



CLONARD COLLEGE



Lord Jesus, we believe that you are always with us and that you desire to live in our hearts. Open our hearts more, so that we can see your presence in our lives and receive more deeply the love, peace and joy you want to give us. No matter where we are living, may the Holy Spirit open our hearts to see you and to love and serve you in all that we do.

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Clonard College,

Welcome

This term we welcome the following student:

Georgina Pennefather (Yr 10W)

We also welcome the following to staff:

Ms Clare Younis, who will be teaching Fashion Design, Art and Photography. Also, Ms Sarah Fish will resume her job share position with Mrs Griffin in the subject areas of Physical Education and Personal Development after her maternity leave.

Refugee 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, Sacred Heart College and Trinity College, Colac. A wonderful day of activities for the 200 people present took place at Clonard. Thank you to the Clonard students involved and to staff members Ms Anthea Hinchey and Ms Jo Ryan who coordinated the day, along with the other Clonard staff members who volunteered their time on this day.

Enrolments 2012

Applications for year 7 (2011) enrolment close on Friday the 20th of May. Interviews of applicants who are not Catholic, or do not have a sister at Clonard will take place on Thursday May 26th (2.00pm-7.30pm). All letters of offer will be sent by the end of Term 2.

ANZAC Day

Last Thursday the College commemorated ANZAC day with a service attended by the whole College student and staff community. I would like to thank Mr McCallum for the effort that he put into coordinating a meaningful ceremony that reflects a significant moment in our country's history.

Athletics Sports & Cross Country

On Monday the annual athletics sports were conducted at Landy field. We were fortunate to have cooperative weather and it was wonderful to see our students striving to do their personal best and representing their Houses in a positive fashion. Congratulations to all students for participating in a most positive way.

On Wednesday the 11th of May the School Cross Country will be conducted around part of the Barwon River/Queens Park. Once again this will give our students the opportunity to achieve some personal milestones along with promoting House spirit amongst the students.

Thank you to Mrs Grigg, the House Leaders, the Physical Education Staff and all staff helpers for their efforts in coordinating and running these two events.

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Yr 12 Theatre Studies

Those people interested in seeing a high quality performance from our Yr 12 Theatre Studies group are reminded that they can come along tonight (Friday) at 7.30pm to see "A Dream Play". Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door.

Generations in Jazz Camp

This weekend a number of our students from Yrs 8-12 will be competing in the Generations of Jazz-Stage Bands Awards in Mt Gambier. Thank you to Ms Wilson and Mr Cox for giving our students the opportunity to compete in a National competition.

Naplan

Four years ago, the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) commenced in Australian schools. The program continues in 2011 with all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 being assessed using national tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy.

The data from the NAPLAN test results gives schools and systems the ability to compare their students' achievements against national standards and with student achievement in other states and territories. It also allows the monitoring of progress over time.

This year NAPLAN testing will take place on:

Tuesday 10th of May- Language Conventions and Writing

Wednesday 11th of May- Reading

Thursday 12th of May- Numeracy

Santa Teresa/Ampilitwatja

Next Saturday we farewell our students and staff who will be spending a week working with the indigenous communities in Santa Teresa and Ampilitwatja. Over a number of years at Clonard, diligent and determined efforts have been made to develop a stronger focus on Indigenous perspectives throughout the curriculum, enabling our students to learn about the Indigenous culture. This year I will personally have the opportunity to accompany the Santa Teresa group (along with Mrs Brodrick). I look forward to sharing a little of my experience in the next newsletter.

Parent /Teacher/Student Evenings

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews took place at the end of last term. This process provided an opportunity for discussions to take place between parents, teachers and students reinforcing good academic progress, as well as providing some concrete steps towards improving performance in the future. It is very important that if parents were unable to make an appointment at these interviews yet wish to discuss aspects of their daughter's performance, they make contact with the school as soon as possible to discuss these matters.

Minimum School Leaving Age

The law governing compulsory attendance at school and the minimum school leaving age in Victoria states that young people from the age of 6 to 17 must attend school or an approved equivalent, unless otherwise exempted. Teenagers are now required by law to complete Year 10 and after completing Year 10 and until they turn 17, are to be in fulltime education, training or employment, or a combination of these activities.

Public Speaking Competitions and Debating



Rosalie Debets, Ashleigh Hughes, Sarah Chapman and Georgia Randall recently competed in the **2011 Wynspeak Youth Public Speaking Competition** held in Hoppers Crossing.

This excellent competition is sponsored by Apex, Rotary and Rostrum in conjunction with Wyndham Youth Resources Centre and is the foremost competition for the western region, involving over 20 schools from Melbourne, Geelong, Altona, Laverton and Bacchus March. The competition is in its 7th year and provides a wonderful opportunity for students to speak in public. I was in awe of the students' confidence and talent and impressed by the communication skills of all those taking part in an activity which most adults find quite daunting.



The competition for *Junior and Senior* students was in two parts, a *prepared* speech of 5 minutes and an *impromptu* section where the students were given a secret topic and had only 4 minutes to prepare. At the end of the competition, the feedback coaches provided valuable tips for the girls.

In preparing for their speeches, the girls used some of the techniques introduced to them by **Marcelle Bernard** who conducted a workshop for Year 10 students earlier this year. Some of the tips they used included:

- Stand tall and be brave
- Have a focus for your topic
- Tell a short story within the context of your topic
- Outline where your speech is headed
- Finish with a "Call for action"
- Learn your conclusion off by heart

Ms. Dewar organised this excellent motivational speaker whose book "*Stand Up! Speak Up!*" is in the Clonard Library.

Ideally, every student at Clonard would complete Year 12 to maximize their prospects for a fulfilling life and career. During the past decade in particular, there has been a convergence of employer, educational and public policy requirements for young people to become skilled and lifelong learners. This has been complemented by the development of a more suitable educational infrastructure. At Clonard, we now have the opportunity for students to leave the secondary school system with several qualifications all seamlessly woven into her senior years of schooling: VCAL; VCE and VET Certificate(s) and even a partial apprenticeship.

Congratulations

Congratulations to staff member Ms Lillian Josevska and her husband David on the safe arrival of Lachlan during the holidays.

Also, to Mrs Donna Jackson, our Science Domain leader who this weekend graduates with a Masters of Religious Education from Australian Catholic University.

Mother's Day

On Sunday the 8th of May, we celebrate Mothers' Day. As part of the celebration of our Mothers and their great contribution to our lives, the annual Mothers' Day Breakfast was held for our Yr 12 students and their mothers this morning. This was a lovely opportunity to give thanks to some of the mothers in our community for their devotion and support. Thank you to Mrs De Jong, Mrs Dawson, the Yr 12 Pastoral Care teachers and other members of staff for their assistance with this breakfast.

Newsletter via Email

Like all schools, Clonard is constantly looking at ways to minimise its impact on the environment. One way in the future that we can do this is by reducing the amount of printing and photo copying that takes place in the school. As from the commencement of Semester Two the decision has been taken to distribute this newsletter via email only. The newsletter is always available via the College website; however we recognise that some parents would like to receive a copy via their in box. The College will still print a nominal number of hard copies that will be available for pickup at the front office for the families who do not have access to email. Over the next few weeks you will receive a form that will request the email addresses where you would like to newsletter sent (this can of course be more than one email address). In another move towards the electronic age, the College will be implementing a system of online bookings for the next major round of Parent Teacher interviews (September 20th and 22nd). Information surrounding this process will be distributed in due course.

Calendar

Sat 7th of May	Generations in Jazz Camp
Mon 9th of May	Stewardship Committees and Council Meetings
Tue 10th of May	Naplan- Language Conventions and Writing
Wed 11th of May	Naplan-Reading, Cross Country
Thur 12th of May	Naplan-Numeracy
Sat 14th of May	Santa Teresa/ Ampilitwatja students depart
Wed 18th of May	SCSA Athletics GISSA Cross Country

Bereavements

The Clonard College community extends its sympathy to: Emily Spiller (7Y) on the passing of her Grandfather and also to Jayden Taylor (7B) on the passing of her Grandmother.

Best Wishes

Damian McKew
Principal

First up, Rosalie spoke on the recent controversy surrounding a number of AFL players. Her speech was persuasive and came down on the side of individual responsibility for the teenager involved. As she said, one mouse click can do a lot of damage these days!



Next, Ashleigh entertained the audience with some of the advice her grandfather had once given her, "Prior Planning Prevents Poor Performance" and related it to the idea of family holidays.

Sarah Chapman of Year 11 spoke passionately about the controversial idea of putting restrictions on the classifications for violent video games. Her speech was well received and she provided good examples of research indicating a minimal link between video and real violence.

A recent trip to Japan provided Georgia Randall of Year 9 with material for her topic on Sustainability, how the people of Japan Reuse, Recycle and Repair. Georgia compared the recycling habits of that country with the sustainability habits of our students.

Other topics chosen by the contestants included Bullying, The Cadbury Cream Egg, Fear of speaking in public, Body Image, The Honda CRF 250X, Refugees, Arrogance, Gay marriage, Australian stereotypes and Laughter.

The schools involved in the first of four qualifying rounds were Clonard College, Staughton College, Laverton P12, Gilmore College for Girls and Baden Powell College. The final is to be held in June at The Werribee Civic Centre and the winner enters the Rostrum Voice of Youth.

The impromptu speeches were judged on entertainment, structure and how the students had thought about the topic. Topics included: A country I would least like to visit, How to save electricity, Why elephants are important, The worst job in the world, Why I do want to be a Millionaire, If I were invisible for a day, Why milk is good for you, If I could be any animal what would I choose to be, Have books gone out of fashion, How they can fix public transport in Melbourne, What I would do if I won the Lotto, Life wasn't meant to be easy, Should students get a day off school

for their birthdays, Unexpected disasters and My favourite teacher.



The winner of the prepared speech junior section was Ashleigh Hughes and the runner up was Georgia Randall. Georgia also won the impromptu section. Congratulations girls!

Debating Report.

DAV debating is underway and students have been successful in both rounds. The topics have included banning violent video games, animals in sport, funding of major sporting events and drug testing of school students.

Students have worked hard on researching and presenting convincing arguments. Having three teams at D Grade has enabled

the students to consider both sides of the topic and anticipate the arguments from the opposition. This is an important skill in Debating as rebutting the arguments is a crucial part of the method of all team members. Manner and matter are also assessed by the adjudicators.



Sarah Goegan and Elise Brislane, past Clonard Debating students who is now at University, is this year working for the DAV as an adjudicator.

Congratulations to all the team members: Liz Findlay, Helen Echter, Equina Elan Monk, Lauren Muscat, Emily Goegan, Isabella Stevenson, Georgia Fraser, Maddison Betts, Emerald Kelly, Annalise Baulch, Ashleigh Hughes, Marnie Green, Madison Keam, Jana Thiery, Georgia Randall, Lauren Shell, and the C grade students, Stephanie Briskoska, Danielle Visnjovski, Tess Hewat, Nina Sherry and Jade Lockwood.

Thank you to the Debating Leader Merryn Campbell, and to their coaches, Mr Ryan, Mrs Jones and Mr Schmidt.

Mrs. Waller Debating and Public Speaking Co-ordinator



Geelong police, in conjunction with other local agencies, are continuing to address anti-social behaviour in Little Malop Street. As part of this strategy we ask that students refrain from attending the area unless they have a legitimate reason for doing so. This will assist us with identifying and dealing with the small minority of young people who

engage in this type of behaviour in this area. Thank you for your understanding and assistance.

Megan Williamson
Sergeant Youth Co-ordinator

Marcelle Bernard at Clonard

At the end of last term, we were very privileged to have Marcelle Bernard present to the Year 10s. Marcelle is Australia's top female public speaker, she kept the girls spellbound for her entire hour and a half presentation. Her belief is that success results from confidence, combined with optimism, as well as talent or desire. She showed the students how to overcome nerves, gain a positive attitude, become more assertive, and have some fun! Her belief is that confidence and optimism are learned skills that can be permanently acquired, and that we can instill these skills in our youth. She covered her "Rules, Tools & Weapons" needed to look good and sound good in any public speaking opportunity. She promised that gaining confidence in public speaking and presentation skills would never be so much fun, & from the feedback I received from both the students and the staff who attended, she certainly delivered on this promise!



REPRESENTING CLONARD

Last Friday Alana Perin and Grace Halleday (Year 11) represented Clonard at the all-schools Geelong ANZAC Day Commemoration service at Johnstone Park. Along with 77 other schools, Clonard's wreath was placed by Alana and Grace in the Memorial Foyer after a brief address by Mr Rodney Meeke, President of the Geelong sub-branch RSL. Well done to Alana and Grace who were perfect role models in representing Clonard on the day.



Japanese Host Family

We are still looking for 9 Host Families for Japanese students. The cut off date is 6 weeks before the 28th July - the 17th of June. Please contact in the General Office -52782155

Keys Please!

Keys Please is an annual event at Clonard for our Year 10s & is being held on Tuesday night in the theatre at 7pm. It is funded by VicRoads/TAC/RoadSafe. All families should have received a letter in the mail about it by now. Students are invited to attend with at least one adult (usually a parent) and this adult should be their supervising driver, as the presentation is also for the supervising driver to understand how to survive the process of teaching their daughter how to drive. It's a very informative evening, lots of fun, some interactive simulations, great door prizes and give-a-ways. Please RSVP for catering purposes – there is pizza and soft drink afterwards.

Families are welcome to bring older siblings/friends who are also learner drivers.

Any Year 11 students who did not attend last year are also very welcome.

Penny Dewar – Year 10 Co-ordinator

KEYS 2 DRIVE...

helping parents teach their Learner driver

As a parent you may be a good driver; but being able to teach your Learner is not an easy task.

A recent national survey of more than 1,250 parents of Learner drivers found that almost half (45.5%) were nervous or apprehensive when they began teaching their teen how to drive.

keys2drive is a federally funded program that has been developed by the Australian Automobile Association which aims to take the drama out of learning to drive. It helps parents to prepare for their role as a supervising driver and to ensure that any time spent in the car with their Learner is successful and effective.

keys2drive is a **free** lesson (involving theory and on-road) delivered by an accredited professional driving instructor to any Learner who is accompanied by their supervising driver – most often a parent.

This program, the single largest Learner driver safety program undertaken in Australia, represents a unique and valuable experience for parents and their Learner drivers.

To register for a free lesson or to learn more, visit www.keys2drive.com.au

The Australian Automobile Association constituent members are the motoring clubs in each State and Territory



VCE

Students who are undertaking Units 3 and 4 studies in the following subjects: Accounting, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science and Psychology will sit exams on the 14th and 15th of June.

Teachers and students are working diligently at this time to cover course work and revision tasks in preparation for midyear exams. Students are being encouraged to complete practice questions and we strongly advise students to log onto the VCAA website and download any other practice questions available. It should also be noted that students will continue to sit SAC's throughout this term in all of their other subjects so they need to ensure they divide their time accordingly.

On the 16th of May all students in years 11 and 12 who are undertaking any unit 3 and 4 study or are enrolled in one or more VCE VET scored programs will be required to sit the GAT which is a 3 hour exam.

Please note the following advice from the VCAA:

Main Points

- It is VCAA policy that all students enrolled in a VCE Unit 3 & 4 sequence, are required to sit the General Achievement Test (GAT).
- This includes students with enrolments in one or more VCE VET scored programs.
- Students enrolled in a VCAL certificate with an enrolment in a VCE Unit 3 & 4 sequence or a VCE VET scored program, are required to sit the General Achievement Test (GAT).
- All students required to sit the GAT are encouraged to do so in the interest of optimizing their final results.
- Students who do not sit the GAT when required to do so, and who do not seek an exemption, will have an unauthorized absence noted on their VCE or VCAL Statement of Results.
- The requirement to sit the GAT is dependent on the student's enrolment in a VCE Unit 3 & 4 sequence or VCE VET scored program and the student's intention to not attempt the examination is not a valid reason for seeking exemption from the GAT.

Please note there will be no Year 12 classes scheduled from the 14th to the 16th of June however some teachers may request students who are not affected by exams on the Tuesday and Wednesday to come in for classes. Normal classes will resume for units 3 and 4 studies on Friday 17th June.

Evelyn Dawson and Leonie de Jong VCE Coordinators

Canteen News

Changes to Canteen Menu for Winter Term (2 & 3)

Sushi Available on Friday ONLY.

Orders must be placed for the following:

Homemade soup available Tue \$ 3,00

Baked Potato with Chilli Con Carne \$ 4.50

, Homemade Lasagne \$ 4.50

Homemade Spinach & Ricotta Canneloni \$4.50

Homemade Pasta Bolognese or Homemade Macaroni

Cheese \$3.50. Slushies are no longer available.

Thanks to the following: Nadine Billingham, Sarah

Feolah, Annette Lane, Jacqui Forster & Fiona

Crompton.



Refugee Day

Along with students from Sacred Heart, St Joseph's and Trinity Colac, it has become part of our holiday routine to spend a day socialising with Geelong kids of a refugee background. For many of us, it is a highlight of our term break. As it was our turn to host, the Clonard grounds were filled with some 100 children and as many tutors who participated in a day filled with activities. We had a great time – kept busy with music, arts, craft, cooking and sports. We have been doing this for some three years now, it is lovely to be able to renew old friendships and to make new ones. As always, we agreed that the biggest thrill for us in sharing in the children's enthusiasm. We would particularly like to thank the staff, students and our parent helpers – Ash Pendock and Robyn McIntyre – who made this day possible. We are now looking forward to the next holidays!



Cross Country

The House Cross Country is approaching, it will be held on Wednesday the 11th of May. 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 – Nathan Patterson

Kildare – Cathy Wilson

Finian – Louise Davies

Lelia – Bronwyn Hewitt



**You can
SING
for the ANIMALS!**

Love animals? Enjoy singing?

Here's a wonderful opportunity to help sick, lost and abandoned animals simply by raising your voice in song at the:

**Geelong Animal Welfare Society
Fundraising Concert**



Have fun learning songs over four rehearsals during May and then take part in an exciting concert on the 5th of June. Rehearsals in Highton and Lara commencing the week of May 7. Groups for ages 5 - 7 yrs, 8 - 10 yrs, 11 - 18 yrs and adults / families. Come and lend your voice to a very worthy cause. Spaces are limited so please email to confirm your place.

We are also seeking sponsorship from local businesses to help cover the costs of this event. Sponsorship packages start at \$25. We'd love to have you on board!

Contact: 0431 981 652

www.geelongyouthchoir.com



Presents:

**Parenting in a
Stepfamily**

This **4-week** program has a positive look at the joys and difficulties of being in a stepfamily. The program investigates the importance of identifying and respecting each individual's place and developing realistic expectations of all concerned.

Term 2

Commencing: Monday 16th May

Where: "Ariston"

245-249 Pakington St, Newtown

Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Contact the Regional Parenting service on
5272 4817 to reserve your place

Cost – **Gold Coin Donation**

Note: Places for each program limited - Registration Essential

Careers News

The Age VCE and Careers Expo 2011

Highly recommended and regarded expo where students can speak to employers, university representatives and attend seminars.

May 6-8, 10am - 4 pm, Caulfield Racecourse

YEAR 12 GAP YEAR INFORMATION NIGHT

Want to travel and contribute to a developing community? Live and work overseas for 3 months with Gapbreak - find out more at the Melbourne Info Night, Monday May 9, 6.30pm - 7.30pm, The Atlantis Hotel Spencer St, Register on-line at www.antipodeans.com.au

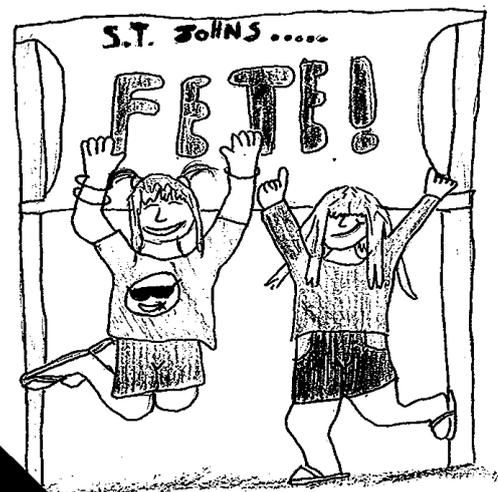
NURSING AND HEALTH EXPO

Students considering a career in nursing or health and related services, explore the many job possibilities at the Nursing and Health Expo Sunday May 15 at Royal Exhibition Building Carlton 10am - 3pm.

UMAT

Any Year 12 student considering applying for the following courses for 2012 is required to sit the UMAT test: Monash - Medicine, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy La Trobe - Dentistry Plus interstate Medicine, Dentistry, Optometry, Physio The test will be held on 27th July 2011 and you must register on-line from April 1, close June 3 2011 The UMAT Consortium universities DO NOT recommend or endorse any preparation courses. Practice materials are available on-line and with registration. <http://umat.acer.edu.au>

**ST JOHNS LUTHERAN SCHOOL
MOTHERS DAY FETE**



Artwork by Romany Phillips

**SATURDAY
7 MAY 2011**

10am - 3pm



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