement regarding the new ‘Better Schools’ funding plan.

Funding for all Catholic schools has been assured.

The Federal government has guaranteed our Catholic school system the flexibility and autonomy to move forward with funding certainty and to allocate funds to our local school communities where they are needed most.

We appreciate that the Federal government has understood that it is this flexibility that has made our system of schools a success for so many years.

I have always maintained that the guiding principles of any new funding model should be excellence, equity and choice. This is why we had negotiations with the Federal government – to ensure the government’s response to Gonski in the ‘Better Schools’ model satisfies these three principles.

EXCELLENCE

The negotiated funding model provides stable funding over the next six years that allows Catholic schools to plan for the long term.

Additional investment will enable a strong focus on building teacher capacity that will allow teachers to effectively tailor programs for individual students – targeting areas where the need is greatest.

The guarantee of ongoing funding will also allow us to continue to sustain major innovations and evaluate school programs to ensure that we keep delivering ongoing benefits to students.

EQUITY

I am pleased there is now a model designed for all children and all schools across Australia. The agreed model is based on assisting all students achieve to the maximum of their potential.

Extra funding has been allocated for students who require extra support, especially students from low socio-economic backgrounds, Indigenous students, ESL students, gifted students, and students with a disability or other special need.

CHOICE

Along with stability and equity, the funding for Catholic schools recognises that parents have a right to choose the educational environment that best suits the needs of their child.

We take very seriously the financial stewardship of the resources we have available to fund our Catholic schools.

Our priority has always been, and will always be, to provide a high-quality Catholic education for every child and to deliver on our commitment to keep Catholic school fees affordable. We are pleased that significant fee rises will be minimized, and our fees will remain affordable for Catholic families.

On average Catholic schools operate at about 90% of the resourcing level of government schools – even when parent contributions are taken into account – but as a system we now have the flexibility to direct resources to where the needs are greatest.

Overall, the new schools funding model is a satisfactory outcome for Catholic schools. In the short term, the immediate investment in our schools will not be significant, as the State government freeze on funding applies until the end of 2014.

However, in the longer term, we are expecting significant gains in funding with lasting and tangible benefits to our students from 2017 onwards.

More details of the new school funding model, and the associated Catholic system implementation plan, will be provided to you in the weeks and months ahead.

With warm wishes

DR DAN WHITE
Executive Director
of Catholic Schools
**Dates to Remember**

Thursday 15 August  
Assumption Day Mass at 11.30am

Wednesday 21 August  
Year 9 Reflection Day  
Year 8 Music Incursion  
Year 12 Twilight Music Night at 7.00pm

Friday 23 August  
Sport and Year 12 Photo Day

Friday 30 August  
Clancy Day

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**WELLBEING – Regional Parent Forums Term 3 2013**

"Student safety and wellbeing are enhanced when students feel connected to their school, have positive and respectful relationships with their peers and teachers, feel confident about their social and emotional skills and satisfied with their learning experiences at school."

National Safe Schools Framework (revised 2011)

You are invited to help build safe and supportive schools by joining the conversation on one of the following evenings...

Inner Western Region Wednesday 21 August – 3 Keating St Lidcombe

Eastern Region Wednesday 28 August – 33 Banks Ave Daceyville

Southern Region Tuesday 3 September – 300 The River Rd Revesby

RSVP pcs@syd.catholic.edu.au

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**On Campus Uniform Shop**

We are pleased to announce that On Campus Schoolwear now offers the parents and students of Clancy Catholic College the option to purchase their uniforms on line.

To take advantage of this service please follow these steps:

**Step 1**  
Place your order at www.ocschoolwear.com.au  
⇒   Username - clancy  
⇒   Password - charmichael

**Step 2**  
✓   Your order will be confirmed via email.  
✓   Your order will be packaged/processed and invoiced.  
✓   Your invoice will be emailed on dispatch.  
✓   your goods will be shipped directly to Clancy Catholic College Reception.

Goods shipped by fastway Couriers. $10.00 freight charge per order.

**Step 3**  
✓   Collect your order at Clancy Catholic College Reception.

It is your responsibility to collect your order from the College Reception.
## School Zone Penalties Effective 1 July 2013

*The values are doubled during designated holiday/long weekend periods.*

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The minimum penalty for disobeying 'No Parking' is **$169** and **2 demerit points**. You may only stop here for **2 minutes** and stay within **3 metres** of your vehicle.

The minimum penalty for parking in a 'Bus Zone' is **$304** and **2 demerit points**. You can not stop here at all.

The minimum penalty for disobeying 'No Stopping' is **$304** and **2 demerit points**. You can not stop here at all. Parking on nature strips is also illegal.
Want a fun family day out? Adopt a new companion (member of the family)? or just support a good cause? You can do all that at our annual Furry Fun Day!

Animal Welfare League NSW (AWL) will soon be kicking off Save a Life in September, an annual month-long adoption drive and fundraiser. The month is filled with fun events and initiatives everyone can get involved in!

Every spring, AWL shelters are inundated with abandoned kittens and puppies and the organisation needs to make space to care for these new pets to save lives.

The first event planned for Save a Life will be the inaugural Furry Fun Day on September 7th, at the Kemps Creek Shelter, Elizabeth Drive, Kemps Creek, 10am - 4pm.

It will be a day of entertainment, competitions, market stalls, presentations and a tour through the shelter where you can meet some of our gorgeous shelter pets.

The AWL will be having the following stalls to raise much needed funds to continue the care of the animals and the running of the shelter:
- AWL information and merchandise stall
- Cake Stall - Plant Stall
- Book Stall
- Bric-a-brac Stall
- Gift Basket Stall
(donations of items to these stalls are appreciated)

We will also be having a Sausage Sizzle, face painting, Entertainment, Colouring In and other activities. There will be Grooming and Training Demonstrations and Shelter Tours. We will also be having some stalls by local businesses. Raffles, competitions and much more happening on the day.

If you wish to volunteer on the day or donate items, please do not hesitate to contact the AWL, http://www.awlnsw.com.au/shelters-vet-clinics.html or visit our facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/events/467096103364581/. Or just come along on the day to show your support.

5 ways to get involved with Save a Life in September:
- Attend AWL’s Furry Fun Day
- Adopt a shelter pet into your family
- Donate to help AWL care for shelter pets
- Foster care for pets in your own home
- Teach your own pet some new tricks & have friends sponsor them to raise funds

The day is starting to come together really well.

We are still chasing items for the gift baskets, plants and pots and Sausages, steaks, bread, rolls, onions etc for the Sausage Sizzle. As well as homemade cakes/breads/cake pops, cookies etc for the Cake Stall.

(BUSINESS OWNERS)- We are also in need of a donation of approximately 40+ unisys T-shirts for the volunteers to wear at the Animal Welfare League Furry Fun/Open/Fundraising Day. Bright colour preferable. Sizes xs-xxxl. If your business would like to donate these it would be greatly appreciated. Maybe with your logo on one sleeve (or small logo on chest) AWL logo on the other and VOLUNTEER on back of shirt. Great Advertising opportunity for you, we expect over 1000 people on the day, which is looking bigger everyday. We can also giveaway any promotion goodies you have too.

Remember that all proceeds go straight to AWL to continue their wonderful care of these animals and to help find them their Fureva homes.