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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

You could imagine a school motto that reads “Preparing students for the future”. You could argue that this is the mission of Caroline Chisholm College, but I would disagree with you. Caroline Chisholm College is preparing students for the present! There is no greater example of this than our student leadership program. Last Tuesday, Fr Suresh and I installed 42 students as the new leadership team for 2017 - 2018. These young people have a range of gifts and talents, insights and skills that are not being incubated for some future world. They are gifts and skills for now, because now is when we need them. Life for teenagers is complex and challenging, so our job as parents and teachers is to help these girls grow in knowledge, in their values, in their mental toughness, so that they can not only cope, but thrive and flourish in the world of today.



I am very pleased to share with you an extract of the speech from our incoming college captain, **Ashlin Biju**. You will note that the speech she delivered to the community in Padre Pio Catholic Church last Tuesday is not a simple vote of thanks for being selected to lead this great community - it is a deeply considered challenge to all of us, students, staff and parents, to make the most of the opportunities given to us to make a difference and to serve with humility. I am sure you agree, with leaders like this, the college, and indeed the world, is in safe hands.



*"As I look at the leadership team selected for the year ahead, I am already so proud of these girls and know that through our service to our school we will only grow stronger. To the senior leaders, especially the Vice Captains, **Alina Wakeling** and **Abbey Tricot**, you bring so much insight and energy to this team, inspiring me in countless ways. I am beyond blessed to commence this journey alongside all of you. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the current leaders for their success throughout this year. The Vice-captains — **Emma Dimech** and **Danielle Todd**, and of course the lovely College Captain; **Hannah Azzopardi**. With your selfless service, you motivate me greatly and I hope that I will serve these girls with as much passion and strength that you have.*

*Now, from up here, I see very clearly an image of sisterhood which we as a college have adopted and I have no doubt that every one of you have heard of this word: sisterhood, before. For those who haven't: our sisterhood is the bond that unites us as a community and it is brought to life through our friendships, our involvement, our Catholic faith and our enthusiasm for all that our school offers. It is the means by which we are able to live our lives following in the footsteps of Caroline Chisholm and Jesus Christ. And I firmly believe that our sisterhood — and everything it stands for — is what allows us to enjoy our high school experience.*

*So my question to you is, if this is the case, then why do some of us still struggle to love the moments after we walk into those gates in the morning? Why do some of us struggle to genuinely harbour a love for our school and our learning? Can I suggest one response to these questions? Not all of us are using everything which Caroline Chisholm College offers to its full potential. As I said before, our sisterhood and our school, is built on foundations of involvement, faith, friendships and enthusiasm. If we were to engage in these values to the best of*

*our ability, I promise you, our sisterhood would flourish with love; our school would thrive with happiness and so would our learning and our engagement. So I call on you to involve yourself in the community, to make our college and our world more vibrant and loving. I call on you to act as a beacon of light and support for anyone who is in need of it, to carry out our faith and to create a community which overflows with positivity.*

*I hope with all my heart that in the coming year, you will see how bringing a positive attitude to what our school offers us, can transform this experience for all of us. I am so privileged to have been given this position but I would like you to know that am not standing here simply for myself. I want to use this opportunity to do something — anything to make your experience at this school, the best that it can be, because you are all beautiful people who deserve to feel fulfilled and happy wherever you are. And I do honestly believe that to do that— to experience Caroline Chisholm to the fullest, you have to be willing to pour yourself, abundantly into this sisterhood that we have. Thank you once again to everyone, this school, the teachers, my family and my peers for enabling this opportunity. I am so excited to guide and serve such an amazing community alongside the entire leadership team for 2018. I am forever blessed and grateful for each and every one of you. Thank you.”*

**Ashlin**, and the leadership team fill me with hope. When I look at the challenges facing young people and our community today: youth employment, the environment, mental health challenges, disunity, a distrust of authority figures, international tensions, and then I look at the young women growing and achieving wonderful things here each day, I am convinced that we cannot wait until some future time to allow these people to lead. As adults, we need to find ways of drawing on the compassion, generosity, creativity and passion of our young people today. Young people like our new college captain, Ashlin.

**Mr Greg Elliott**  
**Principal**

## SEMESTER 2 PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

The College Principal's Award is given to students who have demonstrated outstanding commitment in all areas of their learning. It encourages all girls to strive for excellence in their work.

We congratulate the following recipients of the Principal's Awards for Semester 2 for Year 12

Nadia Abram	Sophie Douglas-Torrie	Ally Leitch	Sandra Savavolac
Phoebe Anderson	Madison Ellul	Emma Lonard	Clare Sheridan
Elizabeth Azzopardi	Madison Fazio	Tia Madden	Arabella Steele-Allen
Hannah Azzopardi	Laura Green	Keeley McCahon	Jessica Steen
Rachel Bartolo	Jessica Greniewicz	Tara Merriman	Emma Thomas
Jessie Beckhaus	Sarah Hackenberg	Lauren Micallef	Danielle Todd
Amber Berthaly	Jodie Hall	Ceren Narli	Leia Townsley
Ashleigh Bridge	Lucy Harris	Lillian Neal	Sierra Vail
Olivia Burgin	Madeline Haydon	Monique Ortiz	Eliza-May Vickers
Ashleigh Camenzuli	Riley Hayward	Elise Pelle	Courtney Walker
Bree Campbell	Angela Hocking	Zoe Penson	Katarina Yelavich
Savannah Carroll	Kaitlyn Horne	Georgia Pirrone	
Shumi Chauhan	Samantha Issa	Lily Popovich	
Kiani Denoord	Sian Johnson	Isabella Richardson	
Yar Dhieu	Nadyne Kemister	Claire Roberson	
Emily Dillon	Nadia Khouri	Farkhanda Russull	
Emma Dimech	Madelyn Kroon	Brianna Saunders	



**FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

**Year 7 Vaccinations**

Vaccinations will be on Wednesday 20 September for Year 7 students. This is the second part of the HPV vaccine as well as the varicella (chickenpox) vaccine. Year 7 parents are reminded that, in a change from previous years, the third part of the HPV vaccine will not be given this year but will be given early next year. It is important that students come to school on the Wednesday, even if they are a little unwell, as long as they don't have a fever. If they are unwell (but not with a fever) it is possible for them to be brought to school for the vaccine then go home. Please contact the college in the morning of the vaccinations if this is the case.

**Year 9 and 10 Disco**

Last Tuesday, a successful disco was held at St Dominic's College. Thanks to St Dom's for organising the event and providing the venue. Thanks to all the many teachers from both schools who gave up their time to supervise. Thanks especially to our Year 9 and 10 Leaders of Learning, Debbie White and Penny Mabon.

**Uniforms – blazers and stockings**

Just a reminder that it is compulsory for students to wear their blazer and stockings to and from school each day in until the end of Term 3 or until otherwise advised. If the weather turns consistently warmer before the end of term, students will be notified that it will no longer be compulsory to wear the blazer to and from school.

**Uniforms – skirt length**

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 do something about it over the holidays. As next term progresses, all students whose skirts are too short will get reminder notices with the expectation they do something about it immediately, whether it is 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 aren't 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.

Parents should also check that their daughters have college socks, as they can be worn again from the start of Term 4.

**Doing the Right Thing**

Congratulations to **Lily Loughland Larsen** (7 Jackson), **Kaiyen Biasi** (7 Jackson) and **Lily Knight** (7 Jackson). They have been selected to receive a \$5 canteen voucher for college service.

*Mr Greg King - Assistant 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

Thurs 7 Sept	Year 9 & 10 PASS Camp HSC Music I Practical Exam Student Leaders - St Patrick's Cathedral	Thurs 14 Sept	Preliminary Exams Year 10 Food Tech - Sydney Tower Tour
Fri 8 Sept	Year 9 & 10 PASS Camp Preliminary Exams commence Years 9 & 10 Uni School closing Ceremony	Fri 15 Sept	Preliminary Exams NSWCCC Athletics Carnival
Mon 11 Sept	Preliminary Exams Nepean Schools Culinary Challenge PDSSSC OzTag Gala Day	Mon 18 Sept	Year 12 Revision Program Year 11 Work Placement Week PDSSSC Girls Years 7-10 Basketball
Tues 12 Sept	Preliminary Exams	Tues 19 Sept	Year 12 Graduation Day Year 12 Graduation Mass - 6.30 pm
Wed 13 Sept	Preliminary Exams	Wed 20 Sept	Year 12 Revision Program Years 9 & 10 Japan Study Tour Year 7 Vaccinations 3



## FROM THE LEADER OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Last week we celebrated the Leaders Mass as a school community. This Mass is an annual occasion and we not only welcomed our incoming leaders for 2017-2018, but also gave thanks for and recognised the contributions made by our outgoing leaders, who have performed their responsibilities and duties with diligence and reliability.

It was also a celebration of our Year 12 students, who gathered with the whole school community for the Eucharistic celebration for the final time in the lead up to their graduation and HSC examinations. We offered a blessing for them during Mass on the day.

At Mass we launched our College theme for 2017-2018.

We have chosen to focus for the next year on the value of dignity, which is part of our College charism. As we are created in God's image we each have inherent dignity and as a result of this dignity we are called to recognise this in others and act in service to ensure every person is treated with respect.

Our theme of dignity is inspired by Psalm 139 from which we have the phrase "*For I am wonderfully made*" and from the First Reading "*we are created in God's image.*" Genesis 1:27

These two passages reflect the sacredness of all life. As God's pinnacle of creation we have all been made stewards of all creation.

Over the coming year as a school community we are going to focus on how we can ensure that everyone is treated with dignity. Reconciliation, justice and equity are integral in establishing right relationships. We are each called to be Christ like in our actions and are challenged to live a life that recognises each person as a valued member of the human family.

**Some ways we can do this include** forgiving one another and raising awareness of global and local issues that devalue human dignity such as capital punishment, asylum seekers, fair trade, refugees, exploitation of resources and the unfair distribution of wealth.



### Macarthur House Initiative

Over the last two weeks Macarthur House has been learning about the work of the Jesuit Social Services and have been collecting food items to support them in the work that they do. Based at Mt Druitt, Jesuit Social services have a food store called the Ignite Food Store where they train and employ people to sell affordable groceries, including fresh fruit and vegetables, meat and dairy to people in the local community. This enables many individuals and families to obtain fresh food and non-perishable items which they may not otherwise be able to afford. The store has had over 19,000 people through their doors in the past year.

Macarthur House has partnered with Jesuit Social Services to provide non perishable food that can be sold at their store. If you are able to help or support the work of this marvellous organisation your donations of non-perishable food can be made through the school this week or directly to the store on 02 9628 2288.

### Penrith Food Kitchen

Our Social Justice initiative for the whole school is underway for this term. We are again supporting the Penrith Food Kitchen, a voluntary organisation in the Penrith Area that provides hot meals each day for people who are most in need. The girls in each year group have been asked to contribute food items that can be donated to this worthy charity looking after the vulnerable people in our community, ensuring dignity for all.

*Ms Bernadette Murray - Leader of Religious Education*



**DANCE NEWS**

This term has been extremely busy for our Dance Companies. We have competed in many eisteddfods and have been quite successful in each.

On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July both the Contemporary and Jazz Companies competed at the prestigious Sydney Eisteddfod at UNSW, Kensington. Both groups achieved great marks, with the Jazz group receiving Highly Commended.

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July saw the Jazz Company compete at The Ultimate Dance Spectacular held at Penrith Anglican College. The girls placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in their event.

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August Caroline Chisholm College competed against many schools from the Parramatta Diocese in the annual PDSSSC Dance Competition. All entries received outstanding feedback from the adjudicator and represented the College wonderfully. Caroline Chisholm actually came away with the coveted Champion School of the competition after succeeding in most sections. Unfortunately, our Hip Hop Company and Junior Soloist, Ruby Burgin, didn't place in their events but performed extremely well in very hard and competitive sections. Details of results follow:

**Senior Solo**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Keeley McCahon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Emma Lonard

**Junior Solo**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Christine Muscat

**Jazz – 1<sup>st</sup>**

- Contemporary – 1<sup>st</sup>**

The Hills Dance Spectacular on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September will be the final eisteddfod in this hectic competition season, where the Jazz and Contemporary Companies will compete.

The Contemporary and Hip Hop Companies will perform on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September as part of the inaugural Parramatta Diocesan Dance Festival, held at St Agnes Catholic College, Rooty Hill.

And finally, the annual Caroline Chisholm College Dance Showcase will be on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October, where all representative groups, along with elective dance classes will present works from 2017.

A special thank you goes to **Miss Alara Cassells-Forward** who has been invaluable in her contributions to all aspects of the representative companies. She has given up her own time for rehearsals after school and in lunch breaks but especially on the weekends to attend every competition.

***Mrs Brooke Hughes - Dance Teacher***



## PDSSSC ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The annual PDSSSC Zone Athletics Carnival was held at Blacktown Olympic Park on Wednesday 16th August 2017. We experienced four seasons in one day but this didn't stop the students from giving a fantastic effort and representing the college with pride. The results are as follows;

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Herberta Williams 100m, 200m and 400m
- 1<sup>st</sup> place Mia Gleeson javelin – new record set 37.36m!
- 1<sup>st</sup> place Georgia Dengate discus
- 1<sup>st</sup> place 4 x 100m Junior Relay (Herberta Williams, Taylah Hufton, Vanessa Dillon, Abby Ridding)
- 1<sup>st</sup> place Tatyana Elisara shot put
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Taylah Hufton 200m
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Tayla Gallen 1500m
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Zoe Walther 100m
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Mia Gleeson discus
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Alisha Hoy long jump
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Tayla Gallen 800m
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place 4 x 100m Intermediate Relay (Kailah Stapleton, Amber Love, Zoe Walther, Nevine Idris)

Big congratulations to the following students who will be representing the Parramatta Diocese at the NSWCCC Athletics Championships at Homebush; **Zoe Walther, Monique Quirk, Georgia Dengate, Taylah Hufton, Herbertta Williams, Tatyana Elisara** and **Mia Gleeson**

A big thank you goes out to all the people who made this day possible especially **Mrs Hodges, Mr McIlveen, Mrs Muscat** and Miss Cassells. Thank you also to all the parents who came to support us on the day.

### PDSSSC Athletics Team 2017

Ashleigh Gill	Tatyara Elisara	Jessica Murray	Vivien Toth
Vanessa Dillon	Alison Gallen	Hannah Norrie	Abbey Tricot
Chloe Matthias	Alisha Hoy	Emily Perring	Katherine Wakeling
Tayla Gallen	Taylah Hufton	Lauren Preston	Zoe Walther
Mia Gleeson	Alicia Langford	Monique Quirk	Charlotte Warden
Rebecca Dunn	Amber Love	Abby Ridding	Herberta Williams
Keisha Chilmaid	Ruby Lowe	Kailah Stapleton	
Georgia Dengate	Asleigh Macerola	Sophie Tokareff	

### *Miss Alara Cassells-Forward*

## CCC SPORT STAR - A FOCUS ON ABBEY SLAUGHTER

NSW short course Championships, Homebush 2017

Swimmer report from the meet - Swimmer of the Meet at the State age Short course Championships was awarded to **Abbey Slaughter** who earned two gold, two silver and two bronze medals and in the process, accumulated the majority of the 246 team points. Her team finished 32nd out of 87 point scoring clubs.

Abbey's comments – "Opening up on Friday evening in the 200 individual medley I won a silver medal. Saturday saw me suit up for my strongest event in the 200 butterfly where I charged home for gold. The 100 freestyle was a 'fun' 56.98 swim for bronze shortly followed by the 400 freestyle where turns and streamlines paid off for a silver medal. After a lazy sleep in and then a long wait at the pool watching team mates perform, it was business in the 200 freestyle where a bronze medal was the reward for working extra kick sets. I finished off the meet with my favourite event, the 100 butterfly. It was a strong field and as my head came up after the flags I could see that I had won another gold"



Congratulations to Abbey on yet another great effort in the pool.

**Mr Stephen McIlveen - Sports Co-ordinator**

# Literature Dress Up Day



# Hospitality Course 2 Function



# Year 10 Food Technology PBL

