



KILLESTER COLLEGE

newsletter

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3rd March 2017

Prayer

*Dear Loving and Compassionate God,
Giver of all gifts,
we pray especially today for the mercy
and love You give us.
Open our hearts and minds to You.
Give us the grace to accept your mercy.
As we live each day,
we pray for those less fortunate,
especially those who are hurting,
and whose wounds need to be healed.
Help us become involved in ways that
show them how deeply we care.
Give us the personal courage to listen to
their concerns and help them find the
solutions to which they are entitled.
as Your children and our brothers and
sisters.
Amen.*



Principal's Message

Ash Wednesday occurred this week, as we commenced the Lenten period and Project Compassion. All year levels attended a wonderful service, organised by the Faith and Mission Leader, Peter O'Neill, and the Religious Education team.

At this time, Pope Francis reminds us that Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Even when we sin, He patiently awaits our return; by that patient expectation, He shows us his readiness to forgive.

Pope Francis' message for Lent 2017

"Dear friends, Lent is the favourable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in His word, in the sacraments and in our neighbour. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the Tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need. I encourage all the faithful to express this spiritual renewal also by sharing in the Lenten Campaigns promoted by many Church organisations in different parts of the world, and thus to favour the culture of encounter in our one human family. Let us pray for one another so that, by sharing in the victory of Christ, we may open our doors to the weak and poor. Then we will be able to experience and share to the full the joy of Easter."

It is an important reminder for us all at Killester, as we consider those less fortunate than ourselves; be they refugees, the poor, the homeless, the disenfranchised.

At the swimming sports last week, a simply act of "Shaking a Bucket for Charity" raised \$390.00 for Project Compassion. In our everyday actions we can Encourage Courage.

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Best wishes to the Year 7s as they head off to camp at Phillip Island next week. The girls are very excited to be attending their first secondary school camp with such terrific weather being forecast. Can I remind Year 7 parents that their daughters need to be dropped off for camp at the carpark off Hillcrest Grove (next to the library car park), and not the back of the Town Hall (which is now a construction site).

The Week Ahead

MARCH	
Monday 6th	Open Morning 9-9:45am Yr 10 Drama Excursion
Tuesday 7th	Swimming Training 7am-8:30am Opening School Mass 11am Mac Attack 7pm-8:30pm
Wednesday 8th	Yr 7 Camp (Depart 8:30am) Swimming Training 7am-8:30am
Thursday 9th	Yr 7 Camp Y 9 OED Camp Lorne Yr 10 VCD Excursion
Friday 10th	Yr 7 Camp (Return 3pm) Yr 9 OED Camp Lorne (return 4pm)

Late to school

Reminder to all students if you are late to school for any reason you must come via the office for a late pass otherwise your parents will receive an absence notification via SMS.

Easter Egg Donations

All students are asked to donate ONE EASTER EGG each for the annual fundraiser raffle.

Please give eggs to your Homeroom teacher or Student Development Leader



Principal's Message Cont.....

A reminder to all parents that the Opening Mass will occur next Tuesday, March 7th, commencing at approximately 11:00am. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be a free lunch (BBQ) and drink for all girls afterwards. If there are any parents free to assist with the cooking, please email me directly at lcannon@killester.vic.edu.au.

Next Monday, 6th March, at 7.00pm, the Killester Involvement Committee (P&F) will meet in the upstairs meeting room in the Administration building. Everyone is welcome to come along. We will be planning a number of upcoming events.

EASTER EGGS and RAFFLE TICKETS... All girls have now been given ten raffle tickets to sell for the Easter Raffle. We also ask that each student donates one Easter Egg and puts it in the basket in their SDL's office. Proceeds go to our 2017 charities.

Finally, in the words of Pope Francis, may we all be reminded to "...treat each human person (we) encounter as a gift."

Best wishes
Loreto Cannon
School Operations and Community Development

From the Finance Office

Fees

A friendly reminder that unless you have a confirmed instalment payment arrangement with the College, the due date for payment of fees was 28/2/17 and all fees are now due and payable.

If there is some difficulty in managing this payment, please make an appointment with the Business Manager, Sandra Rotunno, to discuss other payment options.

CSEF

If you currently hold a valid Health Care Card or Pension Card you are eligible for the CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund) payment from the State Government.

To receive this payment, (that will be credited to your fee account), you will need to come to the Finance Department of the school front office and complete an application form. You need to present your concession card when submitting the application. If you are eligible and have not submitted a form as yet, please do so as soon as possible to receive the allowance.

Winter Uniform - Term 2

All students are required to wear FULL WINTER UNIFORM from the commencement of Term 2. This can be purchased from:

Buxwear, 8/169 Dandenong Road, Dandenong
Phone: 9792 0424



Killester Swimming Carnival



On Friday the 17th of February we held our annual House Swimming Carnival, which took place at Noble Park Aquatic Centre (NPAC). As usual, staff and students met at school and made their way down to the pool on foot. When girls began to arrive, it was fantastic to see them all dressed up in their house colours and ready for a fun day of swimming.

The weather was on our side for the day, slightly overcast but warm, perfect conditions for a dip in the pool. Excitement was high amongst the girls, as they were eager to start their events. As the first events began, you could hear the roar of the crowd from outside the pool area. The enthusiasm and joy could be felt throughout the venue.



The participation of the girls on the day was fantastic, with almost all events having eight lanes filled. The addition of the big slide opening up this year, for any girl who swam in an event, may have increased motivation levels..

All girls should be commended on the wonderful team spirit and sports(wo)manship demonstrated throughout the day. Walking around the pool, I constantly heard encouragement for all the girls swimming from each house area. It was so nice to see and hear the girls cheering on their friends and fellow House competitors.

The staff versus student race was one of the many highlights for the day, with a nail biting finish. Thanks to Peter Cherrington for swimming an unbelievable last leg which saw the students being pipped on the last touch to the wall.



All girls should be congratulated on their involvement, whether swimming in the day, or being a helper who assisted different teachers throughout the day. Special thanks to the House and Committee leaders, who were integral to the smooth running of the day. Your hard work paid off girls, thank you for all your help!

A big thank you to all the staff who helped with the various tasks for the day, everything from marshalling to canteen duty. A special thank you to the PE staff (Emma Neville, Troy Brodie, Emma Spreckley, Peter Cherrington, Michel Kennedy and Bethany Dodgson) and the House Marshall staff (Anneliese Heys, Bill Tucker, Maree Edwards, Jason Mahmoud). Without your assistance, the day would not be possible, so thank you one and all.



Congratulations to our level champions for 2017 swimming carnival: Lorraine Becker (Year 7), Mikayla Tjong and Sierra Lee (Year 8), Amy Ong (Year 9), Bethany Forster (Year 10), Brigid Rae (Year 11), Elise Tjong (Year 12). A fantastic effort girls.

And finally Romero House who were House Champions. Congratulations girls!

Hopefully next year Brigid.. (Am I allowed to say that?)

Rebecca Roberts
Sports Leader



Year 9 Outdoor Education Day Walk

Our Adventurous Hike of Two Bay's Walking Track. . .

On the 23rd of February 2017, the Year 9 Outdoor Education class along with Miss Spreckley, Miss Roberts and Bethany, came to school at 7.00am to head down to the 'Two Bay's Walking Track'. This excursion was a trip where we, as students, had to lead where we were going with only a little assistance from the teachers. We had to follow the map ourselves and if we took a wrong turn after walking for a short time the teachers would help us. It was a trip that was organised by the class to help us practice for the overnight hike coming up. We had to pack our packs as if we were staying overnight. Therefore making our bags very heavy.

When we arrived the track was quite easy until we reached the first hill. It was steep and therefore tiring, however, after walking a few more kilometres and getting stuck on directions on the way we had to CLIMB another hill. This hill looked like a mountain, it was three times taller and three times steeper than the last hill. Everyone was freaking out and 'died' at the sight of the hill. However there were many hills after, but none as tall or as steep. It did get hard keep up our stamina as fatigue set in, but it ultimately got easier as we got used to the slopes.

Not only did we went through all that trouble of trekking up the hills and slopes we also encountered animals on our journey, such as a horse. Some of our class including Miss Roberts, took the courage to touch and gave the horse some surrounding grass to eat. The horse wasn't the only animal we saw, some of us saw a snake cross the path where we walked, spiders and their webs and big bull ants. There was also beautiful views at the top of the hills, specifically the 'Seawinds Garden walk' where we were high enough to see the beach and the small houses.

Although it took us about 4 hours to walk the whole way we got a well deserved meal, cooked on Trangia's. Most of the class brought along mac and cheese and instant noodles. Some of us brought pasta, frankfurt sausages and even eggs to cook. However the eggs were unfortunately a big fail.

This excursion overall was a great experience, despite the challenges we faced and the soreness, headaches and muscle aches. It really brought us out of our comfort zone and challenged our body and mind to become stronger when you want to give up. It was a great day that none of us will forget.

Michelle Huynh
Year 9 St Frances

Senior VCAL

For the past two weeks Senior VCAL students have been working on a special project for the Year 7 girls. On Tuesday the 28th of February we visited each of the Year 7 Homerooms and handed out bookmarks.

Two VCAL students were allocated to each Homeroom to work on the bookmarks. Each group designed them with different colours and patterns. We also added inspirational and encouraging quotes to welcome them and make them feel at home, as we reflected on the challenges that we faced during our first year at high school.

Aisha Ganatra
Senior VCAL



Year 9 Art Excursion - NGV Ian Potter

On Tuesday 21st of February, the Year 9 art classes had the great opportunity to explore and enrich our learning with the wonderful visit to the 'National Art Gallery'. In the empowering display of art, I was able to smell faint scent of paint that was left by the beautiful art works displayed on the walls. I could hear mumbling of many people who were observing and analyzing artworks carefully. My eyes were blessed and enriched to have seen many beautiful colours and creativity of many great minds. We looked at the Indigenous art collection and we were given a fantastic introductory talk by the gallery curator.

What I have learnt in this magical experience is that art is expressed through many cultures and anyone can create art as beautiful as who they truly are and to express themselves. That is what people appreciate the most. They look for personality. They look for emotions but most importantly, they look at art as an individual.

The thing that was most enjoyable about this amazing experience was that I had the opportunity to do some reflection about my own life and somehow connect this to art because there were many ways to express my life story through the medium of art. This excursion was one of a kind. It was a great opportunity for us all relate to the many beautiful artworks that were shown in the amazing excursion.

Cindy Hoang
Year 9 St Barbara



Justice and Democracy Camp

On the 27th of February, students from Brigidine Schools across Australia arrived at the Holy Cross Centre in Templestowe for a Justice and Democracy Retreat.

On the two days we were there, we met other girls from the Brigidine schools and were assigned into groups. We had sessions throughout the day where we learnt about the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman, the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and we also learnt about people who have stood up for people's rights and ways we can enact justice in our community. We were blessed to hear a number of guest speakers talk about their personal experiences in helping others.

A woman from Caritas spoke about how we can support Project Compassion and told us stories from people in Philippines, Timor Leste, Indigenous Australia, Vietnam and Fiji.

We also had Andie Patchett, a social worker from the St Kilda Gatehouse, who helps marginalised women overcome problems in their lives, including drug use and sexual exploitation. Gatehouse helps the women set up a life for themselves.

It was a great experience and we had an enjoyable time meeting the other girls and making friends.

Jewel Rodrigues and Elisha Barrow
Year 11 Justice and Democracy





Year 8 Beach Day 2017

On the 27 February 2017, all the Year Eight students were fortunate enough to attend an excursion to Chelsea Beach. The program was run by lifeguards who were from Life Saving Victoria, they had a great sense of humour and were great teachers.

Paddle boarding, boogie boarding and relays were just some of the many activities we did at the beach. In addition to hands on activities, we also listened to the instructors talk about the dangers of rips and what you should do in the event of an emergency.

Thankfully we had great swimming weather.

One of my favourite activities was the relay. The instructor split us up into two teams and we each had to do a certain event such as wading, swimming or running.

Once we had completed our last activity we were all disappointed it was over because of the fun and the great experiences we had. Everybody had a great time on Monday and the Year Eight students would like to thank the teachers and Life Saving Victoria for organising it for us!

Anna Vrontdou
Year 8 St Agatha



Come along and enjoy Autumn Fest, a fun day out that your whole family and four legged friends will enjoy! Featuring live music entertainment, roving performers, workshops and family activities, including games, backyard sports, workshops, arts and crafts, circus play, pet services and activities, jumping castle and much more! Fun for everyone!

Event highlights

Special Under 5s World

Interactive workshops

Family activities

Sports and games

Cultural arts activities

Dog activities

Food and market stalls

For more information regarding this event, please contact Council.

This is a drug and alcohol free event.

Location: Wachter Reserve, Kingsclere Avenue, Keysborough (next to Parkmore Shopping Centre)



SENIOR MATHS CLUB

Every Thursday Lunch
In BR04 for all
Yr 10, 11, 12

Registration day Sunday 5th March

Time: 9am - 10:30am

Location: Springvale Reserve, Newcomen Road, Springvale

Free BBQ, Face Painting, AFL obstacle course

Auskick session running on the day

Development training session

Girls come and try session

All abilities and age levels catered for

Contact Michael Palma on 0407 566 155



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KILLESTER COLLEGE TENNIS COACHING

PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS – 2017 – Term 1

First Term coaching lessons for 2017 will commence on Monday 6th February and will end on Friday, 31 March. Tennis coaching this year is taken by Stephen Sruk, who was a member of the winning 1997 State Grade Pennant team for Dendy Park and in 1999 played in the winning State Grade team for Royal South Yarra. Stephen also won the Victorian Hardcourt Singles Championships in 1995 and was runner-up in 1997. He is a registered T.C.A.V. and Tennis Australia Club Professional Qualified Coach.

Classes will be conducted on Monday to Friday, lunchtimes from 12.40pm. The lessons will be 45 minutes in duration but alternative times and days can be arranged.

The cost for the eight week term will be **\$80.00** for a tennis lesson each week (consisting of maximum six students per group).

New students will be placed into groups with vacancies. You will be informed of available time slots when the reply slip is returned to Stephen or school office.

If you would like some more information or interested in having tennis lessons, contact Stephen Sruk – Mobile Phone 0419 311 291 by Friday, 18 February so that groups and times can be arranged according to available time slots.

REPLY SLIP

NAME _____ CLASS _____

TELEPHONE NO. _____ ROOM NO. _____

EXPERIENCE: Beginner Intermediate Advanced
(Please circle one answer)

PREFERRED DAY, IF AVAILABLE: