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*Lord Jesus,
you appeared to your disciples after the
Resurrection and filled their hearts with joy when you
said to them, 'Peace be with you!'
Come also into the midst of this community.
Bring us to the peace of your presence,
and may your joy overflow in us
like the risen sun.
Then with your apostle Thomas we will greet you
with a joyful shout:*

*'My Lord and my God!'
(Fr Lucien Deiss, Come Lord Jesus)*

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Clonard College,

Welcome back to Term 2. People often comment to me how quickly the school holidays pass by. I trust that parents have enjoyed the daily company of their daughters and that students will be returning to the College ready to do their best as they face the many challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

As you are aware, Parent-Teacher-Student interviews were held on the last two days of Term One. These provided parents and students with the opportunity to hear feedback from their teachers regarding their progress thus far. It is important that students act upon the advice that they have received from their teachers. In working together, I am sure that all students can continue to improve their achievement levels.

I would encourage parents who were unable to attend these meetings to make contact with the teachers of their daughters so that they can remain fully informed regarding their daughter's academic progress.

Welcome

This term we welcome the following students:

Amy Finn (Yr 8), Ameliah Starcevic (Yr 9) and Joanne Simpson (Yr 11).

We also welcome the following staff:

- Mrs Wendy Breer who replaces Mrs Sarah Fish (Maternity Leave) for twelve months.
- Mrs Meagan Hinch who replaces Mrs Ritva Fazio (leave) as the Science Laboratory Technician for the next two terms.
- Mrs Stephanie Speight who will be working part time as a Library Technician.
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Mrs Jennifer Lyon will be absent for the first two weeks of term on leave and arrangements have been made to replace her classes.

I would like to express my gratitude to Mrs Vicki Adler and Mrs Sue Bath for their efforts in covering the shortfall in library staff during Term One.

Refugee Activity Day

During the holidays the students involved in the Tutoring Program for refugee students at some of our local primary schools organised an activities day for these students with leaders and staff from St Joseph's College and Sacred Heart College. A wonderful day of activities for the 98 students present took place at Clonard. Thank you to the students involved and to staff members Ms Anthea Hinchey and Ms Jo Ryan who coordinated the day. It is on days like this that we celebrate our College theme for 2010-Be Faithful to our Catholic Heritage. It is important that as a Catholic Community we continue through our actions to support our refugee families.

Swine Flu Vaccine

The Department of Health advises that the FREE vaccine to protect against H1N1 Influenza 2009 (Swine Flu) is still available. Advice from the Department of Health indicates that H1N1 Influenza 2009 is expected to return to Australia for a second wave and probably much earlier than the normal flu season based on experience from the northern hemisphere. Further advice is that it is particularly important to vaccinate children, adolescents and young adults as pandemic (H1N1) 2009 influenza spreads more readily in these age groups and children under the age of five years had the highest rates of hospitalisation in the first wave of the pandemic.

New Participation Age Requirements

The compulsory school age has been increased to meet the participation requirement agreed by Council of Australian Governments (COAG) on 2nd July 2009. The agreed participation requirement includes:

- A mandatory requirement for all young people who have completed Year 10, to participate full-time (defined as 25 hours per week) in education, training or employment, or a combination of these activities, until age 17.

In Victoria, meeting this requirement has been achieved by increasing the compulsory school age from 16 to 17 years, including an exemption that if Year 10 has been completed, a student can leave school to participate in employment and/or education and training at another organisation. Therefore, from 1st January 2010, all Victoria students must complete Year 10. After Year 10 and until the age of 17 students must be:

- In school, or registered for home schooling; OR
- In approved education or training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship), OR
- In full time paid employment, OR

- In a combination of 1, 2 and or 3 for a minimum of 25 hours per week.

Sacred Heart College

Congratulations to Sacred Heart College Newtown as this year they celebrate their 150th anniversary. Celebrations will take place this coming Sunday the 18th of April with a Mass commencing at 10.30am. This will be followed by an afternoon of fun activities and entertainment. The Clonard College Community expresses their congratulations to Sacred Heart College Community on this significant occasion.

Community Service

On Wednesday of this week our students completing their Community Service Units hosted residents from aged care facilities, Brentwood, Bupa in Barabool and Chesterfield for afternoon tea along with students from Grade 1 & 2 at Herne Hill Primary School for an afternoon of activities and entertainment. Thank you to the students and staff members who coordinated and hosted the visitors at Clonard. Thank you to all staff and students involved, especially, Mrs DeJong and the Yr 10 class for preparing afternoon tea, and to Mr Cox and Ms Wilson for coordinating the music for the afternoon. Also, to Mrs Jackson, Mrs Whelan, Mrs Lauder and Mrs Waller who have worked with our Community Service student groups.

Open Day and Enrolments for 2011

The Clonard College Open Day will be held on Sunday May the 2nd with sessions commencing at 10.30am and 2pm. As in previous years, Open Day gives the College an opportunity to showcase the many curricular and co curricular opportunities that exist at the College. Students are being approached to lead tour groups and various class activities will occur throughout the day. I would like to encourage the involvement of our current students in assisting on this day. There is no better advertisement for the College than its students and therefore have a high level of student participation is vital in making Open Day a success.

Applications for Yr. 7 (2011) enrolment close on Friday the 14th of May. Interviews of all applicants will begin on Thursday May 20th (1.30pm-8pm) with letter of offer to be sent by the end of Term 2.



Working Bee

Our annual Working Bee in preparation for the College Open Day will take place on Saturday, May 1st, 9am-12pm followed by a BBQ lunch. All assistance on this day will be greatly appreciated. Specific details of this working bee are included with this newsletter

Bereavements The Clonard College community extends its sympathy to:

Zoe Foster (Yr 9) her parents, Mary and Greg and family on the passing of Liam.

Amelia Giddings (Yr 10) and Rebecca (former student) on the passing of their grandmother.

College Captain, Rebecca Thierry (Yr 12) Jana (Yr 8) on the passing of their Oma.

Chloe Hunter (Year 12) on the passing of her grandfather.

Staff member, Janine McKenzie on the passing of her mother, Margaret in Ballarat.

Staff member and Assistant Principal, Julie Whelan on the passing of her father in law, Bluey Whelan in Murtoa.

Asylum seekers: myths and facts

Over the next few newsletters we will be publishing some myths and facts relating to people seeking asylum in Australia. This is particularly topical at the moment given the Governments latest position in suspending the processing of asylum claims by all people from Sri Lanka or Afghanistan in order to send a message to people smugglers and those considering arriving unlawfully.

Myth 1: The recent increase in boat-borne asylum seekers is a result of reforms to Australia's asylum policy.

Fact: The number of boat-borne asylum seekers arriving in Australia follows global trends. In the past two years there has been a worldwide increase.

This indicates that the increase is not due to receiving countries "going soft" on asylum seekers. It is due to violence in countries like Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia, Sudan and Sri Lanka.

Some refugees flee as far as Australia because it is the first country they come to that can offer protection. Very few countries between Afghanistan and Australia offer real protection or durable solutions. Most are not signatories to the Refugee Convention.

Fri 15th Apr	Study Smart Seminar (Yr 11&12) Periods 1-4.
Sun 18 th Apr	Sacred Heart College 150 Years Celebrations.
Mon 19 th Apr	Stewardship Council 5.15pm
Thur 22 nd Apr	House Athletics Day DAV Debating Round 2
Fri 23rd Apr	ANZAC Commemoration Service
Sun 25 th Apr	ANZAC Day
Mon 26 th Apr	ANZAC DAY Public Holiday (No School)
Wed 28 th Apr	House Cross Country (P 5&6)
Fri 30 th Apr	Open Day Clean Up (3pm)
Sat 1 st May	Working Bee (In preparation for Open Day)
Sun 2 nd May	Open Day

Best Wishes



Damian McKew - Principal

PAKO FESTA - FACES OF CULTURE

A group of Year 7, 8 & 9 students dressed in costumes they had created on aprons and masks of flags of the world. We were placed first in the schools section and received \$150.00

We have decided to use the money to buy resources to assist the Justice and Democracy Group who tutor Sudanese students after school

Austine Phillips - 7 Blue

The House Cross Country is approaching, it will be held on Wednesday the 28th April. This is during the third week back at school in Term 2. This event is compulsory for all students in years 7-10 and VCE students are encouraged to participate but it is not compulsory. All students will be expected to walk to the cross country course, which will be at Fyansford Common, and walk back to school after they have completed the course. It will commence during lunchtime and be held during periods 5 & 6. Parents are invited to come and support their daughters if they would like.

Students who are ill or injured will be expected to have a medical certificate or note from parents explaining why they are unable to participate in this event. These students will not be staying at school and will still be expected to walk to the course with the rest of the school but not participate in the run/walk when we arrive.

Students do not have to run the course but a brisk walk would be expected rather than dawdling and all students will be expected to wear a hat, preferably the school sport caps. As this is a whole school event and we are endeavouring to try and improve House spirit we would ask for your full support in this activity. Students will be required to bring their own water and wear full correct sports uniform therefore it is imperative that all pieces of this uniform are named to prevent any losses. Proper sports runners must be worn not the soft canvas shoes.

If there are any problems or questions concerning this event please contact your daughters House Leader.

**Xavier – Pete Adams Kildare – Cathy Wilson
Finian – Louise Davies Lelia – Bronwyn Hewitt**

National Youth Science Forum 2010

In January of this year, I attended the 2010 National Youth Science Forum (NYSF), a 12-day science immersion program offered to upcoming Year 12 students, interested in a career in any science or engineering. The program offers a chance to meet other like-minded people and test-run some possible careers in science. However it delivers so much more.

At a session (Three sessions, 144 students each), important current science issues like overpopulation, global warming, particle physics and ethics in science were discussed in open forums and speeches delivered by influential scientists on a variety of subjects.

However the NYSF is about much more than science and sets out not to teach science, but inspire a lifetime of interest and excitement in people with science minds. It is also about fun, friendships and personal growth. Exciting activities during the session presented chances to meet others with similar interests and develop strong friendships.

For me personally my favourite times were spent with my tight-knit chemistry group, Rutherford, getting hands-on experience and having a lot of fun at amazing laboratory visits, for example, an operating Federal Police Forensic Laboratory and ANU's Chemistry laboratory. Who'd have known making fluorescent slime could be so complex, yet really fun? Or even better, ice-cream from liquid nitrogen!

Students and staff stay at residence halls at either Australia National University (Canberra) or Curtin University of Technology (Perth) - an experience of university in itself.

Entry to the NYSF is quite competitive and applications are to be made through a Rotary Club. Rotary has huge involvement with the program and conducts both a cursory initial interview and then an intensive interview. There are over 2000 applicants and only 432 places are offered nationally. Successful applicants in the NYSF can join a group of 8000 influential alumni. If you are in Year 11 and interested in applying visit me, or www.nysf.edu.au. Applications close May 31st.

Sophie Wilson (12 White)

NEWS IN INTERSCHOOL SPORT:

SCSA TRIATHALON

On Wednesday the 24th of February 16 Clonard students attended the annual SCSA triathlon hosted by Sacred Heart at Eastern Beach, Geelong.

The Triathlon consisted of three stages; the swim leg through open water in an enclosed swimming area at Eastern Beach, the bike leg along a course of pathways that surround Eastern Beach and the run leg along the coastline of Eastern Beach.

The juniors completed a 200m swim, 3.2km bike ride and a 2.3km run. The intermediates completed a 200m swim, 4km bike ride and a 2.3 km run. The seniors completed a 200m swim, 4.8km bike ride and a 2.3km run.

Congratulations to all Clonard participants who competed in the Triathlon for their tremendous efforts and fantastic results. A special mention to Larnie Hewat who came 9th in her section.

A special thanks to all parents and teachers who came out to help on the day. Without your help the day would not have been such a big success.

TEAM INCLUDED:

Emily Heyward	Jmara Hockley
Emily Terrill	Larnie Hewat
Emma Ly	Laura Child
Hayley Wilson	Maddison Bone
Jacinta Graham	Meg Wilson
Jacqueline Mendes	Rachel Jones
Jessie Burns	Tess Hewat
Amelia Gallichan	

GISSA SWIMMING

March the 10th – The swimming team competed at the Geelong Grammar pool in the interschool GISSA swimming and diving carnival. Other schools involved included Kardinia College, Christian College Drysdale and Geelong, Geelong Grammar, St Ignatious, Covenant College. Despite the year 7 and 12 camps we were able to send a competitive team to the carnival. Thank you to Sue Bath and Suzanne Hartshorne for transporting the year 7 girls back from camp to compete. The team included:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
M Hartshorne	B Miller	T Blythe
J Singleton	H Fenton	R Jones
G Bath	J Thierry	A McNamara
K Allen	J Burns	J Mendes
	P Digby	A Cotter
	L Watach	A Hansen
	F Weir	E Myers
		K Mykytenko

Year 10	Year 11
C Ross	G Wiedemann
R Jones	S McDowell
J Kelly	M Myers
C Green	M Campbell
A Hansen	

Thank you to all the girls for their enthusiasm and fantastic efforts throughout the afternoon. We obtained many 3rds and 4ths against some very good competition.

Three of our divers also competed in Melbourne at MSAC on March 18th in the division one SCSA diving competition. Congratulations to Jemma Singleton yr 7, Prue Digby yr 8 and Grace Weidemann yr 11 who performed very well for the school in this competition. Thank you very much to Jemma's mother, Melissa who took the girls to Melbourne.

SCSA TENNIS

Clonard had extremely good results from the SCSA Division 3 Tennis tournament held on Friday 12th March at Boroondara Tennis Club.

Our Intermediate Girls finished runners up to Presentation College Congratulations to all the year 9 and 10 girls.

Our Senior girls also finished runners up in a very close final to Sion and congratulations are in order to the 11 and 12 girls.

Thanks very much to parent helper Dale Maher who was great support to the girls on the day

OVERALL RESULTS

Junior

1st Presentation College
2nd Our Lady of Sion
3rd Mater Christi

Intermediate

1st Presentation College
2nd Clonard College
3rd Mater Christi
4th Our Lady of Sion College

Senior

1st Our Lady of Sion College
2nd Clonard College
3rd Mater Christi
4th Presentation College

GRAND FINAL RESULTS

Junior

PCS (14) defeated
Sion (10)
Best player -
Kate Crummy (Sion)

Intermediate

PCS (13) defeated
Clonard (12)
Best player -
Jessie Tamber (PCW)

Senior

Sion (15) defeated
Clonard (11)
Best Player -
Kirsten O'Loughlin (Sion)

Thank you to all students and staff for your participation and cooperation. It was a fantastic day – perfect weather, relaxed atmosphere, great sportsmanship and an excellent standard of competition. It certainly made it a joy to host. I look forward to working with you all again in the future.

Clonard College Rowing Team - Small but Mighty

Clonard College participated enthusiastically on the Barwon River on the 13th & 14th of March at Head of School Girls. Two year 9 crews, two year 10 crews and two year 11 scullers took to the water. Head of School Girls is the biggest Rowing Regatta in the Southern Hemisphere!

Year 9

Cox: Lauren Colsell
Stroke: Katherine Kvant
Three: Beck Maher
Two: Amelia Gallichan
Bow: Tess Hewat

Coming 3rd in their heat, they were placed in a repêchage and came 1st! A fantastic effort to make it through to Semi-Finals on the Sunday and finishing in a narrow 3rd place, in the Semi's.

Cox: Jemma Singleton
Stroke: Skye Perry
Three: Carley Barnet
Two: April Zahra
Bow: Tianna Lee

The Girls came 4th in their heat, but unfortunately due to illness were unable to compete any further. Despite this they all kept their heads up high in the hope and promise for next year.

Year 10

Cox: Michaela Buckle
Stroke: Charlotte Perdrisat-Murphy
Three: Caitlin Ross
Two: Angie Sparks
Bow: Jasmin Edgar

These girls were close to victory at Head of School Girls. Starting off with a win in their heat, giving them a clear road through to the Semi-Finals on the Sunday. On Sunday their standards and determination prevailed placing them 1st in their Semi-Final and a very close 2nd by a $\frac{3}{4}$ of a boat length to Genizzano.

Cox: Tracy Collet
Stroke: Josephine Mirarchi
Three: Abby Cairney
Two: Danni Posadowski
Bow: Bec Sheahan

Starting off with a 2nd in their heat the girls were placed in a repêchage coming in at a very nice 3rd place under their belt meaning that they had qualified for the B final on the Sunday. Showing that they weren't going down without a fight snatched a first place! Winning their petit final.

Year 11

Jordan Machnyk, showed plenty of determination on the weekend. In her heat on Saturday, Jordan placed 1st progressing into the Semi-Finals on the Sunday. In her Semi-Final once again placing first, and allowing her to progress to the almighty A final in Division 2. Her final was a personal best, placing Jordan 2nd overall. An outstanding effort and one that deserves the upmost congratulations.

Teneille Linehan-Downes, won her repêchage and progressed through to the Semi-Finals on Sunday. Getting through the Semi-Finals on Sunday now placed Teneille into the Division 2 A final alongside Jordan in which she placed 3rd. Congratulations to both girls on a great effort. It was a very enjoyable and extremely fun weekend. All crews came together for a cool down at the end of a massive, exhausting and gut busting weekend in the Barwon River, showing the school pride, singing our school song at the top of our voices. Thank you to all those who have supported us throughout the season.

Especially to the Coaches Jim Brady, Bek DeGandi and David 'Crittter' Crittenden and the parents for all their hard work and lack of morning sleep-ins. Thanks also to Carmel Brown for her coordination and support throughout the season.

Teneille Linehan-Downes

SAM GRIFFIN – INTERSCHOOL COORDINATOR

KEYS PLEASE

YEAR 10 AND 11 PARENTS

As part of our schools personal development program, a free information session for students and parents is to be held to help make the learning to drive process easier and safe. Hear essential tips and practical examples of how to avoid stress and also pass the Probationary tests first time.

This is for all year 10 students and parents, plus year 11's that did not attend last year. It is for those with or without their learner permit.

Program features

- * Secrets to safe and stress free learning to drive
- * Tips to satisfy the L and P rules first time
- * Free pizza, coke and giveaways

Date Wednesday 12th May 2010
Time 7.00pm
Venue Kildare Theatre

Ms Penny Dewar - Year 10 Co Ordinator



(above Clonard College Rowing Squad 2010)

J&D News – Holiday Program

On Thursday the 8th of April, Clonard's J&D group, along with students from Sacred Heart and St. Joseph's volunteered to take part in a holiday program for Geelong kids for whom English is a second language. 98 Sudanese and Karen students participated in the day involving lots of activities. We had heaps of fun doing a rotation of activities involving cheerleading, dancing, indoor and outdoor sports, jewellery-making, movie making, painting, cooking, brain-teasing and trust games. We also had a barbecue lunch which we cooked ourselves with the kids. A great day was had by all and for some of us, it was the highlight of our holidays.

Angie Sparks, 10Y



On the first Thursday of holidays Ms Ryan took Lucie-Mae and Larnie Hewat to the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre (ASRC) in Melbourne to deliver all the generous donations from the Clonard community...

After emptying Ms Ryan's heavily loaded car, Sister Rita of the ASRC kindly welcomed us. She showed us to the Food Bank, which is best described as a small narrow hallway that resembled the lay out of a supermarket. Here we unpacked all our donations, putting them into their set categories; toiletries on this shelf, protein foods on that shelf. Once everything was all packed away, we were both able to help 'customers' through the food bank. The family size and whether the family had an income determined how many points the person got for each shelf sections. For example, four points for every person in a no income family at the protein section. It was great talking to the customers (as well as occupying little children while their mothers shopped!) and to see just how quickly many of our donations began to disappear off the shelves into baskets. The J&D group would like to thank all families for their generous donations during our collection for the ASRC. After being able to see where all the donations go, how they are distributed and just how important they are, your support is very much appreciated.

Uniform

Strict regulations will be enforced on the length of all school uniforms.

Summer dresses are to be worn ...14cm above the knee from a kneeling position.

Winter Skirts ...14cm above the ankles - measured from a standing position.

Winter Kilts ...Year 9-12 ONLY ...14cm above the knee - measured from a kneeling position.

Winter uniform may be worn second term.

Grey tights or pantihose or knee high socks can be worn with the Winter uniform. Grey socks ONLY to be worn with the Summer uniform.

Lace up SPORT SHOES are to be worn at all times with Sports Uniform. NO CANVAS SHOES.

The uniform shop has a large range of secondhand dresses, skirts, jumpers, blazers and sports uniform available. The shop is open on Thursdays between 1.40pm - 1.30pm.