

## *"Let Your Light Shine"*

WEEK 2 TERM 4, 2012

19 October 2012

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

### ***Welcome Back!***

Welcome back to Term 4. It is a very busy term with students finalising their assessment programs for the term and reports being prepared.

### **Year 12 Higher School Certificate**

This week marks the commencement of the Higher School Certificate Examinations for our Year 12 students. This time can be a very nervous and stressful time as they study and complete these exams. I ask you to remember these wonderful students in your prayers over the coming month. On behalf of the College community we wish our Year 12's every success and our hope is they achieve their potential in these examinations. Let us pray for our young people as they begin the HSC.

*God we ask that they especially feel your closeness during the HSC exam period.  
Give them calm hearts and quiet confidence,  
in the knowledge that you hold them in the palm of your hand.  
Bless them with keen understanding and retentive memory.  
Give them the ability to grasp things correctly, be exact in their explanations  
and an ability to express themselves clearly.  
Point out the beginning, direct their progress and help them  
in the completion of each of their responses.  
Holy Spirit send them your gifts of wisdom and knowledge.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.*

### **October, the month of the Rosary**



This is the month of the Rosary, it is the month when the Church asks us, invites us to reflect upon the Rosary. The Rosary is also called a Gospel of Life. It encompasses the Joyful mysteries, Sorrowful mysteries, Glorious mysteries and the Luminous Mysteries.

On May 3, 2008, Pope Benedict XVI stated that the Rosary was experiencing a new springtime: *"It is one of the most eloquent signs of love that the young generation nourish for Jesus and his Mother."* To Benedict XVI, the rosary is a meditation on all important moments of salvation history.

Each day throughout the month of October our Student Leaders lead the reciting of one decade of the Rosary at the Statue of Mary behind the Administration block.

### **Gold Award**

Congratulations to Victoria Abreu who was the recipient of a Gold Award at last week's College Assembly. This is a fantastic achievement for Victoria.

### **Silver Award**

Congratulations to Michael Scocco who was the recipient of a Silver Award at last week's College Assembly.

### **Year 10 End of Year Celebrations**

With the raising of the school leaving age to seventeen and the abolition of the School Certificate, the College will no longer have a Year 10 Formal/Dinner Dance. As the majority of students continue their studies in Year 11, the purpose of these events have become redundant.



However the student leaders in Year 10 have submitted a proposal for an end of year celebration day to farewell the very few students leaving. This request has been approved and students will be informed of the details as the term progresses. I wish to inform you that no evening events will be organised or can be organised on College grounds and will not be supported or endorsed by the College.

### Br Pat Hurley

It has also been announced this week that Br Pat Hurley will be leaving the Parish of Holy Spirit, Carnes Hill and moving to Good Shepherd, Hinchinbrook. Over the last few years Br Pat has been the Parish Priest of both parishes, that is an enormous role to undertake. The valuable contribution Br Pat has made to our College and the support he has offered to the faith development of staff and students has been invaluable. We will continue to keep Br Pat in our prayers as he prepares to leave a parish that has been his home for the last few years.

### NAPLAN

The recently released NAPLAN results acknowledge the achievements of students and staff in our College. Once again our students in Year 7 and 9 have achieved above state average results in many areas including writing and spelling in both year 7 and Year 9. I refer you to Mr Dooner's more detailed report further in this newsletter. Perhaps the greatest reward for us as teachers is the growth that has taken place between Year 7 to Year 9, particularly in the area of numeracy this year. An area of which we are particularly proud is the above average performance of our LBOTE students in writing and spelling. Our results this year continue to inform our teaching and learning programs so that we are effective in improving our student learning outcomes.

Some of these programs include:

- ◇ Targeted intervention through our withdrawal numeracy and literacy programs.
- ◇ Our focus on differentiating our curriculum to meet the needs of a range of students' abilities in the classroom.
- ◇ On-going professional development of our teachers in the areas of assessment, differentiating the curriculum, numeracy and literacy development.
- ◇ Participating in external projects such as *Literacy The Next Step* and numeracy projects such as RAMP (Reading and Mathematics Program).
- ◇ Providing enrichment for our students through *Clancy University*.
- ◇ Providing additional support for our students for whom English is their second language and for our students who experience learning difficulties.

We will continue to work towards greater improvement at Clancy and the information we gain from these results will inform our teaching and learning programs across all subjects.

Much of our success is also due to ongoing communication between home and school, as always we appreciate your support and urge you to contact us if you require further information.

Thank you so much for the wonderful welcome I received upon my return.

**Iris Nastasi**  
Principal

## 2012 NAPLAN RESULTS

### Clancy Year 7 Results (200 Students)

Results are expressed in as percentages

Band	Reading	Writing	Spelling	Grammar & Punctuation	Numeracy
Band 9	7.1	8.1	11.7	8.1	9.1
Band 8	23.4	17.8	23.9	18.8	15.7
Band 7	30.5	23.4	34.5	29.9	29.9
Band 6	22.8	27.9	20.3	30.5	22.8
Band 5 (Minimum standard)	12.2	19.3	6.6	8.6	17.8
Band 4 (below Minimum standard)	4.1	3.6	3	4.1	4.6

Source: School Measurement, Assessment & Reporting Tool Kit (SMART 2)

#### What can we celebrate?

- For all students, being above the state average in Writing (+11%) and Spelling (+5%).
- No area significantly below State or Diocesan average.
- Fewer students in the lowest two bands in Grammar & Punctuation when compared to the State or diocesan averages.
- Significantly fewer students in the lowest two bands in Writing & Spelling when compared to the State averages.
- For girls, being above the State and diocesan average in Reading (+2.3%, + 1%).
- More students in the top 2 bands in Writing when compared to the State averages.

#### Areas to target

- Focus on moving students into the highest 2 bands in all areas.
- Look at the performance of boys in literacy and LBOTE students in all areas.
- Reading, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy.

Band	Reading	Writing	Spelling	Grammar & Punctuation	Numeracy
Band 10	2.4	10.6	7.6	3.5	4.8
Band 9	13.2	18.2	28.7	9.4	13.8
Band 8	31.1	20.6	26.9	31.6	24
Band 7	26.3	22.9	17.5	28.7	31.1
Band 6 (Minimum standard)	21.6	15.9	15.8	22.8	23.4
Band 5 (below Minimum standard)	5.4	11.8	3.5	4.1	4.1
Learning Gain	28	NA	32	36	45

Source: School Measurement, Assessment & Reporting Tool Kit (SMART 2)

### Clancy Year 9 results (174 students)

Results are expressed in as percentages

#### What have been the learning gains?

**SPELLING:** Average Schools Growth = 32.3 marks which 1.7 above the State average.

**NUMERACY:** Average Schools Growth = 44.5 marks which is 3.9 above the State Average.

### What can we celebrate?

- For all students, being significantly above the State average in Writing(+20).
- For all students, being above the State average in Spelling (+10.4).
- More students in the top band in Writing when compared to the State and Diocesan averages. (Significantly more in the top 2 bands).
- More students in the top 2 bands in Spelling when compared to the State and diocesan Averages.
- *SPELLING*: Average Schools Growth = 32.3 marks which 1.7 above the State average.
- *NUMERACY*: Average Schools Growth = 44.5 marks which is 3.9 above the State Average.
- Having few students below the minimum standard in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy when compared to State averages.
- Growth in Numeracy from 7-9 greater than the State and Diocesan averages.
- LBOTE students above the College average in Writing and Spelling.

### Areas to target

- Focus moving student into the highest 2 bands in all areas.
- Growth in Grammar and Punctuation.
- Reading, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy

**Michael Dooner**  
Curriculum Coordinator

### From the Religious Education Department

The end of Term 3 concluded with a beautiful Thanksgiving Mass, celebrating the contribution our Year 12 students have made to the College. Br Pat Hurley celebrated this Mass with us at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Carnes Hill. We are grateful to the three students from Holy Spirit who altar served at the Mass and the hospitality Holy Spirit Primary School showed to us by accommodating our needs during the day for the Year 12 students, who have helped to shape the legacy of our College. This Mass recognised these students, their families, staff and parish working together as a community, we continue to keep these students in our prayers as they sit their Higher School Certificate examinations.

We have returned to Term 4 in October, the month of the Rosary. Our senior leaders have led the students every lunchtime in one decade of the Rosary, a tradition established early in our College history. Last Thursday our whole school community came together to pray the Rosary as part of the National Day of the Rosary. It reminded us that our school is a part of a National Community, and that this traditional prayer is still an important and integral part of our practices as Christians.

In the coming weeks, our Year 7 students will be participating in the Reflection Day at Mulgoa. These students have quickly become an integral part of our College, and the 12 November is the opportunity for them to reflect on their year, and invite them to consider aspects of their faith they would like to develop as they move into Year 8.

Tuesday morning mass continues each week. We encourage the families of the students leading the Mass to come and join with us. Next week it is 7.3 Pastoral and on 29 October it is 7.4. All are welcome!

**Melinda Melham**  
Religious Education Coordinator

### World Youth Day Pilgrims



attend World Youth Day:

Jye Hawes	Maddison Fitzgerald	Frankie Schirripa
Carissa Dunn	Kaitlin Gonzalez	Jessica Jobberns
Lucy Arpires	Angela Messina	Domenic Longo
Michael Musumeci		

These students have committed to attending World Youth Day next year and will be attending the 19 day Saints of Lima Pilgrimage. These students will travel to Lima, Cuzco, and Machu Picchu before making their way to Rio de Janeiro for WYD Week. While in Lima, the students will be participating in mission work that will help to support and improve the conditions of local communities in Lima. Following the celebrations and the final Mass, the students will then travel to Iguazu Falls for a post-WYD retreat before heading back to Sydney.

This will be a wonderful experience for the students involved and we wish them all the best!

### World Youth Day Raffle

In the time leading up to World Youth Day, the pilgrims will be engaging in fundraising to help subsidise the cost of their pilgrimage. One of the biggest forms of fundraising for the students is the World Youth Day Raffle which will be drawn on 13 December, 2012. The students will be selling tickets over the next few weeks and all are invited to purchase a ticket.

The prizes for the raffle are:

- 1st Prize:** Kia Rio, 3 Door Automatic Hatchback valued at \$17,290
- 2nd Prize:** 2 x Economy Class Return airfares to Europe courtesy of Harvest INROADS flying Emirates.
- 3rd Prize:** \$1000 Visa gift card

The tickets will be sold by the World Youth Day Pilgrims. If you would like to purchase a ticket, please do so through your son/daughter. Tickets are \$2.

This will be the primary form of fundraising and will not only help to subsidise the cost of the pilgrimage for the students, but 20% of the amount raised will go towards a mission fund that will help support the mission works that will be undertaken overseas. Please consider supporting our students as they prepare for next year!

**Angeli Kihl**  
WYD Coordinator



### Mathematics Drop-In Centre

In an effort to support the students at Clancy Catholic College, the Mathematics Drop-In Centre will be running again this term.

The Drop-In Centre is open to any student who would like some extra help in Mathematics every **Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8.00am – 8.30am**. A member of the Mathematics faculty will be available in **A1** to offer students the opportunity to ask questions or get some extra help with their homework.

I strongly encourage the students at Clancy to 'drop-in' and take advantage of this service!

**Spyro Kyritsis**  
Acting Mathematics Coordinator

### Australian Mathematics Competition 2012

Earlier this year, 127 Clancy students participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition. The students performed exceedingly well, with a total of 52 Credit and 6 Distinction certificates awarded across five year groups :

Year 7 : Simran Narayan (Distinction), Monique Alilovic (Distinction), Christian Martinazzo (Distinction), Jacob Taylor, Jarrod Baptista, Andrew Sinemoglou, Sebastian Herdzik, Jeremy Soh, Michael Hales, Cindy Ngo, Michelle Sagredo, Baldeo Sebaruth, Daniel Lopez, Rachael Channon, Clare deVries & Aimee Manicaro.

Year 8 : Mathew Tain (Distinction), Renato Marando (Distinction), Nadia Acitelli, Pedro Andrade Paez, Joseph Bono, Angela Caccamo, Anna Richardson, Adrian Pacchiarotta, Dion Nikolic, Reece Satara, Joelle Azzi, Alyssa Macri, Matthew Bartolo, Susan D'souza & Caitlin Refalo.

Year 9 : Grant Wilkins, Shayal Prasad, Emile Farhan, Nicholas Baptista, Jennifer Veliz , Andrew Massa, Cooper Smith, Sam Gogolewski, Sam Polistena, Natalie Koszynski, Giselle Sagredo, Kristian Sison, Brad Corliss and Mitchell Davis.

Year 10 : Justin Camilleri (Distinction), Giuseppe Mazza, Vance Abreu, Jordan Agius, Brayden Issa, Roy Aranda, Jessica Nguyen & William Tain.

Year 11 : Michael Head, Victoria Abreu, Madeline Morrison & Patrick Ngo.

Congratulations to all the students on their excellent results and participation!

**Angelo Alexopoulos**  
Acting Assistant Mathematics Coordinator

### Careers News

- \* All students interested in TAFE Courses for 2013 need to check TAFE Websites as many enrolments are done online for next year. Places for popular courses are competitive so be early with your application.
- \* There are many group training organisations currently recruiting apprentices for next year. Google 'apprenticeships Australia' to lead you to these organisations and their details.
- \* Year 11 students ( Year 12, 2013) may want to meet the Careers Advisor before the year ends to get started on options for next year. See Mrs Weeks on Wednesdays in the Careers room for an appointment.
- \* Target Stores in Sydney are currently recruiting Christmas casuals. This is a good opportunity for your first part-time job. See the Target Website for details.

**Anne Weeks**  
Careers Advisor

### Dates to Remember

Monday 22 October 2012  
HSC 2013 Information Evening

Wednesday 24 October  
Year 10 MISA Public Speaking

Monday 29 October to Friday 9 November  
Stages 4 & 5 Assessment Week

Tuesday 30 October  
ANSTO Excursion

Thursday 1 November  
Year 11 MISA Leadership Day

### CaSPA Ensembles Audition Registrations

A reminder that AUDITION REGISTRATIONS for the **2013 CaSPA Ensembles** closes this Friday 19 October

#### DANCE DRAMA VOCALS

Students need to sign up for membership at the CaSPA ning USING A SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS to register their details: <http://caspa-sydney.ning.com/>

Secondary Auditions will be held on Tues 30 October at Southern Cross Catholic Vocational College, Burwood 5.00pm-7.00pm.

**John Alvear**  
CAPA Coordinator

### Liverpool's Nature Photography Competition Calling all amateur photographers!

Win a great prize just by taking a great photo of nature found in the Liverpool Local Government area.

To enter, complete an entry form online and submit with your best photo of nature found in the Liverpool area.

Entries close Friday **14 December 2012**  
Entry forms are available online at [www.liverpool.nsw.gov.au](http://www.liverpool.nsw.gov.au)  
For more information phone (02) 9821 7788 or email:  
[b.jovanovic@liverpool.nsw.gov.au](mailto:b.jovanovic@liverpool.nsw.gov.au)



Winning images will be displayed in the Liverpool City Library, Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre and the Liverpool city council Website



# Year 12 Graduation Mass and Award Ceremony



