10 March 2015

PRAYER

On Monday, Victoria celebrated the Labour Day holiday in recognition of the achievement of the eight hour working day for workers in Victoria in 1856, when prior to this men, women and children could be made to work extremely long days with very poor wages. Pope Leo XIII in 1891 wrote that human work was to be shown proper respect and dignity that is to be rewarded with proper wages.

Let us pray in recognition of the dignity of work:

God of Creation,

You created our universe through your will and energy.

You bless our daily work and give it dignity no matter what it may be. May our study and work be productive and create a better community for all. Allow our energy and intellect to bring about a just and compassionate society now and into the future. We offer all our labours and creativity to bring about your Kingdom of Love and Justice.

We make this prayer in Christ Jesus’ name.

Amen.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Members of the Caroline Chisholm Catholic College Family,

This fortnight we welcomed our students from Okinawa Catholic College in Japan. They will be spending three weeks at our College experiencing Australian Education. They are keen to enhance their English skills. I thank those families who are hosting these students.

Our building works are progressing well in the quadrangle and front office. We recently placed large images on an information board across both sites depicting our current and intended works. Students have shown real excitement about what is in store for them as things start to take shape. Our new solar array on the St John’s and Sacred Heart site is also ready for activation. This will not only offset the cost of electricity at the College but also be an active learning experience for the students.
The College has continued to work on the naming of buildings and I am grateful to the many parents and students who have contributed to this process. Along with the new House System being developed we will soon be in a position to begin announcing how our community has voted on these options. We have a rich history and I am looking forward to this being reflected across the College. We remember the words of St Madeleine Sophie Barat – our St Madeleine Centre at Christ the King is named after her. She said “be humble, be simple and bring joy to others.” May we continue to bring joy to others as we move into the next phase of our school story.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (OPERATIONS)

Despite having taught for over 30 years, it always amazes me how busy the beginning of a school year can be. So much goes on during the first few weeks of school as teachers and students settle in to a year of learning and development. Teachers seek to ensure that they are well planned and ready to present a meaningful learning framework to their students, who in turn strive to grow and develop across all areas. This has been no different at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College at the start of 2015, but our school environment on the St Johns and Sacred Heart Campuses is in a state of important redevelopment. Over the holiday period work began on the refurbishment of the front office, the main student Courtyard and the walkway that joins the 2 main buildings. Naturally, this has caused a great deal of adjustment and disruption in the day to day activities for all students and staff, as well as some inconvenience to parents requiring assistance at the temporary front office. It is pleasing to report however that everyone at the College has adapted to the circumstances very well. Teaching and non-teaching staff have gone about their work in a very positive fashion and our students, as always, have been co-operative and are looking forward to the new surroundings that they will enjoy in the not too distant future.
I’m also able to report that all the building projects appear to be running to schedule and barring major delays, we hope to be functioning with our new facilities in Semester 2. Many thanks to all students, staff and parents for your patience and co-operation throughout this messy time! It will certainly be worth the inconvenience in the end.

Some parents may already be aware through the last newsletter that I am conducting some research in conjunction with Australian Catholic University relating to my Masters of Leadership studies. The focus of my work is on school climate and as such I am inviting all members of our school community to complete a short survey. The survey focuses on the perceptions held about our own school climate and how life at the college is experienced by every individual. My work relates to a body of research focusing on Inviting and inclusive education, and through it I hope to gain a better understanding of our own school climate. This will enable me to look at ways of enhancing our culture and making it as positive as it can be so that everyone in our community experiences achievement and satisfaction and Caroline Chisholm Catholic College. Participation in this survey is completely voluntary and all responses are confidential. Everyone’s perceptions are important and valued and if you the time and inclination to complete the survey please click the link below. I am most grateful.

https://acu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_1QQkbPICABJGzw

Regards,

Tullio Zavattiero

DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS – ST JOHN’S

The students at St John’s Campus have embraced the busy start to the year with much enthusiasm. Students attended the Commissioning Mass and assembly where they heard a very inspiring address from the dux of 2014. We have had a conversation night with the parents of year 7 students where they had the opportunity to meet their son’s homegroup teacher and members of the leadership team.

Throughout a busy term one the year 7 cohort settled into secondary school life like they had been here before. Students participated in various activities including an orientation program where they received their notebooks and worked closely with their year 8 buddies. They had their first reflection day on friendship and belonging.

Year 7 Reflection Day – Friendship and Belonging

Students in year 8 have been on camp to Anglessea. The year 9 students have a reflection day on Friday 13th March. Student also participated in the Colleges athletics carnival this week.

Year 9 students will commence their D9 City Experience in the coming weeks. We look forward to hearing about their experience and the knowledge they gain from their time in the city.

The student leaders had a full day of training and workshops on Friday 6th March in preparation for the roles they have been elected to for 2015.

Parents are reminded that the Student Led Conferences will take place on Thursday 26th March and are encouraged to make appointment times.

Regards,

Stephanie Banks

DIRECTORS OF LEARNING (YEARS 10 – 12) & (YEARS 7 – 9)

Parent Teacher Conferences – Term 1

Parent Teacher Conferences for Term 1 2015 will soon be upon us. Students should have already come home with information about making appointments. It is important to return the required information with your son or daughter as soon as possible, to ensure you can arrange the times you prefer.
Appointments are allocated based on when the requests are made.

Date - Thursday 26th March
Time - 9am till 8pm
Venue – All meetings will be held at the St John’s and Sacred Heart Campuses’ at 204 Churchill Avenue

Parent Teacher Conferences will have a slightly changed format this term, with all parents asked to make a 10-minute appointment with their child’s Home Group Teacher. During this meeting, you will receive your son or daughter’s term one progress report. The Home Group teacher is a significant point of contact for yourself, and your child and this meeting is an important opportunity to connect. The Home Group Teacher can support development of goals and strategies to support your son or daughters learning, feel free to discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

An opportunity to meet with your child’s subject teachers is also provided on this day.

Home Study

It is timely during term 1 to reiterate the importance of home study for all students. At the College we have recently reviewed our Home Study policy; your child’s Home Group Teacher can give you more information on this.

Home study consists of homework, such as the specific tasks and assessments set by a subject teacher and study time. Study and homework is not the same thing. Studying is time a student spends on their own, going over concepts they have learned in class. Study incorporates activities such as reviewing a day’s lesson, as well as preparation tasks, like reading ahead in the textbook. Making time to study, even at this time of the year, will better prepare students for assessment tasks and ensure that they are as well prepared as possible for exams later in the year.

Things to do when studying include:
- Reading over notes taken during class
- Summarising key concepts covered during class
- Identifying and practicing definitions of key terms covered
- Writing questions to ask a teacher if concepts in class are unclear

Setting aside specific time to study is important to ensure that students spend time on study, as well as homework tasks. If they do not have one, a home study plan can be an effective way to do this.

Regards,
Suzanne Farley and Sarah Moss-Holland

Studnet ASPIRE future success at Latrobe University

Three students from the 2014 Year 12 cohort were formally welcomed into Latrobe University's inaugural Aspire Early Admissions Program, on the evening of Thursday 5 February 2015 by Professor John Dewar, Vice Chancellor. The evening was attended by the student’s families, community group leaders, principals and career professionals. Ms Paola De Simio, the Careers Assistant, attended the reception on the College’s behalf.

Latrobe University launched the program in 2014 to encourage highly engaged and committed students from schools across Victoria and interstate to continue in tertiary education, recognising that students are more than their ATAR ranking. These students secured early course offers based on their community engagement and leadership skills.

Congratulations to Arhita Del Fierro (who will be commencing a double degree in Bachelor of Law/Arts), Deanne Francisco (Bachelor of Human Nutrition) and Daniel Gatt (Bachelor of Health Sciences) on their inspiring achievements.

Regards,
Helen Cook
Careers Coordinator

Deanne Franscico, Mrs Paola De Simio and Daniel Gatt

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

It is not only a privilege, but an absolute pleasure to have been elected as the 2015 SRC President. Alongside the Deputy SRC President, Christine Nguyen, I hope to guide and represent all of the many different personalities, cultures and ethnic backgrounds within our college community.

I have no doubt that 2015 will be a massive year for everyone. Some of us will be met with the challenges of beginning a new journey, and others will be met with the challenges of transitioning from this community into the big, bad world that awaits us. This year will bring various academic, leadership, sporting, cultural and social justice opportunities that will allow us to bond as a college community.

Many minds and one heart shape us as a unique community where our individual talents and gifts will enable us to be the very best we are called to be.

Our college is special in many ways. We nurture and accommodate the aptitudes of every individual within the Caroline Chisholm Catholic College student body. As a College community, we all work towards striving to establish and develop an environment in which we can all learn, grow, persevere and support one another.
It is through the Catholic faith that is so profoundly embedded at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College that Christine and I endeavour to build a stronger, more vibrant community. We will wholeheartedly work together toward the unification of our three campuses, in order to become one as a school community. We would like to model the values and morals of the college as well as inspire junior and senior students to take on the challenge of leadership and service to others.

In Term One, we welcomed new SRC members, Class Captains, Music and Drama Captains and Deputy Captains, College Ambassadors, Peer Support Leaders, House Captains and Liturgy Captain to the Caroline Chisholm Leadership team.

On Friday the 6th of March, we held a leadership training day, which consisted of workshops for skill building and learning about how to be the best leaders that we can be. We look forward to reporting, in this newsletter, all the wonderful work that our student leadership team is doing and of the many initiatives we have taken across our portfolio areas of expertise.

Sincerely,

Sinead Jacobs

STAFF PROFILE

Head of Learning (Mathematics)

As the new Head of Learning (Mathematics) at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College, I bring thirty one years of experience in Mathematics Education in Catholic Education.

Even after these many years I am still fascinated by the discipline of learning Mathematics and the challenges teachers and schools face in improving the way in which Mathematics is taught and learned. In the beginning this fascination motivated me to complete my Bachelor of Science Education majoring in Mathematics. Since that time I had also completed a Postgraduate Diploma in Mathematics and Mathematics, a Master of Education, and a Master of Educational Leadership.

Career highlights include the time I spent working as a Senior Education Officer for the Catholic Education Office Melbourne. In this role I learned a great deal about Mathematics learning in Primary Schools and was fortunate to work with primary and secondary Mathematics teachers across the entire Archdiocese of Melbourne. It gave me opportunities to present professional learning, be involved in teacher training, as well as to represent Catholic Education at state and national Mathematics Education conferences. Most recently, I was invited to be a member of an expert teacher group from Victoria which was given the task of providing advice to the Queensland Parliamentary Inquiry into Senior Mathematics Assessment.

On weekends and holidays I enjoy nothing more than to spend time outdoors working in my veggie patch, tending my fruit trees and looking after my numerous chooks and small flock of sheep.

George Toth

George Toth, Head of Learning (Mathematics)

FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

In 2015 the Music Department continues to expand and enrich the lives of students at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College.

Practising and performing with others or as a soloist increases confidence and resilience and provides the chance for students to practise coping with performance nerves.

I wish to congratulate Kristy Lee in 7G for her beautiful solo pianoforte performance at the Year 7 Parent Information Night. Kristy is a Year 7 Music Scholar and has commenced private lessons with Mrs Gillian Gurtler.

Reflection Days are a time for reflection! What better medium to inspire reflection than music. Congratulations to those Classroom and Private Instrumental students who performed at the 27th February Year 7 Reflection Day.

On the 13th February the College gathered as one to celebrate in the 2015 Commissioning Mass. Music filled the venue and created a spiritual and welcoming atmosphere. Included in the 82 member Choir was the Christ the King Vocal Ensemble, Sacred Heart Chamber Choir and Year 10 Elective Music students. I would like to congratulate and thank the Mass Band members including Mia Ellis, Emily Marr, Jacob Barr, Alexandra Iacovou, Daniel Sutherland and staff members Mr Todd McNeal, Mr Adam Orrand and Miss Helen Perry. It is an honour for the Music Department to lead the College in worship.

Upcoming concerts include:

24th March: Instrumental Soiree for Advanced Performers, St Cecilia Music Centre 7pm (204 Churchill Avenue)

2nd June: Winter Music Ensemble Concert, Quin Auditorium 7pm (204 Churchill Avenue)
I warmly invite you!

Ms Frances Wilson
Director of Music

CARITAS LEADERSHIP DAY

On Monday the 23rd of February, some members of our St Vinnies College Conference Team, with Mr Sammut, had the wonderful opportunity to participate in the Caritas Leadership Day. The day provided an opportunity for us to increase our leadership skills and learn to promote social justice.

We shared the day with students from schools across Victoria. We discussed ways in which we can promote and work for social justice. Luis Castillo Polo, from Caritas Huacho in Peru, spoke about the living standards of the people living in Peru. He spoke about how Caritas supported and empowered the local families and communities in improving their quality of life.

One of the most important things we learnt about Caritas is that they value the principle of subsidiarity. That is, they approach communities and ask them what they feel they need to improve their lifestyle, instead of telling them what they need. Another major lesson we learnt on the day related to us all as everyday people. We had the example of an iPhone and how they are something we have all learnt to love and rely on. However, we were enlightened by an alternative thought: “We have learnt to love things and use people, instead of loving people and using things”. Overall it was an amazing and worthwhile experience for us all.

The St Vincent de Paul College Conference Team would like to encourage all staff, students and families to donate to the Caritas Project Compassion Campaign this year in which the theme is ‘Food for Life’ – providing strategies and programs to empower people in producing sustainable food. For more information on ‘Food for Life’, please visit the Caritas website:

http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

Natalie Buljan
Year 11

Students and Staff with Special Guest Glenn Manton

SEREN SACC S GOL CHAMPION 2015

It is with great pleasure to announce that Yr.11 student, Lance Smith, was crowned Senior SACC S Golf Champion for the western metropolitan zone today(Monday Feb 23) at Werribee Golf Club.

In very difficult conditions, including storms, wet weather and extended breaks in play, Lance was able to fight off a very competitive field of young golfers to win the title.

Lance was awarded Junior SACC S Golf Champion last year so it was a great effort this year to take off the senior award.

I was fortunate enough to act as Lances’ caddy and coach today and it was a real treat to see this very talented golfer show his amazing skills. His 4 over par card gave him first place by one shot.

The win was also special considering that Lance has carried an injury recently which has restricted his practice. This injury has led to Lance dropping his handicap from 1 to 3 in recent times at Sunshine Golf Club.

Lance is hoping to take on a cadetship on becoming a golf professional at the end of Yr.12 as he aspires to pursue his dream on one day becoming a golf professional and playing the international circuit.

Lance is still eligible to play for the school next year as a Yr.12 student so he may add to his impressive resume.

Congratulations Lance on your achievement but more importantly, on the way you conduct yourself and the way you help others in your group to better their game. I was very proud
of you and you are a great ambassador for Caroline Chisholm Catholic College.

Bernie OKeefe
Applied Learning Coordinator

WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE

Caroline Chisholm Catholic College proudly supports Saul Travers-Hucker’s participation in the 2015 World’s Greatest Shave in memory of his late mother.

For more information on World’s Greatest Shave, please go to http://www.worldsgreatestshave.com/

I believe that a man should grow a beard at least once in his life, so in October 2013 I set out to do just that.

My aim was to grow for 12 months and then see what happened. During this time my beard took on a life of its own and the 12 months became 18 and the beard became an integral part of my image.

After reflecting on the terrible impact that cancer has had on my family, I decided that when it came time to shave it off, I would make it all worth it by participating in the World’s Greatest Shave.

Cancer is a terrible disease and it has negatively affected my family and countless others. Please support me and the Leukaemia Foundation by donating to this very worthy cause.

The money you give helps the Leukaemia Foundation to provide emotional and practical support to those facing blood cancer. The money will also help to fund research into better treatments and cures.

Donations can be made online at my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/saulsbeardmustgo

Thank-you for your support.

Saul

FAMILY SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

COFFEE MORNINGS WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Once a month, the principal Mr. Marco Di Cesare, invites parents to a conversation/coffee morning.

The first coffee morning was held on the 4th of March, with a discussion centring on the current and future building projects. This was then followed by a learning walk around the St. John’s and Sacred Heart campuses.

The next coffee morning will be on Wednesday the 1st of April between 8.45am and 9.45am at 204 Churchill Avenue, Braybrook.

PARENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

Year 7 Parents and their children, are invited to attend a series of sessions to help support their child’s learning at home.

Teachers will be there to facilitate the sessions but your children will actually mentor you through the use of the computer.

The first session will be held on Thursday 19th of April from 7pm until 8.30pm, in the Language Centre classrooms at the St. John’s Campus.

We will be exploring the school website and Parent Portal how to find staff members email addresses, subscribe to the college newsletter, find daily bulletins, access student timetables and find school policies and documents. We will also be looking at how to set up a homework/study planner to maximize your child’s organisation skills.

Sessions in terms two and three will cover ways of supporting your child with Math and English.
ADULT ENGLISH CLASSES

Evening Classes have now started for parents who would like to improve their reading writing or speaking of English.

Classes are held on **Tuesday night’s between 6.30pm and 9pm** at the St. Johns Campus.

We are also looking at running adult English classes during the day time. If you are interested please let us know.

ADULT SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming classes have also started for parents who would like to learn to swim

Classes are held at the Le Breton Swimming Pool in Darnley Street Braybrook on **Wednesday night’s, from 7pm to 8pm.**

All programs run at Caroline Chisholm Catholic College are **free of charge.**

Please contact Sheree Zavattiero on 9296 5380 or email s.zavattiero@cccc.vic.edu.au to register your interest in any of these programs.

VIETNAMESE PARENT ASSOCIATION MEETING

The first meeting for the year will be held on **Wednesday the 18th of March from 7pm until 8pm,** in the study centre at the Sacred Heart Campus. Please enter via the Darnley Street Carpark.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday the 24th of March, from 7pm until 8.30pm,** in the Staffroom of the St. John’s Campus.