



# Clonard Chronicle

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Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Clonard College,

## The Road Not Taken

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
 And sorry I could not travel both  
 And be one traveller, long I stood  
 And looked down one as far as I could  
 To where it bent in the undergrowth.*

*Then took the other, as just as fair,  
 And having perhaps the better claim,  
 Because it was grassy and wanted wear;  
 Though as for that the passing there  
 Had worn them really about the same.*

*And both that morning equally lay  
 In leaves no step had trodden black.  
 Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
 Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
 I doubted if I should ever come back.*

*I shall be telling this with a sigh  
 Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
 Two roads diverged in a wood, and I--  
 I took the one less travelled by,  
 And that has made all the difference.*

(Robert Frost 1915)

Next week, Year 12 students conclude formal classes in preparation for their final exams. We are very conscious of ensuring that our last days with the Year 12's will be memorable ones. On behalf of the Clonard College Community, I thank them for their fine contribution to the College over the past six years. We wish them well, not only with their upcoming exams, but with the choices they make for next year, whether that is further study, work, apprenticeships, traineeships or travel.

We also remember our Year 11 students, many of whom will complete a Unit 3 & 4 sequence shortly. A thorough preparation will lay great foundations for the continuation of their studies in 2012.

Some of the Language, Dance and Drama performance examinations commenced this week, however the first Unit 3 & 4 exam (English) involving VCE students will take place on Thursday, the 3rd of November here at Clonard.

Parents have received details regarding graduation and examination arrangements.

## Year 12 Graduation Mass

Our Year 12 Graduation Mass will take place this coming Monday 24th October at Holy Family Church (147 Separation Street Bell Park) at 7.30pm. We look forward to celebrating this very special occasion with our Year 12 students and their families. Supper will take place back at Clonard hall, at the conclusion of Mass.

## School Leaders Assembly

This week, a school assembly was held to acknowledge the work of the 2011 student leadership group and to induct our student leaders for 2012. As a College community, we are proud to acknowledge an outstanding group of young women, who have fulfilled their role as a College Leader this year. We have complete confidence that our newly appointed leaders will contribute to our College with distinction over the next twelve months. Student leadership is a very important facet of life at Clonard College. We elect leaders because we believe intrinsically that they will have the ability to enhance our life here at the School.

Congratulations to all of the following elected leaders for 2012:

Student Leadership Positions 2012	
School Captains	Rachel Van Zetten & Breanna Monahan.
House Leaders	<b>Finian</b> : Caitlin Ross & Kelsey Whyte <b>Kildare</b> : Maddie Fenton & Megan Lynch <b>Lelia</b> : Eloise Birkett & Eliza Jane Rundle <b>Xavier</b> : Jasmin Edgar & Cassandra Richmond
Outreach Leaders	Georgia Bettiol & Alex Vinci
Liturgy and School Event Leaders	Hannah Mahoney & Rosalie Debets
Debating and Public Speaking leaders	Sarah Chapman & Chantelle Gizycki
Environment and Sustainability Leaders	Maddie Ball & Makayla Galbraith
Performing Arts Leaders	Katie Steer, Maddie Howie & Natalie Ferrarese
Sports Leaders	Tayla Ellis & Jade Williams

## Refugee Activity Day

Our appreciation is extended to the students and staff (Ms Anthea Hinchey and Ms Jo Ryan) who planned and participated in the Refugee Activity Day held at Sacred Heart College on Tuesday the 4th of October. It is pleasing to see members of our College community willing to give up some of their holidays to make a difference to the lives of others. The Refugee Activity Day has become a regular feature of the school holidays, and this particular event attracted the largest number of attendees to date.

## Cyber safety (Susan McLean)

This week, Year 7 and 8 students, staff and parents had the opportunity to listen to an expert discuss the topic of cyber bullying and internet safety. Susan McLean is Australia's foremost speaker and presenter in the area of "cybersafety and young people". A member of Victoria Police for 27 years, Susan is widely known as the 'Cyber Cop', and was the first Victoria Police Officer appointed

to a position involving cybersafety and young people.

Susan's address to each group offered an insight into the dangers associated with unmonitored internet usage, and how some of these issues can be overcome. I would encourage you to view Susan's website, which contains some practical resources to assist you in discussing this topic with your daughters.

<http://www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au>

### SMS Absence Notification

Clonard College has subscribed to a Text (SMS) Messaging System, called MessageYou, for sending automated SMS text messages to parents regarding student absence. The system can also receive messages from parents explaining absences. The MessageYou system will be fully operational from the first day of the 2012 school year. In order to ensure the smoothest possible deployment, the system will be trialled during term four, 2011, for Year 7s only. Parents of Year 7 students have received a letter outlining the process behind this communication. Preparations are under way at the moment to enable this trial. It is anticipated that the Year 7 trial will commence Monday, October 24, 2011 (More details later in this newsletter).

### Stand Against Poverty

At Monday's assembly, we recognized the efforts around the world to ensure that the Millennium Goals of 2015 are met. The Stand Against Poverty website provides some useful information on how we, and the broader College community, can support the initiatives proposed by the United Nations some years ago.

<http://standagainstpoverity.org>

### At the assembly, the students read the following pledge:

By my action of standing today against poverty, along with people all over the world, I commit myself to acting in any way I can to support and further this pledge to:

- Halve world poverty.
- Ensure universal primary education.
- Promote gender equity.
- Reduce child mortality.
- Improve maternal health.
- Combat the major diseases of the world.
- Ensure environmental sustainability.
- Secure global partnerships for universal human development.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Adriana Chalmers (8Y) on her first placing in the recent Barwon Water National Water Week photo competition. Part of the award is a \$500 grant for the school to purchase water efficient products and resources.

Congratulations also to Bridget O'Halloran (12G) on winning a National competition in designing a poster for the National Cannabis Prevention Information Centre. As well as a personal prize, Bridget attracted a \$1500 prize for the school.

### Dates

A reminder that Monday 31st and Tuesday 1st of November are student free days at the College (Melbourne Cup weekend break).

### Bereavements

The Clonard College community extends its sympathy to:

- Rebecca Singer (8G) on the recent passing of her father, Eddie.
- Chloe Finn (8G) on the passing of her Grandmother.
- Mikayla Coon (8B) on the passing of her Grandfather.
- Elyssa Kelley (9P) on the passing of her Grandmother.
- Bianca Neyenhuis (9G) on the passing of her Great Grandmother.
- The community of St Joseph's College on the passing of long time staff member (Property Manager) Russell Zampatti.

Best wishes



Damian McKew Principal

### Calendar

Mon 24th Oct	Year 12 Mass 7.30pm
Wed 26th Oct	Year 12 Celebration Day
Thur 27th Oct	Immunisation Day Year 7
Mon 31st Oct	Melbourne Cup Weekend Break
Tue 1st Nov	Melbourne Cup Weekend Break

### Canteen News

Thank you to the parent helpers Coleen Jennings, Jacqui Forster, Nadine Billingham, Mary-Rose Coleman, Jacqui Gifford, Dianne Lock, Sarah Feola and Fiona Crompton.

24 Oct	Suzanne Anderson
25 Oct	Sue Skilton
26 Oct	Snjezana Demo
27 Oct	Narelle Unmack
28 Oct	Kath Bathgate & Tracey Moore
31 Oct	MELBOURNE CUP DAY WEEKEND
01 Nov	MELBOURNE CUP DAY WEEKEND
02 Nov	Barb Van Andel
03 Nov	Kaylene Grisby
04 Nov	Sue Clarke & Annette Lane

Many thanks - Karys

## Information for Year 11 Parents

Last Monday we had a full school assembly to celebrate the passing of leadership roles from the current Year 12 leaders of 2011 to the incoming Year 12's (the current Year 11's) of 2012. This assembly celebrated the fine role models Clonard had in its leaders across 2011 and I'm confident that the newly announced Year 11 leaders will similarly shine in their roles as they enter Year 12. I have heard a number of compliments recently about the efforts which continue to be made by most of our Year 11 students in terms of their uniforms and completion of work tasks. Whilst some students do "slip up" from time to time in these areas it is worth noting that the majority do exactly what is expected more often than not. They are a wonderful group and will lead the school in a very capable manner as they move through the final stages of this year into Year 12.

### Exams and other key dates

Already we have completed three weeks of this final term and exams seem to be quickly approaching. With that in mind, and a more detailed letter will be issued to each Year 11 student about these issues, I thought it important to outline some of the key dates coming up on our calendar:

- 31<sup>st</sup> October Student free day (Melbourne Cup weekend break)
- 1<sup>st</sup> November Student free day (Melbourne Cup weekend break)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> November Year 12 exams start (some Year 11's will have an exam in a Year 12 subject)
- 17<sup>th</sup> November Year 11 Exams start
- 25<sup>th</sup> November Year 11 Exams finish
- 28<sup>th</sup> November Orientation classes commence for Year 12 classes for 2012
- 29<sup>th</sup> November Celebration of Achievement Evening - Student free day except for students in performance items
- 2<sup>nd</sup> December Final day Year 11

### Periods 5 and 6 on Wednesdays

As parents would be aware, we commenced this Year with a plan to slowly and steadily instil in our Year 11's an independent and organised approach to using their Wednesday afternoon "study" classes in an effective, focussed manner. This was initially done by requiring all students (other than those completing VET subjects or work placements "off-campus") to report to a designated room in the Year 11 block for supervised study in Periods 5 and 6 each Wednesday.

As time moved on through Terms 2 and 3, students have been allowed more independence in terms of choosing the room to study in, recognising some need absolute silence whilst others needed to undertake group work requiring discussion and sharing of resources. In addition, students were permitted to access the library or the Art/Visual Communication rooms to work on projects / tasks needing those specialised facilities.

In terms of reporting to a designated room/teacher within Clonard, these supervised study classes will be optional across these final weeks of Year 11. It is anticipated that a proportion of students will still find studying in a supervised environment to be of continued benefit and so teaching staff will continue to offer that supervision in the Year 11 block. Others will achieve more by either working in one of the above specialised areas or by working off-campus at home. The responsibility to work where each will maximise their time therefore is being passed to the students but should any parents have concerns please let me know. Students planning to exit the school will still need to sign out at reception (as they should on any occasion when they leave school grounds).

It is hoped that the growth in their study-independence (and the nearing of exams!) will still see this time used effectively by all Year 11's. However, as noted above, should any parents have any concerns questions or comments about the use of this time on Wednesday afternoons, please do not hesitate to email me at the address below.

**Michael McCallum Year 11 Coordinator ([michael.mccallum@clonard.catholic.edu.au](mailto:michael.mccallum@clonard.catholic.edu.au))**



Holy Spirit School invites you to attend our School Fete

Saturday 12 November from 11am - 3pm

The fete will have all the fun of the fair with entertainment, sideshow alley, a fantastic silent auction, plants, flowers, craft, rides, books, bric n brac, fantastic food & homemade produce and much more. We invite you to join us for a day of fun...

83 Minerva Rd, Manifold Heights

## **CAREERS NEWS**

Scholarships – Year 12 scholarship applications through VTAC close on Friday 21 Oct. See VTAC website - [www.vtac.edu.au/scholarships.html](http://www.vtac.edu.au/scholarships.html).

AFL Traineeship 2012

An opportunity exists for current Year 12 students to apply for an AFL traineeship next year, based at St. Joseph's College. Must have a current Surf Bronze Medallion. See Mrs Anticev for more information and job description.

CHANGE OF PREFERENCE TIME – Year 12 students are reminded you can change your preferences from 28 Nov to Wed 21 Dec. VCE results will be available on Friday 16 Dec, so you have time to change your preferences after receiving your ATAR.

There is no need to change your preferences if you are happy with them; it is usually ill-advised to make major changes in career direction at that stage, even if your ATAR is quite different from what you expected.

Clonard College will have staff available for Year 12 students to contact on Friday morning December 16, and Monday December 19

WHERE ELSE CAN I GET HELP AT CHANGE OF PREFERENCE (COP) TIME? Universities and TAFE Institutes will have staff available till Wed 21 December. They have provided the following information about assistance on offer (you can check websites for more information):

- Australian Catholic Uni: Call 1300 ASK ACU; Information sessions planned for Mon 19 Dec, 11am-7pm at Ballarat and Melbourne campuses; see ACU website for details
- Box Hill Institute: COP information session, 4-7.30pm, Mon 19 Dec at Nelson Campus; course info: call 1300 BOX HILL or Joanna on 9286 9464, or Andrea on 9286 9553
- Charles Sturt Uni: Call 1800 334 733
- Chisholm TAFE: Call 1300 CHISHOLM
- Deakin Uni: Call 1300 DEGREE; COP events at Doncaster, Wyndham, Geelong, Melbourne (Burwood), Hobsons Bay and Warrnambool; go to [www.deakin.edu.au/cop](http://www.deakin.edu.au/cop) to register to attend.
- Holmesglen Institute: Call 1300 693 888
- La Trobe Uni: Info sessions 10am-3pm, Sat 17 Dec, Melbourne City Expo (front of State Library of Victoria); 11am - 2pm, Mon 19 Dec at Melbourne, Bendigo, Shepparton, Albury-Wodonga and Mildura campuses; COP Hotline: 1300 135 045, 16-22 December; see [www.latrobe.edu.au/prefer](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/prefer)
- Monash Uni: Call 1800 MONASH; COP Expo: 10am - 1pm, Sat 17 Dec, Building H, Caulfield campus, 900 Dandenong Road; [www.monash.edu/monash2012](http://www.monash.edu/monash2012); flyers in Careers Room
- NMIT: Call 9269 1200
- RMIT Uni & TAFE: Call 1800 11 RMIT (8.30am-5.30pm weekdays, 10am-3pm @ weekend); Info Corner, 330 Swanston St, Melbourne including 10am-3pm @ weekend; COP Expo – RMIT Storey Hall, 330 Swanston St, 11am-3pm, Mon 19 Dec; [www.rmit.edu.au/cop](http://www.rmit.edu.au/cop)
- Swinburne UNI & TAFE: Call 1300 ASK SWIN; Course adviser appointments and information sessions from 17-20 Dec; register at: [www.swinburne.edu.au/2012](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/2012); Info session 3-7pm, Tues 20 Dec, Hawthorn and Lilydale
- University of Ballarat: Call 1800 811 711; COP Information Day is Monday 19 December at Mount Helen camp
- University of Melbourne: Course Information Day, 10am-3pm, Mon 19 Dec (free sausage sizzle); Register online and win a prize ([www.cop.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.cop.unimelb.edu.au)); COP Hotline; 1800 801 662 (toll free) ; Uni Info Centre, Gate 3, Swanston St, weekdays 8am-6pm plus 10am-4pm, Sat 17 and Sun 18 Dec. Brochures available in careers room
- Victoria University & TAFE: Call COP hotline, 16-21 December on 1300 VIC UNI; Info Sessions, 19 & 20 Dec; drop-in at City Flinders St campus, 11am-4pm, 17 & 18 Dec
- William Angliss Institute: Call 9606 2111

### Christmas Baking

Create & decorate a Gingerbread tree – 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Christmas Baking – Fruitcake, NZ Shortbread, Christmas Pudding Truffles – 7<sup>th</sup> December.

At William Angliss Institute, for bookings contact Daniela on 96062389 or [danielad@angliss.edu.au](mailto:danielad@angliss.edu.au)

### University of Ballarat

Has just been awarded 5 stars – the highest award – for teaching quality & is the only Victorian University to receive this rating in 3 consecutive years. The University is holding an Information Day on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 11am at their Mt Helen campus when you can have a look around to see what they offer.

### **URGENT - BUILDER NEEDED**

The Drama department is urgently seeking the services of anyone with building/carpentry/cabinet making skills to help build a set for Term 4 productions.

Any help wo

uld be most appreciated. Please contact Janine McKenzie on [mckej@clonard.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mckej@clonard.catholic.edu.au) or phone the General Office on 52782155.

**Janine McKenzie - Drama Co Ordinator**

## New course!

Youth Work degree @ Victoria Uni. A 3 year degree, with the option of a 4<sup>th</sup> year to graduate with a double degree. Work with young people in a wide range of recreation & outdoor ed settings, in Local Gov or in community services.

New double degree – Youth Work combined with Sport & Recreation Management. Can specialize in outdoor ed, justice, health, digital media, and more.

Both these new courses can lead into a Graduate Diploma of Education. - Contact Ms Dewar for more information.

Glenormiston College scholarships for year 12 students – 2 scholarships available \$2,000 each. If you are interested in studying agriculture, dairy or agronomy apply online via [www.swtafe.vic.edu.au/Campuses/glenormiston/gcscholarship.aspx](http://www.swtafe.vic.edu.au/Campuses/glenormiston/gcscholarship.aspx) - For more information see Ms Dewar.

## Year 12 students VCAL or VCE - interested in a career in Logistics???

An apple grown in Australia and bought in Australia has a minimum of 16 links in the supply chain. With Logistics there is a supply chain story to everything around you! Logistics opens up a world of career opportunities, nationally & internationally, from entry level through to senior management. It is one of the biggest and fastest growing industries in the world. A **Logistics Cadetship** offers FT employment (salary + super), Certificate IV in Logistics/diploma in Logistics, paid study leave, workplace mentor. See Ms Dewar or Ms Anticev for more information.

## Become a Pool Lifeguard

Next course at Geelong College Recreation Centre Fri 18<sup>th</sup> November 5pm-8.30pm, Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 8am-6pm, Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 9am-6pm. Cost \$255. Bookings via [www.h2opro.com.au](http://www.h2opro.com.au) or ring 95484244.

**Penelope Dewar**

**Careers Education - Year 10 Co-ordinator**

## Cricket News

Three teams comprising 9 & 10 students participated in the regional Super 8's carnival at Kardinia Park on Tuesday. While not making the finals this year, the girls showed enthusiasm and good sportsmanship throughout. The Year 7 & 8 teams will participate next Tuesday. A full report (with pics) will be written for the School Magazine. Thanks are extended to Mr Callahan and Tayla for assisting the girls on the day.

**Mrs Vines, Cricket Co Ordinator**

## CLONARD INTRODUCES TEXT MESSAGING SYSTEM

**Clonard is about to begin a trial of a new system which will send automated SMS (text) messages to parents' mobile phones to notify student absence.**



The system will become fully operational for all students from the start of the 2012 school year but will be trialed during term four, 2011, **for Year 7 students, only.**

The aims of the system include improving communication with parents, improving and automating our attendance management system, and achieving efficiencies for both staff and parents. We also believe in the longer term it will improve attendance and punctuality and reduce unexplained absences.

Text messages will be sent to parents on any day on which school records indicate a student is absent (when no prior notification has been received). **Usually the text will be sent between 10:15am and 10:45am** and no later than 1:30pm. The text will come from **0419 402 834** and parents are advised to add this number to their contacts so they will know, in future, that the text is from Clonard. Parents are encouraged to reply to this number **via text** to acknowledge and explain the absence of their child. **Note: This is a text only number so please do not attempt to use it to make a phone call.**

Year 7 parents should already have received more detailed communication regarding this initiative and are asked to share with us in the process of developing and refining new procedures which will allow us to implement the new system optimally. As with any change, there may be a small number of teething problems so trial parents are asked to be vigilant and notify the College (on 5278 2155) promptly if they have any concerns. **Parents are also reminded that prior notification of any known student absence is now a higher priority.** This will avoid unnecessary absence messages being sent and can be done by texting the student name/reason/absence date to the number listed. The trial will begin during the week of **October 24<sup>th</sup>** and Year 7 parents who have not yet communicated with the college regarding their mobile phone details and preferences are asked to do so as a priority.