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

**Singapore School Visit**

We had the pleasure this week of welcoming a delegation from the School of Science and Technology in Singapore (SST). The SST delegation visited Clancy, one of four schools they called upon in Sydney, to learn how we use technology to support teaching and learning and also to share with us their experiences in the classroom in Singapore.

We had the pleasure of showcasing Clancy University students Ben Martin, Olivia Maurice and Christian Martinazzo. Ben is currently completing an app he has created himself to support students new to Clancy. Christian has written, completed and published a novel and Olivia has completed an iBook. All three projects are extremely impressive. They also met students Emma Schutt and Amy Boxsell who were able to show how iPads supported their learning and their creation of a multimedia book using Book Creator app.

I was very proud to take the delegation to two of our classrooms. The first was Mrs Drego’s Year 7 Newman group, our Gifted and Talented stream and watched these students amongst their peers’ assessments of their upcoming speeches on an app called Socrative Response. The second was Mrs Mamo’s Year 11 Physics class where students were using iPads to analyse the properties of sound waves, a task that used to be done with an old piece of equipment that was often temperamental. They also used a Physics app to analyse the motion of moving trolleys which is much more accurate than a stopwatch and metre rule. The Singaporean delegation were very appreciative of our hospitality and I must say it was one of the days where I was very proud to be Principal of such a great school.

**Parent Advisory Board**

We have a wonderful Parent Advisory Board operating here at Clancy. It provides us with an avenue to hear feedback around our teaching and learning and also to gain the perspective of a parent.

Our focus at last week’s discussion was around assessment and our steps towards assessment of, for and as learning. Many of you will notice that assessment tasks now have check in points or the student may have a very long period of time to complete the assessment task with deadlines within that timeline.

Assessment tasks are a way for us to provide learning opportunities while the task is being completed. They also provide us opportunities to feedback to our students in an ongoing way, maximising learning growth. Our staff at Clancy has engaged this year around Authentic Learning and Assessment and Effective Feedback. We are open to requests from parents if you would like further insights into these areas or indeed any of our ICT initiatives.
Last year we offered an Information Night for parents around the safe use of technology, but received very few responses. If there is an area you believe would be of interest to you, please send us an email (info@clancy.catholic.edu.au) and we would be happy to host a seminar.

Finally I’d like to congratulate the seven teams who are in Grand Finals next Tuesday. Amazingly, Clancy Catholic College has made seven out of eight Grand Finals. What a fantastic opportunity for students to learn how to compete, collaborate and motivate. We wish them every success.

I hope you have a very safe and happy weekend.

Iris Nastasi
Principal

**WELLBEING AT CLANCY COLLEGE**

This week’s article refers to one of the most highly recommended apps/resources for young people today, Smiling Mind.

Smiling Mind is modern meditation for young people. It’s a simple tool that gives a sense of calm, clarity and contentment.

Smiling Mind is a unique web and App-based program developed by a team of psychologists with expertise in youth and adolescent therapy, Mindfulness Meditation and web-based wellness programs. Smiling Mind is a free tool that will assist in improving the lives of young Australians, and is available online or as a smartphone App.

In recent years, Mindfulness Meditation has surged in popularity for use in the treatment of stress, resilience, anxiety, depression and other physical and mental illnesses. Highly regarded institutions such as UCLA, Harvard, Oxford, Monash and Melbourne Universities have developed clinical studies into the positive impacts of Mindfulness Meditation.

Smiling Mind’s Mindfulness Meditation programs are designed to assist people in dealing with the pressure, stress and challenges of daily life.

Smiling Mind’s Programs are designed:

- As a pre-emptive and proactive tool to enhance mental health and wellbeing
- To arm students with the skills to better manage stress and build resilience
- To encourage participants to feel calm, clear and content

Smiling Mind has a number of online meditation sessions and daily meditation activities that vary in length. The sessions become more and more advanced as you build your meditation skills. Some of the cool features on the App include the ability to provide a history of the user’s progress and set reminders to meditate each day. As you move through the program you get to unlock badges, which give you the ability to measure your progress and skills.

Smiling Mind’s mission is to provide accessible, life long tools based in mindfulness meditation. Creating happier, healthier and more compassionate young people.

Watch the YouTube video on Smiling Mind at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pZ2nbslIXS4

Or try it out at: http://smilingmind.com.au

Smiling Mind is one of the many resources that compliment our pastoral care programs here at Clancy Catholic College.

Paul Hocking
Wellbeing Coordinator

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**FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, otherwise known as the birth of the Church. It is also the conclusion of the Easter season. One week after we celebrated the Ascension of Jesus, we celebrate the Disciples of Christ receiving the Holy Spirit, guiding them in continuing Christ’s mission. As Catholics we are reminded of our responsibility to live like Christ, as members of the Clancy community we pray that we are strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit to live our motto daily “To Love Like Christ”.

In coming weeks our Year 8 students will have the opportunity to enhance their faith and strengthen their relationships by participating in their Reflective Days. The students will travel to Mulgoa with their Pastoral Team, and will be led by the Catholic Youth Service (CYS) Team, to engage in activities and prayer relevant to their faith development. I would also like to invite families to participate in the ‘Walk with Christ’, an annual event to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi on Sunday 22 June. There will be a procession of the Blessed Sacrament from St Patrick’s Church at Wynndel, concluding at St Mary’s Cathedral. All staff and students are encouraged to offer a prayer in the intention booklet that will be carried forward at the event. Further information can be found at: sydneycatholic.org/walkwithchrist.

Next Tuesday morning Miss Deguara’s Year 11 Ozanam Pastoral Class is leading us in Ministry at Mass. A special invitation to their families to attend, but all are very welcome to join us at 8.00am in the Chapel. The following Tuesday 17 June, Mr Kisna’s Year 11 Teresa Pastoral Class will lead us in ministry.

Melinda Melham
Religious Education Coordinator

**CURRICULUM @ CLANCY**

I wish to congratulate the majority of students at the College who have recently completed both internal and external examinations. Formal Assessment Tasks are a way to display knowledge and understanding of their learnings over a period of time.

Our staff are currently professionally marking and reporting feedback on not only these formal examinations but also on all the work completed during this semester.

Reports will be mailed to parents and carers during the last week of this term in preparation for Parent/Teacher/Student evenings to be held early in Term 3.

David Timillero
Curriculum Coordinator

**WEEKLY ACADEMIC AWARDS**

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Over the last fortnight, Year 7 have been briefed on what it means to be a leader within the College Community – whether it be as a Pastoral Leader or a Year Leader. They have now all been Clancy students for an entire semester and throughout that period of time, they have had the opportunity to witness many students display various leadership qualities. Each student was charged with the responsibility to vote for a leader within their Pastoral Class as well as someone to represent the entire cohort. The results are as follows:

**Pastoral Leaders**
- Chisholm: Felicity Coluccio and Domenico Rossi
- John Paul II: Emily Kane and Isaac Alilovic
- Luther King: Monique Ingold and Adam Sullivan
- Mackillop: Tarisha Naidu and Aaron Petersen
- Ozanam: Angelina Pelli and Joseva Bolaira
- Teresa Caryl Lopez and Jayden Signoretti
- Heart: Annabella Lombardo and Patrick Yazbek

**Year Leaders**
Kayley Melham and Phillip Gigliotti.

Congratulations to all of the students elected!

**Troy Nuske**
Assistant Year 7 Coordinator

In late May, a small group of Year 11 students decided that the most important learning for the day would not be about exams and the HSC. It would not be about how to write essays and tests. This select group of students have their eye on something bigger than the next few months: their university future. This is the inspiration behind the Academy Conferences, an Annual Gifted Student Conference that takes place at the start of every year in various locations around Sydney and the globe. The lecturer, Julie Arliss, normally a permanent academic in Oxford, UK, travels to Australia and New Zealand to talk to students who are thirsting for bigger ideas and more advanced curriculum.

The group of Clancy students thoroughly enjoyed the chance to mingle with students from St Ignatius Riverview, Scott’s College and Ascham School as well as gain a depth of insight into the interconnectedness of knowledge and the world. The topics consisted of unpacking the origins of the universe, how justice is a socially constructed concept and ended with a chance to experience an Oxbridge question (a question used by Oxford and Cambridge Universities in the UK as part of their student selection process).

It was a very inspiring day for all students.

**Lauren Drego**
Teaching and Learning Coordinator

**CHESS COMPETITION**
Clancy Chess Teams have started the year with a bang. For the first time in 2014 we have joined the NSW Junior Chess League Met South West Chess Competition. This competition takes place every Friday afternoon at schools in our local area where the five teams battle it out to win their games.

Each team consists of four players who all play their own game against students from the other schools. Some games are over relatively fast, but we have already seen some challenging match ups that have lasted well into the hour.

Chess is a great way to expand your own mathematical and spatial understanding. It’s a game of skill and wit and one false move can often cost you the game.

If you are a keen chess player and want to be part of our in school House Chess Competition that will run in Term 4, you need to come to C1 every Monday Lunch to start practicing with other like-minded chess heads.

**Lauren Drego**
Chess Coordinator

**DEBATING UPDATE**
Congratulations to all our teams who are representing Clancy proudly this season. In Round 3, students tackled topics surrounding compulsory sport for children, professional sport and salaries, and gender equality in sport. In Round 4, topics revolved around the use of technology and its impact on our quality of life. Our Year 7 team remains undefeated and the Year 10s have won three out of four debates and are promising finalists at this stage. There are three more rounds to the season.

**Adriana Skibola and Alix Stirling**
Debating Coordinators
FROM THE LIBRARY

Worldbook Online Resources

World Book Online is a fantastic resource that gives students access to a wealth of academic information including encyclopedia articles, items on literary criticism, media resources, videos, timelines, photos and much more.

So, why use Worldbook Online instead of searching the World Wide Web?

- All the content is 100% educational;
- The content is updated regularly with new titles being added on a weekly basis;
- The information is checked by experts, educators and librarians for its authenticity and reliability, so you know the resources can be trusted;
- After searching for the information you need, you will find other related resources, such as videos, images and links to other sites;
- It can be accessed both from home and at the College simply by logging in with our College subscriber details:

Log-In ID: clancylibrary
Password: ccc247

World Book Student – excellent resource for students in Years 7-10.

World Book Advanced – terrific academic resource for students in Years 10-12.

New Feature - Timelines

On World Book Online, students can now research timelines on a range of topics, such as art, literature, notable people, science and technology, sport, world history and more. Using this resource, students can also create, save and share their own timelines, outlining important events or achievements based on the people, places and topics they are studying in class. This is extremely useful in terms of making study notes, as students can visually create overviews of the most valuable points for the subjects they study.

This month’s featured timeline is The History of Computers.

FROM THE TAS DEPARTMENT

Year 12 Construction Concreting Day

On Monday 2 June, the Year 12 Construction Class poured a slab that they had formed up and reinforced earlier in the term.

The students worked very well together, operating the concrete mixer, shovelling the correct ratios of raw materials, pouring and finishing the slab. The students were impressive with their great communication skills which produced a quality slab on time.

Lorena Ghignone
TAS Coordinator

YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION

On Friday 23 May, Year 11 Geography attended a field study at Maroubra Beach. The day commenced at 8.30am with the Year 11 class along with Mr Holland and Miss Romeo boarding the bus towards our first stop, Maroubra Beach. There we tested various geographical elements, such as wind speed as well as the height and gradient of sand dunes. The next stop of the excursion was to Trenerry Reserve, a rare clifftop wetland, where we were able to complete sketches of the reserve for our geography assignment. Later on we visited the Woolooware Bay Boardwalk and Towra Point. At these points we were able to analyse the human impacts on our environment. The last stop was Silver Beach, Kurnell where we were able to see how our groynes, Sydney Airport, the Caltex Oil Refinery and the Desalination Plant have impacted the environment as well as animal habitats. Overall Year 11 had an exciting and eventful experience exploring many geographical locations and we look forward to our next field study.

Natasha Galatti, Olivia Tropea, Louise Debono & Tayla Duncan
Year 11 Students
ROUND 5: Clancy vs William Carey Christian School

COMING UP: Tuesday 10 June

GRAND FINALS: CLANCY vs TBA

SPORT
Senior Rugby League (semi final)
Year 7/8 Rugby League
Oz Tag (Good Samaritan Catholic College)
Oz Tag (Good Samaritan Catholic College)
Netball (Freeman Catholic College)
Netball (Freeman Catholic College)
Soccer (Good Samaritan Catholic College)
Soccer (William Carey Christian School)
Soccer (William Carey Christian School)

AGE GROUP
Year 7/8
Year 8 & 9 Boys
Year 8 & 9 Girls
Year 7/8 Girls
Year 9/10
Seniors
Seniors
Year 7/8 Girls
Year 9/10 Boys
Senior Boys

RESULT
Won 14 - 12
Bye
Won 7 - 6
Bye
Won 7 - 3
Won 42 - 21
Won 48 - 4
Won 5 - 1
Lost 1 - 4

SEMI FINALS:

SPORT
Rugby League
Rugby League
Oz Tag (Good Samaritan Catholic College)
Oz Tag (Good Samaritan Catholic College)
Netball (Freeman Catholic College)
Netball (Freeman Catholic College)
Soccer (Good Samaritan Catholic College)
Soccer (William Carey Christian School)
Soccer (William Carey Christian School)

AGE GROUP
Year 7/8
Seniors
Year 7/8 Girls
Year 8 & 9 Girls
Year 9/10

RESULT
Won 18 - 6
Won 7 - 5
Won 5 - 1

SPORT
Netball
Soccer

VENUE
Milton Park, Macquarie Fields
Browns Farm Reserve
Paciullo Park
Woodward Park, Liverpool
Ireland Park, Liverpool

Good luck to the 7 Clancy teams that will play in Grand Finals on Tuesday and to the Senior Rugby League Team who will play in their Semi Final.

COLLEGE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL:
Despite the frosty morning, the weather turned out to be fantastic for the 8th Annual College Athletics Carnival held at Campbelltown Athletics Track. College attendance was great and House Spirit was at an all time high as the competitors hit the track. Congratulations to all the students for their participation on the day and a big thank you to the staff for their support and assistance – it was very much appreciated. Well done to the following students who received Age Champion trophies in their respective age divisions:

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Despite a close competition all day with the lead swinging between the two top houses, it was the Ozanam House that came out on top by just 6 points. Well done to the Ozanam House! Final House placings were as follows:

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Michael Bell
Sport Coordinator
In 2014 Maestro Music School is offering guitar lessons for Clancy students. All experience levels and ages are very welcome. Tuition sessions take place during school periods and are booked in advance per school term.

Mr Michael Harvey will run lessons, covering a range of styles including Classical, Jazz, Pop and Rock. Mr Harvey is currently a part-time member of the Creative and Performing Arts Department at Clancy College and runs the Maestro Music School Program independently from the College’s Music Department.

Mr Harvey is a professional tutor, teacher and performer and has completed tertiary music studies at Newcastle Conservatorium and Southern Cross University. He has performed around Australia, Europe and New Zealand.

Please see Mr Harvey, Mr Alvear or Mrs Guild for an enrolment form for Maestro Music School for 2014, or contact Maestro Music School at michael.harvey@syd.catholic.edu.au or phone 0402 549 476.

Michael Harvey
Maestro Music School

FROM THE FINANCE OFFICE

To all families, a friendly reminder that school fees for Term 2 are due for payment. 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

Science HSC Examination Preparation Days

VENUE: St Mary’s Cathedral College
WHEN: Saturday 21 June: Chemistry, Biology and Senior Science
      Saturday 28 June: Physics and Biology (repeated)

See Mrs St Hill for more information