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

Last week at our Opening Mass we formally launched our Scriptural theme for 2014. “Whatever you did for the least of my brothers and sisters you did for me.” Matthew 25:40. We’ve added our interpretation of this, “Go make a difference”

This theme sets our community a great challenge. It reminds us that when Jesus first spoke the words “Whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you did for me”, he would have been speaking very radical words.

In the time Jesus lived, in his context, it was considered necessary to alienate or ostracise some sections of the community. There was an assumed hierarchy where some people were deemed great respect and others were given none. One example of this would have been those who suffered from leprosy. They were forced to live in a commune away from the general community. There was very little care or concern shown because it was more about protecting the majority. Society was particularly hard on women, and women who were deemed to be immoral were shunned. There was no real attempt to rehabilitate people, there was no real emphasis on forgiveness and so when Jesus began to talk about forgiveness and love this would have been a very different message.

I asked our students if they thought this message is still pertinent to today and whether they could recognise in their own society and community those less privileged or who may have less access to the benefits of our society.

We can be a very shallow people. We get very excited about celebrities, millions of dollars are generated around photographs, magazines that celebrate lives that seem or appear to be so different from ours and we’re fascinated. And yet we can very easily ignore others. We are happy to pay for just photographs of some people, will but try really hard to avoid others. In some ways I wonder if we are much better today than those in the time of Jesus. Many people in Jesus’ society were barely surviving, in our society we have more than we need.

What’s our excuse for missing opportunities to make a difference? I have included an extract from my address at the Opening Mass so that you too can see the direction our theme will take us and I hope you can give our work even more impetus though your great support.

“I once said to you that I see Clancy as the village on the hill, Carnes Hill, and from here we can emanate light and great goodness. Your combined light can make this a great College a community that lights the potential darkness all around us. Even here, if each one of us represents one ray of light, even a small ray can change an otherwise dark and dismal situation. One ray of light can make a huge difference.

But you know this already! When we asked last year “Who do you say I am?” the answer you gave was ‘a community active in making a difference’. 2013 saw our community build links with places as far away as Vietnam and East Timor and as close to us as Liverpool, Villawood and Carnes Hill. There, the work of our students and staff made a difference to the homeless, the poor, the orphaned and the displaced.
We will continue to support refugee children here, young people in school in East Timor, orphans in Vietnam. Not for a reward, but because it is right.

The young people in Vietnam and East Timor will never see your face, shake your hand but you can be assured that you made a difference. Be assured Clancy, they have thought of you. I bring this card signed by every child in the Vietnamese orphanage, a message to wish you all a happy new year. Unnecessary, but greatly appreciated.

But what about your local context here at Clancy? Is it selfish to apply this to your own needs? No of course not. All of you have been blessed with gifts and talents you should not waste these. Letting your light shine is part of the Clancy way. Apply yourself and be the best person you can be, that is making a difference. Committing to your work, being accountable is making a difference, respecting the right of others to learn is making a difference. In that way you give back to your College also.

Do I believe we can do that here? Only last week a teacher told me a story beside the basketball court. There about 15 boys from mostly Year 8 to 10 were playing an intense game of basketball. Amongst them stood a new boy, a boy new to the school and alone. He wandered onto the court. These burly, passionate young men, stopped their game, passed him the ball and invited him to take a shot. It took our newcomer about 15 shots but when he did, they applauded him. It is by far the proudest moment I have experienced this year. That is making a difference.

This is a great moment where the Clancy way was real, where the words ‘Go make a difference’ turned into action.

You live this theme when you extend a hand, say welcome, assist another person, inside your school, outside your school.

Remember, it is never ok to choose cruelty, it is never ok to punish with your fist, it is never ok to demonise another person, to accept an injustice and ignore a wrong.

We challenge ourselves to be active in our faith, to turn our beliefs into good deeds and to turn away our prejudices, our capacity to ignore and condemn.

In this way we can truly “Love like Christ”

Iris Nastasi
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Exemption From Schooling
In the event that you need to take you son/daughter out of school for -exceptional domestic circumstances -other exceptional circumstances -employment in the entertainment industry -participation in elite sporting events

your son/daughter needs to collect an exemption from Attendance at School Form from their year coordinator. This form needs to be completed and returned to the College four weeks prior to the sought leave for approval.

Uniform and Grooming
Can I once again thank parents for their support around uniform and grooming. Our students have been very good at following the College expectations and present extremely well. If you are ever unsure of uniform expectations they can be found in the Student’s Diary (page 43-45) and also on the College website (The College/Policies then scroll down to uniform). These expectations are in place in an attempt to maintain consistency and reflect the standards that have been in place since the College was established. Some parents have been seeking clarification around students and piercings. Girls are permitted to wear one set of earrings (one caring in each ear, in the lower lobe.) No other piercings are permissible for either male or females. Clear plastic inserts are considered piercings and are not permitted. Your continued support in this area is greatly appreciated.

Craig Mooney
Assistant Principal

FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Last Thursday, our school community gathered at Our Lady of Victories, Horsley Park to celebrate our Opening School Mass. This liturgy is a celebration of our culture, identity and an opportunity to pray for the year ahead. It is a privilege to be a member of our faith-filled community; the enthusiasm of our staff and students to be involved helped to make the Mass a beautiful one. A special thank you to our Liturgy Team and musicians who are so generous in sharing their time and talents, it really made our celebration a memorable one.

Our community was presented with two challenges; firstly, Fr Bob Hayes asked each one of us to reflect on our faith and how often we practice it. Our community offers many opportunities for prayer and liturgy; every Tuesday morning Fr Joseph celebrates mass in the chapel at 8am, families are invited to join their sons and daughters for these Masses. Next week Year 12 MacKillop Pastoral class will lead us in the ministry, however, all students are invited.

On Ash Wednesday, we have invited all students and their families to attend their parish for 9am Mass. This is a tradition our College began eight years ago, strengthening our students’ connection with their parish to enhance their faith. All students have received notes. If they are attending the Parish Mass, parents are to take them to the Church and are encouraged to stay with them. Teachers will also attend and return with the students back to school after Mass on buses. Any student attending the Parish Mass must return their permission slip by next Wednesday 26 February. Students who do not go to their Parish are to come to school normal time for an Ash Wednesday Liturgy. All students will resume normal classes immediately after these liturgies.
Our second challenge was presented by Mrs Nastasi. When she explained our College theme; ‘whatever you do for the least of his brothers and sisters you do to Christ’, Mrs Nastasi explained how we cannot simply have faith, we must put our faith into action and “go make a difference”. This calls each of us to reflect on our treatment of one another, both at school, at home and in our community. With the beginning of Lent we launch our first Social Justice initiative of 2014 – our support of Caritas Australia. Each of us needs to reflect on how we will “make a difference” this year, to truly show how we love like Christ.

Melinda Melham
Religious Education Coordinator

FROM THE CURRICULUM COORDINATOR

Welcome back to the College for 2014. Students have started the year well and are engaging in their learning with a great deal of enthusiasm.

High Achievers Assembly
Last week we welcomed back three of our 2013 HSC students to receive awards for their outstanding achievements in the HSC. Katerina Pijaca, Sarah Casha and Kiara Porter then gave generously of their time in advising Years 11 and 12 on the reasons for their success. It was a fantastic couple of hours and showcased what is possible here at the College.

Information Nights
We have had the Year 7 and Year 11 Information Nights at the College recently and I thank all parents and students for attending those evenings. The information presented is important for families to understand the processes involved in those particular year groups.

Assessment
Assessment calendars are now available on the College’s website. Please ensure that you are aware of when tasks are due. Hard copies of these calendars have also been distributed to students. Notifications are also available on the website. We are now entering an assessment phase in the coming weeks and it is vital that students are punctual with the submission and/or attendance of assessment tasks. Please contact your child’s teacher, KLA Coordinator or myself if you have any queries.

Guest Speaker
Shannon Cole, a player for the Western Sydney Wanderers in the A-League recently visited the College and gave some great insights into motivation, goal setting and organisation to Years 9-12. His down to earth and insightful advice has given our students plenty to consider as they organise themselves for their studies this year.

I wish all students and their families a successful and enjoyable school year.

David Timillero
Curriculum Coordinator

FROM THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Onstage Excursion
On Friday 14 February, Year 11 and 12 Drama classes, along with their teachers Ms Alix Stirling and Mrs Josephine McKell, travelled to the Seymour Centre in Broadway to view some of the top HSC Group and Individual Performances from the 2013 HSC. The students were blown away by some memorable performances including a restaurant receptionist who really knew how to juggle the demands of his job, villains from different films including a very bizarre Gollum and intimidating Joker and the many ways simple props can be utilised on stage.

For some of these students it was their first time attending the theatre and has surely paved the way for more trips in the future. The students were outstanding and were still singing when we arrived back to school at 10.30pm. The attendance of theatre production is such a valuable educational experience given the nature of this performative subject and I thank the parents and the College for supporting the existence of such excursions. Thanks to all of the students who attended: George Diaz, Sarah Newman, Sabrina Raso, Eros Morelli, Stephanie Laguna, Adrian Agostino, Jordan Anderson, Georgia Busuttil, Kamil Koszczuk, Gabriela Leone, Andrew Matosevic, Antonio Murdica, Nikita Nissan, Stephanie Perras, Vince Ripepi, and Michael Scocco.

Josephine McKell
English Coordinator / Senior Drama Teacher
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COLLEGE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 8th Annual College Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 7 March at Prairiewood Leisure Centre. It is a compulsory school day with all students expected to attend. If they cannot attend, they will be required to produce a doctor’s certificate on their return to the College. Students who cannot participate on the day are to bring a note beforehand stating the reason. They can still attend as there are many jobs they can assist with on the day as well as get involved in their House spirit.

The Carnival is due to start at 9.15am and should be completed by 2.15pm. All parents and families are invited to attend and enjoy the day with the Clancy College Community.

SOUTHERN SYDNEY REPRESENTATIVES:
Congratulations to Joe Polito (Year 10) and Aaron Wilkins (Year 11) who have been selected to represent Southern Sydney in Baseball. We wish the boys the best of luck.

Michael Bell

NSWCCC Entry into individual Sports and Team Sports

TEAM SPORT ENTRIES
Southern Sydney Combined Catholic Colleges is the pathway for our students to progress to the NSWCCC Championships and NSWCCC selection.

SSCCC run trials for the following teams:
- Baseball
- U/15 and Open Rugby League
- Swimming
- Soccer
- Cross Country
- U/15 and Open Touch
- Athletics

If students wish to trial for the SSCCC teams there is a school trial first, before they progress. When students are successful in making the school team they will be asked to register on the NSWCCC website to progress to the SSCCC selection.

Individual Entries
NSWCCC selection trials are run for the following sports which are either individual sports or sports which do not have a selection championship.
- AFL
- Cricket
- Diving
- Golf
- Softball
- Netball
- Tennis
- Triathlon
- Waterpolo
- Volleyball

These Sport trials are for those students who perform at an elite level rather than just having a go. Therefore students are only progressed to the trials if they demonstrate the necessary skills in that sport for the NSWCCC standard. Sport experience is offered during Friday afternoon sport, weekday afternoon and weekend sport.

As you can imagine with over 150 Catholic High schools if every school sent a bunch of kids to have a go, the trial would soon blow out to a gala day and the NSWCCC selection trial would not serve its purpose of progressing the correct students to NSW All Schools and National level.

If you are interested in finding out more information on NSWCCC trials and events please look at the website, or email me on

REGISTRATION PROCESS ON WEBSITE
1. Go to www.csss.nsw.edu.au website
2. On top right hand side of page, click LOGIN. If you don't have a login or you have forgotten your login, go to the HELP button (located on the top right hand side written in Blue)
3. Once you are logged in, go to the NSWCCC Home Page.
4. Click on (Individual Sport you wish to trial for)
5. Click on Register

Please complete the registration process.
6. Click on “Register for this Sport” at the bottom of the page.
7. An email will be sent to your Sport Coordinator for approval and consent.
8. You will also be required to pay online for individual sports which must be done before the event. Please allow 7-10 days for administration to process. (this is not done automatically)
9. You can login to your account at any time to view sport coordinator approval.

NSWCCC
High Achievers Assembly

Welcome New Parents
NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Overdrive has arrived at Clancy!

Overdrive is a digital resource collection that has recently been integrated into our Library’s catalogue, Oliver, in turn providing students with a broader range of resources to borrow.

Overdrive offers students 24/7 access to a wide variety of eBooks, EPUB resources and audio books. Essentially, this means that by visiting the Oliver webpage (accessible from the College homepage or Library website), students are now able to access our existing Library collections. Such collections include a wide array of fiction, non-fiction, reference materials, graphic novels, media sources, picture books and more. The Library Collection as a whole has now been further enhanced by the addition of Overdrive’s digital content. Both the Library’s physical and digital collections are continually added to, and regularly reviewed, in order to meet the diverse needs of our students.

This week, two iPad ‘search stations’ were set up in the Library. These have been made available to allow students to search our combined Oliver/Overdrive system in the presence of Library staff, who can provide assistance when required. Students are, however, able to access this system on their own laptops both at the College and from home. Demonstrations have commenced this week in the Library and within some classes. These will continue on a regular basis to assist students in using this system effectively to find suitable resources for assessment tasks, home learning and personal reading enjoyment.

For more information, here is a link to a short video tutorial on how to use Overdrive:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5T4hln5UMOY

Any students who would like more information about Oliver and/or Overdrive, or who may be having difficulty using this system, are encouraged to see Library staff during recess or lunch.

COMPETITION – Design your own Manga Character!

Recently, we have purchased a number of Manga novels in response to several requests from students in Years 7-10. These resources have been very popular, with many students borrowing multiple copies at once, and quickly returning to the Library to borrow more! It has been fantastic to see so much enthusiasm surrounding these new texts.

At Clancy, we also have a large number of extremely talented Art students, and students who have an interest in drawing. To celebrate students’ love of Manga and showcase our students’ artworks, the College Library has decided to run a competition which invites students to design their own unique, Manga-inspired character.

The most original entries will be put on display in the Library for other students and staff to view. Prizes will also be up for grabs. The competition starts next week (Monday, Week 5) and will run for three weeks, until Friday of Week 7.

Students who are interested in entering this competition can see Library staff for more details. Extra information will also be featured in the Daily Notices during pastoral next week.

Coping with Transition as a Secondary Student

Many students will experience some form of transition at school this year. In fact, many have already undergone a major transition, such as our new Year 7 cohort, having only recently joined us at Clancy from primary school, or our Year 11 students, who have officially moved into their senior studies. For others, they may be new to Clancy this year, may be trying a new subject for the first time, or have perhaps changed levels within a subject.

As we all know, with change can come uncertainty and at times, this can lead to stress. Whenever we are in a new situation, we have a period of time where we are learning and adapting to the circumstances around us. Therefore, it is important for students to know how to equip themselves with the skills necessary to face such challenges, and conquer this transition as smoothly as possible. Doing so, will make it easier to achieve success in ones secondary studies.
Below are some useful tips for students:

**ASK QUESTIONS:** Ask lots and lots of questions. If you are unsure about something, don’t sit there in silence, ask a question. If you are uncomfortable asking the teacher directly, then ask a friend or ask the teacher after class. But be aware, there are probably many other students with the same question, and they will probably be thankful that someone has asked the question they also have!

**FIND A BUDDY:** It is much easier if you have someone to talk to about what you are both experiencing, someone you can check things with. It’s good to have someone even just someone to listen to you when you want to moan and groan, or celebrate! You don’t have to specifically say, “let’s be buddies,” but you can look out for a like-minded person so that you can help each other along the way.

**CONSOLIDATE:** When you are learning new things or have lots of new information heading your way, it’s important to take time to consolidate. This could be explaining what you are learning to someone like your parents, or it could be writing a short list or summary of what you have been told so that you don’t forget it.

**POSITIVE ATTITUDE:** Your attitude can make a world of difference to the type of experiences you have during any transition. Start noticing your thoughts. Are they negative or positive? You can start to take control and direct the way you think about a situation and this in turn, will change how you feel. For example, if something goes wrong and you notice you’re thinking something like “Oh no, I can’t believe I did that,” immediately catch yourself and say, “Everyone makes mistakes. At least now I know what I need to do for next time.’ Eventually, you can start to have a more positive reaction to things and look for the good in situations.

**AIM FOR PERSONAL BEST:** Don’t compare yourself to others. Aim for your own “personal best.” Strive to do the best you can, to learn, to grow and develop. We all have different skills and strengths and sometimes these aren’t always evident while at school. Focus on being the best student you can be, and celebrate all of your strengths and gifts – whether they show up in the school arena or in your outside life.

For more information on this topic and other useful tips on successfully dealing with the demands of being a secondary student in the 21st Century, students may wish to log onto The Study Skills Handbook. Our College Library subscribes The Study Skills Handbook, which is a fantastic resource for use either at school or for home learning.

To access this resource, students will need the following details:

**Website:** [http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au/](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au/) (can also be accessed from the College homepage)

**School username:** clancylibrary

**School password:** ccc247

Any students who require help using this resource, or who would like additional information, are encouraged to see Ms Rooke in the Library.

**Alison Rooke**
**Librarian**
FROM THE HSIE DEPARTMENT

On Friday 14 February, the Year 12 Legal Studies class, accompanied by our Teacher Miss Volpato and Mr Wilson, were lucky enough to venture into the city and visit the Downing Centre Courts. We were exposed to numerous opportunities to view law in action across the various jurisdictions and courts which exist within the Australian legal system.

Students viewed a range of criminal and civil cases from the Local, District and Supreme Courts, and all those in between. Our attention was particularly captured by a murder trial conducted in the District Criminal Court, numerous drug misdemeanours in the Local Court presided over by an extremely lenient magistrate and an intense coroner's inquest.

This opportunity has allowed us a better understanding of the course content and a deeper understanding of the principles of law.

Jessica Jobberns
(Year 12 Student)

FROM THE TAS DEPARTMENT

QR Codes in the Classroom

On Tuesday the 18 February, 7TEC3 were introduced to an iPad app called ‘Scan’. As part of an introductory activity to ‘Food Technology’, the students were asked to form groups of three and use the bookable iPads to scan several QR Codes placed around the room. A QR Code is a ‘Quick Response’ 2D barcode that is used to provide access to information through a readable mobile device. The students were given ten minutes to scan eight QR Codes that revealed details about basic ingredients and where they come from. The students of 7TEC3 thoroughly enjoyed the activity.

Saha Jajo
TAS Teacher

HOMEWORK CLUB

As part of our ongoing commitment to assist each student at Clancy Catholic College to realise their potential, we wish to continue running a Homework Club throughout 2014.

What is Homework Club?
Homework Club occurs on Tuesday afternoon from 2.30pm to 3.30pm for students who wish to work on their homework and Assessment Tasks under the guidance of a teacher. Homework Club runs in the College library.

How does my child participate in Homework Club?
All students are welcome to take part in this initiative. The process is outlined below.

1. On the Monday of the week your child wishes to attend, they are to collect a permission note from the front office.
2. Parents/Caregivers are to sign the note, date and provide contact details.
3. Your child will return the permission note to the office by the end of recess on the Tuesday they wish to attend.

Your child is to meet the supervising teacher at the College library at 2.30pm. Please note that if your child collects a note from the office intending to attend Homework Club but later finds they are unable, students must still return the note to the office stating that they cannot attend.

Additional Information
Your child is required to bring any relevant assignment, homework or class work material. If a permission slip is returned and your child is not present, you will receive a phone call from office staff to inform you of the absence.

If attending, your child must be present for the full duration of Homework Club (2.30pm to 3.30pm), unless you personally collect them and transportation must be arranged from the public reception at 3.30pm. We hope that your daughter/son can take advantage of the benefits of this initiative and look forward to helping your child to achieve their learning goals.

Thao Vu
Homework Club Coordinator

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From The Finance Department
School fees for Term 1 were sent to all families last week and are due for payment by Friday 21 March, 2014. Payment may be made by Bpay, cheque, cash, Eftpos or credit card.

If you have not received your account, please contact the College. Any queries regarding fees or payments, please contact the College Office. All conversations are strictly confidential.

Thank you for your continued support of Clancy Catholic College.

Gary Williams
Business Manager

Displaying College Promotional Material
We are in the process of advertising and promoting Open Day 2014. Should you have a business or a contact in the local area where we could display the posters and/or leave a bundle of flyers, please contact the College Office. This is a great way of advertising our College.

Asthma at Clancy
There are a number of students enrolled at the College with asthma. Could parents please ensure that their child carries their medication (puffer) with them at all times, especially on Tuesdays as they will be playing sport in the afternoon or if they are going off site on a school excursion.
**Dates to Remember**

Monday 24 February  
Year 10 Information Evening at 7.00pm

Wednesday 26 February  
Newman Stream Meeting at 7.00pm

Friday 28 February  
Year 12 English Studies Excursion

Monday 3 March  
Year 12 Business Studies Excursion

Wednesday 5 March  
Ash Wednesday

**UNIFORM SHOP**

The Uniform Shop is open every **Thursday from 12.00pm to 4.00pm.**  
On Campus Schoolwear now offers the parents and students of Clancy the option to purchase online.

**Step 1**

Place your order at [www.ocschoolwear.com.au](http://www.ocschoolwear.com.au)  
⇒ Username - clancy  
⇒ Password - carmichael

**Step 2**

✔ Your order will be confirmed via email.  
✔ Your order will be packaged/processed and invoiced.  
✔ Your invoice will be emailed on dispatch.  
✔ Your goods will be shipped directly to Clancy Catholic College Reception.

Goods shipped by Fastway Couriers. $10.00 freight charge per order.

**Step 3**

✔ Collect your order at Clancy Catholic College Reception.

**“Parish Fundraiser”**

**2014 Parish Business Directory**

St Francis Xavier’s Parish has many talented, hard working parishioners who have their own business. Why not use this to the advantage of the Parish and also yourselves.

By opening up a Business directory, we encourage all local and outside businesses to advertise.

There will be an annual fee depending on the size of your advertisement with either a full page, half or quarter.

What a wonderful blessing to make your Parish and business thrive.

To show your interest please contact Mary-Ann at the Parish Office for more details on 9607 8760.