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God of all Nations,

*You call us
to be people
of justice and
faith.*

*Hear the
prayers that we
put before you
as we continue
to learn of the
effects of the
recent floods in Pakistan.*

*We pray for and remember the 1,600 people in
Pakistan who have lost their lives in the recent floods
and for their families and friends who continue to
mourn their loss.*

*We pray for the 20 million people whose homes,
bridges, schools, water facilities and farmland have
been destroyed by the floods.*

*May they receive the practical support and assistance
to rebuild their lives, families and communities.*

*We pray for all the people who are providing life-saving
emergency aid and assistance to those in need.*

*May their commitment be strengthened as they
witness the courage and compassion of those they
serve.*

AMEN



Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Clonard College

A humanitarian disaster of massive proportions has hit Pakistan with an estimated 20 million people affected by the worst floods the country has seen in decades.

The floods began in late July after heavy monsoon rain fell over the Indus River basin – the floods are the worst the country has seen in decades, killing more than 1,600 people and affecting an estimated 20 million people – almost equal to the population of Australia. Floodwaters have contaminated water sources and damaged pipes so people have little or no access to clean water or sanitation, increasing the risk of water-borne diseases.

The floods have also affected many Afghan refugees. Pakistan has 1.7 million refugees; the highest number of refugees in any country in the world. At least two refugee camps housing thousands of families have been washed away.

Caritas Australia has launched the South Asia Floods Appeal – Pakistan and is responding through our international Caritas network. Donations can be made on line: <https://www.caritas.org.au/source/Donation/> or by phoning toll free 1800 024 413. This week, we have asked students to support the work of Caritas

in Pakistan by making a donation of whatever they can afford. With all of the publicity surrounding the Federal election over recent months, it is feared that one of the greatest humanitarian disasters is going largely unnoticed by the Australian people.

Uniform and Absence

There are a number of issues affecting your daughters at school for which we seek your support. The good name of Clonard relies on students following the uniform rules- rules that the students know very well. Currently we are particularly concerned about **shoes and school bags**. Please ensure that your daughters have these school items and use them. Next week there will be a special focus on all aspects of uniform but particularly on these. If students need to bring another bag to school for some reason, we would prefer that the extra bag be **inside** their school bag. Under no circumstances is the school bag to be replaced by another type.

For your information, the College's secondhand uniform shop will be open this term on the 16th September, 7th October and 21st October from 12.30pm - 1.15pm or by appointment by contacting the General Office on 52782155.

Success at school is closely linked to students feeling connected to school and attending as many classes as possible. We remind parents to ring the general office when students are absent; this saves staff contacting parents unnecessarily to follow up students who are not in class.

World Challenge Trivia Night/Silent Auction

Congratulations to all the students involved in the World Challenge Trivia Night fundraiser at St Joseph's. Around 250 people took part in the evening with a sizable amount of money raised to complete the assigned projects in Vietnam later in the year.

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. Next week, we will gather for what is a vital part of this review. A parent forum will be held this coming Wednesday September the 8th at 7.30pm in the Kildare Theatre. Your attendance will assist us in attaining a parental insight into Clonard's curriculum offerings.

Reenrolment Forms

On Wednesday of this week, reenrolment forms were distributed to all current families. These forms must be returned no later than Thursday the 16th of September. Once again we are experiencing a high demand for entry into Yr 8-12 (2011) so it is vital that we are aware of any students that are leaving the College at the end of this year.

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will take place on Thursday the 16th of September (4pm-7.30pm) and Friday the 17th of September (9am-12pm). The booking of these interview times will follow the same process from the first semester. If there are parents who find that they are unable to access some of their daughter's teachers at these interviews, I would ask that you contact me here at the College or via email, principal@clonard.catholic.edu.au where I will assist in arranging the necessary feedback.

Please note that the College Office will close at 3pm on Friday the 17th of September.

Congratulations

Congratulations to staff member, Tracey Newnham and her partner Wes on the recent arrival of Liam Voyage Crooke.

Bereavements

Clonard College extends its sympathy to Stephanie Degoldi (10Y) and her mother, Angela and sisters, Olivia and Georgina on the passing of their father and husband, Michael.

Thur 9th of September
Fri 10th of September
Mon 13th of September
Thur 16th of September

Junior DAV Debating
Yr 8 Medieval Day
SCSA Netball Div 2
Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews (4pm-7.30pm)
Yr 12 English Trial Exam (9am-12.15pm)
Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews (9am-12pm)
End of Term 3
College Office Closes at 3pm

Fri 17th of September

Best Wishes



Damian McKew
Principal

TITLE : AYLA FINLAYSON is a Melbourne *Alliance Française* finalist !

The abridged letter below (my bold typeface) speaks volumes. In 18 years of doing the *Alliance Française* poetry competition, this is a first for Clonard. We are immensely proud of Ayla (Year 9) and her performance. She is already a winner! So too, are those who participated from Year 9 to Yr 12, especially to those who received an honourable mention. *BRAVO A TOUTES!*

The French teaching team.

Dear all,

Last **Saturday, the 7th August**, we held the Year 3 to 10 finals of the **Berthe Mouchette poetry competition** at the Alliance Francaise in St. Kilda.

460 finalists recited their poems and a number of Y9 and Y10 students also sat the written test. The weather was superb and the students and their families enjoyed the day.

I would like to mention that this day has been a highlight of the competition. I had the opportunity to meet with many of the students and I was very impressed with their behaviour, their

laughter and a little nervousness minutes prior to meeting the judges. I don't think I have received so many hugs from so many people in one day.

I would like to remind you that the announcement of the final laureates will be disclosed at the completion of the competition... following 21st of August, final day of examining. You will be notified as soon as the results are published on our website.

Thank you to have once again brought French poetry into your school and for having worked with your students to practice and recite the selected poems.

Kind regards, Karine John Competition Coordinator

OHS at Clonard

Dear parents, the school has been focussing upon our practices and processes to eliminate OH&S concerns and in turn make the school a safer environment for both the students and staff.

Can we please ask that parents / guardians report to the office at all times and not just turn up to a student's pastoral care room / subject room to collect their daughter or drop off items such as their lunch, bags, school books, etc. **To avoid having unfamiliar people wandering through the school yard all parents / guardians should report to the office and your daughter will then be located and collected by a member of the office staff.**

We have asked staff to approach people in the school yard that do not have a **visitor's lanyard** around their neck. Obviously you can move through the yard to get to the main office without having to worry about this however if you turn up at a teachers classroom you should be directed to the main office by the teacher. The office staff will manage the situation.

We would also like to ask parents to avoid bringing vehicles into the school grounds during the school day. In an ideal world we would attempt to remove all vehicles from the school grounds however this is presently not possible. If we can avoid vehicles entering and departing the grounds throughout the school day we will limit the chance of a student or staff member being struck by a car.

The 8th Annual 1940s

Swanky Swing Party

Featuring,

- * **Clonard College Concert Band**
- * **"Big AIs Allstars"** - 18 piece sing combo featuring the students of Clonard College
- * **"Swing It"** - 8 piece neo swing and jump jive band

Plus

Swing Dance demonstrations and lesson from "Swing Patrol"

A night not to be missed

Saturday, Oct 9th
The Clonard College Hall
7.30pm till midnight
Tickets \$16 (Children 12 and under \$10)
available from Clonard College Office

South Street Success!

Recently, nine students from Years 9-11 travelled to Ballarat for two days of competition in the prestigious Royal South Street Eisteddfod. A three-month long performing arts competition, our students participated in the Speech and Drama section. This included giving prepared and impromptu readings from the bible, novels and poetry as well as performing from memory poems and prose. Some students also gave dramatic performances from plays and most competed in the prepared speech section.

Students competed in eleven sections with very pleasing results: 7 Firsts, 3 Seconds, 5 Thirds, 3 Honorable Mentions and 11 Highly Commended. In addition to these placings, Maddie Bone of Year 10 was invited into the Louis Dunn Prize, a section for three competitors in the Open category who gained the highest points in six earlier sections. Maddie brushed up her performance of Nora from *A Doll's House* that she had prepared in first semester for Performing Arts and produced a compelling and focused characterisation, which, unfortunately did not take out the prize.

Congratulations to all of the competitors for their hard work, commitment and wonderful camaraderie: Maddie Bone, Merry Campbell, Claire Findlay, Libby Gilham, Sarah Haywood, Georgia Keam, Kinesha Pendock, Beth Rogers and Danielle Visnjovski.

Ms Janine McKenzie - Drama Co Ordinator

On Thursday the 19th of August, nine girls from Clonard headed up to Ballarat for the Royal South Street Eisteddfod for two days of speech and drama competition. Knowing the standard would be very high, we went not only to compete, but to have fun. From our visit to 'Davinci's' for dinner, to our brief detour to the Sovereign Hill Lolly Shop- the two days were filled with great moments both inside the competition and out. Taking home more than thirty places between the nine of us, we did exceptionally well in highly competitive fields. Congratulations to all the girls who competed, your participation and enthusiasm made the two days absolutely fantastic, and thank you to Ms Mckenzie for all of her hard work and commitment.

Claire Findlay



Walking Champions!

In the recent Australian All-schools Championships held in Brisbane two of our students came home with gold medals! Jmara Hockley-Samon of Year 9 is now the U-16 Australian Champion for the 5km walk. Jmara received 2 gold medals; one for individual results and one for the Victorian team. Megan Walker of Year 7 also came home with a gold medal for her efforts in the U-14 Victorian Team. Megan also came 7th in the 3km event. We congratulate the girls on the hard work and effort that goes into achieving such commendable results.



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Clonard Library Online

It's really easy to access library resources from home. Just go to the Clonard homepage, select 'Connect to Clonard' and click on the link provided. This will take you straight to the **library's homepage**.

Blogging is a great way to start producing web content. You might like to read some of the **blogs** listed on the library homepage. **The Clonard Review** is written by our students. Feel free to leave a comment (n.b. I moderate this site which means all comments are checked before they appear on the blog, so don't worry if your comment is not there immediately.)

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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Child Protection Sunday
Sunday 12 September 2010
at the conclusion of Child Protection Week

The theme for this year is

WORKING TOGETHER TO CREATE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

We fly white balloons to acknowledge what our school is doing to provide a safe environment.

Joining with others in this awareness raising campaign we proclaim to our school and to society at large our determination to protect young people and to stop child abuse wherever it occurs