



"May our hearts be pleasing to God - ready to do God's will."

From the Principal:

I am pleased to welcome all members of our community to the new school term including replacement staff Tracey Phelan, Linda Tilson, Fred Jackson and Amie Moodie and returning staff member Cindy Nankoo.

During the break, many Year 11 students, their families, friends and Year 11 teachers enjoyed the formal presentations of one of three Debutante Balls. Congratulations to Leo and Levida Allison and Don and Michele McKie who have completed over twenty years service as dancing instructors for the College. I wish to thank especially Vivienne Main, Genevieve Mallia, Maureen Fields and Gloria Bower who over the past years have worked as an efficient, flexible and generous team of volunteers ensuring the success of each of these events. We are seeking new dancing instructors and a new committee of management to take this event into the future. If you are able to offer your services or have a suggestion, I would be pleased to hear from you.

Many parents/guardians attended last Thursday's Years 9 & 10 Subject Selection Information Evening. For those who were unable to attend as well as anyone wishing to check the details, the power point summary has been placed on the Curriculum page on the College website. Students will receive

details at Home Group meetings on Wednesday and be further encouraged to seek advice from parents/guardians and subject teachers before completing their online subject selection. I trust that this process will again reflect our shared commitment to engage in active partnership for quality learning as students, school staff and parents/guardians. Parents/guardians are invited to comment on this process via feedback@materchristi.edu.au

Last Sunday, many local parishioners joined with Bishop Hilton Deakon, Fr Nhan Le, former parish priests and parishioners to celebrate Mass for the fiftieth anniversary of St Thomas More's in Belgrave. Congratulations to Fr Nhan and his organising committee who have already expressed their appreciation for the support of several Mater Christi College students, especially those who made and served a welcome mug of warm winter soup. Thanks also to supporting staff members, Julie Feeney, Lorraine McCart, Anna Goodings, Wendy Warren, Sara Mugeridge and especially Helen Smith and Kathleen Ward.

Although the College did not qualify for the larger Building the Education Revolution grants, I am pleased to report that plans are progressing to use the National Schools Pride grant of \$200,000 to provide shade, shelter and landscape

improvements within our grounds. It is anticipated that these works will be undertaken in the September break, ensuring safer open spaces for students during recess and lunch breaks. Also in line with Australian Government requirements, the Mater Christi College Performance Report for 2008 School year has been placed on the Victorian State Register as well as on our own College website. A hard copy can be provided on request at the Front Office.

Please remember in your prayers Ellen Winbanks and her family following the death of her father Robert, Madeleine Sum and her family following the death of her grandmother Sun Sow Fung and the family and St Joseph's community following the death of Pte. Benjamin Ranaudo in Iraq. Congratulations to Julie Lau on her marriage to Richard Paprzycki and to Alex Safigna on her engagement to Justin Eke.

In July, we celebrate the inspiration offered from St Benedict as to how we can live in love of God and neighbour. For our school community, ensuring that "the strong have something to strive for and the weak have nothing to fear" (RB) is a significant call to be authentic Christians. How might others know this from our everyday relationships?

Mary Fitz-Gerald Principal



Music Camp 2009

Cross Country Championships

Mater Christi girls represented the school in the SCSA Cross Country in perfect conditions at Albert Park Lake. All girls were highly competitive over the 3km course, vying against the fittest athletes in Division 1. Congratulations to Emma Riseley of Year 12 who was our highest achiever finishing 10th overall in the Senior race. All girls are to be congratulated for their efforts and spirit throughout the day along with Michelle Murray and Anthony Clarke who supported the event.

Alana Nelson AFL Trainee



Hockey Tournament

Bright and early in late June, the Mater Christi hockey teams travelled to Footscray hockey fields ready for a competitive day against other schools at the 2009 SCSA Tournament.

The Senior Team had a great day, winning most of their games and scoring a lots of goals, helping us to the grand final against Sacred Heart Oakleigh. With a great goal in the first half it was looking promising, until a 3 goal breakaway by Sacred Heart (although we did get a goal back), left us runners-up.

The Junior Team also played well, managing to draw several of their games and scoring a fantastic goal.

A huge thanks to Mrs Murray for training, organising and coaching the Junior Team, and of course Mr Cope for coaching the Seniors. Overall, everyone had a great day with a whole lot of fun and good hockey all round.

Maddi McAllister Senior Team Captain



Year 7 student
Erin Mitchell

Equestrian Championships

On the 6th of July, nine girls from Mater Christi College were up at the early hours of the morning, preparing their horses for the next four days of competition at Werribee National Equestrian Park, for the Equestrian Victoria Interschool Championships. With approximately 130 schools (just over 300 individuals) entered, this was the interschool event of the year. The girls entered in events such as dressage and showjumping, and our team did exceptionally well, placing 29th overall. It is such a huge effort and all of the girls on the team should be extremely proud of themselves.

Thank-you to the Sports staff for their support. And a special thanks to Miss Woff for coordinating our team and putting everything together for us!

Caitlyn Redfern Year 11

Catholic Action for East Timor

On Wednesday June 24th, the Catholic Action class held a very successful Hot Chips/Cold Drinks fundraiser to support the Good Samaritan school in East Timor. This was the major Catholic Action project for this semester. In just 35 minutes, we managed to raise \$368 – hot chips are certainly a treat in the middle of winter! To the Year 12 girls who organized and implemented this fundraiser, well done!

(PS: For those girls who missed out, sorry, and next year we will do it even better).

Tinnies for Vinnies: Well done!

The 2009 campaign for the St Vincent de Paul Society has continued Mater Christi's fine tradition of generous awareness. A total of 4929 cans (and \$315) were collected to support those in need in our local community. Home Group 06 brought 632 items and Orange House, not surprisingly, achieved maximum points towards the House competition. This year, we had a raffle and the lucky winner of two Gold Class movie tickets was Kathleen Mellahn of Year 11. To all teachers and students who participated, huge thanks and congratulations.

Peter Cahill, Catholic Action teacher

Legacy Junior Public Speaking

Congratulations to Brooke Guy and Chloe Carlyon who recently participated in the 2009 Legacy Public Speaking competition. They presented a prepared speech on a chosen topical issue as well as an impromptu speech on the challenging topic of 'Opening Doors.'

The girls performed exceptionally well and enjoyed the opportunity to develop their public speaking skills.

Maryanne McPhee
English Teacher



Subject Selection for 2010

Students in Years 8–11 have commenced the process of selecting their courses for 2010.

The key stages in this process are as follows:

TERM 3

Week 2 – Commencing July 20

- Curriculum information distributed to students on Wednesday July 22.
- Year 10 students have a Taster Day on Friday July 24th.
- Year 10 students have completed their individual counselling from the Careers Coordinator.
- Students should spend this week studying the Curriculum Guide, discussing options with their parents and teachers, and begin forming their program for 2010.
- Students wishing to undertake a Higher Study need to obtain an application form from Student Services.

Week 3 – Commencing July 27

- Students continue to investigate their options for 2010.
- Students receive their online password
- The Subject and Tertiary Expo on Thursday July 30 provides students and parents further opportunity to discuss curriculum options with Subject Teachers, Home Group Teachers and representatives from the major tertiary providers.
- Online selections open Thursday July 30. The registration period remains open until Friday August 7.

Week 4 – Commencing August 3

- Online subject selection period concludes on Friday August 7. Subject Selection/Re-enrolment forms, online receipts, and Higher Study application forms (where applicable) are due back to the Home Group Teacher.

Weeks 5 – 10

- Selections will be collated and analysed. Students will be counselled as required.

TERM 4

- The timetable will be developed based on student choices and students will receive confirmation of their 2010 program.

Tony Kolb, Director of Curriculum

Subject and Tertiary Expo Thursday 30 July

Subject Expo 3.00 – 5.00pm

Subject & Tertiary Expo 6.00 – 8.00pm

A time to gather detailed information and discuss subject choices and pathways, especially for Year 9 - 12 students. A time to focus on the issues relevant to you.

Should I study Chemistry?
Would I learn more in a VET study?
What is the new system at Melbourne Uni?
If I do a higher study, what do I miss out on?

Information Sessions

For those unable to attend last week's Information Evening

Overview of Year 10 Curriculum
3.30 & 7.15pm

Introduction to the VCE
3.45 & 7.30pm

Tertiary Expo

Over 20 tertiary institutions in attendance eg. University of Melbourne, Monash University, Australian College of Sports Therapy.

And representatives covering Apprenticeships, CentreLink and TAFE courses.

Music Camp 2009

Our recent music camp at Oasis Camp in Mt Evelyn was again a great success. It was attended by almost 90 students, all the music staff plus Lauren Faragher and Ange Ricci.

The 'Friends' Concert was one of the highlights of the camp. This was an informal event where students perform in any chosen style to entertain the audience with items characterized by somewhat 'over-the-top' choreography, originality, confidence, variety, hilarity and obvious enjoyment by performers and listeners alike.

The new singing sensation, Katie Weston also delighted us with her music of covers and original songs. Katie is breaking into the music world and answered a lot of burning questions from the girls.

These 3 days were packed with rehearsals for the large ensembles (orchestra and choirs) and the smaller instrument-specific ensembles. We had no fewer than 6 mealtimes per day to reward our efforts! The students also enjoyed free time activities like the ropes course, basketball court, the games room and 'veranda golf' Guest speaker, Dayle Walker held workshops in performance

Vision Generation

The Year 11 SRC held a Convention entitled "Human Suffering - what can young people do?" at the end of last semester.

The day involved outstanding guest speakers Jasmine Zapka and Alana Smith from World Vision and Vision Generation, Antony McMullen the Social Justice Officer from the Justice and International Mission, Uniting Church, Olivia Ball from Amnesty International and finally 'The Darlow Show'.

During the day, fair trade, slave labour and poverty were discussed with a proactive attitude from the 100 students from Mater Christi and St Joseph's College. Students worked together to create a plan of action which includes changing the school to become a fair trade college, creating a Vision Generation group at the school and creating awareness in our community. Thanks Viv Halocha, the Maintenance and Hospitality staff together with Mrs Kate Jay. Without their help the day would not have been possible.

Lauren Cave and Abbey Pritchard



skills to assist with performance anxiety. Another guest Billy Graham, who was a professional trombone player and performer, provided the jazz ensemble with much expertise and guidance.

The Games session provided by ex-students Megan O'Reilly and Laura McKane was most enjoyable. We played pass-the-parcel with 'difficult' music questions, and Music Statues where students had to contort themselves in groups to form music symbols (e.g. crotchet rest) and musical instruments!

After all the impressive practice in the ensembles, Friday morning was a showcase of what each group had achieved by performing for everyone in the Gym. This will be repeated at Ensemble Night at the College Hall on Wednesday 29 July at 7.00 pm.

The Music staff would like to thank Sandra Waldron, Instrumental Music Co-ordinator for organizing this highly successful camp, all the girls who participated in such a magnificent spirit and particularly the new and upcoming players in the music department.

Mary Lo Instrumental Teacher

Education Maintenance Allowance

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

The eligibility criteria for the second instalment of the EMA must be met as at the first day of Term 3 (13 July 2009).

To receive the second instalment, applications must be submitted to the school by 7 August 2009.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who were paid the first instalment of 2009 through this school, will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who were not eligible for the first instalment but are now eligible must complete a new application form in order to receive the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after 27 February 2009 and prior to or on 7 August 2009, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

Application forms are available from the school office. For further information, please visit the EMA website:

www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/ema/index.htm

Knox Deanery Youth Mass

When: Saturday 25 July
6:00 – 9:00pm

Where: St Joseph's Church
Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk &
Cornish Roads Emerald

If you are a great public speaker or enjoy singing or playing instruments, or just want to be involved in the Youth Mass, please contact Cassandra van der Hulst on 0448 198 028 or email cassandravanderhulst@hotmail.com.



Performances:

Thursday 13 August 7:30pm
Friday 14 August 7:30pm
Saturday 15 August 2:00pm & 7:30pm

Cost: \$25 Adult \$15 Student/Child
\$75 Family (2 adults + siblings)

Order forms are now available on the intranet.

VCE Maths and English Tutoring

VCE Maths and English tutors are now located in the room attached to Scholastica. We are looking forward to seeing many of the senior students over the coming weeks as we approach the revision and examination period.

Please encourage students to make the most of this very valuable service.

Kylie Lee (Maths) and Anne Louise Sheehan (English)

St Simons Parish Car Boot Sale

When: Saturday 1 August
10:00am – 2:00pm
Where: Parish carpark
2 Taylors Lane Rowville

Come along and enjoy the treasure hunt of bargains

Uniform Shop Sale

Roll-Neck Jumpers
30% off for term 3

Important dates

Monday 27 July
Mater Idol commences
Tuesday 28
SCSA Volleyball
Wednesday 29
Ensemble Night 7:00pm
Thursday 30
Year 11 & 12 Chemistry Quiz
Subject & Tertiary Expo 3:00 - 8:00pm
Students dismissed at 1:00pm
Tuesday 4 August
Year 10
Keys Please Presentation 7:30pm
Thursday 6
Australian Mathematics Competition
VTAC Information Night 7:30pm
Friday 7
SCSA Football
Last Day Year 8 - 11
subject choices on-line
MCC Snow Trip departs
Monday 10
MCC Snow Trip returns

Canteen Roster

Monday 27 July
Frida Kassis
Tuesday 28
Robyn Lynch, Kay Murray
Wednesday 29
Debby Wills
Friday 31
HELP NEEDED
Monday 3 August
Frida Kassis
Tuesday 4
Robyn McNab, Virginia Curry
Wednesday 5
HELP NEEDED
Thursday 6
Una Steele
Friday 7
Carolyn Mitchell



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