



Prayer for Reconciliation

God of constant love, we pray for our leaders that they continue to support Reconciliation. We pray for healing for those who continue to suffer pain and brokenness. In your mercy and compassion walk with us as we continue our journey of healing to create a future that is just and equitable.

In Christ we hope.

Amen.



From the Principal:

Travelling is always an adventure and as I reflect on the past two weeks, I feel both delight and privilege. In meetings with parents and representatives across three different cities – Ho Chi Minh, Jakarta, Bangkok – the greatest privilege is witnessing a shared commitment to quality education for young people. We are working so that our students will become “active and creative citizens” of a better future. It is our shared belief that international friendships and partnerships will be effective seeding grounds for a more peaceful world.

As much as I have delighted in the unique features of each city, uniformly each one has offered a welcoming hospitality demonstrated with genuine expressions of friendship and hope for new and productive relationships across all our lives, in school and in our world. One strong memory will be a wonderful meal with other teachers, a parent and university staff in Jakarta recognising our shared education goals. My visit was an important part of our international student program, providing an opportunity to meet with current as well as prospective parents. Every such visit enables me to appreciate more aspects of the many cultures that enhance our Mater Christi College community.

However, for me, this special travel offers so much more. It is a great learning opportunity to step outside one’s familiar worldview, to observe new ideas, alternative approaches and then to review one’s own view of the world. Experiences suggest that we humans have more in common than many media reports would suggest. It is my hope that as a learning community, each one of us, can realise not only the joy offered through new friendships but that also we can renew commitment to neighbour, in whatever part of the world, he or she may live, so that, as world citizens, we

“tread lightly and live generously.”

and back at home...

Only four weeks of second term remain! This is a period of some tension for students undertaking Unit 3 studies as they enter important assessment activities. Students at other levels will also notice an escalation in the number of tasks to be completed as the semester draws to a close. This is a timely opportunity for parents to support students by encouraging good time management and study patterns. Whilst this “intervention” is not always welcomed, adult support through valuing effort and celebrating achievements is an important investment in the learning of young people.

I am pleased to report on the success of our recent Professional Learning Day when new staff engaged in the charisma of the Sisters of the Good Samaritan, an experience that deepens understanding of our values and the aims of our community. Other teachers had a particularly productive day sharing classroom technology skills and developing practical ideas with the Electronic White Boards which continue to amaze us. The talents and leadership of our colleagues is a true highlight of these days.

We strive to offer opportunities to enhance this partnership in learning and have been very impressed by the number of parents who have been able to attend recent events, the Family Science Night, Parents as Careers Transition Support training and the My Restaurant dinners. Getting to these types of events can be demanding for parents for many reasons but attendance does make a strong statement to young people. Check out the calendar for your next opportunities!

Mary Fitz-Gerald Principal

National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Week

May 26 – June 3

This week we mark National Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week. We commemorate the Stolen Generations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who were forcibly removed from their families. We acknowledge the pain and suffering it caused to the families and loved ones, and the destruction to the Indigenous communities and culture.

During the National Reconciliation Week we fly the Aboriginal flag to acknowledge the traditional people of Australia. Our display of the ‘Sea of Hands’ is symbolic of our support for Indigenous communities and our desire and hope for reconciliation. During the week students will have an opportunity to participate in a College Reconciliation Liturgy, and in creative meditation inspired by Indigenous art and culture.

Ewa Toomey
Faith Development Leader



Middle School News

NAPLAN Testing

All students in Year 7 and 9 sat the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy, with five tests administered over three days. Results will be distributed to individual families later in the year.

Incursion - Bully Busters

Year 7 students were treated to a very funny play exploring forms of bullying. "Jake the Ape" and "Sally Simper" are locked in detention and receive some good "Karma" on sexual harassment, peer pressure, rumours, electronic forms of bullying, racism, judging others, tolerance and family problems. A follow up discussion on the issues raised will occur in Health classes this term.

Year 8 City Excursions

The students walked from Parliament station through Treasury Gardens to the Fitzroy Gardens. Here we discovered many things such as the Conservatory, Cook's Cottage and the Fairy Tree.

We then walked to St Patrick's Cathedral to observe the history and monuments of one of Melbourne's oldest Catholic Churches. From there, the journey then took us to the Melbourne Museum where the students investigated the Human Body and the Bunjilaka exhibit.

Finally we visited the Queen Victoria Market to explore the many and varied cultural foods and stalls of the market.

Middle School Learning Leaders



Sports Scoreboard

SCSA Indoor Soccer tournament at Albert Park. We were very competitive throughout the day with all teams progressing to the finals. The Junior team played the undefeated Presentation College in their preliminary final after losing to them by 7 goals in an earlier encounter. The match went to a thrilling penalty shoot out and the girls went on to the grand final. Unfortunately we lost that game but it was a fabulous effort by the team.

The Intermediate team preliminary final proved to be just as exciting when their match was also won in a "sudden death" penalty shoot out. Unfortunately their only loss for the day was their grand final, losing narrowly 2-1. Brooke Guy, however, won best on ground in the Grand Final. The Senior team put in a solid performance but were knocked out of grand final contention in their preliminary final.

All of the girls are to be congratulated on their efforts throughout the day. Not only were they competitive but they demonstrated wonderful sportsmanship and teamwork throughout. Many thanks to the coaches Beth McLeod, Melissa Phillips and Amanda McLellan.

SCSA Basketball tournament at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. Our teams enjoyed great success during the day with all teams making the finals. Both the Junior and Senior teams managed to secure a spot in the Grand Final but did not quite take the big prize. The Intermediates were unfortunate to lose their preliminary final having been the most dominant team for the day.

We all had a really enjoyable day and the girls are to be congratulated for their efforts. Thanks to Danni, Eleanor and Jess for coaching and to Melissa Phillips and Amanda McLellan for assisting on the day.

SCSA Badminton tournament at Melbourne Sports and Aquatics Center.

Our Badminton stars were all very competitive, particularly the Senior team who came very close to winning first place by only losing just 2 games for the day. Their deciding match was very even, missing out on top spot by just 5 points. The Junior and Intermediate teams weren't quite as close but they remained in good spirits throughout the day.

Thank you to Vicki Godfrey and Alisa Turner who were a big help and made the day possible.

Alana Nelson AFL trainee





Extract from CEO notice

Concerns from staff or parents about swine flu should be referred to any of the following:

- Call the Swine Influenza Hotline: Telephone 180 2007
- Call Nurse-on-Call: Telephone 1300 606 024 for expert health information and advice (24 hours, 7 days)

Influenza H1N1 (Swine Flu)

- Call your doctor (GP) if you have an influenza-like illness (fever, cough and fatigue) and have traveled to Mexico or California, Arizona, New Mexico or Texas in the past seven days.
- Visit the Victorian Government Health Information Website for up-to-date information for schools, children, parents and the community:
www.health.vic.gov.au

Standard good general health hygiene practices should continue to be practised, such as regular hand washing and covering nose and mouth if sneezing and coughing. If staff or children are unwell, they should seek medical attention and avoid public places and close contact with others.

Updates will be posted on the College website or sent by SMS as required.



Care Baskets

During the past three weeks the Year 12 Catholic Action class conducted a project to make Care Baskets for young girls who were affected by the recent bushfires. With the kind help of our fellow students, we put together some amazing baskets that I'm sure the girls

will love to receive. On behalf of our class, I'd like to thank everyone who brought in the items. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.

Kriti Malhotra Year 12

Muffin Mania

Over the last few weeks the Year 8 Food Technology classes have created their own healthy muffins. Each girl had to either create their own muffin 'from scratch' or find one on the internet or in a cookbook and change it in some way to make it their own. They looked, smelt and tasted great! We all had lots of fun and I especially enjoyed the process of making them. Thank you to all the Food Technology teachers for helping us to make this a great experience.

Jessica Bouloukis 8C



ANZAC Commemoration



Seven students from our Year 10 History class, Great Wars, attended the ANZAC service at the RSL memorial in the Dandenong Ranges National Park. The veterans shared their experiences with us and made us feel very welcome. It was great to hear first hand what war experiences were really like. We also heard some songs to commemorate Australia. It was a moving experience.

Siena Foster Year 10

Chinese Speaking and Cultural Performance Contest

Recently we went to Melbourne Grammar Girls School for the Victorian, Chinese as a Second Language Competition. There were 15 Applicants from schools across Victoria, including Yura Oh from Mater Christi. The participants had to complete a two minutes speech and a two minute Chinese cultural performance. Students from Year 10 Chinese class who attended the competition found it interesting and great experiences. We would also like to thank Mrs Got and the school for this opportunity.

Tahlia Lam Year 10 &
Yura Oh Year 11

National Careers Development Week

Last week we celebrated National Careers Development Week (NCDW). NCDW is a key initiative of the Career Industry Council of Australia and the Federal Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR).

NCDW encourages students to actively engage in career development and was a celebration of career activities in the school.

There were seminars for students with a focus on:

- Australian Catholic University
- AFL Sportsready Apprenticeships and Traineeships
- Deakin University Nursing
- VCAL program
- TAFE

Students also participated in a Careers Activity in Home Group which focused on a key career website www.myfuture.edu.au

Andy Donnelly Careers Counsellor



For info: www.burrinja.org.au/lanternparade

Generation Next

A public seminar aimed at understanding the unique health and wellbeing challenges facing generations Y & Z – and how these challenges can be met.

When: Saturday 13 June 6 – 10:00pm

Where: Melbourne Convention Centre

Book At Ticketek 132 849

\$45 per person

Guest Speakers include

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg
Adolescent Psychologist

Dr Sally Cockburn
GP, Health Commentator

Susan McLean
Cybersafety Expert

Paul Dillon
Drug and Alcohol Research and
Training Australia

Dr Ramesh Monocho
GP Convenor

Julie Gale
Founder of Kids Free 2 B Kids

For more information visit the website
gennextseminars.com

Part Time Position Boarding House Supervisor

Approx 10 hours per week

Refer to the employment section of the
College web-site for details

Earthwatch

In December 2008 Lauren Thyne and I set off for Dorrigo National Park, NSW for a week long Earthwatch expedition. Our mission, as a part of the Australia's Vanishing Frogs, Student Challenge was to locate specimens of Assa Darlingtoni; the Hip-Pocket frog. We tipped logs, searched leaf litter in transects and listened for their calls to find males, females and eggs. Along the way we encountered many other plants and animals, other species of frogs, huge vines, glow worms, bush turkeys, frogmouths, possums and many more.

Also on the expedition were students from all across Victoria and New South Wales. During our free time we socialised, checked out the local town and toured the park, including swimming in the waterfalls.

We had a great time, and would recommend it to anyone interested in the environment. For more information, log onto www.earthwatch.org or talk to one of us.

Lisa Mandeltort Environment Captain



Monash University

Faculty Seminar Series for Prospective Students

What: Information Technology

When: Tuesday 2 June

Where: Caulfield Campus

What: Law

When: Wednesday 3 June

Where: Caulfield Campus

What: Nursing, Midwifery &
Paramedics

When: Wednesday 10 June

Where: Peninsula Campus

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

Important dates

Saturday 30 May

Year 10 2010 Scholarship Testing

Tuesday 2 June

Year 9 & 10 Maths/English Exam Day

Wednesday 3

Year 11 Exams Commence

Friday 5

World Environment Day

Monday 8

Queen's Birthday Holiday

Tuesday 9

Last Day for Year 11 students to
change VCE Unit 2 subjects

VCE (Unit 3) Exams Commence

Thursday 11

Years 7 - 10 classes only

Year 11 Exams Commence

End of VCE Units 1 & 3

GAT Exam

VCE (Unit 3) Exams Conclude

MYP Information Evening

Friday 12

Start of VCE Units 2 & 4

MCC/St Joseph's Social

Canteen Roster

Monday 1 June

Frida Kassib, **HELP NEEDED**

Tuesday 2

Ruth McNab, Virginia Curry

Wednesday 3

HELP NEEDED

Thursday 4

Una Steele

Friday 5

HELP NEEDED

Tuesday 9

Monique Fronde

Wednesday 10

Sue Nicholas

Thursday 11

HELP NEEDED

Friday 12

Carolyn Mitchell, Sabrina Martenstyn



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