

"Let Your Light Shine"

WEEK 10 TERM I, 2012

5 April 2012

Dear Parents and Carers

'Let the same mind be in you that was in King Jesus, who being in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that King Jesus is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.' (Philippians 2:5-11)



When I look at the pictures from today's Stations of the Cross, I cannot but imagine what a bleak picture the crucifixion must have created for all of the followers of Jesus, and indeed his mother Mary. The sky had turned to darkness, Jesus is in agony and while he dies he is mocked and humiliated further. Every attempt is made to remove His dignity, to erase the remarkable impact this man has created in such a short period of time, to remove the extraordinary. But as Jesus dies, there is a small miracle, a light pointing to the greatness about to be revealed. A gentile centurion declares, in the midst of great fear and intimidation, "Surely, this man is the son of God" (Mark 15:39). A door is opened.

As we finish our term deep in reflection of Good Friday and the death of Jesus, we do so knowing that we will be celebrating His resurrection in just a few days. I often wonder about the depth of despair the disciples of Jesus experienced as He died on the cross. It is ironic that the glory of the crucifixion became obvious to a relative stranger, a person who had not made the journey with Jesus but a person who may have had enough distance from the appalling events to see the glory of the message.

I hope this is truly a joyous celebration for you this Easter and that amidst the great rush that Easter brings, that you get the opportunity to really experience the greatness and the glory of the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus, the son of God. The door is still open!

Mass times have been included for you further in the newsletter. Thank you to Mrs Melham for bringing together an idea to engage our students in the "Stations of the Cross". The work of Mrs Kihl, Miss Nguyen and Mr Bolonia drew from the wonderful gifts of our actors, musicians and captured the attention of our whole school. The students who participated today (listed below) are a credit to our Catholic College.

Year 11

Victoria Abreu
Piotr Rutkowski

Nancee Riviera
Patrick Marcelo

Isabella Polistena
Pietro Mazza

Louisa Howard
Dylan Villanueva

Year 10

Sebastian De La Paz
Michael Musumeci
Domenic Longo

Van-Anh Ho
Angela Messina
Frankie Schrippa

Laura Perkov
Mirna Rabbat
Giuseppe Mazza

Carissa Dunn
Michael Boatend Benson
Jessica Jobbens

Happy Easter from all of us here at Clancy.

**Iris Nastasi
Principal**

From the Assistant Principal - Craig Mooney

As we begin our Easter Celebrations I take this opportunity to wish all our families a very blessed Easter. May it be a time of reflection and thanks for the sacrifice Jesus made for us. May this time be spent with family and friends. I would also like to wish all our students a very safe and relaxing holiday.

Silver Awards

Congratulations to **Daniel Kovicz** for receiving a Silver Award at the College Assembly last week. This is a great achievement and we commend Daniel for this achievement.

Winter Uniform

From the start of Term 2, all students are to be in full **winter uniform**. Blazers are to be worn to and from school each day. The full uniform policy can be found on pages 32-34 of the College Diary and on the College Website. I remind parents that if you are purchasing school shoes over the holidays, ballet style shoes with the very small heel and shoes that do not completely cover the top of the foot are not acceptable as these do not meet the College's health and safety policy. Please contact your child's Year Coordinator if clarification is needed.

Craig Mooney
Assistant Principal

From the Religious Education Coordinator-Melinda Melham

As many of us are counting down the days to the holidays, we may lose sight of the significance of this week in our Church, Holy Week. However, the students at Clancy have demonstrated their understanding of this week through their reverence and participation in many prayer and liturgical opportunities. The school's commitment to Project Compassion, raising \$3400 and students' eagerness to learn and empathise with those in our world who are less fortunate than ourselves truly shows the charisma of our College, that we continually strive to 'Love like Christ'.

Our reflection on the Passion of our Lord, re-enacted through the Stations of the Cross was a powerful way of remembering what Easter really is about. The liturgy would not have occurred without the commitment of our student Evangelisation Team, Mrs Kihl, Mr Bolonia and our Liturgy Committee. A special thanks to Miss Nguyen for her assistance with the props and costumes and to Miss Jajo's brother-in-law and his company HDM Constructions, who volunteered his time and resources to create our crosses.

Finally, I hope that all of you have the opportunity to participate in some of the Easter liturgies this weekend. In such a significant time in our Church's calendar, it is important we take time to pray and remember the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. May you all have a happy and holy Easter.

Melinda Melham
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

Year 11 and 12 Parent, Teacher Student Interviews

The Year 11 & 12 Parent Teacher and student interviews will take place on **Thursday 26 April** between 3.30pm and 8.30pm in the College Theatre.

Peer Support 2012



This term, Year 7 and selected Year 10 Peer Leaders have been involved in Peer Support. Peer Support is a valuable, rewarding and dynamic program that fosters the physical, mental and social wellbeing of young people and their community.



The Peer Support program has aimed to provide a positive and safe learning environment for all students involved. Peer Support teaches students a range of skills to deal positively and proactively with

life experiences, develop a sense of self-worth and belonging and encourages students to take responsibility for their decisions and actions. Students worked in groups of 8 to 10 and navigated their way through a series of activities covering a range of skills and concepts such as building the tallest tower with extra limitations, making group agreements, acting out situation cards and discussing their strengths and weaknesses honestly.

On Thursday 29 March, all of Year 7 and Year 10 Peer Support Leaders celebrated an end to Peer Support for 2012. A celebratory BBQ was held on the College oval during Period 4 and lunch.



Year 7 and Year 10 played a game of football and soccer and ate lunch together in their groups for the last time.

Year 7 must be congratulated on their cooperativeness and willingness to get involved and make friendships that will hopefully last with them forever.

Clancy Catholic College is also very proud of the Year 10 Peer Support Leaders for their organisation, positive attitude and contribution towards Peer Support at Clancy.

Thanks everyone. Looking forward to Peer Support again next Year with the next Year 7 and Year 10 cohort!



Lorena Ghignone and Katie Pearce
Peer Support Facilitators

Year 9 Camp 2012.

The whole idea of Year 9 Camp was to discover more about the people around us, to show our talents and face our fears. We participated in many activities such as Rock Climbing, Canoeing, Archery and a Ropes Course. Many people had strengths and weaknesses in these activities, and some people faced their fears and conquered them.



The Year 9 Camp was lead by Mr Aitken and the Year 9 Pastoral Team. The experience of Year 9 Camp has taught us that we can do anything as long as we put our minds to it and we feel more comfortable in front of people who we wouldn't normally socialise with. During the day at group activities and after dinner activities all of Year 9 got the chance to interact with each other and work with different people.



Everyone had so much fun at camp, especially during the disco. After the disco, we participated in a beautiful liturgy that Ms Deguara and Ms Palumbo put together.

Camp not only strengthened our physical health, but also our mental health. Overall, Year 9 Camp at Narabeen this year was a great experience.

Georgette Shearer
Year 9 Student

Science News

It has been a busy scientific few weeks at Clancy. Students in all year groups have completed their first assessment task. The large number of outstanding results reflects a very good start to 2012. Well done and keep up the good work.



Recently Year 7 and 8 enjoyed a visit from the CSIRO. These incursions not only enhanced the teaching and learning programs but also entertained the students.

The 'Working Scientifically' workshop was a wonderful opportunity for Year 7 students to further develop their investigative skills and learn more about conducting valid experiments in Science. The hands on practical tasks included investigating variables with the period of a pendulum, dissolving time and surface area, production and collection of gas, gears and speed etc. The experience was enjoyed by all and will benefit students in conducting their own research project in the upcoming assessment task.

Year 8 also enjoyed a CSIRO hands on workshop titled 'Forensic Frenzy'. Students examined several pieces of evidence to solve a crime. It was a very interesting use of science and the scenario was based on the Graeme Thorne kidnapping, which was the first Australian kidnapping that involved demands for money.

Margaret St Hill
Science Coordinator

Latest WYD Rio 2013 News



Information regarding World Youth Day 2013 has been released from the Catholic Education Office. Parents and students are invited to start thinking about the possibility of attending WYD 2013 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

1. Will we be sending students from Clancy?

The hope is that we will send students in the 2013, Year 10 and 11 cohort. Sydney Catholic schools have targeted these two year groups as potential pilgrims. On Wednesday 4 April, the World Youth Day launch was held for the current Year 9 and 10 cohort. The aim of this launch was to raise an awareness of WYD and to generate interest.

2. What pilgrimage options will be made available?

The pilgrimage options are still being finalised. Prices have not yet been confirmed, however will be available soon. At present, there are three pilgrimage options:

- Lima (Peru)
- Guadalupe (Mexico)
- Brazil Direct

How much will it cost?

It is anticipated that pricing for packages will range from \$5000 - \$6500. Please check regularly for updates regarding pricing as it has not yet been finalised.

4. How will we raise funds for WYD?

Pricing itineraries for these pilgrimage options will be made available early Term 2. It will be anticipated that pilgrims attending will lead the fundraising initiatives to help offset the expenses.

5. What will be the focus of WYD 2013?

All students and teachers attending WYD celebrations will be involved in mission/outreach work. The mission may involve work of a physical nature and is aimed at enriching the overall WYD experience of our pilgrims and the communities in which they spend their time.

6. When can students show their Expression of Interest?

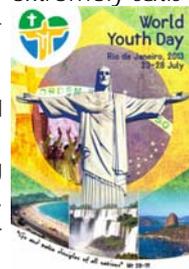
Students in the current Year 9 and 10 cohort will be invited early Term 2 to submit an 'Expression of Interest' form regarding their potential involvement in WYD Rio. This 'Expression of Interest' will require parental signature prior to its return. Towards the end of Term 2, students who have indicated an interest will be invited to submit a 'Confirmation of Interest' form and a \$500 (refundable) deposit to confirm their intention. This \$500 will be **matched with a \$500 subsidy for each student on behalf of the Catholic Education Office.**

7. Is it safe to go to Rio?

The safety of both staff and students is the number one priority for Catholic Education Office. A delegation from the CEO has already attended the countries of pilgrimage and others will be sent in the coming months to complete a risk assessment. The initial delegation to Rio are extremely satisfied that all safety considerations are currently being met.

8. I've still got more questions! Who can I ask?

If you have anymore questions regarding WYD 2013, please direct them to Mrs Kihl. Alternatively, you can check the Youth Ministry Weebly for updates.



Study Skills

At Clancy Catholic College we subscribe to the **Study Skills Handbook**. This is an excellent online resource designed to assist students with developing healthy study habits and has a wealth of useful information. The username and password is below. **Please Note: This password is for students enrolled in Clancy Catholic College ONLY.**

MAKING EXCUSES NOT TO STUDY

It is very easy to come up with lots of reasons not to do your schoolwork. "I'm too tired." "There is other stuff I'd rather be doing." "It's boring, I can't be bothered." But these are just excuses and the way students try to justify to themselves that it is OK not to do their work.

If you are having trouble getting started when you get home each afternoon, here are some tips to help:

1. As soon as you get home, unpack your bag immediately and lay out the work to be done in piles on your bed or the floor. Then walk away and have your break. It is easier to come back and start if all you have to do is pick up the first pile and begin.
2. Set an alarm in your mobile phone for when you will start work.
3. Start with something easy and achievable to get into a good rhythm and mind space.
4. Prioritise the rest of the work for the evening, what is most important? What is most urgent? What has to be done tonight?
5. Set yourself a reward for completing a certain amount of work.
6. Keep schoolwork and personal life separate, don't do work in front of the TV or Facebook, instead do schoolwork in focused half hour blocks.
7. Choose a friend to help keep you on track. Discuss before you leave school what you need to get done that night, then decide a time to check in eg 9pm. Even though it is just your friend who is ringing to check up on you, it is amazing how much more motivated you will be to do the work when you know someone is checking up on you!

To learn more about working effectively visit the Dealing with Distractions and Overcoming Procrastination unit of www.studyskillshandbook.com.au.

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Librarian

Dates to Remember

First day back in Term II

Monday 23 April in Full Winter Uniform

Year 11 & 12 Parent Teacher Student Interviews

Thursday 26 April in College Theatre

College Athletic Carnival

Friday 4 May

Uniform Shop

Blazers are now in stock and ready for collection.

In Term 2 our opening hours are every **Thursday** from **12.00pm to 4.00pm**.

We regret we are no longer able to accept cheques in the Uniform Shop and that payment options are now Cash, Eftpos and Credit Cards.

On Campus Schoolwear

Mass Times in our Parishes

Dramatic Form of the Stations of the Cross will occur at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Hinchinbrook on Good Friday at 11.00am. This will be presented by the Youth of both the Good Shepherd and Holy Spirit Parishes.



The following Masses will occur at:

Holy Spirit, Carnes Hill:

Mass of the Lord's Supper	
Holy Thursday Night	7.30pm
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion	
Good Friday	3.00pm
Easter Saturday Vigil	
Holy Saturday	7.30pm
Easter Sunday Masses	
Easter Sunday	8.00am, 10.00am and 5.30pm

St. Francis Xavier, Lurnea

Mass of the Lord's Supper	
Holy Thursday Night	7.30pm
Stations of the Cross	
Good Friday	10.00am
Commemoration of the Lord's Passion	
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St. Anthony's Austral

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Career News

Certificate III in Media - During school holidays in Sydney

This is a Board of Studies Endorsed Course and can be accredited for up to 4 units of the Preliminary HSC (Year 11).

<http://www.participate.com.au/film-courses/certificate-iii-media>

Macquarie University Experience Program 2012

The 2012 Macquarie Experience Program includes information on some of our upcoming science events such as the Astronomy Open Night, National Science Week Climate Change Seminar and HSC Enrichment Days. If you are interested in these or more visit: www.mq.edu.au/macquarieexperience

Westmead Hospital Social Work Careers Day

Monday 7 May or Tuesday 15 May for Year 11 & 12 students.

RSVP by 27th April. Contact: Kay DeRidder

Kay.DeRidder@wsahs.nsw.gov.au

Western Sydney Try'a Trade - 25 & 26 June

Venue: Kevin Betts Stadium, Mt Druitt. Contact: 4729 0777 or melanie.elmir@det.nsw.edu.au or <http://www.schoolsindustry.com.au/news.asp?id=173&pid=29>

Sharyn Conneally
Careers Advisor