



Clonard Chronicle

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A St. Brigid Psalm:

*Brigid, you were a woman of peace,
You brought harmony where there was conflict.
You brought light to the darkness.
You brought hope to the downcast.
May the mantle of your peace
Cover those who are troubled and anxious,
And may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts
and in our world.
Inspire us to act justly and to reverence
all God has made.
Brigid, you were a voice for the wounded
and the weary.
Strengthen what is weak within us.
Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.*

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Clonard College,

Today, we celebrated Brigidine Day. This has been a chance to celebrate our heritage, giving thanks for the great sacrifices that have been made by the Brigidine Sisters in establishing Clonard College in 1956. Our Paraliturgie today centred on the theme, "From little things, big things grow." I am sure that our Mothers, who established the College some fifty-four years later, would be proud of our wonderful College in 2010. We give thanks to all who have contributed to making our community through strength and gentleness.

I would like to thank all of the students and staff who have worked hard in planning a wonderful day of celebration.

2009 Annual Report to the School Community

I would like to remind all families that the 2009 Annual Report to the College Community is available via the College website. Should you not have access to this, one can be obtained from the front office. I would encourage you to read this report as it gives a very good account of both the activities and academic performance of students in the school over 2009.

Staffing Changes

With the end of the term upon us, we farewell the following staff:

Ms Tracey Newnham is taking maternity leave in preparation for the birth of her first child.

Mr. Brendan Ryan will be taking leave during Term 3 and we wish him and his family well during this period of leave.

I would like to acknowledge Mrs Alison Curran who actually retired from the College three years ago, but who has generously agreed to fill the gaps in the ensuing years. Mrs Curran will still be involved with Clonard in a casual relief teaching capacity.

In Term 3, we officially welcome to staff Ms Lillian Joveska and Mr. Ben Smith who will fill the classes left by the above named teachers, along with Mrs Ros Leishman who will once again be assisting us in a replacement position.

Yr 7 Music Night

On Tuesday night the College held a music performance night for our Yr 7 students. This was a great opportunity to witness first-hand, the progress of our Yr 7 students who have either taken up or continued with instruments in 2010. The night concluded with a wonderful rendition from all students of the theme from the television series, Hogan's Heroes. Thank you to our Director of Music, Ms Cathy Wilson, music staff, Mr. Adam Burke, Mr. Alistair Cox and all of our instrumental Music teachers for their efforts in promoting music within the school and their dedication to assisting our students in their performance.

Yr 9 & 10 Careers Day

On Thursday of this week, our Yr 9 & 10 students attended a careers workshop at the College. This is a vital part of the education of our students who will shortly embark on careers of their own. I would like to thank our careers coordinator, Mrs Karen Feldman and staff involved, for their efforts in the organisation and presentations that took place on this day. A particular highlight was a presentation from Mrs Launa Inman, the Managing Director of Target. Mrs Inman spoke to the students about her professional journey, as well as encouraging the students to aspire to do great things.

Reports

This week reports will be mailed to all families. Our reports are one instrument through which the progress of the students through their studies can be monitored. There will be an opportunity to attend Parent/Teacher Interviews in Term 3. Subject teachers and Coordinators are more than happy to discuss any statements made in these reports.

Term 3

A reminder, that Term 3 for students commences on Tuesday July 13th. The College staff will be undertaking Professional Learning on Monday the 12th of July.

I would like to wish each member of our College Community a safe two-week break. It is important that each of our students takes the opportunity to rest, recharge and prepare for Term 3.

To all students, I thank you for your efforts this Term. I can't stress what a privilege it has been to share, over the past two terms, your journey through education. I look forward to Term 3, where I am sure to witness many more of your achievements and successes.

Friday 25th of June	Brigidine Day Reports mailed home Last Day of Term 2
Monday 12th of July	Staff Professional Development Day
Tuesday 13th of July	Students resume for Term 3
Monday 19th of July	Year 10 Work Experience commences Stewardship Council Committees meet (5pm)

Best Wishes



Damian McKew
Principal

French Department

We have had a busy finale to term 2 and the semester's work in the French department while preparing for the upcoming French study tour.

The Year 7 French classes performed their play, "Les Trois Petits Cochons" (the Three Little Pigs) to one another. It was wonderful listening to them speaking, dancing and singing confidently in French when only a short time ago, they could barely utter a word. They have worked very hard to reach this level of competence. As a special reward, they enjoyed a "pig-out" in class and devoured their pig biscuits and pig cake. We wish them well as they move into their Indonesian classes in the second part of the year.

Year 8 French classes have also worked tirelessly to learn their play by heart. Their speaking and writing skills have advanced a great deal through using the new AIM method. I am sure the girls felt rewarded with their morning tea of croissants and profiteroles. A special thanks to Madame Volpato for organizing this.

A select number of year 9 and 10 French students competed in the annual Alliance Française poetry competition this week. Although most girls seemed nervous, their rendition of their poems was superb. Bravo to them for taking this opportunity!

Once again we showed the movie, "Les Choristes" to Year 9 students. Judging by their reaction, they too enjoyed this beautiful movie. It is well worth borrowing! For many of the girls it was the first time they have viewed a subtitled film.

Congratulations to everyone on their hard work and thank you to all the French teachers for their support.

Don't forget a trip to the NGV to see the Modern Masters exhibition.

In the meantime 'Bonnes Vacances'.

Madame Lindquist for the French team.

Year 9 Camp

The Year 9 Urban Experience will run from Monday July 19th - Friday July 23rd. This camp is considered to be an important part of the Year 9 Curriculum and all students are expected to attend. All of the activities we do on the camp complement classroom activities and provide students with the opportunity to meet the standards set by the Victorian Education Learning Standards. Unfortunately, for a number of reasons some students will not be attending the camp. The overall cost of the camp at \$240 per student is based on all of the students attending the camp, and most activities have been paid for months in advance. Therefore even if your daughter is not attending the camp, it is still expected that you will pay for the camp. The only discount that we can provide will be for activities that have not already been paid for.

If you would like to discuss this matter any further, please contact the College Business Manager, Tom Harriott harrt@clonard.catholic.edu.au or the Year 9 Co-ordinator Megan Evans evame@clonard.catholic.edu.au

Father Patrick Flanagan's Golden Jubilee Mass

At St. Bernard's church, 74 Fryers Road, Highton on Wednesday 4th August, 2010 at 12 noon, All Welcome. Please bring a plate to share with a cuppa after Mass. Further information contact Ann Barfoot (03) 52483740 or ann.barfoot@bigpond.com

Ghosts and Wizards in Geelong!

Geelong Repertory Theatre Company, one of the oldest and most productive community theatre companies in Australia, is presenting a modern classic over the holidays. *The Woman in Black* is a ghost story, told by a young solicitor who tries to discover the truth behind the death of an elderly woman, whose ghost he alone can see. This production is full of surprises and tension - a great story for a cold winter's night! The season opens tonight at the Woodbin Theatre (Coronation St, just down from Irish Murphy's) and plays until 10th July. Tickets available from GPAC (ph. 5225 1200) or at the door. More information can be found at www.geelongrep.com.au

Also playing in Geelong this weekend is GSODA's production of *The Wizard of Oz*. This classic is being performed at GPAC and features a number of Clonard students including Tess Evans, Montana Edgar, Rachel van Zetten and Paige van der Chys. Tickets available at GPAC.

Janine McKenzie - Arts Co-ordinator

St Joseph's College Production 2010 is 'Jesus Christ Superstar'

The show involves students from St Joseph's College and Sacred Heart College in the cast, crew and orchestra and will be staged at the newly refurbished 'Playhouse Theatre' at the Geelong Performing Arts Centre, Little Malop Street, Geelong on:

Wednesday 18th August at 7.30pm
Thursday 19th August at 11.30am - School Show \$5
Thursday 19th August at 7.30pm
Friday 20th August at 7.30pm

Tickets are now available from the St Joseph's College Accounts Office 5226 8111 or from GPAC 5225 1200.

Adults \$20, Concession/students \$15 and groups 10 or more \$15 each. Family tickets are available at a cost of \$60.

Rockfest 2010

What an incredible night! "Unclassified", Clonard's newly named rock band, had the chance to compete in Rockfest at the Bended Elbow on June 20th. "Unclassified" is comprised of a very talented group of girls: Mahnee Cooke on guitar and vocals, Kathleen Halloran on guitar, Katie Steer on bass, Lauren Thompson on vocals and Bonnie Beasant on drums.

After successfully auditioning in April, we spent multiple hours rehearsing and taking various performance opportunities before the big night. Notable in this time was our performance a few days before Rockfest at Herne Hill Primary School. We were met by very enthusiastic students, teachers and parents who were highly entertained by our performances. It was a fantastic experience.

On the night of the competition, we were chosen to perform last meaning that we could enjoy the talent of so many Geelong school rock bands from St Josephs College, Western Heights, Lara Secondary College, Belmont High and Oberon.

It is safe to say that we ended the performances of the school bands with an energetic and engaging set. The amount of screaming coming from the Clonard contingent at the front of the stage certainly agreed!

Although unsuccessful in winning the evening, we came away with so much experience, a chance to hear other bands and play to a large crowd of varying ages and tastes. It was a fantastic night and we are all proud of what we achieved and how far we have come as a band.

A very big thank you must go to our teacher Stephen Hobbs for guiding us and being so willing to help out and organise rehearsals. Also to our 'band mascot' Robyn Beasant for being so willing to help us and come to gigs and provide us with food and encouragement. We really appreciate it! Also, a big thank you to everyone who came to support us at Rockfest, including our families, teachers and friends. Hopefully we'll see you at our next performance!

By Lauren Thompson, lead vocals – "Unclassified"



Calling all Parent/Artists!

Early next term, Clonard will celebrate the Arts with a week of activities. On Wednesday 11th August, all students will participate in a range of Arts activities, run by staff and visiting artists. We would love to hear from any parents who have skills in a particular artistic area - either visual or performing arts - who would be willing to come into Clonard and run or assist with a workshop. Please contact the Office to leave your details or email me at mckej@clonard.catholic.edu.au if you are able to give your time and talents during Arts week.

Janine McKenzie - Arts Co-ordinator

Youth Girls Footy

The Clonard Crocs play their final game of the regular season on Sunday, 10am at Highton Reserve vs Leopold. Please feel free to come and Support. The Crocs are undefeated at to this point of the season and should do well in the finals. Bridget O'Halloran and Madison Richmond are also to be congratulated as they will represent Clonard in the Geelong Youth Girls Footy team Tuesday 29th of June in a Melbourne Vs Bendigo Rep team. Paige Fairchild, Tayla Ellis and Courtney Hobbs tried out however narrowly missed selection in this team.



Paige Fairchild and Bridget O'Halloran at training.

Equestrian News

Eryn Butcher competed in the combined schools equestrian event on Sunday representing Clonard College and placed 2nd in the show jumping on two separate occasions for two separate divisions (she rode two horses).

