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They shall grow not old, as we
that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the
years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and
in the morning
We will remember them.

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Clonard College

In Australia the 11th of November is a day to remember those who died in war. The 11th of November 1918, saw the end of the First World War. Remembrance Day, was originally called Armistice Day. After the end of the Second World War in 1945, the Australian and British governments changed the name to Remembrance Day as an appropriate title for a day which would commemorate all war dead. Australians observe one minute's silence at 11.00 am on Remembrance Day.

Yesterday, we gave thanks to the many brave men and woman who served during the war; many of whom made the ultimate sacrifice ensuring the freedom of our great land. May their sacrifices never be forgotten.

Curriculum and Religious Education Validation

This week the College undertook a validation process in the areas of Curriculum and Religious Education. This validation is part of a cyclical process that reviews, appraises and suggests improvements to key areas of the school's functioning. The five areas of review are: Catholic Identity, Leadership, Finance, Facilities & Resources, Curriculum and Pastoral Care.

The visiting panel consisted of Sr Louise Cleary and Mrs Marguerite Buckley from the Brigidine Stewardship Council; Ms Kirilee Westblade and Mr Brent Lipscombe from St. Joseph's College in Echuca. Mrs Jenny Levett from Kibreda College in Mentone and Ms Donna Rampova from Marian College in West Sunshine.

The Validation of the College's curriculum and Religious Education offerings has been an affirming process, but also one through which we can seek feedback and implement recommendations that ultimately lead to overall school improvement.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the validation panel, along with our College Assistant Principal, Mr Richard Jones and our Religious Education and Faith Development Coordinator, Mr Justin McInerney for their efforts in coordinating the validation days this week, along with all within the community who have contributed to the process.

Presentation Dinner

Next Friday the 19th of November the Yr 12 Presentation Dinner will take place in the Fred Flanagan room at the Geelong Football Club. This will be our final opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the class of 2010 with their families. The last Unit 3 & 4 Examination will take place next Thursday. Congratulations to all of the students who have undertaken and given their best to their exams during this period.

Thank you once again to our Yr 12 Coordinator, Mrs Evelyn Dawson and our VCE Coordinator, Mr Michael McCallum for their support of the students over the examination period and the organisation of the Presentation Dinner.

Yr 11 Exams/Transition

The Yr 11 Examination period commenced on Wednesday and concludes next Wednesday the 17th of November. I would encourage our Yr 11 students to do their best with these examinations as they are an important gauge in how students have understood the material studied.

On Thursday the 18th of November, Yr 11 students will commence their Yr 12 Orientation classes. The final day for Yr 11 students is Thursday the 25th of November.

Celebration of Achievement

The Celebration of Achievement takes place on Tuesday the 23rd of November at Costa Hall (Deakin University-Waterfront Campus) at 7.30pm. This is a great opportunity to see the many achievements of the students showcased over one evening. Tickets are \$10 (which covers the venue hire) and can be purchased from the front office, there is an order form on the last page of the newsletter. Subject and encouragement awards will also be presented to students at this gathering.

Student Free Day

Tuesday the 23rd November is a student free day except for students who are in performance items. A letter will be sent home to outline arrangements for these students.

Uniform

Over recent weeks some concerns have been raised regarding the way that some students are wearing their uniform. The school uniform identifies members of Clonard College. It assists in creating an atmosphere of uniformity, pride, loyalty and equity. All students enter class as equals as far as image and dress are concerned; their individuality comes from their attitude, character, spirit and involvement. Students should wear the school uniform proudly and well, realising that at all times they are ambassadors for our College. I would ask that all families ensure that the correct items of uniform are worn to school, and that the students themselves ensure that they take pride in their presentation.

Seeking Excellence

With the end of the year quickly approaching it is important that students remain focused on all that needs to be achieved over the coming month. We ask each student that her focus is a clear one in achieving personal excellence in all aspects of her life.

This takes planning, a sustained commitment, resilience when difficulties arise and hard work. A steady and focused work

practice is an absolute must, as is balance. Developing a sense of responsibility and being accountable is an important aspect of a comprehensive education. Robert J. Sternberg (Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts) defines responsibility in the following way:

“Responsibility covers the ethical and moral dimension of development. Four components are particularly important:

- *Ethics – distinguishing right from wrong.*
- *Wisdom – forging or following a path that represents a common good and balances your own interest with those of others.*
- *Care – genuine understanding of and empathy for others’ well-being that goes beyond an intellectual sense that you should care.*
- *Right action – not only knowing the right thing to do, but doing it.”*

World Challenge

Commencing Monday and over the next week, we farewell the three student groups and staff members, Mrs Michelle Brodrick, Mr. Peter Adams and Mr. Nathan Patterson who will be undertaking the World Challenge in Vietnam and Cambodia. The World Challenge organisation designs and delivers outdoor educational programs for school groups. A challenging 28-day expedition has been organised with the view that our students will achieve personal and team goals to develop valuable skills for later life such as teamwork, leadership, and problem solving and communication methods.

Historic Funding Agreement for Catholic schools

The Premier and Minister for Education have this week announced that a re-elected Brumby Government will provide state funding to Catholic schools linked to 25% of the cost of education in a state school. This is a truly historic commitment to sustainable state funding for Catholic schools in Victoria. Only four years ago state funding made up only 15% of the income of Catholic schools.

Catholic education has now achieved bi-partisan commitment to fund Catholic schools at 25% of the cost of education in a state school. The Coalition previously committed to state funding for Catholic schools at 25% of the cost of education in a state school.

This commitment is a result of the hard work of many Parish Priests, principals, teachers and parents in raising the issue of fair funding for Catholic schools with our political leaders. This historic achievement is a direct result of that strong advocacy. Thank you in particular to parents who have written to local MPs raising the issue of funding. Your work will have a lasting legacy in delivering sustainable funding to Catholic schools in Victoria.

Never again should state funding for Catholic schools be a political issue at a state election.

Congratulations

Congratulations to staff member Mr. Adam Burke and his partner Danni who are to be married this coming weekend.

Wed 17th November
Thur 18th of November

Fri 19th of November
Tue 23rd of November

Wed 24th of November

Yr 11 Examinations Conclude
Final Unit 3 & 4 Examination
Yr 11 into 12 Orientation
Yr 12 Celebration Dinner
Celebration of Achievement (Costa Hall 7.30pm) **Student Free Day**
Yr 10 Examinations Commence

Best Wishes



Damian McKew - Principal

Dickens Fellowship

Janine Mc Kenzie and Libby Gilham recently performed for the Melbourne Branch of the Dickens Fellowship at the English Speaking Union in Melbourne. Libby repeated her award-winning performance of an excerpt from Dickens’ *A Christmas Carol*, creating an unearthly atmosphere with her excellent portrayal of the Ghost of Christmas Present. Janine presented an insightful reading of a favourite selection from *A Tale of Two Cities*, demonstrating the developing relationships between the main characters. The 40 members present were very impressed with the skill of the readers, thoroughly enjoying their performances and were very appreciative of the time given to travel to the meeting at this busy time of the year.



CHRIST THE KING PRIMARY SCHOOL

Feast of Christ the King Mass and light supper to farewell Marea Grant and Pam Lazzaro. Both teachers are retiring after a long and successful career.

A warm invitation to attend the mass and supper is extended to all teachers, parents and former students who would like to attend.

RSVP. Please ring the office on 52481093 (Colleen Douglas or Marg Gill) if you are able to attend.

Equestrian

The Geelong College held their Equestrian Interschool event on October 16th.

This was the final competition in the Barwon Series Competition.

Clonard was represented in Dressage by Jamie Harding, Ebony Elgers, Rachel Veltman and in Showjumping by Amy Kort

Clonard had some fantastic Results:

Geelong College results:
Dressage – preliminary level:

Test 1:

1st place – Jamie Harding
5th place – Ebony Elgers
7th place – Rachel Veltman

Test 2:

1st place – Jamie Harding
2nd place – Rachel Veltman
9th place – Ebony Elgers

Over all:

Champion – Jamie Harding
4th – Rachel Veltman
7th place – Ebony Elgers

OVERALL BARWON SERIES RESULTS

Showjumping:

Amy Kort Champion of series at Stars level (Last Interschool EVER!)

Dressage:

Jamie Harding Champion of the series at Prelim
4th - Rachel Veltman
7th - Ebony Elgars

Clonard was represented at the various competitions by Jamie Harding, Ebony Elgers, Rachel Veltman, Taylah Arnott, Eryn Butcher, Natasha Czerenkowski and Amy Kort. I would like to thank Amy for her 6 years of outstanding support of the Clonard Equestrian Team.

Thank you to all the parents and in particular Sharon Kort and Annette Harding for their support of the girls at each carnival.



L - R Rachel Veltman, Ebony Elgers, Taylah Arnott and Jamie Harding.

Athletics - State Champions

Congratulations to Kaityn Kort and Jmara Hockley-Samon who both received gold medals in the U16 Hammer and U16 3000m Walk respectively last weekend in the Athletics Victoria All Schools competition. Both girls have won a place in the Victorian team to compete at Nationals in December. We wish both girls well. Josephine Mirachi obtained 4th in discus and Kaitlin was 4th in shotput. Congratulations to all the girls for their outstanding effort.

2011 Booklists

Full instructions are written on all booklists.

Please read them carefully.

Booklist distribution

4th November - booklists distributed to Yr 7 (2011) students at Parent Information Evening

8 – 16 November - Remaining booklists will be distributed, as soon as they become available, through homerooms. (Current Yr 9s studying a VCE subject in 2011 must collect a VCE booklist from the library).

Booklist return

30th November – VCE booklists to be returned to Clonard

3rd December - Years 7-10 booklists to be returned Clonard

7th December – Year 7 (2011) booklists to be returned on Orientation Day

Details for placing orders online are given on the booklists.

2nd hand book sales (Conducted by Landmark)

18th November - VCE

Time 8.30 - 12.40. Sell second hand texts to Landmark

12.40 – 1.30 (lunchtime) – buy second hand texts from Landmark. Place tba

1st December - Yrs 7-10

Times: 8.30 – 10.30 – sell second hand texts to Landmark

11.00 – 1.30 – buy second hand texts from Landmark

(Students are to attend during lunchtime, NOT during class time). Place: ILC

New book sales

13th December – VCE text book sales
Time: 10.00 am – 2.00pm
Place: School hall

1st February - Years 7-10 text book sales (see booklist for details)
Time: 8.00am – 4.00pm
Place: School hall

Replacement booklists can be downloaded or online orders placed at www.elandmark.com.au
Access code: F83S

No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS)

Auspiced by the St. Vincent de Paul Society, this new initiative has been launched in Geelong. NILS provides individuals and families on low incomes an opportunity to apply for an interest free loan (up to \$1,200). It is a community based program that enables people on low incomes to access fair, safe, equitable credit for the purchase of essential goods and services. Brochures are currently available from the office or you can contact Geelong NILS directly by calling 5229 8829.

Rocking the House!

The middle school Performing Arts class held their season of *The House of Bernarda Alba* this week and amazed audiences with their convincing and dramatic interpretation of this Spanish tragedy. Finished in 1936, just a few months before the murder of its playwright, Federico Garcia Lorca, this play tells the story of a widow, Bernarda Alba, and the tight rein she holds on her five daughters. The class worked on the play throughout the semester in an industrious and co-operative way, resulting in a standard of performance beyond their years. Congratulations to the girls and thanks to those who came along to support their endeavours in the performing arts.

Janine McKenzie - Drama teacher



Uniform Shop

At the moment supplies of our uniform shop are running low so we are asking families to bring in any articles of Clonard College uniform they may still have. The uniform shop is a valuable resource to struggling families so any clothing you can provide will certainly benefit students of the College.

Any items sold will be sold on consignment so this may be an opportunity to clean out your wardrobe and make some spare cash.

Blazers and skirts need not be dry cleaned, our uniform shop manager will organise this on your behalf. We are in desperate need of sports uniforms and second hand school bags.

Articles can be dropped off at the General Office during office hours (8.00am - 4.30pm). Please ensure your name, address and a contact number is attached to your items.

VCE Jumpers are available in all sizes for Year 10 students going into Year 11.

Mrs Marion Buckley - Uniform Shop Manager



Remembrance Day Service

CELEBRATION OF ACHIEVEMENT EVENING TICKET ORDER FORM

TUESDAY 23rd NOVEMBER , COSTA HALL, 7.30PM

Student Name _____ Class Group _____

Number of tickets required (include students attending and participating) at \$10.00 _____

Money enclosed _____