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

Arts and Culture Night

Clancy Catholic College’s Arts and Culture Night is the diamond in our calendar. It is a time where we celebrate the achievements of our students on a whole range of levels including Drama, Visual Arts and Music. It is a night filled with performances and most beautifully, it is a night where students’ parents, grandparents and carers are here to acknowledge the successes of our students. This year we had over 500 guests attend. The weather was perfect and it allowed us to celebrate all our achievements this year. A massive thank you to Mr John Alvear who coordinated the event and leads our Creative Arts Department so well, but also to the teachers who are incredibly passionate about their own area of performance and achievement. To Miss Vanessa Bezzina, Mrs Elizabeth Guild, Mrs Elizabeth Giusti, Mrs Caroline Morizzi, Miss Natalie Skuse, Ms Sarah Blake, Mr Michael Harvey, Mrs Josephine McKell and Ms Alix Stirling, your combined efforts mean that our students have a whole range of opportunities to succeed and without a doubt they do excel. Congratulations to Alex De Martin and Nicole De Leon who won the Arts and Culture Award for 2013.

Thank you also to Mr Michael Ha, Miss Saher Jajo and Mrs Anne Weekes who led the hospitality crew in their delivery of fine food. A special mention to Joshua Rose for his capacity to engage our guests, (I promised him a special mention).

Clancy wins the “Mind on Maths Competition”

On the same day, Clancy hosted the “Mind on Maths Competition”, an opportunity for gifted mathematicians to compete against the 14 Secondary Catholic schools in the Sydney Diocese. Clancy won the day-long challenge. Congratulations to the Year 7 and 8 students, Roy Tristan Dela Cruz, Aaron Alphonso, Jarrod Baptista, Daniel Lopez, Aimee Manicaro, Cindy Ngo and to Ms Thao Vu who was the group teacher there. Thank you to Mr Kyritsis who led the Mathematics Program initiative here and the terrific Maths Department who continuously support our numeracy and maths programs here.

PSYberFest Competition

Congratulations to the team from Year 8 and 9 who represented us in the PSYberFest Competition. This is an initiative to engage students to create an electronic resource that educates young people about the danger of cyberbullying and indeed empowering potential victims. Isabella Gagliano, Veronica Casha, Isabella Camilleri, Nicholas Piet, Christian Esposito, Frank Del Rosario and Cameron Irvine developed a film that
was well received. Of particular interest was the infographic they created. This will become our Clancy tactic to empower our own students. Congratulations and well done. This resource has been tweeted as far as Canada, South Korea, the USA, New Zealand, Barcelona, London and Texas in USA!

The Infogram has also recently become a tool to empower students who might be cyber stalked on the internet to provide images of themselves. Sadly, this has become a major problem for teenagers who are often asked to supply images of themselves, possibly naked or semi-naked. This infographic encourages students to screenshot the request first before they do anything. The screenshot provides us with evidence and acts as a deterrent to those who may request a photo.

The other aspect of this infographic I like very much is that it encourages students to engage a trusted adult. For many young girls, the last thing they will do is tell an adult that they have been asked to provide an image of themselves. For some young girls who have already provided an image, they feel the prospect of disappointing their parents or teachers is worse than having the image posted on the internet. Please talk to your sons and daughters about the importance of them trusting you and that when things do go wrong on the internet, they can still talk to you regardless of what the consequences might be.

Please remember that we are hosting a Cyber safety night here next week on Wednesday 4 December at 6.00pm.

**Principles of Teaching and Learning**

The Principles of Teaching and Learning are the result of collaboration between the staff, parents and students. Please refer to the article in this newsletter. If you would like to provide us with some feedback please go to: info@clancy.catholic.edu.au

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to the 25 students who received High distinctions in the recent RE test. A record for us. The students’ names are within the Religious Education report in this newsletter.

Finally, congratulations to Zachary Limare who is competing at State level in a tennis tournament in the next few weeks. Good luck Zachary!

Iris Nastasi
Principal

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**From the Religious Education Department**

As we approach the end of term we begin the season of Advent. Last Sunday we celebrated the Feast of Christ the King, the end of the current Church year and we enter into a period of waiting and preparing for the birth of Christ. In the busy nature of December, it is easy to be overwhelmed with the commercialised messages of Christmas; every shopping centre reminds us of the bargains and the ‘necessities’ to survive the Christmas season, and the media bombards us with images of parties and festivities. We can easily forget the true meaning of Christmas; the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. The first Christmas was without the fanfare, the Holy Family seeking refuge, turned away by so many at the greatest time of need. During Advent, we are called to prepare for Christ’s birth through prayer, by remembering those less fortunate than ourselves, those seeking refuge, and those without the real necessities. We thank all of you for your continued support for the St Vincent De Paul Christmas hampers that will help those families in our local communities this Christmas.

Fr Noel Short has been the Parish Priest at St Anthony’s at Austral for twenty-seven years. His service to the community and its parishioners has been enormous. He has also been an integral part of the Clancy story, involved in the establishment of our College and continued support of the faith life of our staff and students. He has decided to retire, he celebrated his final mass with his parish last Sunday, however, he will be concelebrating our Advent Mass with Fr. Thu Nguyen at the Liverpool Catholic Club. We hope you will join us for this Mass and help us in showing our appreciation to Fr Noel for his support of our community.

The Advent Mass at the Liverpool Catholic Club is an important event in our calendar. Students are reminded to bring their own morning tea, lunch and drink in a disposable bag. All students should have returned their permission note to their Pastoral teacher.

Recently we received the Year 8 RE Test results. All Year 8 students in CEO Sydney schools participate in this test in October. This year our students performed very well with 20 High Distinctions, 44 Distinctions and 89 Credits, with our cohort performing above the Sydney Archdiocese average. Congratulations to all our students, especially Veronica Casha who received the highest mark at our College.

**Students receiving High Distinctions included:**

- Veronica Casha
- Isabella Camilleri
- Dylan Calabrese
- Sarah Rodriguez
- Jarrod Baptista
- Rachel Channon
- Abigail Zaguirre
- Olivia Maurice
- Clare De Vries
- Christian Martinazzo
- Yvette Alphonso
- Chimonoye Emelumba
- Alexandro Lecca
- Monique Aliovic
- Emily Khou
- Aimee Manicaro
- Isabella Gagliano
- Bianca Briscas
- Caitlin Duncan
- Jeremy Soh

Next Tuesday, morning Mass will be led by 7.6 and 7.7 Pastoral Classes. A special invitation to their families to join us in the chapel at 8.00am.

Melinda Melham
Religious Education Coordinator
At Clancy Catholic College, our Principles of Teaching and Learning are based on.....

**VALUE BASED LEARNING**
- Enlivening our motto "To Love Like Christ:"
- Being active in the pursuit of justice.
- Developing an appreciation of Scripture.
- Providing opportunities to seek humanity in all contexts.
- Appreciating the diverse cultural, family, social context of students and their families.
- Embedding the traditions and ethos of the universal Catholic Church into the College culture.

**LIFE LONG LEARNING**
- Recognising learning extends beyond the classroom.
- Connecting to local and global contexts.
- Ensuring learning is authentic and relevant to the student’s ever-broadening world.
- Empowering a questioning mind.
- Fostering creativity and critical thinking through problem solving.
- Developing sustained capacity to adapt in a changing world.

**STUDENT CENTERED LEARNING**
- Differentiating according to the learner’s diverse needs.
- Providing high expectations, high support and high accountability.
- Developing independent, reflective and self-directed learning skills.
- Providing opportunities for various pathways to meet student needs.
- Supporting resilience through intelligent risk-taking.
- Acknowledging students learn best in a safe and positive environment.

**EXCELLENCE**
- Valuing challenge and setting high expectations for all.
- Enhancing achievement through reciprocal and constructive feedback.
- Maximising our potential as human beings in all dimensions.
- Fostering relationships that promote personalised student growth.
- Celebrating success at every opportunity.
- Seeking excellence through innovation.

*May our College be a place of wonder, learning and peace where the lessons of today prepare us for tomorrow.*

- Clancy Catholic College prayer
This year our College participated in CEO Sydney’s inaugural PSYberFest Project. Students from various schools around the Archdiocese were involved in connecting through video conferencing to brainstorm ways to combat cyber bullying. Students from the Clancy Media Team worked diligently to plan, film, edit and produce a short video to combat cyber bullies. This has been a yearlong task and culminated on Wednesday 20 November with PSYberFest, hosted by Mary Mackillop Wakeley. The day was divided into sessions where students were involved in workshops run by wellbeing expert Dan Haesler.

Students from Years 8 and 9; Isabella Gagliano, Veronica Casha, Isabella Camilleri, Nicholas Piet, Christian Esposito, Frank Del Rosario and Cameron Irvine are to be congratulated for the work they applied to the project and interest they developed in discovering ways to combat cyber bullies. The team developed their own infographic that will be displayed around the College outlining practical ways to take action online. Excellent work, students!

On Wednesday 27 November your child would have received the text book list for this year. We would like to take this opportunity to highlight a few issues with ordering textbooks this year.

- All textbook orders go directly to Endeavour Education. These may be mailed, hand delivered to the store or ordered online at www.endeavoureducation.com.au. (No money is to be sent to the College).
- To get the discount you must order the books by Friday 13 December.
- Books will be delivered to your home after the 20 January. (You can also pick up the books from the store.)
- Some textbooks will need to be ordered next year and this is indicated on the form by To Be Advised.
- You will be informed shortly about classes for subjects that are class specific, like Mathematics.

If you have any questions or concerns about this process, please contact Mr Dooner at the College.

Michael Dooner
Curriculum Coordinator

Weekly Academic Awards

Religious Education - Catholic Studies
Year 7  Roy Tristan Dela Cruz
Year 8  Veronica Casha
Year 9  Jaig Calabrese
Year 10 Angela Yazbeck
Year 11  Kaitlin Gonzalez
              Jessica Jobberns
              Laura Perkov

Melinda Melham
Religious Education Coordinator

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)
Year 7  Roy Tristan Dela Cruz
Year 8  Bailey Giandomenico
              Chinonye Emelumba
Year 9  Nadia Acitelli
              Tiana Mosca
Year 10  Andrew Lentini
Year 11  Esi Amoah
              Natalie Messina
              Lori-Ann Boxsell
              Carissa Dunn

Alexandra Lupton
PDHPE Coordinator

Science
Year 7  Roy Tristan Dela Cruz
Year 8  Rachael Channon
Year 9  Nadia Acitelli
Year 10  Sam Gogolewski

Margaret St Hill
Science Coordinator
Fearless Catechesis Event, Trinity Catholic College

On Friday 22 November students in the Evangelisation Team and Mr Ghignone travelled to Trinity Catholic College, Auburn to hear from guest speaker Sam Clear. We were welcomed with hospitality as soon as we arrived, with a BBQ and performances by Trinity students. Mr Clear, who has walked 15,500 km around the world in support of Christian Unity, was inspirational and spoke of the Church as the “Body of Christ” and highlighted that we should work together with other denominations. The theme of the night was “fearlessness” and we learnt that even though fear is a human characteristic that we all experience, it is necessary to change who we are and challenge problems in our world. Sam told us stories of times when he was fearful along his journey of spiders, bears, snakes and even losing his torch at night! We also had the opportunity for Eucharistic adoration and reconciliation. We also caught up with Clancy’s former Principal, Mr John Robinson on the night. Overall, we all enjoyed the night and it was a great experience.

Stephan Donati (Year 9)

“Lazarus at our Gate” - Archdiocesan Social Justice Day, Burwood

Last Wednesday, Mr Ghignone and 8 students from our College were invited to the Archdiocesan Social Justice Day. The theme of the day was ‘Lazarus at our gate’. The message of the day was to open our eyes to world’s poverty and to consider how we can eliminate it. We started the day with prayer and songs and listened to several speakers talk about our theme and share some of their stories. Clancy’s very own Captains, Michael Musumeci and Carissa Dunn also spoke to the schools about their mission work at World Youth Day. After that, we went off into different workshops. (In these workshops Stephan Donati (Year 9) focused on particular points that all interlinked.) All in all, the day was very uplifting and inspiring. We learned lots and had fun. ‘Lazarus at our Gate’ has shown us that there is more to the world than we thought, and that we must do all we can as Christians to combat poverty and welcome Lazarus into our hearts.

Susan D’Souza (Year 9)

Fiji Immersion Experience –Schoolies Alternative

Harvest Inroads are excited to announce a genuine alternative to Schoolies for 2014. Their 7 day Fiji immersion experience will combine mission work and community interaction as well as, of course, everything that comes with a tropical location holiday. Most meals and watersports activities are included in the price. The best part is that the immersion is exclusively for CEO Sydney schools and is totally drug and alcohol free. Please encourage your sons/daughters to choose to make memories rather than regrets of their post-HSC trip. Please see the attached flyer and contact both Harvest and Mr Ghignone for more details.

Thank you!

A big thank you to the students and teachers who recently participated in the SPARK Program;
Tania Ferreri, Rouel Gabonton, Georgina Isaac, Elena Joulianou, Jessica Kumar, Gabriela Leone, Tiana Mucico, Olivia Tropea, Miss Porters and Mr Wilson.

In our local parishes...

Holy Sprit 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 Sunday of the month.

St. Francis Xavier Parish, Lurnea

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

Marc Ghignone
Acting Youth Ministry Coordinator
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♐ ATAR release Thursday 19 December - if you are in contact with Year 12 students, please remind them that they will need their UAC PIN (and BOS student number or UAC number) to access their ATAR. They can call UAC Customer Service on 9752 0200 if they’ve lost their PIN and it's best to do that before ATAR day.

♐ University of Sydney Info Day. Friday 3 January 2014, 9am – 4pm - Explore the University of Sydney and speak to staff and students about options before finalising UAC preferences for the main-round offers. Academics and advisers are on hand to answer questions about courses, admission and scholarships. Download the Info Day app http://sydney.edu.au/infoday/mobile and plan your day. For more info and registration, visit: http://sydney.edu.au/infoday

♐ TAFE SWSI enrolling now for 2014! TAFE SWSI offers people in South Western Sydney the best opportunity to gain job-ready skills. People can choose from more than 700 courses across nine colleges in the region. TAFE SWSI is for high school students undertaking a VET course, job seekers or people looking for a new career. For more information on our courses and study options, call 13 79 74 or visit www.swsi.edu.au

♐ UTS Info Day - Info Day on 3 January 2014 - find out about entry pathways and alternative courses before main round applications close the following day. Register at www.infoday.uts.edu.au

♐ Any students interested in a chef’s apprenticeship in 2014 please visit the Careers Office on Wednesday or Friday next week.

Anne Weeks
Careers Advisor

Second Hand Science Book Sale
Thursday 5 December in College Theatre

Clancy are trialling the opportunity for students to meet and sell their Science textbook & CD to the upcoming year group. The sale of the books will be supervised, however, the exchange is between the students, no money will be collected by the college. All money and books must be exchanged on the day to avoid any future confusion.

Students in Year 7 and Year 9 who wish to purchase their text & CD are to bring $20 (correct money)

Students in Year 8 and Year 10 who wish to sell their book & CD are to bring them ready for sale.

Parents are asked to email the College on Monday with an expression of interest in either selling or purchasing a Science text. This will help with organization.

Then students are to assemble outside the College theatre at beginning of lunch on Thursday - be early to avoid missing out.

Thankyou in advance.

Margaret St. Hill
Science Coordinator

Results
Week 6: Clancy Catholic College vs All Saints Senior College 12 November

All CCC teams had a bye in Week 6

Week 7 Clancy Catholic College vs Freeman Catholic College 19 November

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Week 8: Clancy Catholic College vs Freeman Catholic College 26 November

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Week 9
Clancy Catholic College vs All Saints Senior College

Basketball Grand Finals will occur this week. Best of luck to Mr Bolonia and the Year 7-9 Boys Team who are in the Grand Final

Ann-Marie Bissett
Acting Sports Coordinator
A Night at Cucina 105 Restaurant in Liverpool

On Monday, 18 November, 10 students from Year 12 Hospitality participated in a local partnership business program called the ‘Class Chef’s event’. This event took place at Cucina 105 in Liverpool, a program which was set up by South West Connect.

The concept behind this program was to allow our students to experience a simulated restaurant environment where they would prepare and cook for paying customers.

Here is an account of the event from Year 12 students Kaitlin Gonzalez and Michaela Mori.

‘On Monday 18 November, 10 students from Year 12 hospitality class participated in the ‘Class Chefs Program’ which involved preparing a three course dinner at Cucina 105 Italian Restaurant in Liverpool.

We arrived in Liverpool at 1.00pm, and were shown the kitchen and dining areas. Then received instructions from the Restaurant’s Head Chef and were designated to our tasks for the evening.

Three students were assigned as waitresses and the rest of the class worked in the kitchen, preparing and cooking the food.

As students, we had an opportunity to experience working as a team, working under pressure, and of course preparing and cooking fantastic meals for our special guests.

The students who participated that night, worked enthusiastically and were excited to cook for our family, friends, teachers and special guests from South West Connect.

The experience was extremely valuable and enjoyable and helped us to gain a better understanding of the hospitality industry.

We would like to thank Mr Ha and Miss Montibeler for making this experience possible and to everyone else for supporting this event.”

I am so proud of the hard work and efforts of the following students: Kaitlin Gonzalez, Nicole Soulis, Tanesha Stojanovski, Jessica Turnbull, Lori-Ann Boxsell, Jessica Raish, Lucy Arpires, Nicole Akkary, Michaela Mori and Daria Xotta. They prepared, cooked and served over 200 meals for 80 paying customers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Montibeler for assisting the students in this program. She did an outstanding job coordinating the meals coming out of the kitchen. I would also like to thank the staff that came to this event and supported our students.

Clancy would like to thank the staff at South West Connect for organising this program. We would like to acknowledge the hospitality provided by Angelo, the owner of Cucina 105 and allowing our students to have an opportunity to showcase their talents.

Michael Ha
VET Coordinator
Arts & Culture Evening
The Catholic Education Office Sydney is holding an **Information Session** on **Arrowsmith Program** currently being implemented within the campus of Casimir College Marrickville. There are limited places available for secondary students from 2014. The program is for a period of two years. The program has proven effective for students having difficulty with reading, writing and mathematics, comprehension, logical reasoning, problem solving, visual and auditory memory, non-verbal learning, attention, processing speed and dyslexia.

**When:** Tuesday 3 December  
**Time:** 5.00pm to 6.30pm  
**Where:** 200 Livingstone Rd, Marrickville NSW 2204  
**RSVP:** rhodelia.gaal@syd.catholic.edu.au

For more information regarding the Arrowsmith Program please visit the Canadian site http://www.arrowsmithschool.org/

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Proposed new school funding model prompts questions from CEO leader

Dr Dan White, Executive Director of Sydney Catholic Schools, says he was taken by surprise with the announcement by Education Minister Christopher Pyne that the Federal Government was planning a new school funding model, but was reassured by the Minister’s commitment to maintain the same ‘funding envelope’ for school education over the four years from 2014 to 2017.

“While I am very open to exploring ways to cut red tape in the implementation for the model, it is my sincere hope that if there is a new arrangement, it will stay faithful to the principles that underpinned the original Gonski funding model,” Dr White said.

“For me, three questions come to mind:

“Firstly, will ensuring that equity for all students, regardless of what kind of school they attend, still sit at the heart of any new model?

“Secondly, while the ‘funding envelope’ will remain the same, will there be any reduction to the funds provided to Catholic schools, compared to the current arrangements?

“Thirdly, what involvement will school sectors have in the development of a new model?

“Of course, I would expect that any proposals to change funding arrangements would be very carefully thought through. They should also improve on the arrangements in the Australian Education Act, which were negotiated with the help of the Catholic education sector and passed by Parliament in June.

“The principles of equity, academic excellence and choice must remain at the heart of any funding model. We look forward to hearing form the Minister Pyne as soon as possible as to what changes to the funding of schools will mean for the families who have chosen a Catholic school for their child.”

#ends

For media inquiries contact Mark Rix, Head of Communications on 0417 442 018.