Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mass of Thanksgiving

Our R-12 end of year Mass of Thanksgiving will be held on Friday. This special eucharistic celebration will provide us with the opportunity to express our deep gratitude for the journey we have all been on this year. Importantly, we will farewell our Year 12 graduates who have completed their journey at Caritas College and now begin a new and exciting adventure beyond school. This is a significant achievement for these students and their families. One of the cornerstones of our Catholic faith is 'community'. We invite and welcome people into our community. We help and support each other to be the best we can be. We work to give people a sense of belonging. Communities work together to achieve a goal. They play together to create an atmosphere of fun and happiness. Communities grieve together when there is loss or suffering. And, of course, communities come together to celebrate the efforts and achievements of others. On Friday we will assemble our College community to celebrate the end of a wonderful journey.

Let us pray.

O God, who does great things for us,

we gather to celebrate the goodness that this year has brought us. We rejoice and thank you for the many blessings we have experienced in our school community this year. May we be ever thankful for your great love.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Graduation Dinner

The Graduation Dinner for our Year 12 students will be held on Friday evening to acknowledge the achievements and celebrate the completion of their final year of schooling. Staff are busy making the final preparations for the evening. There is no doubt that the students will be eagerly awaiting the event that they have imagined and thought about for some time. I explained to the graduates that the "dinner is for you, but it is also about everyone who has helped you along the way". I look forward to sharing this special occasion with the graduates and the people who have journeyed with them.

Transition

Next week we will welcome 25 new Reception children for a transition visit. These children will commence at Caritas College next year. When we welcome a new child into our College community, we also welcome the child's family. A strong relationship must exist between 'home' and 'school' to give children every opportunity to learn and grow to their full potential. I look forward to starting this exciting journey with these children and their families.

CESA Event - *Live Learn Lead – Together*

On January 23rd next year Catholic Education SA will host an event in Adelaide that our whole staff will attend. The theme of the event is ***Live Learn Lead – Together***. This is an historic gathering for all involved in Catholic Education within the mission of the broader Church. This dynamic event will bring staff from the 103 Catholic schools in SA together for the purpose of celebration, renewal and commissioning. We will experience a sense of shared purpose with thousands of fellow teachers, school and parish leaders, priests, school staff, Catholic Education Offices staff and Diocesan ministry staff. Through this event and in partnership with families, we can ensure that young people graduating from Catholic schools and engaging with our Church beyond that, will have the best chance to be "thriving people, capable learners and leaders for the world God desires". This event has prompted some small changes in the way our College will operate in the days leading up to the start of the school year as most staff will be in Adelaide for the event. The College has made provisions to ensure that these changes do not have an impact on families needing to contact the school on those days.

Staffing

I am excited to announce that Catherine Macks, Hannah Blowes and Charlotte Raffen have been appointed as primary teachers for 2019. They will bring great enthusiasm and a broad range of skills to our College, which I am confident will continue to support and promote our students to grow and learn in a safe and fun environment.

A number of other teacher appointments are in the process of being made to fill positions that have been advertised. I will communicate these details to the College community in future newsletters.

Finally, the staff were delighted to hear of the arrival of Maisy Ruffles earlier in the week. This is an exciting and special time for Emma and Anthony. We extend our congratulations to them on this wonderful news and wish them all the best.

Damian Smith, Principal

Missionaries of God's Love Sisters Year of Youth Team visited Caritas recently. The aim of ther team is to encourage youth engagement within parishes, schools and the diocese, as well as empowering young people and key leaders by equipping them with skills in youth ministry and evangelisation. They ran activities and games with the students: crazy colour bowling, live music, primary school concert, super hero trivia, creative cookie.

Scholastic Book Fair

5-9 November 2018

The Book Fair was held in the MacKillop Resource Centre (Library) during 5-9 November.
Thank you to all families who supported the event. It was a great success and sold over $4,500 worth of books and other items. The school will receive 35% of sales that we can use to purchase resources.

CRAFT CLUB

Lest We Forget

Photos of the display at the Wilmington Soldiers Memorial Hall. Caritas College Craft Club students made poppies from felt.

The NOVEMBER Edition of the Southern Cross is now available.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL Christmas Hamper Appeal

We would appreciate any donations towards the Vinnies Christmas Hamper Appeal. Please bring goodies into the office. Some suggestions as to what would be great to put in a hamper are:

Long life custard	Long life milk	Gravox
Fruit cake	Breakfast cereal	Soft drinks
Party lolly mix	Flavoured chips	Biscuits
Bonbons	Tinned ham	

Tinned mixed vegetables: pea and carrot mix
Spreads; jam, honey, vegemite etc.

Please no soup, as we received a huge amount of tinned soup from the Winter Appeal.

With thanks, Denise Grantham

Coming Events

Mass of Thanksgiving
Friday, 16 November 2018
St Mary's Shelter
11:00am

Year 12 Graduation Dinner
Friday, 16 November 2018
Central Augusta Football & Community Sporting Club

Reception Transition Visits
#1 21 November 2018
#2 28 November 2018
#3 5 December 2018

Year 8/9 Super 8s Cricket
Friday 23 November 2018

Year 10 & 11 Assessment Week
Monday 26 November

Year 10 & 11 Assembly
Friday, 30 November 2018
Tappeiner Room
11:30am

Year 10 & 11 conclude
Friday, 30 November 2018

Email addresses
Please ensure you have registered your current email address to enable school communication.

The Family Calendar is available here for updated information.

REMOTE ACCESS - Caritas Network
https://remote.cc.catholic.edu.au

6 day cycle

Monday 19 June Day 4	Day 5	Monday 26 June
Tuesday 20 June Day 5	Day 6	Tuesday 27 June
Wednesday 21 June Day 6	Day 1	Wednesday 28 June

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