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COLLEGE CHRONICLE

Tuesday 30th August 2022

Word from the Principal



Dear Parents and Carers,

This Wednesday we will hold a morning tea to acknowledge the wonderful contribution the Educational Support Staff have made to the College this year. Our Educational Support Staff include all those who operate behind the scenes on a daily basis to ensure the daily operations of the College - from Receptionist, to ICT, to financial management and Learning Support. Our College relies immensely on them all and we are very appreciative of all their work.

Last night a group of over 30 of our secondary students competed in the Eisteddfod Music competition in Traralgon. The Choirs event offered sections covering contemporary choirs, sacred choirs, popular choirs and more. Our students competed in the Secondary Choir competition. They performed really well on the night winning the main event and coming second in another section at Monday evening's Eisteddfod. Congratulations! Special thanks go to Fr Stephens, Miss Braaksma for training and conducting the choir and to all parents who supported this undertaking.

Music remains a really important part of our children's formation. We seek to form our students along the lines of a classical curriculum as best as our means provide. Part of this formation centres around music. Not all our students are inclined to develop their musical potentials, but for those students that are, we offer them opportunities like the College Choir, instrumental tuition, Chapel Choir and 3 periods per week of music classes from Prep through to Year 10.

This Friday will see the commencement of the events for the 25th Anniversary of the College. It will begin with a morning tea and tour of the College starting at 10am. The next event, which is the anniversary Mass at Corpus Christi Church will take place on Saturday at 5pm followed by the formal dinner at Cannibal Creek Winery

for those who have booked a place. There are still some tickets available for the dinner. At the dinner we will call on teachers, priests and students of the early days to speak of their memories. Please join us for this wonderful evening of celebration to mark this important milestone.

Sincerely yours in the Two Hearts,

Father Andrew Cranshaw
Principal



VIRTUE THIS WEEK

MODERATION

Attention to balance in one's life.

COLLECT - 12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O almighty and merciful God, of whose gift it comes that Thy faithful people do unto Thee worthy and laudable service: grant unto us, we beseech Thee, that we may run without stumbling towards the attainment of Thy promises. 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,

Outside of the classroom, the College has achieved a considerable amount in the last week.

Extra-curricular activities allow students to enhance their knowledge, skills, friendships and confidence beyond the classroom.

These activities are considered to be an integral part of College life in both the primary and secondary areas of the College and are central to our commitment to the holistic development of our students.

As Fr Cranshaw outlined, last night the College Choir competed in the 66th Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod in Traralgon. The College was awarded the Gippsland Championship Cup for best overall Secondary School Choir. It is an award the College has won on four other occasions, the last being in 2017.

Last Thursday, the College competed in the Sporting Schools Victoria local round of Athletics in Newborough. The students had a considerable amount of success. In order to progress through to the Sporting Schools Victoria regional round, students were required to finish in the top 2 in their event. The following students will represent the College in the next round:

- Judy Abraham - Javelin
- Jake Smit - High Jump, 400m and 400m relay
- Isaac Braaksma - Javelin and 400m relay
- Rebecca Fitzpatrick - Shotput, Javelin and Discus
- Chara Wangkaew - Shotput, 100m, High Jump, Long Jump & 400m relay
- Josephine MacDonald - Javelin
- Samuel Mitchell - Shotput, Javelin and 400m relay
- Madeline Hovens - 200m
- Joseph Zaccari - Discus, Shotput and 400m relay
- Aaron Braaksma - High Jump and 400m relay
- Deffy Wangkaew - Discus and 400m relay
- Theodore Zaccari - Discus
- Louis Ward - 400m relay
- Joseph Hovens - 400m relay
- Joachim Hayward - 400m relay

Jake Hanney (Yr 10) continues to excel on the independent music scene. In 2021, Jake had 7 songs in the top 100 for Australian Independent artists (those without a recording contract) and principally for regional artists. Last week Jake's song 'Everytime' hit number one on the Atomic Top 20. Jake's current album Elimination and Creation (14 tracks) is out now.

This Friday, our Year 7 - 10 Hockey and Basketball Teams will be out representing the College.



This week students have been reminded of the College rules pertaining to classroom behaviour and uniform.

In relation to classroom behaviour, the College is striving to ensure that the students demonstrate positive behaviours for learning. It is the College expectation that students:

- Attend regularly, be on time for classes and be properly prepared for work.
- Allow learning to take place and follow teacher instructions.

When students are disruptive and fail to demonstrate the virtues of courtesy, responsibility and docility; they not only impact their own learning trajectory, but the teachers ability to deliver positive learning outcomes for their peers.

The College uniform has many purposes, including the outward display that students are working together for a common goal, namely, that of striving to develop oneself as much as possible for the honour and glory of God. The uniform is made up of many different elements for both male and female students. Students are reminded of the following key points:

- Only one set of small, plain ear studs or sleepers are permitted for the girls. Boys are not permitted any piercings.
- Students are permitted to wear a small crucifix (or similar religious object) on a modest chain (the chain and crucifix should be worn under the uniform).
- Dresses and skirts are to be of mid-calf length in order to display modesty and easy coverage of the knees when sitting.
- Boys are to be clean shaven.
- Make-up is prohibited.
- Shirts need to be tucked in at all times.

We value parents and carers having a conversation with their children about these rules.

As outlined last week, we request that parents obey the 10km per hour speed limit when driving on site. In addition please ensure that when entering and exiting the College that you do not obstruct the driveway when entering and exiting the College onto Tynong Road. Furthermore when exiting the College ensure that you give way to traffic moving in both directions.

The safety of everyone on the campus is of paramount importance and we ask our community to please comply with these initial recommendations.

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

Rest in Peace

Our community is saddened by the death last week of our very dear friend of the College,
Carmel McMillan.

Carmel, who resided at Tynong, actually attended primary school on this very site when there was a government primary school here.

She supported the College from Day 1 of our existence here and will be sorely missed.

Please keep her beautiful soul in your prayers.

Please note Lost Property is overflowing with unnamed items yet again. Please call at the office to claim anything belonging to your family.

Secondary Girls	Secondary Boys	Primary
<p>MEEKNESS</p> <p>Monique de Castella, Genevieve McLean, Keva Perez-Melei, Zuri Perez-Melei, Josephine Soefting, Isabelle Taylor, Bethany Verleg, Lucy Armstrong, Lauren Elliott, Isabelle Higgins, Anna Hardiman</p>	<p>MEEKNESS</p> <p>Anthony Freriks, Myles Youngman, Hugo Ward, Orlando de Castella, Marcel Upston, William Fahey, Sebastian Fahey, Xavier Taveira, Daniel Freriks, Simon Taveira</p>	<p>MEEKNESS</p> <p>Thea Attard, George Davis, Harriet Gomez, Eli Khier, Jessica Morgan, Helena Soefting, Allegra Pravidur, Marcel Ward</p>
<p>Respect</p> <p>Monique de Castella, Charlotte Ockerse, Annette MacDonald, Keva Perez-Melei, Zuri Perez-Melei, Josephine Soefting, Isabelle Taylor, Bethany Verleg, Lucy Armstrong, Lauren Elliott, Isabelle Higgins, Anna Hardiman</p>	<p>Respect</p> <p>Mark Obrador, Santino Tommasi, Daniel de Castella, Joseph Hardiman, Alexander Robinson, Thomas Ward, Myles Youngman, Hugo Ward, Orlando de Castella, Louis Ward, William Fahey, Braydan Rayner, Ethan Ward, Cameron Armstrong</p>	<p>Diligence</p> <p>Timothy McLean, Patrick Hardiman, Annabelle de Castella, Joseph Obrador, Allegra Pravidur, Emmaline Hayward, Jenna Lewis, Faith Mascarenhas, Noah Taveira, Sebastian Upston, Summer Cleary, Adam Khier, Harrison Smit</p>
<p>Perserverence</p>	<p>Perserverence</p> <p>Orlando de Castella, Sebastian Fahey, Simon Taveira</p>	<p>Perserverence</p> <p>Verity Gallagher, Timothy McLean, Holly Wesa, Sophia MacDonald, Lexi Sharkey, Gus Alexander, Charlie Lewis, Hunter MacDonell, Joseph Obrador, Allegra Pravidur, Jenna Lewis, Faith Mascarenhas, Liola Hau Kautai</p>
<p>Responsibility</p> <p>Bethany Verleg,</p>	<p>Responsibility - Sec. Boys</p> <p>Laurence Ockerse, Braydan Rayner,</p>	<p>Responsibility - Primary</p> <p>Holly Wesa, Rebecca Higgins, Lexi Sharkey, Carmella Nivet, Evangeline Nivet, Gemma Pullen, Patrick Hardiman, Gemma Verleg, Joseph Obrador, Allegra Pravidur, Emmaline Hayward, Jacey Perez-Melei, Jenna Lewis</p>
<p>Leadership - Primary</p> <p>Rebecca Higgins, Marcel Ward, Summer Cleary</p>	<p>Iniative - Primary</p> <p>Hosanna Reagan, Thea Attard, Hunter MacDonell, Joseph Reagan, Elizabeth Davis, Noah Taveira</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.

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.



The P&F Presents

Desserts of the World

Fundraising for the Outdoor
Primary Covering

Sunday 18th September

After both Masses, with coffee,
croissants & milkshakes.

St Pius X - Pope (1836 - 1914)

3rd September



This canonized holy Pope of the twentieth century remains beloved by all as "the Pope of Frequent Communion." This is indeed a beautiful and fitting title, but we would like to stress here what is less known of his pontifical works - his battle to conserve the faith against those mining it from within.

Joseph Sarto, born in 1836 into a family poor in earthly goods but very rich in virtue, was the first living son of eight children, including six sisters. He soon found himself orphaned of his profoundly Christian father; Joseph had already announced his desire to become a priest, and his parents had approved. When his widowed mother continued to desire like himself this unique ambition of her son, their parish priest found financial aid for him.

He became an assistant priest in 1858, and in 1867 was named in charge of the large parish church of Salzano. His three unmarried sisters followed him, as they would do even to the Vatican. He was immediately appreciated by his parishioners, then seen as heroic when an epidemic of cholera broke out. An ecclesiastic who witnessed his activity wrote that "he was everywhere present. He buried the dead and confessed the sick; he saw to the needs of the various houses, he gave remedies if necessary, at all hours of the day and night. He did not permit his vicars to expose

themselves to a danger associated with a duty which was first of all that of the parish priest. He inspired courage in all." His sisters tried in vain to moderate his zeal, but the Padre did not contract the disease, and continued to need only four hours of sleep all the time of his pastoral life. In 1875 he was named a Canon of the cathedral of Treviso, where he fulfilled the administrative and pastoral duties of that charge with a success that edified all concerned.

In Treviso Father Sarto learned of his nomination in 1884 as bishop of Mantua. He asked not to be received at Mantua by a brilliant reception, but that his diocesans come to the cathedral to pray with him and receive Communion. As bishop he taught catechism to the children and continued to visit the sick like a parish priest; and it seemed to them that it was his passage among them which cured them. He manifested a remarkable compassion for the working people. He defended a man who had calumniated him and who soon afterwards was ruined financially, and sent money anonymously to his wife.

In 1891 he became Patriarch of Venice, and never was there one more appreciated than Monsignor Sarto after his arrival. Twelve years there confirmed the inhabitants' profound affection and respect for him, until in 1903 his final promotion came about at the death of

Leo XIII. He was chosen to replace him in the Vatican in that year, as Vicar of Christ.

He will always be known as the Pope of the Eucharist. For he was determined that the faithful should imitate the example of the earliest Christians. In consequence, he urged the reception of frequent and even daily Holy Communion for all in the state of sanctifying grace and of right intention. He insisted that children be allowed to the Spiritual Banquet prepared by Jesus at an earliest age, and declared that they were bound to fulfill the precept of the Easter Communion as soon as they reach the age of discretion.

Saint Pius labored until the very last days of his life. His Will and Testament contained the words: "I was born poor, I have lived poor, and I wish to die poor." He died in 1914 at the age of 78 years, at the onset of the First World War. He was canonized by Pope Pius XII forty years later, on May 29, 1954.

Reflection: "Our duty," says Father Newman, "is to follow the Vicar of Christ wherever he goes and never to desert him, whatever the cost, but to defend him from all hazards and against all comers, as a son would a father, knowing that his cause is always the cause of God."

2022 CALENDAR

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
29 Aug Eisteddfod at Traralgon for Choir	30 Aug	31 Aug	1 Sep	2 Sep 25th Anniversary of the College SSV Basketball 7-10
5 Sep	6 Sep	7 Sep GAT 7pm Subject Selections 10/11	8 Sep	9 Sep
12 Sep	13 Sep	14 Sep	15 Sep	16 Sep - Term End 1pm Drama Comp
3 Oct Term 4 commences	4 Oct	5 Oct	6 Oct	7 Oct
10 Oct	11 Oct	12 Oct	13 Oct	14 Oct

OFFICE HOURS

8:15am - 3:30pm
MONDAY - FRIDAY

TERM DATES

2022

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

2023

1st Term: 30th January - 5th April
2nd Term: 26th April - 23rd June
3rd Term: 18th July - 15th September
4th Term: 2nd October - 8th December