



Clonard Chronicle

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Refugee Week



Lord,

As a Father, you understand the anguish of knowing that loved ones suffer; You experience the agony of all people who long to be with those they love, But especially of refugee families separated by war and violence who daily carry a heavy cross of pain and loss.

We pray for all those seeking refuge in our country. As our National Anthem states:

'For those who've come across the seas we've boundless plains to share.'

May we as a country be prepared to open our hearts and our arms to those in need.

Amen

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Clonard College,

The United Nations' (UN) World Refugee Day is observed on June 20 each year. This event honours the courage, strength and determination of women, men and children who are forced to flee their homeland under threat of persecution, conflict and violence. At the end of this editorial, you can access some contact emails that you may use to record your thoughts on the 'Malaysian solution' proposed by the Federal Government. Please also see the details included elsewhere in this newsletter regarding a rally this coming Sunday in support of our refugees.

Yr 9-11 Examinations

End of semester examinations for Yr 9 & 10 students will run from Friday the 17th to Tuesday the 21st of June.

Examinations for all Unit 1 students will run from Friday the 17th to Thursday the 23rd of June.

Reports

End of semester reports will be mailed home to parents/guardians on Friday the 1st of July. Our reports are one instrument through which the progress of the students through their studies can be monitored. An opportunity to attend Parent Teacher Interviews will again be offered in Term 3. Subject teachers and Coordinators are more than happy to discuss any statements made in these reports from the commencement of Term 3.

On Track Data

This week, the On Track Data was released by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. This data indicates the pathways taken by all Victorian students who have completed Year 12 in 2010. The table below represented the destination of our Year 12 students from 2010 who consented to the survey.

Total Completed Yr 12 (actual number)	Tertiary Applicants (Actual number)	University Offers (%)	TAFE/VET Offers (%)	Any Tertiary Offer (%)
108	92	80	18	98

On Track Survey Data:

University Enrolled (%)	TAFE/VET Enrolled (%)	Apprentice/Trainee (%)	Employed (%)	Looking for Work (%)	Deferred (%)
59	10	3	9	1	17

The deferral rate for a Tertiary place has decreased by 5% on the previous years (2009) figures.

A particularly pleasing aspect of the statistics above is the fact that 98% of VCE students at Clonard in 2010 received a tertiary offer for the continuation of their studies which is an increase of 3% on the 2009 figures. Congratulations again to these students and the staff who worked extremely hard over the course of 2010.

Enrolments 2012

Offers of enrolment for Yr 7 (2012) have been posted today. Clonard has been fortunate to experience a very high level of demand for a Yr 7 place. Unfortunately there have been a considerable number of applications for which we have been unable to cater. I would like to thank the Clonard community for the great work you are doing in ensuring new generations of families are choosing to educate their daughters in a faith-enriching culture.

Malaysian Trip

This coming Thursday morning (23rd of June) 18 students along with staff members Ms Penny Dewar and Mr Dean Williams depart for their Malaysian trip. We wish the students and staff involved safe travel and we hope that they learn many things from the new culture that they will experience.

Report Writing Day

Next Friday the 24th of June is a designated report writing day for staff and as such, no students are required to attend school on this day.

Yr 7 Music Performance Evening

This coming Tuesday, the Yr 7 Green, Red and Blue classes will be holding a concert to showcase the talents that they have learnt over the course of the semester. One supersized concert band will be formed from these classes as well as performances from smaller instrumental groups. The Clonard Senior Concert and Stage bands will also perform on this evening. Yr 7 students are expected to arrive at the College for a 7pm warm-up with the concert to commence at 7.30pm.

VCE Exams

Congratulations to all of our senior students who have survived the General Achievement Test (GAT) on Thursday and Unit Three examinations over the course of the week in Accounting, Biology, Environmental Science, Physics, Chemistry and Psychology held this week. Thank you to the staff who have worked hard to ensure that the students are prepared for these exams.

Brigidine Day

On Friday the 1st of July, our College celebrates Brigidine Day. This is a chance for our community to celebrate the rich heritage with which we have been blessed and that has been passed on by our founders, the Brigidine Sisters. Please note that this is a compulsory day for all students and it is my expectation that each one, bar illness, will be present with us to celebrate this day. The following timetable will be used for the day:

8.45am	Homeroom
9.15am	Liturgy in hall
10am	Carnival
12.30pm	House Choir and Talent Quest
2.30pm	Dismissal

Staff have volunteered to host Carnival games. The students will be rotated through a number of the games which they will select. It promises to be a range of fun-filled activities and a wonderful day of celebration.

2010 Annual Report to the School Community

I am pleased to advise that the Clonard College 2010 Annual Report to the School Community is now available on the College website www.clonard.catholic.edu.au and a copy is also available upon request at the College Office.

Staff Farewell

At the end of this term, we farewell Ms Clare Younis who has been a wonderful addition to our Creative Arts department. I would like to wish Ms Younis well for the future and thank her for her contribution to the College over the term.

Next term, we welcome back Ms Tracey Newnham and Mrs Lillian Sprague (Josevska) back to the College from maternity leave in a job share capacity.

A number of staff members will be taking long service leave over the coming weeks, and into next term. I would like to wish Mrs Amanda Vines, Mrs Jo Lindquist, Mrs Penny Dewar, Mrs Kim Turnley, Mr Kevin Flanders, Mr Michael McCallum and Mr Justin McInerney the best wishes of the College community as they embark on wonderful travels and a small break after a period of great service to Catholic education.

Asylum Seeker Action

A few weeks ago Lateline (ABC) revealed the plan to send 800 asylum seekers to Malaysia even though the Malaysian government is taking out any reference to human rights in the proposed memorandum of understanding. There is also potential that a number of unaccompanied minors could make up the numbers sent to Malaysia. I have listed the contact details below of some of the key decision makers you may wish to contact regarding this action:

Liberal Party

Malcolm Turnbull (Wentworth, NSW)
(02) 9327 3988 Malcolm.Turnbull.MP@aph.gov.au
Helen Kroger (Senator for VIC)
(03) 9888 0091 senator.kroger@aph.gov.au
Joe Hockey (North Sydney, NSW)
(02) 9929 9822 J.Hockey.MP@aph.gov.au

Australian Labor Party

Greg Combet (Charlton, NSW)
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Kevin Rudd (Griffith, QLD)
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Bill Shorten (Maribyrnong, VIC)
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Kate Lundy (Senator for ACT)
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You can also sign Amnesty's petition addressed to Julia Gillard (see Amnesty website)

Newsletter and Personal Details Updates

This is the final newsletter to be distributed for the Term. Any urgent notifications will be distributed with the reports and published on the College website. As mentioned in a previous newsletter the College will be moving towards email distribution of the newsletter as soon as practical in Term 3. Over the next week you will receive a mail out requesting you to update your personal details. A crucial component of this update will be the recording of the email addresses that you wish to have the school newsletter sent to. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in assisting us in creating a more environmentally-friendly newsletter distribution process.

Term 3 Resumption

A reminder that the first day for all students in Term 3 is **Tuesday the 19th of July** (Monday the 18th of July being a professional development day for staff.)

Bereavements

The Clonard College community extends its sympathy to

Staff member, Mr Kevin Flanders (and his wife Kathy) on the passing of his Father in Law (Father) Jack Powell.

Past staff member Snezana Ivisic (cousin of Ivana Balta 9 and past student Antonija Balta) on the passing of her husband Stuart Knight

Calendar

Fri 17 th of June	Yr 9&10 Exams commence
Thu 23 rd of June	Unit 1 Exams Commence
Fri 24 th of June	Malaysian Trip Departs
Mon 27 th of June	Report Writing Day (No Students)
Wed 28 th of June	Stewardship Council and Commit
Fri 1 st of July	tees Meeting
Mon 18 th of July	Yr 7 Music Performance Evening
Tue 19 th of July	Brigidine Day
	Reports mailed
	Last Day Term 2
	Term 3 Commences (Staff Only)
	Term 3 Commences (Students)

Best Wishes



Damian McKew - Principal

OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME

My name is Alanah Scacco and I am in year 10. On the 31st of July this year I will be heading off by myself to attend a leadership academy in British Columbia, Canada. During my time in Canada I will be participating in a range of activities which include learning about leadership, learning about ourselves, doing service within the environment, social entrepreneurship and a whole lot more activities. A few months ago I completed an application to attend this Academy not knowing how many other people from around Australia and the world will also be applying. The application



process took a long time because there were over 450 other people from all over the world who had applied. I was lucky enough to be one of the 100 people accepted into the Academy. Within the people who have been accepted, I have discovered that there are around 13 other people travelling from Australia to the Academy. I am very excited to have been accepted along with joining people from not only Australia but also people from 26 different countries who are attending. This is a once in a life time opportunity and when I return I hope to share my experience with the school and the Clonard Community.

College Building Fund Reminder

The College Building Fund has financed a number of new buildings and helps maintain existing ones. These works have been made possible through the sacrifice of past and present parents.

The levy is \$ 100 per Family per annum. As the financial year is drawing closer, please kindly consider contributing to the College Building Fund to ensure a separate tax deductible receipt is issued before the 30th of June.

Your support of the Building Fund will ensure that new resources and maintenance of existing buildings can be provided for the future.

Monash University 2012 course information

Information seminars for Monash courses in Psychology, Fine Arts and Design are continuing throughout June.

Go to monash.edu.au/atmonash for details and bookings

Pharmacy at Monash - Tours and information at Parkville campus July 7 and 21, August 1, 15 and 29, September 6 and 20.

Register at www.pharm.monash.edu.au

Melbourne University

Focus on Melbourne seminars are for Year 10-12 students and their families to explore their options: Arts - June 21, Law - June 23, Science - June 28, VCA - June 30.

All sessions 7.00pm - 8.30pm. More details and registration at www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focusonmelbourne

"Access all Areas" - July 15, offers a personalised insight into the University of Melbourne for prospective students and their families. For further information and queries about Access All Areas, please call: 03 8344 6543 or 1800 801 662

Deakin University

School of Nursing information evening Geelong Waterfront campus Thursday July 14, 6-8pm, Percy Baxter Theatre

Australian Catholic University

Nursing and Paramedicine, and Education - Year 10-12's are able to participate in hands-on workshops, and explore what these careers are all about Where and when? - Ballarat July 6

Go to www.acu.edu/university_experience to register

Zoo Keeper for a Day

If you are interested in working with animals find out what it is like to be a zookeeper: Go to www.zoo.org.au/learning/holiday/HS-Zoo-Keeper

Geelong Careers Expo

Seminars, course/job information and more - June 22 at Deakin University Waterfront campus, 6.30-9pm

Victoria University Open Day

Sunday June 26 10am - 3pm Ballarat Rd, Footscray

Students considering studying at Vic Uni are strongly encouraged to attend this day to gain valuable insight into courses and facilities available.

Herald Sun Melbourne Career Expo

Over 150 exhibitors, plus seminars and VCE exam advice 10am - 3pm, July 30 and 31 at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre

www.careerexpo.com.au

Netbook repair costs

So far this year there have been 42 screens broken. Some netbooks were dropped, some stood on and some damaged while in the school bag. The cost for a replacement screen is \$96. So please consider the purchase of a padded bag with a shoulder strap for about \$25 to protect the netbook.

Generals in Jazz Music Festival

Clonard's stage band 'Big Al's All-stars' travelled to Mt. Gambier on the 6th of May to spend the weekend participating in the annual 'Generations in Jazz' musical festival. "Generations" provides the opportunity for school jazz bands from all over Australia (Tasmania was the only state not represented) to experience firsthand the beauty of live music, particularly from world class musicians such as James Morrison, Gordon Goodwin and vocalists Emma Pask and "The Idea of North". Highlights of the three concerts included jazz covers of 'Single Ladies' and 'Hey Jude' which got the whole room, composed of 120 bands singing and dancing. Not only did the members of 'Big Al's' get to observe live jazz music but we also got to play our own and support other school bands in the four divisions. The weekend left us all super inspired and ready to make some new improved jazz!



Adolescent Foster Care

All young people's basic needs are the same, regardless of where they come from! They all need the opportunity to learn and grow, to have fun and to feel safe and secure ... unfortunately this has not been the case for many of the young people with whom we work!

We are looking for individuals, couples and families to help provide an environment where young people can have fun and importantly feel safe and secure with a sense of belonging. A place they can call HOME.

If you think you have what it takes to become an Adolescent Foster Parent and assist in building a brighter future for adolescents, then we would love to hear from you!

As well as the rewards and experience of contributing to a young person's life, MacKillop offers you carer accreditation and training, professional development, a generous tax free re-imburement and 24 hour case management support for your role as a carer.

Successful applicants will need to have a current driver licence and have satisfactorily completed a police check and a working with children check.

For further information please contact **Anne Lancashire** MacKillop Family Services Ph : 5278 9211 (B/H)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WINTER APPEAL ~ 2011


This Winter, hundreds of our local residents who are experiencing financial hardship or some other form of social distress, are sleeping in the cold weather, with no appropriate shelter, no blankets and no warm clothing. Many will be women and sadly, will also include many children.

Your kind donations of blankets and warm clothing will be appreciated.

They can be dropped off at any Vinnies Centres below

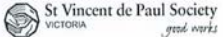
- for bulk pick up, please call 5229 0911 -

SOUTH GEELONG 162 Ryans St, Sth Geelong Mon to Fri 9am to 5pm Sat 9am to 1pm	GEELONG CITY 164 Moorabool St, Geelong Mon to Fri 9am to 5pm Sat 9am to 2pm	HAMLIN HEIGHTS 71 Vines Rd, Hamlyn Heights Mon to Fri 9am to 5pm Sat 9am to 1pm
QUEENSLIFF 31 Hesse St, Queenscliff Seven days 10am to 4pm	OCEAN GROVE 18 Marine Pde, Ocean Grove Mon to Fri 10am to 4:30pm	NORLANE Shop 1, Labrum Square, Norlane Mon to Fri 9am to 4pm



Help someone see a better future.

Vinnies changes lives every day. Donate now to the Vinnies Winter Appeal. Call 13 18 12 or visit vinnies.org.au





MARCH ON WORLD REFUGEE DAY

Join us for a rally and march to join the EMERGE festival in Fitzroy

SUNDAY JUNE 19, 12.30PM

Royal Exhibition Building, Carlton (Nicholson St entrance)

Organised by the Refugee Advocacy Network
www.refugeeadvocacynetwork.org
Ph 0402 262 753 or 0413 377 978

Canteen News

Thanks this fortnight to Claire Webb, Sylvia Brown, Maria Pellegrino, Michelle Jones, Helen Scacco, Jaqui Gifford, Tina Goegan, Narelle Unmack & Fiona Crompton

Thanks also to VCE Year 12 students Lucie-Mae Li Ching Yan & Rebekah Drake your time and assistance is always appreciated.