



“The glory of God is man, fully alive – develop all your talents – make a personal friend of God who loves you so much”

from an interview by a Year 9 student in 1991 when Sister Noela Bunn was finishing as Lourdes Hill College Principal.

From the Principal:

Commemoration of Sr Noela Bunn sgs, 1928 – 2009

Interim Principal of Mater Christi College in 1986



After 40 years as a teacher, including 15 as College Principal and 59 years of religious life, Sr Noela Bunn died peacefully on 16 March, 2009. In the midst of her time as Principal at Lourdes Hill College, she was the interim Principal at Mater Christi College in 1986.

During this challenging year, Sr Noela is remembered for revitalising the role of parents and friends in the College, especially targeting potential Board directors. She forged stronger links for the College with the surrounding parishes. Sr Noela encouraged students to express their views and participate in leadership roles.

Most importantly, she presented a strong future for the College, especially developing the confidence of parents, staff and students to lay the foundations for the long term Master Plan – of which the current College community is the beneficiary.

She is remembered fondly by those staff who were employed by her, as also by all of us who share her strong commitment to catholic education. We can all relate to her key message for

educators: “Modern, young people resist words – they want example, a life story, something for real.”

Sr Noela died after suffering from Parkinson’s disease for many years. We pray that she rests in peace and now rejoices in the fullness of life with God.

Second term:

We return for second term, and welcome the arrival at last of some autumn rain and chillier winds. Perhaps our seasons will return to normal, but for now, we must all accept that the holidays are indeed over. I hope students and their families as well as staff feel the benefit of the break. I encourage all students to take up a “new term’s resolution” and work in every study area as conscientiously and determinedly as possible. Aim for the best results ever - begin assignments immediately, organise homework tasks, participate fully in classes - starting today!

I especially wish to commend and thank staff members, Jacqui Cusack, Melissa Gregory, Anna Goodings, Doug Dixon, Lorraine McCart, Daisy O’Bryan, Libby O’Meara and Karlene Rainbow who gave up some of their own holiday time to support two groups of Year 11 students who enjoyed a ten day bus tour to Central Australia. We look forward to hearing more of their adventures, but in the first instance, are pleased to welcome all home, safe and sound.

National Youth Week:

Congratulations to Charlotte Buckley in Year 9 for her participation in a recent National Youth Week project “we’re afraid of the daylight”, a photographic display of social issues faced by youth in this area, auspiced by local artist Tiffany Bishop of Burrinja Cultural

Centre. Charlotte worked with other students to present ideas for youth safety to community groups, including a presentation at the Upwey township meeting. And congratulations again to Eden Carell in Year 12 whose film “Should Time Really Matter” took out the top prize at the Green Foot Flicks Knox Youth Film Festival, a joint venture fully planned and presented by a committee of young people from Mater Christi and St Joseph’s College.

Over the break, we celebrated Holy Week, the events leading up to the death by crucifixion of Jesus, His burial and then, God’s gift to us all, the resurrection of Jesus. Just how do we live as Easter people?

“...what has Easter really been about? If we do not witness to life over death, then what is the empty tomb really all about? If we refuse to persevere until all the oppression stops and all the discrimination ends and all the inequality is over, then what was the life of the Prophet Jesus really all about for us? Today and now and here.

We are alleluia people who go through life praising God and following Jesus till the Garden of Gethsemane is turned into the Garden of Eden again.

We must ask ourselves, standing at an empty tomb, under an empty cross, in front of a needy world, whether or not when people see us at work in this time, they can say Alleluia, too.”

– from The Cry of the Prophet: A Call to Fullness of Life by Joan Chittister

We remember in our prayers past students Dannie, Nicky & Rebecca Fidge following the death of their mother, Rosemary. May she rest in peace.

Mary Fitz-Gerald Principal

Year 12 Formal



This year the Year 12 Formal was held at the Sebel on Albert Park Lake. The venue provided a great view of the city and lake. Everyone arrived in style and looked lovely in their new dresses, shoes and hairstyles. Professional photographers gave everyone the opportunity to record their memories with friends and partners. Awards were presented to the cutest couple, best dancers, biggest party animal, biggest internet addict and many more. Everyone had a great chance to mingle and talk to others, meet partners and dance all night.

It was a fantastic night, enjoyed by all. Thanks especially to Mrs. Feeney, Emma Van Setters, Keisha Hendricks, Rachel Smith and Georgie Stokol.

Molly McMillan Year 12

They are Calling on You!



Help save gorillas. Year 11 VCAL Personal Development class is collecting old mobile phones. Mobile phones contain minerals derived from coltan ore. If we can reduce the mining of coltan in the Democratic Republic of Congo the habitat of the endangered gorilla can be saved. We will pass the phones on to the Melbourne Zoo who refurbish and resell them. The money they collect helps pay wages of an anti-poaching ranger.

Please remove the SIM cards and batteries and bring your old phones to school. Environment leaders will collect the phones during Home Group up until Friday 8 May.

Year 11 VCAL Personal Development class and Leo Zito VCAL Teacher

Dandenong Ranges Bushfire Concern - Solution Seeking Community Meeting

For Inclusion into The Victorian Bushfire Royal Commission Submission

Where: Burrinja Cultural Centre
351 Glenfern Road Upwey
When: Sunday 3 May
Time: 9:00 am-12:00 pm

drccb@aapt.net.au or 9755 2313
to register for attendance

Bushfire Recovery Newsletter

The Catholic Church in Victoria is committed to supporting the recovery and development of the bushfire affected communities over the coming months and years. You can keep informed of actions and opportunities through the electronic newsletter www.cam.org/recovery-newsletter/

Tinnies for Vinnies 2009!

At the College Assembly, our two outstanding Social Justice Captains, Cherie Peele and Emma Van Setters, launched the 2009 Tinnies for Vinnies appeal. During term two, every student is asked to bring items of non-perishable food to help the needy in the Dandenongs region. In 2008, almost 9000 items were donated, a magnificent achievement. Let us hope and pray that in these difficult times, the College community responds generously once again.

Peter Cahill Social Justice Co-ordinator





Whether it's learning with smart technology or learning through experiences, the opportunities are yours at Mater Christi – a Good Samaritan Catholic School for Girls. Applications for scholarships offered to students entering Year 10, 2010 close Friday 15 May.

Experience the difference for yourself at our **College Tour day on Tuesday 5 May between 9am - 11am.**
For more details contact 9754 6611.

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The Visual Elements Periodic Table

On-line Bookings - Feedback

On-line booking was used for the first time for the recent round of Progress Meetings. We are interested in parents views on how it worked.

Comments, feedback and ideas are most welcome at feedback@materchristi.edu.au.

Cookbook Fundraiser

Be a part of the first Mater Christi cookbook! The senior VCAL girls are putting together a cookbook to raise money for The Red Cross, who have helped out with the Black Saturday bushfires. How can you help?

We need contributions of original recipes (with a photo if possible) from our school community. The template for submitting the recipes has been emailed to all students and is available on the news and events page of the College web-site.

The process to submit a recipe is

1. Complete and print the template
2. Hand in the template to the box in B207 and
3. e-mail the recipe to cookbook@materchristi.edu.au

We hope you can be apart of our first cookbook.

Senior VCAL Students

Keeping Them Safe

During Term 1, all Mater Christi families were provided with a copy of the Parents' Alcohol and Drug Resource Book. Did you receive your copy? If not, please contact Student Services to arrange to get a copy.

This book is an important resource for all parents of teenagers. At Mater Christi we refer to the booklet as the "Keeping Them Safe" book...it is a resource to help parents to be informed about dangers their children may face in the complex adolescent years and to encourage conversations between parents and teenagers about a range of social and personal issues. The book also provides some helpful strategies and contacts should difficult situations arise.

The book has general relevance to all adolescent age groups but we particularly recommend the following sections for specific age groups:

Years 7/8: Parties and After School time/Creating Resilient Adolescents

Years 9/10: Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco and Adolescents

Years 11/12: When Adolescents Need Help: Depression

These sections provide a good basis for family discussion and information as well as for curriculum based programs at school...eg Year 9 CASA Program, Health and Elective programs such as "Living Safely"

Sports Update

The recent SCSA Swimming and Diving Carnival at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre was held in the evening and was a very rewarding night for all involved.

The girls were very determined and enthusiastic with many blue, red and green ribbons collected. Overall Mater Christi College was quite successful, finishing 4th out of the 8 schools. The girls are to be congratulated on their efforts in and out of the water, maintaining good spirits throughout the night and demonstrating great sportsmanship.

A special thanks to Vicki Godfrey, Barb Alexander, Lauren Faragher, Amanda McLellan and Melissa Phillips for their support of the students.



As well, Centacare (Catholic Family Services) provided a range of programs to support families to be connected and stay connected to each other and their communities. You may wish to visit their website www.centacaremelbourne.org.au for some ideas. Centacare is currently supporting Family Week from 4-10 May and the website gives some ideas about how you can become involved.

An Invitation...

Are there groups of parents who would like to explore some of the issues raised in the "Keeping Them Safe" book in greater depth?

Could we facilitate a discussion for you and perhaps organise some experts in the specific area to join the discussion?

Recently, there has been a media focus on the dangers of teenage binge drinking and on the impact of cyber bullying. Do you need more information about these topics?

If you would like to suggest a topic for further discussion please contact me at school. If there is sufficient interest I will organise a response.

Remember...

The "Keeping Them Safe" book is a practical on-going resource. Try to use it regularly and positively in conversations with the adolescents in your family.

Mary Close Deputy Principal - Welfare

In late March we also competed in the SCSA Indoor Cricket tournament held at Box Hill. The girls were faced with a big challenge having been upgraded to Division 1 due to past high achievements. It was very tough against the best but the girls remained competitive. There were a few very tight games and the seniors were able to secure a win. Unfortunately our girls missed the finals but thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Well done to the girls who fought it out against top opposition. Thank you to Janine Bauman, Tim Glover and Peter Kadar for coaching the teams.

Alana Nelson AFL Trainee



General Excellence Scholarships

Each year, Mater Christi awards a number of scholarships to students entering Year 10 who have demonstrated general excellence in their studies and school life. The 3 year scholarship is designed to support students who wish to complete their Year 10 and VCE studies at Mater Christi.

Scholarship applications for those students entering Year 10 in 2010 are completed on-line by following the prompts on the "Enquiries" page of our web-site. General Excellence Scholarship Applications open online on Friday 24 April and close on Friday, May 15.

Those students wishing to be considered for a General Excellence Scholarship will sit the General Excellence Scholarship Exam which will be held at the College on Saturday 31 May.

Tony Kolb Director of Curriculum

Charter Bus Service - Introduction of Student Scanners

The start of Term 2 has seen the introduction of a scanning system on our charter bus service (Grenda buses). Students are now required to present their Student ID card when boarding the bus in the morning and when disembarking in the afternoon.

This new system has been introduced to provide:

- Improved tracking of buses as they complete their run.
- Improved communication to parents and students when enquiring about the progress of a bus during the run. (Eg: if a bus is late or student has missed the bus)
- Better monitoring of students travel arrangements in case of emergencies.

For this system to work effectively and to avoid delays for the bus, it is essential for students to have their Student ID card ready to present to the bus driver as they board the bus and also as they disembark. If a student does not present her ID card then she will be required to complete a form which will be collected by the teachers on duty each afternoon.

Vivienne Halocha
Assistant Business Manager

Environment News

Habitat Survey

Fourteen students from the Biodiversity Team and some environment leaders conducted our first school habitat survey with Anthony Mann from the Shire of Yarra Ranges 'Learning for Sustainability' program.

Three features of our school habitat were surveyed; the number of large trees, the number of native plants and the canopy cover of native trees over 5metres. We did not score well in these features, setting a good challenge for our team.

Our students gained a better understanding of their school habitat and the reasons to improve it. Education for Sustainability is happening at MCC and I would like to thank the Shire and Katrina Trost for their support and encouragement.

Gloria Bower Environment Leader

Toolbox for Environmental Change

Recently, Cassie Schill, Sara Dimech-Betancourt, Cassie Maxwell and Keshia Perera, accompanied teachers Katrina Trost and Gloria Bower to the Toolbox for Environmental Change Conference at the Melbourne Museum.

The students were greatly inspired and encouraged by the presentations, especially from other schools, to come back to our school and be active in making a difference that will benefit our planet. We look forward to them sharing what they learnt and to implement some of the ideas they have. Stay tuned – I'm sure we'll be hearing more from them before too long!

Katrina Trost Environment Leader

St Paul's Primary School

'Meet the Teachers Twilight Open Day'
Thursday 7 May 3.30 – 4.30pm

Or take a school tour at any other time by appointment

Information Evening
Tuesday 12 May, 7.30pm.

Please contact the school directly to reserve a seat

59 Moores Road, Monbulk

Phone: 9756 7201

principal@spmonbulk.melb.catholic.edu.au

Monash University

Faculty Seminar Series for Prospective Students

What: Education, Sport & Outdoor Recreation

When: Tuesday 5 May

Where: Peninsula Campus

What: Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy & Health Science

When: Thursday 7 May

Where: Peninsula Campus

What: Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences

When: Tuesday 12 May

Where: Parkville Campus

What: Architecture

When: Wednesday 13 May

Where: Caulfield Campus

For more information and to book online
www.monash.edu.au/study/events



Important Health Notice

Last week the College was notified of a case of Pediculosis (Head Lice).

A note was issued to all girls in all Home Groups to notify parents. An information brochure was provided to all Home Groups and a web address was included on the notice so that more information could be obtained if required.

It is known that eggs hatch approximately seven days after laying so it is important that regular checks are made and treatment commenced immediately if head lice are discovered. If head lice are discovered students should not come to school at least until treatment is commenced.

For your information: Education Age on 20/4/09 featured an extensive article on this topic.

Mary Close Deputy Principal Welfare



Uniform Shop

If parents cannot attend the Uniform Shop in the opening hours they are welcome to place a phone order 9757 0815. Students are then make payment and collect the items.

Important dates

Friday 1 May

MCC Athletics Carnival

Monday 4

Offers Posted Year 7 2010

Tuesday 5

College Tours 9:00am - 11:00am

Family Maths Night

Sunday 10

Mothers' Day

Tuesday 12

NAPLAN - Language Conventions and Writing - Years 7 & 9

Wednesday 13

NAPLAN - Reading - Years 7 & 9

Thursday

NAPLAN - Numeracy - Years 7 & 9

Friday 15

Closing date Year 10 Scholarships

Third billing 2009 due - Tuition

Tuesday 19

Staff Professional Learning Day

NO CLASSES

Canteen Roster

Monday 4 May

Frida Cassis

Tuesday 5

Ruth McNab

Wednesday 6

Angela Conner

Thursday 7

Una Steele

Friday 8

Carolyn Mitchell

Monday 11

Frida Cassis

Tuesday 12

Monique Fronde

Wednesday 13

Sue Nicholas, HELP NEEDED

Thursday 14

Annette Thompson

Friday 15

Robynne Carter



Contact Employment Privacy Policy Enrolment Enquiries

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