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REFUGEE & MIGRANT SUNDAY – 29th AUGUST 2010

On Sunday week, the Church celebrates refugees and migrants. It is a time to raise our awareness and offer prayers for our displaced brothers and sisters.

MIGRANTS are people who have moved to a different place in search of better life opportunities. Apart from its indigenous peoples, Australia is a country of immigrants. After World War Two, thousands of people came here, both as refugees and as migrants – particularly from the British Isles, Italy and Greece, and they contributed greatly to the colourful and cultural mix which we now take for granted.

Voluntary migration has been scaled down in recent decades, and most migrants now come to Australia under the Skilled Migration Program, which sets quotas and seeks people with skills in short supply here. The 2009/10 Budget announced 108,100 places in this year's program.

REFUGEES are people who have fled from their home because of persecution or the well-justified fear of it. These people are usually (not always) in a country outside their own, where they have sought ASYLUM on grounds that would justify their being classed as a REFUGEE. A country which has signed the 1951 UN Convention relating to Refugees and the associated UN 1967 Protocol has agreed that it will not send asylum seekers back to a country where their lives will be at risk.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, through the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office, pleads the cause of refugees and asylum seekers because the Gospel compels us to do so. We remain hopeful that the hearts and minds of Australia's people will increasingly support the more humane treatment of

refugees and asylum seekers which the Federal Government began in 2008. The nation's response should be just, compassionate and consistent with our obligations under International Law and the 1951 UN Convention on Refugees and other Conventions to which Australia is a signatory.

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Clonard College,

Tomorrow, we face a Federal election. We pray for all of our political leaders that they may govern responsibly and ethically. Catholic education has now achieved a consensus from the Labor and Liberal parties to continue the current funding arrangement for Catholic schools in real terms so that federal government funding for Catholic schools keeps pace with education costs until at least the end of 2013. In contrast, the Greens' funding policy for Catholic schools is to reduce funding to Catholic schools to 2003 levels. This policy change is estimated to mean a loss of \$427 million in government funding for Catholic schools.

Other significant announcements have been made on education in recent weeks. While they appear to deliver additional resources to Catholic schools, we will cautiously consider these proposals and their implications for how Catholic schools and school systems operate.

Included with this newsletter is a release from the four Directors of Catholic Education. I would encourage you to read this document.

Arts & Science Week

Last week, we celebrated Arts week with a multitude of artistic offerings for students to take part in. A particular highlight was on Wednesday afternoon, when staff volunteered to lead student groups in a specific arts workshop. Thank you to the Coordinator for The Arts, Ms Janine McKenzie, the Arts staff and other staff who volunteered their time to make the week an enjoyable one. This week, our attentions turn to Science. A number of exciting Scientific displays and presentations were arranged for students. Thank you to the Science Domain Coordinator, Mrs Donna Jackson, and the Science teachers for their creativity and enthusiasm in making this week a success.

Yr 10 Subject Selection Interviews / Yr 8 Information Evening

Last week, subject selection interviews were held with all of our Yr 10 students and their parents. This was an opportunity to discuss career pathways and ensure that the subjects that students have selected are appropriate to their future study and career opportunities. Meeting with each of these families has been a massive task and I would like to thank, Mrs Julie Whelan,

Mr Richard Jones, Ms Penny Dewar, Mr Mike Tong, Mr Michael McCallum and Mr Ian Callaghan for their efforts in completing these interviews.

The process of determining classes for the following year and the staffing requirements that ensue is a very complex one and we encourage parents to be active in the academic decisions made by their daughters. *True North*, available to you via the school website is an invaluable tool for assisting with obtaining all the information about subjects offered at Clonard. In the next few weeks we will use the data about student selections to begin to plan staffing for 2011. For this reason students need to make confident decisions as we are not able to make large numbers of changes once the subjects to run have been determined and staff have been allocated.

Last week, an information evening was conducted for all students in Yr 8 and their families. This was an opportunity to hear about subjects that will be offered to them in 2011. It was also an opportunity to talk through some of the pressing issues confronting students in Yr 8. Thank you to our Yr 8 Coordinator, Mrs Brown and to Mr Jones for hosting this information evening.

UPBEAT Picnic

Congratulations to our student Leaders involved with CLOGS (Catholic Leaders of Geelong Schools) for their hosting of the picnic for Yr 9 & 10 students at Sacred Heart College on Wednesday. This gathering involved students from Sacred Heart, St Ignatius, St Joseph's and Clonard. The picnic was designed to raise awareness of issues associated with mental health. This was a wonderful opportunity to gather as a group with the common bond of being students from Catholic Secondary Schools in the Geelong region.

World Challenge Trivia Night/Silent Auction

Clonard and St Joseph's are jointly organising a Trivia Night/Silent Auction on Friday the 27th of August in the St Joseph's Gym. The cost is \$10 per person, with participants asked to bring their own drinks and nibbles. The funds from this evening will go towards the World Challenge Vietnam and Cambodia trip. Tickets can be purchased through the front office.

Parent Forum-Curriculum and Religious Education Review

This year, Clonard College is reviewing curriculum across all Domain areas including Religious Education. This is a chance for us to audit our current curriculum offerings and ensure that they are up to date and appropriate to current teaching practices. A vital part of this review is gathering input from students and their families. A parent forum will be held on Wednesday September the 8th at 7.30pm in the Kildare Theatre. Further information about this gathering can be found in this newsletter.

Combined Mass and Social Gathering

There will be a combined Mass and social gathering for students in Yrs 9-11 from the four Catholic Secondary Colleges in the Geelong region on Sunday the 29th of August at 6pm. The Mass will be held at St's Peter and Paul's, 1 Malone Street Geelong West. The theme for the Mass will be centred on asylum seekers. I would encourage as many of our young people in Yr 9-11 to attend this gathering.

Yr 7-10 Netball Championships

Congratulations to all students who participated in the junior and intermediate Victorian Netball School Championships at the State Netball Centre last Friday. As well as experiencing some great success, all reports were that the students' behaviour and commitment was exemplary. Thank you to those teachers involved in coaching the netball, Mrs Hewitt, Mrs Vines, Ms Hitchcock and our College Physical Education assistant Miss Taylor.

Bereavements

Clonard College extends its sympathy to the Principal of St

Joseph's College, Mr Paul Tobias on the passing of his father Ronald. We also offer our sympathy to Briana Pastore (12B) and her family on the recent passing of her Grandfather and Bianca Pietrapertosa (12G) and her family on the recent passing of her Aunty and Grandmother.

Mon 23 rd of August	Romeo and Juliet Production (Yr 10)
Tue 26 th of August	Junior Debating (Sacred Heart College)
Fri 27 th of August	World Challenge Trivia Night (St Joseph's College)
Mon 30 th of August	Stewardship Committees
Tue 31 st of August	Geelong Writers Festival (Yr 9)
Wed 1 st of September	Outdoor Education Bushwalking
Thur 2 nd of September	Achieving Potential Reports distributed

Best wishes



Damian McKew
Principal

State Netball Championships

On Friday the 13th August 30 girls from all year levels travelled to the State Netball and Hockey Centre to participate in the State Netball Championships. The senior team played 6 games and were undefeated until the last 2 rounds. The girls played extremely well. The team consisted of Katie Griffiths, Nicole Zammit, Brea Pastore, Nicole Whyte, Brittany Dietrich, Shannon McDowell, Alyssa Boardman, Holly Van Gent, Jacinta O'Meally and Bridget Byrnes. The intermediate team played 5 games and was also undefeated until their third round. The team consisted of Hannah Casey, Paige Fairchild, Kelsey Whyte, Maddi Richmond, Cassie Richmond, Caitlin Ross, EJ Rundle, Courtney Hobbs, Amelia Gallichan, Kaytlin Lowery.

The junior team played 5 games also and won all of their matches even though they lost two students with injury. The team consisted of Sarah Fernside, Holly Fenton, Elly Ryan, Felicity Weir, Hayley Wilson, Rosie Shannahan, Marissa Stepanic, Victoria Honner, Laura Watach, Kathryn Eastman. They will be returning to the State Netball and Hockey Centre to play in the finals on September the 2nd. We wish all the players in the junior team the best of luck. All students were a credit to Clonard conducting themselves appropriately and demonstrating their good sportsmanship. The next netball tournament will be held on Monday the 13th September out at Waverley and we wish all teams the best of luck.

Bronwyn Hewitt - Netball Coordinator

OH&S

Parents entering the school must report to the general office before picking up/ visiting students in their classrooms without visiting the main office to collect a Visitor's Pass. Also just a reminder that when dropping-off / picking-up students from school please refrain from bringing vehicles into school grounds as this is a great Occupational Health and Safety Issue. Thankyou for your cooperation on this matter.

RSPCA Cupcake Day

On Tuesday the 24th August, students from Clonard's Year 11 VCAL program, along with students from 8 White, will be baking, decorating and selling cupcakes to raise money for the RSPCA. You can help us support the RSPCA by buying a cupcake (or two) at lunchtime next Tuesday. Please help us help the RSPCA to assist all creatures great and small.



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[THINK YOU KNOW](#) enough about online safety and security?

What every parent and carer will want to know about safe and secure use of the Internet and mobile technologies.

VISIT the [ThinkUKnow](#) Australia website for practical information and advice about keeping kids safe online. www.thinkuknow.org.au

FIND OUT about how kids use the Internet and have fun online, including information about using:

- chat rooms
- instant messaging
- social networking
- online gaming, and more ...

BE INFORMED about how to equip young people with online safety skills to help them get the most out of the Internet and to stay in control online.

FIND OUT ABOUT HOW TO PROTECT YOUR COMPUTER, including advice about:

- firewalls
- email safety
- malware protection
- protecting your wireless network, and more ...

WHAT TO DO if things go wrong online, including how to report and important contact information

www.thinkuknow.org.au

Ms Jo Ryan
Library Services Co-Ordinator

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House Footy Report Jnrs

Tuesday 17th

Xavier 5 – 2 – 32 defeated Lelia 3 – 2 – 20

Finian 2 - 5 - 17 defeated Kildare 2 - 3 - 15

Lelia Devils with only 11 players against a full Xavier Warriors team put up a very good effort losing by 2 goals in Round 1. The other Round 1 game saw a second-half comeback from Finian Sharks to pinch victory over Kildare Dragons by 2 points.

Xavier Goal Kickers

Ruby Shanahan 2, Courtney Hart 1, Michaela Mummery 1 Emily Markham 1

Xavier Best players

Ruby Shanahan, Courtney Hart, Michaela Mummery Emily Markham

Lelia Goalkickers

Hannah Buckle, Lydia Brown

Lelia Best players

Rommi Foster, Hannah Buckle, Amy Stack, Lydia Brown, Mikayla Skilton, Catilin Rundle

Finian goalkickers

Kate Gaylard 2

Finian Best Players

Not submitted

Kildare goal kickers

Holly Fenton, Tori Honner

Kildare best players

Holly Fenton, Tori Honner, Elly Ryan, Taylor Crompton, Stefani Alimik, Janita Graham.

Clonard College and St Joseph's College
Trivia Night
& Silent Auction

Friday 27th of August 2010
7pm for a 7.30 start
\$10 per person
BYO drinks and nibbles

Fundraiser for World Challenge
Vietnam and Cambodia Trip 2010

World Challenge

16 August 2010

Dear Parent

Directors of Catholic Education, as you would expect, do not tell people how to vote. However, elections are always important times to determine future policy – particularly in education. Our 488 Catholic schools educate almost 191,000 students in Victoria so it falls to us to inform parents and schools about the implications of each political party's education policy for Catholic schools.

Labor and Liberal consensus on funding to 2013

We are pleased to announce that Catholic education has achieved a consensus from both the Labor and Liberal parties. The recurrent funding arrangements for Catholic schools are to continue – until at least the end of 2013. As a result of this consensus, Federal government funding will increase in real terms to keep pace with education costs in the government school system. This is a most welcome outcome and is an acknowledgement of the significant role Catholic education continues to play in the community. We believe that justice will be served when government funding for Catholic schools is continued on a similar basis beyond 2013.

The Greens education policy

The Greens education policy is to reduce funding to Catholic schools to 2003 levels. It is estimated that this will mean a loss of \$427 million in Government funding for Catholic schools in Australia. In such a situation Catholic education in Victoria would be forced to absorb more than \$110 million of this proposed cut. Furthermore, Catholic schools in Victoria would have no choice but to significantly raise fees, cut staff or reduce support to disadvantaged, needy and disabled students. The Greens have other policies which do not support the continuation of Catholic schools in their current form. Given their public statements, we can only assume The Greens will pursue these policies in the Federal Parliament. Further details of The Greens policies are available at www.cecv.catholic.edu.au.

Other education policies

Other significant announcements have been made on education over the last week. The proposals appear to deliver additional resources to Catholic schools and support parents, particularly with students that have special needs. Catholic education will cautiously consider these proposals and their implications for our Catholic schools.

In the interests of every Catholic school, student and family we will continue to engage and work productively with all political parties to the benefit of Catholic education.

We encourage you to consider all the issues for Catholic schools carefully. Please contact your political candidates and prompt them to consider the future direction of education policy in Australia.

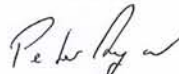
Yours sincerely



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Diocese of Sale



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Director of Catholic Education
Diocese of Sandhurst



Arts Week

Last week was Arts Week at Clonard! It was a celebration of the creative talents and skills of not only students but also staff. The major event of Arts Week was on Wednesday, when all students in Years 7-10 and most of the staff spent the afternoon in arts and crafts workshops. Mr Adams' zombie wounds workshop was a triumph of special effects makeup that gave witnesses nightmares, while the Food Tech staff taught students how to decorate cupcakes in a colourful and mouth-watering way! There were too many highlights to name them all, but some included graffiti art and chalk drawing, film editing and drumming, belly dancing and iPod cover embroidery workshops. Making friendship bands and modroc masks were also very popular.

Throughout the week, students were treated to musical concerts from the Clonard's VCE musicians as well as a touring production of Geelong Repertory's *The Bald Prima Donna*. The week wrapped up with the ever-popular 'Open Mic' lunchtime entertainment on Friday, where students perform on the steps of Clonard House.

Thanks to all students and staff who participated so enthusiastically in Arts week. Many agreed that it put colour into an otherwise very wintry week!

Janine McKenzie – Arts Co-ordinator



St Vincent de Paul Society *good works*

The St Vincent de Paul Society is a worldwide charity that continues to develop new ways of reaching to those seeking our support.

Through our programs we are able to assist with educational expenses, utilities, access to holiday homes and network with other agencies.

Come and See - Wednesday 1st September 7.30pm Hibernian Hall, Lt Myers Street, Geelong.

Clonard is currently undergoing a curriculum and RE review. The process involves us reviewing our curriculum and practices in these areas, making recommendations for further development and having these validated by a visiting panel. An important part of this process is to seek feedback from students and parents. To do this we are offering a parent forum to give you the chance to have your say and help frame the recommendations. We hope many of you can attend. More details in coming weeks. There are plans for an online survey too- look out for it!

Parent Forum @ Clonard

How are we going teaching RE and the general curriculum?

When? Wednesday September 8th, 7:30 pm

Where? Kildare Theatre, Clonard College

Come along and have your say.

Basketball

Is your daughter interested in playing basketball? Rovers Basketball Club is seeking girls who are interested in playing basketball. Games are played at the Arena in North Geelong and training is conducted at ClairvauX Primary School in Belmont. The new season starts the first week of Term 4 and runs through to the end of Term 1, 2011. Teams are graded into different divisions dependant on their ability. Rovers would also like to hear from parents who are interested in coaching a basketball team.

If your daughter is interested in playing or you are interested in coaching a team please contact: Junior Girls' Team Coordinator: Deb Hill Ph. 5222 4095 (Hm) or 0424 716 615.