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FROM THE CO-OPERATING PRINCIPALS

MR JIM FANNING & MR PHIL SMITH

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As we rapidly progress through Term 2 we should take the time to reflect upon the vast number of events that have been happening at Terra Sancta. There have been the interschool Debating and Chess Competitions, Mock Trial, MCS and MCCS winter sport, the Terra Sancta Athletics Carnival, Learning Enrichment on Thursdays and there are ongoing preparations for the upcoming College Musical to be held early next term. Recently Year 12 students, a number of teachers and an impressive number of ex-students spent three days at Collaroy on the annual Year 12 Retreat. This Retreat is always a highlight of school life for our students beyond the classroom and it allowed them to take time out of their daily routine to refresh themselves for what lies ahead this year and beyond.

In the middle of everything that is happening our building plans are progressing at a rapid rate with the land cleared for the new Year 7 Building and the extensions to the staffroom. Shortly we will be relocating the library resources in readiness for the refurbishments. The builders and architects have given us a 24 week building plan which will see completion of the works by the end of the year. In the short term the scope of works indicates that the Year 7 building will progress throughout the year, the library refurbishments should take place between June 23 and August 11, the staffroom from May 20 to July 29, and the Year 8 block from August 18 onwards. By the end of our works we will have facilities that will see students and teachers engaging in a learning journey that is vibrant and collaborative.

We have also seen our Year 7 and 9 students engaged in NAPLAN tests and we have held the Year 7, 2015 enrolment interviews for the students from the non-feeder primary schools. From the interviews we have received feedback about Terra Sancta with parents and caregivers giving the following reasons for wanting to enroll their children here:

"I believe Terra Sancta to be a wonderful school where we can learn in a caring and supportive environment."

"After a few years of talking to students at Terra Sancta it became obvious that it offers a nurturing environment we would love our daughter to be part of."

"Being practising Catholics we wanted a Catholic education for our children and Terra Sancta fits the bill."

"My daughter is there and she is thriving."

"The teachers are very accommodating and the environment is friendly."

"I would like my daughter to complete her education in the same school I did and my family did."

The last of these comments is interesting! Not only do we have a number of ex-students who have returned to us as staff members but we are now seeing ex-students as parents. Clearly the school is now well established to show that the solid foundation for life we provide is valued by our students and families. Indeed our recent Staff Learning Day centered upon differentiated learning for students as individuals and the promotion of strong values for them.

We will continue to build a community that focuses on St John Paul II's view of the sanctity of the land and the importance of our journey together.

Warm Regards,

Mr. P Smith & Mr. J Fanning
Cooperating Principals



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT TSC

DIARY DATES

Monday 9 June 2014 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Wednesday 11 June 2014 Mock Trial Training sessions at TSC 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm
Friday 13 June 2014 Twilight Joint Working Bee at Nirimba 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm NSW Junior Chess Competition 2:15 pm - 6:30 pm
Monday 16 June 2014 Principals Chat Group 10:00 am Year 7 - 10 Homework and Assessment Club 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm
Wednesday 18 June 2014 Mock Trial Training Session at TSC 2:15 pm - 3:30 pm
Thursday 19 June 2014 Year 12 Western Sydney Careers Expo Sydney Olympic Park 10:00 am - 2:15 pm
Friday 20 June 2014 Year 7 and Year 9 Boys Vaccinations NSW Junior Chess Competition 2:15 pm - 6:30 pm
Tuesday 24 June 2014 Year 8 Reflection Day Year 11 2015 Subject Selection Information Evening 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Nirimba Campus Hall
Wednesday 25 June 2014 Year 8 Reflection Day
Friday 27 June 2014 LAST DAY OF TERM 2

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MARY IMMACULATE YOUTH MINISTRY P.A.R.T.Y

Just a quick update to advise you that the Youth and Young Adults program P.A.R.T.Y has postponed its launch until August 8 2014.

This is due to the school holidays and a number of our leaders being away during this time.

The P.A.R.T.Y program is a new parish based youth program that will be conducted every 2nd Friday of the month commencing on 8 August 2014. This is open to school students between Year 4 through to Year 12.

PRAYER / REFLECTION

MR ROBERT FEENEY

THE TOP TEN ACHIEVEMENTS OF JOHN PAUL II

Over the last four weeks I have been speaking to Mrs Jolanta Wojtowicz, our library assistant, about the top ten achievements of Saint John Paul II. We have been speaking about making alive the TSC college motto by St. John Paul II. Our conversation delved into a life-sized statue of this great saint. In Australia you would pay over \$25000 for a beautiful rendition of St. John Paul II. Jolanta investigated the region in her homeland Poland, the origin of St. John Paul II, and found a better quality statue for 10% of the cost. We pray for this great symbol to be included in our Catholic identity for our Terra Sancta community.

John Paul II's pontificate broke many records. But, beyond the numbers, the leadership of the Polish Pope guided the Catholic Church through many rising challenges in modern times.

1. FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

"Don't be afraid!"

One of the greatest challenges was the **Cold War**, and the two blocs that pitted the world against each other. John Paul II had suffered first hand from the oppression of Nazi and Communist regimes. His role was fundamental in **the fall of Communism** in Eastern Europe. One of his **first trips was to his native Poland in 1979**. It became a defining point that encouraged Poles to fight for freedom.

2. GLOBAL PAPACY

John Paul II was a **seasoned traveller** and reached all corners of the world. He made **104 international trips**, and visited **130 countries**. In terms of mileage, it's enough to go around the world 30 times. But there were two countries he was unable to visit, China and Russia

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PRAYER

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3. DIALOGUE WITH MUSLIMS AND JEWS

John Paul II referred to Jews as "older brothers," and became the first Pope to step inside a synagogue since the times of Jesus. He also **prayed before the Western Wall**. He was also **the first Pope to kiss a Koran**, and step inside a mosque.

4. ASSISI GATHERING

Speaking of spurring inter-religious dialogue, John Paul II was **a pioneer in calling for joint prayer** in favor of peace, as he did so in Assisi. The first joint prayer was in 1986. More than 150 delegates from 12 religions heeded his call.

5. NO TO WAR

During his pontificate, **several major conflicts** made international headlines: **Rwanda, Kosovo, Sudan, Iraq and the Balkan wars**. The Pope, who had survived World War II, did not remain silent. He became the voice of humanity, actively advocating against violence.

"War, never again."

6. SAINTS

When it came to proclaiming saints, the Polish Pope looked to modern times. He raised to the altars hundreds of people who led exemplary lives for Christians today. For example, and for the first time, **he jointly beatified a married couple**: Luigi and Maria Beltrame.

7. LETTER TO WOMEN

John Paul II took a particular concern for women. He was the **first Pope to write an apostolic letter directed to women**, *Mulieris Dignitatem*. In it, he urged them to reflect on their personal, cultural, social and ecclesiastical responsibilities.

8. DIGNITY OF THE SICK

Weakened by sickness himself, John Paul II remained active until his very last moments. He used his personal experience as a teaching tool for a world already under the influence of the "throw-away" culture.

9. FORGIVENESS

In the Jubilee for the Year 2000, **John Paul II formally apologized for the Church's past errors**. It was a historic moment, which the Pope defined as a purification of memory, which allowed Christians to enter the Third Millennium more open to God.

10. A POPE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

John Paul II understood that young people needed special attention and guardianship. He came up with a gathering dedicated exclusively to them: **World Youth Day**. The Pope said he felt like another young person in the crowd.

"If you live with youth, you have to become young."

Over the course of his 27 year pontificate, John Paul II overcame many obstacles and reached many goals. But above all, he was able to reach millions of Christians, talking to them one on one, from heart to heart, including Australians as he said:

"Look dear people of Australia, and behold this vast continent of yours! It is your home! The place of your joys and pains, your endeavours and your hopes! And for all of you, Australians, the way to the Father's house passes through this land. Jesus Christ is this Way!"

Saint John Paul II



PARENT/CAREGIVERS/TEACHER/STUDENT INTERVIEWS

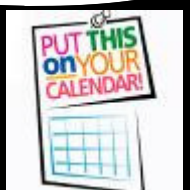
MRS KATHY CAIRNS & MR K WOLLFE

Save the Date

Monday 21 July 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
More information to follow



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MRS KATHY CAIRNS & MR KEN WOLLFE

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E^{COMMUNICATIONS} POLICY

The ease and informality of electronic communications in the modern world provides opportunities for enhanced learning but also contains dangers as there is a risk of blurring boundaries between students and staff. To assist with keeping electronic interactions appropriate and to limit boundary 'crossings' to a minimum we have developed the following aims and procedures for staff and students when communicating electronically.

Aims

1. To ensure safe and appropriate electronic communication between staff and students.
2. To maintain professional boundaries and to prevent inappropriate electronic interaction between staff and students.
3. To ensure that staff and students are equipped with the skills necessary to communicate in a professional manner using electronic means.

Procedures

1. Staff and students are **not** to contact each other on personal email, phone, SMS or social network sites.
2. Any communication between teachers and individual students that is not face-to-face should be made using the teacher's and student's CEO provided school email account.
3. All communication between staff and students is to be conducted in a professional manner, for a valid reason, and focused on matters related to teaching and learning or administration.
4. Staff and students should not engage in one-on-one instant communication (eg, MSN, online gaming chat, enclosed forums).
5. Staff are to ensure that all online collaborative communications with students (eg. Wikis, blogs and other web 2.0 technologies) are focused on teaching and learning.
6. Students need to ensure that appropriate privacy settings exist to prevent others accessing their online profiles and social networking sites for personal information and photos/videos.
7. Students are not to photograph, video or make audio recordings of staff or students at Terra Sancta College at any time without appropriate permission.
8. Where there is a need to deal with personal matters relating to or affecting a student's wellbeing, the conversation should occur in person, at school with an appropriate staff member, rather than electronically.
9. Staff and students are not permitted to download or share copyright material. This includes content obtained via torrent.

E^{COMMUNICATION} POLICY – KEY POINTS FOR STUDENTS

STUDENTS COMMUNICATING WITH STAFF ELECTRONICALLY

This may involve: Wikis, blogs, social network sites, email, online gaming, ichat.

- ◆ Be appropriate
- ◆ Keep it focused on school work
- ◆ Get permission before making any recording or taking any photos at school
- ◆ Ensure that appropriate privacy settings exist to prevent others accessing online profiles and social networking sites for personal information and photos/videos.
- ◆ Where there is a need to deal with personal matters relating to or affecting a student's wellbeing, the conversation should occur in person, at school with an appropriate staff member, rather than electronically.

HOW CAN PARENTS HELP WITH SOCIAL MEDIA?

- ◆ Talk about the nature of their digital world. Remind them that anyone can see what's on their pages even if they think no one will. Potential employers and college admissions staff often surf social networking sites. Ask your teens to think about who might see their pages and how they might interpret the posts or photographs.
- ◆ Set some rules for what is and isn't appropriate for your kids to communicate, play, and post online. Posts with photographs or comments about youthful misbehavior could come back to haunt them.
- ◆ Let them know that anything they create or communicate can be cut, altered, pasted, and sent around. Once they put something on their pages, it's out of their control and can be taken out of context and used to hurt them or someone else. This includes talk and photographs of sex, drugs and alcohol. Tell them that online stuff can last forever. If they wouldn't put something on the wall of the school hallway, they shouldn't post it online.
- ◆ Don't post your location. Social networks allow kids to post their location but it's just not safe for teens to do this.
- ◆ Watch the clock. Social network sites can be real time wasters. Hours and hours can go by which isn't great for getting homework done.

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MRS KATHY CAIRNS & MR KEN WOLLFE

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SEMESTER AWARDS

In response to student and parent/caregiver feedback in the completion of the Quality Catholic School Survey, there is a request for a public increase in student recognition.

At Terra Sancta College we have organised a Year 7-11 Student Academic Award Presentation Evening at the end of each year as well as a separate presentation evening for Year 12 at their graduation. In response to the survey results, we will continue to hold our Year 12 presentation evening at the conclusion of the HSC course, but we will now officially recognise student achievement on a semester basis for each stage of learning. These award ceremonies would be held during the school day and parents/caregivers will be invited to attend. Thus the evening presentation will not occur in 2014.

The aim of the Semester Awards is to improve student connectedness which leads to greater student engagement and increased levels of wellbeing. Greater student engagement ultimately leads to higher achievement levels. This public recognition also provides for greater parent/caregiver involvement.

The student achievement award ceremonies will take place at the conclusion of each semester for Years 7-10, with Year 11 having their presentation at the end of Semester 1 and at the end of the Preliminary year plus for Year 12-2015 at the end of Term 1 and at their Graduation. This will be a public recognition of students' success in each stage group.

For these awards, all students in Stage 4 and Stage 5 will be in attendance in the Gathering area at Schofields with Stage 6 in our facilities at Nirimba with parents/caregivers invited. The students will be recognised based on the results from their semester report with approximately 40 recipients per year group.

The awards will be presented in a cascading model with students receiving Bronze, Silver or Gold medallions with 'Academic Achievement' inscribed as well as a certificate of achievement.

Complementing the Academic Achievement recognition there will be Stage Award for each Homeroom recognising Personal Best, decided by the Leader of Learning - Stage and Student Learning Liaison - Year.

Other Awards - Principals' Award, Eugene Stockton, Sports, Performing Arts, Debating and Public Speaking will be annual awards and as such will be awarded in second semester only. The current merit award system will continue for the students.

We will be reviewing this change to the presentations during this year and welcome any feedback from the students and parents/caregivers. Please contact the Leader of Learning - Stage and Student Learning Liaison - Year if you require any further information.

JOINT TWILIGHT WORKING BEE WITH WYNDHAM COLLEGE

FRIDAY, 13 JUNE 1:00-4:00 PM @ NIRIMBA CAMPUS

Mulching is on the agenda and a general clean up. The working bee will conclude with PIZZA for dinner, come along and be part of a great community afternoon. Please bring any gardening equipment that you can with you e.g. rakes, gloves etc

You will need to sign in when you arrive (so we know who has attended)

We will meet in the Nirimba Carpark



TWILIGHT WORKING BEE - FRIDAY, 13 JUNE @ NIRIMBA CAMPUS

To help us plan the afternoon and the catering, please complete the slip below and return to Mr. Noney at the College no later than 12 June 2014.

Family Name: _____ Child's Name: _____ H/R: _____

Please tick ☐ **YES** I/we can attend on Friday 13 June between 1:00-4:00pm _____ number attending

☐ **YES** I/we will be staying for dinner

☐ Unfortunately I am/we are unavailable on the day but would like to donate the enclosed amount of money (\$_____) to assist with purchases for the working bee.

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COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

MR MARTIN GRAHAM

THE POWER AND PURPOSE OF THE TEENAGE BRAIN

What?!!! Power and Purpose? The power is off half the time and the purpose is friends, food, 'relationships', and fun! Well, it can look like that. But that's not the whole story.

Did you know?

- It's not about raging hormones as much as it's about brains being remodelled (and all renovations are messy)
- Taking risks and seeking novelty are driven by changes in the brain's reward systems, preparing the emerging adult to leave the nest (by the time s/he's 40?)
- The same reward systems can make alcohol and drug use very attractive along with anything else that's very gratifying (like study – not!)
- While novelty can also drive creativity and needed social change, finding a world of hypocrisy and broken promises can be disillusioning
- In the brain's renovations, old and unused connections are destroyed, and this is thought to unmask vulnerable circuits allowing the onset of mental illnesses during adolescence, even as the remaining connections are strengthened and integrated
- The surge of strong emotions can be energising and motivating, but also frightening and confusing (for both teenagers and parents/carers)
- Being part of a peer group can seem to have life-and-death importance ("I'll die if I can't go to that party!"), and in a way it does, given that physical and mental health throughout life are better when we are socially well connected
- But sometimes the need to fit in leads to overriding important values for the sake of being part of the peer group
- Seeing all this change and growth can be unsettling for adults whose own lives have become tired and lack an energetic spark!

These ideas come from Dan Siegel, a US psychiatrist whose latest book is ***Brainstorm: The Power and Purpose of the Teenage Brain: An Inside-Out Guide to The Emerging Adolescent Mind, Ages 12 to 24.***

You can hear/read an interview with Dan by searching 'abc all in the mind' or at

<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/allinthemind/teenage-brainstorm/5362268>

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITY:

Has your child in Years 7-10 had **trouble with being bullied**? A locally-developed 6-week course called ***Managing the Bull*** is starting soon at two venues.

It aims to build resilience in bullied teens through games, activities and discussions. In a safe, supportive environment, participants will learn to recognise bullying; discover inner strengths; build self-esteem; communicate effectively; deal with cyber-bullying; build support networks; and use personal protection plans.

1. Year 7-10: Starting 17 July, 4.00-6.00 pm at Richmond Neighbourhood Centre, phone 4588 3502
2. Year 7-9: Starting 23 July, 3.45-5.45 pm at Catholic Care Blacktown, phone 8822 2222

STUDENT LEAVE

Necessary medical and dental appointments should be made outside school hours wherever possible. Thursday afternoons in particular are to be avoided.

Due to new legislation, any requests for extended leave must be made in writing to either of the Co-operating Principals using the appropriate "Application for Exemption from Attendance at School" form which is able to be downloaded from the College website (Parents section) or available from either office.

If a student needs to leave the school during the day, parents/caregivers should make the request in writing to the appropriate Leader of Learning – Stage.

MEDICAL APPOINTMENT EARLY DEPARTURE

1. Write a note for the student (can be written in the diary)
2. Student shows the note to the class teacher, to get permission to leave the class early and go up to the office
3. Student shows the note to the front office who will process the slip
4. Parent/caregiver arrives at the front office to sign the slip and collect the student.



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REPORT FROM LEADER OF LEARNING—STAGE 5

MR TONY GREEN

YEAR 9

NAPLAN COMPLETED

After weeks of constant reminders from Mr Green and Mr Cowan, Year 9 students completed their last NAPLAN examinations. In the weeks leading up to the exams, Year 9 students prepared well during both class time and Learning Enrichment.

It was very pleasing to note that the students took the whole process very seriously, something that was highly commended by Co-operating Principal Mr Fanning. The students demonstrated this by following all instructions as well as the conscientious attitude students displayed each day.

We look forward to celebrating the student successes when NAPLAN results are released later in the year.

PANTHER TROPHY

On Wednesday 21 May, a number of Stage 5 boys represented Terra Sancta College at the Panther Trophy Rugby League Gala Day.

These boys were part of an under 16 team that competed in 4 matches throughout the day. All players showed great skill, passion and determination in all matches and were good enough to remain undefeated on the day. All boys are to be congratulated for the way they represented the College, both on and off field.

This result means that the under 16 team will compete in the Panther Trophy grand final. The grand final will be played on Wednesday 11 June at Western Weekender Stadium, St Marys, with a 3:00 pm kick off. Good Luck to all players involved.

YEAR 10

YEAR 10 REPORT – SHE TAKES THE CAKE!

On Wednesday 7 May I submitted a cake into the 2014 Hawkesbury Show. This cake took me about 10 hours in total although I had many setbacks, the whole process was very rewarding and has been an inspiration to pursue my passion. The cake I entered into the show was in the "Mothers Day" themed section.



I based the cake on my mother's handbag. I also created some of the items that I found in her bag. All of the decorations that I made were out of fondant making them edible.

I found out that I had won 2 ribbons! I was awarded 'First Place' in my division and I also got 'Best in Age' -this is the best cake in the 12-16 years cake decorating and baking category. I was so excited to hear my results although I didn't mind if I didn't place because it was my first time entering a cake in a competition and I was up against fifteen other competitors in my age division.

Baking has always been something that I loved to do to express myself. I started becoming interested in cake decorating through watching the show 'Cake Boss' featuring Buddy Valastro. I started doing Cupcake-Decorating courses at The Wright Partners and I have done one Cake Decorating course through Cake Decorating Central although I am mostly self-taught, as I often enjoy practicing and refining my skills at home.

I am planning to enter my next cake into the Sydney Royal Easter Show in 2015 and I am off to work alongside Adriano Zumbo in August. I am hoping to learn more about the art of baking and cake decorating along the way through more courses and practice.

By Olivia Cochrane 10:03

YEAR 10 REPORT – TASTES OF NIRIMBA!

Terra Sancta has given me the opportunity to learn about the subjects on offer in Years 11 and 12 at the Nirimba campus. This is a program that is conducted in Learning Enrichment and it is called the 'Tastes of Nirimba'.

The program is run once a week for the whole term and in this time we learn about the subjects we can choose next year. So far I have learnt about Advanced Maths, Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Science and PDHPE. In each of these subjects, I got to learn about the subject content and what happens in each of these subjects. Teachers gave me a brief overview about what they are going to teach in the subject.

"Tastes of Nirimba" helps me make an informed decision for the future, as it will give me an overview for all the subjects that I want to choose. It's a great experience as I have something new to learn every week and it also helps me to decide what I want to become in the future.

There is also an information evening for all Year 10 students and their families during Term 2 Week 9 Tuesday 24 June 2014. It will be at the Nirimba campus from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. This information evening will be set up like a market and provide an opportunity for Year 120 students and their families to meet with teachers to discuss options for 2015. (separate letter distributed to all Year 10 on Tuesday 10 June.)

By Prabh Singh 10.06

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ATHLETICS CARNIVAL REPORT

MR LAYN MELLISH

Terra Sancta held their annual Athletics Carnival at Blacktown Olympic Park on Tuesday 27 May, for the first time in a number of years the weather outlook was fantastic and created a great start to the day.

The students need to be commended, as participation rates were extremely high with so many events being highly participated in throughout the day. Especially Year 7 and 8 along with our Year 12's who were extremely enthusiastic in participating in their dress up outfits.

Some memorable moments throughout the day included:

- Nicholas Sultana's dominating performance in the 800m
- All the students who made an effort to participate in every event on the day
- The introduction of our first Female Teachers relay team
- The Male Staff relay team making amends from last years mistakes to get the win

The officials at Blacktown Olympic Park commented on how well our students were behaved and how professional the whole day was run overall.

A big thankyou to all the staff and students who made it a highly successful day. Age champions and house winners will be advertised on the website once the Javelin and High Jump have been completed at school.

Zone lists will be put up on the sports notice board by the end of term.



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TSC Athletics Carnival 2014



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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

MISS RACHEL AQUILINA TSC LATEST NEWS



Year 11 students have been learning to become road ready by taking part in a car maintenance workshop within their Learning Enrichment Program.



Rhonda Itaoui from the Islamic Sciences and Research Academy presented to the Year 12 Studies of Religion Students.



Students from the Nirimba Campus took part in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reconciliation Ceremony within the Nirimba Precinct last Wednesday, proudly representing the College and their culture.



A new modular furniture piece has arrived at Nirimba Library as part of the new "Campfire" collection, accommodating flexibility to facilitate and encourage varied teaching and learning styles.



Luke Passmore, from Year 8, has been selected by the NSW Junior Baseball League to represent NSW in the IBA-Boys International Series happening in the USA this

**Read more about these stories,
as well as other news, updates
and notices on the Terra Sancta
College website!**

www.terrasanctasqh.catholic.edu.au

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CHARITABLE LIVING AT TERRA SANCTA COLLEGE

MR ROBERT FEENEY

In 2014 Social Justice is acted out through Charitable Living, the commitment of giving your time and prayers to others in vulnerable circumstances. In Term 2 we turn our focus to local community in the Diocese of Parramatta and the DWF campaign. The Diocesan Works Fund provides, not just immediate aid but education and long term social services that respects the dignity of those who are vulnerable and builds self-worth and community.

In the first two weeks of June Terra Sancta College will deepen the spiritual and social awareness for authentic Christian love to take place through prayer and charitable living by contributing to the DWF.

Deeping spiritual awareness is good for developing emotional stability and strengthening one's sense of self and one's relationship with God. Prayer and charitable living allows our community to explore the foundational concept of Revelation that God is love "and his love is brought to perfection in us" (1John4:12b). Since prayer starts with a simple revelation – that we are loved and leads to a desire to spread God's Word through charitable living.

That is, living in such a way allows our community to explore acts of kindness and generosity to those less fortunate and vulnerable. Through this selfless love we will "find the face of God revealed".

FAITH AT WORK SLEEP OVER

MR ROBERT FEENEY

On Thursday evening June 19 this year staff at TSC are going to 'Sleep Over' for the DWF Faith at Work Challenge.

Each student at TSC will be receiving, from their Religious Education Teacher, an envelope for our Term 2 'Charitable Living' project. Students will be asked to return the envelope with a donation each family can afford.

It can be as little as \$5 or as much as \$50 (Donations over \$2 are Tax deductible). On the front of the envelope the student may write a name of ONE teacher to challenge them to participate in the **FAITH at WORK SLEEP OVER**

The Office monitors each day will collect the envelopes from the Religious Education classrooms and TALLY the teachers' total.

On June 13, the final date for donations, teachers will decide whether they take up the **SLEEP OVER CHALLENGE**. The envelopes will be distributed in the Religious Education class where the teacher will tell them about the **FAITH at WORK SLEEP OVER CHALLENGE**.

COURSES AND SUPPORT PROVIDED BY CATHOLIC CARE SOCIAL SERVICES

2014

Diocese of Parramatta



COUNSELLING & EDUCATION

Counselling and education relating to financial management, spending, grief, marriage, individual, couples and family relationship counselling. Available from: Blacktown, Castle Hill, Emerton, Parramatta, Penrith and Springwood.

COMMUNITY & FAMILY SERVICES

Family Services – in home or centre support to families. The service supports families with young people and children to meet their physical, social, emotional needs and developmental milestones.

Catholic Villa (Queens Hill) provides supported accommodation to homeless women aged 16 – 25 who are pregnant or have young children.

Project Elizabeth Penrith comprehensive pregnancy related counselling service aimed to reduce the risk of women having physical or emotional problems during and following the birth of their children.

Baulkham Hills Family Doctors – unique home based clinics are providing quality care for children 0-18 years. 1340 or 02 9635 1454

KKIM POST SEPARATION PROGRAM

Keeping Kids in Mind supports families experiencing ongoing conflict after separation through individual and KIM group support options. Dates below:

Refugees for Kids – a program for children aged between 6 and 11 years of age whose families are experiencing change through separation or divorce.

For bookings and enquiries contact Allan Mackay on 02 9933 0222 or allan.mackay@ccss.org.au



Term One	KKIM Group	Thurs 9 Jan to 6 Feb	Wed 5 Feb to 5 March	Thurs 6-8.30pm	Blacktown
Term Two	KKIM Group	Thurs 8 May to 5 June	Wed 4 May to 18 June	Thurs 6-8.30pm	Blacktown
Term Three	KKIM Group	Wed 4 Aug to 3 Sept	Tues 5 Aug to 9 Sept	Thurs 6-8.30pm	Blacktown
Term Four	KKIM Group	Thurs 20 Oct to 26 Nov	Tues 21 Oct to 25 Nov	Thurs 6-8.30pm	Blacktown

SOLO PARENT MINISTRY

The following courses are run throughout the year:

- Post Separation Recovery** (Blacktown) – A seven week self help program/workshop for men and women who have been separated or divorced.
- Reconciliation Support Group** – for those who have been widowed (Blacktown and Glenfield).
- Stepping Beyond** – Post Separation Support (Blacktown) Last Tuesday of every month.
- Parents for Growth** – 2 month (bi-monthly) program for men and women who have lost their spouse or partner (Blacktown and Glenfield).

Solo Parent Ministry also runs: Prayer and Reflections Days and Seminars on The Power of Assurance, Dealing with the Legal System, Family Law and Managing Family Finance.

For bookings, enquiries and dates contact Sr Ellen Quade 02 9933 0205 or solo.parentministry@ccss.org.au

MARRIAGE EDUCATION, SUPPORT AND ENRICHMENT

- 20 courses a year for **Engaged Couples Preparing for Marriage**. For bookings and enquiries call 02 9933 0222.
- Celebrating the Early Years** Mass & Lunch Sunday, 18th May, 2014 at the Cathedral.
- Celebrating the Journey** Mass & Lunch Sunday, 14th September, 2014.
- Faith in Marriage** Conference (set for Sunday, 24th August, 2014).
- Keeping Your Romance Alive** Tuesday, 27th May, 2014 and Wednesday, 10th September, 2014.
- Strengthening Your Marriage** For dates contact the Parramatta office.

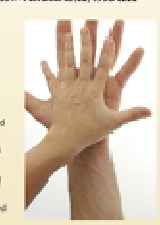


FAMILY SUPPORT GROUPS – BLACKTOWN, PENRITH AND SPRINGWOOD

The below courses are available for parents throughout the year at either Blacktown, Penrith or Springwood. For more information on dates and locations, please direct your enquiries via our 3 main call centres:

Blacktown (02) 8822 2222 – Penrith (02) 4721 5331 – Parramatta (02) 9933 0222

- REACH** is a nine-week psycho-educational wellbeing group program for individuals with a mood disorder, run by qualified Black Dog Institute trained facilitators.
- Bringing up Smart Kids** – A fun parenting program that focuses on how parents communicate with their children.
- Managing the Bull** – A 6 week course for bullied teenagers in years 7, 8 & 9. This course aims to build resilience and self-esteem in bullied teens through games, activities and discussions.
- 121 Magic and Emotion Coaching** – A series of 3 seminars offering a behaviour management program for children 2-12 years that can be used by both parents and teachers.
- TripleP Positive Parenting Groups and Seminars** – Runs for 8 weeks and looks at simple techniques and small changes that can make a big difference to your family.
- Young Mums Group and Playgroup**
- Circle of Security** – This is an 8 week early intervention program designed to enhance attachment security between parents and children.
- Engaging your Adolescent** – A series of 5 seminars providing parenting skills for resolving teenage behaviour problems.
- Keeping Children Safe** – A protective Behaviours course.



DISABILITY MENTAL HEALTH & AGEING

Enthus (Blacktown, Glenfield, Glenfield, Glenfield) – 4 properties each providing 24 hour supported long term accommodation to people with an intellectual disability and their families.

Blacktown Neighbourhood Aid – provides a home visitation and support service for the frail aged, younger people with a disability and their carers in the Blacktown LGA.



ABORIGINAL & COMMUNITY BUILDING

Aboriginal Catholic Services (Emerton) supports indigenous people through culturally appropriate programs designed to contribute to their social wellbeing.



All Saints of Africa (Blacktown) is a centre at Blacktown where African communities come together to be supported in celebrating their culture and settlement issues.



Boysie is a community project for the new housing estate at Duganbosch where the residents are being assisted to build community through various activities and events.

Mount Druitt is a community building development program that networks with other services to promote and enhance the diversity of the community of Mt Druitt.



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Enquiries regarding services provided out of our sites at Castle Hill, Emerton and Springwood, can also be made via the 3 main numbers provided below.

■ Parramatta: (02) 9933 0222 ■ Blacktown: (02) 8822 2222 ■ Penrith: (02) 4721 5331
Visit www.ccss.org.au www.facebook.com/CCSSParramatta

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DIOCESEAN NEWS AND EVENTS

MAY DWF APPEAL – FAITH AT WORK

Faith at Work is the theme of the Diocesan Works Fund (DWF) Appeal being held this month in parishes and Catholic schools. This appeal gives us the opportunity to act together as a diocesan family to support ministries and services that no single individual or parish can offer. For example, it supports catechists who teach the faith in state schools, seminarians who are preparing for the priesthood, young adults working in youth ministry, and the All Saints of Africa Centre in Blacktown for recent refugees and migrants. Visit the new website to watch a video message from Bishop Anthony and to find out more about how you can make a difference: www.faithatwork.org.au

10TH NATIONAL ECONFERENCE: POPE FRANCIS – MODELLING THE MINISTRY OF ST PETER: 11 JUNE

This eConference is presented by The Broken Bay Institute in partnership with the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. The eConference will be streamlined live over the internet – all are welcome to participate at no charge.

Presenters: Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, Archbishop of Perth; Sr Monica Cavanagh RSJ, Congregational Leader of the Sisters of St Joseph; Fr Gerard Kelly, President of the Catholic Institute of Sydney; Selina Hasham, Communications Manager, Archdiocese of Sydney; and Fr Noel Connelly SSC, Head of Mission & Culture, The Broken Bay Institute (BBI). The Institute for Mission in Blacktown is a host site. Time: 10am-3pm. Please contact them to register your attendance: tel Donnie (02) 9831 4911, connect@ifm.org.au For independent registration contact Rhonda Andersen tel (02) 9847 0726, econferences@bbi.catholic.edu.au Further details: www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/eConference

ECONFERENCE ON THE TRINITY – A PLACE OF DEEP LISTENING: 12 JUNE

An initiative of the Conference of Spiritual Directors Australia, a professional association of spiritual directors who are committed to a contemplative approach in the ministry of Spiritual Direction. CSD Australia is hosting its 2nd National eConference, The Trinity – A Place of Deep Listening. The keynote speaker is Mary Coloe PBVM – approaching the theme from the scriptural perspective of St John's Gospel. CSD Australia is a professional association of spiritual directors committed to a contemplative approach in the ministry of spiritual direction. Time: 9am-3.30pm. Cost: free for CSD members; non-members may make a \$20 donation. For more information and to register visit: www.csdaust.com

BLACKHEATH REFLECTION MORNING: 14 JUNE

A joint venture of Aquinas Academy and Catalyst for Renewal. This month, 'Poetic Language as Gateway to the Sacred' with Dr Michael Griffith. Come and enjoy the reflection, silence and solitude in peaceful surrounds. From 10am-1pm. Entry by donation, morning tea provided. Sacred Heart Parish Hall, cnr Sturt and Wentworth Sts, Blackheath. Details: Carmen Vanny tel (02) 4787 8706.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLOQUIUM: 15 JUNE

This month's topic is 'Pope Pius XII and the Nazi occupation of Rome'. The speaker is the Hon Tim Fischer AC, former Deputy Prime Minister, latterly Australia's Ambassador to the Holy See. Starts 2.30pm in the Crypt Hall of St Patrick's at Church Hill, Grosvenor Street, The Rocks. Admission free, no membership required. Inquiries: Dr John Carmody, President ACHS, (02) 9417 2082, john.carmody@sydney.edu.au

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: 13-15 JUNE

A Marriage Enrichment experience for married couples. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Invest in your most precious asset ... your marriage! Venue: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Inquiries & bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe tel (02) 4283 3435 or wsharpe@bigpond.net.au www.wme.org.au Find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/WWMEasternUnit

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: 19 JUNE

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations from 7-8pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. To find out more about priesthood in the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta contact Fr Warren Edwards – Vocations Director: tel 0409 172 700, vocations@parra.catholic.org.au

GUIDED TOUR OF NORTH HEAD: 5 AUGUST

Join the Social Group from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish at Greystanes for a walk through North Head's peaceful and pristine heathland where it can be easy to forget that you're only 11km from the CBD. Take a guided tour through WWII tunnels, gun emplacements and more at North Fort. Hear how North Fort contributed to the defence of Sydney and enjoy magnificent views of the harbour. Cost: \$30 includes coach, morning tea and entry; lunch at Harbord Diggers (own expense). Bus departs 8.45am at 20 Virgil St and 8.50am at the bus stop opposite OLQP Church, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes. Book now, places filling fast. Payment in full required at time of booking: Marie (02) 9896 7046, 0414 782 358 or Frances (02) 9636 5548, 0421 027 119.

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QUAKERS HILL



Terra Sancta College's Dermott Morgan took part in the MS mega swim

Swim of Terra reaps charity funds

➔ TERRA Sancta College's science and mathematics teacher Dermott Morgan proved an inspiration to his students by taking part in the Multiple Sclerosis 24-hour mega swim.

Along with his friends, Mr Morgan raised more than \$2000 this month while swimming 50km at the Sydney Olympic Centre.

"It is one of the most challenging things I have endured," Mr Morgan said.

"I did this event in 2013 and found that the intrinsic rewards far outweighed the pain some of the swimmers go through."

Over the 24 hours Mr Morgan's team swam more than 1000 laps of the Sydney Olympic Park pool, totalling more than 50km.

"The event was tough with lack of sleep but it is an event I will continue to take part in," he said.

Details: megaswim.com

QUAKERS HILL



Year 11 students from Terra Sancta College took part in a car maintenance workshop.

Course teaches car competence

Lawrence Machado

TERRA Sancta College's Year 11 students had a close look under the hood during a car maintenance workshop last week.

The workshop focused on risk management, changing

tyres, checking the oil and learning to be proactive while driving. Instructor Eleni Mitakos, from Galmat-ic, provided the students a solid driving and car maintenance education during the workshop.

"The students learnt

necessary routine checks and risk assessment protocols before and during driving," school spokeswoman Rachel Aquilina said.

The road safety project was included in the three-week learning enrichment program.

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JUNIOR SPORTS STAR

Catching well earned break

TEEN TOURING AMERICA TO SHOW OFF SKILLS

Lawrence Machado

QUAKERS HILL'S Luke Passmore can't wait to show off his skills at the International Baseball Association series in the USA in August.

The 13-year-old will represent the NSW under-15 team at the championships and will draw on his experience during last year's NSW under-12 tour of Niigata, Japan, to do well in St Louis.

This week's Rebel Junior Sports Star nominee has played for the Hills under-12 and under-14 State Cup teams as well as the IBA Friendship tournaments in Melbourne.



"I am excited we will be challenging strong teams from Japan and the USA on this tour. The selection process was very competitive and the mood within the team is upbeat and quietly confident," Luke said.

"This is my 10th year with Quakers Hill Pirates and I appreciate the many opportunities given to me."

Luke, who also plays for the Quakers Hill Tigers football team, knows more hard work lies ahead.

"My ambition is to continue to work hard at my game and progress to the more elite levels," he said.

Luke, according to his father Paul Passmore, is very self-motivated.

"Luke is serious about developing his baseball skills and fitness, and participates in an ongoing program of after-school development and training," Paul said.

Nominate a promising young player at juniorsportsstars.com.au



Luke Passmore of Quakers Hill is our Rebel Junior Sports Star nominee.

Picture: PETER KELLY

News



Driven: Terra Sancta College students Gene Payumo and Laura Sultana change a tyre with Galimatic workshop trainer Eleni Mitakos.

Picture: Gene Ramirez

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Safety not the only message

By Jade Wittmann

CAR maintenance has been added to the more traditional elements of a driver education program for year 11 students at Terra Sancta College.

"The idea came about when one of our female year 12 students had a flat tyre and several male students came to her rescue — only to find they had no idea how to change a tyre," said year 11 student liaison Melissa Peroni.

"Young people are so excited to get their licence but they don't realise the enormous responsibility that goes with driving a car."

At the maintenance workshop last week more than 30 students at the Quakers Hill school changed a tyre, checked oil, and learnt about how airbags and other car safety features function.

Car finance, insurance and registration were also covered in the school's broader three-week driver education program, along with the consequences of poor decision-making while driving.

Ms Peroni said a video on the aftermath of a crash, in which a father who lost a child in a car accident retaliated with murder,

was also viewed by the students.

"The students watched a true story about an Australian town that was torn apart by a car accident involving teenagers and speeding," Ms Peroni said.

"They were debriefed at the end and a lengthy discussion was had with them."

Year 11 student Joshua Stephens said the video was effective as it showed how car accidents could affect both the driver and others.

"I feel more confident and responsible in being a driver now because I know how important it is to be safe on the road," he said.

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