



CAROLINE CHISHOLM COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

I am writing to you from the Year 11 Retreat at Benedict XVI Centre in Grose Vale. If you went to a Catholic school you probably have very fond memories of going on retreat in your senior years. I know that, when I meet students I taught decades ago they are keen to recall the experience of being on retreat and the impact that special time had on them. I can already tell that our students will take with them powerful memories of being valued and of challenging themselves to look beyond the shallow view of the world. I hope that I am around in decades time to have these young people tell me what a profound effect this time had on them. The purpose of this retreat is to help the students rediscover their uniqueness and their giftedness, and to allow them to appreciate how much they are loved by God. This sacred time, we hope, will inspire them to nurture a relationship with Jesus as disciples and people of the Gospel. It may take years for them to realise for themselves the great gift of faith, and to really understand how a world view based on love is actually a radical way of approaching life. I am so very grateful to the many staff who leave their families to come away with the students, particularly **Ms Murray, Miss White, Mrs Vella** and **Mr MacNamara** who share responsibility for organising and running the retreats. We hope and pray that the gifts the students identify while on retreat will be shared for the benefit of the whole community.



Our Year 12 students have begun their HSC examinations, and I am delighted with the mature and committed way they are approaching this very challenging task. Prior to the first exam in Week 1, I spoke to the girls and reminded them that they are not the sum total of their exam marks. They are not their ATAR rank. They are, in fact, unique individuals, friends, daughters, sisters and this experience is only one part of their blessed lives. Many of the students I have spoken to after the exams have expressed a mixture of relief and satisfaction and we are looking forward to hearing about their achievements when the results are released in December. Please continue to pray for our Year 12s. Many don't finish their exams until later in November.

In these first few weeks of Term 4 we have launched our academic acceleration program for our current Year 9 students. Twenty-eight students are undertaking a very challenging inquiry task this term to see if they qualify to be doing their HSC while in Year 10 in 2 unit Studies of Religion. If they are successful, they will have the opportunity to complete two units of their HSC while still in Year 11. Every student who was asked to consider this pattern of study have put themselves forward for the inquiry task this term, and I am sure they will thrive in this program, as it is designed to stretch their thinking and their abilities, ready for Year 11 and 12. If it is successful, we hope to offer this program to students in the future, towards the end of Year 9.

Our Wright House Initiative is Breast Cancer Research. Our assembly last Friday, hosted by **Mrs Simpson** and the Science faculty, took place in a very pink assembly area, featured fascinating experiments from **Mr Rapley**, and a very moving talk by **Ms Coleman** about her own experience with breast cancer. Her talk was deeply moving and I value her contribution to the students and staff. If your child is affected by a family member's serious illness, can I encourage you to let her homeroom teacher or year leader know, as we can provide support and assistance while she is at school. Let us pray for all families in our community who are struggling with cancer, or who are supporting a family member with cancer. It is a devastating disease, and the impacts are felt far and wide.



A Litany for Healing

We pray for those who are now ill.

Source of Life, we pray: Heal them.

We pray for those who are affected by illness, anguish and pain.

God of Love, we pray, heal them.

Grant courage to those whose bodies, are weakened by illness and the pain of illness.

Encourage them.

Grant strength and compassion to families and friends who give their loving care, support and help to overcome despair.

Strengthen them.

Grant wisdom to those who probe the deepest complexities of your world as they labour in the search for treatment and cures.

Inspire them.

Grant clarity of vision and strength of purpose to the leaders of our institutions and our government. May they be moved to act with justice and compassion and find the courage to overcome fear and hatred.

Guide them and bless us all.

We ask this prayer through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

Mr Greg Elliott
Principal

DIARY DATES

[Year 7 Items](#), [Year 8 Items](#), [Year 9 Items](#), [Year 10 Items](#), [Year 11 Items](#) and [Year 12 Items](#), [Whole School Items](#)

Wednesday 19 Oct	HSC Exams - Modern History - AM Year 11 Retreat Group A - Grose Vale Year 11 Retreat Group B - Grose Vale
Thursday 20 Oct	HSC Exams - Biology - AM Software Design & Development - PM Year 11 Retreat Group B - Grose Vale Year 11 Studies of Religion Mosque Group A NSWCCC Basketball
Friday 21 Oct	HSC Exams - Mathematics General - AM Mathematics - PM Padre Pio SRE Mass

Friday 21 Oct	Year 11 English Incursion Group A Year 11 Retreat Group B - Grose Vale
Monday 24 Oct	Wright House Initiative this week HSC Exams - Ancient History - AM
Tuesday 25 Oct	HSC Exams - Agriculture, Entertainment, Industry, Human Services - PM NIDA Excursion
Wednesday 26 Oct	HSC Exams - PDHPE - AM Mathematics Ext 1 - PM Year 11 Day with St Dominic's



FROM THE ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Years 7 and 8 Disco

Years 7 and 8 students are invited to the college disco held in conjunction with St Dominic's College on Tuesday 1st November in the St Dominic's Hall. The disco runs from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm. I would like to emphasise a couple of points about this disco. First, please collect students promptly at 8.30 pm from St Dominic's, not from Hungry Jack's. Students are not allowed to make their own way to Hungry Jack's unless accompanied by a parent. Second, please make sure students are properly dressed in accordance with the college non-uniform activity policy which can be found on the college website.

Uniforms – shoes

It is the time of year when I need to remind students and parents that students must wear black leather-covered laced polishable shoes that cover the top of the foot. This is both a uniform and a WHS requirement. Please note that black leather gym style shoes (like Converse) are not acceptable, nor are completely flat shoes without any moulding on the sole. If shoes need to be replaced before next year, please make sure they conform to this requirement as it will be expensive if a newly-purchased pair has to be replaced. If a particular store is out of stock with this type of shoe, try another. If there is still a problem, contact me before buying any shoes.

Uniforms – skirt length

Another reminder as Term 4 starts that a few students who have had growth spurts really need to see about letting their skirts down or purchasing new skirts. All students whose skirts are not to the bottom of the knee need to correct this over the next few weeks. As the term progresses, all students whose skirts are too short will get reminder notices with the expectation they do something about it immediately, whether it be getting a hem let down or purchasing a new skirt. As the same skirt is worn by all year groups, skirts can be purchased at any time during the year with the expectation that reasonable wear will be had from any purchase.

If a new skirt is needed, it makes sense to purchase it in Term 4 when there are not quite so many demands on money as there are at the start of a year. Just make sure the new skirt has plenty of length to accommodate future growth. Given the time they spend in the skirts, the \$50 cost will be one of the more cost-efficient clothing purchases you make for your daughter.

The college uniform shop is open Tuesdays from 8.00 am to 11.30 am. If that time is not convenient, there are some alternatives for parents. Students can be measured for uniforms when the shop is open. Payment can then be made by phoning the uniform shop during its opening hours or phoning reception at any time and quoting an invoice number from the uniform shop. Please note that student items (socks, tote bags, calculators, etc) that were previously purchased from the Front Office will now need to be purchased from the Uniform Shop during operating hours.

Miss Debbie White - Acting Assistant Principal

LITURGY COMMITTEE

Liturgy Committee students setting up and creating a beautiful backdrop for the Year 12 Graduation Liturgy of the Word in the COLA last term. Each leaf represented one of the graduating students who were farewelled by their peers.





FROM THE LEADER OF INNOVATION & LEARNING

HSC (2017) Assessment Handbook and Calendar

All students in Year 11 will receive an e-copy of their Year 12 Assessment Handbook and the Assessment Calendar for 2017 on Monday next week. Families will be able to access this information on the college website next week.

We remind all students to familiarise themselves with the College Assessment Policy and Procedures as they prepare for all their formal assessment tasks for the 2017 HSC Course. Be sure to map out when you have an assessment task on and plan ahead so you are able to manage your time and workload most effectively.

After spending the past few days on retreat with their peers, it is a perfect opportunity for students to reflect on their learning in the Preliminary course. Some questions to use in this reflection include:

- *What do you see as some of your strengths in this course?*
- *What areas of your learning in this course do you feel you need to improve on?*
- *Based on your teacher's feedback, what did you do well in this course?*
- *Based on your teacher's recommendations, what do you need to do to improve?*
- *What will be your starting point to respond to each of these recommendations?*
- *What would you like to achieve in the HSC for this course? How do you intend to do achieve this?*

Next week, students will be asked to record their HSC goals in each of their individual courses and are reminded to keep track of these with their teachers as they progress through Year 12.

We wish all our Year 11 students the very best as they begin their final year towards the HSC.

Year 10 Yearly Examinations

Next week our Year 10 students will receive a copy of their Yearly Exam Timetable. These exams will take place in Week 5, commencing with a Study Day on Monday 7 November. A reminder that if your daughter is ill on the day of an exam, you must contact **Mr Fuller by 8.35am** and provide a **Doctor's Certificate** and a **Year 9-12 Assessment Appeal Form** on the day your daughter returns to school.

As with the Half Yearly Exams, we will continue to give our Year 10 students the opportunity to go home at the end of their final exam on each day. This is a privilege we currently offer to our Year 11 and 12 students and are now offering to our Year 10 senior students. The aim of this is to prepare your daughters for the exam period structure they will experience in their Preliminary and HSC courses. **Please sign the permission slip on the note that was issued last week and ask your daughter to return the slip to their Homeroom Teacher.**

Students who have an exam in the morning and then in the afternoon block will still be required to remain at school to study. They will not be permitted to leave the school grounds. Supervision will be provided for these students and a room made available for them to revise. Supervision will also be provided for those students who choose to stay at school until the end of the normal school day.

Please note that if the permission slip has not been returned, your daughter will be expected to remain at school until the end of the school day.

We wish Year 10 the very best as they prepare for these important formal assessments.

Mr Stephen Casni - Leader of Innovation & Learning

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Amber Dempsey** (7 Gilmore) who was recently selected to perform in the Premier State Ballet performance of the classical ballet *Coppelia*. The ballet was performed on Friday 23 and Saturday 24 September at the Riverside Theatre, Parramatta. This achievement is a testament to her strong commitment and skill in ballet. We look forward to seeing her success in the future.



Chloe Pelle (8 Jackson) has been twirling since she was six years of age. Chloe has always been very humble in her achievements but her love for her sport is very prominent in her dedication and passion towards Twirling. She trains four days a week whilst including her technical dance training through dance at PAWS Studios.

Baton Twirling is a unique artistic sport combining the technical skill of twirling the baton with the grace and artistry of ballet, the enthusiasm of jazz dance and the agility and stamina of gymnastics.

This year Chloe competed in the 2016 NSW Baton Twirling Associations State Championships on the 12-13 September. Chloe was placed 1st and holds the State Champion Title in the eight events that she competed in.

The Australian Championships were held three weeks later and were held over three days on the Long weekend in October at the Penrith Valley Regional Sports Centre, where she proudly competed for NSW. Chloe placed first in seven Events, Junior Advanced Freestyle Strut, Junior Intermediate Freestyle Solo, Junior Intermediate One Baton, Junior Intermediate Freestyle, and junior Dance Twirl, Senior Pairs, and 2nd place in Junior Advance Two Baton. Chloe was selected to compete in the Champion of Champions event in Freestyle Strut Section, where she competed against two other Champion twirlers (aged 17 and 23).

Chloe's results were outstanding. To be an Australian Champion in so many events is an achievement on its own. To top off with these exceptional results, Chloe was selected to be a part of the 2017 World Baton Twirling Federation International Cup Australian Squad which will be held in August 2017 in Porec, Croatia. Chloe has been selected to compete in three individual events. 2017 holds a very exciting year for Chloe as she will also be attending the first World Baton Twirling Federation Pan Pacific Cup held in California USA in January 2017. Chloe will compete against twirlers from Japan, USA, Canada and Australia.

We wish her every success!

CONFIRMATIONS

Thursday 22 September fifteen students from the College received their final sacrament of initiation, Confirmation. The students completed their preparation at school during lunchtimes throughout Term Three. They joined the candidates from the Padre Pio Parish for this ceremony, which was officiated by Reverend Father Peter Williams (Vicar General of the Diocese of Parramatta).



Hannah McCrorie said "During my confirmation, I felt privileged to become a full member of the Catholic Church as I was warmly welcomed with open arms and hearts".

The candidates included:

Adelle Brett (8 Gilmore), **Chloe Anne Cortes** (10 Gilmore), **Michelle Faagutu** (7 Wright), **Elyssa Green** (7 Gilmore), **Mia Hosking** (7 Wright), **Madison Kirk** (7 Wright), **Matilda McCall** (7 Macarthur), **Hannah McCrorie** (10 Gilmore), **Jemma O'Hara** (9 Jackson), **Brodie Santas** (8 Macarthur), **Avalon Smith** (7 Wright), **Holly Smith** (8 Macarthur), **Rosemary Tuivasa** (7 Wright), **Ashlee Whiticker** (7 MacKillop) and **Zhalie Vidler** (7 Macarthur).

Mrs Jeanette Cocks - Leader of Learning Year 7



ENGLISH NEWS

In the final weeks of Term 3 students had the opportunity to participate in two significant events on the English calendar:

Each year, talented young writers hone their skills in the company of like-minded peers at the **Young Writer's Day** at Western Sydney University. Participants enjoy meeting and learning from the insights of authors through an introductory keynote speaker and series of workshops. This year, workshops included: *Triggers to Interior Worlds* with Dr Richard James Allen, *Fictional Beings* with Dr Bernard Cohen, and *Stop Telling Me!* with Michael Mohammed Ahmad. Eleven enthusiastic Caroline Chisholm students from Year 10 were invited to attend this worthwhile and enriching event: **Ashlin Biju, Sally Byun, Kaitlin Glass, Angel Jojo, Kenya Martin, Kaylee Moorfield, Tamara Reid, Alina Wakeling, Elizabeth Wakeling, Katherine Wakeling, and Georgia Wood**. These students were exceptional representatives for the College and a credit to themselves.



In addition, this year Caroline Chisholm College was invited to participate in the **UN Youth Voice** competition held at St Paul's Grammar School. This competition invites students in Years 7-10 to present a prepared pitch that relates to a pressing global issue. Participants included: **Emily Cunningham** (Year 7), **Lillian Hams** (Year 7), **Chloe Cunningham** (Year 9), **Breah Sands** (Year 9) and **Claire Doherty** (Year 10). Each student presented her pitch confidently and was a wonderful support to the rest of the team in the lead up to and on the night of the event – well done girls!



Mrs Glenda Wilson - Assistant Leader of Learning English

DIOCESAN LAUNCH OF ACBC SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE

Year 9 students, **Claudia Dixon, Victoria Ellul, Renee Taylor and Jada Edwards** were invited to attend the Schools Launch of the ACBC Social Justice Statement for 2016 - A Place at the Table: Social Justice in an ageing society - on Wednesday 12 October, at St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta. Apart from working collaborative with students from other Parramatta schools to break open and workshop the statement in readiness for actioning it in their own school, the girls were lucky enough to meet and chat to Bishop Vincent Long.

Mrs Jacqueline Morley - Acting Leader of Religious Education

