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God of creation, open our eyes and hearts to the inequalities in our world. Dwell within us, help us to discover our call to be co-creators of right relationships with humanity and all of creation. May we simplify our lives, support one another and give generously to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and make the world a better place. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Clonard College,

Caritas

Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's major annual fundraising and education campaign which began on Ash Wednesday, 17 February and runs until Easter Sunday, 4 April. It is a time to reflect upon the significant issues of poverty, peace, justice and development. On Monday the four secondary Catholic colleges in the Geelong region gathered for the official launch of Project Compassion in 2010. This gathering was particularly timely given the great devastation that Chile has experienced as a result of the recent earthquake. Caritas is already active on the ground in Chile after massive 8.8 quake and more Caritas teams are urgently being sent. In any given year, approximately \$1 million of the money raised through Project Compassion will also be used for emergency response, allowing for Caritas Australia to respond immediately in the case of a natural disaster or other humanitarian crisis. Given the devastation in Haiti and Chile, we will be required to give generous support to Caritas to assist people from these countries in desperate need.

Some of the more startling statistics that Caritas bring to our attention are:

- 1.4 billion people live in extreme poverty.
- 72 million primary school-aged children are denied the right to an education.
- 70% of people living in poverty are women.
- Every minute a woman dies as a result of complications during pregnancy or childbirth or during the 6 weeks following the delivery.
- Approximately 9 million children under the age of five will die this year.
- Only 1 in 3 people living with HIV has access to medication that can help maintain health and extend life
- 884 million people do not have access to clean drinking water – 2.5 billion people lack basic sanitation.

In remaining true to our 2010 theme, "Being faithful to our Catholic heritage" I would ask for the assistance of all Clonard families in continuing the work of Caritas through your donations to Project Compassion. Caritas is not just a fund-raising body; indeed a significant amount of time is spent on educating the public in relation to issues of justice. Their website which can be found at: http://www.caritas.org.au/project_compassion_10/index.html is an excellent source of information regarding the work of Caritas.

Justice and Democracy Group

Last week I had the pleasure of attending (for a short while) part of the Justice and Democracy Camp which was held at Templestowe. It is reassuring to see so many young people gathering from our Brigidine schools to focus on issues of justice. Education is a key factor in being able to mobilise people who can make a difference. I would like to thank Ms Anthea Hinchey for her work with this group of students. At our teaching staff meeting earlier this week, we heard from two student members of the J&D Group, Claire Findlay and Merryn Campbell. They outlined to staff some of the activities undertaken by the group. The key foci of the J&D group are: Protecting the dignity of the Human person, Solidarity, The Common Good and providing an Option for the Poor. The students explained their work regarding Asylum Seekers, particularly the SIEVX Memorial (see: <http://www.sievxmemorial.com/about-sievx.html>) and their support of the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre. In 2010 this will involve a collection of food items for the Resource Centre. Our Clonard students, along with students from Sacred Heart and St. Joseph's College, are involved tutoring the Sudanese students on Tuesday afternoons at Holy Family Primary School in Bell Park. The J&D group facilitate a Holiday program for Sudanese and Burmese youngsters. Numerous other activities are also organised with the view of educating our school community on issues of justice.

Internet Safety

On Wednesday evening a parent information session was held regarding the impact of computers and the internet into the home. Two very useful sites that I can recommend to parents to assist with your understanding of internet technologies include: <http://www.netalert.gov.au/> which provides great advice about protecting children at home (in relation to the internet) as well as direct access to the types of internet filters that can be downloaded that also act as a source of protection. The other site at <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Cybersmart> provides activities, resources and practical advice to help teens and parents safely enjoy the online world. Developed by the Australian Communications and Media Authority, Cybersmart is part of the Australian Government's cybersafety program. Thank you to Mr Richard Jones, Mrs Julie Whelan and Mr Rob Schmidt for their facilitation of the evening.

Labour Day Public Holiday

I am sure that our students don't need a reminder but, this coming Monday the 8th of March is a Public Holiday (Labour Day) and therefore the College will be closed on this day.

Yr 12 Retreats

On Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th March the Year 12 students will attend their overnight retreat at Anglesea Recreation Camp. Buses depart at 9.00am from Clonard and return by 2.45pm on Wednesday 10th for a brief assembly. The retreat is always one of the great highlights of Year 12 and provides a rich experience for students and staff involved. A retreat is reflective by nature and is a mix of small groups and large group activities. Thank you in advance to our Religious Education Coordinator, Mr Justin McInerney and staff members who will be attending the Retreat.

Yr 7 Camp

The Year 7 Camp is at Anglesea on Wednesday 10th March – Friday 12th March. This camp is seen as a valuable opportunity for the girls to consolidate their relationships with other students, to meet new people and to challenge themselves in areas they may not have ventured into before. It is a time of team-building and forging bonds that will enable the girls to move onto the next phase of secondary school life as strong, united class groups. Thank you in advance to our Yr. 7 Coordinator, Mrs Linda Kiernan and the staff members who will be attending the Yr. 7 camp.

Collecting Students

I would ask for the cooperation of all families should you need to collect your daughter during the school day. As our students need to access the asphalt areas of the school, it has become increasingly more dangerous with cars coming onto the property. I would ask that where possible you park on Church Street and then attend the front office to collect your daughter.

Bereavements

The College extend its sympathy to staff members, Ms Chris Smith and Ms Gabrielle Bongiorno on the death of their father and grandfather, Mr Graham Smith.

The College also extends its sympathy to staff member, Mrs Lynda McMahon on the death of her mother-in-law, Mrs Margaret McMahon.

Blessed Mary MacKillop

The announcement on 19th February 2010, by Pope Benedict XVI, that Mary MacKillop will be formally canonised, making her Australia's first saint, has led to great rejoicing within Australia. Mary is the only Australian to have been beatified (in 1995), and after two miracles have been attributed to her, she will be formally declared on 17th October as a Saint. She will thereafter be known as 'Saint Mary of the Cross'. Mary's life was certainly inspirational: she opened schools for the underprivileged, orphanages to care for the homeless and destitute and refuges for ex-prisoners and ex-prostitutes who wished to make a fresh start in life. She co-founded the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart (1866), and stands as an example of great courage and trust in her living out of God's loving and compassionate care of those in need. Mary's motto for life was 'Never see a need without doing something about it'. During this Lenten season, let us adopt Mary's motto by identifying one specific need that surrounds us and being active in doing something positive about that need. In this way we will truly be able to remain faithful to our Catholic heritage as a Clonard community.

Best Wishes



Damian McKew - Principal

Calendar

Fri 5th Mar	Cleanup Australia Day
Mon 8th Mar	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tue 9th Mar	Yr 12 Retreat
Wed 10th Mar	Yr 12 Retreat
	Yr 7 Camp
Thur 11th Mar	Yr 7 Camp
Fri 12th Mar	Yr 7 Camp
	Brigidine Leaders Day (ICT)
Mon 15th Mar	
	Brigidine Stewardship Committees
Thur 18th Mar	Yr 7 Athletics Day
Fri 19th of Mar	Progress Reports sent home

Boiling Water

As of this coming Friday students will not be permitted to access the Canteen to get boiling water for Noddle packs, Cuppa-soups or hot drinks.

Unfortunately a student sustained reasonably bad burns because hot water was accidentally spilt on her outside the canteen. The canteen is a very busy and congested area therefore from an OH&S perspective we have made the decision to disallow students to access the boiling hot water from this space.

If a student chooses to bring one of the above options for her recess or lunch meal she will be required to bring her own thermos containing hot water. In saying this, the students will still need to be very vigilant about the use of the hot water.

We are sorry for the inconvenience, however the safety of all students is paramount to this decision.



Human Sign for Sustainability

Congratulations and thank you to all students and staff involved in this special event held on 10th February. Our school community, assisted by classes from Herne Hill Primary School and Western Heights Secondary College, formed a large human sign with the message to CREATE CHANGE for a sustainable future. The sign was the final event of our Sustainability Day, held last December, but had been postponed due to inclement weather.

This time a clear sunny day allowed us to complete the venture with staff and visitors forming the first letter (C) and the Year 7 students creating the final letter (E). Between these two letters each House team, from Years 8 to 10, formed their allocated giant, 20m by 30m letter to make up the word CREATE. When the helicopter arrived to photograph our sign, a series of drum beats signalled to the students that it was time for the Houses to morph their letters into the word CHANGE, completing our message. House leaders had trained their teams well and the transitions to and from each word were completed smoothly. Jade Williams (10B) had a bird's-eye-view from the helicopter, as Clara Urquhart was unavailable to use her prize from last year's raffle. If you were part of our sign you may be able to see yourself if you look closely!

Mrs Estcourt



WYNSPEAK
Wyndham Youth Public Speaking
Competition



A community project jointly run by the Rotary Club of Hoppers Crossing and the Hoppers Crossing Apex Club and supported by Rostrum Victoria Wyndham City Council Youth Services

Power Rapping
Hands on Public Speaking
workshops

Course Notes

For students interested in being able to speak with confidence and clarity in front of a crowd.

This is essential information and practice for students in years 7-12 who in the future may need to speak in front of class mates / teachers, future employers, work colleagues, customers, or even compete in a speaking competition

This workshop will explain and work through the "5 Steps To Confident Speaking" training method used by Rostrum Victoria as the platform from which all Public Speaking is built.



Inspiring the Confidence not to be silent through Public Speaking.

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.

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.

Marion Buckley

Family Details

Could parents please ensure that all information given to the school is correct. The school needs to be told of changes to address, telephone, mobile, work contacts and emergency contacts. If you have any changes please advise the office by email (office@clonard.catholic.edu.au) or phone 52782155.

WANTED PARENT HELPERS

We have had a great response from parents for the swimming and athletics events. We are in need of more helpers for the following events. Please complete the slip below and return on Tuesday February 9th.

Thanking you in anticipation

I / We will be able to help at the following events

		ALL DAY	AM 9.15AM-12.00	PM 12.00-2.45PM
Thursday March 18th	Year 7 Athletics Carnival (Goldsworthy Road)			
Thursday April 22nd	House Athletics Carival (Landy Field)			

Name: _____ Parent of _____

Homeroom: _____ Job Preference (if any) _____