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An Old Gaelic Rune

I saw a stranger yestreen;
I put the food in the eating place,
Drink in the drinking place,
Music in the listening place;
And, in the sacred name of the Triune,
He blessed myself and my house,
My cattle and my dear ones,
And the lark said in her song:

Often, often, often, Goes the Christ in the stranger's guise;
Often, often, often, Goes the Christ in the stranger's guise.

--Anon.

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Clonard College,

The first four weeks of Term 2 have been full and rich ones in which many of our students, with the strong support of staff, have embraced a diverse range of opportunities across the curriculum and co-curriculum. Teams of students have ably represented the College in academic and sporting competitions whilst others have shown commitment to practice and preparation in academic and co-curricular pursuits. Congratulations to all students who through their commitment and participation in various activities have enhanced life at Clonard College.

Open Day and Enrolments for 2011

It was with great pride that we opened the school to the general public on Sunday 2nd of May. The classrooms and school grounds looked wonderful and many interesting examples of student work on display provided a great testament to the engaging learning that is being undertaken within the learning program. It was mentioned to me on numerous occasions how wonderful it was to be guided around the College by the students. I am steadfast in my conviction that there is no better advertisement for our College than our current students. I thank the students and staff who gave up their Sunday to assist at Open Day and who provided detailed information to visitors. I would also like to express my gratitude to those people who attended our working bee on Saturday the 1st of May; your efforts ensured that our facilities and grounds sparkled on the day. In particular I would like to thank the College Open Day Committee, Mr Williams, Mr Jones, Mr Harriott and Mrs Clark along with our grounds staff, Mr Lynch, Mr Cyran, Mr Trimble and Mr Marosfalvi ensured that all was in readiness for a wonderful day.

Yr 8 Camp

Last week half of our Yr 8 students had the opportunity to attend a camp in the Otways. Somewhat challenged by the weather, the students returned full of stories regarding their experiences. Thank you to our Yr 8 Coordinator, Mrs Brown, and to staff members: Mrs Blythe, Ms Power, Mr Tong, Mr McInerney and Mr Patterson for their efforts in facilitating this experience. I would also like to thank our parent volunteers, Karen Branch, Wayne Miller, Allan Howie, Allan Rundle and Craig Neil along with student teacher volunteer, Naomi Rennie. Next week

the other half of our Yr 8 students will attend their camp.

Mothers Day Breakfast

Last week the annual Mothers' Day Breakfast was held for our Yr 12 students and their mothers. This was a lovely opportunity to give thanks to some of the mothers in our community for their devotion and support. Thank you to Mrs Dawson, the Yr 12 Pastoral Care teachers and other members of staff for their assistance with this breakfast.

Funding Review of Catholic Schools

On 15 April, 2010, the Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, announced that a review of school funding arrangements will commence in 2010 and conclude in 2011. This is the first time since 1973 that funding arrangements for all schools have been reviewed. The review will draw from the best available evidence from Australia and around the world. The aim of the process is to be fair and transparent and not advantage one system over another.

All Australians, with an interest in school funding, will be given the opportunity to contribute and build the strongest possible platform for long-term investment and improvements in educational outcomes beyond 2012. The review will examine all funding to all schools. The review will be transparent, open and consultative. As a first step, the Australian Government will be consulting on the terms of reference for the review, before moving into the review itself, later in the year.

Further information on the consultations and how you can participate in the review will be published in the coming weeks. On 30th April, 2010, the Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, announced the expert panel leading the Review of Funding for Schooling and released the draft terms of reference and a discussion paper. The panel of notable Australians will be lead by Chairman, David Gonski AC, an eminent businessman and philanthropist, who is also the Chancellor of the University of NSW and chairman of the Australian Securities Exchange, Coca-Cola Amatil and Investec Bank. The panel will also include Ken Boston AO, the former Director-General Department of Education and Training (NSW); Carmen Lawrence, former Federal Minister and Premier of WA and current Professorial Fellow in the Institute of Advanced Studies at the University of Western Australia; Kathryn Greiner AO, current Deputy Chancellor at Bond University and chairman of Australian Hearing; and Peter Tannock AM, noted international educationalist and former Vice-Chancellor at University of Notre Dame Australia.

The discussion paper will provide Australians with information about how schools are currently funded; issues that may influence future funding and questions that could inform the scope of the review. It also includes a draft Terms of Reference. These draft terms of reference will be open for comment from the education sector until the end of May. Once the terms of reference are settled and approved, everyone with an interest in schooling will have the opportunity to contribute their views and address the terms of reference. Further details will follow on how you can contribute once published.

Daly River/Santa Teresa

As we approach Reconciliation Week (week commencing the 23rd of May) it is fitting that this week we farewell our students and staff who will be spending a week working with the indigenous communities in Santa Teresa and Daly River. Over a number of years at Clonard, diligent and determined efforts have been made to develop stronger indigenous perspective throughout the curriculum, enabling our students to learn about the indigenous culture. I have had the opportunity to speak with a number of students who have been to part of the Santa Teresa immersion-trip and I have been inspired by the profound effect that this experience has had on their own personal development.

A General Assembly will be held on Friday May 28th (12.25pm) celebrating Reconciliation week. Any parents and friends able to attend are welcome to do so. I would like to wish our students and staff (Mrs Whelan, Ms Evans, Mrs Brodrick and Mrs Vines) God's Blessings as they depart for what I believe has the potential to be a life changing experience.

Generations in Jazz-Stage Bands Awards

This weekend 18 of our students from Yr's 8-12 will be competing in the Generations of Jazz-Stage Bands Awards in Mt Gambier. Thank you to Ms Wilson and Mr Cox for giving our students the opportunity to compete in a National competition.

Asylum seekers: myths and facts

In a continuation of our myths and facts series regarding Asylum seekers taken from the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project, the following information is provided.

Myth 3: Refugees who get to Indonesia should stay there and not come to Australia

Fact: Very few countries between the Middle East and Australia provide real or permanent protection for asylum seekers. Australia represents the first reasonable opportunity to apply for protection.

Indonesia does not offer genuine safety or durable solutions. Observers have described Indonesian detention centres as 'hugely overcrowded' and conditions as 'horrendous'. On average, the waiting time until a claim is finalised by the UNHCR is ten years. Even after they are registered, refugees cannot seek employment, send their children to school, apply for a family reunion or apply for residency

Brigidine Leadership Gathering

Last Friday and Saturday, the College Leadership Team, along with Sr Geraldine and Sr Reba, attended a gathering of Leaders from Brigidine Schools in Victoria, South Australia, New South Wales and Queensland along with many Brigidine Sisters from the Victorian and New South Wales provinces who are involved in education. The gathering was entitled "Enlivening the Fire-Leadership and Governance of a Brigidine School." The Leadership Seminar gave us the opportunity to gather together as the trustees, principals and leadership team members so that together we can ensure that Brigidine Secondary Schools such as Clonard are vibrant places of learning in the Brigidine tradition.

Bereavements

The College extends its sympathy to Mikayla Stephens (Yr 7W) and family on the passing of her Grandmother.

Fri 14 th of May	Daly River Students Depart
Fri 14 th of May	Mt Gambier Music Camp Depart
Sat 15 th of May	Santa Teresa Students Depart
Sun 16 th of May	Mt Gambier Music Camp Students Return
Mon 17 th of May	Stewardship Committees Meet at 5pm
Wed 19 th of May	Yr 8 Camps Depart
Thur 20 th of May	Yr 7 & 10 Immunisations
Sat 22 nd of May	Santa Teresa/Daly River Students Return
Sun 23 rd of May	Reconciliation Week

Best Wishes

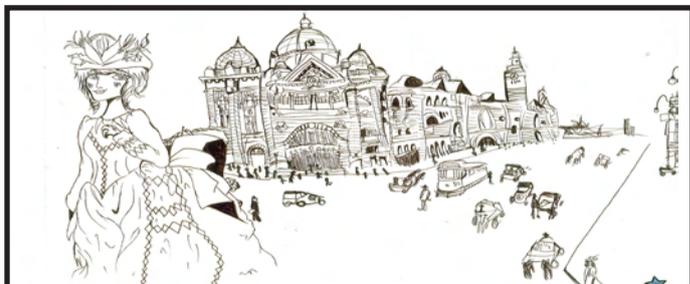


Damian McKew

Principal

Barwon Grange Art Competition

Recently, Barwon Grange hosted the Geelong Heritage Festival, a weekend festival that included tours of National Trust properties, musical and dramatic performances and an art competition. A number of Clonard students submitted sketches and drawings that depicted 19th Century fashion and architecture. Co-ordinated and supported by Marion Buckley, one of Clonard's support staff who works chiefly with the Arts faculty, Clonard students submitted work of an outstanding nature. A First Prize Special Award was given to Year 8 Clonard student Ilaria Kisliitsa, with her depiction of Flinders Street station in ink (pictured below). A First Prize was also awarded to Angela Santro of Year 9, whose three sketches in pencil of historical dresses were praised for their beauty and authenticity. Maddison Betts of 7 Blue was awarded a First Prize for her drawing of Ned Kelly in the Melbourne Gaol. Receiving Excellence Awards were Malithi Karunaratne and Amy Sykes of 8 Blue and Nicole Goodall of 7 Blue. Emily Forrest of Year 8 received a Highly Commended award. Congratulations to the girls and thanks to Mrs Buckley and the wonderful Art teachers who are fostering the skills and talents of Clonard students.



Showcase Performance a Success!

Last week, the Middle School Performing Arts class presented an outstanding showcase of great scenes of the 20th Century. The Showcase included scenes from *The Importance of Being Earnest*, *A Doll's House*, *The Crucible*, *The Maids*, *The House of Bernarda Alba*, *Educating Rita*, *Endgame* and *Marat/Sade*, to name a few. Students in Years 9 and 10 worked consistently and courageously this semester to produce sophisticated work that entertained and impressed their audiences. It was wonderful to watch their camaraderie off-stage, as well as their control

and confidence on-stage. Congratulations to the girls on their achievements, and thanks to all who attended for your support and feedback.

Janine McKenzie

East Timor Day at SJC

On Wednesday 21st April the Geelong-Viqueque Friendship Association hosted a day for students from both primary & secondary schools in the Geelong region to learn about life in East Timor. Clonard College was represented by 12 students from years 7 and 9. It is obvious from the following reports that the girls valued the opportunity to gain insights into East Timor's culture & language. Clonard has received a sister school in Viqueque and we hope to be able to develop links despite the distance and lack of electronic communication.

"When we spent the day at SJC learning about East Timor it was a fun day and we did lots of activities. My favorite activity was the "Music & Dance" workshop. We learnt to sing a Timorese song with the winner of the first East Timorese Idol competition. We also learnt some traditional Indonesian dance movements. It was an enjoyable day and we learnt heaps." **Tahlia Fursland 7R**

"When I went to the East Timor day I didn't know what to expect but I learnt many things about East Timor that I never knew before. I was very interested to watch the slide show of life in East Timor, especially the small villages between Dili and Viqueque. I learnt about food, the handcraft of weaving, music and dance, and about the poverty of their schools. I really enjoyed the workshop during which I wrote a letter in Tetum (the Timorese language) to a student in Viqueque and I hope I get a reply soon. The day was fabulous and I would love to do it again." **Janita Graham 7W**

"We learnt that the lifestyle in East Timor is very harsh and very demanding due to the extreme poverty there. We were shocked to learn that they were forced to study at school in Portugese because their real language is Tetum. Many children have to walk for between 1 - 2 hours every day just to get to school and then walk home again! We had lots of fun with the East Timorese who taught us lots about their country and way of life. Our favorite activity was the "Music & Dance" workshop and also the "Cooking Workshop". We wish we could do it all again!!" **Jaimee Fairchild & Jemma Singleton 7Y**

On Friday 21st May @7pm Xanana Gusmao's film "A Hero's Journey" is being shown by the Geelong-Viqueque Friendship Association in the Clonard theatre. \$5 donation at the door. This movie tells the story of East Timor's struggle for independence & follows Gusmao's leadership in the resistance movement that led to him becoming East Timor's first President.

Penny Dewar



SENIOR GIRLS FOOTBALL REPORT – Clonard 2 shines brightly!!

To allow the Girls Interschool Football Competition to flow through the day without a Bye, Clonard volunteered to run a second team, Clonard 2. Captained by Andrea Cameron and Maia Pawlak, the team comprised all Year 12 students plus Kara Shuttleworth from Year 11 who volunteered to help out the 19 member team (thanks Kara!) and played very well!

The team played last year's competition winner, Christian College, in the first round and kicking against a strong wind found themselves 2 goals down at half time. However, with Holly van Gent and Jodie Desira taking control in the backline we managed to push the ball forward enough times to kick a couple of great goals (courtesy of Mahnee Cooke and Lucy Sheahan). In the tense final minutes Andrea Cameron, Sam Astanin and Maia Pawlak played tough footy but it wasn't to be enough, the team going down by 3 points in a nail-biter.

In the second round we faced off against Kardinia and whilst the opposition converted a goal first, the Clonard girls, through Bri Pastore, Lucy Sheahan and Kyla Batholomeusz, kept driving the ball into our forward line with Lucy and Andrea scoring goals. In the second half, Jodie was impassable at full-back, taking 5 or 6 marks on the very last line. Mahnee and Lucy did well on ball, with Maia winning many ruck knock-outs. A win to Clonard 2 by 3 points was another close-fought result.

Clonard 2, starting to suffer from a shortage of numbers with only 2 on the interchange, then faced arch-rivals Sacred Heart in the third round. Despite Sacred Heart dominating in the first half (scoring 3 goals 2 points and holding Clonard scoreless) the girls were determined to improve in the second half. Ankle injuries to Andrea Cameron and Holly Van Gent meant no interchange moves could be made and so Maia Pawlak was moved to full back and Katie Griffiths shifted into the ruck. Coach McCallum implored the team to take it up to Sacred Heart and admitted losing count after 25 tackles in that ensuing 20 minute period – it was tough unrelenting pressure which saw the Sacred Heart girls caught with the ball on a regular basis and when Sophia Lubzcenko slotted through a major from the pocket we were only 2 goals down. However, despite being held scoreless in the second half, Sacred Heart held on to win by 2 goals (the closest any team got to them all day). Whilst there isn't any great joy in a loss, the number of tackles and smotherings by Mahnee, Jodie, Bri, Katie, a fast running Kyla ("I am strong") meant the girls outplayed Sacred Heart comprehensively against the wind in the second half.

In the final round Clonard 2 were pitted against St. Ignatius and scored three goals (Bri Pastore, Katie Griffiths and Tash Gillett) to the opposition's solitary major to win comfortably. It was again fantastic to see the run and dash of Kyla, Ash Hill and Laura Stepancic and continued strong tackling by Mahnee, Maia, Jess Taylor, Julia O'Connor and Adele Barr.

One highlight, in game 2, was the release of our secret weapon, Alex Dingli into the fray – although running more like a new born foal at times (and whilst no possessions were actually credited to her), Alex's efforts to squeal and laugh when the ball came near gave great heart and humour to the contest.

It was a fantastic event to take part in and the girls were a credit to Clonard and themselves. Despite being literally formed in the days leading up to the competition, and most girls not knowing where they were playing, they applied great determination and, importantly, displayed a terrific sense of sportsmanship and fun. Bri Pastore won the team's Best Player of the Day medallion but it was a fantastic team effort. Thanks to Mr Adams for all his organisation too. Well done one and all!

Michael McCallum

Year 12 mid-Year exams and the General Achievement Test

In the week commencing Monday 7th June the following exams will take place

Tuesday 8 June	9:00 am – 10:45 am Unit 3 Biology	11:45 am – 1:30 pm Unit 3 Physics	2:45 pm – 4:30 pm Unit 3 Accounting
Wednes- day 9 June	9:00 am – 10:45 am Unit 3 Psychology	11:45 am – 1:30 pm Unit 3 Chemistry	2:45 pm – 4:30 pm Unit 3 Enviro Science
Thursday 10 June	10:00 am – 1:15 pm General Achievement Test (GAT)		

The General Achievement Test ('The GAT') is a state-wide test to be held this year on **Thursday 10th June** from **10.00am to 1.15pm** (no student may leave early). Those Year 11's enrolled in at least one Unit 3/4 subject will sit the GAT. Also, **all Year 12's** who are completing at least one Unit 3/4 VCE subject will be sitting the GAT at the same time on the same date.

Students have been advised to refer to the VCAA website (<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/vce/exams/gat/aboutgat.html>) for copies of:

- past GAT papers,
- FAQ's about the GAT,
- the content of the GAT and
- how it is used.

Copies of the 2009 paper will be placed on the pin-up boards in the Year 11 foyer and in the ILC over the coming week. In addition to the VCAA's explanations about use of the GAT, Universities such as La Trobe have suggested (see <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/apply/undergraduate-study/general-achievement-test>) they might look at GAT results if a student is just below the ATAR score (formerly known as the ENTER) required for a particular course.

Other important information:

- The GAT is a general knowledge exam made up of two writing tasks and 70 multi-choice questions completed over three hours (plus 15 minutes reading time)- see above date and time.
- The GAT will take place in the Year 11 rooms and the ILC. Lists will be posted in the Year 11 block and in the ILC prior to the GAT showing each student's name and the room in which they will be sitting the GAT.
- Students do not need to memorise their VCAA Student Number as each student will be allocated a desk with a card recording the student's name and VCAA number.
- Like all Unit 3/4 exams, the GAT will be supervised by external exam supervisors and all students are to wear full school uniform.
This information has also been posted on the College intranet for Year 11 and 12 students and briefings are planned for those students scheduled to sit the GAT.

Any inquiries may be directed to our VCE Coordinator Mr Michael McCallum (email address if this is more convenient is mccmi@clonard.catholic.edu.au).



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Careers Info

Years 9 - 11

Important Diary Dates

- The **National Careers & Employment Expo**, Fri 21-Sat 22 May
Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre. www.eocexpo.com.au
- **Herald Sun Careers Expo**, Fri 30 July-Sun 1 Aug, Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre.
- **'Focus on Melbourne'** University seminar series (various faculties);
Register/Information: ph 8344 6543 or www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focusonmelbourne
- **'At Monash'** University seminar series (various faculties); **Book:** www.monash.edu.au/atmonash
- **UMAT** – Register by 9 June; Test date: 28 July 2010; see <http://umat.acer.edu.au>

Website of the fortnight.....

Want to check out where you can obtain a qualification? Find out about over 1,800 accredited courses by going to:
www.tafe.vic.gov.au

COMPUTER GAMES BOOT CAMP!

Year 9-12's have the opportunity to attend a computer games boot camp, a seven day event on everything connected to computer games. Interested in becoming a professional gamer, building and designing games or simply playing games? Then this is for you. **When:** 3-9 July; **Where:** Monash Uni, Clayton; **Cost:** Free; **Info/reg'n:** www.infotech.monash.edu.au/promotion/games-boot-camp/.

'AT MONASH' Series of seminars

This series provides an opportunity to hear from staff, current students and graduates.

Dates/Topics in May: 11th **Pharmacy**; 12th **Architecture**; 17th **Occupational Therapy**; 19th **Business and Economics**; 20th **Engineering**; 25th **Science**.

All commence at 6.30pm; **Bookings:** www.monash.edu.au/atmonash.

ADF GAP YEAR

The **Australian Defence Force Gap Year** program provides an opportunity for young people who have finished Year 12 in the previous two years to experience continuous military training and lifestyle before going on to study. You must apply online for the Gap Year and applications are open from **1 May to 31 May 2010**. Applications are for **Navy or Army only**. Applications are based on **merit**. **Information and applications:** www.defencejobs.gov.au/gapyear

MEDICINE AT DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

With shortages of doctors, particularly in rural, regional and outer metropolitan areas, there has never been a better time to consider a career in medicine. The Deakin medical school at the Geelong Waurn Ponds campus, offers the Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery (BMBS), a four-year, graduate-entry program preparing students for practice in a range of health care settings. The first two years are at Geelong, while the third and fourth are in placements where students gain clinical experience in hospitals, general practice and community-based settings. Students come from a variety of academic backgrounds. **Find out more at a medicine information session. When/Where:** 6.00pm, Thurs 20 May, Room 1.006 (Peter Thwaites Lecture Theatre), Building ia, Waurn Ponds campus, **Geelong**. **Contact:** www.deakin.edu.au/hmnbs

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