



# Clonard Chronicle

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### CLONARD COLLEGE

Refugee and Migrant Sunday 28 August 2011

On Sunday, the Church across Australia prays together for refugees and migrants in our country. Some of us may be refugees and migrants, and certainly most of us are the descendants of refugees or migrants. Australia is a special place. Our population has a rich cultural mix, thanks to the refugees and migrants who have made this country their home over the years. Let us celebrate the richness of our nation, with its population drawn from various countries, races, cultures, religions and life experiences. Let us pray that we can contribute to this place as a sacred space. Let us resolve to be inclusive, to welcome the stranger, and to create a harmonious and multicultural nation that offers freedom, peace, democracy, acceptance and opportunity to all.

"Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep." Romans 12:13-15

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Clonard College,

#### Is a member of your family an ex-student of Clonard?

In this newsletter we would like to take the opportunity to reach out to Clonard families who have a mother, sister, aunt, cousin or neighbour who is an ex-student of Clonard College. As we become more established as a school, it is important to recognise the important role that ex-students have played in our school and recognise the role that they can continue to play in our community. Over the past few years the Community Relations arm of the Clonard Stewardship Council has been working very hard to re-link our Old Collegians with the school.

One way is through the *Clonard Crosslinks* (Old Collegians' annual newsletter), where we take the opportunity to broaden and update our data base of Old Collegians. In *Crosslinks* we are also taking the opportunity to keep our old collegians up to date about our school today and the many achievements of our current group of students and staff as a way of celebrating what we are proud of and what we have to be thankful for. The *Crosslinks* newsletter also features articles from Old Collegians with a story to tell about their experiences at Clonard and the path that their lives have taken since leaving. For this publication to be successful we require the input of our Old Collegians so please take the opportunity to keep us posted about you and your peers, particularly if you know of an ex-student's story that is of particular interest.

Recent electronic copies of *Clonard Crosslinks* are available on the College Website, under 'Publications' in 'News and Events' - [www.clonard.catholic.edu.au](http://www.clonard.catholic.edu.au)

Another opportunity the Community Relations offers is the annual Clonard get-together held in the Clonard school grounds early each year. On this occasion we welcome different groups of Old Collegians back to the school to meet up and see the school as it is today. The get-together offers the chance for students to gather together with their classmates 10 years, 20 years, 30 years, 40 years and 50 years after graduation. It is timely to remember that the first group of students started at Clonard more than 55 years ago in 1956.

At this event you can expect to see a large selection of old uniforms, photos, memorabilia, *Reflections* school magazines along with some of the current school leaders who take the old collegians on a tour of the school, taking in the existing buildings and the new and innovative developments throughout the school. As you could imagine, there is a lot of loud and boisterous laughter and discussion when you have the opportunity to bring together groups of ladies who have not seen each other or the school in many years. The afternoon of activities also provides Old Collegians with an opportunity to meet the new Principal and some staff members.

The Community Relations committee is also very committed to inviting Old Collegians to come back to the school and reflect on their time at Clonard, providing insight and direction to our current group of students, for instance to support Community Service or as guest speakers for careers. Clonard has now grown to approximately 800 students, over 60 teaching staff and facilities that support a wide and diverse selection of subjects and extra-curricular activities. This involvement of Old-Collegians extends to the actual Community Relations Committee which is made up of former Clonard students and in one case a mother of a former student. The school is very grateful for their support and guidance. If you would like to support this work in any way please make contact with us using the addresses below.

The Clonard data base is the avenue we use to communicate with our old collegians, be it by mail, email, the Clonard Facebook page, promotion through the Clonard website, newsletters and of course the *Clonard Crosslinks*.

If you are on our data base and have a story to tell please contact the school so that we can pass on your story to your fellow old collegians. Alternatively if you know of Old Collegians who are not receiving the *Clonard Crosslinks* and may not have their current details on our Clonard data base, please have them forward this information to the Clonard office.[office@clonard.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@clonard.catholic.edu.au)

Clonard Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/clonard>

Dean Williams  
Assistant Principal  
- Community Relations & Daily Organisation



#### We want you!



We are seeking the graduating classes of:  
• 1961 (1956 - 1961) - 50 years out  
• 1971 (1966 - 1971) - 40 years out  
• 1981 (1976 - 1981) - 30 years out  
• 1991 (1986 - 1991) - 20 years out  
• 2001 (1996 - 2001) - 10 years out

As you would be aware 2011 is the year when your graduating class will celebrate a significant anniversary away from Clonard, therefore we would like to provide your graduating class with the opportunity to join us and the other older Old Collegians for a special get together. We would like to invite you to a special dinner to be held at the school grounds on Saturday 20th May 2011. This will be a great opportunity for you to catch up with old friends and relatives and reminisce about your time at Clonard. We hope to plan for the 100 or so of you that will drive to the school to attend this special dinner.

If you have not been back to Clonard we have many new buildings, artworks and landscape works to observe along with the old school buildings; you hopefully took upon yourself since one departure. We will provide senior leaders from the school to give a brief history of the school and the changes that have occurred over the last 55 years.

If you have not been back to Clonard we will briefly welcome you and are well prepared to provide a collection of images, stories and Clonard memorabilia from your year level, however this will only be possible with prior support and the support of the Clonard staff.

For further information please contact Dean Williams, Clonard College Assistant Principal - Community Relations & Daily Organisation, ph: 5278 2155 (extn)

or 0413 384770. Please attach this study and return your payment to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of TICKETS ORDERED @ \$10 PER TICKET: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send to prior email address or that this publication can be sent to you direct: [office@clonard.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@clonard.catholic.edu.au)

## Calendar

Mon 29th Aug	Literacy & Numeracy Week
Thu 1st Sept	Year 8 Pathways Meetings 7.00pm
Fri 2nd Sept	Triumph Festival
Mon 5th Sept	Humanities Week
Fri 9th Sept	Year 8 Medieval Day

## Mock Court

Clonard entered a team in this year's inter-school Mock Court Competition, sponsored by the Geelong Law Association, which runs in courtrooms in the Geelong Magistrates' Court and was successful in Round 1 on Tuesday 23rd August.

Clonard's team comprised Year 11 Legal Studies students Michaela Buckle (the accused), Tayla Hegyesi (her helpful witness), Sarah Roberts and Josephine Mirachi (Barristers) and Adele Chenoweth (Solicitor), with support from Maddison Howie (team photographer). It was rewarding to see former student Tash Gillett (Year 12 2010) behind the counter at the Court in her position as Court Adminsitartion trainee.

The accused faced three charges including driving whilst disqualified and failure to produce identification to police. After legal holes were blown through the prosecution case, in both cross-examination and in defence submissions, by the combined legal minds of Sarah Roberts, Josephine Mirachi and Adele Chenoweth, Michaela Buckle stuck to her story of not being there and knowing nothing, whilst Tayla Hegyesi was not able to be moved from her convincing testimony in support. Particular thanks go to Philippa Long and Susan Threlfall (our Team Coaches) from the Office of Public Prosecutions Geelong who provided sound guidance to our team.

The magistrate praised the Clonard team for their obvious preparation and superior presentation, with Clonard's team winning convincingly over Kardinia College (the prosecution). The next round, in which Clonard will be aksed to prosecute a case, is on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September (5.00pm to 6.15pm) – supporters most welcome!

## Michael McCallum



## Canteen News

Thanks this fortnight to Reenie Cook, Milka Georgievski, Lucy Occhibove, Nicolle Fursland, Jacqueline Gifford, Sarah Feola and Sue Harman.

## Work Placement

Over the last five weeks we have had a student teacher in the Art department, Tom Armstrong from Deakin University who has thoroughly enjoyed his time here at Clonard and wishes to express his thanks to all the staff and students who warmly accepted him into the Clonard Community.

## Christmas Hampers

The St. Vincent de Paul Society distribute hampers and gifts at Christmas to many families. We welcome your donation of Christmas cakes, Christmas Puddings, canned ham, vegetables, fruit, tins of biscuits, jam, jelly etc. Also new educational toys and books, pens, pencils for children 2 years to teenagers as well as toiletries, and gifts for mums and dads. No soft toys please. Hampers are made up to suit each individual family, so we are not asking you to actually make up hampers. Any of the above items would be most appreciated and will be collected from your school in October. With thanks for your past generosity. The St Vincent de Paul Society.

## "A Son's Tour for Don"

On September 26, 13 year old St Joseph College student Rylan Bird will ride 1000 km's from Sydney to Geelong, along with his grandfather Ray McNamara, to raise money for his Dad, Don.

Rylan is riding to raise funds for special medical treatment for his Dad that is not available in Australia. The operation includes travelling to the US for an expensive transplant to restore normal use of his diaphragm and they are seeking to raise around \$100,000 by October. At this stage they have raised just over \$50,000.

On The 2<sup>nd</sup> of September four local Catholic secondary schools are coming together for a celebration called Triumphest (approx 5000 students). We feel that this would provide an excellent opportunity for Rylan to promote and gain support for his ride through his school community.

Rylan will be running a stall which will include the raffling of items kindly donated by Hendry Cycles, De Grandi Cycle and Sport, and Campione Cycles.

There will also be a 'Guess jar' crammed full of delicious lollies for each school. If this isn't challenging enough you can try and guess how many hundreds and thousands are on our gigantic freckles, again, one for each school.

Sponsorship forms will also be available on the day if students and their families would like to sponsor Rylan on his incredible ride.

Further information can be obtained through

<http://donbirdfoundation.org.au>

## Jenny Edwards

**Secondhand Uniform Shop**  
Good Quality secondhand uniforms for sale. New socks, tights and footy socks for sale. Opening time Tuesday Day 2 between 12.45 - 1.15 or by appointment. Please contact Mrs Marion Buckley  
**52782155**

## **Limited Time Left for Year 8's to Access Cervical Cancer Vaccine for Free**

There are only four months to go for girls in Year 8 to finish their HPV immunisation course free of charge. Once the school year is over, any missed dose of the cervical cancer vaccine will need to be purchased from a GP or other health service provider at a cost of approximately \$150 each.

The HPV - or human papillomavirus - vaccine has been provided to girls in Year 7 since 2007 as part of the National Immunisation Program. To get free immunisation in Victoria, girls must commence the course in Year 7 and complete all doses by the end of Year 8. After that time, any missed dose must be paid for.

Ideally all three doses will be given within a 6 month period - 0, 2 and 6 months – however research shows if the second and third doses are given later than planned, the body still responds to the vaccine and makes antibodies which protect against HPV infection. This means it is still beneficial to complete the full three-dose course of the vaccine, even if doses aren't received at the correct intervals.

The HPV vaccine protects against four types of HPV which cause around 70 per cent of cervical cancers. It is important for all girls to complete the full course to ensure the best possible protection against the disease and other HPV-related illnesses.

If your daughter has still not completed the HPV vaccine course, please contact your local health provider as soon as possible. Missed doses can be obtained through public council immunisation sessions and your local GP.

Girls in Year 7 will receive their third and final dosage of the vaccine at school on 27<sup>th</sup> October.

If you are unsure of your daughter's immunisation record, contact your local council (Year 7 students) or the National HPV Vaccination Program Register (Year 8 students) on 1800 478 734.

If you need more information, visit [www.cervicalcancervaccine.org.au](http://www.cervicalcancervaccine.org.au). You can also call the Department of Health Immunisation Section on 1300 882 008 or call the Cancer Council Helpline on 13 11 20.

## **Work Experience**

Congratulations to all our Year 10 students for the successful completion of this year's Work Experience program. What a wonderful breadth of careers! As well as the usual assortment of primary schools, secondary schools, pre-school centres, hairdressers and retail opportunities, many of the students sourced their own placements as follows:

- CSIRO Animal Health Lab
- Tempo Media / Ocean Grove Voice newspaper
- Dental and Orthodontists
- Surfboard design
- Photography
- Vets\Animal hospital
- Magistrates Court
- Deakin University
- GPAC
- Engineering
- AMTech @ the Gordon
- Shell Refinery

- Sunshine, Werribee Mercy, and Royal Children's Hospitals
- Mercure
- Shrine of Remembrance
- Jason Coleman's Ministry of Dance
- Equestrian
- National Gallery of Victoria
- COGG

"I was really excited to be able to go to a real life chemistry lab and to watch what they do in it. I also wanted to find out if doing something in a lab is what I want to do in the future. I loved this experience, even though there were a lot of things that I wasn't allowed to do, and security was an issue – I had to be escorted everywhere! I really hope I can get a job there one day!" Monika Gdak – CSIRO Animal Health Lab.

"I wish Work Experience went for 2 weeks, because I had such a good time. I loved working with the children and had a lot of fun. I made many new friends and I got to experience one of the careers that I want to pursue in the future." Sarah Donnison, Kardinia International College.

"I was able to observe how a surfboard is made from the start to the finish. I was particularly interested in the artwork and design – it's a giant canvas! The workplace was cold & messy, and I had to stand all day. I have been invited to go back to continue doing some artwork, and the board I was working on is going to be sent to America!" Taylah Miocic, Dickson Surfboards.

"Siobhan was a pleasure to work with, always willing to give any new challenge a go" Jeff Gardiner, Rouseabouting.

"Hayley was a pleasure to have here, she was extremely interested, pro-active, and hard working." Geelong Vet Hospital.

"Holly & Tess were both a pleasure to have here, they were always polite and well mannered, took direction well and completed their work." Jason Coleman's Ministry of Dance.

"Can't speak highly enough of your students." AM Tech @ The Gordon.

"We enjoyed having Bonnie with us for the week. Even though she has no formal training in childcare, she was one of our best students ever!" Bellarine Children's Centre.

Well done girls!

Many thanks to the PD staff who have been an integral part of the Work Experience program at year 10 – Julie Whelan, Melissa Patterson, Sarah Fish, Sam Griffin, and Michael Tong.

## **Penny Dewar**

### **Work Experience Teacher.**



### **Combined Catholic College Major Raffle**

All Raffle books are to be returned to the General Office by Monday 29th August, sold or unsold.  
We are proud to be a part of the Geelong Catholic College Major Raffle once again in 2011.  
Your support, by either purchasing or selling tickets, along with encouraging our students to sell tickets, will go towards improving facilities and programs here at Clonard College. Fantastic prizes are on offer, you have to be in it to win it!

### **Careers News**

#### **After school hours Certificate II in Hospitality (Coffee, Bar & Waiter) course**

Hospitality Training Australia is offering current and past Clonard College students & their families the opportunity to complete this Certificate 2 commencing shortly (dates tbc). Delivery of the course will be over three months - one evening per week from 3.30pm to 6.30pm and alternating Saturdays. Other selected days (9am to 2pm) would be possible over the term 3 holidays, and the balance, if necessary, in December. A Certificate 2 course requires 20 days delivery.

The HTA admissions department would complete all the course administration and supply all resources and equipment to facilitate the program. Students and Alumni can contact HTA directly for course information and access a personally designed website <http://clonard.hosptrain.edu.au>. This site will also provide online enrolment.

The total cost for this course is \$105 per person & includes training in Responsible Service of Alcohol, Responsible Service of Gaming, Responsible Service of Food, Health, Safety & Hygiene procedures, applying First Aid, etc. The course also provides individual assistance in resume development and work placement/post training support.

**Please contact Penny Dewar if you or a member of your family would like to enroll in this course [penny.dewar@clonard.catholic.edu.au](mailto:penny.dewar@clonard.catholic.edu.au)**

#### **Talk and Tour: La Trobe up close and personal**

We hope you were there at the La Trobe, Melbourne campus Open Day to experience the difference!

With heaps of information about uni life and courses along with entertainment and giveaways, it's not too late to come along to our upcoming **Talk and Tour**.

This event is a great opportunity for future students and their parents to spend the day getting to know La Trobe and all it has to offer.

You can chat with staff and students, find out about courses and applying to La Trobe, and visit some of our fantastic facilities. You can also stay for lunch and explore more of the campus at your leisure.

Tuesday 27 September: 9:30am to 12 noon  
Bendigo campus

Wednesday 28 September: 9:30am to 12 noon  
Melbourne campus

Registration is now available for both events: <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/career-practitioners/activities/talk-and-tour>

### **Open Days are here!**

Year 10's, 11's and 12's start exploring your options at University Open Days

#### **OPEN DAY DATES (10am – 4pm):**

Sun 28 Aug - **ACU** (Ballarat); **Ballarat Uni**; **Box Hill Institute**; **Deakin** (Burwood); **La Trobe Uni** (Bendigo)

Attendance at university and TAFE Open Days is really important. This is especially so if you plan to apply for a course which requires an interview, folio presentation or audition as part of the application process (art and design, music and drama courses for example). Put the dates in your diary. Year 10 and 11 is a great time to start some visits. Reading about a course that interests you is good; visiting the institution offering the course is even better.

**EARLY ACHIEVERS PROGRAM AT ACU** – The Australian Catholic University (ACU) recognises that students have more to offer than academic results. The **Early Achievers Program (EAP)** considers the contribution students have made to their community through school, workplace, local community organisation, culture, sport and/or religious group. **Applications open** (on-line): 14 August, close 14 Oct 2011 (complete a VTAC application as well). Info: [www.acu.edu.au/eap](http://www.acu.edu.au/eap).

**WHAT IS OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY?** Find out at an **info. evening** from occupational therapists experienced in spinal rehabilitation, paediatrics, hand therapy, mental health, neurology and oncology. **When:** 6.15-8pm, Wed 7 Sept; **Where:** Education Precinct, Level 4, Austin Tower, Austin Hospital, Studley Rd, Heidelberg; **Book** (26 Aug): 9496 5105, [OCCUPATIONATHERAPY@austin.org.au](mailto:OCCUPATIONATHERAPY@austin.org.au).

#### **Careers is Psychology**

Information evening Wednesday September 14, 7.30pm at University of Melbourne, Parkville campus

#### **SKILLEX**

Skillex is the new Victorian education training and employment showcase event, with seminars, careers advice, employers, universities and training organisations from a range of diverse industries

Melbourne Showgrounds August 25 -27, FREE entry

[www.skillex.com.au](http://www.skillex.com.au)

#### **School Based Traineeships**

A school based Traineeship combines a students VCE or VCAL with part-time work and structured training with a Registered Training Organisation.

Strategies 4 Excellence are currently taking applications for traineeships in the following:

Certificate III Fitness

Certificate III Events

Certificate III Children's Services

Certificate III Business Administration

Certificate III Community Services

Go to [strategies4excellence.com.au](http://strategies4excellence.com.au), or see Ibu Dewar or Mrs Anticev at the Careers Room