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COLLEGE CHRONICLE

Tuesday 14th June 2022

Word from the Principal

Dear Staff, Parents and Friends of the College,

We are privileged to possess at the heart of our College a treasure of infinite worth. It is from this treasure that radiates upon our students and staff the daily benevolent rays of God's divine mercy and grace. It is thanks to this treasure that we receive daily the strength to continue our mission to form in each youth the true and perfect Catholic. Were it not for this treasure, we would have given up the struggle long ago, we would have perhaps never even dreamt of starting such a school. I am referring to the abiding presence of Jesus Christ in the tabernacle of our little College chapel.

Perhaps in the business of life we neglect to appreciate that "without Me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). We often think we can, but Christ's says we cannot and He is always right because in the last analysis the only lasting goods of a truly Catholic education must be from Him and through Him. Parents, I encourage you to spend more time before the Blessed Sacrament. When dropping off your children or picking them up, don't hesitate to pay a quick visit to the chapel where the Sacred Heart of Jesus eagerly awaits your prayers. When driving home past the Corpus Christi church in the morning think to pause and refresh your soul by a visit to the Blessed Sacrament or attendance at the 8:40am Mass. When you visit, tell Christ your worries, ask for His help, thank Him for his care and then pray for your children.

This week, two public acts of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place. One is a school event and the other is a parish event. The school event is the all-



day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the College chapel this Thursday, Feast of Corpus Christi. Each class will have a time slot and prayers to say for the school and their families before Our Lord exposed in the Blessed Sacrament. This will help in some small way to respond to Our Lord's pleas for reparation as requested by the revelations of His Sacred Heart to Margarite Mary Alacoque from 1673 -1675. For more information on these important revelations refer to [The Revelation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Paral-le-Monial, France | EWTN](#)



The second event is a public procession of the Blessed Sacrament along the streets of Tynong starting at the school chapel at 2pm this Sunday. This has been organised by Fr Elias of Corpus Christi Parish in order to provide us with an opportunity to proudly profess our faith in this infinite treasure. Such public processions are still very common in the more Catholic

countries like France, Italy, Spain, Philippines, etc. The archdiocese of Melbourne used to hold annual processions of the Blessed Sacrament through the centre of Melbourne CBD at which tens of thousands of Catholics would attend. We yearn for such days to return!

Sincerely yours in the Two Hearts,

Father Andrew Cranshaw
 Principal

VIRTUE THIS WEEK

PATIENCE

Bearing present difficulties calmly

COLLECT - TRINITY SUNDAY

O almighty and everlasting God, who hast granted to Thy servants, in confessing the true Faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of Majesty to adore the Unity: we beseech Thee, that by steadfastness in the same Faith, we may ever be defended against all adversity. 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.



From the Deputy Principal



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

A positive sense of wellbeing supports a base for rich learning that enables children and young people to follow a positive trajectory. This holistic view honours the sacredness, dignity and giftedness of each person and is grounded in the understanding that each person is made in the image and likeness of God.

While all educators are focused on the wellbeing of their students, those within our College have a particular orientation to wellbeing. Inspired by faith and the words of St Thomas Aquinas who said, "it is better to illuminate than merely to shine". Staff understand the privilege and responsibility entrusted to them. Therefore, they strive to create an environment where each individual who walks through the gates is welcomed and treated with dignity in an environment free from discrimination, harassment and intimidation.

We understand that when people feel acknowledged and know that their community genuinely understands what impacts them, their sense of belonging is strengthened and they are more open to being active contributors within their community. Being in relationships with others enhances wellbeing and enables children and young people to better understand and manage their emotions, to develop their sense of self, agency and resiliency.

To ensure we support the experience of belonging by creating welcoming, inviting, consistent and predictable environments, we are undertaking a Safety Survey. Over the next two weeks, the College will have the opportunity to provide valuable insight into their experience within the College.

In order to maintain privacy and allow students the opportunity to complete their survey to the best of their ability, we are asking that the surveys are completed at home in consultation with parents and/or carers. The results of these surveys will allow us to create a deeper understanding of the behavioural climate of the College and ensure everyone at the College works together to create an environment where safety is promoted and behaviours that detract from this are not accepted.

Student Survey Link

<https://forms.gle/aRHsP499LYn9nX66>

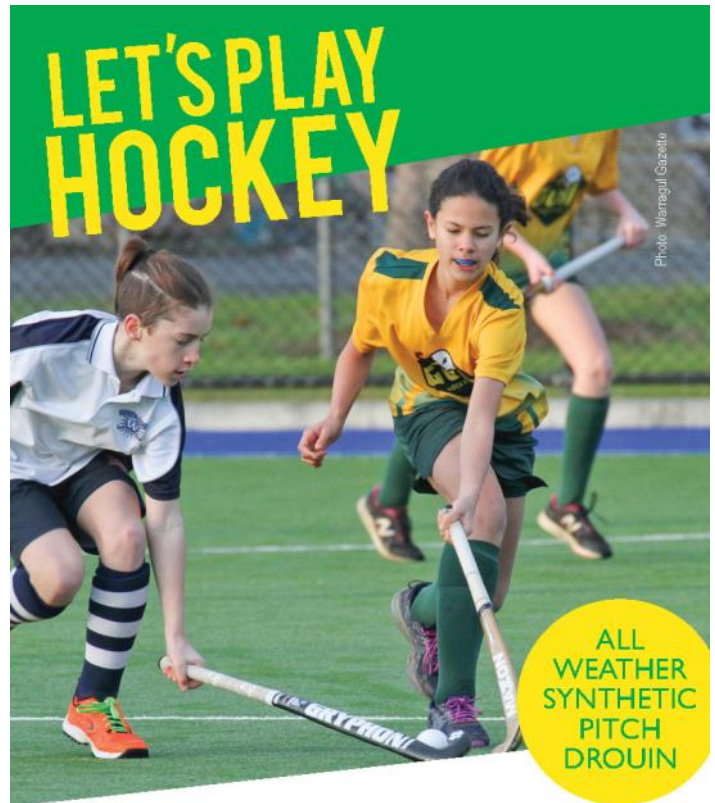
Parent Survey Link

<https://forms.gle/xpLyyJS3Bv52vm8Y7>

Kind regards,

Kieran O'Dywer

(Deputy Principal)



Join the West Gippsland Hockey Association and enjoy the game of hockey in a fun & supportive environment. Playing hockey is a great way to get active and learn essential social skills for life, like teamwork, sportsmanship, communication and leadership. All ages and levels of experience welcome!

- Junior and senior teams in the regional competition play and train at Bellbird Park, Drouin on a synthetic field – no travel!
- Regional teams train mid-week, with games on Saturdays (Seniors have the occasional Sunday match).
- We run winter and summer competitions as well as junior development programs.
- Pathways are available to the Victorian Metro Competitions for Junior, Senior and Masters players. Opportunities to play for representative teams at country and state events.



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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.

Secondary Girls	Secondary Boys	Primary
INDUSTRIOUSNESS	INDUSTRIOUSNESS Mark Obrador, Oliver Pravidur, Santino Tommasi, Gabriel Upston, Andrew Higgins, Tony Nagaraj, Ignatius Attard, William Stevenage, Hugo Ward, Chara Wangkaew, William Fahey, Braydan Rayner, Sebastian Fahey	INDUSTRIOUSNESS Joseph Obrador, Louis Nivet, Joshua Morgan, Molly Taveira, Oliver Verleg
Respect	Respect Santino Tommasi	Diligence Annabelle de Castella Anima Nagaraj Jacey Perez-Melei Madison Braaksma Joshua Morgan Benjamin Tadros Molly Taveira

THEMED TRIVIA NIGHT

*DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE MOVIE /
BOOK CHARACTER*

Prize for the Best Dressed!

24th June

6:30pm at the SCHOOL MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING

\$10 PER PERSON (pay on the night at the door)

Table Limit is 8 people

Age Limit: Year 9 upwards

Please BYO snacks and drinks plus gold coins for a Bailey's Toss.

This is a Year 12 event



St Basil the Great

14th June Bishop, Doctor of the Church (329-379)

Saint Basil was born in Asia Minor. Two of his brothers became bishops, and with his mother and his sister, are honored as Saints. He studied with great success in Athens, where he formed a tender and perpetual friendship with Saint Gregory Nazianzen.

He then taught oratory. The study of philosophy had already raised him above all worldly ambition, and dreading the honors of the world, he gave up all things to become the father of monastic life in the East. His older sister, Saint Macrina, encouraged him when he abandoned the greater part of his inheritance.

He retired into Pontus, where his sister was Superior of a convent, into which his mother also had entered; there he founded a monastery on the opposite side of the river from the convent, and governed it for four years, from 358 to 362. He founded several other religious houses in the same region, both for men and for women. It was for them that he composed his ascetic works, including his famous Rule, still followed by the monks of the Orient.

He then resigned, leaving his office to his brother, Saint Peter of Sebastus, to retire in prayer. Saint Gregory came to join his friend for a time, in response to his invitation. Ever afterwards, Basil would recall with regret the peace and happiness they had enjoyed, singing Psalms, studying Scripture, keeping vigil in prayer, and disciplining their flesh by manual work. It was only in 363 that this holy hermit was ordained a priest by Eusebius of Caesarea in Cappadocia.

The Arian heretics, supported by the court, were then persecuting the Church, and Basil was summoned from his retirement by his bishop to give aid against them. His energy and zeal soon mitigated the disorders of the

Church, and his solid and eloquent words silenced the heretics. On the death of Eusebius, he was chosen Bishop of Caesarea. His commanding character, his firmness and energy, his learning and eloquence, seconded by his humility and the great austerity of his life, made him a model for bishops. He founded in Caesarea a vast hospital, which Saint Gregory called "a new city" and which remained in existence for long decades. He went there often to console the suffering, and help them to make good use of their pains.

When Saint Basil was summoned by the emperor Valentius to admit the Arians to Communion, the prefect in charge, finding that soft words had no effect, said to him, "Are you mad, that you resist the will before which the whole world bows? Do you not dread the wrath of the emperor, nor exile, nor death?" "No," said Basil calmly; "he who has nothing to lose need not dread loss of goods; you cannot exile me, for the whole earth is my home; as for death, it would be the greatest kindness you could bestow upon me; torments cannot harm me; one blow would end both my frail life and my sufferings." The prefect answered, "Never has anyone dared to address me thus." "Perhaps," suggested Basil, "you never before measured your strength with a Christian bishop." The emperor desisted from his commands.

Saint Basil's entire life was one of suffering, both physical and moral; he lived amidst jealousies, misunderstandings and seeming disappointments. But he sowed the seed which bore good fruit in the future generations. He was God's instrument to resist the Arian and other heretics in the East, and to restore the spirit of discipline and fervor in the Church. He died peacefully in 379 at the age of fifty-one, and is venerated as a Doctor of the Church.

2022 CALENDAR

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
13 June	14 June 12:55pm Debating Yr 7-9G MacKillop vs Bosco	15 June 8:40am #NOTEVENONCE Seminar Yr 9-12	16 June 12:55pm Debating Yr 7-9G Kolbe vs Mannix	17 June
20 Jun	21 Jun	22 Jun	23 Jun	24 Jun Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus LAST DAY OF TERM
18 Jul	19 Jul FIRST DAY OF TERM	20 Jul	21 Jul	22 Jul
25 Jul	26 Jul	27 Jul	28 Jul	29 Jul
1 Aug	2 Aug	3 Aug	4 Aug	5 Aug

OFFICE HOURS

8:15am - 3:30pm

TERM DATES

2nd Term: Tuesday 3rd May - Friday 24th June
3rd Term: Tuesday 19th July - Friday 16th September