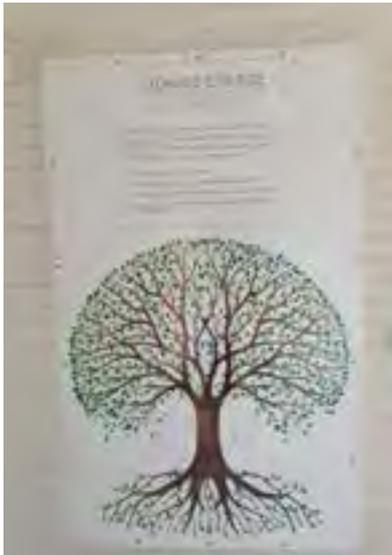




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Clonard Vision 2017

As you are aware, a lot of work has taken place to develop and articulate Clonard Vision 2017. During the course of last Term this artistic representation of our Vision was installed in the walkway leading to the Minerva Campus.

We remember our commitment to:

- Welcome and include everyone
- Encourage each person to develop their potential
- Promote the dignity of all and show a respect for all creation
- Empower students to empathise with and respond to the vulnerable.

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Clonard College,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope that each member of our community took the chance to rest over the Easter break. There were a lot of activities jam-packed into a short Term One (eight weeks). We look forward to the many exciting activities and challenges associated with Term Two which will be eleven weeks long.

Buildings Update

Work continues on the building projects around the College. The pre-fabricated walls for the Yr. 8 and 9 Centre have now been erected. This week the steel work associated with the building will commence. Works are on track to be finished by the end of November. Thank you to all members of our community (and especially our Yr. 7s) who have tolerated the movement and noise associated with a building project.

Work on the restoration of the Minerva Road Hall is near completion. I am really pleased with what has been achieved thus far. One of the final features requiring installation is the new doors. Once this is complete we will obtain an occupancy permit and the hall will be ready for use. We are assured that this will be in the next four weeks.



New Staff

This term, we welcome the following staff:

Miss Katie Poole replacing Mrs Meredith for Term Two and will be the Homeroom teacher for (Yr. 11W).

Miss Sarah McNaughton replacing Mrs Webb who is taking long service leave this term.

Ms Gabby McMahon replacing Mr McInerney (Long Service Leave) for the next three weeks.

Mr Nathan Patterson replacing Mrs Grigg (Long Service Leave) for the next two weeks.

Mrs Sally Brown replacing Mrs Scarlett (Long Service Leave) for the next three weeks.

We also welcome back Mrs Lynda McMahon and Mrs Ritva Fazio who have returned after a period of long service leave.

Timor Leste

During the term break we welcomed back the students and staff who took part in an immersion experience to East Timor for two weeks. Although extremely challenging, it appears that much was gained from this journey. Thank you to Ms Dewar and Mr McCallum for escorting the students.

Refugee Holiday Program

Last Thursday Clonard hosted an activity day for local refugee students. Around 130 people came and took part in a fun-filled day of activities, sport and cooking. Student leaders and staff from St Joseph's College, Sacred Heart College and Clonard College gave freely of their time to ensure that all activities ran smoothly. I would like to thank Ms Anthea Hinchey and Ms Josephine Ryan who coordinated the day, along with the Clonard students and staff members who volunteered their time.

Yr. 8 Camp

This week, the first of our Yr. 8 Homerooms departed (and returned) from their Yr. 8 Camp in the Otways. The students visited many geographical sites including the settlements of Gellibrand, Forest, Triplet Falls and the Barwon Dam. I would like to thank our Yr. 8 Coordinator, Mrs Tania Anticev, for her coordination of the camp and all other staff who attended.

Enrolments 2014

All families seeking a place for their daughters in Yr. 7 (2014) must submit an application by Friday May the 17th. Once again I would like to remind parents who currently have daughters attending Clonard and seek a place for their daughter (who is currently in Grade 6) to ensure that their application is submitted by this date. It is clear that the number of applications for a place in Yr. 7 will exceed the number of positions and therefore, no guarantee can be given that siblings will be enrolled at the College if the correct date is not met.

Cross Country

Next Wednesday afternoon we will hold our annual Cross Country at the back of the Minerva Campus. It is compulsory for all students (7-10) to walk/run in this event. I would also like to encourage as many of our senior students (11-12) as possible to take part. Cross Country is another opportunity for students to represent their House with the hope of communal success in the event.

College Reunion

Tomorrow (the 20th of April) Clonard will host an Old Collegians' gathering to reconnect with students from 1963,73,83,93 and 2003. I look forward to welcoming back some of our former students, sharing in the stories from the past and talking about the Clonard of today.

Uniform

As is the custom here, there is a transition period of two weeks this term from summer to winter uniform. What is most important is that students (whether it is summer or winter) are in the full uniform. Recently there have been some concerns with the length of some of the students' kilts. Students have been advised in their Homerooms (and in Year Level Assemblies) of the acceptable level of the kilt. As a guide for parents, the kilt should sit at knee length and be no more than 10cm off the ground when kneeling. At the other extreme, the skirt must not be dragging on the ground. I would ask that all families support us in ensuring that students adhere to our uniform code.

Parent /Teacher/Student Evenings

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will take place on Tuesday the 30th of April and Thursday the 2nd of May from 4pm-8pm. This process provides an opportunity for discussions between parents, teachers and students reinforcing the need to promote academic progress, as well as providing some concrete steps towards improving performance in the future. Please refer elsewhere in this newsletter for the on-line process for making interview appointments.

ANZAC Day Holiday

Please note that next Thursday (25th of April) is a designated Public Holiday and therefore school will not run on this day.

Best Wishes



Damian McKew - Principal

Holiday Program

It has become school holiday tradition for Clonard, St Joseph's and Sacred Heart to take in turns hosting a day of activities for Geelong children and teenagers of a refugee background. As a consequence, J&D devoted its first term meetings to preparing for this big day – coming up with activities that kids of all ages could enjoy: crafts, sports, cooking, music, dance and games. When the day arrived our disappointment in the inclement weather was soon forgotten as we took delight in the response to our invitation. There were almost 130 children of varying backgrounds and life experiences. Some had been in this country for less than a month while others were the familiar faces of those who had been coming to the program for many years. It was wonderful to see these children and our student leaders ignoring the bad weather and embracing the activities with good cheer and enthusiasm. At our first meeting back this term we reflected upon the day and a familiar sentiment came through – that of our being humbled by these children's quiet dignity in the face of the trauma and adversity that they have suffered in their young lives. In spending time with these people, we recognise the importance of unconditional welcome, compassion and the respect for the dignity of others. We also recognise just how much we too benefit from this experience. We would particularly like to thank the staff, students and our Clonard community volunteers – Ash Pendock, Rebecca Barry and Amber Anderson – who made this day possible. We are now looking forward to the next holidays! **Ms Anthea Hinchey**



Fire Carriers Day

Late last term, three of our Year 11 Fire Carriers; Caitlyn Rundle, Kate Gaylard and Holly Fenton accompanied Mrs Vines to Worawa College in Healesville for the annual Fire Carriers induction. Lois Peeler, the Principal of the college who was also one of the original Sapphires, took the Fire Carriers on a tour of the college; a school specifically set up for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander girls. This was an opportunity for the Clonard Fire Carriers to share ideas with other Catholic schools in the Melbourne Archdiocese.

'It was great meeting one of the original Sapphires and the success she has experienced and encouraged.' Holly Fenton

'I was a good opportunity to share new ideas with other schools.' Caitlyn Rundle

'It was interesting learning about the history of the school and seeing William Barak's burial place.' Kate Gaylard



Murra Mullangari 2013 Health Conference – 'Pathways Alive and Well'

Kiah Morrison and Yarramun Conole of Year 10 recently received a scholarship to attend a health conference in Canberra for Aboriginal students. They were two of thirty students selected from over 200 applicants Australia wide. As part of the conference they heard from guest speakers, learnt about tertiary opportunities, participated in workshops at the University of Canberra and the Australian National University and also visited the AITSI. They visited local Aboriginal health services and the First Australians exhibition at the National Museum of Australia. They were privileged to meet Ngambri elder Aunty Matilda House, the elder who sat with Kevin Rudd at the opening ceremony of Parliament House on the day of the National Apology.

'Such an inspirational life-changing experience...now I want to go to uni and study paediatrics.' Kiah Morrison

'It was a once in life time experience...I have come back with new goals and so much knowledge.' Yarramun Conole



Uniform Shop

Opening Time Day 3 Wednesday
12.45 - 1.15 pm
Appointments may be made with Mrs
Buckley 52782155

Plenty of good quality secondhand
uniform, trackpant, sports jackets and
more.

New socks and tights available

OUTDOOR ED CAMP

In February, the Outdoor Ed class had their very first camp. It began with a surfing lesson. The waves were a little small for surfing but everyone was still quite happy to be out in the ocean, soaking up the sun and having some fun. Afterwards we stopped at a beach for 10 minutes to have time to reflect. Everyone used the time differently. Some people sat and looked at the beautiful environment that surrounded them. Others used the time to appreciate and be grateful for the things they had. We spent a lot of time on camp reflecting on different things and this was a very useful thing that everyone enjoyed doing. That afternoon we walked from Point Addis to Emmerula scout camp where we set up our tents. Tea was cooked down in Anglesea where everyone sat in a large circle, talked and laughed. The next day girls woke to the drizzle of rain. We didn't let it stop us though. We ate breakfast and got ready for another fun day. We were lucky enough to get some decent surfing waves and that morning we used a lot of energy, paddling, getting dunked, attempting to stand up; some succeeding and paddling some more. Afterwards we headed off to the Surf Museum where we looked at the rich history of surfing. That afternoon we did a 10km walk that included part of the beautiful Cultural Walk. After dinner it started to rain, so we all cramped into one of the mini -vans to have our evening debrief. As everyone talked and shared personal thoughts and ideas we saw the strong bonds that had formed from this short camp. While being together for two days we had changed from having clusters of small groups to having one tight group of girls that welcomed and accepted everyone. The third day we packed up camp and headed for our last day which included surfing and a trip to Black Rock where we learnt about recycling water and the effect humans have.

Over the camp we were all faced with challenges which we overcame. For some it was living for three days without the normal comforts of home. However, these girls learnt that they could survive without their mobile phones and hair straighteners. For other girls, it was finishing the 10km walk, a walk we all finished together. For others, like me, it was just trying to stand up on the surf board. After all the paddling and getting thrown around by the waves, it was fantastic to stand up and it all felt worth it. This first camp was amazing, not only did we all learn about the environment but we also learnt about ourselves. We learnt not to underestimate ourselves. As we headed back to Clonard we had high expectations for what the rest of the time iOutdoor Ed would bring.

Ashleigh Hughes





Parent/Teacher Interviews – 2013 Term 2

Tuesday 30th April and Thursday 2nd May, 4–8 pm, Year 11 and Year 12 blocks

We are conducting Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews on two evenings (Tuesday and Thursday).

Once again we are using Parent Teacher Online (PTO) as our online booking system for interviews.

The Parent Access Module (PAM) gives you access to the ongoing Assessment Tasks that your daughters are undertaking. You are encouraged to use PAM to get information about progress on current tasks as well as information about attendance. **You will not receive printed progress reports before interviews.**

To access PTO ... visit the College website and look for the PTO logo at the bottom of the page. You can also access PTO directly at <https://bookings.parentteacheronline.com.au?school=gcmcs>

Your PTO credentials ... are the same as those you use for accessing PAM.

Bookings open at midday on Monday, March 22nd and **close at midday on the respective interview days.**

Hints & help:

- We recommend trying “automatic mode” first, as PTO will do most of the work for you
- Once you select a PTO schedule, you can optionally make other bookings
- You can make bookings for more than one student simultaneously and let PTO figure out who is available when
- If you do not have your PAM/PTO credentials, please contact College reception on 5278 2155.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at interviews.

Jo Ryan - Assistant Principal, Learning and Teaching

ART OF SELF EXPRESSION

- Enhancing the emotional literacy of children through art -



GRADE 6/5 CUBISM, HEROES, IDOLS & ME!

HAMLYN BANKS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Takes pleasure in inviting you to the opening of the new Arts Centre with a whole school exhibition.

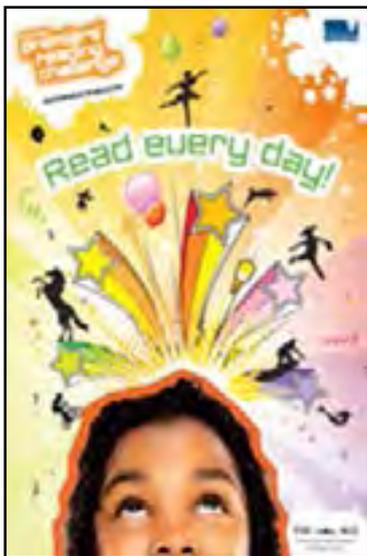
This exhibition will showcase student work from Prep to Grade 6.

Venue: The Arts Centre, Hamlyn Banks Primary School, 2-24 Chaucer Street, Hamlyn Heights.

Date: Monday 29th of April 2013

Amelia Jolly (nee Vines) former College Captain is the Art specialist teacher at Hamlyn Banks

Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge 2013



Students from early childhood through to students in Year 10 have a chance to take part in the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge.

The aim of the Challenge is to promote a love of reading. It is not a competition, but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

Students in Years 3 to 10 who accept the Challenge must read 15 books between the start of the 2013 school year and early September. So it doesn't matter that students haven't registered yet, reading completed this year still counts.

Some books must be selected from the age appropriate book lists available on the Challenge site. There are no costs and most books are available from either Clonard's library or your local public library. You are not required to purchase any books.

Details of the Challenge, including reading lists, are available at www.education.vic.gov.au/prc.

Over the next few weeks I will give students the opportunity to enrol in the challenge so keep your eye out for a consent form coming your way. If you have not received one by 1st May, please contact me library@clonard.catholic.edu.au.

And remember ...

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." [Dr. Seuss, \(*Can Read With My Eyes Shut!*\)](#)

Josephine Ryan

Teacher Librarian

SPORTING NEWS:

A busy start to Term 2 as the girls are preparing for Badminton, AFL, Cross Country and Athletics. Teams will be finalised by next week. Training will commence for Basketball and Hockey in Week 3.

Congratulations to Amber Grisby (year 10) who won gold at a recent rowing regatta in Mildura.

Over the holidays Tori Honner (year 11) was in Darwin representing Victoria in the National Netball Championships, of which Victoria won. Tori was also selected into the Australian National U17 squad and will be going to the AIS in May. Congratulations Tori on your wonderful achievement, we look forward to following your netball career.

Congratulations to Crystal Larcombe, Elle Kennedy and Ali Simpson on their results at the recent State Athletic Championships in Bendigo. Crystal ran a PB to come 3rd in the U/14 800m. Well done girls.

Are you interested in playing in a regular AFL competition. The Bell Park Football and Netball club is entering a team into the Geelong Youth Girls competition. The team will be known as the Bell Park Dragons (formally the Clonard Crocs). It is open to any girls attending secondary school. The next training session is Wednesday 24th April at the Bell Park football oval. After training there will be a BBQ to meet the coaches and club officials. The first game is Sunday 29th April. Come to training and see what it would be like to play in the girls youth league. Bring a friend (they can be from another school).

Canteen News

Thanks this week to the following helpers:

Virginia Burge
Bernie Stanley

Clare Webb
Tracey Richmond

Sarah Feola

Parents expected in the next week are:

Chris Harding
Snezana Demo
Debbie Evans

Ann Payne
Anne Lakey
Ulrike Honne

Robyn O'Donoghue
Elizabeth Jankovski

Please note that sushie is only available on a Friday during term 2 and 3.

Karys - Canteen Manager

Conveyance Allowance Claims

REMINDER: Conveyance Allowance credit claims are pending proof of yearly or half yearly tickets. Please ensure that you have submitted a copy of the current photo bus pass and receipt.

Contact Lesley De Noronha with any concerns in this regard on 52782155 or denol@clonard.catholic.edu.au



From April 19, students will no longer be able to pay cash to the bus driver for travel, they must get a myki card.

Myki cards are available to purchase from all 7 Eleven outlets, Geelong and Corio Post Offices and online at myki.com.au or 1800 800 007

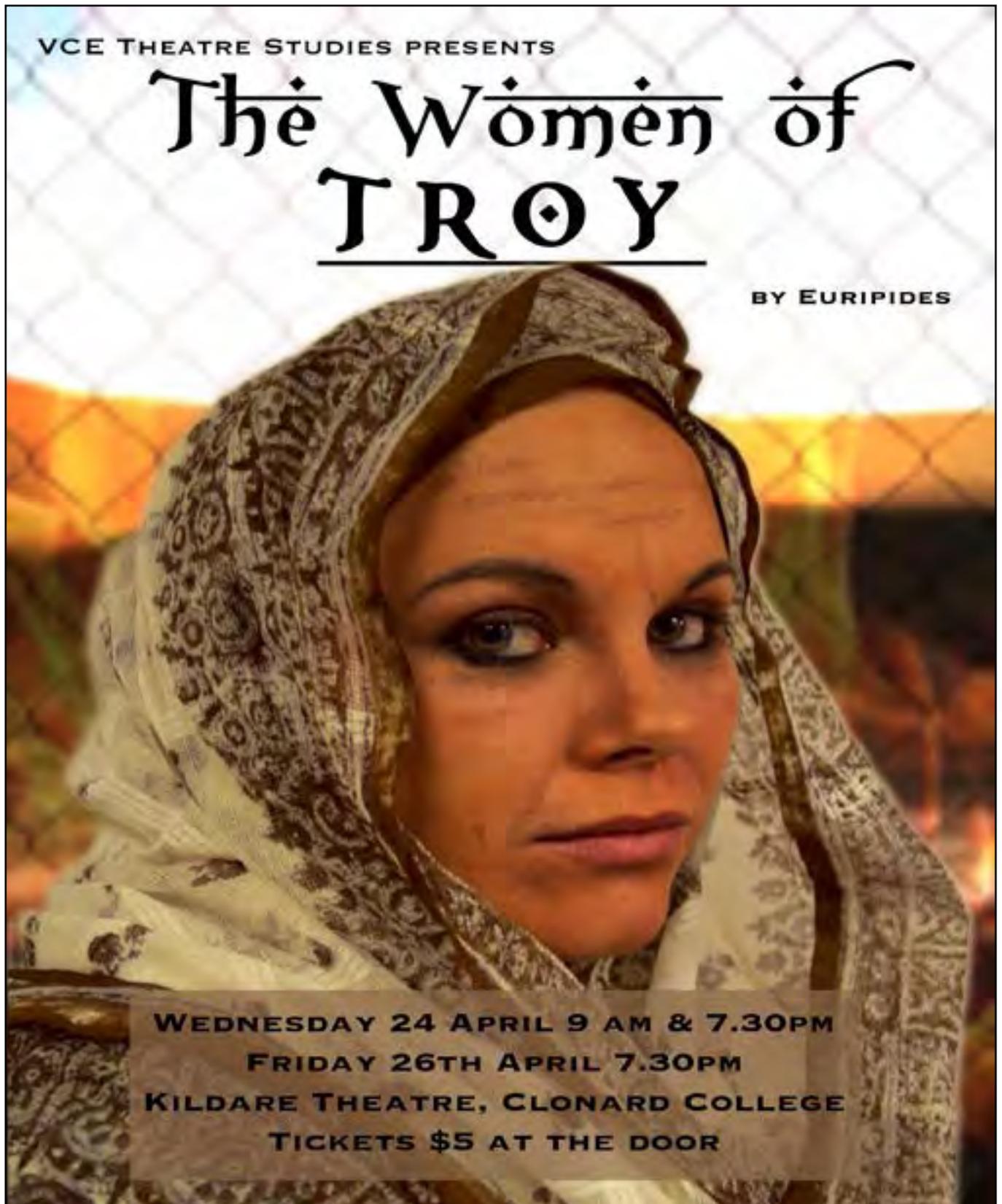
IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER.

- Short Term Tickets will no longer be available to purchase on the bus.
- Travel will only be available by myki/yearly or half yearly bus pass or a McHarry's Student Travel Pass.
- Myki cards must be validated by touching on when boarding bus.
- It is important to Touch Off when leaving the bus – otherwise you risk paying a higher fare.
- Myki cards are available to purchase from all 7 Eleven outlets, Geelong and Corio Post Offices and online at myki.com.au or 1800 800 007.
- Myki may be topped up on a bus, at 7 Eleven Stores or at myki.com.au
- Top-up options include auto top-up from a bank account, or manual tops-up when required.
- Student passes can be purchased and loaded onto a Myki such as the 'Geelong Transit' or 'Victorian Student Travel Pass' which provides an economical and easy option for students travelling regularly.
- Authorised Officers will be travelling on buses checking myki cards & Travel Passes and may issue Infringement Notices to anyone travelling without a valid Myki/Pass.

WOMEN OF TROY

The combined Year 11 and Year 12 Theatre Studies class is presenting the classic play *Women of Troy* in the Kildare Theatre next week. This tale about the effects of war on women and children is the major production for this class this semester. With the students taking responsibility for not only the acting but also for every other aspect of the production - costumes, publicity, lighting, sound, makeup and so on - *Women of Troy* has been a huge undertaking. Featuring students from Years 7 and 10 in the cast, as well as the remnants of some of the former Year 8/9 building, this is a production not to be missed! The students have worked tirelessly all year (and over the holidays, too!) and are very much looking forward to performing their play next Wednesday and Friday evenings at 7.30pm. Tickets \$5 at the door.

Janine McKenzie VCE Theatre Studies teacher



VCE THEATRE STUDIES PRESENTS

The Women of TROY

BY EURIPIDES

WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL 9 AM & 7.30PM
FRIDAY 26TH APRIL 7.30PM
KILDARE THEATRE, CLONARD COLLEGE
TICKETS \$5 AT THE DOOR