

"Let Your Light Shine"

WEEK 8 TERM 2, 2012

15 June 2012

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

Community Service Prayer

*Lord,
Thank you for the great gifts of this world, especially for the great gifts of each other.
And as we grow in the community, through our love for one another, give us the strength to
accept the challenge of service. Help us to realise the needs of our children and deepen our commitment to meet those needs.
Never let us become preoccupied with our human accomplishments, but teach us to know that all things come from You.*

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?

Clancy Debating Team. Thank you!



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;

4.15 devises, applies and monitors plans to achieve short-term and long-term goals;

5.15 devises, justifies and implements plans that reflect a capacity to prioritise, think creatively and use resources effectively.'

When you think about it, being part of a dance troupe develops these skills also but in a different way. If you are the parent of any student who debates or dances, who is involved in CaSPA, who works as part of the evangelisation group here at Clancy, then be assured you are supporting your child's lifelong learning.

I would like to thank the huge investment made by a great number of teachers here at Clancy around the development of debating, Eleonora Agazzi, Trish Baran, Lauren Batty, Grace Mamo, Melissa Mariani, Adriana Skibola, Alex Stirling, Katie Hasrouni, Elisabeth Jackson and the great leadership of Josephine McKell.

If you are able to be part of the audience next Thursday at the CaSPA performance, and get to watch the performers from our Catholic Schools, then you will witness the excitement and school spirit this initiative has generated.

My thanks to every student who is representing Clancy as a debater, who is a dancer or part of the vocal group in CaSPA. To every student who wears our colours in sport. You are making the most of the opportunities provided here at Clancy and "letting your Light Shine".

Walkathon



Mr Mooney has written about the fantastic community day we had last week. Ms Bissett is largely responsible for the success of this day. We are hoping to raise money for outdoor furniture through this activity. As an added incentive Ms Bissett will sing on Assembly if we meet our quota of \$20,000. Well worth the investment!

A special thanks to Mr Arpires from The Good Guys Casula for his donation of some of the major prizes and to Mr Miller, Mrs Watson and Mrs Tompsett for their support on the day.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Iris Nastasi
Principal



From the Assistant Principal—Mr Craig Mooney 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 supportiveness 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

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 Kihl
Youth Ministry Coordinator

Corpus Christi—'Walk with Christ'



Last Sunday marked the feast of Corpus Christi. The Archdiocese of Sydney held the annual Eucharistic Procession Walk With Christ. An intercessions book was offered up containing the prayers of

each parish and school, including from Clancy College College. The prayers are now prayed for by the Bishops and Priests of the archdiocese. Though the Lord showered us with lots of rain amongst His blessings, more than 7000 faithful followed the Blessed Sacrament from St Patrick's Church Hill to St Mary's Cathedral in a public act of faith and devotion.

Tien Nguyen
Religious Education Teacher

National Reconciliation Week 2012 - 27 May to 3 June College Assembly



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 Fuhala, 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

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 Kovics
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

Alexandra Lupton PDHPE Coordinator

Technology and Applied Studies (TAS) Awards

Year 7	Aimee Manicaro	
Year 8	Rita Rabie	
Year 9	Bianca Nikolic	Domenico Acitelli
	Alex DeMartin	
	Cooper Smith	Natalie Koszynski
	Paula Okaigun	
Year 10	Justin Camilleri	Chunya Pakdee
	Anthony Azzi	
	Alisha Aquilina	Laura Perkov
Year 11	Kerrie Loy	Anthony Zapata
	Mariah Fresi	Kane Rippingill
Year 12	Rebecca Keeley	Peter Richardson

Scott Trudgeon TAS Coordinator

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
Year 11	Katrina Viray	Victoria Abreu
	Stefani Fontana	
Year 12	Wendy Cheu	Anthony Fontana
	Fiona Fuller	

Melinda Melham Acting Religious Education Coordinator

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

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 and 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.

Elisabeth Jackson Sports Coordinator

Hospitality

Year 11 Chef of the Week

Congratulations to Tiarne Barrie for her scrumptious mini mushroom and bacon tarts. They looked amazing. Well done!



Melissa Mariani Hospitality Teacher

"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.