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

Clancy Day 2012

Clancy Day 2012 was a day that represented leadership, student voice, community and social justice. It was our opportunity at Clancy to recognise the potential we have to make a difference in our local community. The lead up to Clancy Day began on Mary MacKillop Day, a day where students nominated areas of interest, or passions they would like to contribute towards, a day where they were asked to "see the need and ACT".

We had a great deal of cooperation from our local priests, Fr Peter, Fr Noel and Br Pat. Each of our local pastors addressed a year group to nominate areas that are particularly important to them. This was the spark that led to this great community building activity. Clancy Day became a day filled with stalls, fun activities and fundraising. Clancy Day brought to life in a large number of ways this year’s scriptural theme, “Let Your Light Shine”. Our students raised over $7000 to go towards St Vincent de Paul, East Timor and Caritas Australia. Well done!

Clancy Day began with our Leadership investiture ceremony. Our current Year 12s passed the leadership baton to the eight newly elected leaders. It was a significant event in our history, only the second time it has occurred. Our future leaders made their commitment to their community and it gave us an opportunity to acknowledge our leaders of 2012. It signalled a move for Year 12 to a more singular focus of the HSC and a signal to Year 11 that they now must step up to represent the role of a leader and mentor at Clancy.

I would like to once again congratulate the following students:-

College Captains: Victoria Abreu and Dylan Villanueva
Leaders of Catholic Life: Nancee Riviera and Pietro Mazza
Leaders of Learning: Sarah Casha and Anthony Zapata
Leaders of Co-curricular Life: Isabella Moro and Kristien Lyle Gacuma

Finally, many brave and talented students ‘Let Their Light Shine’ though dance and song in the talent quest that followed. The standard was outstanding, but what particularly impressed me was the tremendous encouragement and support that came from the audience. The developing Clancy culture is in great shape.

In total, our students expressed themselves through their talents, through their hard work, through the support of their own community and support of those in the wider world. On behalf of our students, I would like to thank the staff at Clancy who help drive so many initiatives on this day, Mr Alvear, Mr Koek and Mrs Muscat for your work for the talent quest, the Pastoral Teachers for their support of stalls and activities, Mrs Melham and the Liturgy Team for their development of a most reverent investiture of leadership and to Ms Bissett whose phenomenal organisational skills brought the whole day together.
Finally, thank you to the large number of dads who came to school for the Father’s Day Breakfast. This morning was completely organised by the dads on our staff and a great way for our students to celebrate fathers and grandfathers. The BBQ, prayer and reflections, we hope, did great justice to the enormous impact dads make to the development of their children. It also allows our boys to see a bright future for themselves as adults!

On a personal note, as you know my family live in Ireland and my mother who in the last week turned 80, has asked me to return home. She has not seen me in two years nor has she seen her only grandchildren for four years. Amongst the needs of all the people in my life, I am making my mother’s needs a priority at this time and am returning to Ireland for the final week of this term and the first week of next term. My only regret is I will not be here for the Year 12 Graduation Mass and Awards. I have reassured the Year 12s that they remain a priority in my role as Principal and I will be very much with them in spirit on that night. I look forward to returning and seeing Year 12 and supporting them while they are doing their HSC and celebrating with them and you at the Year 12 Formal in November.

While I am away Mr Craig Mooney will be the Acting Principal and I have every confidence that he will do a magnificent job. As always thank you for your support and God bless.

Iris Nastasi
Principal

From the Assistant Principal

College Socks

Earlier this year it was advertised that from the start of Term 4 only the College socks were to be worn with the girls’ summer uniform and the boys’ and girls’ sports uniform. No other socks are permitted. Could parents please ensure their sons/daughters have the correct socks for the start of Term 4.

Parking

All students who drive to school each day have been requested to park in Moondarra Drive and not Cadman Ave. It is hoped this will alleviate some of the traffic problems around the College and make it easier for our neighbours to enter and leave their residences.

Craig Mooney
Assistant Principal

From the Religious Education Department

The last fortnight has seen several liturgical events and opportunities for students to participate in their faith development. Last Thursday was Clancy Day, an important community day for our College to celebrate our identity and to remember our inspirational founder, Cardinal Clancy. The induction of our Leaders recognised the initiatives throughout the week.

On Friday 5 October, the Good Shepherd Parish at Hinchinbrook will be hosting ‘St Francis of Assisi – A Journey in Song’ led by Peter Keamey. This coincides with the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi. Br Pat Hurley has asked us to invite all members of our community to attend. It begins at 7.00pm. For any further details please contact me at the College.

A reminder that Tuesday morning Mass is hosted by Pastoral Class 8.4 and 8.5 next week, all families are welcome to join us. Finally, our Year 12 Graduation Mass will be on Thursday 20 September at Holy Spirit, Cames Hill at 7.00pm. This is a beautiful Mass where we recognise, farewell and celebrate the achievements of our Year 12 students before they begin their HSC. All families are welcome to attend this celebration.

Melinda Melham
Acting Religious Education Coordinator


MISA Youth of the Year Competition

MISA Youth of the Year Competition is an annual Public Speaking Competition that was held on Monday 3 September. We were fortunate enough to be represented by Emile Farhan of Year 9. Emile prepared and presented a thought-provoking speech on the treatment of Asylum Seekers entering into Australia. Unfortunately, we didn’t place in the competition, but Emile made the College proud in giving it a go against some very tough competition. Thank you also to Maddison Fitzgerald for cheering him on. Well done to these students.

Katie Pearce
Public Speaking Teacher
Science News

There has been much to celebrate in the Science Faculty at Clancy this term!

**Year 7** enjoyed a wonderful day at Featherdale Wildlife Park where they were required to closely observe several animals for their Description Report Assessment Task. The Education Officer's presentation was a highlight. It provided students with the opportunity to touch a Shingleback Lizard, Tawny Frogmouth, snake and a koala.

The **Year 9** Science teaching program was enriched by a visit to the Wollongong Science Centre. Students enjoyed the Science Nitrogen Show, Planetarium Display and two floors of hands on Science exhibits. It was a marvellous day and allowed students to experience applications of Science in their everyday lives.

The CSIRO workshop ‘Discovering DNA’ further developed **Year 10** students’ knowledge and understanding of genetics and biotechnology. Students used cutting edge technology to extract DNA from pea plants. They also learnt more about applications of biotechnology and Australia’s leading role in research and development of applications of biotechnology.

**Year 12 Biology** students attended a practical workshop at the University of Sydney to enhance their understanding of mandatory practical work for the HSC. The day was motivating and enjoyed by all.

**Year 12 Physics** students are taking part in a CEO video conferencing master class next week. This will provide students with the opportunity to ask questions, network with students from other schools and learn to respond to exam questions at a higher level.

**Science Week: 13-20 August** was another success. Students were involved in fun activities during Science class and were also given the opportunity to enter Science Challenge competitions.

**Year 7 - Invertebrate Photography Competition**

Students were able to enter photographs from their Description Report Assessment Task into the competition. There were several excellent entries. Commendation Certificates will be awarded to Tara Montesin, Veronica Casha, Kristine Sventek, Stephen Naraj and Andrew Messina. The winner is Stephanie Coluccio for her wonderful photograph of her pet hermit crab. The winning entry received a $50 Westfield Voucher.

**Year 8 - Video Clip Explanation Competition**

Students were required to produce a 60 second video clip explaining a science experiment or concept. This was a formal Assessment Task that could also be entered into the 60 Second Science Video Clip Online Competition. It proved to be a most enjoyable activity and there were dozens of excellent entries. Commendation Certificates were awarded to - Kirsten Shields, Roberto Ly, Matthew Bartolo, Rebecca Ashcroft, Elyse Hohnen, Isabella Olic, Rita Rabie, Jessica Sta-Maria, Cameron Irving, Julia Korva, Reece Satara and Angela Azzi.

As part of Science Week Year 9 students had the challenge of producing a news report on one science activity that they enjoyed at the Wollongong Science Centre.

**Year 10 Science week challenge** was incorporated into their formal assessment task. It required students to produce a mousetrap vehicle that could travel the greatest distance in the least amount of time. The reports and vehicles were completed to a very high standard. Several students received Commendation Certificates for their fine efforts. Well done!

Margaret St Hill
Science Coordinator

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**Bell Shakespeare Incursion - Years 8 and 10**

On Monday 27 August, The Bell Shakespeare Players performed at Clancy Catholic College for the Year 8 students. The Bell Players are a group of performers that fulfill the plays of Shakespeare. They are a group who are travelling the country and spreading their great experiences and knowledge of Shakespeare. This gave myself and my fellow peers a powerful understanding of the time of Shakespeare, his plays, also what performing and drama was about in the earlier years.

On Monday, The Bell Players performed ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’. One of the most popular and outstanding plays written by Shakespeare. It was an astonishing and breathtaking performance and enjoyable to watch. The performers did an amazing job at performing this play, also making it easier to understand by relating it to our own society. I would recommend this staggering performance and group of performers for anyone who enjoys Shakespeare, or would like to learn about his plays and performances. On behalf of Year 8, I would like to thank all teachers who organised this opportunity for myself and my peers.

Antonio Messina
Year 8 English student
Clancy Day Liturgy

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LEADERS
WYD Confirmations of Interest

Students who have expressed an interest to attend World Youth Day next year are invited to start returning their Confirmation of Interest Forms. These forms were issued to the students at a World Youth Day meeting in Week 5.

These forms provide the College with an indication of your commitment to sending your son or daughter to World Youth Day. Crucial information about your child’s attendance to World Youth Day will be obtained from these forms, so it is essential that they are brought back to the College, along with the $500 deposit which will be matched by the Sydney Catholic Education Office. The Confirmation of Interest forms are due back to the College office by no later than September 13, 2012.

Congratulations to Kaitlin Gonzalez (Year 10), Jye Hawes (Year 9) and Frank Schirripa (Year 10) for being the first students to submit their Confirmations of interest! We wish these students and future pilgrims, all the best in their preparations for World Youth Day. Boa sorte! (Good luck!)

Angeli Kihi
Youth Ministry Coordinator

Year 10 Evangelisation Retreat

On 23 and 24 of August, the Year 10 Evangelisation Team travelled to Stanwell Tops Conference Centre for a faith-filled retreat. The aim of this retreat was to improve the spiritual life of the College through the future leaders of the community and to build closer connections with other Evangelists. This was reflected through the recurring theme of the retreat, ‘Go and Make Disciples of all Nations’. This theme was explored with the assistance of several motivational speakers, all of which enabled us to develop a deeper understanding of our faith and put this understanding into context and action in today’s society.

Upon arrival, we were involved in team building activities, such as an Amazing Race, Trivia and various discussions with both students from our school and students from the wider Catholic community. This allowed us to learn more about ourselves as well as each other, creating a closer, stronger Evangelisation Team. At the conclusion of the first day, all students were involved in Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, which allowed us to relax, reflect on the day and our journey ahead, and respond to God’s call for us. As part of this extremely spiritual activity, we were invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which called on us to recognise our faults and go forth to make a positive difference within ourselves.

The second day was solely based around celebrating Mass with Bishop Porteous. In addition to this, we were given the exciting opportunity to ask him any questions. To hear him and interact with such a prestigious man was an inspiring and humbling experience. We would like to thank Ms Ghignone for accompanying us on this wonderful retreat. We greatly benefited from this experience. The knowledge and experience gained will reward us as we continue to grow into educated, faithful leaders.

Giuseppe Mazza and Carissa Dunn
Year 10 Evangelisation Team

Year 9 Reflection Day

On Wednesday 29 August 2012, Year 9 attended a Reflection Day at Mulgoa Centre. The Reflection Day was hosted by Chris Doyle an inspirational speaker for young people.

The day consisted of many challenges that encouraged students to step out of their comfort zone. These included group activities which helped strengthen our bonds with fellow peers. Alongside all of this group work, individuals also had time to let their light shine by getting up in front of their peers and independently performing songs to show others their talents.

Chris Doyle entertained us throughout the day with his jokes and personality. We were constantly laughing and whilst enjoying his humour we were also thinking about our relationship with God and our close friends.

The day ended with a reflection, where we were challenged to think about what was important to us as individuals and how our actions influenced the decisions of people around us. We were also given time to reflect upon our relationship with God and how much time we were dedicating towards our relationship with God.

On behalf of Year 9, we would like to thank Mr McAteer, Mr Bolonia and all the Year 9 Pastoral Teachers that made this day possible as it was a truly a magnificent day full of reflection and laughter.

George Nader and Chloe Habelleeh
Year 9 Students
Weekly Academic Awards

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

Year 7
Fabian Rivera
Aimee Manicaro

Year 8
Rita Rabie
Jessica Markoska

Year 9
Tomas Pijaca
Alex De Martin
Grant Wilkins
Bianca Nikolic
Simonne Sequeira

Year 10
Jake Ciappara
Anthony Azzi
Kirsten Miller
Chelsea Godoy
Paige Flores

Year 11
Monica Sventek
Jessica Haines
Bianca Mosca
Adam Olic

Year 12
Rhys Sheppard
Joshua Pinto
Flavia Repetto

Scott Tudgeon
Technology and Applied Science Coordinator

Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE)
Year 7
Jacob Taylor

Year 8
Daniel Kovicz

Year 9
Domenico Acitelli
Mycah Masilungan

Year 10
Giuseppe Mazza
Jessica Jobbens

Year 11
Katerina Pijaca
Dylan Villanueva
Kerrie Loy
Rebecca Caltabiano

Year 12
Catherine Azzi
Joshua Pinto
Fiona Fuller

David Timillero
HSIE Coordinator

Religion, Catholic Studies
Year 9
Domenico Acitelli
Giselle Sagredo

Year 10
Nicole De Leon
Emily Miller
Kaiser Shields

Year 11
Victoria Abreu
Stephanie Miller
Sarah Casha
Angela-Renee Perrone
Keri-Anne Reyes
Stefani Fontana

Year 12
Fiona Fuller
Jessica Bono
Shaneel Dutt

Melinda Melham
Acting Religious Education Coordinator

Representing Australia in World Boys’ Baseball Tournament
From the 7 to 14 August I was representing Australia in the 31st Annual World Boys’ Baseball Tournament.

The Tournament was held on the Central Coast bringing the best countries together for one spectacular baseball tournament. Not only was the tournament about baseball but it was about making friends and that occurred when all the countries stayed together at Myuna Bay.

My first ever international hit was a double to left centre field and at my first ever international game I was a closing pitcher and finished a game against in the USA in only ten pitches with 0 hits and 0 runs scored against.

I thought the tournament was a fantastic experience and can’t wait until next year when the tournament will be held in Fresno, California, USA.

Aaron Wilkins
Year 9 Student

The Cochrane Cup Rugby League
The Cochrane Cup is a state wide Catholic Rugby League Competition for U/14’s. Last Monday, after qualifying from the Wests KO and defeating Mater Dei College Wagga Wagga, the boys played Aquinas College, Menai in the Semi Finals. The boys in the Aquinas team have won the All Schools State KO the last 6 years in a row and play together in their weekend team, Aquinas Colts, where they have barely been beaten since the U/7’s. It was always going to be a tough ask, yet there was some confidence in the team.

Some late injuries left us a little depleted in the forwards, but we had our flying winger Richard Tabet returning from a 2 month injury lay off and we were undefeated this year in 5 games ourselves.

The opening 10 minutes was a very high quality match with both teams giving it everything. The Aquinas defence was really struggling to contain Francis Lemalu and Phillip Vatau. However, as the game wore on Aquinas’ combinations and experience of playing together shone through. Their halfback, the son of the Sharks coach created many holes for his forwards and the game gradually got away from us. The physicality of the opening really took its toll too where we suffered a few injuries and some bloody noses. Aquinas ran out victors 32-0. Aquinas were too good on the day but we certainly had quite a few players who more than matched them. It was a good experience and a great effort for the season playing 6 games with 4 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss. Boys, you did yourselves and the College proud.

Matthew Holland
Coach
Dates to Remember

Monday 10 September - Friday 21 September
Preliminary Course Exams

Thursday 20 September
Year 12 Graduation Mass at 7.00pm
at Holy Spirit Church, Carnes Hill

Friday 21 September
Term 3 Ends

Monday 8 October
Term 4 Begins

Parents and Friends Association Meeting
Wednesday 31 October

Term 4 Uniform
A reminder that in Term 4 all students must wear
full Summer Uniform

Careers

- All those interested in apprenticeships should be looking at the many group training organisations offering positions for 2013. See Mrs Weeks in the Careers Room for more details.
- aLife Careers website offers career profiles and a variety of information and guidance to help you find out what you would like to do after school. See: http://www.alife.net.au
- Year 12 students interested in TAFE Courses in 2013 see Mrs Weeks in the Careers Room for information.
- The Star (formerly Star City) has career opportunities in a variety of areas. See careers@futurestar.com.au for details.
- Anyone who requires assistance with their UAC application please see Mrs Weeks on a Wednesday. Appointments will be available throughout the day and after school.

Anne Weeks
Careers Advisor

10 Year Celebration
HOLY SPIRIT, CARNES HILL

On behalf of
Mr Tony Lo Cascio, School Principal, Brother Pat, Parish Priest,

and

The Holy Spirit community

You are invited to celebrate the

10th Anniversary of Holy Spirit School

on

Sunday 16 September 2012

Beginning with a Mass of Thanksgiving at
Holy Spirit Church, Carnes Hill

at

10.00am

Followed by a
Community BBQ ($5.00 payable on the day per head)
Open School day and a performance by the Holy Spirit children

Please RSVP to holyspiritcelebration@gmail.com or
Phone 9826 8436 by 12 September 2012

Parents and Friends Association Meeting

Wednesday 31 October