Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Students from Year 7 to 12 have had a very busy few weeks. Year 12 students have now already submitted major works in Visual Arts, Extension II English and Textiles, while Music and Drama students have been assessed on the performance component of their courses and language students have undertaken the oral component of their courses. Year 11 began their Preliminary examinations yesterday while students from Year 7 to 10 are currently completing assessments for topics covered in Term 3.

As a school community we especially pray this week for our Year 12 students who conclude their Year 12 classes in just over a week’s time. We also pray for our families who have relatives in Syria. It is appropriate that we use the pray of St Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek
 to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen

Congratulations to our 2014 Student Leadership Team -
College Captain - Olga Zerefos
Vice Captain (Academic) - Evanna Kamal
Vice Captain (Creative and Performing Arts) - Gillian Kayrooz
Vice Captain (Social Justice) - Dorothea Noone
Vice Captain (Sport) - Jessica Stanton

God Bless

Mrs Patricia Baker
Principal

Survey of Religious Education
At present the Catholic Education Office Parramatta is conducting a survey of the Religious Education curriculum delivered in our diocese. For this to take place all stakeholders are kindly asked to assist with this process by completing an online survey that should take approximately 30 minutes.

Any parent wishing to do so is asked to go to the following site to complete the survey:
Parents: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/REEducationSurveyParents

Any ex-students are also encouraged to complete the survey so as to provide feedback of their experience with the Religious Education curriculum. The site for this survey is:
Alumni: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/REEducationSurveyAlumni
**Tournament of Minds**

On Saturday, August 24, 20 students from Years 7 to 10 entered the Tournament of Minds competition at the University of Western Sydney, Milperra Campus. The three teams competed against 90 other teams in the regional finals. Throughout the preparation period, the teams had to find a solution to a challenge and express their answer in a 10 minute drama presentation before a panel of judges. They were also required to showcase their talents in an unscripted spontaneous challenge on the day.

This year, all teams were extremely competitive, and each performance gained much positive feedback for being creative and were acknowledged for their teamwork and higher order thinking skills. Every girl involved in the competition this year dedicated her time and efforts to the team and the results were outstanding. The teams are:

**Applied Technology:**
- Carissa Zajac
- Anh Nguyen
- Erika Arabit
- Angelica Galindo
- Simone Cheuanghaihane
- Emma Harbridge
- Jaida Walker

**Social Science:**
- Katrina Jelavic
- Jessica Li
- Kathy-May Sanayeh
- Christine Ghaleb
- Kimberley Stutsel
- Ellen Taniane
- Dominique Bleeker

**Language Literature:**
- Catalina Gonzalez
- Claudia Semaan
- Gabriela Gonzalez
- Catherine Young
- Bianca Semaan
- Isabella Reitano

Congratulations to the Applied Technology team who won the competition on the day and now compete in the State Final at the University of NSW on Sunday September 7th.

A big thank you is also extended to Ms Barnes, Miss Munguia and Ms Mahrous for all their help and support for the girls in preparation for their challenge.

Congratulations to all girls and best of luck to the Applied Technology team in the State Finals. 

**Ms W Young (Literacy Coordinator)  
Mrs G Muscat (Numeracy Coordinator)**

**Literacy and Numeracy Week at Cerdon**

Cerdon celebrated Literacy and Numeracy Week with a number of activities. On Tuesday at lunchtime, Sudoku for Fun and Competition was held in the Fourvière Centre. Girls worked fervently to complete as many puzzles as possible; however, our reigning queen of Sudoku, Mrs Perras, retained her title. Perroton earned a staggering 206 points thanks to the many puzzles completed by Kim Do from Year 11.

Thank you to all the teachers from the Numeracy Team and the Mathematics Department who organised and supervised the event.

On Tuesday in periods 5 and 6 Year 7 participated in a Literacy Quiz, with questions drawn from all KLAs. The competition was intense, but also a lot of fun. Colin Team 4 came first with 103 points, followed closely by McOscar Team 5 with 100 points and third place was taken by Colin Team 1 with 98 points.

On Wednesday, we also had a Read Aloud Day with Mrs Hackney, Mrs Stephenson, Mr Viera, Mrs Parker and Mrs Stringer and Mr Toft reading to rapt audiences. Also a hit on the day was Nedi Utah of Year 12 who read with great verve and expression and enthralled her audience.

Thank you to all involved, especially Mrs Sylaprany, who helped to organise both these events.

**Dress Up Day**

On Monday 26th August, staff and students took part in our annual Dress Up Day to raise funds for Marist missions. Students from Year 7 to 12 were assigned alphabet letters - CERDON and were challenged to come as someone representing that letter of the alphabet. On the day there were some outstanding interpretations of their challenge - Oliver Twist and the Orphans for O, a ten pack of chicken nuggets for N, a rag doll for R to mention a few. Staff were also challenged to come as a character from their subject area, with the Visual Arts teachers not only dressing as artists but teaching students about their chosen artists.

**Year 10 Social Justice Day**

On Wednesday 4th September our Year 10 students took time from lessons so as to focus their attention upon the issue of Social Justice. As a way of extending upon the work being completed in Religious Education lessons for the “Justice and Peace” unit, a number of guest presenters were organised to share their experiences with our students.

An ex-student, Sr Noelene Simmons, spoke of the work she completes as a member of ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against the Trafficking of Humans). Our students found out practical measures they could take to ensure they lived in a more socially just world. Mrs Jennifer Leone, another ex-student, spoke of the work she does as a trainer of public speaking and how her efforts allow people become the best person they can be.

After recess, Samuel Clear from Walk4One, provided an insight into his adventures as he walked around the world in aid of Christian unity. Our students were amazed at his experiences and at his achievements.

Our day concluded with the mixture of building bridges in our relationships around us through a musical presentation by Brett Hunt. Students were invited to sing along to many well known songs as Brett explained that our world requires us to foster positive relationships with those around us so as to create a more socially just world.

The day certainly provoked much thought in our students. This is also content that will be dealt with in class and lead to the opportunity for some of our students to work in collaboration with other Catholic schools in our diocese.

**Mr N Mulheron**

**Lunchtime Concert**

Students from Year 7 to 12 had the opportunity on Thursday 22nd August to attend a lunchtime concert with an upcoming band - ‘Masketta Fall’. Band members also talked to Elective Music and Entertainment students to share their musical performance experiences.
PDHPE and Sport Report

Bstreetsmart Youth and Road Trauma Forum.
On Tuesday August 20, Year 10 attended the Bstreetsmart Youth and Road Trauma Forum at All Phones Arena at Homebush. It was an insightful event that was viewed by close to 20,000 school students from around Sydney over three-day period. The forum focused specifically on road safety and decision making, which linked with the content studied in the Year 10 PDHPE Unit ‘The Party’. The students viewed a staged car accident scene that was caused by a number of factors. Students were then able to watch the emergency services respond and witness the physical and legal consequences of a car crash. Students were also able to engage with many interactive displays and collect information to help them to make safe decisions with regard to road safety. It was an interesting and important day for our students as they move towards learning how to drive.

I would like to thank all of Year 10 for conducting themselves in a very mature way throughout the day and to Mrs Sharp for organising the excursion for the students. Thanks to Miss Brewer, Miss Herrera, Miss Hanson, Mrs Deegan, and to Miss Rimac for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend the excursion.

PDSSSSC Athletics
On Wednesday August 21, the annual PDSSSSC Athletics Carnival took place at Blacktown Athletics Centre. We sent our largest squad for some time and this is testament to the great performances on show at the Cerdon College Athletics Carnival in Term 2. All students enjoyed the day and we had some strong performances. Congratulations to the following students for representing the College with pride:

Julia Achmar, Naomi Amosa, Gabrielle Azer, Gabrielle Barbara, Melissa Barron, Monique Brunet, Chantelle Chan, Alycia Chand, Emma Cohen, Georgia Creitley, Jeg Deng, Claire Duffy, Sarah Duruchukwu, Rachel Fogarty, Danielle Galluccio, Jade Gitt, Emily Gittany, Geraldina Hnitko, Karla Ignazzi, Georgia Kalisperis, Kylie Lai, Alanna Lee, Isabella Matsias, Amelia Menouhos, Natasha Milakovic, Sarah Morosin, Vera Nascimben, Hayley Nolan, Louise O’Neill, Claudia Ong, Lauren Smith, Jessica Stanton, April Sweeney, Cara Walshaw, Mariah Younan, Catherine Young.

The following students are to be commended for finishing 1st place in their event and thus being selected to represent PDSSSSC at the NSWCCC Athletics Championships to be held on Friday 13th September at Homebush.

Natasha Milakovic 1st place U13 Javelin.
Jeg Deng 1st place U12 Long Jump.

We wish Natasha and Jeg all the very best at the upcoming State Carnival.

A very special thank you to Mrs Deegan who managed the squad and to Mr Porter and Mr Lovadina who worked as officials on the day.

PDSSSSC Oz Tag
On Monday September 2nd, our Oz Tag squads travelled to The Kingsway playing fields at St Marys for the inaugural PDSSSSC Oz Tag Gala Day.

It was a warm day for the competition and there were many Parramatta Diocesan schools in attendance. We had three teams represent the College on the day, a junior, an intermediate and a senior team. All teams faced tough opposition and performed to best their ability. The Junior and Intermediate teams both finished 3rd overall, which is a great achievement. The senior team placed 2nd overall and were defeated by Xavier College Llandilo. The following students are to be commended on their efforts at the Gala Day:

Junior squad
Tahlia Del Principe, Julia Achmar, Camilla Diab, Sophie Robertson, Quyen Nguyen, Lauren Smith, Catherine Raftopoulos, Claire Duffy, Louise O’Neill, Nicole Gereige, Anaeza Eldick, Emma Awad

Intermediate squad
Hayley Nolan, Nicole O’Connor, Mallory Morrell, Channelle Succar, Catherine Le, Elissa Hadchiti, Karen Nguyen, Megan Cuskelly, Patricia Sande, Rebecca Chamoun, Priscilla Tannous, Emily Gittany

Senior Squad
Maria Arraj, Atoug Deng, Lisa Galafassi, Miralta Zeid, Vanessa Diab, Sally Sukarieh, Raquel Saba, Natalie Haider, Angela Haangana, Nnedinma Utah, Sarah Morosin

I would like to thank all players for their efforts on the day and hope to see you competing in the Oz Tag Gala Day next year. It was great to see many Year 12 students eager to participate in what was their last opportunity to represent Cerdon College in sport. In addition, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Melissa Barron of Year 9 who refereed on the day. She voluntarily offered her time and did an outstanding job across the day, refereeing many games. Thank you also to Shantelle Moody and Christina El Khouri who assisted in the coaching role on the day. Both students were unable to play due to injury but were still able to contribute their knowledge of Oz Tag to assist the Junior and Senior Teams. I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of Mr O’Halloran who attended the day as a coach for the Senior team.

Ultimate Dance Challenge Educational Showcase
On Saturday August 31st, students in involved in Dance at Cerdon College attended the Ultimate Dance Challenge Educational Showcase at Cherrybrook Technology High School. The students competed against a variety of schools from around Western Sydney. Our dancers performed extremely well on the day and recorded the following results:

Hip Hop A: 1st Place
Hip Hop B: 2nd Place
Lyrical A: 2nd Place
Jazz B: 2nd Place

Congratulations to all students involved and thank you to the many parents that came out to offer their support on the day. Many thanks and congratulations to Mrs Sharp and Ms Murfet for coaching the students and attending on the day.

Mr R Zammit
PDHPE/Sport Co-ordinator

Upcoming Events
13 September
NSWCCC Athletics
22 October
PDSSSSC Softball
Term 3 Diary Dates

Week 10

Tuesday 17 September
Year 12 Farewell Mass Practice
Wednesday 18 September
Year 12 Farewell Mass 10.30am
Thursday 19 September
Year 12 Graduation Practice & Report Distribution
Year 12 Graduation 7pm
Friday 20 September
Year 11 Exams Conclude
Year 12 Breakfast & Picnic Day
Last Day Term 3

Term 3 Uniform Shop Trading Hours

TERM 1
Monday and Wednesday
8:00 am—2:00 pm

TERM 2
Mondays only from 27 May
8:00 am—2:00 pm

TERM 3
Monday
8:00 am—2:00 pm

TERM 4
Monday and Wednesday
8:00 am—2:00 pm

Telephone enquiries can be made to the College Uniform Shop during opening hours on 0419 403 901. The Shop is unable to be contacted via the College office number at present. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Uniform Shop Management
Telephone: 0419 403 901

Co-ordinator’s Awards

Jessica Adamson 10F19, Nicoletta Andreou 9I32
Rachel Ashworth 12FF3, Emma Awad 8G26, Gabrielle Azer 7E5
Gabriela Badrov 7G23, Emma Banboukjian 7E6
Riley Carroll 8G24, Elana Chami 8G27, Chantelle Cheung 7E8
Melanie Conlon 7G23, Rochelle Elegado 11F16
Michelle Elias 10F24, Linda Estephan 10F24
Francesca Fianza 10F24, Emily Green 9I32
Janette Hanania 8G26, Zhi Lin Huang 12FF2
Saffie Johnny-Moore 10F22, Natalya Jozic 10FD1
Kiranpreet Kohli 7E8, Sonali Kumar 7E6, Jessica Li 7G23
Jessica Ma 12FF8, Thy Mai BGL3, Amelia Menouhos 9J29
Bridget Newman 8G27, Rachel Newman 8G26
Ciara O’Kane 8G27, Shelby Pahuta 7E10, Angela Pham 8G25
Tram Pham 9I33, Leanne Purkis, Catherine Raptopoulos 8G27
Ahlia Raslan 9I33, Olivia Resman 7G23, Sandra Sok 9I33
Kimberley Stutzel 9J29, Priscilla Tannous 10F20
Adina Tarabiya 9J28, Cindy Thach 10F22, Rhianah Toufa 10F24
Demi Towns 9J29, Lidia Yousif 12FF8, Carissa Zajac 7E10

Jessica devotion challenge with gusto

By Jade Wittmann

CERDON College students were given food for thought this week as they embarked on the Gussy Challenge. It is the second year that students in year 7 at the Merrylands school have taken part in the national initiative, which promotes healthy eating while raising funds to help children with cancer.

Year 7 students were encouraged to eat two servings of fruit and two servings of vegetables each day for the week.

“The idea is to encourage healthy eating by making it a bit of a fun experience,” said Jessica, one of the students.

“I got some fruits from my grandparents’ house – apples and berries. They have a vegetable garden,” said Marissa, who also tried to eat at least three vegetables a day.

“People should try to eat well,” said Mia.

For Cerdon College students, the challenge ends on September 1. The Gussy Challenge can be taken any time until the end of the year. Details: gussychallenge.com.au.