

# CAROLINE CHISHOLM COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents, Friends, Staff and Students of Caroline Chisholm College,

They say that a picture says a thousand words. One of the most memorable moments on my recent pilgrimage was to be part of an audience with Pope Francis. Some of you may think that 'an audience' is a small group meeting with the Pope but this is not the case.

On the assigned day, we were very cleverly 'ushered' to a spot in an area of St Peter's Square outside the Vatican. We were advised not to take the front seats because the back corner was going to be better. 'Trust me' said our guide.

As a very short person, I didn't really believe this, but trusted that our guide knew what she was doing. We waited and as we waited the rest of the seats in front of us – thousands of them - filled up. Behind us, the standing room area also began to fill up. So the audience was actually an audience of maybe 10-15,000 people.

A roar come out of the crowd! This was my signal that the Pope had emerged. Several large screens showed close ups of him reading his blessing to the gathered crowd. After he had spoken, as is customary, the Pope moved through the crowd in his open car flanked by several very serious looking security men. Here was this man dressed in white flanked by a sea of people all reaching out just to receive a touch or a smile from him.

At one point, he picked up two small children whom he took with him in his Pope mobile and I imagined what a WOW that was for those children. He blessed babies and many disabled people too. I could see this very clearly because it was all being relayed onto huge screens so he seemed very close!

Suddenly I realised that he was heading towards us. I jumped onto a chair (a bit like Zacchaeus to get a better view) and realised that I was only about 4 people away from the front row - I saw the sea of people behind me and knew that I was part of something very very big!

As Pope Francis moved closer to where we were, my fellow pilgrims were madly clicking their cameras – I think I was caught up in the moment - so wasn't!

As he moved closer and closer I saw Pope Francis' face and it was brimming with love and life. The joyfulness in Pope Francis seemed to beam out of him - He looked as if he was genuinely and deeply moved and he was 'radiant' in his joy. This is a beautiful face of the church.

So the photos I share with you were not taken by myself. I'm the 'short' person standing on a chair with my hands up in the air and the other photo was taken by another pilgrim from a space she squeezed into in the front row!

I hope that you can image in the scene...for me it was one of the highlights of my pilgrimage.

Mrs Mary Leask Principal

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Faith Courage Tolerance



Principal Mrs Mary Leask (in the green) at 'an audience' with the Pope





#### YEAR 11 SEMESTER 2 PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

The College Principal's Award is given to students who have demonstrated outstanding commitment in all areas of their learning. It encourages all girls to strive for excellence in their work.

We congratulate the following recipients of the Principal's Awards for Semester 2 for Year 11.

Antonia Aguilera Campusano	Eliza Harris	Paris Reedy
Anam Ahmed	Sydney Harris	Tasha Reynolds
Komal Ahmed	Victoria Henry	Sarah Richter
Katrina Aldama	Courtney Hooper	Layla Rizk
Emily Allen	Maddison Horne	Sarah Ruddick
Samantha Arnold	Tayla Hui	Melanie Ruse
Robyn Bailey	Ebony Humphrey	Ashleigh Ryan
Alyce Baldacchino	Jodi Izzett	Angela Sangalang
Elizabeth Banicek	Alecia John	Samantha Santiago
Nicola Barton	Simran Kang	Chloe Sheridan
Aimee Beriotto	Eileen Kenny	Claire Shirvington
Georgia Bracken	Mahum Khan	Emily Smith
Lauren Butler	Olivia Kohlenberg	Jordan Sookee
Daniela Ceccattini	Bianca Kraljevic	Emma Steltenpool
Nicole Chandra	Rohini Kumari	Lani Stone
Michaela Clarke	Jessica Lenferna	Tazmaine Sultana
Allana Connelly	Aprill Manders	Georgina Sutcliffe
Jessica Cortis	Jennifer McDonald	Cassandra Swat
Madeline Cortis	Shae McLaughlin	Kristy Tebbutt
Erica D'Mello	Chloe McLeod	Grace Tehan
Lauren Dahl	Dayna Moore	Alana Thomas
Clare Devlin	Caitlin Morgan	Starr Thomas
Emma Di Cristoforo	Sophie Morrison	Ashlee Thompson
Diana Djerke	Jasmine Neal	Rachel Thomson
Megan Dunkley	Chloe Neilly	Emma Thornton
Sharna Enman	Jennifer Neilsen	Sarah Toan
Naomi Felton	Kelsey Neumann	Ria Varghese
Rachel Freeburn	Maddie O'Connor	Hannah Vella
Victoria Fryer	Megan O'Connor	Roisin Ward
Madisyn Gale	Tysha Parashko	Kristina Whba
Shianne Garner	Cara Pemble	Michelle Xerri
Anya Govender	Rhiannon Philp	

**Bridget Quigley** 



Sarah Halicek

#### **DIARY DATES**

Year 7 Items, Year 8 Items, Year 9 Items, Year 10 Items, Year 11 Items and Year 12 Items, Whole School Items

Wednesday 29	Year 9 Exams	
Thursday 30	Year 9 Exams	
Friday 31	All Saints Liturgy	
	Year 9 Exams	
Monday 3	Year 8 Sculptures by the Sea Excursion	
	Year 10 Examinations	
Tuesday 4	Year 10 Examinations	
Wednesday 5	Year 10 Examinations	
Thursday 6	Year 10 Examinations	
Friday 7	Junior Leadership Development Day	
Monday 10	Engaging Adolescents Program	



#### FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

#### Walkathon

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find information about a mini-walkathon which has been proposed by the senior college student leaders and will take place on December 3. I am very pleased to support this initiative which, while raising some funds for the college, primarily is about building school spirit. The student leaders are to be commended on the way they have approached their new responsibilities. For the walkathon, they prepared a very professional proposal and submission and the college executive was very happy to accept and support them. More information will follow in upcoming newsletters.

#### **Doing the Right Thing**

Congratulations to **Lilly-Rose Saliba** (7 MacKillop), **Chelsea Skypka** (7 Macarthur), and **Isabel Vella** (10 MacKillop). They have been selected to receive a \$5 canteen voucher for college service.

Mr Greg King - Assistant Principal



#### FROM THE LEADER OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This week we have enclosed a copy of a letter from Bishop Anthony Fisher asking you to support the Diocesan Works Fund (DWF) November Appeal. The DWF Appeal is a Diocesan pastoral care appeal held three times a year in parishes to fund a number of works and ministries in the Diocese of Parramatta. The DWF appeal in schools will coincide with the three giving appeals in Parishes that are held in February, May and November. This is not a separate campaign for schools but part of the broader diocesan appeal. Parents who contribute at the parish level are not expected to give through the school, although they may like to do so. The Diocesan Works Fund Appeal provides funds that teach, heal, support, nurture and feed people in Western Sydney.

The DWF supports more than twenty ministries and organisations throughout Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. The ministries you will be assisting include ministries of the church like CCD, educating in faith children in public schools, the Seminary- training priests, the Ephpheta Centre providing services to the deaf and hearing impaired, the Youth office, the Office of Worship, Social Justice and the Institute for Mission providing opportunities for faith formation in the Diocese.

The funds collected in the DWF Appeal also supports the social welfare arm of the Church-CatholicCare Social Services (CCSS). CatholicCare provides programs and oversees the provision of high-quality social services operating according to the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

CatholicCare programs and services include:

- Aboriginal Catholic Services
- Mt Druitt Community Awareness Project
- New Arrivals Program for African Communities
   Program
- Blacktown Family Support Service
- Project Elizabeth
- Catherine Villa Support
- Emmaus Disabled Persons Services

- After Hours Family Counselling
- Penrith Family Support Service
- Blacktown Neighbour Aid
- Relationship Education
- Relationship and Family Counselling
- Financial Counselling
- Responsible Gambling Counselling
- Solo Parents Ministry

For further information on any of these services go to <a href="http://www.faithatwork.org.au/">http://www.faithatwork.org.au/</a>.

A copy of the letter from Bishop Anthony will be included with this newsletter. In addition, families will be emailed a copy of the letter requesting their support. An envelope will be sent home with the eldest child in each family. Please return your contribution with this envelope during the month of November if you wish to support this appeal.

Ms Bernadette Murray - Leader of Religious Education



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August 18, 2014

My Dear People

#### Diocesan Works Fund Appeal in Schools

In May of this year we inaugurated the Diocesan Works Fund (DWF) Appeal in schools throughout the Diocese of Parramatta and it supported the regular May Appeal in parishes. I write to thank you for your contributions.

From Granville to Katoomba parishes and schools came together to raise much-needed funds to support CatholicCare's wide range of welfare services in Western Sydney, as well as educate Seminarians, finance catechetics in government schools and support youth ministry, deacons, university and hospital chaplains.

The theme of this DWF appeal was Faith at Work based on the words of James 2:18 'But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.'

Eleven schools in the Diocese of Parramatta raised over \$1000 by conducting school fundraising events and returning envelopes that had gone home to families. A total of \$38,000 was collected from school communities. Please be assured that the funds raised make a genuine difference to many people.

I am grateful to parish priests and parishioners, to principals and parents, to teachers and students and their families, to long-time supporters and new contributors.

In November, the final DWF Appeal for 2014 will be run in schools and parishes and your generosity is once again called upon so that the good work can be continued. 'Without the money, there can be no mission'. When all of us give on a regular basis, the Church can plan for mission into the future and make a real difference.

May God bless you and the work you have made possible in and through the Church in Parramatta and beyond.

Yours sincerely in Christ

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Most Reverend Anthony Fisher OP, DD BA LIB BTheol DPhil

Bishop of Parramatta

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#### FROM THE LEADER OF INNOVATION & LEARNING

#### **Year 9 and 10 Yearly Examinations**

Our Year 9 students will complete their first set of major exams this week. I would like to commend the girls on their conduct during these exams and the preparation they put in to revise for each subject. Feedback about each student's achievement in these exams will be provided over the coming weeks.

Next week our Year 10 students will sit for their Yearly exams. A reminder that if your daughter is ill on the day of an exam, you must contact **Mr Fuller** by 8.35am and provide a Doctor's Certificate on the day your daughter returns to school. They will catch up on any missed exam at the next available

opportunity.

We wish Year 10 the very best as they prepare for these important formal assessments.

#### **Year 11 Reports and Reflections**

All Year 11 students were issued with their End of Preliminary Course reports this week. As they commence their HSC studies, this is a great opportunity for parents to have some discussions with their daughters about their progress in the Year 11 course and the changes needed to further improve their learning as they commence their HSC studies.

In the past students were asked to complete report reflection sheets once they received their reports. This will be slightly modified and your daughters will instead be asked to reflect on their achievements in each subject area and set some goals for their HSC studies in their individual classes.

The questions will include:

What was your overall achievement grade in this course?
What do you see as some of your strengths in this course?
What areas of your learning in this course do you feel you need to improve on?
Based on your teacher's comments what did you do well in this course?
Based on your teacher's recommendations what do you need to do to improve?
What will be your starting point to respond to each of these recommendations?
What would you like to achieve in the HSC for this course? How do you intend to do achieve this?

Students will be asked to record these reflections in each of their course workbooks. Each individual teacher will sign off on these reflections and ask their students to stick to their goals as they progress through the HSC course. We ask parents to take some time to have a look at the reflections and workbooks in each subject and co-sign them also.

By having these reflections recorded in their course workbooks, students, teachers and parents will be able to easily refer to them and help the girls stick to the goals. Best wishes to all students as they commence their HSC studies.

#### Jacaranda Digital Bundle for Year 8, 9 and 10 Students 2015

For 2015, the College has committed itself to once again use the Jacaranda Digital Bundle as the textbook option for all courses. Next week a flyer will be sent home to parents of students currently in Years 7, 8 and 9.

The bundle will once again cost \$100 and provide access to all textbooks and a range of online digital resources. **These** will be compatible with iPads, as students in Years 8, 9 and 10 (2015) will continue with the iPad program.

The flyer will contain information about the books offered in the package and how to use the Parent Portal to make the direct payments to Jacaranda. Links will be provided on the College website for parents to access this more easily, as will information about the resources available. Stay tuned for updates next week!

Mr Stephen Casni - Leader of Innovation & Learning



#### **ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS PROGRAM**

As a part of our overall commitment to the emotional and physical wellbeing of students at Caroline Chisholm College one of the current initiatives we are excited to offer again is a free three-session program for parents and carers titled 'Engaging Adolescents'. This program ran in term 3 during office hours with great success, so this term we are able to offer it outside of office hours so that we can enable parents who may have been interested but unable to attend due to commitments can take up this great opportunity.

The learning goals of this course for participants includes: building better relationships with teenage children, understandings of adolescence, skills for tough conversations and strategies for managing difficulties as they arise.

So often we hear parents/carers express that their child's behaviour and attitude shifts during adolescence, and as a result it can be quite tough at times to negotiate some of those challenging situations and conversations. We hope that this course provides parents/carers who may be experiencing some of those challenges a 'toolkit' of strategies, skills and support for navigating those tough points of parenting teenagers.

The details of the group are below.

Dates: Mondays: 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November, and 1<sup>st</sup> December

In order to get the most benefit from the program participants are expected to attend all

three sessions.

Time: 6:30pm start, 8:30pm finish

Where: Library Meeting room, Caroline Chisholm College

Who: Facilitated by Student Services team members Cate Munro and Tanya Cosgrave, with a

combination of parents/carers from the school attending

Cost: \$10 for the workbook

If you would like to register your interest in attending, or would like further information, please contact me on <u>jaustin4@parra.catholic.edu.au</u>, or (02) 4737 5500. Places will fill fast, so if you would like to register please do so by **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November**.

Mrs Jessica Austin - School Counsellor

From the Student Leaders

Introducing the....



We are very excited to announce Caroline Chisholm will be running a Walkathon! This is an exciting new initiative developed by the senior leadership team wanting to further school spirit and begin the journey to winning the 2015 house cup. There is a new SIGNIFICANT prize for all members of the house who win the school cup! Stay posted to hear about this exciting new prize.

The walkathon will be held on Wednesday the 3rd of December, during period 5 and 6.

Students are asked to bring in a minimum \$2 donation to enter the Walkathon, and the funds will be allocated to purchase some exciting new additions to the school!

There will be an opportunity for students to dress in house colours, promoting school spirit and the battle of the houses! House points will be awarded for the best dressed house/student and to the homerooms which show the most enthusiasm. This is the first significant event to earn points for your house and will have a significant impact on how it changes the current points leaderboard!

The leaders are eager to see the event go ahead and we are sure it will be met with support and energy from all students.



#### CONGRATULATIONS EMILY AND GEORGIA

**Emily Saunders** of Year 10 has recently been selected to represent the state in the NSW U16 Ladies Indoor Netball team.

She will travel to Western Australia in late November to compete in the National Championships. This will be the second time that Emily has represented the state since taking up indoor netball last year.







On Saturday 6th September **Georgia Goddard** of Year 9 attended the Camden High Interschool Equestrian Carnival representing Caroline Chisholm College. It was an excellent day and **Georgia** rode well competing in the Secondary Novice Group placing 3rd in the Versatility class and 4th in the Hack over 15 hands event. The weather was beautiful on the day enabling a very successful event. Georgia has been riding horses since she was seven years of age and also attends pony club and local shows. Well done Georgia on a fantastic achievement.

Miss Jessica Camilleri - Sport Coordinator

#### YEAR 10 SCIENCE'S LIVE STREAM VIDEO: ROCK-STAR SCIENTIST PROFESSOR BRIAN COX

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2014, two Year 10 science classes were privileged enough to tune into the live interview taking place online with British physicist, scientist and documentary-maker Professor Brian Cox. During the hour, he and Dr Tanya Meyer – the science education specialist at RiAus Adelaide, who was hosting the event – answered questions submitted by school students from all over Australia. Professor Cox's answers provided us with much food for thought and valuable insights into some of the most profound questions in science: are we alone in the universe? Is time travel possible? What happens inside a black hole? As a general rule, he had one answer for us – we students, as a curious generation of future scientists – had the potential and ability to find out.



Professor Cox's energy and commitment to his work was inspiring. He told us that since a very young age, he had always been interested in stars, science fiction and space travel, which was what led him into a science career. Throughout his talk, the professor commented on the importance of all fields of science, and the great value every STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education and vocation has for the future of our world. He reflected that just over twenty years ago, when he was at school, 'the syllabus was so different...we just didn't have the information...like the specifics of DNA...that students do today'. With that, he challenged us to use the information now at our fingertips to investigate the universe we live in, reminding us what a long way we have come – from thinking that Earth was at the centre of the universe, to landing on the moon! Not only did we learn a variety of new facts about science from Professor Cox's interview, but we found that his enthusiasm was contagious, and helped us to realise the diversity and importance of every role and branch of science in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. On behalf of Year 10, thank you to the entire Chisholm science faculty for this opportunity!

Written by Reena Mukherjee, Year 10 Science



#### LEADERSHIP SHOWCASE NEWSLETTER REPORT

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October, Caroline Chisholm College held its very first Leadership Showcase. Parents, homeroom and executive staff were invited to hear from the Year 12 leadership team who presented their upcoming initiatives and ideas.

The students with additional help of **Ms Burke** organised the night, already demonstrating true leadership qualities. The evening, held at Penrith Panthers Leagues Club, allowed the students to outline their role descriptions, proposals and expectations of themselves as leaders at Caroline Chisholm College. Each leader had the opportunity to introduce



their upcoming initiatives, which are sure to enhance school spirit, involving strong communal participation developing the wonderful ethos we already hold within the community.

Initiatives run through committees, house and an integration of the entire school will allow our current and upcoming leaders to flourish, promoting communal involvement and enhancing the Sisterhood at the College.

We would like to acknowledge the contribution of the College community and Ms Leask for supporting the leadership showcase that provided the students with the opportunity to inform teachers and parents about their future leadership endeavours. It was a great way to start the week and to introduce our leadership ideas!

Written by Samantha Arnold, Sarah Toan and Jennifer McDonald

#### Year 7 2015

On 21 October an information session was held at the College for incoming Year 7 students for 2015. The focus was on technology needs for Year 7 in 2015. At the session, parents were told that the information at the presentation would be available on the school website. This information is now available and can be found at www.cccglenmorepark.catholic.edu.au/year-7-2105. Please pass this information on to any parents of students who will be in Year 7 in 2015.

Nepean Valley Assembly – 9th November 2014, Padre Pio Catholic Church, Glenmore Park, 12,30pm-2,30pm



Bec Reedy of Emu Plains Uniting Church and Patrice Moriaty of St Clair's Catholic Church will be chairing this event

"We rent and I don't think we'll ever have the

The Uniting Church, Catholic Church, Jewish community, Baptists, unions, Cancer Council, Good Beginnings, Migrant Resource Centres and other organisations are coming together to talk to politicians about what matters to our

On Sunday 9th November we'll be asking our politicians to work with us to secure fair outcomes around housing affordability, publi





- Housing affordability

- Badgerys Creek airport



WHEN and WHERE: Sunday 9th November Church, 34-38 William Howell Drive, Glenmor

WHAT TO DO:

Put it in your diary!
 Tell others to come along too! RSVP at

www.sydneyalliance.org.au/nepean Or contact Samara Barchet at sbarchet@sydneyalliance.org.au 0431 880

#### **Tools for Parents**



#### **Helping The Anxious Child**

Wednesday 12th November 2014

10am—12.30pm In this workshop parents can learn:

- Strategies for parents as well as children, in managing children's anxiety
- How teaching your child strategies can help settle anxiety
- To understand better what may be behind anxiety in children
  - The importance of 'listening' with the anxious child

This is a project offered by Richmond Community Services Inc. and all activities are held at: The Neighbourhood Centre 20 West Market Street Richmond NSW 2753

Bookings - call 4588 3502 Mon - Thursday or email: admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au



