21 OCTOBER 2019



Newsletter

KEY DATES

Year 12 last day of formal lessons 25 Oct

Year 10-12 Assembly 25 Oct

School Board Meeting 29 Oct

Uni Hub Excursion - Adelaide 31 Oct

Year 3-6 Assembly (3/4G) 31 Oct

> Book Fair 4-8 Nov

Rec-Yr 2 Assembly 7 Nov

Reception Transition 12, 19, 26 Nov & 3 Dec

Year 12 Graduation 15 Nov

Year 10-11 Students Conclude 29 Nov

> R 6 Family Carols Night 2 Dec

> > Year 8 Transition 9-10 Dec

Rec-Year 9 Students Conclude 11 Dec

Further information on upcoming events is available on our website <u>http://www.cc.catholic.edu.au/news-</u> events/calendar

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Principal's Message

COLLEGE

Welcome back for Term 4

Welcome back to school for the final term for 2019. I trust everyone enjoyed the term break and found time to rest before returning to school for what will no doubt be a busy term. Term 4 is sometimes colloquially referred to as the "the season of clapping". This is in reference to the many celebrations and farewells that occur as the year draws to a close. Nonetheless, the race is not over yet. Term 4 will be busy with lots of opportunity for learning and new experiences for all members of our College community. I wish everyone a great term, full of joyful and hope-filled learning and sharing.

Student Leaders Handover Liturgy

On Thursday 17 October we celebrated the Student Leadership Handover Liturgy, where the reigns of student leadership were passed on to our incoming student leaders. Through prayer, we gathered to express our deep gratitude for the 2019 Student Leaders and Year 12 Student Representative Council who have guided the student cohort very conscientiously. I would like to acknowledge and thank them all for sharing their gifts and talents with us this year. Coincidently, Mary MacKillop was canonised as Australia's first saint on the same day in 2010. I pondered on her wonderful example of leadership as our new Student Leaders were sworn in. As the Year 12s prepare to complete their journey at Caritas College it was fitting to hand over the reins of leadership to their Year 11 peers. Jenna Glamuzina and Joshua Graham will be our new College Captains. They will be well supported by their Deputy Captains, Phoebe Hunter and Patrick Kennedy. They are exemplary young people and we offer them our support and best wishes as they take on the responsibilities of student leadership at Caritas College 2020.



"peace be with you"

Bountiful God, we give thanks for the gift of leadership given to our College community through the lives of our senior students.

Grant them the courage to continue to live extraordinary lives of courage, and resilience

in the ordinary circumstances of their lives.

May they be inspired by the example of Mary MacKillop to show great trust in the moments of joy and adversity in their lives.

Amen.

Year 12's Last Day

On Friday 25 October we will farewell our Year 12's on their final day of formal schooling. As we draw closer to the end of the schooling journey for the Year 12 students, may our prayers and thoughts be with them as they continue to study hard in preparation for their final examinations and all the transition from one phase of their lives to the next.

World Teachers' Day

World Teachers' Day is being celebrated in Australia on Friday 25 October. This day is a great opportunity for everyone to recognise and appreciate teachers and the important role they play in shaping the hearts and minds of the students who attend our College. I would like to thank all the teachers at Caritas College for generously sharing their knowledge and skills with our community each and every day.

Staffing

Mary Manning returns to school after 7 weeks leave. While on leave Mary engaged in a range of study and professional learning experience that will help shape our College's work as we aspire to continue to enhance our Catholic Josephite identity. I sincerely thank Leigh O'Shaughnessy for filling the role of Acting Deputy Principal over the past 7 weeks. He demonstrated his careful and diligent leadership across our R-12 setting. I also appreciate Liz Zubrinich for increasing her time to spend 4 days in the class with the 5/6W students. This has ensured consistency for the students in that class throughout this change.

Enrolments for 2020

We are currently mapping out how 2020 will look for our school. We would appreciate any anticipated changes in enrolments to be communicated to the Principal's PA, Michelle Dunning as soon as possible. We also ask that an Application for Enrolment form be filled out for any new children starting in 2020 (both at the beginning of the year and mid-year intake). These can be requested from our website or picked up from the front office at any time. Please be aware that we have a **TWO INTAKE POLICY** and see below the relevant dates for new Receptions:

- If your child turns 5 <u>on or before the 30 April</u> they can start school in <u>Term 1 of that year</u>.
- If your child turns 5 on or before the 31 of October they can start school in <u>Term 3 of that year</u>.
- Children starting in Reception in Term 3 will have a minimum of 6 terms in Reception.
- Children whose birthdays fall between 1 November and 31 of December are not eligible to commence school before the following year.

We are committed to continuing to work in close partnership with local preschool educators to ensure that families make informed decisions that best suit the individual needs of each child. If you have any questions regarding enrolling your child and/or starting dates please contact the school and we will happily help you.

Transition for our new Receptions will be held every Tuesday in Week 5, 6, 7 and 8. This is an important time in the lives of all children. Research suggests that a child's adjustment to the first year of school and the patterns of behaviour and achievement established during this period help to set direction for future success at school and beyond.

Transition for students enrolling into Year 7 and 8 from another school will occur in Week 9 on Monday 9 December and Tuesday 10 December. This will provide students with an important opportunity to develop a sense of familiarity with their new school setting and build relationships with their peers and teachers before they join our College in 2020.

Damian Smith, Principal







Child Studies – Year 11

There were some very yummy treats being created in the Home Ec room last Friday. Our Year 11 Child Studies students teamed up with some of the Reception Gold students to cook food and learn about chopping, grating, washing up and of course - eating! They then shared what they had cooked with other primary students at Recess time.











Science – Year 7 Catapults

The Year 7 Science class challenge last week was to use what they know about force and motion to design and create a catapult. Using Maltesers, the catapult had to launch the chocolates the furthest distance, hit a target and launch them over a wall.





Lunch Time Activities

Wednesday lunchtime activities are back in Term 4! Throughout the term, the senior leaders offer a variety of activities which all are welcome to participate in. There is reading, board games, Just Dance and much more. There is definitely something for everyone!





Dance – Year 3/4 Classes

As part of the Art curriculum for Term 4, our 3/4 classes are coming together once a week to 'move and groove' in the Tappeinier Room. Students thoroughly enjoyed last week and they will continue to work on their dance moves and routine each week, in the lead up to R-6 Carols Night.





Shapes – Reception White

Our students have been learning about the different types of shapes and created fabulous pictures. The world is full of shapes.



Year 12 Child Studies – Science Expo

A recent Year 12 Child Studies assignment required students to consider the value of teaching children about science and encourage them to question and hypothesise by devising an experiment as part of a 'Science Expo' for a Year 1/2 class.

The children learnt about magnets, chemical reactions, surface tension, density of different liquids and the properties of solids and liquids.





Design and Technology – Year 7

Our Year 7 class have recently learnt how to sew stretch fabrics to make beanies. They have done a great job and will come in handy next winter.



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