A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

As our Year 12 students enter the final week of HSC examinations, Year 11 students have commenced their HSC courses of study and are about to complete the first of their HSC Assessment Tasks. Years 8 to 10 are completing their final examinations and students are working on their final assignments and assessments for the term.

Parents are reminded that the final days for students are as follows:
- Year 11: Wednesday 18th December (Students will have HSC assessments on this date)
- Year 10: Friday 13th December (Students will have a formal luncheon on this day)
- Years 7-9: Wednesday 18th December (Picnic Day for Years 7-9)

As a community we pray for all those impacted by recent bushfires, especially those families who have lost houses but to all who have much to do to rebuild their communities. Students at Cerdon College have embarked on a fundraising project to assist these communities.

Prayer for Bushfire Victims

Almighty God,
We ask you to hear our prayers for all those suffering from the effects of the bushfires across NSW.
We pray for those still under threat of fire.
Protect both life and property.
In your mercy, send rain to all affected areas.
We pray for the bereaved.
Bring comfort to those who mourn the loss of a loved one.
Heal all those broken in body and spirit.
Give courage and hope in the midst of despair.
We pray for those made homeless in this great tragedy.
Have compassion, Lord, comforting each according to their needs.
Encourage generosity of our government and of individuals across our State to offer assistance wherever needed.
And turn the hearts of all to you, the God of all comfort - through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord.
Amen

God Bless

Mrs Patricia Baker
Principal
Fundraising for Bushfire Victims

We can see that the Holy Spirit is alive and well at Cerdon in the great response that school has received from students wishing to assist with fundraising for the NSW bushfire victims.

In the face of the recent and ongoing bush fires in NSW, the girls at Cerdon have taken up the cause. We are hoping to raise over $3000 to go toward the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Bush Fire Appeal. We are going to work on a number of different initiatives to raise money beginning with, making and selling orange ribbons to show our support for both the victims and the fire fighters who are working tirelessly. Thank you to Jane Bui and her family, who have donated some of our ribbons; and made them up so beautifully and to all of the girls who assisted in making ribbons and posters to promote the events around the school.

On Tuesday 5th November there will be a mufti day with a $2 donation and students are encouraged to wear orange to further show their support. We have also registered for a mobile phone recycling program that will donate $3 for each phone under 6 years old. So students may decide to bring in an old phone rather than the $2 for mufti. Or if you just want to get rid of unwanted phones in an environmentally responsible way students can bring in as many as they like. There will also be a sausage sizzle and live music at lunch. This is a great way to live out our Marist values within the community. Our prayers and thoughts are with all those affected, and we hope that you can help us support this cause in any way possible.

Trisha Nguyen, Jane Bui, Megan Prodigalidad

Rotary Club of Holroyd

Following the wonderful success of the Australian Business Week Program, the Rotary Club of Holroyd invited the ABW Co-ordinators and some students to present at their meeting on Monday October 21 at Merrylands Bowling Club.

Dorothea Noone and Wendy Dao spoke about their experiences of the ABW program; the stress of meeting deadlines, the skills they discovered within themselves and others, the benefits of teamwork and the excitement of creating and presenting the trade displays. The Club members applauded the students on their polished presentations and in appreciation of their efforts, made a donation on the College’s behalf to Rotary International to help fund the eradication of polio.

The Rotary Club of Holroyd were major sponsors of the ABW Program providing financial support, team mentors and judges. Cerdon College is very thankful for their support and they were so impressed with the program and its benefits to the students that they have committed again in 2014.

Mr B Collimore and Mrs F Zakroczymski
ABW Co-ordinators

Enrichment @ Cerdon

UN Youth Voice

UN Youth Voice is a new public speaking competition that sees students from Years 7-10 propose and present solutions to pressing global issues, and defend their validity.

On Tuesday 29th October Christina Kheir from Year 9 represented Cerdon at the Hills Adventist College, Kellyville. Christina chose to speak on the topic ‘How to stop civil wars and violence in other countries and around the world’. She used a clever analogy about civil wars being like sibling rivalries, and the UN being the parent who has the responsibility to somehow settle the dispute. Christina’s manner and speech were so impressive that the judges advised her to enter politics! Christina was an outstanding ambassador for her school and we wish her well with the upcoming results.

The University of Sydney Gifted and Talented Discovery Program

The University of Sydney is inviting gifted students in Years 8 and 9 to apply for a position in the 2014 Gifted and Talented Discovery program.

The aim of the program is to provide talented high school science students with additional challenges and stimulation in the areas of biology, chemistry and physics.

The workshop also gives students an on-campus experience. It provides them with the opportunity to engage with University teaching staff and current researchers, access first-class facilities and make friends with people who have a mutual interest in science. Entry to this prestigious program is via an entrance exam which will be conducted at school in November. Applications are closing soon. Interested students are to see Mrs Agius.

The Somerset Celebration of Literature Writing Competitions

If you enjoy writing and dream of producing the next bestseller, these competitions are for YOU! As part of the Somerset Celebration of Literature, students are invited to participate in 2014 Novella Writing Competition and/or the 2014 Somerset National Poetry prize. The Novella competition requires students to write a novel between 6000-10000 words, on any theme. As well as winning over $2500 worth of prizes, winners will receive personalised advice on their work from members of the Penguin Group (Australia) Publishing Company.

The National Poetry Prize students can submit any unpublished piece of work which is no more than 50 lines on any subject. Winners in each category will receive a $300 plus flights to attend the Somerset Celebration of Literature festival in Queensland.

Further information is available from Mrs Agius or by visiting www.somerset.qld.edu.au/celebration

The University of NSW is holding a Science Info Day

On Thursday, 7th November, from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm.

This full-day activity is designed to give you a taste of university life as a science student!

The Science School will offer activities and lectures to help students from Years 10-12, determine what area of science may be right for them. To see what is on offer check out our Science Info Day page. When registering, you’ll be given the opportunity to select your top 5 preferred activities and we will ensure you get as many of those preferences as possible. Fields of interest include Aviation, Biology, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Biotechnology and Biomolecular Sciences, Chemistry, Materials Science and Engineering, Mathematics and Statistics, Optometry and Vision Science, Physics, Psychology.

For further information and to register visit:
http://www.science.unsw.edu.au/events/science-info-day-nov2013

Mrs S Agius
Enrichment Co-ordinator
PDHPE and Sport Report

PDSSSC Blues Awards
Congratulations to Emma Cleary, Ellen Martin, Jessica Micallef and Jessica Stanton, who have received an invitation to attend the 2013 Parramatta Diocese Sports Awards evening. Each student will be presented with a PDSSSC Blues Award recognising exceptional achievement and performance in sport. The presentation is being held on Tuesday November 19th at Bowman Hall, Blacktown. This important event recognises the many talented sportspersons in Primary and Secondary schools from around the Parramatta Diocese. It is fantastic to see our students being recognised amongst the best athletes in Catholic Schools in the Parramatta region.

Congratulations on your outstanding achievements in 2013.
Emma Cleary – Vigoro and Softball
Ellen Martin – Diving
Jessica Micallef – Softball
Jessica Stanton – Gymnastics
Mr R Zammit
PDHPE/Sport Co-ordinator

Upcoming Events
Softball postponed - Date to be confirmed
25 November PDSSSC Cricket

Language News

Foreign Film Competition
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Signora Pecora

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Term 4 Diary Dates

Week 5
Thursday 7 November
Year 11 Reports Distributed
Friday 8 November

Week 6
Monday 12 November
Remembrance Day Ceremony 8:50 am
Friday 15 November
Year 12 Collect References and Formal Tickets 9:00—11:00 am

Week 7
Wednesday 20 November
P & F Luncheon 12:30 pm
Friday 22 November
Year 12 Formal

Week 8
Monday 25 November
Creative and Performing Arts Showcase 4-7 pm

Week 10
Monday 9 December
Presentation Night 7pm
Tuesday 10—Thursday 12 December
Year 10 Alternate Programme
Wednesday 11 December
Year 7-10 Reports Distributed
Thursday 12 December
Year 11 Liturgy and Presentation Assembly
Year 9 Peer Support Training Friday 13 December
Year 11 Picnic
Year 10 End of Year Function
Year 9 Peer Support Training

Week 11
Monday 16-18 December
Year 11 Assessment Period
Monday 16 December
Year 10 Prefect Training
Tuesday 17 December

Year 7-9 Liturgies and Presentation Assemblies
Wednesday 18 December
HSC Results Released
Year 7-9 Picnics
Last Day Term 4
Thursday 19 December
Staff Development Day
HSC Morning Tea 10:30 am
Friday 20 December
Staff Development Day
Last Day 2013 School Year

Catholic Education Office News

PRC General Meeting - Monday 11 November 2013
PRC General Meeting for Term 4 is on Monday 11 November 2013 at Diocesan Assembly Centre (DAC) Cnr Fluscombe Road and Marian Street, Blacktown. Doors open at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start and concludes at 9.30pm.
Guest Speaker will be Dr John DeCourcy, Director Strategic Accountabilities Services, Catholic Education Parramatta. Dr DeCourcy will be presenting Gifted and Talented Education in Catholic Schools.
All welcome.

Bishop’s Office News

St Patrick’s Cathedral Open Day: 3 November
Everyone is welcome to drop in and find out more about the Catholic tradition of Christianity and the award-winning St Patrick’s Cathedral. Hosted by the Commission for Ecumenism and Interfaith Dialogue.

Open Day program
* Solemn Sung Mass at 11am with Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, Bishop of Parramatta, presiding.
* Following Mass, Q and A in the Cathedral Hall on topics specific to Catholic Christianity.
* Tours of the Cathedral and organ recitals.
* Free sausage sizzle followed by Devonshire teas prepared by CWL Parramatta.
* Cloister expo with Church ministries, including Catholic Education Parramatta, CatholicCare Social Services, St Vincent de Paul Society and Institute for Mission.
* Concludes at 3pm with Solemn Sung Afternoon Prayer.
St Patrick’s Cathedral is at 1 Marist Place, Parramatta, opposite Prince Alfred Park. Plenty of parking is available. For more information contact the Cathedral Office tel (02) 8839 8400 or visit: www.stpatscathedral.com.au

Advertising

A Free Lecture Series for HSC Students
“Mastering the HSC” is a unique program designed to motivate, empower and organise students, and ensure they are provided with the necessary skills and information to maximise HSC marks. Featuring a unique collection of guest speakers and HSC exam markers, this exclusive event offers students a great opportunity to get ahead and maximise ATAR scores. Valued at over $250, these highly beneficial lectures are FREE OF CHARGE to students. We do however, require that the students participating in this program make a $10 donation to the charity representatives that will be in attendance on each day. 50% of the proceeds collected will be donated to Beyond Blue and 50% will be donated to the Fred Hollows Foundation.

Special Guest Speakers:

Dr Boyapati
MedEntry
Irena Jaskula
Learning Specialist

Dates and Venues:
Saturday 16 November 2013
University of Sydney
(Camperdown)
Sunday 24 November 2013
University of NSW (Kensington)