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COLLEGE CHRONICLE

Tuesday 14th March 2023

Word from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Annual Action plan includes a commitment to undertaking meaningful stakeholder engagement and to consider your views when making decisions.

By engaging with you, we believe we will be well placed to strengthen the mutual understanding of what should create the platform for the College's next strategic cycle.

As key stakeholders of our College, I invite you to be part of the planning process to help shape the strategic direction of the College over the next four years.

Your participation may be through a conversation with a member of the College leadership, filling out the attached proforma and returning it to the College or attending our Community Engagement Session tomorrow, 15th March at 2.00pm.

Our strategic direction will focus on ensuring our Vision and Mission of the College and be signposted by our Key Strategic Pillars:

- Spiritual Formation
- Leadership
- Curriculum and Student Learning
- Student Wellbeing
- Community and Development
- Physical and Financial Resources

Submissions can be returned in person or by emailing the office by Wednesday April 5th at 3.30pm.

This Thursday 16th March, we will hold our Athletics Carnival at Casey Fields. This day is always a highlight of the College Calendar and I look forward to seeing as many parents, carers, guardians and grandparents on the day as possible.

As a Traditional Catholic College, we recognise the sacrifice and loyalty of Our Blessed Mother and



therefore take great pride as a College in acknowledging the women (staff and non-staff) who support the College. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to all of the women within our College community for their contribution towards the achievement of the College vision and mission.

I wish all parents and students the very best as we enter the busier part of the term and remember to reach out to your child's Classroom Teacher, House Mentor or Sub School Dean if you need advice or support.

God Bless,

Kieran

Kieran O'Dywer
(Acting Principal)



VIRTUE THIS WEEK LOYALTY

Accepting the bonds implicit in relationships and defending the virtues upheld by Church, family and country

COLLECT - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Humbling ourselves before Thee, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, favourably to regards the desires of our heart: and in our defense to stretch forth the right hand of Thy Majesty. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.



Instaurare
 omnia in
 Christo
 To restore all
 things in
 Christ

From the Deputy Principal



Positive Behaviour Support (Explicit Teaching) - Part 5

Dear Parents and Families,

Research has demonstrated that positive behaviour support is significantly effective in minimising and managing challenging behaviours in the classroom. It reduces stress, frees up much-needed time for teaching, improves overall student behaviours and creates better classroom cultures.



Explicit teaching is the fourth Universal of Positive Behaviour Support that we will be exploring. It is an instructional strategy used by teachers to meet the needs of their students and engage them in clearly articulated teaching. Explicit teaching requires effective teaching practices that are evidence-based, aligned with the Australian Curriculum and the needs and strengths of the student. The General Capabilities of the Australian Curriculum such as the personal and social competencies are skills to keep students safe and skills required to enact the College's defined expectations, need to be explicitly taught.

When teachers utilise explicit teaching practices they clearly demonstrate to students what to do and how to do it. The teacher decides on the learning intention and success criteria, makes them clear to students, and shows them by modelling and providing examples. In addition, the teacher questions for understanding and at times questions to initiate, sustain and deepen student thinking. At the end of each lesson the teacher revisits what the lesson has covered and ties it all together by initiating reflections on the task, the learning process undertaken and how students self-regulated their learning behaviours.

Explicit teaching is:

- Having a College plan for learning entitlement that incorporates the College's defined expectations
- Having a College plan for learning entitlement that incorporates the Australian Curriculum including the Personal and Social Capability
- Enacting a College plan for learning entitlement that incorporates the College's defined expectations
- Enacting a College plan for learning entitlement that incorporates the Australian Curriculum including the Personal and Social Capability and other important social skills
- Utilising teachable moments to provide opportunities to learn about personal and social skills
- Designing student learning with planned adjustments to ensure a rate of progress for every student and
- Connecting learning to real experiences.

God bless,

David

David Williams

Acting Deputy Principal

SCHOOL TUITION FEES

Dear Parents and Carers

Time is running out! Remember, you have until 31 March this year to take advantage of the 5% discount on the payment of your school fees. Please contact the College if you are having any issues.

Thank you.

Primary

KINDNESS

Benedict Davis
Thea Attard
Matilda Sharkey
Helena Soefting
Sebastian Hau Kautai
Matthew MacDonald

DILIGENCE

Maria Sorial, Audrey Gallagher
Patrick Hardiman, Luis Obrador
Sophia Borg, Gemma Higgins
Gina Nimr, Ryder Youngman
Christopher Freriks, Helena Soefting
Eleanor Foley, Benjamin Salib
Gemma Verleg

PERSEVERANCE

Raphael Spowell, Michaela Garner
Mary Mascarenhas, Raphael Smit
Eli Taveira, Grace Garner
Patrick Hardiman, Maria Falts
Gina Nimr, Scarlett Attard
Noah Cleary, Helena Soefting
Eleanor Foley, Jack Lewis
Tiffany MacDonell, Angela Phillips
Gemma Verleg, Marina Sorial

RESPONSIBILITY

Edward Gomez, Adrian Soefting
Maria Sorial, Luis Obrador
Olivia Fitzpatrick, Maverick Frieh
Gemma Higgins, Christopher Freriks
Helena Soefting, Jack Lewis
Gemma Verleg, Marina Sorial
Jenna Lewis, Faith Mascarenhas
Philomena Ward, Madison Braaksma

LEADERSHIP

Carmella Nivet, Luis Obrador
Oliva Fitzpatrick, Scarlett Attard
Philomena Ward

INITIATIVE

Nikolina Palcic, Gemma Pullen
Luis Obrador, Maverick Frieh
Gemma Higgins, Scarlett Attard
Patrick Davis, Helena Soefting
Gemma Verleg, Marina Sorial

Secondary Girls

KINDNESS

Katrina Malty, Lily Braaksma
Katie Higgins, Emanuela Palcic
Claudia Hanney, Josephine Soefting
Isabelle Taylor, Bethany Verleg
Judy Abraham, Emily Houston
Emily Morgan, Lucy Armstrong
Aleisha Higgins
Marie-Estelle Hanney
Brianna Robinson
Faustina Hau Kautai
Isabelle Higgins, Poppy Taveira

RESPECT

Katie Higgins, Summer Cleary
Annette MacDonald, Keva Perez-Melei
Zuri Perez-Melei, Josephine Soefting
Isabelle Taylor, Bethany Verleg
Judy Abraham, Emily Houston
Lucy Armstrong, Marie-Estelle Hanney
Marina Malty, Lauren Elliott
Madeleine Hovens, Josephine Nivet
Isabelle Higgins, Isabelle Lewis
Poppy Taveira, Joanna Verleg
Victoria Stevenage, Christiane Ryan

PERSEVERANCE

Liola Hau Kautai, Maria Botrous
Genevieve McLean, Lucy Phillips
Bethany Verleg, Judy Abraham
Lucy Armstrong, Aleisha Higgins
Lauren Elliott, Joanna Verleg
Philomena Spowell, Isabelle Taylor

RESPONSIBILITY

Isabelle Taylor
Judy Abraham
Emily Morgan

LEADERSHIP

Poppy Taveira

INITIATIVE

Emanuela Palcic
Lauren Elliott
Madeleine Hovens

Secondary Boys

KINDNESS

Mark Obrador
Oliver Pravidur
Santino Tommasi
Gabriel Upston
Sebastian Hayward
Ignatius Attard
Daniel de Castella
Joseph Zaccari
Orlando de Castella
William Fahey
Joachim Hayward
John Higgins
Xavier Taveira
Charles Upston
Joseph Morgan

REPECT

Joseph Hardiman
Joseph Zaccari
Luca Attard
Hugo Ward
Sebastian Fahey

PERSEVERANCE

Daniel de Castella



*No act of Kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted.*



IMPORTANT!

The weather forecast for Thursday 16 March is 29c and sunny so all students, staff, and parents should bring at least 2 litres of water and their own sunscreen. It is recommended to have fruit like bananas for potassium, strawberries/oranges for Vitamin C, and something salty to replace sodium lost from perspiration.

Easter Egg Guessing Competition

YEAR 12 FUNDRAISER



Lunch Times outside the Library Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
50c per guess.

ST THOMAS AQUINAS P&F

Easter Chocolate Raffle

\$5 a ticket
3 for \$12
5 for \$20

1st prize



2nd prize



3rd prize



4th prize

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open Monday afternoons only from

2:45pm - 3:30pm.

You are welcome to call for an appointment or to check stock availability.

Michelle can be reached on 0468438404

Michelle also offers a Blazer re-braiding service, cuffs bound, hems, zips replaced, tears mended and repairs to wool jumpers.

Please also note the office no longer accepts items for re-sale therefore please drop at the shop on a Monday afternoon when Michelle is present.

HATS FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

College branded hats are compulsory for Secondary Students to wear when outside during recess and lunch.

These are available through the Noone Uniform Shop in Officer and are priced at \$17.50

The hats are also worn for all outside sport.

St Patrick

(Bishop, Apostle of Ireland - 17th March)

If the virtue of children reflects honour on their parents, much more justly is the name of Saint Patrick rendered illustrious by the innumerable lights of sanctity which shone in the Church of Ireland during many ages, and by the colonies of Saints with which it peopled many foreign countries. The Apostle of Ireland was born in Scotland towards the close of the fourth century, in a village which seems to be the present-day Scotch town of Kilpatrick. He calls himself both a Briton and a Roman, that is, of mixed extraction, and says his father was of a good family named Calphurnius. Some writers call his mother Conchessa, and say she was the niece of Saint Martin of Tours.



probably for want of money. Patrick was returning to his hut, praying as he went, when the sailors, though pagans, called him back and took him on board.

Some years afterwards he was again taken captive, but recovered his liberty after two months. While he was at home with his parents, God manifested to him, by divers visions, that He destined him for the great work of the conversion of Ireland.

It is certain that he spent many years in preparing himself for his sacred calling. Great opposition was raised to his episcopal consecration and mission, both by his own relatives and by the clergy. They made him great offers in order to detain him among them, and endeavoured to affright him by exaggerating the dangers to which he exposed himself amid the enemies of the Romans and Britons, who did not know God. All these temptations cast the Saint into great perplexity; but the Lord, whose Will he consulted by earnest prayer, supported him and he persevered in his resolution.

In his sixteenth year he was carried into captivity in Ireland by barbarians. There he was obliged to shepherd cattle on the mountains and in the forests, in hunger and nakedness, amid snow, rain, and ice. The young man had recourse to God with his whole heart, in fervent prayer and fasting, and from that time faith and the love of God acquired a constantly renewed strength in his tender soul. After six months spent in slavery, Saint Patrick was admonished by God in a dream to return to his own country, and was informed that a ship was then ready to sail there. He went at once to the seacoast, though at a great distance, and found the vessel, but he could not obtain his passage -

2023 CALENDAR

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
3:30 - 4:30pm Study Hall				NO STUDY HALL
13 Mar PUBLIC HOLIDAY	14 Mar	15 Mar 2:00pm - Community Afternoon Tea <i>NAPLAN</i>	16 Mar ATHLETICS DAY	17 Mar - St Patrick <i>NAPLAN</i>
3:30 - 4:30pm Study Hall				NO STUDY HALL
20 Mar 9am - Community Mass in College Chapel <i>NAPLAN</i>	21 Mar <i>NAPLAN</i>	22 Mar <i>NAPLAN</i>	23 Mar <i>NAPLAN</i>	24 Mar
3:30 - 4:30pm Study Hall				NO STUDY HALL
27 Mar SSV Yr 3-6 Athletics	28 Mar	29 Mar	30 Mar	31 Mar
3:30 - 4:30pm Study Hall				NO STUDY HALL
3 Apr	4 Apr	5 Apr Last Day of Term	6 Apr HOLY THURSDAY	7 Apr GOOD FRIDAY
3:30 - 4:30pm Study Hall				

OFFICE HOURS

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

TERM DATES 2023

1st Term:	30th January - 5th April	3rd Term:	18th July - 15th September
2nd Term:	26th April - 23rd June	4th Term:	2nd October - 7th December