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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

We are resurrection people. That's what makes us Christian. Our Baptism is a mini-Easter where we are born to new life in Christ. I have a problem with the limited understanding of Easter that tells us Jesus died for our sins and was resurrected so we can go to heaven. I am given more hope by reflecting on the idea that Jesus' death and resurrection was the beginning of a revolution for humanity. Jesus shows us that we must face sin and death in order to be raised to the fullness of life, and that God's Kingdom is so near at hand that it is 'on earth as it is in heaven'.

As we approach Easter, we are reminded that Jesus' death and resurrection are actually the starting point of our mission to be revolutionary in the world; people who live lives of love, who challenge injustice and who build God's Kingdom here and now, in our families, our college and our community. That is what we have been doing all through Lent as we have worked with Project Compassion to make a difference in our world. Each of these acts of fundraising, education and prayer have been little revolutions, pushing back against the things which limit the capacity of people to live lives worthy of their dignity. Your daughter, under the careful guidance of the Home Room teacher, has contributed to this Easter revolution.

As the term draws towards Easter, I want to remind our families of the importance of **attendance at school every day** and that taking holidays during the school term is not acceptable. Our college's attendance has improved in 2017, and I am grateful to the many families who have worked hard to make sure their daughter is ready for school every day. About **83% of our students have acceptable attendance** at the moment. If your daughter has had **5 days off this term**, her attendance has fallen below the acceptable standard. This also means she will not be able to represent the college in sport, or nominate herself for a leadership position. Whilst I appreciate parents writing to request leave during the term, and this is appropriate in order to inform us of your intentions, please understand that the leave **will not be approved** and will appear on your daughter's report as 'Unjustified Leave'. If you need support getting your daughter into a regular, healthy school routine, please speak to her Home Room teacher or Year Leader.

Ms Bernadette Murray, our Leader of Religious Education, and I have been given the opportunity to travel on pilgrimage to the Holy Land in Israel and Jordan with our Bishop Vincent of Parramatta. This will be a remarkable experience as we walk in the footsteps of Jesus and celebrate the Easter season in the home of our Christian tradition. The names Bethlehem, Nazareth and Galilee still sound like storybook names to me, so I know this will be a profound journey. Please pray for us. We return to the college on May 8. In my absence, **Mr King** will be Acting Principal and **Mr Casni** will be Acting Assistant Principal. **Ms Araya** will be leading Religious Education in **Ms Murray's** absence. I know they will have your support.

May your family be filled with the new life and new hope that Christ's resurrection brings to us at Easter.

Jesus, help me to understand that in every life,
something good fails,
something great ends,
something righteous is taken unjustly away,
something looms like an abandonment by God.
Give me the wisdom to know that

You rose from the dead
as a sign to us that every one of these "little deaths"
is life become new all over again.
Be with me in living Your Resurrection over and over
again.
Amen.

Mr Greg Elliott
Principal



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Uniform for Term 2

Students are reminded that it is compulsory for all students to wear blazers to and from school every day during Terms 3 & 4. Students also need to wear navy stockings every day so make sure you stock up on these in the holidays. They can also be bought from the uniform shop on Tuesday mornings. Students not wearing blazers to and from school or not wearing navy stockings will be considered out of uniform and will receive diary warnings, possibly leading to detentions.

I'd also remind students that any items worn under shirts for additional warmth should be white and should be tucked in so they do not protrude lower than the shirts and may only be worn under jumpers or blazers, not so they are visible below the sleeves of the shirt. Students may also choose to wear plain navy or black scarf on cold days. They can be purchased from any store.

School Photographs

School photographs will be taken in Week 2 of next term. On Monday 1 May, all students will have an individual photograph taken. These photos are used within the school for identification purposes and for the year book. Consequently, all students must be in full school uniform. This includes a blazer. All students must confirm to the grooming and jewellery requirements of their year group. This means students in Years 7-9 with hair longer than their shoulders must have it tied back and off their face, as the photos have an identification purpose.

Parents are very welcome to purchase these photos as mementos and envelopes for this purpose will be sent home shortly. Money is to be brought to school in the envelope **on the day** and handed straight to the photographer. Please note that if the money is brought on the day, it must be the **exact money** as the college is not able to give change. Please ensure that each student returns her **own envelope** even if payment is made in the eldest child's envelope. You will see from the information with the envelope that it is also possible to order the student photos online with the company, Advanced Photographers, both before and after the day of photographing.

Monday 8 May is the backup day for students who are absent on 1 May to have their photographs taken. It is possible for sisters to have family groups taken at lunch time on this day. Family group photos do not need to be pre-ordered. They can be purchased when the proofs come back to the school.

The photographs will be taken by Advanced Photographers. They can be contacted on (02) 9905-6688 if you have questions for them.

“Doing the Right Thing Awards”

Students who help with clean up and litter are eligible for a “Doing the Right Thing Award”. Congratulations to **Meg Whittaker** (7 MacKillop), **Sophie Heather** (8 Kenny), **Sarah-Louise Lobb** (8 Gilmore) and **Chelsea Tran** (9 Gilmore) who receive vouchers for the canteen for being the students drawn from the box. All students who put in award slips will have points credited to their house.

Appreciation of Honesty

Students at Caroline Chisholm College regularly display outstanding honesty in returning items they find on the college grounds. Often these can be of quite substantial value. Students handing in found items receive a certificate of appreciation. I would like to congratulate the following students who have handing items in over the last fortnight: **Nadine Abi-Oula** (9 Macarthur) and **Siobhan McDowall** (9 Macarthur).

Mr Greg King - Assistant Principal

2017 NAPLAN DATES, TERM 2

Tuesday 9 May 2017	Wednesday 10 May 2017	Thursday 11 May 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Language conventions 45 minutes ◆ Writing 40 minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Reading 65 minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Numeracy 60 minutes

Mrs Jeanette Lans - Assistant Leader of Learning & Innovation



FROM THE LEADER OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

What does it mean to be “Easter People?”

Within Christianity there are two contrasting symbols which speak to us about the centrality of Easter in the lives of adherents. These symbols are the cross and the crucifix.

For many Christians the key symbol of Christianity is the cross, a simple unadorned structure that represents the resurrected Christ. It is used widely in Protestant and Pentecostal Churches. Christ is no longer on the cross, he has risen.

For Catholics a crucifix is a visual reminder of Christ’s crucifixion. As a human he suffered great pain, he died. In fact we believe his death was so that we can be forgiven of our sins. We gaze upon the crucifix and remember that he freely chose to undergo such pain and humiliation for our sake because he loved us totally and completely. He offered forgiveness to those who tortured and put him to death. This reminds us that whilst we are far from perfect, while we fail to love God and our fellow human beings, we can be forgiven, we can change and we can experience eternal life with God if we but choose to. In choosing to turn away from sin we can receive salvation. We believe that Jesus rose from the dead. His death was not the end. He models for us the way to live. He teaches us what it means to be fully human. His suffering and death is a great example of sacrifice, of putting others before ourselves. Jesus on the Cross shows us the way to everlasting life, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and love your neighbor as yourself.” Lk 10:27.

So are we crucifixion people or are we resurrection people or are we in fact Easter people?

A happy and hope filled Easter to everyone.

Ms Bernadette Murray - Leader of Religious Education

Excursion to Jewish Synagogue

Year 12 Studies of Religion II students visited a synagogue in Sydney where we attended a presentation that introduced us to the various features and rituals in a synagogue and three lectures from a presenter from the Board of Jewish Education that focused on the three aspects of Judaism that we will further study. This helped deepen our knowledge and understanding of the Jewish tradition, reinforcing our knowledge from last year and providing us with an introduction of the areas of study that we will cover.



The first presentation focused on the different significant features of the synagogue including the Ark, representing the Temple and where the Torah scrolls are kept, and the Bimah, the elevated platform at which the Torah is read aloud. We were also invited to look at one of the Torah scrolls to see the amount of detail and precision that is required when producing a handwritten Torah scroll. This gave us an insight into the significance and practices of and within the synagogue to Jewish adherents. After this first session, we had the privilege of attending three lectures where we were able to establish a base knowledge of our three areas of study. This will help with our comprehension of the work in class, allowing us to acquire an in-depth understanding of the Jewish faith within this course, and so we are very grateful to have had the experience of visiting the synagogue in Sydney.

Written by Leia Townsey Year 12 SOR II

PADRE PIO PARISH - HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday 09 April

Vigil Mass 5:30pm (Saturday 08 April)
7:30am and 9:30am on Sunday

Tuesday 11 April

Mass 9:00am
Reconciliation 7:00pm

Wednesday 12 April

Communion Service 7:00pm
NO Evening Mass

Holy Thursday 13 April

NO Morning Mass
Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper - 7:00pm

Good Friday 14 April

Stations of the Cross - 10:00am
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion - 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday 15 April

Morning Prayer - 9:00am

Easter Vigil 15 April

Mass - 7:00pm

Easter Sunday 16 April

Mass - 9:30am
NO 7:30am Mass

YEAR 10 CAMP

Wednesday 15th March to Friday 17th March, Year 10 students had the pleasure of engaging in an exciting, action-packed camp, run by The Great Aussie Bush Camp in Tea Gardens. From the time of boarding the buses at 7:45 on Wednesday, we knew we were going to have an incredible 3-day experience together as a year group.

We were challenged, both physically and mentally, by a range of outdoor activities that highlighted our strengths and encouraged us to work together as a Homeroom group to ensure that everyone could accomplish the challenge to the best of her ability. The day activities included sea kayaking, raft building, archery, high ropes, rock climbing and the giant swing. The teachers also got into the spirit of the camp and participated in almost every activity, although at a slower and less-skilled pace!

Aside from the action-packed day activities, the night activities brought us together in a different context. The first night, Challenge Night, saw a large number of students perform amazing feats in between rounds of trivia. One example was the cup challenge, where we had a filled cup of water on our foreheads and we had to get up from a lying position without spilling the cup. It was difficult but most managed to do it with nearly all of us dry.

On the second night we moved to the indoor rock climbing centre for a disco and were treated to a very special fire-spinning performance by one of the camp instructors. Following this, the camp instructors and teachers colluded in an attempt to scare us with a far-fetched ghost story. Afterwards, we roasted marshmallows on the campfire and then got sent to bed earlier than the night before, 10:30pm. We suspect that the teachers were tired!

Our camp experience ended with almost all of our clothes sweaty, muddy and no longer looking so good. Most students napped on the coach ride home and we were all keen to enjoy our own shower and bed. Thanks to the spirit of Year 10 for making our camp so memorable.

To view more photos of the Year 10 camp please click on the link below:

<http://www.cccglenmorepark.catholic.edu.au/en/Current-Families/Gallery/Year-10-Camp-2017>

Written by Year 10 Student Leaders

**DIARY DATES**

[Year 7 Items](#), [Year 8 Items](#), [Year 9 Items](#), [Year 10 Items](#), [Year 11 Items](#) and [Year 12 Items](#), [Whole School Items](#)

Friday 7 April	Liturgy - The Washing of the Feet Year 12 Australian Food Industry Excursion Last Day of Term I	Wednesday 3 May	Yrs 11 & 12 Parent/Student/Teacher Night 3.30-8pm
Monday 24 April	Staff Professional Learning Day	Thursday 4 May	Year 12 English Advanced Excursion
Tuesday 25 April	ANZAC Day Warragamba ANZAC Day March	Friday 5 May	Stage 5 Mass Student Leaders' Development Afternoon PDSSSC Teams Tennis
Wednesday 26 April	Term 2 Begins	Monday 8 May	Photo Day Follow Up Year 8 English Incursion NSWCCC Basketball
Monday 1 May	Photo Day		Year 12 Work Placement Week
Tuesday 2 May	PDSSSC Cross Country		

Athletics Carnival

On Wednesday 29th March 2017, we had our annual school athletics carnival. It was a great day and enjoyable for all participators and spectators alike. The Year 9 and 10 PASS students were extremely helpful to the teachers and staff, as they volunteered time throughout the day. There were various ways to participate on the day including competitive events and non-competitive events, all with the prize of house points. Sunscreen promptly became a necessity amongst our houses, with the sun beaming down on us. However, sunshine wasn't the only thing we felt, because from the moment the school arrived, it was evident how much house spirit was in the air. Extravagant costumes, face art, hair styles, and body paint in the six house colours were significantly expressed as the venue was quickly flooded with a rainbow of colours. The students were exuberant in bringing pride to their houses through the house spirit extensively demonstrated. Everyone certainly upheld core values of our college on the day, in that we united as a sisterhood. A massive congratulations to the Kenny house who won the Athletics Carnival for 2017! A lot of hard work and effort was displayed in various areas by students and teachers of this house. A special acknowledgment also goes out to the Age Champion and runners up on the day, who actively strove to earn points for their house on the day. The Age champions and runners up for each age group include:

Good luck to all those proceeding to compete at the PDSSSC athletics carnival and a big congratulations to all those who participated on the day. A special mention to **Herbertta Williams** of 7 Gilmore who broke the 12yrs 100 metre record. A record that was set in 1989; well done.

12 years

1st: Herbertta Williams
2nd: Alicia Langford
3rd: Lauren Preston

14 years

1st: Mia Gleeson
2nd: Amber Love
3rd: Kailah Stapleton

16 years

1st: Ashleigh Macerola
2nd: Hannah McCrorie & Ebene Montgomery
3rd: Alisha Ford

17 years +

1st: Georgia Wood
2nd: Madeline Haydon
3rd: Abbey Tricot

13 years

1st: Ashleigh Gill
2nd: Taylah Hufton
3rd: Chloe Mathias

15 years

1st: Nevine Idris
2nd: Tahlia Faint
3rd: Ruby Lowe

Written by Keisha Chilmaid – Year 9 PASS



ROSTRUM VOICE OF YOUTH

On the 29th March four Year 7 students competed in the Rostrum Voice of Youth public speaking competition.

Amy Graham, Courtney Hamilton, Kaiyen Biasi and Tia-Ann Stevenson attended Montgrove College to compete in this competition.

These students spent many hours preparing and memorising their 6 minute speech.

All four girls spoke very well and should be proud of their achievements. Amy Graham was announced runner up whilst Courtney Hamilton was announced winner of Year 7 and will proceed to the Regional Final to be held in May.



Ms Liesel Ashley - Public Speak Co-ordinator

UPCOMING EVENTS & RETREATS AT MOUNT SCHOENSTATT

Grace & Silence Retreat Day for Young Women (17 to 30 years), 8th April, 2017 OR 10th June, 2017

Open your soul and allow God to speak to your heart.

9.00 am - 4.30 pm for General Retreat Day

9.30 am - 4.30 pm for Vocation Discernment to Marriage & Family, Single Life or Consecrated Life.

Cost: \$30 includes morning tea, warm lunch, afternoon tea and materials

To register or for more information contact Sr M Julie - juliebrcar@gmail.com or phone: 0408 738 334

Stations of the Cross - Good Friday, 14th April at 10am

Pray and walk the Stations of the Cross from the Valley to the Shrine at Mount Schoenstatt. Bring your family and church group to reflect together on Jesus's journey, on the way to His Cross.

Please arrive early as the walk to the valley can take 5-10 minutes. For further information please call 02 4773 8338 or email: info@schoenstatt.org.au

Time for Us - to go on a date - An Evening for Married Couples to Dance, Dine and Pray

Saturday 29th April OR Saturday 3rd June

An opportunity for couples to foster their relationship. The evening will unfold with a short input on male leadership followed by a lesson in ballroom dancing, fine dining and prayer.

The evening commences at 5pm and concludes 10pm, Investment: \$150 per couple.

To register or for more information contact Sr M Julie - juliebrcar@gmail.com or phone: 0408 738 334

Time for Us to prepare our Hearts for marriage - Weekend for Engaged Couples

9th - 11 June OR 6th - 8th June

These weekends aim to compliment pre-marriage courses to allow engaged couples to prepare their hearts so that they may give a total, free and faithful "YES" to their future spouses and contribute towards a fruitful marriage. The inputs and times of prayer and silent reflection will foster the preparation of your heart so that you may be a gift to your spouse and receive your spouse as a gift.

Investment: \$200 per person (includes accommodation, all meals, linen and materials).

To register or for more information contact Sr M Julie - juliebrcar@gmail.com or phone: 0408 738 334

Discover Retreat for Young Women (18-35) - 5th to 7th May OR 21st to 23rd July, 2017

A self-discovery weekend on identity and personality, dignity, womanhood, personal ideal, vocation and mission.

Friday, 7.30 pm to Sunday 5 pm, Student \$170, employed \$200.

To register or for more information contact Sr M Julie - juliebrcar@gmail.com or phone: 0408 738 334

Annual Marian pilgrimage - All Welcome - Sunday, 21st May 2017

The Shrine - Oasis of Faith, Hope and Love"

10 am: Welcome, confession available before Holy Mass in the Family Hall.

10.30 am: Pontifical High Mass with Most Rev. Vincent Long OFM, Conv. DD, Official launch for the 50th Anniversary of the Mt Schoenstatt Shrine. Re-commissioning of Pilgrim Mother Coordinators.

2.00 pm: Eucharistic Procession with four alters from the Valley to the Shrine, finishing with Final Benediction.

Alternative program-Anointing of the Sick & Elderly at the Shrine.

LUNCH: Hot Food, Tea & Coffee available - or BYO. This is an outdoor event, please bring your own chairs & Rugs.

Children are encouraged to come dressed in white with a basket of petals for the procession.

For further information contact: pilgrimmother@bigpond.com or phone 02 4773 8338.