

College Newsletter

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Today's boys...tomorrow's gentlemen



Front page: Mr Brendan McGrath's last training session with the young men of CBC Fremantle



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From the Principal

Recapturing the joy of Christmas

It sometimes seems to me that one of the groups in our society with the fastest growing membership is ‘Christmas cynics’. One article that recently came to my attention warned that this time of year “can leave you feeling overwhelmed, stressed, anxious, sad and frustrated.” Another publication described the upcoming season as one which is characterised by the need for great endurance. If indeed the need for stamina is an essential requirement for you to survive Christmas, it is likely that this circumstance is self-inflicted and that the real potential of this time has not been realised.

There is little doubt that many commercial pressures exist which are designed to keep our focus at this time of year firmly upon lavish gifts, parties and feasting. Notwithstanding the unsolicited offerings of the Magi, this is in stark contrast to the first Christmas day. Mary and Joseph were humble travellers and their son was born into the most modest of surroundings. This is the way that God chose to reveal his desire for a relationship with each of us. The lack of status or majesty associated with the manger is a clear illustration that He wants to be with us as we are.

This should be a source of great joy for all Christians. We come to understand that we are capable of overcoming any obstacle because God knows and loves us personally. We are then challenged to look beyond our own concerns to the needs of others and how we may best serve them. This perspective requires us to look outside of our own trials and urges us to prioritise others, thereby excluding any possibility of cynicism.

Irish Bishop Liam McDaid expressed a similar sentiment in his Christmas Message when he said:

Leave aside the cards, the presents and the extras for a few days and instead talk and listen to the one whose birth we are planning to celebrate. He has things to say to us that could change our perspective and lessen our worries as we count our blessings. He could show us how celebrating the simpler, long-lasting and more precious gifts of life and living can make for a different but ultimately more satisfying experience of Christmas joy and togetherness.

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On behalf of all of the staff at CBC I would like to wish your family a happy and holy Christmas. I hope that you get the opportunity to spread the truth about Christmas – that it is a time of joy and an opportunity for reflection. We pray that the gentle humility with which Jesus came into the world will serve as an example and inspiration for all people. May His peace and love characterise your festive season.

Staff News

At the end of each year it is fitting that we recognise those members of staff

who are either departing the College or commencing periods of leave. I would like to formally acknowledge each of the following people and thank them for their contributions during their time at CBC.

Mr Sandro Sandri is retiring after 22 years of outstanding service to the College. A special function was held at school this week where current and former staff joined family members to recall fond memories and offer an appropriate farewell. It has been said of Sandro that he has filled every position at the College at some time over those years – including

long service as the Deputy Principal and a shorter period as the Principal during 1992. Sandro has been a part of the fabric of the school and will be greatly missed.

Mr Steve Coggin has been Head of the Technology and Enterprise Learning Area since 2005. He leaves us to assume the role of Deputy Principal at Mercy College and we wish him well in this role. His new school is certain to benefit from his many gifts and talents.

Mr Brendan McGrath has been the Head of Sport at CBC since 2006 and has been successful in gaining a Head of House position at St Norbert College from next year. Brendan has overseen significant progress in the development of sport at CBC and I know the staff and students in this area have appreciated his skill and commitment.

Mrs Josephine Andrew will be retiring from her position as Assistant to the Business Manager. Jo has been a tireless worker and a great asset to the College. We wish her much happiness in her retirement.

Mrs Fiona Williams has completed her teaching contract at the school. In addition to her time in the classroom, Fiona spent a number of years serving the College as its Community Relations Officer. Her willingness, expertise and diligence have been appreciated by us all.

Mr Damian Wallis has been appointed as the Head of Religious Education at Mazenod College from 2014 and we wish him well in this new role. Damian has been a wonderful addition to our staff during this year and his leaving will be keenly felt by our community.

Mrs Noeleen McDowell will be on Long Service Leave during Term 1 and we wish her an enjoyable time with her family.

In the first newsletter of next year I will introduce the new staff who will commence working at our College in 2014.

Mr Shaun Kenny
Principal

College Information

Canteen

Can you spare a few hours on one day? Please consider volunteering in the ‘world’s greatest canteen’. Please ring Jenny or Karen in the Canteen on 9430 2046 for more information.

Uniform Shop Holiday Opening Hours

Please note the only days the Uniform shop will be open during the school holidays:
Wednesday 15 January 11.00am to 3.00pm
Wednesday 22 January 9.00am to 1.00pm
Wednesday 29 January 9.00am to 1.00pm

The first regular opening day in 2014 is Wednesday 5 February from 8.30am to 4.00pm.

Calendar

Week 1 Term 1 2014

Week 0
Friday 31 January 2014
Year 12s begin
Staff /Year 12 Mass 8.45am
Year 12 Development Day

Week 1
Monday 3 February
Year 7s commence
College Assembly: Year 7 welcome
Year 12 Development Day 2

Tuesday 4 February
Years 8- 11 begin
College Assembly: start of year

Friday 7 February
Year 7 Retreat

Saturday 8 February
Hale Swimming Time Trial

Put this date in your diary...

Friday 14 February 2014
Year 13 Breakfast

Tuesday 25 February 2014
Year 7 Parent Information Evening and
Wine and Cheese Night



Giving generously for Christmas

The festive season came early this year at CBC Fremantle, with staff, students and parents donating generously to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

The programme ran a little differently in 2013, with each Mentor Group in charge of organising their own hamper for a family in need. Students nominated to bring one or two food or household items which Vinnies' clients would be able to use over the holiday period, as well as bon bons, candy canes and other treats specifically for Christmas Day.

The overwhelming response was heart-warming to see, with nearly every Mentor group needing a second hamper because the first one was overflowing. Some

students and staff even took the time to purchase gifts for the children to open on Christmas morning.

In total, CBC donated 56 large hampers to St Vincent de Paul, a fantastic outcome for a worthy cause. A particular thank you must go to the Year 10 students and Mentor Teachers who coordinated the donations and to all those who gave so generously.

Ms Emily Bowran
Christian Service Learning Coordinator



Outstanding Orators

This semester the Year 8 and 10 boys took part in the national public speaking examinations – Oracy.

The Year 10 boys filled their 15 minute presentation time by reciting a self-authored ode, delivering a talk on an issue of significance to them and reading a passage from a text of their choice. For the Year 8s the brief was to recite a self-authored monologue from the point of view of a significant historical figure, present a talk on a personal interest and finally a reading from a narrative linked to their topic.

Oracy has been a strong tradition in the College and our boys have consistently performed and conducted themselves

extremely well in the presentations.

In keeping with our fine reputation, I am delighted to acknowledge the following boys who received an Outstanding rating overall for their presentation:

Year 8

Joshua Lacey
Nicholas Watson
Gabriel Newman
Samuel Preston
Leon Viti
Matthew Hallows
Lachlan Fox

Year 10

Ben McFadden
Julian Bacich
Joshua Berthold
Max Foxwell
Lachlan Lavery
Mitchell Redmond
Calogero Martelli
Matthew Patroni
Daniel Rhoding
Jordy Raffaele
Jake Stainton



Emmanuel Terzoudis-Lumsden playing the pipe organ

Year 9s visit St Patrick's Basilica

Last Tuesday the Year 9s had the privilege of seeing and hearing how the pipe organ in St Patrick's Basilica works.

The organ is the largest of its kind in Western Australia. The boys had the opportunity to play and were also treated to an amazing performance by Mr Domenic Perissinotto and we thank him for his time and expertise.

Mr Shane Mancuso
Head of the Arts



Term 4 Tennis

Well done to all of the boys who played in Mr Moss's Term 4 Tennis competition.

Congratulations to the following boys on winning trophies:

Year 7/8 Final

Riley Rees-Turner bt Alex Gray

Year 9/10 Semi Finals

Alec Radonich bt Will Power

Harry Bird bt Jacob Toomath



The trip of a lifetime

Academic Excellence Tour 2015

The Academic Excellence Programme is calling for expressions of interest for the trip of a lifetime.

In April 2015 a group of lucky AEP boys will travel to Orlando and Washington DC and take in some of the most exciting destinations in the USA.

Itinerary (excluding travelling days):

- Day 1 Kennedy Space Centre, NASA
- Day 2 Islands of Adventure Theme Park and Harry Potter World, Universal Studios
- Day 3 Astronaut Training Experience at Kennedy Space Centre
- Day 4 Disney World Theme Parks
- Day 5 Airboat through Central Florida Everglades and Orlando Science

- Centre
- Day 6 Washington DC – Smithsonian Museums, Moonlight Monument Tour
- Day 7 Capitol Hill and Capitol Building Tour
- Day 8 The Smithsonian Museums, The White House
- Day 9 Udvar Hazy Centre, National Air and Space Museum

The cost of the 12 day tour is approximately \$6,300. This fee includes international and domestic flights, airport taxes, destination coach travel, airport transfers, accommodation, breakfast and evening meals, Orlando and Washington activity package entrance fees and costs, and excludes passport and visa application fees, travel insurance, lunch

meals, discretionary spending money and extra optional evening activities.

Deposit of 30% of the cost of the tour has to be made a year in advance (April 2014). Letters will be sent to parents early next year and then we will call for expressions of interest and hold a meeting within the first few weeks of 2014.

For more information please contact Ms Marilyn Schmidt at marilyns@cbcfremantle.wa.edu.au.

Community Notices

It is the policy of CBC Fremantle to distribute information when requested regarding community activities and details about educational programmes. This does not imply that CBC endorses these activities or the information. Please provide information in an unformatted Word document to enquiries@CBCFremantle.wa.edu.au. Submissions will be accepted at the discretion of CBC Fremantle.

Flame Ministries International

Flame Ministries International invites you to the 24th Annual Flame Congress, Aquinas College, Mt Henry Road, Salter Point, on 17 to 19 January.

Visiting Guest Speaker is Jim ‘Butch’ Murphy from USA, internationally renowned for walking across America carrying a heavy wooden cross to Evangelise the Gospel, an 18 month journey of faith and prayer.

Other speakers include Eddie Russell FMI, Emeritus Archbishop Barry J Hickey, Stephen Spiteri, Mgr Brian O’Loughlin, PP, Livia Carre FMI, Carlos Moreira FMI, Cyrus D’Souza FMI, Kaye Rollings FMI. Worship led by Flame Music Ministry.

Evening Rallies: Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7.45pm; Sunday Mass at 11am.
Day Sessions: Saturday and Sunday: registration on the day. Rallies are free. Light refreshments are provided with low cost meals Saturday and Sunday. For enquiries and brochure contact fmi@flameministries.org or kayford@bigpond.com, telephone 93823668 or 0439981515.

Fulltime Youth Ministry Worker – Catholic Youth Ministry Perth (re-advertised)

The Perth Catholic Youth Ministry office is seeking a vibrant youth worker to join the Youth Ministry team.

The successful applicant would be required to work within the Youth Ministry team to provide support to individuals and groups already working in youth ministry within parishes in the Archdiocese of Perth, continue to grow and promote youth ministry networks throughout the diocese and assist in coordinating diocesan youth initiatives. Experience in previous youth ministry teams (eg YMT or NET) and/or parish youth groups is recommended. The full job advertisement and a role description are available from CYM Perth office.

To submit your CV with a cover letter and three referees including a parish priest, please contact: Anita Parker, Director of Catholic Youth Ministry. Full advertisement is available on www.cym.com.au.

Phone: (08) 9422 7912 or Email: anita.parker@highgate-perthcatholic.org.au Applications close Monday 16 December 2013. Previous applicants need not reapply.

Melville Cares

Melville Cares is an independent not-for-profit Community based organisation. Our aim is to help the frail aged and younger people with disabilities and their carers to remain living independently and participating in the community. **We are recruiting volunteers now for Christmas and the New Year.**

We need VOLUNTEERS who are able to help in many practical ways by providing assistance to our clients to complete everyday and fun activities.

You could visit our clients in their own homes or a local nursing home. Maybe assist our staff in activities with our younger people with disabilities and our aged clients.

Would you like to drive our new cars and transport our clients? The New Year is a time for new beginnings and this could be the opportunity you are looking for to give back to your community.

Please contact Avril on 9319 0916 or email arivers@melvillecares.org.au.