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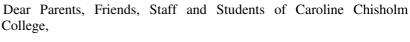
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



What an exciting two weeks at Caroline Chisholm!

After the very successful inaugural student Leaders' Dinner on Monday 27th October, where our 2015 leaders were able to present their plans to their parents and to their homeroom teachers and the college Executive,

a Leadership training day was held at school which saw the students from Years 7-10 join our senior leaders to plan out their work for next year.

There was much energy and creativity in the room as they learnt the important lessons of balance – between schoolwork and leadership; compromise and organisation.

In their short time as leaders our Year 12 students have developed a very professional proposal for a Mini Walkathon, which they successfully "pitched" to the college Executive. They have also run their first whole school assembly with a focus on building house spirit and raising awareness about each of the house initiatives. Their assembly ended with a rousing "chant off" between the houses. In the end although MacKillop was named the winner – the real winners were the student leaders.

They have begun with such spirit and energy and I am delighted at how quickly they have begun to "own their roles" under the leadership of **Samantha Arnold**, **Jennifer McDonald** and **Sarah Toan**.

2015 certainly looks set to be a very energised year for our students.

This week has also been a busy time as we begin the process of celebrating the wonderful and many achievements of our students through a series of presentation ceremonies in front of family and friends.

At the Year 11 ceremony I articulated the traits of successful learners.

They are girls who have seen opportunities to improve and they have actively pursued those opportunities. They didn't wait for "success" to be delivered to them. They made their success happen and they did that by

- being actively engaged every lesson
- asking questions in class seeking deeper understanding,
- using feedback from their teachers to improve,
- seeing mistakes as being useful to their learning.
- showing initiative
- collaborating with their peers so that every one can achieve success,
- pushing themselves hard in their learning until they were satisfied.

I finished my address by saying that I believe passionately that **EVERY** girl at Caroline Chisholm can achieve success in their learning – some may have to work harder, some will push further, some will prove more determined – but I believe that **ALL** students can do this. My ideal prize giving ceremony would be when I would ask every girl in the school

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Faith Courage Tolerance

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to stand up proudly to be acknowledged as a determined, independent learner – proud of her achievements and proud of the fact that she gave it her best.

I am very much looking forward to our other ceremonies and opportunities to celebrate the great success stories in our learning.

Corinth: a place to stand up for what you believe.

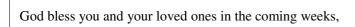
During my recent pilgrimage, I had many opportunities to think about the early Christian communities and the struggle they had to get even just a "toe hold" in the roman world.

At Corinth we stood among the ruins of what would have been a bustling city. When Paul arrived here, he was uncertain about how his message of Jesus would be received. However he was persistent in his preaching so that by the time he left Corinth, he had built up a community of believers who were then able to carry on his mission – of proclaiming Jesus as the Messiah.

Our Mass under the trees was respectful of the first Eucharist shared by that small first community at Corinth.







Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Mary Leask Principal

PARENT LISTENING FORUM

RESILIENCE AND YOUR DAUGHTER

Date: Tuesday 25 November **Time**: 1.30 and 6.30 pm

Come along and share your experiences RSVP: rwilson2@parra.catholic.edu.au Monday 24 November 2014



DIARY DATES

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

Thursday 13 Year 12 Formal

Year 11 Presentation Ceremony

Friday 14 St Vincent de Paul High School Gathering

Year 7 (2015) Orientation Day

Year 11 Reconciliation

Tuesday 18 Girls Rising - Year 10 & 11 Leaders UWS

Wednesday 19 Year 12 (2015) Business Studies IKEA Excursion

Year 11 Reconciliation

Drama Showcase - 6.30 pm

Thursday 20 Pizzazz Primary Creative Arts Day

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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Years 7-9 Disco

Years 7-9 students are invited to the college disco held in conjunction with St Dominic's College on Wednesday 26 November. The disco runs from 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm. An information email was sent to all parents of girls in Years 7-9. I would like to emphasise a couple of points from that email. Please collect students promptly at 9.00 from St Dominic's, not from Hungry Jack's. Please make sure students are properly dressed in accordance with the college non-uniform activity policy which was attached to the email and can be found on the



college website.



Uniforms - shoes

It's the time of year when I need to remind students and parents that students must wear black leather-covered polishable shoes that cover the top of the foot. This is both a uniform and an OHS requirement. Please note the information sent earlier that black leather gym style shoes (like Converses) are not acceptable, nor are completely flat shoes without any moulding on the sole. If shoes need to be replaced before next year, please make sure they conform to this requirement as it will expensive if a newly-purchased pair has to be replaced. If a particular store is out of stock with this type of shoe, try another. If there is still a problem, contact me before buying any shoes.

Uniforms - skirts

Over the course of the year many students have obviously grown and many will need to have their skirts lengthened or replaced. Any student needing to purchase a skirt will purchase the new skirt. The advantage is that any purchase will represent good value as it can be worn for some time (or sold second hand). Considering the time the girls wear them (and compared to other clothing purchases they make) at \$50 this is probably the best value item of clothing you will buy for your daughters!

I need to emphasise that the uniform length is to the bottom of the knee. Some students' skirts have crept up to nearer the top of the knee as the year has progressed. This is the time to address this. All students must start the year with skirts to the bottom of the knee. Students whose skirts do not come to this length will receive reminder notices over the next few weeks and will need to lengthen or replace the skirts.

Doing the Right Thing

Congratulations to **Tanner Wilson** (7 Macarthur), **Brittany Van Doorn** (7 Macarthur) and **Lily Marmont** (7 MacKillop). They have been selected to receive a \$5 canteen voucher for college service.

Mr Greg King - Assistant Principal

RECENT SCHOOL NOTICES

These are the current news items that have been published on our College website recently. Please click on the hyperlink to view the article in full.



Galleries

Click on the link below to visit our website and view the latest photo's from the Dance Showcase, All Saints Liturgy and Remembrance Day Assembly.

http://tinyurl.com/p44ru2e





FROM THE LEADER OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

"I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, naked and you clothed me. I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me. Whenever you did this for one of the least important of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for me."

- Matthew 25: 35, 40

Over the past few weeks the staff and students of the college have been assisting a number of initiatives supporting charities in our local area and throughout the world. I would like to draw your attention to

some of these.

DWF Appeal. Over the last week Diocesan Works Fund envelopes have been sent home to each family asking you to assist in the pastoral care activities of the Parramatta Diocese. The Diocesan Works Fund (DWF) supports the ministries and agency services of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta. Some of these agencies include:

- Aboriginal Catholic Services
- Mt Druitt Community Awareness Project
- New Arrivals Program for African Communities Program
- Blacktown Family Support Service
- Penrith Family Support Service
- Project Elizabeth
- Family Counselling & Parenting Education (After Hours Family Counselling)
- Catherine Villa Family Support Programs (including Catherine Villa Supported Accommodation and Catherine Villa Family Support)
- Emmaus Disabled Persons Catholic Services
- Blacktown Neighbour Aid
- Financial Counselling
- Relationship Education (including Pre-Marriage Education)
- Responsible Gambling Counselling Service
- Relationship and Family Counselling
- Solo Parents' Ministry
- HIV/AIDS Ministry

However large or small, any donation you can make to the DWF is gratefully received and helps these ministries to continue their important work. Your donation can be made by returning the envelope sent home last week to the school or your parish office.

Vinnies Van

In late October a number of staff went out on Vinnies Van, an initiative of the St Vincent de Paul that provides food and drink to people who are homeliness or experience loneliness in the Penrith and Parramatta areas. This food and conversation for many is an essential part of their life. In the coming weeks Year 12 student volunteers will be trained to participate in this work of mercy. "I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you received me in your home . . ."

Wright House - National Breast Cancer Research Foundation

Congratulations to **Jodie Izzet**. The Wright house members and **Ms Emma Hasking** for their work in advocating and fundraising for the Breast Cancer Foundation. The guest speaker they had invited to the last college assembly, Sharon, who herself suffers from breast cancer, certainly raised our awareness of the need for regular self examination along with research to find a cure of this disease which effects so many lives.

Sydney Alliance

Last Sunday, 9th November, **Madeline Cortis, Nicole Chandra, Sarah Toan, Sophie Douglas Torrrie, Jordyn Cochran** and **Lily Danby** were accompanied by **Mr Greg King** to the Penrith gathering of the Sydney Alliance hosted by Padre Pio Parish. The Sydney Alliance is a diverse coalition of community organisations, religious organisations, unions and schools that uses the tools of community organising to make the city a better place to live.

The Alliance has three goals. We work with our partner organisations to:

- 1. Increase and strengthen the leadership capacity of their members, their leaders, and staff.
- 2. Deepen the relationships across civil society by strengthening the relationships between our partner organisations.
- 3. Act for the 'Common Good'.

The purpose for the meeting on the 9th November was to discuss concerns for residents in the Penrith area around issues such as affordable housing, public transport, jobs and the Badgerys Creek airport.

Kenny House - Penrith Domestic Violence Unit

Currently Kenny House, led by **Emma Thornton**, **Ms Penny Mabon** and **Sarah Toan** along with other Year 12 house members are raising money for the Penrith Domestic Violence Unit which supports women and families who are victims of abuse from within their own homes. They will be hosting a cake stall on Thursday to raise funds for this initiative.

Gilmore House and Year 10 Volunteers at Mamre

Gilmore House are currently organising fundraising to support the work of Mamre, a project of the Sisters of Mercy Parramatta, commenced in 1986 with a vision to be 'A place of promise where individuals are enabled to realise their potential and contribute to the community'.

Mamre currently operates programs for people with disability, refugees and youth and are proud to be a part of the local St Mary's community.

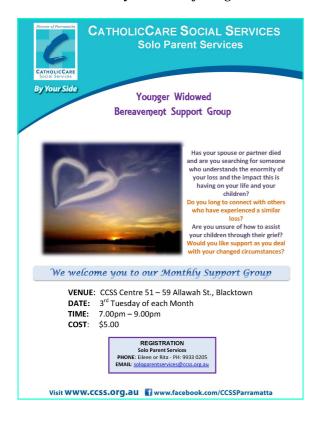
Students from Year 10 volunteer each month to assist at Mamre with Mamre Magic Days. This day is designed to offer a range of fun activities for people with a disability in our local area.

Jackson House - Congo Aid

Jackson House are currently in the process of organising some fundraising for their initiative which supports an orphanage in the Congo. This orphanage has recently been effected by severe weather, culminating in the building being deemed inhabitable. As a result 44 orphans are without a home and are currently living in crisis accommodation. For many of these children their lives have been greatly affected by war, terrorism and the death of their parents. If we can assist them to regain a safe home, we will.

Thankyou to everyone who so generously supports any of these initiatives which reflect that we are people not just of word, but of deed as well.

Ms Bernadette Murray - Leader of Religious Education









FROM THE LEADER OF INNOVATION & LEARNING

Year 12 HSC Assessment Handbook and Calendar

All Year 11 students have now been emailed a copy of the Year 12 HSC Assessment Handbook and Term 4 Assessment Calendar. These documents are also available on the College website for parents to view. I encourage all parents to take some time to go through these important pieces of information with your daughter so everyone is familiar with the rules and procedures around assessment for the HSC. These documents can be found at http://www.cccglenmorepark.catholic.edu.au/school-notes under the Year 12 category.

Year 12 Formal Assessment Calendar - Term 4: Week 6-8

The following Year 12 Formal Assessments are due in the upcoming weeks:

Week 6	10 Nov	11 Nov Senior Science (Part A)	12 Nov	13 Nov	14 Nov Biology
Week 7	17 Nov Senior Science (Part B)	18 Nov Design & Technology Textiles & Design	19 Nov	20 Nov Work Studies	21 Nov Studies of Religion II Senior Science (Part C)
Week 8	24 Nov	25 Nov	26 Nov Agriculture	27 Nov Food Technology	28 Nov General Maths 1 General Maths 2 Mathematics

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

Last week all students in Years 7-9 received a letter containing login information for the Jacaranda Parent Portal and information about what is contained in the textbook package.

All payments are due via the portal by **Friday 14 November**. The portal can be accessed at https://parentportal.jaconline.com.au/page/caroline-chisholm.

Parents of students entering Year 7 in 2015 need not use the portal to purchase the online textbooks. The payment for the textbook bundle will be added to your first set of school fees.

The College has once again committed to using an online source as the provider for textbooks. Teachers will be using the online versions of these texts and other e-resources provided by the package to plan their learning and teaching activities for 2015. It is important that all students have access to this textbook package so they can engage in the various learning activities in their classes next year.

If you have any concerns regarding payment of the textbook package, please contact **Mrs Cathy Moran** (Business Manager) to discuss this.

If you are experiencing any technical difficulties with the parent portal, please contact me via email at scasni@parra.catholic.edu.au.

Mr Stephen Casni - Leader of Innovation & Learning







Resilience would have to be one of the most valuable character traits that we can instill in our children to give them the best opportunity for a successful future and healthy overall wellbeing. A resilient person is someone who is able to be confronted by adversity, stressors (big or small) and new situations, yet manage these events so that they don't experience negative effects to their wellbeing, and potentially actually feel stronger for having overcome the situation. All young people can build personal skills to develop resilience, but parents/carers are essential to this process through role modeling, encouragement, support and guidance. Some of the most significant values and skills that influence a child's resilience include:

- **Personal values and attitudes** i.e. self-respect, empathy, respect for others
- Social skills i.e. make friends, manage conflict, teamwork
- **Helpful and optimistic thinking** i.e. being realistic, maintaining rationality, keeping perspective
- Skills for getting things done i.e. feeling confident and capable, organisation, self-discipline

Some of the key messages that parents/carers can communicate to their children to promote and foster resilience include:

- Life is mainly good, but now and then everyone has a difficult or unhappy time. It's a normal part of life.
- Things nearly always get better, even though they might sometimes take a bit longer to improve than you'd like. Stay hopeful and work on the problem if you can.
- You'll feel better and have more ideas about what you can do if you talk to someone you trust about what's worrying or upsetting you.
- No-one's perfect. We all make mistakes. We all find out there are some things we can't do so well.
- If you can find something positive or funny in a difficult situation, no matter how small, it can help you cope better.
- Take fair responsibility for what you did or didn't do to cause a difficult or unhappy situation. But don't over -blame yourself circumstances, bad luck or other people all played a part too.
- If something can't be changed, you just have to accept it and live with it. Don't make yourself miserable by making it worse or by assuming that the worst possible scenario is the one that will happen.
- When something goes wrong, it will usually only affect one part of your life. When this happens, focus more on the things in your life that are still going well.
- Everyone gets scared sometimes, but not always about the same things. Facing your fears can help you grow stronger.
- Don't let yourself be 'hijacked' by your feelings so that you're not in charge of yourself. Find a way to calm yourself down so you can think of the best way to deal with how you're feeling.

This information has been adapted from: http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/resilience teenagers.html

Mrs Jessica Austin - School Counsellor

BANDANNA DAY FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER

The junior representative council of 2014 organised Bandanna Day to help support Canteen Youth Cancer in our society. Youth cancer affects up to 23,000 young people aged between 12-24 every year. This age category is quite young and you can only imagine how difficult and scary it would be to overcome their illnesses.

Friday 31st October was the day we raised awareness for those suffering with cancer by wearing a Bandanna purchased earlier in the week for \$4. Along with this sale were also pens being sold for \$3, which can be used, in day-to-day activities, which will continue to promote awareness. As a college we believe this cause is worth while as it is truly close to our hearts due to the fact that is it targeted mainly at our age group (youth).



Why do we wear Bandannas?

Bandannas are a symbol of awareness as cancer patients often lose their hair from their treatments. This therefore shows how we support those with cancer as we can embrace the experiences they have to go through everyday.

As a result all bandannas we purchased for selling have been sold by multiple students in our college, which shows how much we support and care for this cause. It was definitely a successful day and we have faith that our contributions to this cause really made a difference in our community.

Thank you everyone who got involved.

Written by Angela Sciacchitano, Emily Alexander and Chantelle Al-Khouri - Year 10 Leaders

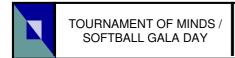
LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Samantha Arnold recently participated in the Lions Youth of the Year competition. This competition saw a number of school captains from the Penrith area participate in an interview and then a public speaking competition in front of the Penrith Lions Club. The students were asked to prepare a five minute speech, and also speak for 2 minutes on 2 questions they were given on the spot.

Samantha spoke beautifully about the significance of the Sydney Olympics for national identity and the concept of diminishing privacy in the new age of social media. Finally her prepared speech was on growing up and she discussed the importance of always raising the bar to be able to reach your dreams. Samantha was a very strong contender and won the public speaking section of the competition. She should be commended on her efforts as she achieved a great result among a collection of very mature, well spoken and highly accomplished candidates.

Mr David Gerlach - Year 11 Leader of Learning





TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

Late last term we had four teams of girls participate in Tournament of Minds, an international competition that encourages team thinking, problem solving and collaboration.

The teams spent 6 weeks solving their challenges, in the areas of Applied Technology, Language Literature, Maths Engineering and Social Science.

Congratulations to all 28 girls, for deciding to take on such a huge challenge and for honouring their commitment to their team. Thank you also to the team assistants Emma O'Brien and Chloe-Ann Cortes, who came to every lunch meeting and supported their teams to get ready for TOM day.

This year our Language Literature and Social Science teams attained Tournament Honours, meaning their scores placed them in the top few schools in the Sydney West Region. The Maths Engineering team won, progressing to State Championships!

Held at UNSW Kensington Campus, the State Final involved teams from all over the Sydney, Wollongong and Mountains regions. Our CCC team was given a new challenge to solve and only 3 hours to do so. They presented an incredibly sophisticated solution in a fantastic performance.

The team members were:

Applied Technology

Isabella Lopez, Renee Farrugia, Jessica Wilmette, Jacinta Rastegorac, Sian Johnson, Keeley McCahon, Mikaylee Dawson.

Language Literature

Victoria Ellul, Chloe Daley, Elizabeth Wakeling, Katherine Wakeling, Julia Facciol, Emma Finlay, Ashleigh Hermann.

Maths Engineering

Isabella Meekings, Jade Parkes, Alina Wakeling, Ashleigh Whitbread, Kirsten Pennings, Kathleen Sta Ana, Tara Bennett.

Social Science

Ruby Ritchie, Erika Palagyi, Orielle Nielsen, Jacinta Aquilina, Sophie Douglas-Torrie, Mireille Tamer, Reena Mukherjee.

Thanks to all of our team members for a wonderful Tournament season. We look forward to another brilliant year in 2015!

Mrs Louise Wakeling, Mrs Terezel Araya - Team facilitators

SOFTBALL GALA DAY

On the 21st October, 9 students from Caroline Chisholm College formed an Opens team to compete in the PDSSSC Softball Gala Day. On the day, we played Cerdon Senior, Cerdon Junior and Xavier Junior. We won against Cerdon Senior 18-8, Cerdon Junior 25-1 and Xavier 15-5. Everyone tried hard and played their best with great sportsmanship and as a result, we gained a medal for coming first in the Senior division and overall.

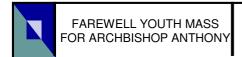
Congratulations to the following players

Robyn Bailey	Year 11	Cheyne Easthorpe	Year 8
Emma Finlay	Year 10	Madison D'Angelis	Year 8
Elise Izzard	Year 10	Brittany Jones	Year 8
Devan Brown	Year 10	Jaide Giroud	Year 7
Shaylan Whatman	Year 8		

Written by Robyn Bailey - Year 11







FAREWELL YOUTH MASS FOR ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY

Last Saturday six of the senior leaders were invited to attend Archbishop Anthony's farewell Youth mass at St. Patrick's Church in Blacktown. This was an opportunity for the students attending the catholic schools in the Parramatta Diocese to formally thank and farewell beloved Archbishop Anthony and wish him all the best in his new endeavours as the Archbishop of Sydney.

The day consisted of a beautiful Mass, a lunch and a presentation afterwards where the youth were able to reminisce about the wonderful times they shared with the Bishop at World Youth Days, on pilgrimage walks and at regular breakfast events at the Cathedral at Parramatta. The day was also an opportunity for the Catholic Youth Parramatta team to be acknowledged and receive a formal blessing. This team aims to work in conjunction with Archbishop Anthony and the youth to further enrich the faith and build the church up as a dynamic and living community.



Archbishop Anthony stressed the importance of accepting the challenge set out for us by God and being the hands of God in the hope of achieving the "eternal ring", as he referred to the hobbit in his homily.

We are thankful that we were given the opportunity to participate in such an enriching experience and we wish Archbishop Anthony the very best in undertaking his new role as the Archbishop of Sydney.

Written by Jennifer McDonald, College Deputy Leader

YEAR 12 VISUAL ARTS WORKS NOMINATED FOR ARTEXPRESS

We were notified recently that 10 students from the Year 12 Visual Arts class have had their Body of Work retained by the Board of Studies for possible selection for the prestigious ArtExpress exhibitions held early in 2015 at venues such as the NSW Art Gallery. Visual Arts students submit for their artmaking component of their HSC examination a body of work, a selection of artworks that illustrate their artmaking practice. These works are marked over a month in October at the Board of Studies marking centre. One of the criteria for inclusion in the selection pool is that the works generally need to have received marks that are at the very top of the 'A' range.

It is very exciting that a third of our HSC Visual Arts students have achieved this honour and reflects the overall high standard of work from all of the Year 12 Visual Arts students in the 2014 Visual Arts classes. During November, the exhibitions of about 200 works are selected from the pool of works and the girls will be notified in early December.

Year 12 teachers, **Ms Eyles** and **Ms Wood** are to be congratulated. Both teachers put in many hours of extra time during the school day and after school, on weekends and in their holidays. The girls have been very fortunate to have teachers who have given so much to assist them to achieve their goals and this high standard.

We congratulate the following students

Claudia Borg
Krysta Gregory
Rachelle Gutterigdge
Emily Kraljevic
Sarah Olsson
Sophie Stanojevic
Jenavieve Toro
Scarlett Dunn
Monique Khalifeh
Riley O'Connor

Mrs Karen King - Leader of Learning Creative Arts

CREATIVE ARTS

Year 8 Sculpture X Sea Excursion

On Monday 3rd November, Year 8 students walked from Bronte to Bondi to see the annual Sculpture X Sea exhibition. In their Visual Arts classes, students have been studying this exhibition as part of their Shorelines unit. They have been looking at the ways artists have made artworks that respond to this site. They have also used images from this site and other coastal sites as a basis for their designs for their ceramic works.

The girls really enjoyed walking amongst the 100 or more works dotted along the coastline.

Within Walking Distance

Year 9 Photography students have just completed a unit of work based on the work of Sydney photographer, Garry Trinh. Earlier in the unit, Garry Trinh came out and spoke about his work to the students and the girls found his talk both informative and inspiring, providing them with some ideas about how to approach this work. For their work, they were required to curate their own walks in the local area and highlight areas of interest and concern as Trinh does in his practice and in his work *Within Walking Distance* for the Western Sydney Parklands.

This project also connects to a project, *Super Sydney*, that the college has been part of for the last two years. *Super Sydney* is a group that gathers ideas from the community about their urban environment to contribute their voice to the ways that communities are developed. **Montana Miliambro's** work was featured in two international conference presentations by architect Tim Williams and academic Dr Cristina Garduno Freeman. **Skye Tranfa's** work and the work of the Year 9 students are featured in their latest newsletter.

Website

http://www.supersydney.org/supersydney-walks

Newsletter

http://us5.campaign-archive.com/?u=2deae1e00da126e78ba2866aa&id=b2d63812ac



Pizzazz: Primary Schools Creative Arts Enrichment Day, Thursday 20th November, 2014

On the 20th November, primary students from Catholic feeder schools have been invited to attend a fun day of Creative Arts workshops here at the College. Students from years 4, 5 and 6 will be nominated to be in either the Drama, Music, Dance or Visual Arts and Photography workshops for the day.

In the afternoon, students will present a Showcase for family and friends from each workshop. We are looking forward to these workshops and if there are primary students interested they should contact their own primary school for details as forms have been sent to each school and there are limited places allocated to each school.

Mrs Karen King - Leader of Learning Creative Arts