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

**BEWARE OF SELFISH HANDS**

A number of weeks ago I attended Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Parish at Kingsgrove. The special guest was the “smiling Cardinal”, Cardinal ‘Chito’ Tagle the Archbishop of Manila.

It was the closest experience I’ve had to Mass at Christmas in Ireland. An evening Mass, dusk had set around us, it was misty outside and cold, but inside the Church was packed. Approximately 2,000 people had gathered to hear Cardinal Tagle speak and it wasn’t until the homily that I really understood why. His voice was very gentle and solemn. He spoke about the simple things in life, but he combined it with a light-hearted sense of humour and it wasn’t long until the entire Church was completely engaged in his message.

He spoke of the miracle of the loaves and fishes and that in our context when we accumulate so much, that it’s ironic that we are able to feed so few.

He spoke about selfish hands. He asked us all to look at our hands and inquire whether or not they were doing God’s work. He told a story where he was tempted, where one of his hands was tempted. He seemed very human, he seemed to understand the complexities of being so frail and easily influenced as we are. He spoke about the importance of the family meal. “The family that eats together stays together” and that the unit of the meal is not the plate, but the table. He insisted that parents should emphasise the table, not necessarily the plate.

It occurred to me that the spirituality Cardinal Tagle was speaking about was a low GI spirituality. It was one that meant a long commitment, a slow release and sustained energy was required. This was not a gimmicky one off hit like a quick fix of sugar, but a set of principles that if embraced properly could sustain you for your whole life. Low GI spirituality is a set of practices that are lifelong, principles of living, a commitment to reflect everyday on our capacity to make our hands, the hands of Christ.

Our scriptural theme this year challenges us to be the hands of Christ, to make a difference by combining as a community to work for the betterment of others. “Clancy hands” next week will combine to raise funds for refugees in the House of Welcome, Samoan schools nominated by Fr Maurice and a Vietnamese orphanage nominated by Fr Joseph.

We must remember though it must not be a one off sugar fix for us, that what we’ve learnt in the last four weeks for our Social Justice drive, becomes part of who we are and what we do in our everyday life. More of a low GI spirituality.

We ask for your support by inquiring about this perhaps around the table at night. The students need encouragement to contribute to these causes they are supporting this year. We will be fundraising until the end of term including through the stalls on Clancy Day. As part of this focus we will be supporting the Catholic Foundation with a Mufti Day later this term. The Catholic Foundation provides bursaries to students in financial need, Indigenous students and more recently to refugee children.

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Finally, my thanks for the great support you showed us last Tuesday when we unfortunately experienced some flooding and had no running water at our school. All of our students were well accounted for and taken care of. In particular, I would like to thank the parents of the MISA students who played on Tuesday afternoon. It’s a great credit to our College that in these very difficult circumstances we were still able to field a team, although somewhat depleted in some circumstances and play that round of sport. I am very proud of the students who came back to school to play or indeed stayed at school so that they could represent us in the afternoon. We certainly didn’t win many games, but the fact that we turned up is a great credit to us and I appreciate parents who supported us in that way.

I hope you have a very safe and happy weekend.

Iris Nastasi
Principal
**FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

Over the past few weeks the Liverpool Council and Police have been visiting the College to observe and act to ensure students are safe both arriving at and leaving school each day. Included in this Newsletter is a brochure from Liverpool Council outlining traffic regulations around the College. To avoid large fines and most importantly to ensure the safety of our young people, could you please read the information presented and follow the directives outlined.

Could I also remind parents that school starts at **8.30am** each day. Students are expected to be here at 8.25am. The area around the College is often congested with traffic of a morning. Could I ask that you factor this into your travel time so that students are here on time. Your support in this area is greatly appreciated.

Craig Mooney
Assistant Principal

**FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

Last Friday was the Feast of the Assumption, a holy day of obligation, where we as a community came together for Mass and reflected on Mary. Our liturgy was celebrated by Fr Joseph, and provided us with the time to remember the unwavering faith and commitment of Mary, inspiring each of us to follow her example and live as we are called to. A special thank you to the Liturgy Team and musicians at our College who ensure our Masses are prayerful and celebrated beautifully.

Over the last month our community has gathered in prayer several times to remember our founder Cardinal Clancy, to celebrate the life of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Tuesday morning Masses, and the Feast of the Assumption. In the coming weeks we will gather again for our Clancy Day Liturgy, Year 12 Reflection Day Mass and Year 12 Graduation and Thanksgiving Mass at the end of term. As we search for strength to face challenging times, to be thankful and to celebrate our talents, the power of prayer has become central to our lives. We ask our families to join with us in praying for the needs of our community and the world, especially for those we are supporting in our social justice initiatives and our Year 12 students as they prepare for their HSC Examinations.

A reminder that our Year 10 students will be participating in their Reflection Day on Friday 5 September to enhance their faith development. They will be travelling with their Pastoral Teachers to Mulgoa to ‘retreat’ from the busy nature of school, take time for their faith and develop their relationships with one another. Also, we invite the families of Year 8 Chisholm Pastoral Class to join us for Tuesday morning Mass next week, and Year 8 John Paul II on 2 September as they are leading us in ministry. All families are most welcome to join us.

Melinda Melham
Religious Education Coordinator

**FROM THE WELLBEING COORDINATOR**

This week’s article is the second of a series of three articles, which is sourced from Dr Ginsburg, a paediatrician specialising in Adolescent Medicine through the website: [http://www.fosteringresilience.com](http://www.fosteringresilience.com)

He promotes the idea of adolescents having the 7 Cs – The Essential Building Blocks for Resilience. Today we cover Competence, Confidence, Connection and Character.

**Competence** is the ability or know how to handle situations effectively. It’s not a vague feeling or hunch that “I can do this.” Competence is acquired through actual experience. Children can’t become competent without first developing a set of skills that allows them to trust their judgments, make responsible choices, and face difficult situations. In thinking about your child’s competence and how to fortify it, some questions to ask yourself may include:

- Do I help my child focus on his/her strengths and build on them?
- Do I let her/him make safe mistakes so she/he has the opportunity to right her/himself or do I try to protect him/her from every trip and fall?
- As I try to protect her/him, does my interference mistakenly send the message, “I don’t think you can handle this?”

**Confidence** is the solid belief in one’s own abilities and is rooted in competence. Children gain confidence by demonstrating their competence in real situations. Confidence is not warm and fuzzy self esteem that supposedly results from telling kids they’re special or precious. Children who experience their own competence and know they are safe and protected develop a deep-seat ed security that promotes the confidence to face and cope with challenges. When parents support children in finding their own islands of competence and building on them, they prepare kids to gain enough confidence to try new ventures and trust their abilities to make sound choices. In thinking about your child’s degree of confidence, consider the following questions:

- Do I clearly express that I expect the best qualities (not achievements, but personal qualities such as fairness, integrity, persistence and kindness) in him/her?
- Do I catch her/him being good when she/he is generous, helpful, and kind or when she/he does something without being asked or cajoled?
- Do I encourage her/him to strive just a little bit farther because I believe she/he can succeed? Do I hold realistically high expectations?

**Connection**. Children with close ties to family, friends, school, and community are more likely to have a solid sense of security that produces strong values and prevents them from seeking destructive alternatives. Family is the central force in any child’s life, but connections to civic, educational, religious and sporting groups can also increase a young person’s sense of belonging to a wider world and being safe within it. Some questions to ponder when considering how connected your child is to family and the broader world include:

- Do I allow my child to have and express all types of emotions or do I suppress unpleasant feelings? Is he learning that going to other people for emotional support during difficult times is productive?
- Do we have a television and entertainment centre in almost every room or do we create a common space where our family shares time together?
- Do I encourage my child to take pride in the various ethnic, religious, or cultural groups to which we belong?

**Character**. Children need a fundamental sense of right and wrong to ensure they are prepared to make wise choices, contribute to the world and become stable adults. Children with character enjoy a strong sense of self worth and confidence. They are more comfortable sticking to their own values and demonstrating a caring attitude toward others. Some basic questions to ask yourself may include:

- Do I allow her/him to consider right versus wrong and look beyond immediate satisfaction or selfish needs?
- Do I help him/her develop a sense of spirituality?

Promoting competence, confidence, connection and character is a large part of the Pastoral care program here at Clancy Catholic College. In the next article we cover the last of the 7 Cs; Contribution, Coping and Control.

Paul Hocking
Wellbeing Coordinator
WEEKLY ACADEMIC AWARDS
Mathematics
Year 7 Vanessa Vozzo
Year 8 Roy Tristan Dela Cruz
Year 9 Cindy Ngo
Year 10 Mathew Tain
Year 11 Alicia Camilleri Andrew Massa
Year 12 Anthony Pasquale Morgan Tchan
Jeanett Nguyen Roy Aranda
Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA)
Year 7 Annabella Lombardo Ryan Mortlock
Year 8 Veronica Casha Olivia Maurice
Year 9 Angela Caccamo Brittany Bartolo
Year 10 Davide Amitrano Daniel Kovicz
Year 11 Grace Esposito James Luccitti
Year 12 Benito Calarco Stephanie Lagana
Michaela Mori

YEAR 7 MEDIEVAL INCURSION

On Friday 25 July, Year 7 had an incursion on the fascinating Medieval Europe, which took place in the Theatre.

As we entered the Theatre, we were straight away amazed by the weaponry, shields, armours and the mysterious Pillory.

We learnt about the different types of weapons from spears, swords and knives that were used in the wars; to the shields, helmets and armours that were used for protection.

Then we moved on to learning about the most captivating part of the incursion that was the punishments, in which we learnt about the Pillory.

At the end we all got to take a closer look at the mesmerising tools and objects that we learnt about during the incursion.

It was an educating and interesting experience for all the Year 7’s which we enjoyed immensely.

Shanaya Prasad
Year 7 Student

SPORT AT CLANCY
Tuesday 12 August Clancy vs Good Samaritan Catholic College

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Tuesday 19 August vs William Carey Christian School
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COMING UP: Tuesday 26 August vs Freeman

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Tuesday 2 September: Semi Finals To Be Advised

Michael Bell
Sport Coordinator

MISA Congratulations
A special congratulations goes out to Mrs McKell’s Senior Girls’ Soccer Team (Years 9 to 12) who played Good Samaritan Catholic College on Tuesday 12 August and were short of three players to take to the field. Being down players did not deter these very skilled and talented students who ended up dominating the game, had many shots and finally won the game 1-0. Congratulations to Serena Vitagliano, our goalie, Alyssa Marco, Bianca Kolakovic, Nadia Kolakovic, Stephanie Alphonso, Giselle Pineda, Leah Perillo, and finally our goal scorer, Tayla Piriz.

These ladies were amazing and really did their College and myself proud!

Josephine McKell
MISA Soccer Coach

NSW CCC Netball Carnival
On Wednesday 13 August our College participated in the NSW CCC Netball Carnival at Jamison Park Penrith. We were fortunate to have three teams represent our College in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions. For our Senior Team, who were also Grand Finalists in the MISA Competition earlier this year, it was their last opportunity to compete together before the Year 12 students begin their Higher School Certificate Exams. All three teams showed incredible team spirit and great sportsmanship. They competed against Catholic Schools from across the state and demonstrated great comradeship and skill. It is always a privilege to coach students who represent our College with great pride and enthusiasm.

Melinda Melham, Nadia Montibeler and Natalie Skuse
Netball Coaches
The past two weeks have been very exciting for CAPA with a number of excursions and HSC performances that left the College with a creative buzz.

Last Thursday night saw the Year 12 HSC Drama and Music classes combined to produce a night that showcased their current HSC Program. It included a number of individual Drama performances along with a very entertaining and clever group performance that traced the life of Bugs. Also on display were the submitted works from students who chose theatre reviews and set design.

The second half of the night saw the Music Class perform part of their repertoire from their program. The music ranged from Classical pieces to drum solos and all styles in between. Many thanks are given to the numerous staff, students and family members who attended the night. Special mention must go to Mrs McKell who organised and coordinated the night. Also a huge thanks must go to the Year 11 Drama Class under the direction of Ms Stirling who provided the technical assistance as stage crew and presenters on the night. On the music front, Mrs Guild provided the technical assistance on the sound desk.

All of this was in preparation for the Drama HSC examination that took place this week, where external examiners visited the College and marked our students on their pieces.

We congratulate Mrs McKell on her tireless efforts to bring out the artists in the students, and the 2014 Drama Class on their achievements. The Music examinations will take place on Friday 5 September. We also wish the Senior Music Class the best in their preparation in leading up to this moment.

The Year 12 Visual Arts students are also preparing for the submission of their Body of Work. This Thursday saw their works exhibited in the Theatre. It is a great testament to the dedication of the students and the nurturing of their talent, which is provided by the Art staff. Special mention must go to Mrs Giusti who has worked tirelessly in guiding and supporting the Visual Arts students.

Michael Benson has progressed through to the final of the CaSPA “Have You Got Talent” Competition. He performed on the night and received great acclaim by the audience. Now we see Michael proceed to the Final which will be held on Tuesday 9 September at Southern Cross Vocational College at Burwood. Tickets can be ordered through Mr Alvear – john.alvear@syd.catholic.edu.au. Tickets are in limited supply. The prices are $10 adults and $5 students.

We wish Michael all the best!

On 6 August, Year 8 student Connor Pendlebury was invited to perform at the Southern Region's Principal, Pastor, REC Day held at Fairfield RSL. An opportunity offered to a limited number of students across the Southern Region, it was a great honour to be invited to perform on the day. Connor is to be congratulated on his outstanding performance which included a variety of different Classical music pieces on piano from a range of periods.

As if this was not enough, our Stage 4 and 5 students also experienced some great artworks and music in the past couple of weeks. Our Year 7 Visual Arts students visited the NSW Art Gallery to view the works from this year’s Archibald Prize. They experienced a vast array of artworks from various genres. They were also fortunate enough to attend a lecture that traced the history and process that has developed this Prestigious Art Prize. Who knows maybe one day someone from our College may be nominated, and even win it!

The previous week also saw this same year group travel to Angel Place Recital Hall to listen to Sydney Sinfonia play a selection of Classical works. For many students it was the first time that they had seen orchestral instruments and heard the wonderful sound produced by these talented musicians.

And finally, the Year 9 Photography students explored a snapshot of city life by visiting the surrounding areas near Luna Park. The students were asked to creatively explore different perspectives through the lens of the camera. We will be able to view these works at the Arts and Culture night in Term 4.

What a busy time for CAPA, full of creativity and flair!

John Alvear
CAPA Coordinator
Maestro Music School

Singing & Guitar Lessons

Maestro Music School offers guitar & vocal lessons at Clancy each Wednesday. All ages & abilities are welcome. See or email Mr. Harvey for more information.

Enrolment forms are available from the front office.

Email: michael.harvey@syd.catholic.edu.au
Standard Collection Notice

The Privacy Act 1988
Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Act 2012

This Notice is provided to you by the school and Catholic Education Office, Sydney (the School). It specifically itemises the reason for collecting information about students and their families and the way in which information will be used by the school.

1. The School collects personal information, including sensitive information about pupils and parents or guardians before and during the course of a pupil's enrolment at the School. This may be in writing or in the course of conversations. The primary purpose of collecting this information is to enable the School to provide schooling to the pupil and to enable them to take part in all the activities of the School.

2. Some of the information we collect is to satisfy the School’s legal obligations, particularly to enable the School to discharge its duty of care.

3. Laws governing or relating to the operation of a school require certain information to be collected and disclosed. These include relevant Education Acts, and Public Health and Child Protection laws.

4. Health information about pupils is sensitive information within the terms of the Australian Privacy Principles under the Privacy Act. We may ask you to provide medical reports about pupils from time to time.

5. The School from time to time discloses personal and sensitive information to others for administrative and educational purposes, including to facilitate the transfer of a pupil to another school. This includes to other schools, government departments, The Catholic Education Office Sydney, the Catholic Education Commission, the School’s local diocese and the parish, Schools within other Dioceses, medical practitioners, and people providing services to the School, including specialist visiting teachers, sports coaches, volunteers and counsellors.

6. Personal information collected from pupils is regularly disclosed to their parents or guardians.

7. The School may store personal information in the ‘cloud’ which may mean that it resides on servers which are situated outside Australia.

8. The School’s Privacy Policy sets out how parents or pupils may seek access to personal information collected about them. However, there will be occasions when access is denied. Such occasions would include where access would have an unreasonable impact on the privacy of others, where access may result in a breach of the School’s duty of care to the pupil, or where pupils have provided information in confidence.

9. The School Privacy Policy also sets out how you may complain about a breach of privacy and how the School will deal with such a complaint.

10. As you may know the School from time to time engages in fundraising activities. Information received from you may be used to make an appeal to you. It may also be disclosed to organisations that assist in the School’s fundraising activities solely for that purpose. We will not disclose your personal information to third parties for their own marketing purposes without your consent.

Standard Collection Notice
Catholic Education Office, Sydney
Date of issue: March 2014
DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 25 August
Sport and Group Photos
Year 7, 2015 Information Evening

Wednesday 27 August
Clancy Day/ Investiture of College leaders 2015

Friday 29 August
Year 10 Geography Excursion at Cronulla Beach

Monday 1 September
Year 9, 2015 Subject Selection Information Evening at 7.00pm

Friday 5 September
Year 10 Reflection Day

Monday 8 September - Friday 19 September
Year 11 Preliminary Course Exams

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a Marriage Enrichment experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage!

Weekend dates: 12 – 14 September (7 – 9 November)
Where: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW
Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel. 02 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au

FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT

School fees for Term 3 were emailed to all families earlier this Term and are due by next Friday 29 August, 2014. Payment may be made by Bpay, cheque, cash, Eftpos or credit card. If you have not received your account, please contact the school.

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
Dropping off and picking up students at school the safe way – Clancy College

Did you know that many parents every day are risking the safety of their children and a $311 fine + 2 demerit points* by incorrectly using the No Parking and No Stopping zones outside Clancy College?

‘No Parking’ zones (also known as ‘Kiss & Drop’ zones) allow drivers to stop for a maximum of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. Drivers must stay within three metres of their vehicle at all times. ‘No Parking’ zones provide a pick-up and set down area that gives parents and carers a safe environment to drop-off and pick-up their children from school by car.

‘No Stopping’ means no stopping, at any time, not even to quickly drop someone off.

Unfortunately, many drivers are using the zones incorrectly, because it is illegal to queue at the No Stopping zones (shown in red) which surround the approach to the No Parking zones (shown in green). If your car does not completely fit into the indented bay within the No Parking zone, you must continue and not wait until a space is free. If you remain stopped, you risk a ‘No Stopping’ fine of $311 and 2 demerit points*.

Problems also arise when drivers misuse the zones by stopping and waiting in their vehicles for lengthy periods (such as the afternoon pick up). The penalty for disobeying a ‘No Parking’ sign is $173 and 2 demerit points*.

Safety around our schools is of the utmost importance, and every driver must play their part. The purpose of the signs is to improve road safety and reduce traffic congestion. Every day there are huge queues of traffic leading back onto Greenway Drive because the parking restrictions are not being adhered to. Drivers are encouraged to use the first indented bay along Carmichael Drive, as well as the one nearer the crossing. Alternatively, there is parking on the streets and at the large oval near the school.

For more information please contact Council’s Road Safety Officers Kerrie White on 9821 8838 or Rachel Palermo on 9821 8835

*Effective July 2014