

"Let Your Light Shine"

WEEK 4 TERM 3, 2012

10 August 2012

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

*O God, source of all goodness,
who have shown us in Saint Mary
a woman of faith living by the power of the Cross,
teach us, we pray, by her example
to live the gospel in changing times
and to respect and defend
the human dignity of all in our land.
Through our Lord.
Amen.*

(the Roman Missal)

We were delighted in recent weeks to receive a message from Cardinal Clancy to our students. He said, "I pray for you every day and I can't wait for you to make a difference".

Cardinal Clancy's words echo those famous words of Mary MacKillop who said "Never see a need without doing something about it". Both Cardinal Clancy and Mary MacKillop, people of great substance and faith, highlight the importance of our faith turning into action. St. Mary MacKillop's Day (8 August), gave us an opportunity to turn this great vision from our College Patron into a plan of action. Both Fr Noel and Br Pat visited our College on the day to talk to our students about the needs in our community. Br Pat raised an awareness of our local nursing homes and Fr Noel spoke about Caritas. The purpose of the talks was to plant a seed, one we hope will grow to motivate and inspire our students to take action on Clancy Day, 30 August. The students are now building plans to create activities and market stalls to fundraise for nominated causes. The outcome of their work on Clancy Day should lead to them making a real difference in the world. We will continue to build on the work from last year in support of East Timor and we are very grateful to Fr Peter and Mrs Melham for their ongoing work in this area. Thank you to Br Pat and Fr Noel for your visit and of course to Cardinal Clancy himself, who continues to pray for our students.

Congratulations to Clancy Catholic College, which has been named an **Apple Distinguished School for its Innovation, Leadership and Educational Excellence**. I am very grateful to our teachers for all the great work that they do around the use of technology in developing appropriate and highly effective pedagogical devices.

Parent Involvement

We have been delighted with the number of parents we have had in our school for various reasons in the last few weeks. 10 families from Year 10 and 11 came to hear Mrs Angeli Kihl and Mr David Cloran (Youth Ministry Coordinator) deliver a presentation around World Youth Day 2013 and by all descriptions, it looks like an exciting and rewarding time for young people. I am particularly grateful to Mrs Elder and Taylor Hawes who spoke about their past experiences of WYD. Mrs Elder was so impressed, she is now sending her second child with great aspirations and hopes, to World Youth Day 2013.



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The selection of Clancy Catholic College as an Apple Distinguished School highlights its successes in enhancing and extending teaching and learning with thoughtful and innovative implementations of technology. College Principal, Iris Nastasi added that "Our state of the art facilities really enhance our opportunities to develop 21st century learning skills at the College. We are very proud of our staff and student achievements".

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Year 11, 2013 Subject Selection

On Monday we had our families from Year 10 visit to participate in a discussion around Subject Selection choices for Year 11 and 12. We believe it is important that parents are involved and although it can seem a little overwhelming, the general feedback from parents was very positive. Thank you.

'Clancy University' Launch

The launch for the *Clancy University* projects took place on Monday night. We had 23 families visit to support their children in the launch of a broad range of very interesting proposals. There were over 10 members of staff in attendance as well, a great indication of the swell of support these students have here. A particular thank you to Mrs Lauren Drego who drives this project with enormous energy and passion with the support of Ms Alison Rooke, and to our wonderful Librarian, Ms Beth Cesaro who is also a great advocate for inquiry based learning. Lauren Drego has included for you a list of the projects and I know that you too will raise an eyebrow at the enormous talent and the quirky and diverse interests these students show in particular areas.

Parents & Friends Association Meeting

On top of this we had our Parents and Friends meeting last Wednesday. This group of about 10 parents offer us continual support and I am very grateful for the time they give to us at Clancy, be it around the BBQ at Open Day, through fundraising and indeed for their conversations and ideas.



The President, Mr Arpires, has provided great prizes and incentives throughout the year and our very successful Walkathon again was supported through his generosity.

Congratulations to all those who won prizes! Commiserations to Hayley Arpires Year 7, despite raising the most money, Hayley didn't get that winning ticket! A big thank you to Hayley from Clancy.

Iris Nastasi
Principal

Debating 2012

The debating season for 2012 has come to a close. On Wednesday 25 July, the Year 8 and Senior Debating Teams competed in the Grand Finals of the Debating Competition.

The Year 8 team were up against Freeman Catholic College and were debating as the affirmative team on the topic: "*It is easier to forgive than forget*". The Senior team were debating against All Saints Senior, as the negative team, on the topic: "*That there is nothing to fear but fear itself*". Both teams put up an enormous verbal fight and were runners-up on the evening.



Congratulations to both teams for their achievements in getting to the finals. The Year 8 Debating Team consisted of: Francesco Licastro, Liam Piscopo, Brittany Bartolo, Stephan Donati and Sebastian Rubens, coached by myself and Ms Salinitri.

The Senior debating team consisted of: Stephanie Miller, Isabella Moro, Victoria Abreu, Katriel Longo and Piotr Rutkowski, coached by Mrs Batty.

This year marks the best ever achievements in the field of debating for the College and I look forward to pursuing future battles in the art of rhetoric for 2013.

Josephine McKell
Debating Coordinator

Weekly Academic Awards - English

The following students have been presented Academic Awards for outstanding achievements in their Assessments Tasks and Exams:-

Year 7

Aimee Manicaro

Year 8

Madelyn Ryan

Year 9

Giselle Sagredo

Year 10

Domenic Longo

Isabella Markoska

Year 11

Madeline Morrison

Sarah Casha

Victoria Abreu

Kerri-Anne Reyes

Ellen Colusso

Katriel Longo

Stephanie Bacan

Year 12

Jessica Bono

Debra Scott

Natalie Martignago

Josephine McKell
Acting English Coordinator

The Reading Hour

Celebrating the National Year of Reading

The Reading Hour will be celebrated across the nation on Saturday 25 August. Various Public Libraries and bookstores will hold special events and activities. The aim of The Reading Hour is to "establish the idea that everyone will benefit



from reading for at least an hour a week..."

<http://www.love2read.org.au/nyr-programs.cfm>

This can include activities such as reading with your child for ten minutes a day, discussing your favourite books with friends or reading during your lunch hour.

At Clancy we will be participating in The Reading Hour by incorporating a reading hour into our school week. On Friday 24 August during Period 6 all classes from Years 7,8,9 and 10 will read a book for the entire lesson. All students will need to either bring in a book to read or borrow one from the College Library.

For further information about the Reading Hour visit Love2Read: International Year of Reading 2012:

<http://www.love2read.org.au/nyr-programs.cfm>

Happy Reading!

Beth Cesaro
Librarian



Clancy University Project Launch Propels Students into New Learnings

The last thing one might expect to see on a cold Monday evening is a classroom full of cutting edge ideas and questions firing from eager and bright-eyed students. But this was certainly the scene last Monday night in D9, where the inaugural group of Clancy University students, the students nominated to be part of the gifted and talented program, launched their personalised enrichment projects for 2012.



The night was truly an authentic representation of the many talents and gifts the Clancy students have to offer. It is hard to pinpoint what the highlights of the evening were. There was the promise of the best and brightest becoming the next generation of teachers and inspirational leaders such as Van-Anh Ho, Jordan Fuahala, the Year 9 team of Sam Gogolewski and Cooper Smith, Year 7's Aimee Manicaro and Daniel Lopez and the effervescent and economically minded team from Year 9 Andrew Massa, Alex De Martin, Domenico Acitelli and Emile Farhan; each encapsulating their own unique proposal to help students learn, grow and develop talents using websites, online films and even apps to aid them in this lofty endeavour. Then there were the artists and creatives; Giselle Sagredo, Kieren Thompson, Isabella Markoska, Damian Andrade-Paez and the newly formed Clancy News Team of Nadia Acitelli and Kirsten Shields, who have all set themselves the commendable goal of writing, designing and capturing the world through their unique creative talents and lenses. Our resident musos, Daniel Aranda and Domenic Longo were keen to showcase their goals to record and sell their own music. The business duo, Kaiser Shields and Giuseppe Mazza, who have found a more conventional pathway to success by formulating their own business plan for the CPA Small Business Competition. Perhaps the most unique amongst all the projects was the inquiry into the educational value of first person shooter games such as Call of Duty. A project created by Ben Martin and Jack Ponze, compelled by their motive to find ways to have more time on weekdays indulging in their favourite recreation.



Amongst the flurry of inspirational ideas and truly engaging presentations, was the core goal of the program truly coming to life. As parents and dedicated mentor-teachers looked on, the project began to take shape. Although only new, it was a chance to see what students are truly capable of achieving and dreaming when given the unique set of tools. The Clancy University tool set is: freedom of choice, clear and challenging expectations regarding the academic rigour of each project and the belief that students gain more from connecting their learning to themselves, their changing world and their own understanding of the curriculum, and it was these tools students employed to help them bridge the gap between what may be possible in their learning and the clear, succinct educational goals they set for themselves on the night.

A huge thank you to all of the parents who took time out of their busy schedules to show their support to these bright young superstars. Thank you also to the teachers who lent their support to these students and in particular Beth Cesaro, who has offered her expertise in Inquiry learning to all the students, helping to transform idle ideas in well-realised proposals and John Coppola, the resident filmmaker who has ensured that every moment was forever captured.

If you have any questions regarding the Clancy University program for 2013, please feel free to contact me at: lauren.drego@syd.catholic.edu.au.

Lauren Drego
Leader of Diverse Learning



Careers

- University Open Days begin very soon. Check relevant University websites, your UAC book and the posters on the Careers Room windows for details.
- All Year 12 students should be accessing the UAC website for information regarding University application processes.
- Parents can look at the UAC website section [FAQs for parents](#) to access relevant information for 2013.
- South Western Sydney Institute of TAFE has an Information Evening on Wednesday 29 August. Find out about higher education pathways, TVET and all the courses you may be interested in. See SWSI TAFE website for full details.
- Students interested in apprenticeships in 2013 can see Mrs Weeks in the Careers Room Wednesday 15 August (lunchtime) as there are opportunities becoming available over the next few weeks.

Anne Weeks
Careers Advisor

Sport

MISA Sport Results - Week 3

Clancy Catholic College versus All Saints Senior College

Volleyball Boys 10-12: Win 2-1
Volleyball Girls 10-12: Loss 1-3
Soccer Girls 9-12: Win 3-0

All other MISA sport had a bye.

MISA Sport Results - Week 4

Clancy Catholic College versus William Carey Christian School

Volleyball Boys 10-12: Loss 1-3
Volleyball Girls 10-12: Win 3-1
Netball 7: Win 25-13
Netball 8: Win 32-7
Oz Tag Boys 7: Win 4-2
Soccer Girls 9-12: Loss 1-2
Rugby League 9-10: Win 22-10

Elisabeth Jackson
Sports Coordinator



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.

Alexandra Lupton
PDHPE Coordinator

2012 Walkathon Prize Winners



Thank you to all parents, students and teachers who donated to the Walkathon and made contribution to facilities at the college. Numerous walkathon prizes were donated by parents and this was greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Ariel Arpires and The Good Guys at Casula. 7.1 and 8.5 won the incentive afternoon to McDonalds in Carnes Hill, for the first two classes to bring in their money.

36 students will attend the incentive rewards day to **LUNA PARK** in Term 4 for raising \$150 or more. All funds raised will purchase new outdoor furniture for the students.

TOTAL RAISED: \$16,400.

1st Prize:	LG plasma HD TV worth \$900	Stephanie Pasfield
2nd:	8 GB iPod + iTunes voucher	Brooke Kelleher
3rd:	8 GB iPod	Andrew Matosevic
4th:	Breville Coffee Machine	Lucinda Primiano
5th:	Ice-cream Maker	Jessica Jobberns
6th:	\$30 Hoyts Movie Gift Card	Anthony Zapata
7th:	\$30 JB HiFi Voucher	Madelyn Ryan
8th:	\$25 Big W Gift Card	Fahad Andria
9th:	\$20 iTunes Voucher	Van-Anh Ho
10th:	NRL Merchandise	Maddison Inglima
11th:	NRL Merchandise	Mitchell Costa
12th:	NRL Merchandise	Zachary Bakarich
13th:	NRL Merchandise	Heather Holland
14th:	Bottle of Perfume	Jennifer Veliz
15th:	Steedan Football	Antonio Belcastro
16th:	Steedan Football	Nicola Chand
17th:	Steedan Football	Michael Benson
18th:	Steedan Football	Nadia Acitelli
19th:	Steedan Football	Vanessa Habibeh
20th:	Beauty and Hair Products	Aimee Manicaro
21st:	Beauty Products	Susan D'souza
22nd:	Board Games	Stephanie Coluccio

Ann-Marie Bissett
Walkathon Coordinator

Dates to Remember

Assumption Mass

Wednesday 15 August at 11.00am at the College

Year 7 Science Excursion Featherdale Wildlife Park

Monday 20 August

Staff Development Day

Wednesday 22 August

Year 11 Pastoral Excursion

Thursday 23 August

Year 9 Reflection Day

Wednesday 29 August