

"Let Your Light Shine"

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24 August 2012

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

Cyclic Review

Friday 17 August marked a significant date in the history of Clancy Catholic College. In its seventh year now, Clancy participated in its first external Cyclic Review. This is one layer of our processes to ensure that schools continue to review and improve. We had visitors from the Catholic Education Office, a Principal representative and some senior educationalists review our journey and assist us in projecting a future for our students and ourselves, one that ensures continuous growth and improved student outcomes. The panel acknowledged the tremendous change that has had to occur in the last six years in this school, not only in a physical way in terms of the number of buildings, but also the very fast expansion of the community. Clancy is a vibrant and innovative Catholic learning community and we are very optimistic about our future.

I would like to thank Fr Noel and Br Pat for their participation in this process, as well as a number of parents who gave up their time to contribute. Once again our students demonstrated their loyalty to their College. As a small anecdote, I am sure your sons and daughters did share with you, we did have to evacuate during the Review. It caused great merriment and mirth amongst the students. One student asked me, " Did you plan this to show how good we are Miss?" Well, definitely not, but it certainly did show our students in a real context and the evacuation was meticulous. I think when we see our students in a real context and watch them cooperate with their teachers and look after each other, that's when you truly see a community at work.

Archbishop's Award

Natale Martignago recieved the Archbishop's Award this Tuesday at St Mary's Cathedral. This is a most prestigious award with only one student nominated from each Catholic secondary school. It goes to a Year 12 student who has shown great commitment to her Catholic faith, community and education. The following is the citation shared at the Cathedral, a proud occasion for Natalie and indeed her parents.

"Natalie Martignago has given her heart, mind and soul to her education and to Clancy Catholic College. Proud of her faith, Natalie is our Senior Leader of Catholic Life, attends College Mass weekly and is a Minister of the Eucharist. Her work extends to Parish initiatives. Natalie's passion has led to participation in Debating and Drive to Survive programs. Her dedication has led to academic excellence. It is evident that Natalie delights in all her opportunities and has gained the respect of her peers and teachers. Natalie is an extraordinary young woman."



An exceptional young woman. Congratulations Natalie.

Senior College Leadership

In the last few weeks, our current Year 11 students have nominated themselves for the four Senior Leadership roles at Clancy Catholic College. One boy and one girl represent each leadership position.

I have been tremendously impressed by the calibre of candidature in this process. It takes a great deal of courage for a young person to put his or her hand up for extra responsibility knowing that there really is only one person for each of our senior roles. This Thursday, 30 August, our Leadership Investiture Ceremony will take place and we will formally initiate our new leaders into their roles.

It is also a time for us to acknowledge the tremendous leadership and input that has come from our current Year 12's marking a significant transition where our Year 12's move towards concentrating more fully on their HSC. I would like to thank Ms Bissett and Mr Mooney in particular for their contributions toward this process which has led to very strong appointments.

Southern Sydney Athletics Carnival

I have heard great reports of Clancy's participation in the recent Southern Sydney Athletics Carnival. Not only were we commended for our community spirit and readiness to volunteer, we had some great successes. Michael Boateng-Benson brought the crowd to their feet as he won the 200m and 100m events. Congratulations also to: Isabella Moro, Laine Fitzgerald, Luke Nies and Jordan Fuahala. Isabella Moro won the overall 16 years Girls' Age Champion.



Finally It was great to see so many parents at the Feast of the Assumption Mass, as always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Iris Nastasi
Principal

From the Religious Education Department



Last Wednesday we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption, Fr Noel Short lead our school community in a beautiful Mass. The reverence of the students and their enthusiasm in volunteering to participate in various aspects of the Mass always makes our College liturgies very memorable. The amazing choir contributes to the sacredness of our liturgies, talents that help to make the Mass a celebration.

Next Thursday is Clancy Day, an opportunity to celebrate the diversity of our community and remember our founder, Cardinal Clancy. We begin the day with an important Liturgy that celebrates the College leaders of 2012 and inducts our new leaders for 2013. I invite all our leaders to attend Tuesday morning Mass next week when Br Pat will bless the badges for our new leaders. 8.3 Pastoral class will be leading this Mass and families and friends are always welcome.

Next Wednesday our Year 9 students will attend their Reflection Day at Mulgoa, facilitated by Chris Doyle. Year 10 will have their Reflection Day the following Wednesday 5 September, also at Mulgoa. This is an opportunity for them to take time and focus on their own faith development. We keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

A reminder of our Prayer Partner Program. Thank you to all the families who have volunteered to pray for a Year 12 student as they prepare for their HSC exams. To any other family interested in joining with our community to pray for our Year 12 students, please contact me at the College, we welcome all families to be involved.

Melinda Melham
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

Natalie Martignago—Archbishop Award's Recipient

On 21 August, Clancy students were privileged to attend the 'Archbishop of Sydney's Award for Student Excellence' Ceremony at St Mary's Cathedral in the city. We witnessed a great achievement of one of Clancy's outstanding Year 12 students, Natalie Martignago, the College Leader of Catholic Life. Natalie was one among 47 students to receive the prestigious prize, along with other schools in the Sydney Archdiocese, including local neighbours Good Samaritan Catholic College and All Saints Senior College, Casula. The ceremony was a rewarding experience for the award recipients and a cause for celebration among their schools, family and friends who attended. Cardinal George Pell gave an insightful address, as well as Executive Director of Catholic Schools, Dr. Dan White.



Natalie received the award based on two things. Firstly, Academic Excellence as she has strongly exhibited during her life at Clancy, and continues to do so in the lead up to the much anticipated Higher School Certificate exams. More importantly, her service, compassion and great leadership as the College Leader of Catholic Life, where she has actively demonstrated her values enriched by faith, made her a worthy candidate.

It is a true testament to her contribution to the College and a great congratulations goes to Natalie and her family at this special time.

Fiona Fuller
Year 12 Student

Literacy Week: 27 August – 2 September 2012

To promote National Literacy and Numeracy week at our College, the English Department are running a number of initiatives to raise student awareness of the National Program and their own literacy skills. The activities will prompt students to think about writing for a purpose, get back to the basics of punctuation and spelling and extend their creative abilities to inform, entertain and evoke a response from their audience.

Our initiatives include:

Perfect Punctuation Prize – Students are challenged to correct the missing punctuation from a piece of writing with great prizes on offer.

Six Word Story Competition – Prompting students to compose a story in the vein of Hemmingway's successful piece - '*For sale: baby shoes, never worn*'. Students can use an image to inspire thought or simply compose a story using six words. Prizes awarded for first, second and third place.

Superstar Speller – A competition for Year 8 students to expand on the vocabulary work initiated in the English classroom. This competition will be run as a spelling bee and will be held at lunchtime on Wednesday, 29 August.

Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards – This official competition has already been promoted amongst English classes, particularly Year 7 and 9 throughout their Poetry Units. We have already entered over 40 students.

We are excited about launching this across the College and encourage all students to get involved!

Lauren Batty
Acting Assistant English Coordinator

Mock Trial

Over the past two terms, seven of the Year 11 Legal Studies students have been involved in the NSW Mock Trial Competition. Mock Trial Competition is conducted by the Law Society of NSW and is a practical means whereby schools verse each other in a mock court. Each team consists of six students who take part in a 'mock court' and play the roles of barristers, lawyers and witnesses.

Clancy competed in the first five rounds of the trial. We were successful in winning all of the cases we competed in, however, we lost one of the mock courts. Unfortunately, these efforts were not enough to take us through to the elimination rounds, as only the top 32 schools from NSW made it through.

Participating in this competition was a very enlightening experience for the students as it introduced students to the law and increased their understanding of the basis of the Australian Judicial System. I would like to congratulate all of the students who participated on their outstanding efforts. I would also like to thank Mr Peter Thompson for coaching our students and setting them up for success.

Daniella Volpato
Mock Trial Coordinator

Celebrating Bookweek

This week was Bookweek. The theme this year was *Champions Read*. The Library Staff were out on 'safari' in the playground at recess on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday operating a mobile Library. Students were able to browse the bookstand and borrow any books of interest. Prizes were given to several students who chose to borrow the mystery books.



All students are encouraged to borrow regularly throughout the year from the Library and to read for at least ten minutes every night.

Happy reading!

Beth Cesaro, Romina Shemon and Elizabeth Salinitri
Library Team

Sport

NSW Combined Catholic Colleges Netball Gala Day

Congratulations to all students for their commitment and outstanding performance on the Gala Day. The Junior, Intermediate and Senior Teams all placed fourth in their category.

A very big thank you to Michelle Selmes, Natalie Skuse and Melissa Marianni for coaching the teams and their support and ongoing assistance through out the term.

MISA Sport Results

Clancy Catholic College versus Good Samaritan Catholic College

Boys' Volleyball 10-12	Loss: 1-2
Girls' Volleyball 10-12	Win: 3-1
Girls' Netball 7	Loss: 31-36
Girls' Netball 8	Loss: 27-33
Boys' Oz tag 7	Draw: 8-8
Boys' Soccer 7-8	Loss: 0-3
Girls' Soccer 9-12	Win: 4-0
Boys' Rugby League 9-10	Win: 32-0

Elisabeth Jackson
Sport Coordinator

The Cochrane Cup Rugby League

The Cochrane Cup is a statewide Catholic Rugby League Competition for Under 14's. Last Tuesday, the College played Mater Dei College Wagga Wagga at Goulburn. The boys represented the College in a brilliant manner showing tremendous sportsmanship and school spirit.

Mater Dei enjoyed most of the possession early as we were penalised for a few incorrect plays and our boys defended their line tremendously. After absorbing this early pressure we scored 2 tries and led at half time 14-6. We started the second half strongly and took the game out 25-14. Mitchell Costa scored two great tries under the posts and Mark Taetuli scored a great 60 metre try. Dallas Grieco also scored two tries. A tremendous 80 metre run by our front rower Frankie Cutri was also a highlight as well as our tremendous defence by all the players.



The boys now play Aquinas College, Menai (Date to be confirmed) who won the State KO.

The squad includes:

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

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

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

Matthew Holland
Coach

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 29 August
Year 9 Reflection Day

Thursday 30 August
Clancy Day

Monday 3 September from 7.30pm -8.30pm
Year 9, 2013 Subject Information Evening

Wednesday 5 September
Year 10 Reflection Day

Weekly Academic Awards - Mathematics

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

Year 7

Jacob Taylor Aimee Manicaro

Year 8

Matthew Tain

Year 9

Andrew Massa

Year 10

Van-Anh Ho

Year 11

Anthony Zapata Victoria Abreu

Adam Olic Alan Booker

Year 12

Nicholas Muradian Amanda Clementi

Daphne Labour Shaneel Dutt

Spyro Kyritsis

Acting Mathematics Coordinator

Careers

ADFA 2012 Open Day is on Saturday 25 August in Canberra. There is a bus leaving from Parramatta at 7.00am and returning at 6.00pm. If you are interested register at:

CPTNSW@dfrc.com.au

Reminder about University Open days:

- **UWS:** 26 August Parramatta Campus;
- **UNSW:** 1 September Kensington;
- **USYD:** 25 August Sydney;
- **UTS:** 25 August City, 1 September Kuring-gai;
- **UOW:** Every Friday call 1300 367 869 to book;
- **Macquarie Uni:** 8 September North Ryde;
- **William Blue College of Hospitality:** 18 August North Ryde.

Many Private Colleges are also holding Open Days, see their websites for details.

For information on Scholarships, especially in Science and Engineering, please see Mrs Weeks in the Careers room for details.

The Police Force is having recruiting Events at Riverwood Police Station on 25 August.

UWS Open Day 26 August at Parramatta Campus

2012 Western Sydney Apprenticeship and Traineeship Expo 4 September from 5:30pm-9:00pm at Penrith Panthers Exhibition Marquee.

Bedford College (Business, Marketing, Childcare) has an Open Day on Saturday 15 September at Glebe.

Anne Weeks

Careers Advisor

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A weekend for married couples. Take time out of your busy schedule to invest in your most precious asset . . . Your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again!

Weekend date: 19 – 21 October, Winbourne, Edmund Rice Retreat Centre, Mulgoa (nr Penrith) NSW
Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435
or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au
Information: website www.wwme.org.au

School Fees

A reminder that all school fees are due for payment today. Please ensure that fees are paid promptly. If you are on a payment plan, please continue this arrangement.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please do not hesitate to call me at the College Office.

Robyn Prasser

Finance Office

Creative And Performing Arts

HSC Creative Arts

Over the next two weeks, the CAPA department HSC classes will be very busy and slightly nervous. Many students will be putting the finishing touches on their work which represents a year long journey on the Arts highway.

Today will see the inaugural HSC Drama class present their work for their practical examinations in front of examiners from the Board of Studies. We wish them all the very best for this big event. If the Drama night held previously this term is anything to go by, they should really shine.

Monday 27 August is the date when Year 12 Visual Arts Body of Work is due. It will be exhibited in the Art rooms from 10.00am - 11.30am for staff, students and parents to view. This is an important event which allows students to step back and reflect on their artistic and creative journey.

Finally, the Senior Music class will present a ' Twilight Concert ' on Wednesday 29 August at 6.30pm. This event will feature some of the repertoire that they will present for the practical examinations which will take place on Friday 14 September. This class will also perform on Wednesday 5 September at lunch time in the Library as part of their preparation for the HSC examination.

On behalf of the school community we wish these students all the best.

John Alvear

Creative and Performing Arts Coordinator

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY SUNDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2012

AT THE CONCLUSION OF CHILD PROTECTION WEEK



WORKING TOGETHER

**TO PROTECT CHILDREN AND YOUNG
PEOPLE**

IN OUR CHURCH AND SOCIETY