

"Let Your Light Shine"

WEEK 8 TERM 4, 2012

30 November 2012

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

Br Pat, Parish Priest of Holy Spirit Carnes Hill enters his last weeks as Priest at Clancy

Last week we had the opportunity of celebrating the time Br Pat has been with us and recognising his enormous achievements here. It is hard to believe that eight and a half years ago when Br Pat arrived at Carnes Hill there was no Church, no school, no primary school, no secondary school and no presbytery. Yet in those eight and a half years, largely through the work of Br Pat, we have established a great Catholic community here at Carnes Hill and a terrific community at the Holy Spirit Parish.

I was able to witness first hand last Sunday the enormous respect and love the parishioners of Holy Spirit have for Br Pat. We will always be grateful to Br Pat, the person, the Priest, the pioneer, the pastor and the philosopher; a man of faith, hope and respect; powerful in relationships, humble in achievement.

If ever there was a person who represented our values at Clancy, it is Br Pat. We wish Br Pat every blessing as he embarks on a new stage of his journey.

Creation of a New House for Clancy

The time has come for us at Clancy to knit in a sixth house and a patron and core value to our community. There are a number of reasons for doing this. As I said to the students on Wednesday, a guitar with one string makes a single sound, with five strings it creates a blend of endless music. A sixth string is not necessary, but adds an extra complexity to the composition.

With a population of over 1,000 students next year and a sincere wish to make our houses, patrons and values relevant to our students, we believe a sixth house would reduce the number in each house and therefore offer, a great opportunity for students to be involved in our school.

Our values as you know are Faith, Hope, Pride, Respect, Relationships. This year we have embraced the value of Compassion, one we hope will ever deepen our commitment to Social Justice and Outreach.

Our student leaders currently are identifying a patron who would add to the charism of who we are here at Clancy. I would invite parents to also suggest a patron you believe would be worthy of joining Mother Teresa, St Mary MacKillop, Martin Luther King, Caroline Chisholm and Pope John Paul II. Student leaders at this point have moved towards the idea of a sixth and final patron being an Australian male, however these characteristics are not as important as identifying a person who would inspire our students to be the best person they could be.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Peter Richardson, Year 12 student who was recognised by Wollongong University as a runner-up in the Design Awards. Peter's achievements around multimedia and ICT have been enormous in his six years at Clancy and he has contributed a great deal to us all in terms of creating films and wonderful opportunities for us to recognise ourselves through film. Peter's teachers, Scott Llamas and Year Coordinator Matt Turner travelled to Wollongong to see the presentation on Friday night. I thank them for the support they have given Peter this year. This is the second year that a student from Clancy Catholic College has been recognised in these awards. Stephanie Suber was a recipient of an award last year. Congratulations to Peter and Mr Llamas in particular.



Parents & Friends

Our final P&F Meeting took place this week. As a group we have made the decision to move to a Parent Advisory Board, one where people will be nominated from all sections of our College so that I can develop a process to communicate and gain feedback from parents. We continue to interact with our parents through particular projects such as Clancy University, Guitar School, Arts and Culture Night to name just a few. Parents at the final meeting confirmed this continued support around Open Day and their presence at our Walkathon.

I would like to thank in particular the former President of the P&F Ariel Arpires, Craig Miller (Treasurer) and Mark (aka Matt) Doria for their ongoing support.

My Guitar School

On Wednesday night we held our annual Guitar School night. The number of parents who attended was almost double the number who attended last year, an indication of the growing support of this particular opportunity at Clancy. The standard of guitar playing was incredible and perhaps what was most exciting to see was the growth that has taken place in our students in a year.

I would like to thank every parent who came to support us that night and once again, John Alvear for his great leadership of Creative Arts in the College. A particular thank you to Matt Arthur who has given much more to us than just leadership, his enthusiasm is contagious and his positivity is inspirational. Thank you Matt. To all of our students who performed, thank you for letting your light shine and once again, you make us very proud.

Iris Nastasi
Principal

From the Religious Education Department

There may be only four weeks left in the school year, however, we are about to enter into a very significant time in the Church calendar. Advent begins this Sunday, in Latin Advent means 'coming', we as Christians are all preparing for the Lord to come. We must be mindful in this preparation that we do not lose sight of what it is we are waiting for. As exciting as the holidays are, we cannot forget that the true meaning of this time is to prepare for the birth of Christ. The media bombards us with images of late night shopping and bargains to show someone you love them, it unfortunately can overtake the true meaning of giving. Christ's birth was without the extravagant celebration; it was a humble entrance that celebrates the importance of family. The gift we can offer during Advent is one of our time and hope. There are many people in our community who will not have the luxury of expensive presents, or large festive meals, this is our time to truly live our College Motto to 'love like Christ' by giving to those who have so little and allow ourselves to truly experience Advent and Christmas.

Our Advent Mass will be celebrated here in the College grounds on Wednesday, 12 December at 11am by Fr Peter Smith. All families are welcome to join us. At this mass we present our St Vincent De Paul Hampers, a reminder to all families to contribute to this worthy cause as our gift to those in need.

A reminder that this Sunday, the parish of St Francis Xavier Lurnea will display the Relic of St Francis Xavier, patron of all Foreign Missions from 8am to midday. All are welcome to attend Mass and see the Relic before it finishes the pilgrimage in Australia. There will be many visitors to the Parish so there will be a barbecue in the grounds for the community for a gold coin donation.

Finally, our Year 8 students participated in the CEO RE Test back in October. The results from these tests were outstanding. Nine of our students were awarded a High Distinction, 42 Distinctions and 76 Credits. These efforts resulted in the College average equalling that of Sydney Diocese. Further analysis of the data will occur in coming weeks. All students are congratulated on their efforts. A special mention to the students receiving a High Distinction:

Nadia Acitelli	Renee Dela Cruz
Rebecca Ashcroft	Sabrina Hatem
Joelle Azzi	Daniel Kovicz
Shanice Buksh-Turnbull	Rita Rabie
Susan D'Souza	

Melinda Melham
Religious Education Coordinator

WOMEN AND THE CHURCH EXCURSION

On Tuesday 20 November, a group of Year 10 and 11 female students participated in a "Women in the Church" Evangelisation Day held at All Saints Catholic Girls, Liverpool. It was a great opportunity for us to learn about the prominent women of Christianity in the past and the present, particularly those who aren't often acknowledged. We also took the time to pray together and create an altar cloth with memorable quotes from the day. The day was a great opportunity for us to come together with people from other schools, who are also members of the Christian faith, and come to know more about the people who put the words of Christ into action. Our thanks to Ms Selmes who took the time to spend the day with us.

Sarah Casha
Leader of Co-Curricula Life

Social Justice Excursion

Social justice is a pressing issue that is relevant in today's society. On 21 November, the Year 10 Evangelisation Team, accompanied by Miss Deguara, travelled to Southern Cross Catholic Vocational College in Burwood to participate in forums that enlightened us on the issues facing our families today.

Upon arrival, we were greeted with an inspirational introduction to the day by Bishop Saunders from the Broome Diocese. He taught us the importance of the gift of families in difficult times, particularly in relation to Jesus Christ and the Holy Family. Jonathon Ngor followed this with his influential life story, detailing the trauma he experienced as a refugee with his own family.

We were invited to participate in two interactive workshops of our choice. As a collective, we chose the issue of Refugees and Drugs and Alcohol that can effect the functionality of the family system. These sessions taught us the significance of having a close family network in difficult times.

Towards the end of the day, we were asked to split into school groups and discuss some social justice campaigns that we thought were necessary to implement within our own school community. We decided on hosting an assembly specific to social justice issues affecting our immediate community. We have also decided to dedicate a section of the Clancy newsletter to educating people on the issues, encouraging them to take action.



Overall, the day was a huge success and we look forward to carrying out the skills learnt and using them within the Clancy Catholic College Community to continue to make our school a better place.

Carissa Dunn and Giuseppe Mazza
Year 10 Students

Upper Primary Evangelisation Day

On Monday 19 November, Pietro Mazza and Nancee Riviera from Year 11, represented our College at a CEO Upper Primary Evangelisation Day. We all came together with many Primary students from The Sydney Diocese and Leaders from neighboring secondary schools to participate in this day. We gathered at St Mary's Cathedral to take part in a number of activities, such as '10 things I love about being Catholic' and Meditation and Art sessions in Hyde Park.



At the end of the day everyone came together to celebrate Mass. This day allowed every student to reflect on their faith and enable them to lead and encourage their school.

Pietro Mazza and Nancee Riviera
Catholic Life Leaders

Visual Arts Department

NEXT:2012

In recognition of the achievements and talents of local students, Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre is proud to introduce **Next:2012**, the inaugural exhibition of Visual Arts works from HSC students. The exhibition will showcase a selection of artworks produced by students, from schools in the Liverpool community, for their Year 12 Body of Work.



Clancy Catholic College have had two artworks selected for the exhibition. We would like to congratulate Jessica Bono and Joshua Diaz who will represent the College at this exhibition.

Jessica Bono has also been selected to give an artist talk, to



discuss and share her methodology and inspirations to students who are currently beginning their Body of Work, on Thursday 13 December from 10-12pm.

The Exhibition is free of cost and will begin on 1 December through to 31 January 2013, for anyone to come and see. Casula Powerhouse; 1 Casula Powerhouse Rd, Casula.

Mrs Elizabeth Giusti
Visual Arts Department

Clancy Creating Christmas Spirit at our Local Hospital!



A group of talented Year 9 and 11 Visual Arts students have reached out to help the Neo Natal Intensive Care Unit at Liverpool Hospital this year.

They were chosen to paint some large Christmas posters to brighten up the ward for patients and their carers.

We would like to thank the students involved for reaching out to the local community at this special time of year.

Mrs Elizabeth Giusti
Visual Arts Department

Weekly Academic Awards

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

Religion Catholic Studies

Year 7 Veronica Casha

Year 8 Nadia Acitelli

Year 9 Sam Gogolewski

Year 10 Van-Anh Ho

Year 11 Stefani Fontana Katerina Pijaca

PDHPE

Year 7 Bianca Briscas Chinonye Emelumba

Year 8 Erika Fumazoni Jordan Vella
Emma Barclay

Year 9 Riley Crocker Sam Gogolewski
Jordan Anderson Sabrina Romberg
Jasmin Mantoufeh

Year 10 Mirna Rabbat Van Anh Ho

Year 11 Kiara Porter
Nancee Riviera

Science

Year 7 Aimee Manicaró Kirsten Shields

Year 8 Matthew Bartolo Nicholas Piet Carmen Baz

Year 9 Andrew Massa

Year 10 Laura Perkov

Year 11 Victoria Abreu

Sport

Twelve male students represented the College in the Downie Shield Cricket Competition against John Therry, Campbelltown. The team was made up of boys who currently play cricket for a club outside of school, boys who have had experience in the game of cricket before and others who just wanted to have a go, which is what Clancy Catholic College is all about. John Therry finished up with a score of 272. Considering we were up against some quality players who have appeared in the Sydney Grade Competition recently, this was not a bad effort. Unfortunately, our batting was not as solid as our bowling and we were unable to form long lasting partnerships and as a result of this, John Therry captured the 10 wickets needed for victory. I was very pleased to see these boys give it their best efforts and hopefully Clancy Catholic College can unearth some new cricketing talent soon. Congratulations to the boys on a great day!



Troy Nuske
Downie Shield Cricket Coach

From The Finance Office

LOCKER HIRE FOR 2013

LOCKERS ARE AVAILABLE TO HIRE FOR 2013 AT A COST OF \$45.00. IF ANY STUDENTS FROM YEARS 8 TO 12 REQUIRE A LOCKER FOR 2013, A LOCKER ALLOCATION FORM CAN BE COLLECTED AT THE COLLEGE OFFICE AND NEEDS TO BE RETURNED BY FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER 2012. PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF LOCKERS AVAILABLE FOR HIRE. THEY WILL BE ASSIGNED TO STUDENTS ON A FIRST COME BASIS.



Gary Williams
Business Manager

On Campus Uniform Shop!

Our Uniform Shop will be opened for longer hours and some additional days during the December and January period to assist with your uniform purchases.

The trading hours will be as follows:

Friday 30 November 10.00 – 4.30pm
Thursday 6 December 10.00 – 5.30pm
Thursday 13 December 10.00 – 4.30pm
Monday 21 January 10.00 – 4.30pm
Tuesday 22 January 10.00 – 4.30pm
Wednesday 23 January 10.00 – 4.30pm
Thursday 24 January 10.00 – 4.30pm

Price Lists can be obtained from the
College Front Office!

Careers News

-TAFE applications for popular courses for 2013 are closing soon. See your relevant TAFE website for details.

-The Department of Education is providing a careers advisory service for all Year 12 students from 20 - 24 December.

See www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au or call 1300 300 687

-Don't forget to see your Careers Adviser (Mrs Weeks) on Wednesdays in the library for any information related to your future Career.

Anne Weeks
Careers Advisor

Dates to Remember

Final Day for Year 10 and 11 students
Friday 14 December

Final Day for Year 7-9 students
Tuesday 18 December (No sport on this day)

Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 19 December from 9.00am-12noon

Year 7 students, College Leaders and
Peer Support Leaders return
Wednesday 30 January 2013

Years 8-12 return
Thursday 31 January 2013



World Youth Day

WYD RAFFLE UPDATE

Thank you for all the support you have shown the World Youth Day Pilgrims. The selling of raffle tickets has now closed.

The raffle will be drawn on December 13, 2012.

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

Good luck to all those who have purchased tickets!

WYD FUNDRAISING

The fundraising efforts of the WYD students has been a huge success. Every afternoon, the students have been selling Zooper Doopers to the students of the College. Clancy students have been very generous in continuing to support the students as they sell ice blocks. Zooper Doopers will continue to be on sale **until the end** of Term.



The WYD BBQ Fundraiser was held last Thursday 22 November. The BBQ was a huge success, raising a total of \$1350! Thank you to all the staff and students who helped to support this major fundraising event. Special thanks must go to Woolworths, Carnes Hill for their generous donation of \$80, Mr

Shane Jobberns (father of WYD pilgrim, Jessica Jobberns) who organised a donation of sausages for the BBQ and Ms Francis Gyasi (aunt of WYD pilgrim Michael Benson) who organised a donation of sauces.

Thank you sincerely for your generous support.

Mrs Angeli Kihi
Youth Ministry Coordinator

