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

I was recently chatting with a student who felt that to get involved in extra-curricular activities might jeopardise her learning outcomes. She asked what would she gain by becoming a debater or dancer in CaSPA for example?

A good question I thought, and I realised that indeed the two activities, although they appear very different, do have much in common. The answer must be that if a group of individual students can dance as one, then they are demonstrating their ability to collaborate, learn, reflect, apply and create. If a team of debaters operates as one then they too are demonstrating their ability to collaborate, learn to reflect, apply, create and develop core learning skills.

Schools are always seeking ways to enhance such skills in young people and indeed how to engage their young minds. We are challenged to endow students with learning skills that will last their whole life. Research suggests that much of what students learn through text books is lost soon after assessments and tests, because the information is no longer applied. As a result, we are constantly challenged to be creative in how we make learning impressions upon our students. We must target students through their many types of intelligences, some students learn visually, others through touch, some have well-honed listening skills, many respond to music. How much more creative can learning be when it is done through dance or through, say, debating?

The English Stage 4 syllabus outcomes mandate that we assess how well a student ‘uses, reflects on and assesses individual and collaborative skills for learning.’ Its objectives are to educate students to ‘use language and communicate appropriately and effectively, think in ways that are imaginative, interpretive and critically express themselves and their relationships with others and the world.’

Debating brings this to life beautifully.

Can debating really enhance Mathematics? The Mathematics Syllabus enforces this when it states that students should learn ‘through inquiry, application of problem-solving strategies including the selection and use of appropriate technology, communication, reasoning and reflection.’

Debating even addresses PDHPE outcomes. The emphasis of ‘Strand One: Self and Relationships once again highlights the importance of the development of these skills; 4.13 demonstrates cooperation and support of others in social, recreational and other group contexts; 5.13 adopts roles and responsibilities that enhance group cohesion and the achievement of personal and group objectives;
WYD Expressions of Interest

Just a reminder that Expressions of Interest Forms are due on Wednesday 27 June. Please return these forms if you are thinking of sending your son/daughter to World Youth Day, 2013 in Rio de Janeiro. The Expression of Interest form does not confirm attendance but does give the College an indication of how many students may attend.

Parents who have returned their form will be invited to a Parent Information Evening which will be held on Wednesday 1 August at 6.30pm. More information on this night will be issued closer to the date.

Please consider this opportunity for your son/daughter. Forms are to be returned directly to the Youth Ministry Coordinator.

Angeli Kihi
Youth Ministry Coordinator

Managing your Reputation

In today’s newsletter there is an insert called Managing your Reputation. I encourage all parents to read this insert and discuss with your child the impact of sharing information digitally and the impact on their future.

Walkathon

Last Friday was the College Walkathon. Can I convey to parents how impressed and proud I was at my first Clancy Walkathon by the spirit in which students entered into the day. All students were extremely well mannered, cooperative and sensible on the day. I was particularly impressed by the encouraging nature of our students when some students got up to address the College or perform. This is indicative of the supportive nature students have for one another. Attendance in many year groups was excellent and it is great to see students valuing and involving themselves in these important community building days.

Craig Mooney
Assistant Principal
At our last week at our College Assembly we were very fortunate to have the Aboriginal Elder Norma Shelley give an inspiring speech to the students on National Reconciliation Week. Accompanying her was Shannon Thorne who performed on the didgeridoo and selected two students, Alexander Lecca and Nicholas Morrison to participate in the performance. On behalf of the students and staff we would like to thank Norma Shelley and Shannon Thorne for taking the time to visit our College and participate in our College Assembly.

Fundraising for the Tiwi Islands

As part of the National Reconciliation Week, the College held a Krispy Kreme fundraiser to raise much needed funds for the Tiwi Islands. It was a successful fundraiser and a huge thank you goes to Miss Selmes, the Year 10 Coordinator, Sister Carmel, Mrs Tilocca, Mrs Muscat and the Year 10 students Jordan Fuahala, Brayden Issa, Charbel Abou Assi, Vance Abreu, Eros Morelli, Joel Davila, Esi Amoah, Paulina Bolaira, Carissa Dunn, Caroline Andrade, Michael Musumeci and Michael Boateng-Benson who gave up their recess and lunch time to help set up and sell the Krispy Kreme doughnuts. I also would like to thank the staff and students at Clancy for their generosity and support. All money raised will be sent to the students in the Tiwi Islands.

Rose O’Callaghan
Indigenous Student Learning Support Officer

Year 10 History - Vietnam Veteran visit

On Tuesday 5 June, a group of Year 10 History students had the opportunity to meet two Vietnam War Veterans, Mr Harry Dennis and Mr Ken Eaton. These two ex-servicemen of the Vietnam War were invited to speak to the Year 10 students about their experiences within the war. The men spoke of the early experiences they had within the Army, their training and their initial feelings about the war.

The men also spoke of the challenges they faced during the war; from terrible living conditions, to the harsh jungle terrain that they needed to trek through on a daily basis. Students were awestruck as both men spoke of their encounters with wild animals in the jungles of Vietnam, the monkeys, water buffalo and even tigers that would surround them as they fought. They also spoke of the challenges they faced against the enemy and the effects of losing friends on the battlefield.

In addition to this, both Mr Dennis and Mr Eaton spoke of the long-term effects of war that they faced once they returned home and tried to resume a ‘normal’ life. Mr Dennis was also kind enough to bring in some of his war medals and he explained the colours and reasons for each of the medals. Above all, both men were able to capture their experiences with honesty, charisma and a great sense of pride in their country and comrades.

I would like to congratulate the students of 10.6 History on the attention and sincere respect that they demonstrated throughout the visit. Both men commented on the reverence and respect that the students displayed. Finally, I would like to thank Mr Dennis and Mr Eaton for taking the time to visit our College and sharing their stories. It was truly an unforgettable experience that the 10.6 History students will never forget!

Josie Palumbo
Year 10 HSIE Teacher

Year 8 Reflection Day

On Monday 4 June, Year 8 travelled to the Edmund Rice Retreat Centre in Mulgoa for their Reflection day. Theme of the day was Self Image and Social Justice and was run by the Catholic Youth Services Ministry Team. The students were treated to various role plays, skits and sharings from the youth team looking at self image and how they view themselves. They also explored the importance of Christ and their faith in their lives and how they could ‘let their light shine’. The students finished off the day with a moving meditation and prayer service.

I would like to thank Miss Bezzina and the Year 8 Pastoral Team for their assistance throughout the day and making it an enriching experience for the students.

Mark Bolonia
Assistant Religious Education Coordinator

Throughout the day, we took part in numerous activities as a year group, in smaller groups and as individuals. One of the activities included dramatisation and short stories. Year 8 students worked in small groups with their Pastoral Teachers and the CYS Team, to make connections between the presentations and our spiritual faith.

We were inspired and enlightened which assisted each of us to understand our relationship with God. God loves, knows and sees us for who we are.

The Reflection Day was an engaging and inspiring experience which deepened our spiritual connection with God and our faith.

Nadia Acitelli
Year 8 Student
**Dates to Remember**

- **2012 Archdiocesan Festival**  
  Wednesday-Thursday 20-21 June
- **Year 9 and 10 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews**  
  Wednesday 20 June from 3.30pm to 8.30pm
- **Staff Development Day**  
  Friday 22 June
- **Year 7 and 8 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews**  
  Thursday 28 June from 3.30pm to 8.30pm
- **Last day of School**  
  Friday 29 June

**Sport**

- **CCC Cross Country Carnival**  
  We wish the following students the best of luck at the Combined Catholic Colleges Cross Country Carnival at Eastern Creek on Friday 15 June:  
  - Isabella Moro
  - Katerina Pijaca (absent)
  - Arlo Dimaclangan
  - Vance Abreu
  - Jeremy Cosic

**Coles Sports for Schools**  
Clancy will once again be involved in the Coles Sports for Schools voucher collection. Please support the PDHPE and Sport Department by collecting Coles vouchers and returning them to the collection box in the Front Office.

**Hospitality**

- **Year 11 Chef of the Week**  
  Congratulations to Tiarne Barrie for her scrumptious mini mushroom and bacon tarts. They looked amazing. Well done!

**Weekly Academic Awards**

These students have been presented Academic Awards for outstanding academic achievements in their Assessment Tasks.

**Personal Development, Health and Education (PDHPE) Awards**

- **Year 7**  
  - Emily Khoury
- **Year 8**  
  - Reece Satara
  - Daniel Kovicz
- **Year 9**  
  - Giselle Sagredo
  - Sam Gogolewski
  - Domenico Acitelli
  - Jasmin Mantoufeh
- **Year 10**  
  - Nicole De Leon
  - Brayden Issa
  - Van-Anh Ho
- **Year 11**  
  - Bianca Mosca
  - Madison Hamlet
  - Stefani Fontana
  - Rebecca Caltabiano
- **Year 12**  
  - Vanessa Messina
  - Sean Duncan

**Technology and Applied Studies (TAS) Awards**

- **Year 7**  
  - Aimee Manicaro
- **Year 8**  
  - Rita Rabie
- **Year 9**  
  - Bianca Nikolic
  - Domenico Acitelli
  - Alex DeMartin
  - Cooper Smith
  - Paula Okaigun
- **Year 10**  
  - Justin Camilleri
  - Chunya Pakdee
  - Anthony Azzi
  - Alisa Aquilina
  - Laura Perkov
  - Kenie Loy
  - Anthony Zapata
  - Mariah Fresi
  - Kane Rippingill
  - Rebecca Keeley
  - Peter Richardson

**Religion Education and Studies of Religion Awards**

- **Year 7**  
  - Andrew Messina
- **Year 8**  
  - Daniel Kovicz
  - Caitlin Refalo
- **Year 9**  
  - Alex De Martin
- **Year 10**  
  - Jordan Fuahala
  - Domenic Longo
  - Stefani Fontana
- **Year 11**  
  - Katrina Viray
  - Victoria Abreu
  - Anthony Fontana
  - Wendy Cheu
  - Anthony Fontana
  - Fiona Fuller

**From the Finance Office**

To enable us here at Clancy to give your sons and daughters the best education possible it is vital that fees are paid by the payment date.

Thank you to all parents who have paid their fees. If you have not done so, please pay immediately.

Term 1 & 2 fees are now overdue for payment. Payments can be made by BPAY, Visa, Mastercard or Cash.

We are very aware that parents have significant financial demands placed upon them and we would like to encourage parents who are experiencing financial difficulties to contact the College Finance Department. All conversations are strictly confidential.

**The Finance Team**

**“Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men”**

Once again, Celia Lashlie will be presenting her seminar on “Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men”. Celia has some challenging suggestions for parents and for women in particular to rethink the way they interact with the men in their lives - their sons and their husbands - if they want to see them become the good men they want them to be.

The Sydney Federation of Catholic School Parents invites you to an evening with Celia Lashlie.

**Details are as follows:**

- **Date:** Tuesday, 26 June 2012
- **Venue:** Our Lady Star of the Sea  
  4 Kiora Road, Miranda.
- **Or**  
  **Date:** Wednesday, 25 June 2012
- **Venue:** La Salle College,  
  544 Chapel Road, Bankstown.

If you wish to attend or for further information please email pcs@ceosyd.catholic.edu.au

There is no cost for participants.