Welcome to an exciting year of programs being developed to build upon the relationship between families, students and Caroline Chisholm Catholic College. This newsletter is a ‘special’ edition that highlights some of the new ways that our community can interact. We will share information as it becomes available through our usual newsletter. Some programs will be just for parents and others will involve you working with your child.

If you would like to participate in any of the activities or have any questions please contact Mrs. Sheree Zavattiero on 9296 5380 or via email at s.zavattiero@cccc.vic.edu.au

Please provide your name, telephone number, email address and the activities you would like to be part of.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Would you like to be involved in any of the following and make a difference?

- building a positive community within the school
- improving relationships and bridging the gap between school and home
- improving communication between home and school
- be involved with future planning of the school
- improving parent understanding of learning and support they can provide at home
- planning, organising, and coordinate events to improve future opportunities for all students
- fundraising

The Parents and Friends Association invite you to attend meetings held once a month, alternating on Tuesday and Thursday. All new members are welcome to attend.

The first meeting will be held in the staffroom at 204 Churchill Avenue, on Thursday the 26th of February, between 7pm and 8.30pm.

COFFEE MORNINGS WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Once a month, the principal Mr. Marco Di Cesare, invites parents to a conversation/coffee morning. The first session will be on Wednesday the 4TH of March between 8.45am and 9.45am at 204 Churchill Avenue, in the Bouchard Information Services Centre.

Come and look at the plans for all the building works currently underway around the school.
AUTISM PARENT GROUP

Do you have a family member who is on the Autism Spectrum?

Caroline Chisholm Catholic College is starting a parent group that will provide an opportunity for you to meet and talk with other parents who share similar experiences and challenges as your own. New friendships and support networks can be made that will help you address the needs of each of your children and look at ways to best support them now and into the future. The group would decide together which services they need to know about and which guest speakers they would like to come and talk to them. There could also be times when the group could visit organisations of interest, as well as social outings.

ADULT ENGLISH CLASSES

Would you like to improve your speaking, listening, reading and writing skills in English? The following programs are designed to increase adults’ confidence and skills.

Classes will be held at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College and are free of charge for college families.

Day classes

These classes are run by a qualified teacher as part of the Learning Link School Partnership Program through Community West.

Classes will be held one day, per week, from 9.15am till 2.45pm at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College throughout the 2015 school year. At the end of the year, you will either receive a Course in English as an Additional Language qualification or a Certificate 1 in English as an Additional Language

The courses provide a basis for you to complete further Certificates in English as an Additional Language and prepare for further study and/or employment.

Evening Classes: Tuesday night’s between 7pm and 9pm

These classes are run by a qualified teacher employed by the Adult Migrant English Service (AMES) in partnership with Caroline Chisholm Catholic College.

Classes begin on the 24th February 2015. This first class will be for registration and establishing levels of ability.
ADULT SWIMMING LESSONS
Swimming classes are being offered for parents to learn to swim or to improve upon basic abilities you may already have.
Classes are held at the Le Breton Swimming Pool in Darnley Street Braybrook on Wednesday nights, from 7pm to 8pm. Classes begin on the 25th of February.

SCHOOL CLIMATE RESEARCH
As part of my Masters of Leadership Studies through Australian Catholic University, I am conducting a research project that investigates and analyses our school climate. The purpose of my research is to understand how students, staff and parents experience life at our school. I hope that my research can work towards ensuring the climate of our college is as positive and rewarding as it can be for everyone in our community. I aim to collect as much information as I can through a short survey that I invite all staff, students and parents to undertake. The formal information letter attached explains my survey thoroughly. It is important to remember that all responses are confidential and individuals will not be identified within the data, only aggregated or overall results will be analysed. Participation in the survey is entirely voluntary, and I will publish key elements of the data later in the year. If you have the time and the interest, I would appreciate your participation and welcome your honest feedback by clicking on this link to complete the survey. http://is.gd/cccsurvey

Tullio Zavattiero
Deputy Principal - Operations
Message from the Caroline Chisholm Catholic College Board

The College Board would like to announce that they are currently in the process of electing a new Parent Representative.

This is an open invitation for all interested parents to provide an expression of interest, due on Friday 27th February. All parents of the College are eligible to submit an expression of interest.

Applicants will be shortlisted for the community to vote on their preferred representative and will be notified if they have been successfully shortlisted prior to the vote taking place.

As you consider whether you may like to contribute to this cause, the main roles of the board are to assist and advise as follows:

- Plan for the future by studying trends in education, local demography and emerging needs.
- Monitor the recurrent and capital finances of the school.
- Contribute to the public relations of the school within the wider community.
- Preserve the resources of the school as faithfully as possible
- Ensure appropriate and mandated measures are taken to ensure accountability
- Foster a sense of responsibility for, and pride in the school.

Some of the qualities that should be sought in a Board member are:

- A strong commitment to the ethos of the Catholic school. The College should be seen as part of the mission of the Church in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. This commitment would be expressed by seeking to deepen one’s understanding of Church teachings on education. It includes an acceptance of the primary role of parents in education.
- An interest in and commitment to Catholic education.
- An understanding of the College’s Statement and its implementation.
- Preparedness to give the time needed to fulfil one’s duties as a Board member. The prospective Board member should be aware of the demands on time that membership will entail. Such demands should be realistic and allow for the fact that Board members may have many others commitments outside the College.
- Readiness to be involved in the professional learning of the Board and its members.
- Respect for and appreciation of the role and work of the Principal and staff. The place of the Principal as the chief educator and the part the staff play in exercising of their role needs to be discussed and understood.

The successful Representative will be required to attend at least one Board meeting per term. Additionally, board members are invited to attend major College Events such as any major openings, college musical, full school masses and are encouraged to attend as many as possible. This position will hold a 2 year term.

All interested applicants are required to complete the attached application form and send to g.douza@cccc.vic.edu.au. Applications can also be handed in at the College Reception. Please note that all applications are required to be received by the due date. The College cannot accept late applications (including any sent via post).

For further information please call the college on 9296 9311 and ask to speak to Georgina D’Souza.

Further information about the voting process will follow in the next edition of the Newsletter.
Profile of a Board Member

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Full Name: ________________________________________________

Home number: ____________________________________________

Mobile number: __________________________________________

Email address: ____________________________________________

Name of youngest son/daughter attending the College: _______________ Year level: ___

Please provide a brief summary of what you believe you can contribute to the College Board.

I wish to express interest for the position of Parent Representative to the Caroline Chisholm Catholic College Board for two years.

Signature: ________________________________________________ Date: ____________________

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204 Churchill Avenue, Braybrook. 3019
Or hand into College Reception by Friday 27th February