Dear Parents

Our St Benedict’s Feast Day celebrations were especially significant this year with the first Mass ever celebrated on site inside our new ‘cloister’ area. Fr. Michael was accurate with his assessment that “we will probably remember this day more for the cold than the Mass’. Parents, staff and students, as well as invited dignitaries, braved near freezing temperatures for 90 minutes as we honored the life of St. Benedict and presented a number of student Awards. A highlight of the celebration was the blessing of our new altar, handmade by Mr Chris Shelton. I congratulate our students who were also publically complimented by Fr. Michael, for their respectful and reverent celebration together, despite the teeth chattering cold. Thanks again to our Parent Hospitality Committee who, despite being down in parent helper numbers this year, cooked for and fed over 400 people in record time.

It is the season for student choices at the moment, with the College preparing for Year 11 classes in 2015 and our third cohort getting ready for their electives as they move into Year 9. Our Year 10 families attended an Information Evening last Wednesday night to hear about the two pathways we are offering through Year 11 to gain a Higher School Certificate. They were joined by a number of prospective students and their parents as they met with teachers to be informed about the content and demands of a variety of subject offerings for 2015. The Year 9 Electives Evening will be held on Tuesday 19 August. Parents: Note the change of date.

One of the highlights of this week is the College Athletics Carnival at Campbelltown Stadium. Parents and other family members are more than welcome to attend and cheer on their children and the “family house”. It is always a great day with all students participating as they move around the track and field events in their age groupings.

Just a reminder that supervision starts at 7:45 each morning. We are seeing students in the yard as early as 7:10. Not only is it very cold but supervision can not be provided. Please assist us by ensuring your children arrive closer to start time or, of course, come by school buses that arrive at the appropriate times.
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

A reminder that the Athletics Carnival is this Friday. I hope everyone is looking forward to what will be a fantastic day!

Just a few reminders for the day:

- You are permitted to bring along a smaller plain black or navy bag to the carnival instead of your school bag.
- There will be NO canteen facilities available so please do not forget your food and drink, as well as your school hat and plenty of sunscreen. A reminder that no food or drink, other than water, is permitted on the track at any time.
- Remember the theme is "superheroes" so bring along your dress up gear. Any dress up gear must comply with the usual College expectations for casual clothing (no offensive/inappropriate slogans or images). No singlet tops, zinc, coloured hairspray or confetti/streamers are permitted at the carnival.
- Any student who is leaving with a parent from the venue, please see your homeroom teacher first (once the carnival is closed and students are dismissed).

If you are going home with someone else, you will need a note from your parent/carer stating the name of the parent with whom you have permission to travel.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the event on Friday!

Mrs Pereira
Sport Coordinator

Second Hand Clothing Pool

The Clothing Pool will be open on the first Friday of the month at 2:40pm and also by appointment at other times.

There are some size 12/14 senior girls uniform items for sale for anyone interested in them, as well as a brand new medium size tracksuit.

Contact Rachael - 0402247088

YEAR 9 2015
ELECTIVE INFORMATION EVENING

Due to circumstances beyond our control the Information Evening previously advertised for Wednesday 20 August has been moved to

Tuesday 19 August
at 7pm
in the new Stage 2 buildings
at the College

Students are required to wear their full winter College uniform.

Unfortunately due to limited space, we request that only one parent accompany each student.

We have had a number of enquiries regarding the selling of fundraising chocolates and other such items in the last few months. The College follows the Diocesan policy of supporting Catholic agencies such as Caritas, St Vincent de Paul and Catholic Mission, to name three. We do not allow individual students to personally fundraise. The pressures to fundraise for (very worthy) outside organisations through the purchase of toys (wristbands, bandaged bears, red noses etc) is enormous and add to that students spending money on chocolate to fundraise for non school personal sporting and cultural endeavours and I am sure you will agree the process needs some culling and coordination. The full Diocesan guidelines can be accessed through the document available from the Catholic Education Office called Faith in Action, Advocacy, fund-raising and social action guidelines for Catholic schools in the Diocese of Wollongong.

Michael Hanratty
Principal

YEAR 9
MATHS & SCIENCE EXCURSION
Australian Museum
Wednesday (tomorrow)
6 August

Students are to be at the College in time for roll marking at 7am in homeroom.

Buses will return in the afternoon in time for normal afternoon transport home.

Full College winter uniform is to be worn, including blazer.

Students are to bring a clipboard, pen, pencil, calculator and their own food and drink.

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Michael Hanratty
Principal
Thank You…..

The P & F would like to say a big thank you to all our parents, teachers and friends who joined us for our Christmas in July Trivia Night. The night was yet again a great success with Craig Davidson entertaining everyone with his role as MC. We were welcomed with Eggnog, Mulled Cider and Mince Pies, to put everyone in the Christmas Spirit. Rachael Zappia delighted everyone with beautiful home baked pastries and chocolates. Just Yummy!

The night would not have been a success without the dedication and generous time given by Maryann Turner, who coordinated the night.

Also a special mention to Karen Earnshaw and the ladies in the office for all the extra work they did to help with our event.

All our lucky door, raffle and table winners received fabulous prizes generously donated and sponsored by local business in our area.

- Skin Tonic Body & Beauty
- Vive Le Hair
- Harmony at Home
- Belesque Hair Boutique
- Oporto
- Campbelltown Catholic Club
- Intouch Osteopathy - Massage
- Enzos Restaurant
- Amalgamated Pest Control
- The Epicure Store
- MCZ Automotive Services
- Indulgence Boutique
- AV Fitness (Gym)
- Maximum Skating
- Plough & Harrow
- Luigi’s Restaurant
- Squeeze & Grind
- Picton Tyre and Mechanical Services

Our very generous family cash donations: Conlon and Conwell Families

And thank you to all our parents who purchased raffle tickets for the night.

We raised $1860.00 which will supply Apple TV to each classroom of our new school.

We hope you can join us at our next event

Danny Rodriguez
Denise Hempenstall
Libby Tully

Diocesan Netball Carnival

On Monday, 9 girls from Years 7 and 8 travelled to Berkeley Netball Courts to compete in the Diocesan Netball Carnival. Each of the girls put in a huge effort and encouraged each other in all of the games. Overall we finished the day with some excellent results. Congratulations to Rhiannon Wilson, Elyse Triantis, Brooke Daley, Lara Rofe, Kaitlyn Sapienza, Macy Heath, Alana Azzopardi, Jayde Bermingham and Tamika Rosario for their effort throughout the day. Five games were won of the 8 played, which is a great result over a very long day.

Thank you to the parents who came to support and encourage the girls, Shannon Greene from Year 10, for volunteering to assist in Coaching and Umpiring and Mrs O’Flynn for also assisting with Coaching throughout the day. Another thank you to Mrs O’Flynn and the bus driver for organising our ‘refuelling’ at the end of such a taxing day!

Jorgia Cecil (SuperCoach)
Recently students involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Award program engaged in a qualifying journey to complete their bronze awards. The students left for Sydney early Thursday morning and endured a long and challenging race around the City. The students negotiated maps and clues, as well as group dynamics, to compete the tasks and they are to be commended on the way in which the teams worked together.

After a tiring day of walking, loaded up with their hiking packs, students arrived by ferry to Cockatoo Island. This in itself presented another set of challenges including camping in strong winds in the middle of winter! Again, to their credit, not a complaint was heard and they worked together to ensure all group members were fed and in good spirits. Exploring the Island was fantastic, as students assumed roles of tour guides! After walking approximately 22kms the first day, the kids were exhausted and ready to sleep.

After a noisy night of winds and harbor travel, the group was up and ready for Day 2. After a cold start, it warmed up and the students were expected to find their way to the beginning of a challenging walk, again carrying their hiking packs. This challenge proved tough but after almost 18kms of walking, all groups could be proud of their achievements in having completed all tasks unassisted.

All students on the Duke of Edinburgh journey should be congratulated on their efforts. Staff that attended the journey were so impressed with their character and their ability to work with each other to achieve goals.

The following students are to be commended:

Ashleigh Robinson
Ebony Billet
Aaron Saggu
Taylor McGovern
Gabriel Ciappa
Madeline Constantine
Bryan Baker
Mikalah Drieman
Lachlan Haidle

Mrs Tammy Isbister
Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator

Congratulations to John Plotecki (Year 10) who recently completed the FBI National Academy Youth Leadership Program in Quantico, USA.
Claire Eaton
Australia's positive voice for teens
"ROC" Seminar for Parents of Teens

What 'ROC' stands for - Resilience, Optimism and Confidence.
JOIN us to hear Claire Eaton, from "ROC Teen", speak about what parents can do to nurture these strengths in their teens. This session is for adults only.
Young people can BOOK TO attend one of the teen workshops on Sat 13 or Sun 14 September for Free.

When: Friday 12 September, 2014

Time: 6.00pm - approx 8.00pm
(The library will be closed at this time)
Cost: FREE

Venue: Iron Bark Room - Narellan Library
Cnr Queen and Elyard Street
Narellan, NSW 2567

Contact details:
kim.white@camden.nsw.gov.au Narellan Library 4645 5039

To Register go to www.library.camden.nsw.gov.au/bookings

FREE Parent Workshop
For parents & carers only
Friday 12th September
6:00pm - 7:30pm
Numbers are limited