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First Sunday of Advent

Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Savior and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Clonard College,

Today we have been fortunate to have had a visit from Cardinal Napier from South Africa. Cardinal Napier spoke with students from Clonard, Sacred Heart and St Joseph's on the nature of Christian Leadership.

Cardinal Napier will be the principal Celebrant at the Youth Mass at St. Peter and Paul's (Mercer Street) at 5pm on Saturday evening. This will be preceded by some activities in the Parish Hall including an expo on the various social justice initiatives of the Catholic schools in the Geelong region, including Clonard. The Geelong Deanery will celebrate its annual Commissioning Mass with Cardinal Napier at the end of the Advent Faith Festival, at St Mary's Basilica on Sunday at 5.30pm. Families are welcome to attend these events.

State Election

Catholic education has achieved bi-partisan support for fair funding for Catholic schools at 25% of the cost of recurrent education per student in a government school from the ALP and Liberal National Coalition Parties. Regardless of who wins the election tomorrow, Catholic education will receive increased state government funding that recognises the contribution of Catholic schools across Victoria. This is great news for each family and your commitment to Catholic education.

Celebration of Achievement

The Celebration of Achievement took place on Tuesday evening. The event showcased some of the many talents and achievements of our students over the course of 2010. Congratulations to all students who were awarded academic, endeavour and special awards as well as those who contributed to the art displays, dance, drama and other presentations. A big thank you to all staff involved. Each person played a key role in ensuring that the night

ran smoothly and that the students were fully prepared. I would like to particularly acknowledge our Director of Music, Ms Cathy Wilson, AV technician, Ms Andrea Power and Assistant Principal, Mr. Richard Jones, for the instrumental roles they played in coordinating the celebration.

Kwong Lee Dow Scholarship Program

Congratulations to Bree Monaghan and Emily Mahoney who have been selected to be part of Melbourne University's Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholarship Program. Named in honour of the University's former Vice-Chancellor, Kwong Lee Dow, the program gives high achievers access to the university library, tailored Year 12 VCE subject lectures and use of a dedicated portal on the University of Melbourne website.

World Challenge

We remember at this time our students and staff members, Mrs Michelle Brodrick, Mr. Nathan Patterson and Mr. Peter Adams who are in Cambodia working with some of the needy communities. Each of the groups has been experiencing massive challenges as they adjust to the Cambodian way of life. Reports back indicate that the students are holding up well in what I am sure will be a fantastic experience.

Examinations

All Yr. 11 and Yr. 12 examinations have now been completed. Yr. 10 exams have commenced. All students studying a Unit 3 & 4 subject in 2011 have taken part in a week-long orientation program that focused them on the units to be studied and any preparations that need to take place over the holiday period. This preparation period is a vital part of ensuring that students make a positive start to their studies in 2011.

Yr 7 Orientation

On Tuesday the 7th December we are looking forward to welcoming all of our Year 7 (2011) for the last of their Orientation Days. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our Yr.7 Coordinator Mrs Linda Kiernan and the staff who are working hard to ensure that the day will be successful.

Leadership Camp

Today, the newly elected student Leadership group has undergone some training in preparation for their roles in 2011. This is a valuable opportunity to get to know each other's leadership styles as well as planning some of the things that they would like to achieve in 2011. Thank you to Mrs Webb for her planning and work with the students. The elected student leaders for 2011 are:

Student Leadership Team 2011

College Captains	<i>Claire Findlay & Jemma Ryan</i>
Finian House Leaders	<i>Zoe Fatouros, Grace Wiedemann, Teneille Linehan-Downes</i>
Kildare House Leaders	<i>Mollie Roberts & Stacie McLean</i>
Lelia House Leaders	<i>Brittany Dietrich & Zoe Morrissey</i>
Xavier House Leaders	<i>Stephanie Scacco & Emily Heyward</i>

Senior School Leaders

Debating/Public Speaking	<i>Merryn Campbell</i>
Environment & Sustainability	<i>Seniad Baverstock, Georgia Keam & Genevieve Tobin</i>
Social Justice	<i>Rachael Phillips & Larnie Hewat</i>
Liturgy and School Events	<i>Elizabeth Gilham & Rebekah Drake</i>
Performing Arts	<i>Rosa Napoli & Nyssa Digby</i>
Sport	<i>Emily Terrill & Alyssa Boardman</i>

Farewell

As the school year draws to a close we farewell Mrs Karen Feldman who will be taking Maternity Leave. I would like to wish Karen and Jonathon well as they prepare for this very special arrival. Miss Jessica Nash has been appointed to replace Karen during the period of her leave.

Mr. Peter Adams will be taking twelve months leave to work in the Clontarf Football Academy in Western Australia. I would like to wish Peter and Alison well as they embark on this journey. Mrs Wendy Breer will replace Peter during his period of leave.

Mr Ben Smith will finish his six-month contract position at the conclusion of this year. I would like to thank Ben for his contribution both within and outside of the classroom during his time with us. Ben has been appointed to a teaching position at Thomas Carr College in Tarneit.

Mr. Gary Nolan will be returning to the College at the start of the 2011 School Year.

Final Student Day

Next Thursday the 2nd of December marks the final school day for our Yr.7-10 students. The day will conclude as normal at 3.20pm. I would like to acknowledge this group of students who, over the last few weeks when concentration levels can sometimes wane, have remained focused and willingly cooperated with all that has been asked of them

The College office will open for 2011 on Monday the 17th of January. Teaching staff will return on Monday the 1st of February with all students commencing the 2011 school year on Friday the 4th of February 2011.

At the conclusion of my first year at Clonard I would like to thank the wonderful students, parents, friends and staff who have ensured that I have felt welcomed and supported during this time. It is with great excitement and anticipation that I look forward to the 2011 school year one in which I am sure that we will witness many great achievements and successes.

I wish you all a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

Best Wishes



Damian McKew
Principal

Important Dates:

2010 Dates

Wed 1st Dec	Second-hand book sale
Thu 2nd Dec	Final day students
Fri 3rd Dec	Final day Booklists return
Tue 7th Dec	Yr 7, 2011 Orientation Day
Mon 13th Dec	Report/Magazine collection day
	VCE Results
	Final day teaching staff
Tue 14th Dec	College Office closed
Fri 17th Dec	College Office closed 12 noon

2011 Dates

Mon 17 th of Jan	College Office Opens
Tue 1 st Feb	Teaching Staff Return
	Book Collection
Fri 4 th of Feb	All Students return (Yr 7-12)

Arts Exhibitions

The Geelong Art Society is at present conducting an exhibition of the outstanding work by Geelong 2010 VCE Art and Studio Art students. The following students from Clonard are represented, Hailey Hill, Sophie Brown, April Brown and Alexandra Dingli. The exhibition is being held at the Shearers Arms Gallery in Aberdeen Street and will run until December 5th. The exhibition opened last Wednesday evening and Sophie Brown was presented with an award.

Also on display this week in the foyer of Costa Hall was a vast selection of created pieces from students across the school. The beautifully presented pieces showed the range of artistic media and wonderful talents of Clonard students and was enjoyed by many who attended the Celebration of Achievement evening on Tuesday. Congratulations to the hard working Visual Arts staff - Louise Davies, Georgia Gillard, Lillian Josevska, Dean Williams, Mitch Lang and Marion Buckley - who facilitated these students' creativity and skill in their chosen practice. Thanks also to the Arts staff, the maintenance men and other staff who assisted with the setting up and dissembling of the display on Tuesday.

Janine McKenzie - Arts Coordinator



Louise Davies & Marion Buckley at Costa Hall this week

Variety Bike for Kids

Today on the 24th of November we set off to Melbourne to the Variety Club Bike4Kids day. Ten students were chosen by Variety Club to receive a bike. We arrived at the Whitten Oval in Footscray at approximately 11am.

There were many students from other schools and community groups there also receiving bikes. A Bulldog's player and mascot gave us hats and which they signed. It made lots of the little children happy and excited. Even though it was a really hot day we still enjoyed every bit of it and had lots of fun!

We feel very privileged and appreciative of this fantastic opportunity. We would like to say thank you to The Variety Club, Mr McKew, Mrs Kiernan and Mrs Griffin for taking us. We are going to have great fun in the school holidays riding our bikes.

Yarramun, Celine, Jo, Ruby, Holly, Emily, Aman, Alyssa, Maddie and Chloe



Year 9 – End of Year

The students have just completed their end of year exams. We see the Middle School exams as an important stepping stone in preparing your daughters for their Senior Years exams. It was impressive to see that most students were well prepared and had revised well for this experience. I am sure they are looking forward to receiving their results. Thank you to the support parents showed during this time. Your support is highly valued in the education partnership that helps to establish a bright and successful future for your daughter.

As part of our end of year celebrations we will be travelling out to the You Yongs on Thursday December 2nd for a shared lunch and activity session. Details have been sent home in a note this afternoon. Please ensure that all parents read and sign the note and return the permission slip to school ASAP.
Regards

Megan Evans - Yr 9 Co-ordinator

Uniform Shop

We have had a great response to our advertisement for second-hand uniform items. We currently have a large number of VCE jumpers and assorted uniform items for sale. The uniform shop is open on Thursday's from 12.40pm to 1.30pm or by appointment, phone Marion Buckely on 52782155.

Uniform Reminder: old style cotton sports rugby top **must not** be worn in 2011. Students must wear the new style wool rugby top or the zip up sports jacket.

2011 Textbooks

Full instructions are written on all booklists. Please read them carefully.

Replacement booklists can be downloaded from the Clonard College website – community portal – second hand books.

Online orders can be placed at www.elandmark.com.au
Access code: F83S

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

2nd hand book sales (Conducted by Landmark)

1st December - **Yrs 7-10** (may also be some VCE books not sold in VCE sale)

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

Second hand book webpage

A second hand book webpage is being offered on the College website this year. The College will still be holding the annual second hand book sale in December but we see this as an opportunity for parents to contact other parents directly prior to this sale in order to save money. For book sellers, all you need to do is fill out the details screen with the various books you have available for sale with your contact details and submit this information for posting. Book buyers can go to the same page and view all of the books for sale and contact the sellers directly. Please ensure the books you are buying are the correct edition and title for the subject you are purchasing for as the College will be taking no responsibility for any of the information listed on the billboard. This page is located under the 'Community Portal' tab of the new website under 'Second Hand Books'.

Tom Harriott - Business Manager

New book sales

13th December – **VCE** text book sales (also report collection day) **Time:** 10.00 am – 2.00 **Place:** School hall

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

Home Water Saving Tips

Kitchen

About six per cent of household water is used in the kitchen. A running kitchen tap can use around nine litres of water a minute.

- Instead of running water to wash vegetables or rinse dishes, put a plug in the sink or use a bowl.
- Use your dishwasher only when you have a full load use the economy cycle. Each time you use the dish washer, you could be using between 18-40 litres of water - depending on the age of your dishwasher.
- Use the 'rinse and hold' setting, if your dishwasher has one, instead of rinsing dishes under the tap before placing them in the dishwasher.

Catholic Solo Parents Inc.

A Catholic organisation dedicated to the support and healing of those who are single or find themselves alone due to separation, divorce or the death of a spouse.

We welcome everyone - you do not have to be Catholic to join. We offer a variety of social and spiritual activities in a caring and non-threatening environment.

ABOUT US:

Catholic Solo Parents was started by Anne Dale. Anne was widowed in September 1978 and left with 5 children. Anne found that there was no support available at the time and she formed a support group in the family home.

From there the group has survived 30 years throughout the metropolitan area.

This spirit of caring, friendship and support, which Anne engendered, continues today even though the dynamics of the group have changed.

If you would like some information about our social events, you may wish to contact the President (Margaret Williams) on 9876 7986 (AH) or 0413929225 (AH).

Advent Faith Festival - Geelong Deanery 25th - 28th November, 2010

with Special Guest Cardinal Wilfrid Napier of Durban, South Africa

Thursday 25th November

6.00pm Multicultural Prayer Vigil
- St Francis Xavier Church, Corio

Friday 26th November

9.30am - 12.00pm Specila Primary School Even
- Clairvaux School, Belmont

Saturday 27th November

8.00am Ecumencial Prayer Service & Breakfast
- Cosy Corner, Torquay

1.00pm - 5.00pm Solidarity Expo
- Ss Peter and Paul's Hall, Geelong
(followed by 5pm Youth Mass Ss Peter and Paul's Church)

Sunday 28th November

5.30pm Deanery Commissioning Mass
- St Mary's Basilica, Geelong