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A Prayer for Spring

(Robert Frost)

*Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers to-day;
And give us not to think so far away
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
All simply in the springing of the year.*

*Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;
And make us happy in the happy bees,
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.*

*And make us happy in the darting bird
That suddenly above the bees is heard,
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,
And off a blossom in mid air stands still.*

*For this is love and nothing else is love,
The which it is reserved for God above
To sanctify to what far ends He will,
But which it only needs that we fulfil.*

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Clonard College,

Last Friday under sunny skies approximately 5,000 students and another 500 staff from the four Catholic Secondary Colleges in the Geelong region gathered at St Joseph's College for the Triumph concert. It has been two years since the inaugural Triumph concert in 2009. This year students and staff from St Ignatius College were also involved in the event. A dual effort was made in raising student awareness of various welfare and support agencies as well as practical efforts to raise funds for East Timor. Credit should be given to the hard working Triumph committee with student membership from the four schools, as well as the staff that guided them through this project. In particular, I would like to thank Mrs Julie Whelan for her attendance at the Triumph planning meetings and the coordination of our students and staff on the day. The interaction and behaviour of all students on the day should be complimented. There was a great calmness (if that's the right word for a gathering of 5,000 students!) and willingness to engage in the activities and cooperate with staff requests. Congratulations to all involved.

Welcome

This week we welcome to the College staff, Mrs Jacky Hateley who will make up part of the student welfare support team. Mrs Hateley will replace Ms Robyn Moloney who has left Clonard in preparation for the birth of her third child.

It is worth noting that while not offering specific counselling at Clonard, we have set up a number of supports for your daughters when they are facing some obstacles in their lives. Mrs Julie Whelan (Assistant Principal-Students) oversees the student welfare and support team. Mrs Kristi Muraca and now Mrs Jacky Hateley have designated release time to work directly with students in need and seek the assistance of other support agencies where appropriate.

The year level Coordinators, Mrs Linda Kiernan (7), Mrs Carmel Brown (8), Ms Megan Evans (9), Ms Penny Dewar (10), Mr Michael McCallum (11) and Mrs Leonie de Jong and Evelyn Dawson (12) also make up part of this support group and indeed provide an avenue of contact and support to parents when they have concerns about their daughters. The first point of contact in relation to the welfare of your daughters should ordinarily be her Homeroom teacher. These teachers have been assigned the specific responsibility of looking after your daughters on a day to day basis and play a vital role in the social, emotional and academic development of the students in their care. Students with special needs are also another important group at Clonard. Mrs Clare Meredith coordinates this area of the College and is ably assisted by a number of teacher aides whom she coordinates.

School Review

This coming Thursday and Friday, the College will undertake the next phase of the School Improvement Framework. This will involve a visit by members of the Brigidine Stewardship Council and some staff members from other Brigidine Colleges. This year the College is presenting evidence in relation to the progress made in achieving the goals elaborated in previous reviews: Pastoral Care (2009), Finance, Facilities and Resources including Occupational Health and Safety (2009) and Curriculum and Religious Education (2010). We look forward to the visit of the Review Team and presenting some of the wonderful achievements of the Clonard Community.

Dannielle Miller

This week our Yr 8 students were fortunate to spend the day with one of Australia's foremost educators, Dannielle Miller. Dannielle conducted a workshop on body image and self-esteem and our students warmly embraced her presentation. In 2009, as part of its Next 100 series, The Weekend Australian newspaper named Dannielle Miller as Australia's no 1 Emerging Leader in Learning.

After spending the day with our students, Danielle conducted a parent forum focused on parents of our Yr 8 students and other interested parents. Danielle's messages were compelling and offered not only a valuable insight into the minds of our girls, but also practical advice on how best a parent can walk the journey with their daughters. This week, I have received numerous emails from parents who spoke very highly of Danielle's presentation and the want for Clonard to ensure that this discussion remains part of the Yr 8 curriculum. Thank you to all parents who were able to attend this forum. For those that couldn't, I would highly recommend that you consider the purchase of Dannielle's book, *The Butterfly Effect* (a guide to raising teenage girls). Please refer to: www.enlightenededucation.com for details on how to purchase this book.

Family Information Forms

This is a final call requesting the return of the updated parental contact information sheet originally posted to parents towards the end of Term 2. Families who initially did not return this form have been contacted a second time in order that they might complete the details requested. A third and final effort will be made shortly to ensure that the College is in possession of the most current details possible. As you are aware two weeks ago was the first time that we moved to the distribution of our newsletter via email. It is crucial that the College is in possession of these details as we move towards greater parental participation in accessing curriculum and reporting functions in the future. If you have returned this form, thank you for your support. A small number of hard copy newsletters will be available at the front office for student pick up every second Friday afternoon for those families who do not have internet access at home. Please note that the newsletter is also available via the College website www.clonard.catholic.edu.au

Uniform and Absence

I would like to remind families of the need to encourage their daughters to uphold the College's rules and expectations regarding appearance. I often receive feedback from members of the public who come into contact with our students outside of the school. More often than not, this feedback is very positive however, there are occasions where issues need to be addressed. We must remind students that they are ambassadors of the College both within and outside of the school.

The good name of Clonard relies on students following the uniform rules - rules that the students know very well. It is a waste of educational time when students are required to attend the front office to remove make-up, nail polish and jewellery.

Success at school is closely linked to students feeling connected to school and attending as many classes as possible. We remind parents to ring the general office when students are absent: this saves staff contacting parents unnecessarily to follow up students who are not in class.

Reenrolment Forms

Last week, reenrolment forms were distributed to all current families. These forms must be returned no later than this coming Thursday the 15th of September. Once again we are experiencing a high demand for entry into Yr 8-12 (2012) so it is vital that we are aware of any students that are leaving the College at the end of this year, so that arrangements can be made for the admission of these new students.

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will take place on Tuesday the 20th of September (4pm-8.00pm) and Thursday the 22nd of September (4pm-8.00pm). This year the College has implemented an automated booking system that will be completed by parents on line. Many of you who have or recently had children at primary school will be very familiar with this method of booking interview times. Information regarding bookings is contained elsewhere in this newsletter. Parents will also receive a letter containing instructions and log on details. Once again, families who do not have access to the internet will

be able to contact the front office where arrangements will be made for your interview bookings. If there are parents who find that they are unable to access some of their daughter's teachers at these interviews, I would ask that you contact me here at the College or via email, principal@clonard.catholic.edu.au where I will assist in arranging the necessary feedback.

Please note that Friday the 23rd of September is a student free day at the College.

Archbishop

This Tuesday we welcome the Archbishop of the Melbourne Archdiocese, Denis Hart to Clonard. Archbishop Hart will address the students at a whole school assembly in relation to the theme of Being Faithful to our Catholic Heritage. This will be followed by lunch with our staff and senior student leaders. We very much look forward to welcoming Archbishop to Clonard.

Bereavements

The Clonard College community extends its sympathy to:

Sinead Baverstock (12R) on the passing of her Grandmother.

Staff member, Ms Cathy Wilson on the recent passing of her Father, Harry.

Best Wishes



Damian McKew
Principal

Calendar	
Tue 13th Sept	Archbishop Visit
Mon 19th Sept	VCAL Workplacement (Yr 11)
Tues 20th Sept	Parent Teacher Interview (4-8pm)
Thur 22nd Sept	Parent Teacher Interview (4-8pm) Final Day for Students
Fri 23rd Sept	Student Free Day (<i>except for Yr 12 exams</i>)
Mon 10th Oct	Students Return



St Joseph's College Fashion Show

As the worst drought in 60 years bites deep into the lives of many living in East Africa, and according to the United Nations, the number of Kenyans who will need food aid due to drought will rise to 3.5 million by September, it is timely that our Parents and Friends Association look to raise funds for our schools and families at Ruben Nairobi and Edmund Rice Sinon, Arusha.

What better way to raise awareness and funds for the plight of millions than to hold a Fashion Event whereby local fashion houses dazzle guests, in a magnificent venue at **The Pier Geelong on Wednesday 14 September 2011. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased by visiting www.sjc.vic.edu.au**

Parent Teacher Online: Easing your booking burden

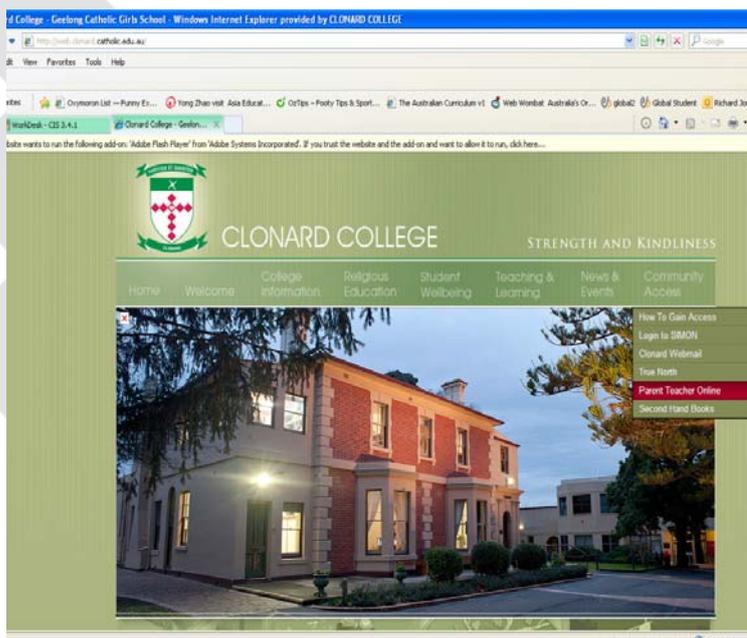
Clonard is pleased to present Parent Teacher Online (PTO), an online booking system for parent-teacher interviews, which are occurring on the evenings of September 20th and 22nd.



We believe PTO will save time for parents, teachers, and students and provide a more efficient and convenient interview booking process.

To access PTO ...To access PTO, click the link on the College website, located on the community access tab. Bookings will open on September 12th and **close on ...**

To login ...You will see the PTO login screen. Here, you need



to enter the credentials (user name and password) that are being provided to you via mail out and email. If you do not know these details, you can either, a) click the "Obtain PIN/Password" link on the PTO login page or, b) contact College reception (on 52782155). By clicking the "Obtain PIN/Password" link, you can request that your password be sent to the main email address you have registered with the College.

Using PTO is simple. We recommend you use it in "automatic mode" as it will do most of the work for you. There are four easy steps: 1) select the date and time you would like to start seeing teachers, and the teachers you want to see, PTO will choose booking times for you to minimize the time you have to spend waiting, 2) choose one of the booking schedules PTO has designed for you, 3) confirm your chosen schedule, and, 4) you can, optionally, make other bookings manually and print or email your booking schedule. You can make bookings for more than one student simultaneously and let PTO figure out who is available when. All teacher locations will be displayed as you make your bookings and a map of the school is also available for you to orientate yourself for your interview visit.

Need help? As this is all a little new to Clonard, so if you need help, don't worry. If you don't have a computer or internet access, or don't know your credentials, or you think you might need some support to work out how to use PTO, you are welcome to either phone (52782155) or visit College reception to make your bookings. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at these interviews.

Mr Richard Jones, Assistant Principal, Teaching and Learning.

Combined Catholic Colleges Major Raffle 2011 WINNERS!

Wednesday, 31 August 2011

Congratulations to the winners of this year's Combined Catholic Colleges Raffle, it was fantastic to see such support.

The winners are:

- 1st: Lee Hough – no.32576
 - 2nd Kerrie Crowe – no.23699
 - 3rd Kevin & Lorraine Costa – no.34964
 - 4th Lisa Rush – no.14865
 - 5th Rundle Family – no. 53773
 - 6th Angus Morrison – no.16559
 - 7th June Bennett – no.45601
- BOOKSELLERPRIZE WINNERS:

St Joseph's - Liam Sims

Clonard - Sue Skilton

St Ignatius - Karmen Krask

Again we thank all of our families for their support.



Catholic Education Office
Archdiocese of Melbourne

Parent Seminar Series 2011

A program for parents, carers, guardians and grandparents of students in Catholic primary and secondary Schools

What's on in October

TOPIC: HOW TO ENGAGE YOUNG PEOPLE IN CONVERSATION Presenter: Chris Daicos (Secondary)

This seminar will look at 'communication killers' and how to avoid them when trying to communicate with young people. It will also provide a hands on opportunity to practice empathy, active listening and reconsider questioning skills to help parents and others engage with young people.

12 October	Mercy College 760 Sydney Road Coburg Ref: Mel. Map 17 H9	7pm – 9pm (Registration 6.30pm)
25 October	Parade College 1436 Plenty Road Bundoora Ref: Mel. Map 10 A10	7pm – 9pm (Registration 6.30pm)

Registration/Further Information

Contact your school or Catholic Education Office Melbourne, Parent Seminar Series Coordinator: Mrs Shirley O'Sullivan on 9464 5225 or email shirley@stclaresthomastown.catholic.edu.au

Seminar Cost: \$10 per person (to be paid in advance)

After school hours Certificate II in Hospitality (Coffee, Bar & Waiter) course

Hospitality Training Australia is offering current and past Clonard College students and their families the opportunity to complete this Certificate 2 commencing 14th September 2011. Delivery of the course will be over three months - one evening per week from 3.30pm to 6.30pm and alternating Saturdays. Other selected days (9am to 2pm) would be possible over the term 3 holidays, and the balance, if necessary, in December. A Certificate 2 course requires 20 days delivery.

The HTA admissions department would complete all the course administration and supply all resources and equipment to facilitate the program. Students and Alumni can contact HTA directly for course information and access a personally designed website <http://clonard.hosptrain.edu.au>. This site will also provide online enrolment.

The total cost for this course is \$105 per person and includes training in Responsible Service of Alcohol, Responsible Service of Gaming, Responsible Service of Food, Health, Safety & Hygiene procedures, applying First Aid, etc. The course also provides individual assistance in resume development and work placement/post training support.

Please contact Penny Dewar if you or a member of your family would like to enroll in this course penny.dewar@clonard.catholic.edu.au

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL OPEN DAY – The Law School is based in the historic Queen St campus, corner Queen and Little La Trobe St's, in the heart of the legal district of Melbourne. The VLS open day will include tours, a mock 'moot' in the moot court room, the law library, talk with staff, career options, work placement programs and volunteer opportunities. **When:** 12noon-2pm, Sun 25 Sept; **Register to attend:** Ashley.sievwright@vu.edu.au.

CAREERS WITH VICTORIA POLICE AND THE PROTECTIVE SERVICES UNIT - Victoria Police have a campaign to recruit hundreds of police and Protective Services Officers over the next three years. Opportunities offered by Victoria Police are well known, but not PSO's. Vetassess has published a PSO brochure, in addition to the Victoria Police brochure, to promote a greater understanding of the role and career structure of PSO's. **Police** brochure: http://www.vetassess.com.au/download/victoria_police/PoliceInfoBrochure.pdf and **PSO** brochure: http://www.vetassess.com.au/download/victoria_police/PSOInfoBrochure.pdf. **See:** www.policecareer.vic.gov.au

- **DISCOVER DEAKIN** – this is a program for parents/ students; get an overview, do a tour. **When:** All Tues 27 Sept; Melbourne 6-8pm, Geelong 11am-1pm; Geelong Waterfront 6-8pm; Warrnambool 11am-1pm; Reg'n www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/campus-toiurs/discover.php
- **LA TROBE UNIVERSITY** – 'Talk and Tour' gives secondary students/parents a chance to get to know La Trobe, its courses/facilities, and talk with staff/students. **When:** 9.30am – 12 noon, 27 Sept (Bendigo) and 28 Sept (Melb). **Reg'n:** www.latrobe.edu.au/talkandtour; **Info:** 1300 135 045.
- **SWINBURNE** – Join 'Walk n' Talk' to meet current students, view facilities, speak to future lecturers and see what studying at Swinburne is really like. **When:** 10am-1pm, Wed 28 Sept; **Where:** Hawthorn; **Info:** www.future.swinburne.edu.au/events.

- **MONASH** – has **Parent Information Evenings** covering VTAC application and selection process, scholarships, fees, course structure/options, graduate outcomes. **When/where:** **Caulfield**, 6pm Tues 13 Sept; **Berwick**, 6pm Tues 20 Sept; **Register:** onshore@monash.edu or call 1300 Monash.

CONSIDERING VICTORIA UNIVERSITY?

The Portfolio Partnership Program (PPP) is an alternative entry program for Year 12 students who attend one of VU's partnership schools - which Clonard is. PPP is about VU assessing your application based on your goals, achievements and community involvement, not just your ATAR go to www.vu.edu.au/ppp

Mental Health and Young People

To provide a forum to allow a greater degree of interaction between parents and Clonard, and thus to hopefully further support and enhance the relationship between parents, the student and Clonard, it is planned to run an evening presentation early next term on "Parents and Daughters". It is hoped that this forum will become an annual presentation and discussion forum.

As a teacher across Years 8-VCE I have seen the impact of various factors affecting the lives and learning of young people but perhaps none having a greater negative impact than mental illness (including anxiety and depression). In the case of mental illness, the impact upon the family unit, the education and well-being of the young person and upon her friends (and thus their families) can be enormous. With this in mind, the focus for this year's presentation will be "Mental Health and Young People". I would be interested to gauge levels of parent interest in relation to such a planned presentation (or to just receive thoughts/comments from parents) – my email address is michael.mccallum@clonard.catholic.edu.au.

I will provide an update in the next newsletter.
Michael McCallum, Year 11 Coordinator

Mock Court Team at its prosecuting best

Our Mock Court Team, comprising the following Year 11 Students, were "narrowly" defeated in the final round of the Geelong Law Association Mock Court competition held at the Geelong Magistrates' Court on Tuesday 6th September:

First Barrister	Josephine Mirachi
Second Barrister	Michaela Buckle
Informant	Alexandra Vinci
Defendant	Adele Chenoweth
Solicitor	Sarah Roberts
Bench Clerk	Kristen Lambrecht

The girls were all superb in preparing and arguing their case as a team. They learned not only some basic court procedure but also how to dissect a legal problem and focus on key issues, the use of precedents, how to manage conflicting pieces of evidence and the questioning of witnesses.

It was a rewarding experience and the students, and those from Round 1 a fortnight ago, are rightfully proud of their efforts and will be receiving a recognition certificate in the near future. The school team which narrowly defeated them, Belmont High, made it to the Grand Final so our team was extremely close to achieving that result. Well done to all!!

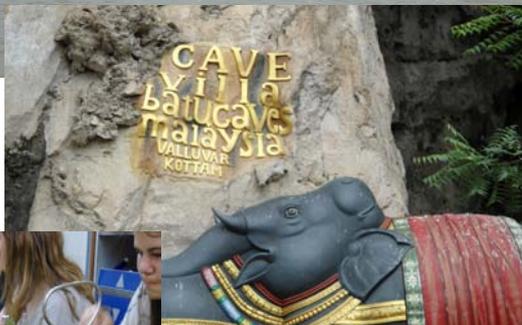
Michael McCallum Legal Studies

Malaysian Trip 2011

This year's trip was a rewarding experience for the students, and over the next few Newsletters we will share some of the highlights - there were so many!!! I'd like to thank Dean Williams for joining the group this year, he was an invaluable support and an entertaining companion!! His enthusiasm for the culture (and the food!) was infectious, and his art & design perspective added a unique dimension to the knowledge & cultural understanding that the girl's gained. Penny Dewar Malaysian Coordinator

Bako National Park Hike

Our hike through the Bako National Park was a highlight of the Malaysian experience. To reach Sarawak's oldest National Park, we caught speed boats to the peninsula, with our tour guide Edward. We strapped on our bright orange life jackets and began the short trip to Bako. As we travelled, the clear water glittered in the sunlight. Upon reaching the historical National Park, we set off on the trail leading to a beach. The trail was only about 800m, but it took us more than an hour because of the dense jungle and as we hiked, our minds were fascinated by the beautiful flora, including mangroves, that awaited us at every turn. As we continued deeper into the rainforest, we climbed up steep increments and eased our way down narrow descents. We arrived at our destination, the beach and enjoyed the contrast of wading ankle deep in the warm water, lapping up the exquisite sunshine. On our hike back through the rainforest we spotted rare proboscis monkeys.



Malaysian Trip reflection

One of the many places we visited on the Malaysian trip was a Wildlife rehabilitation centre called Matang Wildlife Centre in Sarawak. We spent a whole day at the sanctuary and worked with the Wildlife staff in a range of different activities. We were split into two groups and were given separate activities. My group was given the task of cleaning out the night cages of the orang-utans placing food in their cages, making food enrichment toys for the orang-utans and painting fences on the outside enclosures.. We also put out food on the outdoor platforms for when they moved the orang-utans outside. Once we had finished our morning activity, a member of staff gave us a tour of the Sanctuary and all the different animals. Some of the animals included Sun bears, porcupine, crocodiles and horn bills bear cats. After the tour we had lunch and then moved onto our next activity. My group made snacks/toys for the orang-utans. We cut up different fruit and vegetables and placed them into a plastic bottle and we fed them to the orang-utans once we had finished. George was my orang-utan, he was big and scary. When I handed him his fruit bottle, he grabbed it and tore it open and dropped all the contents on the floor. Other orang-utans were very smart and unscrewed the bottles and tried to drink the fruit contents. In the centre there were two infant orang-utans, they were siblings. They were so entertaining to watch, as the older sibling wouldn't let the younger one be. He would jump on top of his brother and stop him from doing what he wanted to do. Visiting the Wildlife Sanctuary was a fantastic opportunity and a memory which I will never forget as we learned about not

only the orang-utans but also the other different animals which were there.

Siobhan Hilet



Malaysia Trip 2011 - Batu Caves

Whilst on the 2011 Malaysian trip we visited a series of places including the Batu Caves. The cave is a popular Hindu shrine and involves a 272 step climb to the entrance. In front of the main cave there is a forty-two metre high statue of a Hindu deity painted gold. Surrounding the cave there are numerous macaque monkeys which will take any and all types of food from tourist trying to climb the steps. Inside both the major and minor caves there are beautiful religious statues and paintings. Whilst at the Batu Caves we also viewed a traditional Hindu dance and we ate a Hindu vegetarian lunch of rice and curries/flavourings on a banana leaf.

Secondhand Uniform Shop
Good Quality secondhand uniforms for sale. New socks, tights and footy socks for sale. Opening time Tuesday Day 2 between 12.45 - 1.15 or by appointment. Please contact Mrs Marion Buckley 52782155