

## *"Let Your Light Shine"*

WEEK 6 TERM 2, 2012

1 June 2012

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

Gracious God,  
You have blessed this ancient land with many gifts, especially its people.  
We thank you for the Year of Grace, a time to start afresh from Christ.  
You invite us to contemplate the face of Jesus your Son,  
that we may experience a new wave of grace,  
and that the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives.  
Attune our hearts and minds to the presence of your Holy Spirit,  
that our Church may be transformed, our relationships be healed,  
and our nation grow in compassion and justice.  
With the intercession of St Mary MacKillop,  
who showed us new ways of living the Gospel,  
we make our prayer through Christ our Lord.  
Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.  
Amen.

### **Pentecost Sunday**

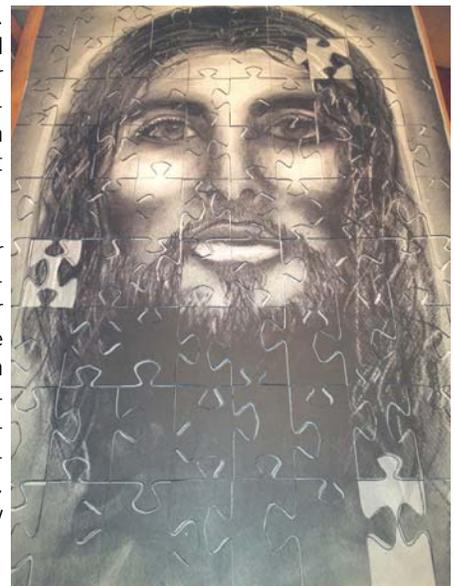
On Sunday, the Church celebrated Pentecost Sunday which is seen to be the birth of our Church. It was also the beginning of the "Year of Grace" in the Church for all Australians. Bishop Michael Putney of Townsville explains this by saying *'there's no program, just 1000 opportunities to start afresh from Christ and discover the power of God's grace in one's life.'* We are all asked to stop, take time and allow ourselves to be open to the power of the Grace of God in our lives. These 'moments of grace' can be found through prayer, Christian meditation, listening to the Word of God, celebrating the Eucharist, receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation and developing our relationship with God. We are all called to start 'afresh with Christ'.

Here at school, we offer opportunities for grace regularly; Tuesday morning Mass in the Chapel, Rosary at lunchtime, daily prayer in the classroom, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, our Social Justice initiatives, events the Evangelisation Team participates in, and our retreat programs. At home it can be as simple as saying grace before meals, or finding time to participate in prayer. I hope that everyone takes this opportunity to find time in the busy nature of their lives to develop their faith and participate in some of these initiatives. To find out more information please visit the official website: [www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au](http://www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au).

### **Spirituality Day**

Our staff Spirituality Day is an example of one of those opportunities where we seek grace. There were 91 people who attended the day, from all areas of the school, teachers, maintenance people, administration workers, teachers' aides. It provided us with a day to examine our journey and articulate our direction as a whole community. Fr Peter Smith, from St Francis Xavier Parish, joined us and deepened our understanding of the face of the Church in Contemporary Australia, and indeed the face of Christ we offer our students and each other.

I would like to thank Kerri-Anne Reyes (Year 11) for her donation of this portrait of Christ. This very personal representation allowed us as a community to build on our Motto "To Love like Christ." The day culminated in the creation of a large jigsaw of the face of Christ, each part representing one person here. All of our staff members had time to engage with the Gospels and reference an extract from the Bible that had great significance for them on their own faith and spiritual journey. This artwork will soon be framed and hung at Clancy College representing another milestone for us here.



We very much appreciate your support on this day. At the centre of these days are your children. We aim everyday to lead our students along their own faith journey so that when they leave Clancy after 6 years, they leave faith filled, hope filled and aware of the great impact they as people can have in this world. As we say to all our applicants in Year 6, "We hope you always keep a place for God in your heart so that you know when you leave here, you have the capacity to make a difference and do good."

### Clancy Catholic College Cyclic Review

The timing of this day is especially significant as we have embarked on a special year in our Strategic Management Plan. After 6 years of building, physically, spiritually and educationally, we have reached a time when we receive assistance from the CEO to help us foster our direction for the next stage of Clancy. We would love to hear from you, all parents, whether you have been with us for one year or six. Your feedback is important. Below is a link that seeks your perspectives:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dHRSSWozdUZqakM5cHBFY0FIU3IzTGc6MQ>

Thank you as always for your continued support.

**Iris Nastasi**  
Principal

### Year 12 Retreat



Recently, Year 12 participated in their final retreat program at Lutanda, Mount Victoria. It was a privilege to journey with these students as they spent time for their own faith development. The willingness of the staff to spend time away from their own families to facilitate this retreat is because of the fine young men and women in this cohort. The authenticity they displayed for their faith and their peers was evident in this time away. A special thanks to Mrs Melham, Mr Bolonia, Mrs Batty, Mr Aitken, Miss Fantini, Mrs Drego, Ms Bissett, Mrs Kihl and Mr Mooney for their involvement in the retreat program. We also thank Br Pat who travelled down to celebrate Mass with us on Wednesday, and Mr Cloran who returned for Mass and to spend time with the students.

**Brad Humbles**  
Year 12 Coordinator



### Year 12 Retreat

The spiritual experience that the retreat had given me was very calming and fulfilling. To take a break from the stresses of Year 12 and to take time to realise the decisions and options I have in regards to my faith and further education. The sessions each held by one facilitator/teacher helped to engage us and apply these faith decisions in a practical sense. The highlights for me were the group meditation, the forgiveness liturgy and the affirmations.



**Alexis Mendoza**  
Year 12 Student

We arrived at Mount Victoria which was quite a long drive. On the first day all gathered for a Mass with Br Pat as a whole year group with a surprise visit from Mr Cloran. During lunch as a whole year group a discussion occurred about their experience at the retreat, what they enjoyed and memorable stories. Each day that followed there were new experiences and life lessons learned. An emotional liturgy of forgiveness took place and an overwhelming amount of students got involved and purified their hearts. Overall this was a memorable experience which I will never forget.



Special thanks to Mr Humbles, Mrs Melham & Mr Bolonia who put in the hard work and their own time spending the whole week with us and away from their loved ones.

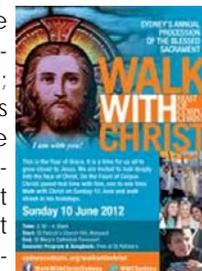


**Adrian Yalpi & Joshua Diaz**  
Year 12 Students

### From the Acting Religious Education Coordinator

#### "Walk with Christ"

On Sunday 10 June, we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi. All families are invited to participate in the annual event: 'Walk with Christ', starting from St Patrick's Church Hill, Wynyard at 2.30pm. More than 5000 people will walk in the procession behind the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of Sydney finishing at St Mary's Cathedral forecourt at approximately 4.30pm. The intention book that all students have had the opportunity to sign will be processed and presented at the Cathedral. All families are welcome to join in this event.



**Melinda Melham**  
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

## Year 11 Textiles and Design 'Jean-iuses'

On Wednesday 30 May, the first Textiles and Design class reached a significant milestone when they displayed their first practical projects which were all created from recycled fabrics. The 17 students worked tirelessly for 6 weeks to produce their design and projects using old items of clothing and furnishing in creative and ingenious ways. All the students successfully fulfilled the brief given to them and have produced some amazing textile items which they should be proud of.



**Nadia Montibeler**  
Textiles and Design Teacher



## Sport

### Wests Knock-Out Rugby League

Last Wednesday, the College entered a team in the U/14's Wests Knock-Out Rugby League Competition. The boys represented the College in a brilliant manner showing tremendous sportsmanship and school spirit. The boys played 4 games and came away undefeated.

Round 1: Clancy versus James Busby High School 14-12

Round 2: Clancy versus John Therry High School 6-6

Round 3: Clancy versus Cecil Hills High School 18-4

Round 4: Clancy versus Hoxton Park High School 32-4

Unfortunately, the draw against John Therry meant that we missed out on the final, on for and against. The boys played a fine style of football and were extremely unlucky not to make the final.

The squad was:

Year 9 - Dallas Grieco, Mark Taetuli, Richard Tabet, Anthony Dimanche, Jye Ellul.

Year 8 - Pasquale Caccamo, Joshua Berthaly, James Morabito, Luke Nies, Mitchell Costa, Francis Lemalu, Frankie Cutri, Giuseppe Difrancesco.

Year 7 - Philip Vatau, Taniela Bolaira, Bailey Giandomenico, Baldeo Sebaruth.

A special mention to the Year 7 boys who were playing up an age group. Congratulations boys, you did the College proud.

**Matthew Holland**  
Coach

## Hospitality

### Chef of the Week

Congratulations to Sarah Breton for her efforts in reproducing a very scrumptious mini lemon and lime meringue tart! Less stress next time. Well done!



**Melissa Mariani**  
Hospitality Teacher

## Visual Arts

### Art of the Week



Cultural Artwork by Katerina Pijaca in Year 11



Cultural Artwork by Chelsi LeCordier in Year 11

## Careers Information

\*NIDA is having an open day on Saturday 2 June 10am - 4pm for students interested in studying Drama and areas of theatre production. register at:

<http://www.nida.edu.au/openday2012>.

\* Check out the University websites for information regarding open days, scholarships and courses available for 2013. Students will receive more information about this in the coming weeks.

\* Year 10 students thinking about subject selection and future careers may like to go to [seek2b.com](http://seek2b.com), a website which takes you through over 100 different career options. Also visit:

<http://eaglesconsulting.com.au/products.html> for information on senior subject choices.

See Mrs Weeks in the Careers Room, Monday Week A and Wednesday Week B for more information.

**Anne Weeks**  
Careers Advisor

### Attention Parents of current Year 10, 11 and 12 Students

Do you feel your son or daughter would benefit from additional support in the senior years? The HSC Success Day is a 1 day workshop for Year 10, 11 and 12 students, consisting of 2 sessions from experts in the areas of **peak performance and study skills**, equipping students with tools and strategies to help them perform to their peak potential in the HSC. Students will find out how to get themselves motivated, how to break through procrastination and deal with stress, how to improve the way they manage their time, what great study notes look like, and which study techniques are most effective. The next workshop is on **Saturday 11 August 2012 in Sydney's CBD**.

Availability is limited [www.humanconnections.com.au](http://www.humanconnections.com.au) to book and secure your place for this powerful workshop. Student tickets are priced at \$79 (Early Bird Special ends 13 July). Parents can accompany their child for \$47. The HSC Success Day is a joint venture between Human Connections ([www.humanconnections.com.au](http://www.humanconnections.com.au)) and Enhanced Learning Educational Services ([www.enhanced-learning.net](http://www.enhanced-learning.net)).

**Rocky Biasi**  
Counsellor & Workshop Presenter

### Dates to Remember

Year 8 Reflection Day  
Monday 4 June

College Walkathon  
Friday 8 June

Parents & Friends Association Meeting  
Wednesday 13 June

### Message from Green Valley Police

Due to a number of complaints and safety issues identified this is a timely reminder to parents / students that police will be enforcing parking restrictions around schools.

As always the enforcement is designed to ensure the safety of students and all road users.

### Parish Youth Gathering

Sacred Heart Parish, Luddenham/Warragamba is planning a Youth Gathering for students Year 11 and above to be held at Holy Family Centre, Willowdene Avenue, Luddenham on 3 June 2012 commencing at 11.30am.

For further information contact Carmel Fenton at:  
[carmel@warragambaparish.org.au](mailto:carmel@warragambaparish.org.au).



### Latest WYD Rio 2013 News

Exciting information has been released regarding World Youth Day 2013. Following the WYD launch which was held for Year 9 and 10 students in Term 1, there has been much energy and anticipation associated with World Youth Day. Recently, a second World Youth Day Bulletin was released, providing detailed information regarding the pilgrimage packages. Approximate costs for pilgrimage options are now available as well as detailed itinerary details.

The Catholic Education Office Sydney are currently offering **four** pilgrimage options:

Saints of Lima Pilgrimage, 15th July - 3rd August. **Approx. \$6200**

Our Lady of Guadalupe Pilgrimage, 13th July - 3rd August. **Approx. \$6700**

WYD Direct: Argentina, 18th July - 3rd August. **Approx. \$5100**

WYD Direct: Chile, 18th July - 3rd August. **Approx. \$5000**

The pricing for these pilgrimage options are **guidelines and may be subject to change**. It does not include the \$500 subsidy that will be given by the CEO Sydney, nor does it include essential expenses such as vaccinations, Visas and travel insurance. Every attempt will be made by the College to organise fundraising initiatives to help further subsidise the cost, however families will be expected to cover the rest of the cost. While it is a large expense, it will be a wonderful opportunity for your son or daughter to be part of a world wide Catholic event. It is the hope of the College that we will have Clancy students representing us at the next World Youth Day in Brazil.

All students in Year 9 and 10 have been issued with a WYD Pack which consists of detailed information regarding World Youth Day and the pilgrimage options. Attached to that package was an **Expression of Interest Form**. If you are interested in sending your son or daughter to World Youth Day, please fill in and return the form to the Youth Ministry Coordinator, Mrs Angeli Kihi. Please return these forms by **no later than Wednesday 27th June (Week 10)**. This form is an obligation free way for you to show an interest in World Youth Day. Following this process, a **WYD Parent Information Night** will be held early Term 3 where we will invite families to confirm their interest.

Please consider this opportunity and read through the packages that have been issued. Should you require further information or another package, please contact the Youth Ministry Coordinator. Alternatively, you can check the College Youth Ministry site which can be accessed from the College website.

**Angeli Kihi**  
Youth Ministry Coordinator



Year 9 and 10 WYD Launch

