

"Let Your Light Shine"

WEEK 4 TERM 2, 2012

18 May 2012

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

Mother's Day Mass

We celebrated a wonderful Mother's Day Mass last Thursday. Over 120 parents and friends attended. Thank you to all those who came, particularly the mums and grandmothers, it gave our students an opportunity to celebrate you.



It was most appropriate that we celebrated our Mother's Day Mass in the month of May, a time when as a Catholic community we look to perhaps, the greatest mother ever recorded in history, Mary.

Mary would have experienced much of what mothers experience today. The joy of watching her baby develop, she would have watched Jesus move from a crawl to a walk, she would have watched Him become more and more independent, she would have felt the embraces and I'm sure she would have picked up a child too who experienced many of the falls.



Mary, like all mothers, would have experienced so much of the pain of her child. For Mary this meant watching this baby Jesus grow, become a teenager and deep down and very wisely she knew that her son was special, different or distinct, that his mission was much greater than any other mission in the human experience.

We have to bear in mind that she wasn't spared the human capacity to feel anxiety, she wasn't spared the capacity the need to cry, she wasn't spared pain.

We do know that Mary was extraordinarily proud of her son. We know that her heart would have swollen when she looked into His eyes, when she wrapped her hands around His little hands as a child, she would have felt the same great love that every mother feels for her child. But imagine how complex it would have been knowing what was ahead for her son. For me, my greatest admiration peaks when I imagine her, witnessing what took place from the time Jesus entered Jerusalem, to the time that He was arrested, the scourging, the beatings, the humiliation, the ridicule, she watched it all and she stayed. She did not doubt, she did not deny her connection. She is perhaps one of the greatest people who has ever walked this earth. There is no evidence whatsoever that Mary faltered at all. She was with Him right to the very end. But why wouldn't she be? She was His mother.



Maria, Marianne, Moira, Marianna, Miriam, there's hardly a place in the world where her name hasn't been translated into another language and so it should be.

CaSPA Performance

As part of the Catholic Archdiocese, we are part of the "Tell me a Story". We have many very talented students participating in the huge event. As part of the Creative Arts Program we have integrated the performance into our curriculum and will be transporting all of Year 7 students to this event. There are more details around this performance further in the newsletter. We will provide an Information Night later in the term for parents of the performers to clarify the logistics of this.

Congratulations to all those students who are indeed 'Letting Their Light Shine' and sharing their wonderful talents.

Staff Spirituality Day - Friday 25 May

You should have received a letter reminding you of our Spirituality Day on **Friday 25 May**. The school will be closed on this day as the entire community will be off site. It is the only Staff Development Day for which we cannot offer supervision. The day is integral to forming our vision and mission as an authentic Catholic school.

On a personal note I would like to thank the students and parents for your offers of condolences for the passing of my father in law, Carmelo Nastasi, this week. May he rest in peace.

Thank you as always for your support in all we do here at Clancy.

Iris Nastasi
Principal

From the Assistant Principal - Mr Craig Mooney Tuesday's Sport Uniform

Just a reminder the sports uniform can be worn to school on Tuesdays. However if a student does not have the correct sports uniform including predominantly white shoes, the full College Winter uniform is to be worn to school and students are to change into their sports uniform before going to their sport.

Cybersafety

We often talk about the safety of our children travelling to and from school, when out at sporting events and in social situations. It is also important to stress with these young people the need for safety when interacting with others on the internet. Please find a fact sheet in this newsletter related to cybersafety and the top ten tips for youth for your information.

Craig Mooney
Assistant Principal

From the Acting Religious Education Coordinator Mother's Day

A special thank you to all the mothers and grandmothers who joined us for our Mother's Day Mass. A special congratulations to Isabella Olic in Year 8 who won our Mother's Day competition for her 'image of a Mother' that became our cover on the Mass booklet and prayer card. Sarah Casha of Year 11 was our other winner who wrote the beautiful reflection on Mothers for our prayer card. There were many students who entered this competition, their time and thoughts presented in images and words really illustrated the special place our mothers hold in our hearts.

Pentecost at St Francis Xavier - A Time for Giving

On Sunday, 27 May our Church celebrates Pentecost Sunday. This celebrates the Birth of the Church and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. St Francis Xavier, Lurnea is inviting all of their parishioners and members of the local school communities to join them in Mass on this day. There will only be one Mass at the Lurnea Parish this weekend, and it will be held in the grounds of St Francis Xavier School at 9.00am followed by a BBQ. Each family attending is asked to bring a 'gift' to be offered during the Mass that will be passed onto East Timor. These gifts may be blankets, clothes or even a financial contribution. Our school worked with St Francis Xavier Parish last year in social justice initiatives to assist the East Timor community. Pentecost is a time to show thanks for the gifts we are given by God, this is an opportunity to be 'thankful' by sharing our gifts with others.

Melinda Melham
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

Weekly Academic Awards

English

Year 7	Aimee Manicaro	
Year 8	Brittany Bartolo	
Year 9	Kirsten Jelinek Alex De Martin Bianca Nikolic	Courtney Morris Domenico Acitelli
Year 10	Domenic Longo	Kelechi Emelumba
Year 11 English Studies	Zachary Rhodes Monique Schofield	Stephanie Bacan Christina Violi Katriel Longo Sarah Casha
Year 11 Extension English		
Year 11 Advanced English		
Year 11 Standard English	Stefani Fontana Stuart Wilkins Claudia Zanetic Jenelle Sison	Emily Gasparovic Kerri-Anne Reyes Ivy Ly
Year 12 Standard English	Cassandra Bayliss Joshua Pinto	Jesse Lentini
Year 12 Advanced English		Fiona Fuller

Josephine McKell
Acting English Coordinator

Language other than English (LOTE) Italian

Year 8	Hadley Parsons
Year 9	Giselle Sagredo
Year 10	Natalie Messina
Year 11 Continuers	Nancee Riviera
Year 11 Beginners	Victoria Abreu

Bernadine Fantini
Italian Teacher

Mathematics

Year 7	Michelle Sagredo	
Year 8	Pedro Andrade Paez Alyssa Macri	Joelle Azzi Kirsten Shields
Year 9	Andrew Massa	
Year 10	Jordan Fuhala	
Year 11	Zachary Rhodes Victoria Abreu Katrina Viray	Katerina Pijaca Dylan Villanueva
Year 12	Robert Zappacosta Shaneel Dutt	David Nguyen

Spyro Kyritsis
Acting Mathematics Coordinator

Human Society and its Environment (HSIE)

Year 7 Geography	Christine Viray
Year 8 History	Thomas Yaco
Year 9 History	Domenico Acitelli
Year 9 Commerce	Caterina Inzitari
Year 10 History	Carissa Dunn
Year 10 Commerce	Zoe Kent
Year 11 Ancient History	Katriel Longo
Year 11 Business Studies	Carlie Medallo
Year 11 Economics	Mariah Fresi
Year 11 Legal Studies	Kiara Porter
Year 11 Modern History	Brandon Darmo
Year 11 Work Studies	Blake Short
Year 12 Ancient History	Catherine Azzi
Year 12 Business Studies	Jessica Bono
Year 12 Economics	Fiona Fuller
Year 12 Legal Studies	Cassandra Bayliss
Year 12 Modern History	Fiona Fuller

David Timillero
HSIE Coordinator

SWCCDA Debating

Last Friday 11 May kicked off the first round of debating. The College's five Debating Teams ventured to Mary MacKillop Catholic College in Wakeley to debate on the topic of "Media". The students prepared for this broad topic in the week leading up to the debate. The topics for the debates were:

- 7/8 That the media places too much priority on celebrities;
- 9/10 That social media is overrated;
- Senior That Kony proved social media can be a force for good.

These topics proved very challenging and exciting for the students as they verbally battled their opponents. It was a fantastic start to the season and EVERY Clancy Debating Team won their debates. Congratulations to all students and their coaches. Thanks to the parents and staff who attended to support these articulate students!

Josephine McKell
Debating Coordinator

Archdiocesan Performing Arts Festival 2012

This year, a major Performing Arts event is taking place. It involves all the Catholic schools from all over Sydney and is held at the premier performance venue, The Sydney Entertainment Centre.

The CaSPA unit which is associated with Catholic schools, has taken on the planning and direction of the festival. The cast consists of students who have been working for over six months on the project week after week, perfecting their skills in the areas of Drama, Dance and Music.

Clancy has over 40 students who are participating in the show. We are very proud of these students and their commitment to the Performing Arts. This is yet another example of students 'letting their light shine' through the use of their talents.

Each school has been allocated a limited number of tickets to attend this event and add to the atmosphere of the celebration of talent that is found amongst our students. At present we have a limited number of 70 adult tickets for the evening performance of Thursday 21 June which starts at 7.00pm.

The cost is \$35.00 and can be purchased through the office. The envelope needs to be labelled clearly with your name the number of tickets and the enclosed amount. Because there is a limited number of tickets, "first in first served" will apply. These tickets will be available until 27 May. After that, tickets will need to be purchased through an online ticket agency.

John Alvear
CaSPA Coordinator

Mathematics Drop-In Centre

A reminder to students and parents that the Mathematics Drop-In Centre is still in operation this term. I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to get some extra help with your Mathematics (particularly leading up to exam time).

When: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, 8.00am - 8:30am

Where: A1

Spyro Kyritsis
Acting Mathematics Coordinator

Cross Country

Last week, 28 students represented Clancy at the Southern Sydney Combined Catholic Colleges Cross Country championships at Waratah Oval in Sutherland. Students have been training every Thursday after school over the past seven weeks and this dedication was expressed yesterday when Clancy produced fantastic results and times.

We are very proud to announce that 5 Clancy students have progressed to the next level, these students finished in the top 6 of their age group:

- 17 years girls - Katerina Pijaca (6th)
- 16 years boys - Vance Abreu (5th)
- 16 years girls - Isabella Moro (2nd)
- 13 years boys - Jeremy Cosic (3rd)
- 13 years boys - Arlo Dimaculangan (4th).

All Clancy students displayed outstanding commitment to strive for their personal best result and all students are commended on the sportsmanship displayed throughout the day. Overall, Clancy finished in 6th place and all students should be proud of their efforts and results.

Natalie Skuse
PDHPE Teacher

From the Food Technology Department

Junior Master Chefs of Year 10

Mrs Mariani would like to congratulate Year 10 Food Technology for their efforts last week in their practical assessment task. Special mention goes to Kirsten Miller, Sarah Saroo, Nicole Akkary, Tanesha Stojanovski, Sandra Toma, Jesse Inzitari and Domenic Leonello. Well done, keep up the great work!



Year 11 Chef of the Week

Congratulations Mariah Fresi for all your efforts in producing a mouthwatering Sesame Chicken with stir-fried vegetables and rice dish.



Keep up the great work!

Melissa Mariani
Food Tech Teacher

STARS Challenge Day

Last Tuesday, Miss Nguyen and selected Science students (Alex De Martin, Andrew Massa, Cooper Smith, Georgette Shearer, Sam Gogolewski and myself) attended the STARS Challenge (Science Thinking and Research Skills) Day at De La Salle Revesby. We completed challenging tasks including a poem based on the skeletal system, a research task based on how and why a patient had collapsed as well as extended response, questions and other activities. We met students from other colleges and worked together to come up with solutions to the different tasks.



It was certainly a fantastic experience and a great day.

Giselle Sagredo
Year 9 Student



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School Fees

School fees for Term 2 are now due. Term 1 fees should have already been finalised. Thank you to all parents who have paid these fees. If you have not done so, please pay immediately. Payments can be made by BPay, Visa, Mastercard or Cash.

To give your sons and daughters the best education possible, it is vital that all fees are paid by the payment date.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please do not hesitate to contact the College, to arrange an interview to organise a payment plan.

Thank you

Finance Department

National Reconciliation Week (27 May - 3 June)

On Wednesday 23 May an Australian Aboriginal Elder Auntie Norma Shelly OA. is coming to speak to our students at Assembly regarding the National Reconciliation Week which is happening between 27 May till 3 June.

Dates to Remember

Stages 4 & 5 Assessment Week
Monday—Friday 21-25 May

Staff Development Day
Friday 25 May

Advertisement for the Research Project: The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register
Version 3: Friday 27th May 2011.

Does your child have Vision Impairment?

The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register collects information on children who have vision impairment. This information is used in research and to plan better services throughout Australia. Information from the Register is shared with researchers and planners, however children & their family are not identified in any way.

The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register is maintained by the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children, a service provider with a 150 year history of supporting children with vision impairment and their families. The Register is supported by other Australian low vision agencies.

If your child has vision impairment you are invited to join.

By registering your child you will contribute to what is known about children who have vision impairment and what best meets their needs.

The Australian Childhood Vision Impairment Register website - the VI Family Network (www.vifamilynetwork.org.au) can also help you with finding specialized services which support your child's health and education.

For further details please contact:

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Australia's BIGGEST MORNING TEA

You're invited to "Australia's Biggest Morning Tea" hosted by Roseanne Zaccagnini on **Friday 1st June 10.30 to 12.30 at Holy Spirit Carnes Hill School Hall** (near the church opposite Aldi off Cowpasture Rd).

Tickets are \$15 per adult and children are free. Your ticket includes a scone, pancake and tea or coffee, as well as 1 free entry ticket in the raffle. This delicious morning tea has been generously donated by "JOSIE'S GOURMET". It would be great if you could also bring any cakes, biscuits etc (preferably homemade) to be sold in our cake stall for further fundraising.

Other fundraising activities on the day include:

- *Gold coin donation for extra scones, pancakes, tea and coffee consumed.
- *Sale of raffle tickets, which will be drawn on the day at 11.45am.
- *Silent auctions and
- *Tax Deductible cash/chq/credit card donations – receipts issued as requested.

At 11am some children from Holy Spirit Primary School will be performing.

Donations for the raffle and auction are welcome. Please ring Roseanne on 0433208150 if you have a donation or bring it along on the day.

Hope to see you there so we can have a successful morning tea and raise lots of money for this worthy cause. Tickets will be sold in advance or on the day.

PLEASE RSVP BY 20th May to ROSEANNE ZACCAGNINI ON 0433208150 OR email rosiezac@zaccagnini.com.au. As estimated numbers are needed for catering.