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COLLEGE CHRONICLE

Tuesday 9th August 2022

Word from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I need to make a small correction to my words last week. I mentioned that the visit to the school of the Sisters of the Society of St Pius X would take place from the 18th-21st August. In fact, it will take place a week later from the 25th -30th August. Please refer to the Corpus Christi Parish bulletin for details and times of events.

Secondly, two important letters have been sent out earlier this week to parents in relation to child safety procedures. Please read carefully the directives contained in these letters and if you have any questions or wish further clarification, please don't hesitate to contact us.

More importantly, the celebration of the **College's 25th Anniversary**, 2nd-3rd September is less than a month away. It comprises of 3 key events. The first event on Friday 2nd September is at 10am. There is morning tea and a tour of the College. This event is open to all members of the school community. It will be a wonderful opportunity to catch up with former colleagues or classmates and a great occasion to view the developments of the College. Morning tea will be provided by the P&F.

The second event is the **Solemn High Mass, 5pm on Saturday 3rd September - Feast of St Pius X**. Were it not for the priests of the Society of Saint Pius X and the tremendous contributions of their generous faithful, this school would not exist. More importantly, were it not for the guiding hand of God at every corner of the long road the school has travelled over the past 25 years, this school would not have lasted this long. For this reason, I chose the feast of St Pius X as the day to hold both the Mass

of thanksgiving and the anniversary dinner. Although the dinner is limited to 100 participants due to venue capacity, the Mass is open to all, and I dare say that we should all make every effort to attend the Mass if we believe that we owe the last 25 years to God's guiding hand and Our Lady's special protection.



The third event, as already mentioned will be the anniversary dinner. We have chosen Cannibal Creek Winery because we wish to support local businesses and because they make great wines! The winery has reserved 100 bottles of wine specially selected and custom labelled for the College's anniversary. Some of these wines will be enjoyed on the night and the rest will be made available for purchase after the 3rd of September. Teachers and students from the founding years will be our guest speakers. We look forward to hearing their reminiscences of the early days.

Finally, over the past months Mrs Phillips has been working on the production of a 25th anniversary album which is now ready for printing. The album will be available for purchase at all the above events and beyond. We have a limited number being printed so don't miss out.

Please join us in celebrating our 25th anniversary at one or all of the three keys events. Your attendance is a precious sign of your support!

Sincerely yours in the Two Hearts,

Father Andrew Cranshaw
 Principal

VIRTUE THIS WEEK

HONESTY

Sincerity, openness, and truthfulness in one's words and actions

COLLECT - 9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Let Thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Thy suppliant people: and that Thou may grant their desire to those that seek, make them to ask such things as shall please Thee. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.



Instaurare omnia in Christo
 To restore all things in Christ

From the Deputy Principal



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

This week you will have received communication from me on two very important issues at the school:

- Student Drop off, Pick up, Late arrival and Early departure
- Parent Sign in/out

There have been some changes to the procedure related to these two issues to ensure our continued compliance to the Child Safe Standards. As you will recall, these standards have undergone a review and redesign to ensure there is consistency across ensuring a child safe environment. I ask for your support in adhering to these changes and if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at the College.

Although we are only entering the midpoint of Term 3, the end of formal classes for our Year 12s is fast approaching. I encourage them to remain focused on their learning and knowing that in no time they will become an alumnus of the College. With that comes a lot of satisfaction and enormous pride. They will join a long list of graduates who have gone on to have amazing careers. As parents, it is important that you remain in open dialogue with your child to ensure that you are supportive of their needs and can act as another mode of communication between your child and the College.

There are a number of support avenues here at the College for our Year 12 students at this time, including the following staff, who are more than willing to be of additional support.

- Miss Alexis Bell - Dean of the Girls School
- Mr Perry Wilkinson - Dean of the Boys School
- Mr Emlyn Davis - VCE Coordinator
- Ms Deloraine Keegel - Careers Coordinator

I encourage all parents to chat to their son or daughter and encourage them to commence thinking about the wonderful opportunities to be involved in the College from a leadership perspective. We will soon be advertising 2023 student leadership positions to our community. This application process is an excellent opportunity for personal growth and may even result in your son or daughter being appointed to a position to serve our community and their peers. Stay tuned for more information, but in the meantime, feel free to chat about this around the dinner table!

A reminder to all parents, carers and students that we will be working with students to ensure that they are meeting the College's expectations around presentation at school and when in uniform. As such, I remind parents of the expectations that our community has around hair, jewellery and the correct wearing of the uniform. Working together with you as parents and carers, we want to be clear in ensuring that each student is supported to meet these clear College expectations.

Please continue to look after each other, and as we start to see early signs of spring, let us remember that we are entering a time of renewal and hope for a better and brighter future.

Kind regards,
Kieran O'Dwyer (*Deputy Principal*)

Secondary Girls	Secondary Boys	Primary
<p>TEMPERANCE</p> <p>Lilian de Castella</p>	<p>TEMPERANCE</p> <p>Gabriel Upston, Tony Nagaraj, Orlando de Castella, William Fahey, Braydan Rayner, Sebastian Fahey, Xavier Taveira, Joseph Morgan, Cameron Armstrong, Simon Taveira</p>	<p>TEMPERANCE</p> <p>Holly Wesa Brennan Hayward Harriet Gomez Anima Nagaraj Madison Braaksma</p>
<p>Respect</p> <p>Marina Malty</p>	<p>Respect</p> <p>Joseph Hardiman, Thomas Davis, Jacob Smit, Orlando de Castella, Braydan Rayner, Sebastian Fahey</p>	<p>Diligence</p> <p>Patrick Hardiman, Olivia Fitzpatrick, Benjamin Salib, Annabelle de Castella, Leo McLean, Joseph Obrador, Allegra Pravidur, Sebastian Hau Kautai, Emmaline Hayward, Karas Mikhaeil, Anima Nagaraj, Jacy Perez-Melei, Joseph Reagan, Marius Zaccari, Elizabeth Davis, Louis Nivet, Samuel Soefting, Jenna Lewis, Noah Taveira</p>
<p>Perserverence</p>	<p>Perserverence</p>	<p>Perserverence</p> <p>Sophia MacDonald, Charlie Lewis, Annabelle de Castella, Leo McLean, Joseph Obrador, Allegra Pravidur, Emmaline Hayward, Karas Mikhaeil, Anima Nagaraj, Jacy Perez-Melei, Joseph Reagan, Marius Zaccari, Elizabeth Davis, Louis Nivet, Samuel Soefting, Jenna Lewis</p>
<p>Responsibility - Primary</p> <p>Verity Gallager, Holly Wesa, Hosanna Reagan, Adrian Soefting, Harriet Gomez, Leo Mandarano, Joseph Obrador, Allegra Pravidur, Sebastian Hau Kautai, Noah Taveira, Emmaline Hayward, Anima Nagaraj, Joseph Reagan, Elizabeth Davis, Louis Nivet, Jenna Lewis</p>	<p>Leadership - Primary</p> <p>Harriot Gomez, Leo Mandarano, Joseph Obrador, Allegra Pravidur, Emmaline Hayward, Anima Nagaraj, Joseph Reagan, Elizabeth Davis, Louis Nivet, Samuel Soefting, Jenna Lewis</p>	<p>Initiative - Primary</p> <p>Joseph Obrador, Karas Mikhaeil, Joseph Reagan, Elizabeth Davis, Louis Nivet, Marcel Ward, Jenna Lewis</p>

Secondhand Uniform Shop Operating Hours

Monday 8:30am - 9:30am

Monday 2:45pm - 3:30pm

If you have items to donate or sell please drop at uniform shop during these hours.

The office no longer accepts items therefore please drop at the shop on a Monday or contact Michelle on 0468 438 404.

(Shop located in small building next to chapel)

CAN YOU HELP?

We have a new student from Dandenong North who is attending the College. Her mother is looking to see if anyone can help in getting her daughter an afternoon lift to a destination closer to her area. Her need is for Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Another new parent is looking for help for transport from Pakenham. Just one child needs a lift if at all possible. If you can help please contact the office on 5629 2500. Thank you.

MORNING ARRIVAL TO THE COLLEGE & LATE PASSES

A warning bell rings at 8:25am each day and that bell signals to the students to go straight to their homeroom for 8:30am Rollcall. If a student is not at the classroom by 8:30am they do need a LATE PASS. Parents need to sign their children in on arrival and a late pass will be issued for the student to take to class.

YEAR 7-8 BOYS SOCCER ... TUESDAY 02.08.2022

On Tuesday 2nd August, the Year 7-8 boys soccer team travelled to the Harold Preston Reserve in Traralgon to compete in the School Sports Victoria Gippsland REGION football (soccer) competition. Our boys played well as a team in each of their three games.

We got off the bus and were straight onto the pitch to begin the tournament with a game against the San Remo Campus of Bass Coast College. Our defence and midfield worked well to stop any attacks and they controlled the ball well. The strong defence set up a good offence which allowed Jacob Smit to score all five of our goals for a 5-0 victory.

In our second game we faced the toughest opponent of the day in Kurnai College from Churchill and Morwell. Solid defence from Kurnai allowed them to shut down the majority of our offensive efforts and create some fast breaks. With their quick transitions they outran our defence to score two goals. However, Jacob Smit was able to put a lovely header into the net off a corner from Chara Wangkaew. Later in the game Jacob Smit and Joseph Zaccari each added another goal when they figured out how to break through the strong defensive line to give us a nail-biting 3-2 victory.

In our third game against Nagle College from Bairnsdale our defence and goal keeping was impervious. This allowed our midfield and forward lines to create a number of chances in which four different players were able to capitalise. Jacob Smit was able to put seven past the keeper, while Chara Wangkaew scored three long range shots including one from past the halfway line of the pitch. Joseph Hovens in midfield scored a great goal, and Ignatius Attard swapped roles from goalkeeper to forward to add another for a final score of 12-0.

Congratulations to the boys on winning all three games which earned them the Gippsland Region pennant. They have qualified to compete in the State football (soccer) finals on Friday 2nd September at the Darebin International Sports Centre in Thornbury.

Thank you to Mr Bell for coaching and to the 7-8 boys for their excellent efforts to make this a great day and a valuable learning experience.



R.A.T. KITS

The College has very good stock of Covid Test Kits. Families are entitled to one box per child every two weeks. Parents are reminded to call at the office to collect enough for their children.

MELBOURNE CAREER EXPO JULY 2022

Melbourne Career Expo is the most comprehensive careers event in Victoria showcasing around 150 exhibitors and encompasses all career opportunities.



CHRISTIANNE

A great experience to see all the different options - very encouraging!



REBECCA

Talking to people in their own specific fields was really helpful on having an insight as to what that career was like.



JOSEPHINE

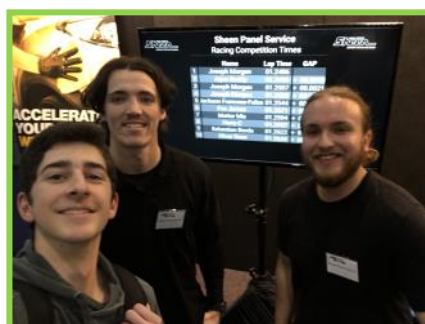
A great opportunity to see the wide range of careers available and the various paths we could take in each of those areas

And a most rewarding experience for Joseph Morgan!

"To be honest, I didn't know if I wanted to go to the Careers Expo at the Exhibition Centre in Melbourne. I am sure glad I did though as I had the time of my life. I found out some great information on how to become a mechanic, and I also ended up winning \$100 on a racing simulator. I went in expecting it to be boring, but instead I got heaps of information. Made new fiends and walked out with \$100 in my pocket. It was great."



IMMANUEL



	Name	Lap Time	GAP
1	Joseph Morgan	01:2507	
2	Joseph Morgan	01:2526	+ 00:0027
3	Jackson Francesse-Fultor	01:2544	+ 00:0037
4	Fox James	01:2575	+ 00:0064
5	Matter bila	01:2594	+ 00:0087
6	Harry C	01:2610	+ 00:0100
7	Sebastian Borda	01:2622	+ 00:0115
8	Oliver Rose	01:2644	+ 00:0137
9	Harry Cardamone	01:2655	+ 00:0148
10	Madison Robinson	01:2666	+ 00:0169

It was effective as it was able to point me in the direction as to what I would like to do ... in engineering.

Well done to our students for using this exceptional opportunity!

Deloraine Keegel, Careers Advisor

Feast of St Lawrence

10th August

SAINT LAWRENCE

Deacon and Martyr (258)



Saint Lawrence was Chief of the seven deacons of Rome. In the year 258 Pope Sixtus was led out to die, and Saint Lawrence followed beside him, weeping because unable to share his fate.

"Where are you going, my father, without your son? Where are you going, holy pontiff, without your deacon? Never did you offer a sacrifice without my serving you at the altar. In what way have I displeased you?" The holy Pope comforted him with the words, "I am not abandoning you, my son; a more difficult trial and a more glorious victory are reserved for you; in three days you will follow me."

This prophecy was fulfilled. After the Pope's martyrdom the prefect of the city, knowing the rich offerings which the Christians put into the hands of the clergy, demanded the treasures of the Roman Church from Lawrence, their guardian. The Saint promised to show him, at the end of three days, riches exceeding all the wealth of the empire. He was granted the time of delay. The Archdeacon of Rome went about assembling the poor, the infirm, and the religious who lived by the alms of the faithful, and he brought them to the prefect on the appointed day. "Behold the treasures I promised you; I add pearls and precious stones - these virgins and widows consecrated to God; the Church has no other riches." The prefect replied:

"How dare you play games with me, miserable one? Is this how you show your contempt for the imperial power?"

Christ, whom Lawrence had served in His poor, gave him strength in the conflict which ensued. After being placed on the rack, he was stretched on a grill over a slow fire. He joked about his pains. "I am roasted enough on this side," he said, "perhaps you should turn me over." Soon, his gaze towards heaven, he gave up his soul to God. He was buried in the catacomb near the Tiburtine Way, called the Verano Field, a little over a mile from the city walls. The faithful watched there for three days to mourn their holy Archdeacon who had been so good to them. God, by the glory of this holy martyr, demonstrates the value He sets upon love for the poor. Innumerable prayers were offered at his tomb. Saint Lawrence continued from his throne in heaven his charity to those in need, granting them, as Saint Augustine says, "the smaller graces which they sought, and leading them to the desire of better gifts."

Reflection: Our Lord appears before us in the persons of the poor. Charity to them is a great sign of predestination. It is almost impossible, the holy Fathers assure us, for any one who is charitable to the poor, above all for Christ's sake, to perish.

2022 CALENDAR

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
8 Aug	9 Aug	10 Aug	11 Aug Visit to St Philomena's	12 Aug Visit to St Philomena's
15 Aug Feast of the Assumption NO SCHOOL	16 Aug	17 Aug	18 Aug	19 Aug
22 Aug Student International Day	23 Aug	24 Aug	25 Aug	26 Aug
29 Aug	30 Aug	31 Aug	1 Sep	2 Sep Anniversary of the College
5 Sep	6 Sep	7 Sep GAT	8 Sep	9 Sep
12 Sep	13 Sep	14 Sep	15 Sep	16 Sep - Term End 1pm Drama Comp

OFFICE HOURS

8:15am - 3:30pm

TERM DATES

3rd Term: Tuesday 19th July - Friday 16th September
4th Term: Monday 3rd October - Friday 9th December