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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Friends, Staff and Students of Caroline Chisholm College,

This week I will be meeting with the Year Leaders and groups of students in Years 7 and 11 to discuss their learning throughout this term. Mr King, Ms Murray and Ms Browning will be meeting with groups from each of the other years.

These are important meetings which we hold once or twice each term.

They provide an opportunity for the students to share their learning experiences and for the members of the Senior Leadership Team to listen to the students' perspectives on their experiences of our learning community.

At our staff meeting last week we also asked all teachers to provide their reflections on our progress. This feedback from both students and staff will be used by the College Leadership Team to help them in their future planning as we all work together to improve the learning outcomes of our students.

Farewell and Welcome

Last week we farewelled Mrs Vicki Vanderwerf who has managed the college canteen for the past 10 years. I wish to acknowledge the wonderful work Vicki did in the canteen and her contributions in many other areas of school life. I wish her well in her new career as a TAS Assistant in another of our Parramatta schools.

On 21 June, Mrs Lydia Bianchi will commence as the new Canteen Manager. Mrs Bianchi brings great experience as a chef and a former manager of a school canteen. We are looking forward to welcoming her to our community.

In the interim period Mrs Keenawinna is ensuring that the canteen service continues to operate.

2011 Enrolments

Applications are currently being accepted for all years. There are still some vacancies in Years 7, 9 and Year 11. Those seeking enrolment in other years will be placed on a waiting list.

Thank You

Mrs Kathleen Rangiawha has accepted the role of representing our college on the Parramatta Diocese Parents Representative Council. I thank you for her service in this area.

Parent-Teacher-Student Meetings

All parents of students in Years 7 - 10 are expected to make appointments to meet their daughters' teachers. Booking sheets will be sent home with students on Tuesday 15 June. This is an important opportunity to gain information about your daughter's progress. Prior to these meetings students will be asked to complete a reflection sheet on their progress. These reflections will form an important part of the meeting.

Appointments to Acting Positions

I am taking 3 weeks long service leave commencing next week. During my leave, Mr King will be Acting Principal, Ms Murray will be Acting Assistant Principal, Ms Morley will be Acting Religious Education Coordinator and Mrs Araya will be Acting Assistant Religious Education Coordinator. I thank them for accepting these responsibilities and hope that everyone enjoys the final weeks of this term.

Yours sincerely

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From the Leader of Learning and Teaching

Over the next two weeks, reports will be issued across Years 7-10. The reports contain detailed information about the students progress in a number of areas. They also contain teachers comments with specific advice to further improve learning outcomes. Please take the time to read through the report and discuss it with your daughter. The Student/Parent/Teacher interviews on Thursday 1st July are a formal opportunity to further discuss your daughter's learning. As these are formal meetings, students are required to wear full school uniform. Booking sheets for these interviews will be distributed next Tuesday.

Last week, Year 10 students began to consider their patterns of study for the 2012 Higher School Certificate. The Subject Information Day proved to be a valuable means of learning about the variety of subjects available for the HSC at Caroline Chisholm. The next stage is for students to submit their Indication of Subject Interest form. These are due tomorrow. It is from these initial indications that lines will be developed. The Subject Information Handbook is accessible on the college website under Year 10 and students are able to access the Handbook as well as more detailed information about the KLA areas and the Higher School Certificate credential via the Year 10 Moodle page.

Ms Lisa-Maree Browning
Leader of Learning and Teaching

Mathematics Department

Recently, several teachers from the Mathematics department attended two separate in-services on Numeracy. This has been an ongoing focus for both the Caroline Chisholm College community and the Diocese.

The National Research Council in 2001 stated that, "To function in today's society, mathematical literacy (numeracy) is as essential as verbal literacy." Without the ability to read and understand, no one can become mathematically literate."

Increasingly the reverse is also true. Without the ability to understand basic mathematical ideas, one cannot fully comprehend modern writings, including articles that appear in the daily newspaper.

As parents and co educators of our children we are reminded to recognize and act on the moments in our children's lives, where their literacy and numeracy skills can be developed and enhanced. It might be as simple as reading a train or bus timetable.

I would like to congratulate all the girls for the manner in which they conducted themselves in the half yearly examinations. At this stage all students should have received their papers back. I would like to thank our parents for their ongoing support as we work in partnership in helping our girls to become numerate and mathematically skilled individuals.

Mr John Corrigan, Assistant Leader of Learning - Maths



PDSSSC Cross Country

On Friday 28th May 2010 the Caroline Chisholm College Cross Country team consisting of thirty girls attended the PDSSSC Cross Country Carnival at St Columba's Springwood.

Following days of constant rain and the event having to be postponed, the sun came out and the girls fortunately had a fine day for the treacherous track.

The day started with a walk of the course followed by the start of the events ranging from 3km to 6km depending on the age group.

Overall, we had some fantastic results including:

Bianca Peacock 17 years placed 7th

Alison Kingsford 18 years placed 3rd

Bianca Azzopardi 18 years placed 7th

Melanie Ruse 12 years placed 7th

Siyumi Dassanayake 12 years placed 5th

These results mean that Alison and Siyumi will represent PDSSSC at the NSWCCC Cross Country carnival at Eastern Creek on 11th June 2010. Bianca Peacock, Melanie Ruse and Bianca Azzopardi are reserves for their age group.

We would like to congratulate each and every student for their conduct and enthusiasm on the day....well done!!

Caroline Chisholm Cross Country Squad:

12 years:

Melanie Ruse, Siyumi Dassanayake, Kara Heinemann, Emma Thornton, Katrina Aldama, Cassie Swat

13 years:

Jessica Bunting, Jennifer McDonald, Siobhan Hamilton, Anne-Marie Cremona, Emma Steltenpool, Sophie Morrison, Taylor Hui

14 years:

Madeline Rushton, Taylah Ryan, Alison Ruse, Saoirse Ward

15 years:

Brooke Kirk, Alanah Ellul, Alanna Stephens, Alexia Tweedale, Ashleigh Peters, Sarah Thornton, Claire Gibbons

16 years:

Erinn Amir

17 years:

Bianca Peacock

18 years:

Alison Kingsford, Bianca Azzopardi, Emily Lodding, Aylin Narli

Yours in sport,

Mrs Muscat, Miss Matheson, Bianca Azzopardi and Aylin Narli



Tanken Centre

On Thursday 3 June Year 10 Japanese class went on an excursion to the Tanken Centre in Kirrawee. The whole day was spent participating in activities that were designed to test our knowledge as well as have a bit of fun on the side.

We had to keep our head in the game and pay close attention to what was going on as the instructors, Jean and Yoshi, didn't speak a word of English the whole time. Playing word games with Katakana and Kanji, competing against each other to win points for our teams, as well as a few funnier activities to break things up, like a fashion show where we got into pairs and dressed each other up in a surprisingly wide variety of styles, and well, lets just say that it was a most enlightening experience for both Ms Searle and the instructors, all of whom had a hard time keeping a straight face at the sight of us parading down the tatami mat. All in all it was a day to have the opportunity to use our Japanese and learn more about Japanese housing. And thanks to Ms Searle's trigger-happy camera finger for capturing every moment!

Arigatou Sensei!

Rachel Sims



glee



Congratulations on all the **glee** team members.
A full report will be in our next newsletter.



Black hawk lands at caroline chisholm college!

The Literacy Spot

Using a Thesaurus

A thesaurus is a storehouse of words and their associated ideas. Like the dictionary it is a fabulous resource for students, particularly when looking to improve your writing. Any written response can be improved by finding not just a better word but the most accurate word. A thesaurus is the place to begin finding better, more accurate words to improve your writing.

For example, the word fear is fine but you can increase the feelings attached to your writing by replacing this word with a synonym such as dread, terror or horror. All of these words are similar in meaning but provide different levels of feeling.

How to use a thesaurus

A thesaurus is made up of two parts – the text and the alphabetical index. Turn to the index first and find the word or term that is similar in meaning. Once you have found the word you will notice a number next to it. This is the section number in the text – not the page number where you will find the meaning of the word. This is important to ensure it will allow you to check whether this word is the most appropriate to use instead. Most thesaurus' allow you to find synonyms and antonyms by going to the index. Remember when using the thesaurus that the word you have selected is the most accurate and effectively replaces rather than changes the meaning of the word you had originally used.

POSSE'S PRESS (Padre Pio Youth Group)

Date: 4 July 2010

Time: 2.00 - 5.00 p.m.

Venue: Don Bosco Youth & Recreation Centre
8-14 Mamre Road, St Marys

Cost: Nil but bring money for snacks/drink that
can be purchased
at the venue

Ages: Grade 7 & up

Bring your friends and join us for an awesome
afternoon.

Any youth under 18 years of age will have to be
signed in and out
by a parent on the day.

Please contact Therese & David Baker on
0405046118 for any further information.

Thinking of Changing Schools in 2011?

All families are reminded that they are required to provide one term's written notice if they are intending to make alternative arrangements for their daughter's education. If this notice is not provided, one term's fees will be charged in lieu of notice. Any families considering this option because of financial issues are invited to contact Mrs Cathy Moran, the College Business Manager or the Principal for a confidential discussion.

Special Note:

Photos of students are used for various communication mediums including school and Catholic Education Office websites, school and system publications, newsletters and enrolment posters. If any parent or guardian does not want their child's photo used in any of the above situations please inform the Principal of the school in writing.

School Supervision

Parents please note that school supervision commences from 8:00am and concludes at 3:00pm.

SACRED HEART PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT

Fundraiser for

Parish Renovations

at the **Hubertus Club**
205 Adams Road, **Luddenham**
on **Saturday, 3rd July, 2010**
at 7.15 pm for 7.30 pm start.

\$10.00 per person 15 +

No BYO - Food & Drinks available at club.



UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

TUESDAYS
8AM - 10AM
THURSDAYS
2:00PM - 3:30PM

DIARY DATES

9 June	Year 11 (2011) to return Indication of Interest Form
11 June	NSWCCC Cross Country
14 June	Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday
17 June	Year 7 and 8 Reports issued Year 12 Drama Riverside Theatre Excursion
18 June	Years 9 and 10 Twilight Social with St Dominic's
21 June	NSWCCC Tennis Year 9 Reports issued
22 June	Blood Bank visit for Senior Students Year 10 English Riverside Theatre Excursion
23 June	Music and Drama Showcase Year 10 Reports issued Year 11 RYDA Driving Course
24 June	Year 8 Language Day Year 10 HSIE Incursion
25 June	College Assembly
26/28 June	Captivate Showcase
30 June	Year 12 Physics - School of Physics Excursion
1 July	Years 7 to 10 Student/Parent/Teacher Meetings 8:30am - 6:00pm
2 July	Staff Development Day - Pupil free day