



Clonard Chronicle

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Dear families and friends,

As we move towards St Patrick's Day, this March 17th, we recall the prayer that has become a familiar blessing:

**Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.**

From the prayer of St Francis.

Funding of Catholic Schools

You have no doubt seen the recent media coverage raising questions about the funding of Catholic schools. As the more responsible reporting has revealed, Catholic schools - on average - educate students using fewer public dollars than government and independent schools. While these comparisons are complex (and can be sometimes unfair), it remains the case that Catholic schools educate young people from a very wide range of backgrounds, including some of Australia's most disadvantaged. Catholic schools manage this so well by distributing the funding received from the governments between all Catholic schools according to need **and** by stewarding the resources of our schools carefully.

Curriculum issues for Clonard:

Last year the cyclical review of our Brigidine schools focussed on Curriculum and Religious Education. The process we used and the findings of the Review Panel helped us see that the teaching and learning happening at Clonard is of a high standard, while it was particularly pleasing to see how our students were identified as highly knowledgeable about their own learning and about how they might improve their learning. We have, as a follow up, determined the following teaching and learning priorities for the year: using Naplan testing results with teachers to improve learning; communicating the setting of learning goals with parents, improved parent access to current curriculum and student performance and improving our

reports. There will be at least one Parent Forum on these issues and other opportunities for parent involvement, however, if you are interested in providing feedback immediately, please contact me at school by phone, mail or email.

Parent/teacher/student interviews: Progress reports will be sent out to families on **Monday March 28th** and will include arrangements for interviews which are scheduled for the evenings of **Tuesday April 5th and Thursday April 7th** from 4pm until 8 pm. They are an important opportunity for teachers to share their insights into student progress and a great way for parents and students to make plans together for making future progress. We encourage all families (including students) to attend.

Open Day (April 1st): Please make friends and family who may be interested aware of the college being open on **Friday, April 1st** for an information session at **1pm** followed by tours of the school at work in the afternoon. The information session will be repeated at **4:30 pm** with tours following immediately after. Parents and family members who pick students up from near the school at the end of the day need to be aware that because there will be no parking on the grounds; due to large numbers of visitors to the school who will be parking in the nearby streets, the conditions could be very congested. We ask that you arrange to pick students up well away from the gates to the college. Enrolments for Year 7, 2012 close on May 20th. If you have a daughter who is in grade 6 and intend on enrolling her at Clonard please obtain an Enrolment Form from the General Office.

Calendar

Mon 12th March	Labour Day Holiday
Tues 13th March	Year 12 Retreat
Wed 14th March	Year 7 Camp
Sat 19th March	Old Collegians Get Together 4pm - 7pm
Thur 24th March	Close the Gap Day
Fri 25th March	Progress Reports sent home

Regards

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SPORT NEWS 2011

Clonard is involved in two Interschool Sporting Associations. We compete locally against other independent schools in the Geelong Independent School Sporting Association (GISSA). Schools include Christian College, Geelong Grammar, Kardinia International College, St Ignatius, Geelong Baptist College and Covenant College. Sports include swimming, soccer, cross country, super 8's and AFL. The girls also have the opportunity to represent the region in both soccer and AFL.

The other competition, Secondary Catholic Sports Association (SCSA) involves competing against twenty six independent Catholic girls schools from Melbourne and also includes Sacred Heart Geelong, Ave Maria, Killbreda, Killester, Marion College and St Columba's College. We offer Clonard students thirteen different sports ranging from the traditional through to volleyball and badminton. Most of the competitions are in Melbourne at various venues, which involves leaving school early in the mornings, usually around 7.00am and returning about 4.30pm.

If your daughter is chosen for a sporting team she will be given a letter explaining the details for that particular sport, please read the details carefully and sign the permission slip which will be returned to the office or coach. Please note that sometimes we will pick students up from the Caltex service station on Geelong Road, Werribee depending on the need.

At the moment we have girls preparing for the SCSA tennis and the GISSA swimming.

Dates for Terms 1 and 2:

Date	Sport
February 23rd	SCSA triathlon
March 9th	GISSA swimming
March 11th	SCSA tennis
April 29th	House Athletics
May 4th	House Cross Country
May 18th	SCSA athletics
May 19th	SCSA badminton
May 23rd	GISSA AFL - senior
May 26th	SCSA basketball
May 27th	GISSA AFL - junior
June TBC	SCSA cross country
June 28th	SCSA hockey

It is difficult as sport coordinator to be aware of all the sporting achievements of the girls. I would appreciate any news on any students sporting highlights outside of school. Please feel free to email me with any news.

My email address: samanda.griffin@clonard.catholic.edu.au

Kaitlyn Kort (Yr11) and Jmara Hockley-Samon (Yr10) recently competed in the Victorian Youth Athletics Championships held in Melbourne. Kaitlyn obtained gold in the U/17 hammer throw and silver in shotput. Jmara received silver in the 5km walk. Both girls will be competing at the National Youth Athletics Championship next weekend. Congratulations to both girls on their fantastic results. We wish them well for the national competition.

Congratulations to Sharni Tremain (Yr7) who has been selected into the Country Victorian Basketball Academy Program.

Clonard is also involved in rowing, being affiliated with the Barwon Rowing club. The girls have been training very hard over the past few months with early morning starts on the Barwon River. The girls have been participating in a number of regattas throughout the season. At the school's regatta in February the following results were obtained:

Yr 9 Div 3 A Final – 2nd

Yr 10 Div 4 B Final – 1st

Senior scull Final 2nd - Teneille Lenehan-Downes (Yr12)

Yr 9 Div 4 A Final 2nd

Senior Div 4 Final 1st

Congratulations to the following girls for their start to the season.

YR 9 – Coaches: Grace McNiven / Jim Brady

Chelsea Leisner

Tuesday King

Kianhi Doyle

Bailee Taylor

Morgan Doyle

Khadija Besancon

Lucy Webb

Amie McKellin

Jemma Singleton - cox

Christie Gunnings - cox

YR 10 - Coaches: Roman Tomczak / Bec DeGrandi

Tess Hewitt

Charlotte Perdrisat-Murphy

Bec Maher

Caitlyn Ross

Kathryn Kvant

Jasmine Edgar

April Zahra

Bec Sheahan

Angela Spark

Michaela Buckle

Scuttling Coaches: Alan Chalmers / Rob Gardner

Teneille Linehan-Downes

Perry Digby

The girls competed on the Barwon River on the 26th Feb in the School's Regatta and will be competing on the 12th March in the Victorian Junior School Championship and on the 19th-20th March in the Head of Schools Regatta.

For any Yr 8 girls interested in trying rowing there will be sessions for beginners in late March going through to May. Training for Yr 8 will commence in August. If you are interested please ring Jim Brady on 0451042979.

Congratulations to all rowers and a very big thank you to all their coaches for the time spent with these students (all voluntary). I would like to wish them all the best for the upcoming regattas.

We wish all the above students well in their sporting endeavours.

TRIATHLON

Students who competed in annual SCSA Triathlon on Wednesday the 23rd of February 2011 were greeted with perfect race conditions. Temperatures in the low 20s. Hardly a breath of wind in the air and overcast skies that block out the sun, but, don't threaten rain.

Race organisers also prepared new and improved bike and run legs on Hearne Parade rather than in the Eastern Beach car-park. The junior and intermediates course involved 150m-200m of swimming (dependent on the tide), 4.2km of riding and 2km of running. The senior's course was virtually identical except for an additional 1.6km on the bike.

The format of Triathlon involved students racing for individual honors as well as contributing to team results. Although teams may be as large as eight, only the first four results contribute to team results and teams less than four members are ineligible for team results.

From a very brief and punctuated lead-up and an unfortunate run-in with sea urchins during a training session, students produced some solid results. The juniors fielded a full team of eight and finished 4th overall in the teams event. The intermediates fielded the minimum four racers and finished 3rd overall. The senior team was decimated by illness and sea urchins, only fielded three members and unfortunately were ineligible for a team result. Because of this, Clonard was also ineligible for an overall result.

Congratulations to all of the students who represented Clonard in this event:

Junior Team:

Paige Rae	Ali Simpson
Sharni Tremain	Elizabeth Fraser
Jemma Singleton	Kassandra McCulloch
Megan Walker	Emma Whittington

Intermediate Team:

Amelia Gallichan	Jacqui Mendes
Meg Wilson	Taylah Olive

Senior Team:

Larnie Hewat	Melanie McAvoy
Emily Terrill	

Thank you to Mr Tong and Tayla Robertson (Physical Education trainee) for the preparation of the girls and supervision on the day.

Samanda Griffin - Head of Interschool Sport

CAREERS NEWS

Did you know that the Victorian thoroughbred industry is the third largest employer in Australia? Racing Victoria has a "careers in racing program" that provides insights into the many career opportunities available in the thoroughbred racing industry, both in Australia & globally. Contact Ms Dewar if you are interested.

Veterinary Science Open Day @ Uni of Melbourne Vet Hospital, 250 Princes Highway, Werribee on Sunday March 27th 10am-3pm. Flyers with more information available from Ms Dewar.

What a wonderful response so far from our year 10 students in relation to their Work Experience program! I've had lots of interesting enquiries about career pathways relating to their work experience week. Please remember that all year 10s must be signed to an employer for their work experience by June 24th. There are still some placements available in primary teaching, business administration, and hospitality/cooking.

Please see Ms Dewar for more information about these positions.

Penelope Dewar - Year 10 Co-ordinator - Careers Education

HOW DO I CHOOSE A CAREER?

A good starting point is to think about these questions:

- * What are my interests?
- * What am I good at doing?
- * What do I value?

Excellent websites with career ideas and information are:

www.myfuture.gov.au
www.vtac.edu.au

See Mrs Anticev at the Careers Room for more information.

Year 11 and 12 students MEET MELBOURNE:

Students considering studying at Melbourne University have the opportunity to gather all relevant information at the Meet Melbourne information session at the Mercure Hotel Geelong, Thursday March 17th, 6.30-8pm. Register online at: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/meetmelbourne. See Mrs Anticev for any further details or email at:

tania.anticev@clonard.catholic.edu.au

FIRE CARRIERS

Three students from Year 11 (representing the Fire Carriers) and Mrs Vines travelled to Healesville last Thursday after school and spent Friday learning about the sad and shameful history of the Coranderrk Mission and the courage of Barak. We also were uplifted by the words of Aunty Joy Murphy, A Wurundjeri Elder, who welcomed us to the country and shared the beauty of the area and the spirit of her ancestors. It was a unique opportunity for Fire Carriers to discover one of Melbourne's secrets. Coranderrk's story was unveiled through a pilgrimage in the footsteps of William Barak, the last traditional Elder of the Wurundjeri-Willam clan, an influential spokesman for justice for his people. This was a rare opportunity to enter Coranderrk – a closed site. Our next task is to work on our school Covenant for Reconciliation. Our Fire Carriers will be commissioned on Reconciliation Day.



It's Food Fair time at Chilwell Primary School - **Friday 25th March**. Lots of food stalls, Silent & Live Auctions, Music, Wine, Rides for the kids and fun!

Come for dinner from 4pm till 9pm and bring all the family.

Chilwell Primary School
313A Pakington Street, Newtown 3220
Ph. 5221 2738

Gavan Welsh - Principal

Canteen News

Breakfast is available from 8.15 am -8.45am
Lunch orders can be place at breakfast and recess time

Thanks to Nicole Fursland, Fi Rae, Anita Fitzgerald, Tina Norrie, Cathy McNamara, Narelle Unmack, Sue Harman also a big thank you to Lucy Mae Li Ching Yan from Year 12 for helping out on Fridays

eLearning @ Clonard College

This year the college has established a new structure to help incorporate eLearning into both the curriculum and general college life. The following teachers have been appointed to the positions of eLearning Coordinator and eLearning Facilitators:

eLearning Coordinator: Dr Gary Nolan

eLearning Facilitators: Ms Elna Estcourt, Ms Jo Lindquist, Ms Janine McKenzie, Ms Jo Ryan,
Ms Gabrielle Tolan, Mr Michael Tong, Ms Kim Turnley, Mr Tim Vanderstoep,
Ms Amanda Vines

The College currently has 3 broad eLearning objective

FACEBOOK

Facebook is an outstanding internet program when used in moderation and with the appropriate privacy practices. Arguably, a bigger problem with Facebook than privacy is that our students spend too much of their time on this site because it is so good. As a consequence they fail to find and use other great internet resources. The college aims to address this issue by introducing the best sites on the web to our students. These sites are not "Arcade Games" they are award winning recreational sites which offer the girls significant knowledge, skills and uses.

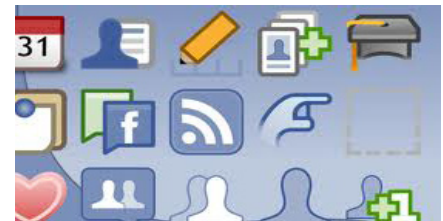
Examples include:

FREERICE a trivia game hosted by the United Nations in which sponsors donate rice to starving people for every correct student answer.

STRIPGENERATOR ... students can create their own comic strip.

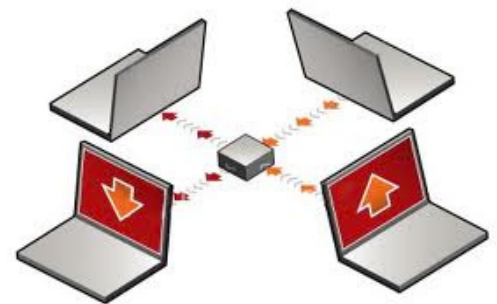
SWEET HOME 3D students design a home and the computer automatically generates a 3D model. The house can be painted, decorated and furnished.

All students will be surveyed over the coming week about quality internet sites that might interest them and the college will develop a resource based on the results. Parents will be able to access this resource.



SIMON

SIMON is Clonard's new intranet ... it is a "school-based internet" which interconnects the students' computers at school with other computers and enables students to log into Clonard from home. It provides many administrative functions and it will store the school curriculum and associated resources. As the school curriculum in SIMON develops it will become a very significant eLearning resource which will be accessed by students both at school and at home.



Parental Participation

The internet provides parents with the opportunity to participate in their daughter's education to a much greater degree than previously possible. The developers of SIMON intend to produce a Parent Module in the near future which will enable parents to have much greater access to their daughter's progress, the curriculum and the general administration of the college. In the interim, Clonard would like to collect a registry of parent's email addresses for the purpose of distributing information, surveys and the like. Information concerning the collection of email addresses will be forwarded to you via your daughter in the near future.

Dress Ups



The Geelong North Extended Schools Hub **BUZZ** Program needs **your help** in creating **dress up boxes** for the 1500 Primary School **children** at Northern Bay College.

Do you have any unwanted or pre loved hats, helmets, fancy gloves, silk scarves, jewellery, bags, funny glasses, wigs, capes, feather boas, props?

Dress up Drive: until March 18, 2011

All donations gratefully accepted. Please contact Leonie Saundry to arrange pick up or drop off on 0448 754 671



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