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*God of power and might, **wisdom** and justice,
through you authority is rightly administered,
laws are enacted, and judgment is decreed.
Assist with your **spirit** of counsel and fortitude
our Governments in Australia.
May they always seek
the ways of righteousness, **justice** and mercy.
Grant that they may be enabled by your powerful protection
to lead our country with honesty and integrity.
We ask this through **Christ** our Lord.*

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Clonard College,

Welcome back for the commencement of Term Three. I trust that the holiday break enabled students and their families to spend some precious time together and that all students have returned with the enthusiasm and determination to tackle the second half of the year.

Last week, we welcomed to the College, two new staff members. Ms Lillian Josevska has joined the staff replacing Ms Tracey Newnham (maternity leave). Ms Josevska will be teaching in Art Domain. Mr. Ben Smith joins the staff after commencing a career as an engineer. Mr. Smith will be taking the classes left by Mrs Curran. We welcome our new teachers and look forward to the contribution that they will make to our College Community for the remainder of the year.

End-of-Semester Reports/Parent Teacher Interviews

End of semester reports were distributed to all families at the end of the last week of Term 2. Please contact the College immediately if you have not sighted your daughter's end-of-semester report, as this is a vital instrument in gauging their progress. The vast majority of students, together with their parents, can be very proud of their efforts and achievements in the first semester. Of course, teachers have also suggested ways in which students could further enhance their performances and it is in following these suggestions that improvement can and will occur.

Parent/Teacher Evening for students undertaking units 3/4 will take place next Wednesday the 28th of July. Parents have been advised (via letter) the arrangements for this evening. Parent/Teacher interviews for the remaining students (Yr 7-11) will take place on Thursday the 16th and Friday the 17th of September. Further details concerning these arrangements will be published closer to these dates.

Senior Years Information Evening

Next Thursday the 29th of July, the Senior Years Information Evening will take place. This is an information evening for parents and also students currently in Yr 10. The meeting will provide an explanation of the various VCE and VCAL pathways available for students and the timelines and processes associated with subject selection. It is essential that all Yr 10 students and their parents attend this information evening.

Refugee Action Day

On Thursday the 8th July, a number of our senior students participated in hosting a day of fun activities for some refugee children in our local community. Thank you to Ms Anthea Hinchey and Ms Josephine Ryan for their attendance, planning and support of the students. In this fantastic event 120 refugee children from Africa and Burma now living in Geelong participated.

The day was hosted by Sacred Heart College and secondary students from Clonard along with those from Sacred Heart, Trinity College Colac and St Joseph's College led the refugee children through a range of activities including jewellery-making, cooking, dance, a treasure hunt, sport activities, computer games, moviemaking, rock-climbing and much more.

CLOGS

Last Wednesday twelve brave Yr 12 students and two teachers slept outside for 24 hours in a make-shift cage. The effort was designed to raise awareness of Social Justice issues such as Homelessness, HIV/Aids and Slavery. Congratulations to our College Captains, Rebecca Thierry and Stephanie Simpson along with Sophie Lubczenko, Eliza Clayton, Mary-Jeanne Yi Ching Yan, Amy Ross, Bianca Pietrapertosa, Nicole Bisinella, Maia Pawlak, Olivia Cummings, Lucy Sheahan, Hannah Troop and Caitlin McCann. Thank you also to Mrs Julie Whelan and Mr Mike Tong for generously agreeing to support the students with their effort.

Yr 10 Work Experience

This week our Yr 10 students have undertaken their work experience. A wonderful range of occupations have been explored. The opportunity to participate in work experience gives our students a taste of a career in which they have some interest. The College is very appreciative to the employers who have generously agreed to host our students for the week.

Thank you also to our Careers' Coordinator, Mrs Karen Feldman and assistant, Ms Verona Scarlett for their efforts in arranging and coordinating these experiences.

Yr 9 Urban Experience

This week our Yr 9 students undertook their Urban Camp in Melbourne and other associated activities around Geelong. Thank you to our Yr 9 Coordinator, Ms Megan Evans and staff members, Ms Scarlett, Mr Patterson, Mr Jones, Ms Hinch, Miss Taylor, Mr Tong and volunteers, Alexandra Canton and Jess Gallagher who escorted the students in Melbourne, along with the many teachers involved with the activities in Geelong.

Uniform/Personal Appearance

Over the next few weeks we are focussing on students' personal appearance, particularly the wearing of make-up and uniform. A reminder to all families that no student is to wear a facial piercing or any clear cap associated with that piercing.

This has been the rule of the College for many years, and it is actively enforced. It is vital that the failure of students to adhere to this and other school rules regarding their uniform and or appearance does not get in the way of their education.

Clonard Crocs

Congratulations to all the students representing the Clonard Crocs and their coach, Mr Adams, on their achievement of making the final of the girls' football competition against Leopold this weekend. We encourage as many supporters as possible to attend the Grand Final at Highton Reserve (Roslyn Road) this Sunday at 11.30am. Go Crocs! Congratulations also to Maddie Richmond (Year 10) and Bridget O'Halloran (Year 11) have received invitations to try for the Victorian u/18 Football team as well as past students, Phoebe Monahan and Lydia Swain. A great effort!

Federal Election

The following is a media release from the Director of Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, Mr Stephan Elder:

"Catholic Education calls for funding certainty in Federal Election"

All sitting MPs and candidates will be invited to Catholic schools during the federal election campaign so that they can see what will be at risk if a fair funding commitment is not made.

The Director of Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, Stephen Elder, said the campaign provides political leaders with the opportunity to assure anxious Catholic school communities that their future funding is secure.

"Victorian Catholic schools receive 37% less per student in total government funding than government schools and Catholic schools know that our future would be at risk if government funding was reduced further," Mr Elder said.

The Minister for Education, Simon Crean, is yet to make the government's position on funding clear for Catholic schools beyond the process of the school funding review currently underway. The Shadow Minister for Education, Christopher Pyne, has recently outlined the Coalition's policy on Catholic school funding beyond 2012: "The Coalition's policy to provide at least the same level of funding with indexation against government school costs will ensure federal government funding keeps pace with rising costs. Principals and school communities would welcome this certainty. "School communities will also realise continuing the current funding model will not bridge the gap between needy Catholic schools and better resourced government schools."

"More resources for students with disabilities, students at risk, early intervention and literacy and numeracy programs will all be issues of interest."

Victorian Catholic schools have a mission to serve the poor and marginalised and are widely recognised for their results and achievements. In the coming days Catholic schools across Victoria will receive further information packages to support them as they invite candidates and sitting MPs to meet with their school communities to discuss issues that are important to Catholic education.

Bereavements

Clonard College extends its sympathy to Catherine Wilkie (10B) and her mother, Sally on the passing of their father and husband, Darren. Catherine's two sisters, Hannah and Alexandra are also former students of Clonard.

Our sympathies are also extended to Adele Wilson (10W) and Meg Wilson (9W) on the passing of their grandfather during the school holidays.

Wed 28th of July Unit 3 & 4 Parent Teacher Interviews (4pm-7.30pm)

GISSA Senior and Intermediate Soccer

Thur 29th of July Senior Years Information Evening

DAV Debating Round 5

Fri 30th of July Volleyball (Div 3)

Brigidine Secondary Schools Council Meeting - Melbourne

Mon 2nd of Aug Yr 12 Group Photo

Thur 4th of Aug Achieving Potential Reports Distributed

Mon 9th of Aug Staff Professional Learning Day

Best Wishes



Damian McKew

Principal

Year 12 Parent Interviews

As in past years we have again arranged an opening for parents (and in particular students) the opportunity to come in for interviews with Year 12 staff - these will take place between 4-7.30pm on Wednesday 28th July in the Year 12 block. If you are unable to attend please do not hesitate to make contact with your daughter's subject teachers by 'phone or email (see my email address below). Students are encouraged to make the most of the opportunity (i.e to attend even if parents are themselves unable to attend). The interviews are a time for positive goal-setting and to note not only areas of concern/areas for improvement but also to affirm what your daughter is doing well. We welcome your attendance. Individual times may be booked with each teacher via the tear-off slip on the letter sent home with your daughter. Please let me know (by 'phone or email - mccmi@clonard.catholic.edu.au) if you have any inquiries.

Michael McCallum, VCE Coordinator

Picking up the Pieces This is a one day program for those in the early times of grief following the end of their relationship. This can help with the feelings of confusion and loss.

DATE: Saturday 17 July 2010

VENUE: 62 McKillop Street, GEELONG

TIME: 9am - 4.30pm

COST: \$50 (\$30 for concession holders)

Includes lunch, tea & coffee

Bookings essential - limited places.

Tabor™ Journey This is for those further down the road of grieving, but who would still like to learn from others, as well as heal the hurt, loneliness and grief they are still experiencing. This is a live-in-weekend, beginning 7.30pm Friday 6 August to 4pm Sunday 8 August, held in Templestowe.

For further information and an application form, please phone 5221 7055.

Raffle Results 2010

Drawn at 4.00pm on Friday 25th June 2010

- 1st Prize - Gold Coast Holiday
Violet Visiniovski - 5492 (SJC ticket)**
- 2nd Prize - Home Theatre System
Penny Family - 71320 (St Ignatus ticket)**
- 3rd Prize - Geelong Cats Package
Craig Bremner - 54185 (Clonard ticket)**
- 4th Prize - Jim's Mowing Service
Lynne Carter - 68720 (St Ignatius ticket)**
- 5th Prize - Apple 64Gb iPod Touch
A Ekberg - 67759 (St Ignatius ticket)**
- 6th Prize - GIANT Rock Mountain Bike
Caldow Family - 9950 (SJC)**
- 7th Prize - Roxy/Quicksilver watch
Matt Veitch - 14826 (SJC)**

Full Book Sellers Prize - 32GB Ipod tocuh

**St Joseph's College - Elizabeth Bentley
Clonard College - Allison Clarke
St Ignatius College - Mitchell Smilovic**

Thank you to everyone for a fantastic effort in support our only fund raiser. Approximately \$6,500.00 was raised.

Justice & Democracy

On the second Thursday of the holidays, the J & D girls along with students from Saint Josephs and Sacred Heart attended the holiday tutoring program, this time hosted by Sacred Heart. Around 100 Karen and Sudanese children came along for the day. It really was a great day for all involved. We took part in activities such as rock climbing, treasure hunting, movie making and cooking. It was lucky that we had such good weather. As we have been doing this for some two years now, it was lovely to be able to renew old friendships and to make new ones. As always, we agreed that the biggest thrill for us was in sharing in the children's enthusiasm and watching their confidence develop over the day. We would like to thank the staff and students involved and Sacred Heart for hosting the event. We are already looking forward to the next holiday program!

By the J & D girls



Congratulations Nicole Zammit

I was one of twelve girls from Australia to be selected to represent my country in the U19 Gems Women's Basketball team that toured to France to participate in an international tournament. The tournament was held in Reze, where I had the opportunity to play teams from all over the world- Belgium, Sweden, Czech Republic, Turkey, France, Germany and many more. Beating all teams in our division we played off in the grand final against Turkey. The stadium was filled with a crowd of loud chanting supporters, so loud that through some stages of the game I could barely hear myself think. The game was a tough contest but fortunately we won the gold medal game 76-53 and finished the tournament on top and undefeated, along with a trophy that was as tall as one of the girls on my team.

Nicole Zammit – 12W



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Check it out and let me know if there's something else you'd like added or if you have any suggestions for improvement.

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Student Art Exhibitions

Recently, a number of Clonard students have entered work in exhibitions in Ocean Grove and Melbourne. Around a dozen middle school Visual Arts students entered photography and drawings in the Ocean Grove Youth Arts Show. Their work was exhibited in the Community House last weekend, along with another two hundred works from students around the region. Congratulations to participating students and Mrs Louise Davies for the outstanding work on show.

Two Year 8 students, Ilaria Kislitsa and Tuesday King, entered work in the Amnesty International Art exhibition. In addition to their work being displayed in the **City Library Gallery** in Flinders Lane, Melbourne throughout July, Tuesday was awarded a prize for her depiction of the human right to freedom of cultural expression. All of the art included in this exhibition will be sent to Papua New Guinea women rights defenders who are going to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women hearing in New York. Congratulations to those girls who are taking these opportunities to create wonderful new works of art, and thanks to the Arts staff and in particular Marion Buckley for assistance in these endeavours.

Arts Week Volunteers

Can you knit? Paint? Make jewellery? Recycle fashion to create fabulous accessories? Make masks from modroc or other materials? If you can do these or other crafty things, or you would be keen to assist with these sorts of Arts activities, we would love to hear from you! Clonard is running a range of Arts and Crafts activities in Arts Week (10-13 August) and we are seeking parent artists/helpers to share their skills in an afternoon workshop. Please contact Janine McKenzie in the next week at mckej@clonard.catholic.edu.au or phone the office and leave your details.

Absurd Theatre at Clonard

As part of Arts Week (10-13 August), the Geelong Repertory Theatre Company's production of *The Bald Prima Donna* will be performed at the Kildare Theatre. This absurd play features former Clonard student Maddie Field, Clonard parent Melissa Musselwhite and Clonard teacher Janine McKenzie and tells the story of a dream-like dinner party that turns into a nightmare! Tickets are \$5 and available at the door on the night, Wednesday 11th August. If you would like to come early, there will be an art exhibition in the Hall, with refreshments and entertainment from 6.30pm.

Janine McKenzie - Arts Co Ordinator

CFA

As some of you will be aware CFA has been actively encouraged a diverse range of people from our community to think about fire fighting as a career choice for a few years now.

For general information relating to career firefighter recruitment check CFA's public website under "Joining CFA".

Women and Career Firefighting Information Session - 5th August
2010 Etihad Stadium 6.30pm - 8.30pm

This session is free attendees do need to register. Call Pam Mitchell on 92628841 for more information.

Important Note

CFA will be holding a "general Career Firefighter Information" session open to all in early October in Melbourne

Equestrian

The equestrian team has been very busy over the past weeks. It is great to see so many girls making an effort to compete in many of the competitions offered. The interschool championships were held in the holidays in which 35 schools were represented. Clonard finished 10th overall. It was a shame we only had 4 competitors, after we finished our events Clonard was placing first.

Congratulations to the girls on a fantastic effort

Taylah Arnott - 2nd Dressage, 4th Rider Class & 1st Smartest
Jaimie Harding - 4th Dressage, 6th Rider Class, 4th Smartest & 9th Games

Rachel Veltman - 11th Dressage & 11th Handy Mount
Ebony Elgars - 13th Dressage, 2nd Handy Mount & 4th Games

In the Showman which was a national selection event Taylah finished 7th overall, just missing selection. A great effort Taylah.

Kardinia Interschool Dressage and Show Jumping.

Jaimie Harding – 1st Champion Rider

Amy Kort - 3rd overall Stars show jumping (1.1 – 1.2m)

Rachel Veltman – 3rd dressage

Eryn Butcher – 2 x 2nd show jumping

Natasha Czerenkowski – competed in show jumping

The Barwon series involves Competitions by Geelong Grammar, Kardinia, Ballarat Grammar and Geelong College. At the end of the series there are awards for the overall series winners. Amy, Rachel, Ebony and Jaimie have completed in all three competitions so far. It would be great if all riders could support the last competition at Geelong College in September.

Thank you to all the parents and in particular Sharon Kort and Annette Harding for their support of the girls at each carnival



Ocean Grove Junior Tennis Club

The Ocean Grove Tennis Club junior section is looking for new and current players who are interested in playing the upcoming summer season. Players of all levels welcomed. There is a free round robin hit and sausage sizzle on the 25th July between 1 and 12. Any enquiries to Liz Wesols on 52552451.

Malaysian Study Tour

This year 16 Indonesian students from years 10 & 11 survived Malaysia for 2 weeks! From Year 11 - Shannen Brach, Larnie Hewat, Milly Keys, Lauren Klinger, Hayley Neville, Jacinta O'Mealley, and Kayla Wilton-Kos. From Year 10 - Jess East, Madi Fenton, Chelsea Green, Abbey Jones, Kaytlin Lowrey, Ashlea McMaster, Breanna Monahan, Eliza-Jane Rundle and Beth Sellars.

First stop was Borneo, to the Malaysian state of Sarawak. A big highlight was a hike through the Bako National Park, learning about the diverse ecosystem of plant and animal life, where some of the world's rarest flora and fauna have survived. We saw the probiscus monkey, silvered leaf monkeys, wild boar and tree viper, just to name a few. We walked out on to a bay surrounded by rocky cliffs and had lunch overlooking the South China Sea. The return hike was via the mangroves that give Bako it's name and we learnt about how the mangroves protect the coastline.

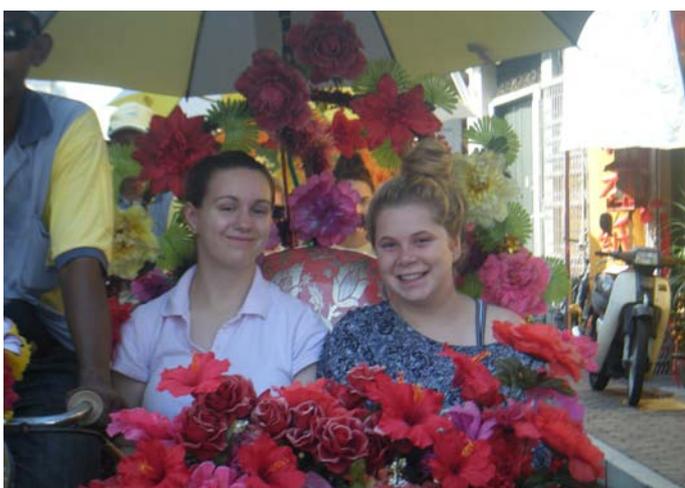
Another big highlight was the Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre, where we watched these amazing animals in their jungle habitat and it was our lucky day – the big male orangutan "Ritchie" came out of the jungle to feed.

We spent a day at the Sarawak Cultural Village, a "living museum" where the six indigenous tribes of Sarawak have built their traditional houses and live there, so that when you visit, the families are cooking and making their traditional crafts. The Iban, Bidayuh and Orang Ulu live in longhouses. The Malanau live in a tall house. The Peran are nomadic and so do not live in a house. We learnt how to cook bamboo chicken, a tradition of the Iban tribe, by stuffing pieces of chicken into a hollow bamboo tube and after adding lemongrass and tapioca leaves it was cooked over an open fire. We also learnt the Bidayuh bird dance and a Malay *joget* dance.

Back on the peninsula of Malaysia we spent 6 nights in Kuala Lumpur where the girls visited the temples of the 3 main cultural groups that make up Malaysia – the Buddhist Chinese, Hindu Indians and Muslim Malays. Out of KL, we stayed in a village homestay for 2 nights and studied the agriculture that sustains the village. We also stayed in Malacca for 2 nights, learning about the Nyonya heritage and culture.

The girls were terrific ambassadors for Clonard, especially at the Indonesian Embassy school where they participated in a role play with their students and practiced their *bahasa* chatting about family, friends and school. They now understand the heat, the diversity of the food, the richness of the culture. I thank all of them for the spirit with which they participated in a wonderful adventure. Thanks also to Ibu Anthea Hinchey for her participation and assistance.

Ibu Penny Dewar



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