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

This week we had a visit from Dr Michael Bezzina who is the Director of Teaching and Learning at the Catholic Education Office in Leichhardt. Dr. Bezzina’s position as you can imagine, is a very important one in our organisation and pivotal in the direction that we take particularly around teaching and learning.

I was a little surprised when he asked if he could do some teaching at Clancy, but to do it as a casual teacher. He wanted to do it without any announcement to students of his role at CEO. He was keen to make sure he experienced the classrooms just like any other teacher did. This occurred last Friday and we were true to our word, we did not alert the students in his classes of his position in our organisation. It was a risk, I suppose, as a Principal, but as you know this is a great school and we are proud of our community.

If you remember last Friday was a very hot day. We had fires in the vicinity, smoke in the air and temperatures in the high 30s. Students were a little lethargic and while a few were less than enthusiastic, the vast majority applied themselves to the work in hand despite the new teacher and the difficult circumstances. Dr Bezzina showed that he did indeed still have his student management skills and work was negotiated. We were true to our word, we had not warned the students of their very important teacher, nor had we rigged the day so that we could prime the most engaging students to apply their charms. We kept it as real as we could.

At Clancy we encourage our students to respect equally every adult who walks into the classroom, whether they are a full time member of staff, or whether it’s their first day ever teaching, or their last day of casual teaching, or indeed the Director of Teaching and Learning. The behavior of our students during Dr Bezzina’s visit demonstrated that that message is getting through.

The lesson is one for life. Often we might say, “Oh, I wouldn’t have done that had I’d known who you were”, but isn’t it really important that regardless of what styles people have, who they are in life, where they come from, that they are all treated with equal respect. We’re often reminded that when we dismiss a homeless person, when we lock up a refugee, when we make a decision based on poor moral grounds, when we hate someone and hang onto it, that in fact we not embracing a central Christian belief that we should love all, regardless of title or race.

‘For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

37 ‘Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

40 ‘The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

Congratulations

Congratulations to Anthony Zapata whose HSC Design Project has been selected as part of the annual exhibition of outstanding Major Design and to Sandy Choy who has been awarded a Major Prize in Wollongong University 2013, NSW Year 12 Industrial Technology Competition.

Congratulations also to the TAS Department and in particular, Mr Scott Llamas for the great work and mentorship demonstrated here. Anthony Zapata and Sandy Choy you have made us very proud!

Thank you to Paula Okaigan, who entered Clancy Catholic College in a competition recently that led to the visit of four incredibly empowering young women. These women have been selected to role model resilience in adversity. Bethany Hamilton, Tyler Wright, Alana Blanchard and Nikki Van Dijk visited our College and spoke to girls in Stage 5 about the importance of self-belief, being true to ourselves, accepting
ourselves and the importance of being honest when we are down or anxious. Particularly impressive was Tyler Wright who spoke of knowing how privileged her life is and despite being told she should be happy, she wasn’t. She said “If you are not happy, people cannot be happy for you. Be honest and talk to those who care about you.” Also capturing the imagination of our young women was Bethany Hamilton who lost an arm when she was 13. She said, “Great things can come from something awful, we will continue to grow and change”.

It was a wonderful experience for our girls. Being a young woman today can be a very difficult experience as they navigate through the pressures of peer pressure, social media pressures and so many other things the girls don’t tell us about.

The Year 9 and 10 girls reflected

“Bethany, Tyler, Nikki and Alanah, were a great inspiration. It was an amazing opportunity to have them speak and give advice to the girls.

“All speakers were great role models and really emphasised on loving the person that you are, to have high self-esteem, be happy, positive, never give-up, and always SMILE! As Bethany said ‘Courage doesn't mean you don’t get afraid. Courage means you don’t let fear stop you’.”

“The lesson I encountered was ‘accept who you are. You’re irreplaceable and unique.’ This was a great experience that I will remember.”

“Today I learned that your body image doesn't matter, just be confident with yourself and be the best person you can be.”

“From the surfers today, I learnt that I have to be myself, be confident and love myself to be successful at everything I do.”

“Today while listening to the speakers, they taught me believing is achieving! Block out all the negative things trying to stop you from dreaming or better yet, talk to someone and let out your emotions and feelings. First, you have to love and accept yourself to be confident and give your all. I learnt that yes there will be struggles in life some big and small, but you have to take them on board and learn from them to make the outcome even better. Always make sure to have a go and have fun because staying positive is the best motivator!”

“From the talk today by Bethany, Nikki, Tyler and Alanah I learnt to surround yourself with people you feel support you rather than bring you down and no matter what challenges life throws at you, never give up.”

“I learnt that it is essential to avoid dwelling on negative thoughts, instead, to be grateful for the overpowering positives that surround me in my life.”

“During this inspiring talk, I learnt that you should be confident in who you are and that you shouldn’t listen to anyone else’s opinion of you. I also learnt that if you are suffering mental hardships, you should talk to someone and let them help you.”

“I learnt that in order to be successful you need to be happy, and to realise that it is okay to seek advice.”

Farewell Year 12

This week we saw our Year 12’s as a group for the final time when they attended their formal on Thursday night. We returned to the Clancy Catholic College prayer in order to sum up the great contributions they have given us. Three years ago, this group was instrumental in the development of this prayer and it was a way to celebrate the contributions Year 12, 2013 have made to Clancy, but also how well they’ve reached our measure of the Clancy graduate. Congratulations Year 12!

My thanks to Ms Bissett and the Year 12 Pastoral Team in particular Mrs Khoury and Mrs Mamo who contributed so much to this group and the night itself. As always my gratitude to the wonderful support we have received form this body of parents. To those who leave our community, we will miss you and hope your memories of us are positive and rewarding.
Parent Engagement
School Review and Improvement
Parents would have received a link to a google docs survey asking to provide us with some insights around your appreciation of our achievements so far and some indication of where you believe we can bring improvement. We do really value your contributions. We cannot do the work here effectively without your support at home. It would be appreciated if you could please complete the survey before Monday. Any comment is useful, regardless of how trivial you might think it is and we will consider your feedback very carefully.

Cybersmart Internet Safety Presentation Night
Please see the invitation below. It would be great to see many parents attending!

From the Religious Education Department
Last Wednesday the College community celebrated a prayer service for All Souls' Day. It was a solemn and sacred liturgy in the Chapel.

Monday saw the Year 7 Reflection Day. This was Year 7’s introduction to the College's Retreat Program. The focus for the students was the Charism of the Heart, a charism developed by numerous staff and students in the College's history.

Despite the rain, Year 7 took to the day like fish to water and contributed an amazing amount of energy and creativity whilst reflecting on the people they are today and where they see themselves in the coming years. Their focus on what they can contribute to the college community was particularly poignant.

Thanks to Mr Bolonia, Mr Aitken, Miss Skibola, Ms Lupton, Mr Boggs, Mr Llamas, Miss Skuse, Mrs Vitana, Miss Portors, Mrs Rafferty, Ms Welham and Ms Cumming for all their leadership and guidance on the day.

David Timillero
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

Weekly Academic Awards

Technology and Applied Sciences (TAS)
Year 7  Georgina Grubic  Fleishia Dela Vina
         Michael Olsson  Miguel Howard
Year 8  Emilie Kelly  Fabian Rivera
         Marice Masilungan  Sarah Rodriguez
         Joseph Schirripa  Matthew Arena
Year 9  Jordan Vella  Hadley Parsons
         Richard Lezcano  Liam Piscopo
         Daniel Kovicz  Nadia Acitelli
Year 10 Domenico Acitelli  Nicholas Del Pino
       Dean Capaldi  Cooper Smith
       Adriana Borsey  Samantha Ramos
Year 12 Nicole De Leon  Morgan Tchan
       Lori-Ann Boxsell  Corey Lepe

Nadia Montibeler
Acting TAS Coordinator

Mathematics
Year 7  Roy Tristan Dela Cruz
Year 8  Jarrod Baptista  Andrew Sinemoglu
       Marice Masilungan
Year 9  Mathew Tain
Year 10 Andrew Massa
Year 11 Van-Anh Ho  Alexandra Manicaro

Spyro Kyritsis
Acting Mathematics Coordinator

Iris Nastasi
Principal
On Monday 11 November Year 7 went to Mulgoa Retreat Centre for our first school retreat. We were invited to understand the Clancy Charism which is An Invitation to the Heart, as this is what we are inspired by and use as a base line to find out who we are and the effect we have on Clancy as students. Throughout the day we were inspired by presentations and speeches by our teachers, which taught us about the meaning of the heart and the affects it can have on Clancy. The interactive and fun activities along with relatable examples helped us to understand the meaning of Clancy's core values who we are as a Clancy community. All in all, it was a very fun and inspirational day and we thank the teachers that helped in the organisation of the day.

Ryan Mortlock and Lara Morabito
Year 7 Leaders
SPARK Program

St Vincent De Paul Assisting Refugee Kids (SPARK) is a Special Work of the St Vincent de Paul Society NSW. SPARK provides educational, social and cultural support to newly arrived refugee children and their families in partnership with primary schools in Western Sydney. This term, Year 10 students from Clancy have been travelling to a local public primary school every fortnight to assist students with homework and literacy needs. The school that we attend in Liverpool has 175 students, 100 of which are eligible for the SPARK program.

It is obvious that there is a great need here. Thank you to the following Year 10 students who have been enthusiastically involved. We might even have a few aspiring teachers amongst this group!

Georgia Busuttil, Louise Debono, Sarah El-Azzi, Cassandra Franzin, Rouel Gatbonton, Chloe Habelreeh, Kirsten Jelinek, Jasmin Mantoufeh, Mycah Masilungan, Tiana Musico, Tania Nissan, Stephanie Perras, Christina Pisani, Michaela Rubens, Caroline Rivera, Giselle Sagredo, Elise Vadala and Grant Wilkins.

A thank you to Miss Romeo, Miss Drego, Miss Cheung, Mrs Khoury and Miss Sterling for their involvement so far this term.

In our local Parishes...

Holy Spirit Parish, Carnes Hill

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held every third Tuesday of the month.
The Youth and Young Adults Prayer Group runs every Wednesday at 7:30pm.
The Youth/Children’s Liturgy is on every second and fourth and Sunday of the month.

St. Francis Xavier Parish, Lurnea

If you are interested in youth initiatives at St. Francis Xavier, please see Mr Ghignone.

St Vincent De Paul Christmas Hampers

This week we launched the Christmas Hamper initiative for 2013. Each Pastoral class has an allocated family to provide for. Each student will nominate to bring in a particular food item. Your support with this worthwhile initiative would be greatly appreciated.

Marc Ghignone
Acting Youth Ministry Coordinator
On Monday 18 November, thirteen students from Year 12 Hospitality will participate in a local business partnership program called the ‘Class Chefs Program’. This was set up by South West Connect and allows our students to gain first-hand experience on how a local restaurant operates.

Our students will be required to prepare a set menu and cook it to order. During this event our students will also be required to work in front of house, taking orders as well as serving customers.

We would like to thank Angelo, the owner and staff of Cucina 105 for their hospitality and providing our students an authentic learning experience.

We would like to extend the invitation to the Clancy community and invite you to join us for dinner. Please see the flyer attached for the details and the menu. Please call the restaurant directly and make a booking.

Hope to see you there.

Michael Ha
VET Coordinator
From the Finance Office

Statements were sent to all families with outstanding fees earlier this term. It is important that all families settle their outstanding fees immediately. Payment of these fees is required to ensure that all expenses incurred by the College on behalf of the students are met. Payment may be made by Bpay, cheque, cash Eftpos or credit card.

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.

Locker Hire for 2014

Lockers are available to hire for 2014 at a cost of $45.00. If any students from Years 8 to 12 require a locker for 2014, a Locker Allocation Form can be collected at the College Office and needs to be returned by Friday 29 November 2013. Please note that there are a limited number of lockers available for hire. They will be assigned to students on a first come basis.

Gary Williams
Business Manager

Year 7 2013 Orientation Day

The Year 7 Orientation Day for students joining Clancy Catholic College in 2013 was a fantastic day. The students arrived with a lot of energy, many with nervous faces. They were greeted by the College at the front gates and welcomed to the community.

The day was an opportunity to gain a greater understanding of high school education. Students were initiated into the College’s values, expectations and culture. They also participated in various team building and creative activities that gave them an opportunity to express themselves and allowed them to meet and work with new people. All students were challenged to make as many new friends as possible. It was wonderful to see all students engage in the spirit of the day. Hopefully, this is the beginning of many new high school friendships started in the playground on this day.

The day finished off with the students participating in a few mini lessons to give them a sense of the different subjects that they will have next year. They enjoyed classes of HSIE, English, Mathematics, Science and Religion.

By the time the students left in the afternoon, those nervous faces had disappeared. The College looks forward to them arriving next year.

Glenn Aitken
Year 7 Coordinator

From the TAS Department

More wonderful cakes from the Year 9 Food Technology ‘Foods for Special Occasions’ Assessment Task. Great Job, Year 9!

Saher Jajo
Food Technology Teacher

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 20 November at 6.30pm
Parents Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday 27 November at 6.00pm
Arts and Culture Evening

Thursday 28 November
Year 12 Visual Arts Excursion

Friday 29 November
Year 9 PASS Excursion

Wednesday 4 December at 6.00pm
Cybersmart Outreach Presentation Evening for Parents only

Tuesday 10 December at 6.30 in the College
Special Education Awards Night

Wednesday 11 December at Liverpool Catholic Club at 10.00am
Advent Mass and Awards Ceremony

Friday 13 December
Final Day for Year 10 and 11

Tuesday 17 December
Final Day for Years 7 to 9

Wednesday 18 December
Parent/Teacher Meetings from 9.00am to 12.00pm

Wednesday 29 January 2014
Year 7, College Leaders and Peer Support Leaders Commence

Thursday 30 January 2014
Year 8 to 12 Return
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

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On Campus Uniform Shop

We will be available for new **Year 11 Senior** students to try and purchase uniforms on:

**Thursday 12 December 12.00pm - 5.00pm**

Alternatively new senior students can also visit the shop during our open days in January:

**January Open Days** (last week of school holidays)
- **Monday 20 January 10.00am – 4.00pm**
- **Tuesday 21 January 10.00am – 4.00pm**

**On Line Ordering**

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 online.

To take advantage of this service please follow these steps:

**Step 1**
- Place your order at [www.ocschoolwear.com.au](http://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. Any queries please contact On Campus Schoolwear on 95404936.

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Arts and Culture Night

Excellence in the field of Creative & Performing Arts

You have been invited to the Exhibition and Awards Ceremony for students in Years 7 to 12 who have excelled in the fields of Visual Arts, Music, Drama and Dance.

**Where:** Clancy Catholic College (D Block)

**Date:** 27th November 2013

**Time:** 6.00pm - Award Ceremony begins at 6.30pm