Dear Parents

On Tuesday we held our Social Justice Assembly. During this assembly we highlight the work being done across the school to support organisations with whom we have developed an ongoing relationship. I list these below for your information.

Year 7 - Good Samaritan Foundation
Year 8 - Mary MacKillop East Timor Mission
Year 9 - Edmund Rice Centre
Year 10 - Marist Youth Care
Years 11 & 12 - Youth Off The Streets
SRC - The San Miguel Family Centre

As it is Catholic Schools Week we have been running a number of school tours during the first part of the day for Year 7 parents and the families of new enrolments across the College. As I say at the welcome on these occasions we have no better advertisement than our students, their work and the climate of our school. Seeing the school working, as it does every day, is impressive in itself.

On Wednesday night we had well in excess of 200 parents, who are considering enrolment for their child in 2016, come to the College to tour the facilities. These tours were led by our SRC representatives who did a superb job. More than a few of our visitors commented on the way that their questions were answered and on the quality of the information that was provided. These students were a credit to the College.

Last week we found out that we will have two seminarians, Christopher del Rosario and Matthew Dimian working with us every Friday this year as part of their training. We are absolutely delighted. They will be a wonderful support to our staff and students.

God Bless

Kevin Jones
**College Leadership Teams**

~ Executive ~

**Principal**  
Mr Kevin Jones

**Assistant Principals**  
Mr Rodney Howard / Mr Harry Fernandez

**Religious Education Coordinator**  
Mrs Mary McGuiness / Assistant: Jessica Attard

**School Secretary**  
Mrs Lisa Casey

**Business Manager**  
Mr Paul Cruise

**Administration Coordinator**  
Mr Brett Collimore

**Learning Technologies Coordinator**  
Mrs Jeanette Lans

~ Curriculum Forum & Assistants ~

**Creative Arts**  
Ms Nicola Eccleston / Miss Angela Rando

**English**  
Ms Marsha Edwards / Assistant: Mrs Jeanette Lans

**Human Society & Its Environment**  
Mr Paul Sykes / Assistant: Mr Brett Windon

**Languages**  
Ms Felicity Lupton

**Mathematics**  
Mrs Nichole Padden / Assistant: Mrs Shiela Fernandez

**PDHPE**  
Mr Marc Sluiter / Assistant: Liam Campbell

**Careers**  
Mr Brett Collimore

**Science**  
Mr Stephen Godfrey / Assistant: Mr Steve Lans

**Special Education**  
Mrs Jan Trefoni

**Sports Coordinator**  
Mr Dean Bertenshaw

**Technology & Applied Studies**  
Mr Edward Gruppetta / Mrs Lisa Cummins

**Year Coordinators**

- **Year 7**: Mrs Dianne Santos  
- **Year 8**: Miss Hayley Lalor  
- **Year 9**: Miss Jessica Whitney  
- **Year 10**: Mr Nick Briffa

**Senior Coordinator**  
Miss Kristy Walsh

**Social Justice Coordinator**  
Mrs Janette Wick

**Home-School Liaison Coordinator**  
Miss Jenny Woods

**Student Counsellor**  
Esther Gounder

**Librarian**  
Mrs Kerrie Brownscombe

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**IMPORTANT NOTICES:**

**Recharging Mobile Devices:**
All students are asked to ensure that their mobile devices are fully charged before they arrive at the College each day.

**Illegal U Turn:**
All parents and students are warned that making a U turn out of the bus bay on Rifle Range Rd is illegal. We bring this to your attention as making this turn is very unsafe, even when the 40kmh limit applies. Please do not make this turn.

**Illegal Stopping in Tasman Place**
This has been reported to police who will issue penalty notices to those offending.

_Kevin Jones (Principal)_

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MOTORISTS**

**RE SCHOOL BUS ZONES IN RIFLE RANGE ROAD**

Please be aware that conditions have changed with the School Bus Zones in Rifle Range Road. These changes are:

1. The existing bus bay near the main car park gate is now a School Bus Zone on School Days from 8:00am-9:30am and 2:30pm-4:00pm. Therefore other than buses - any vehicle parking or stopping in this bus bay for any purpose during these times is doing so illegally. Clear signage has been erected reading "NO ENTRY - BUSES EXCEPTED" to warn motorists of this change.

2. The former School Bus Zone located near the Front Gate has been converted to a Full Time Bus Zone. Clear signage has been erected to warn motorists of this change. Therefore other than buses, any vehicle parking or stopping for any purpose in the School Bus Zone at any time, is doing so illegally.

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**Noodle Cups**

Due to safety concerns, hot noodles cups are no longer sold at the Canteen. In addition, canteen staff are no longer able to fill noodle cups for students.
Peer Support: Session 3

During the most recent form meeting Year 11 Peer Support Leaders received their badges from Mr Jones as a symbol of their leadership role within the school community. There has been much anticipation and excitement from the leaders with wearing this badge and it is fantastic to see it being worn with pride. After the form meeting Year 11 moved off to meet up with Year 7 for the third session of the Peer Support program. The focus for this session was to develop skills and strategies for critical thinking, perseverance when the situation gets tough and being able to ask for help. Our leaders also did some visually referenced activities presenting Year 7 with images they then discussed potential outcomes of situations and how to overcome the challenges presented to them. It is hard to believe we are over halfway through the program! Year 11 Peer Support Leaders are doing a fantastic job and Year 7 are settling in well to High School life.

Kindly
Mrs Kimberley Baker
Peer Support Leader

Year 7 Student Reflection

Over the past couple of weeks year 7 has been doing some fun activities with our peer support leaders. They have taught us many ways to solve problems and who to ask for help at school. Some of these activities include positive and negative outcomes in different situations, puzzles, games and bonding activities, I have had heaps of fun getting to know other people and how to find my way through high school.

By Zia Williams
Year 11 Student Reflection

Tuesday begun with leaders receiving their peer support badges. This is a sign of our efforts to help year 7 students fit into high school and has now been presented to us in this small token. With this badge comes responsibility and leadership. By period 2, groups were quickly established due to prior arrangements. Through group work and activities, we went through possible challenges that may arise through their life in high school and what support they can seek out as a result.

Students were actively involved in all activities. Through the use of physical challenges at the beginning of the lesson, I found students were engaged through the duration of the period. We ended the lesson with a work sheet with possible challenges. Between the group, we came up with ideas of what support should we seek and open thoughts to the situation. We then discussed what information should be conveyed to this support and why it’s important.

By Chloe Rabbit
Before enrolling in the Mondulkiri Community Health Program, supported by Caritas Australia, young midwife Sreymom lacked the practical experience necessary to safely assist childbirth. Now, with the skills and knowledge gained through the program, Sreymom is a trusted midwife who is helping to improve the health of indigenous women and children in her region.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2016 and help healthcare workers in isolated areas of Cambodia gain vital training to improve the health and wellbeing of the region's indigenous women and children. You can donate through School boxes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

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**FORMER SRC MEMBER DINNER**

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**Star Spot**

This is the star of the week.

Congratulations to:

**Erin Breaden (10A2)** who was selected to play for NSW Combined Catholic Colleges Girls Cricket team in the State Carnival.

Well done - to this student
The first round for 2016 was held here at our College on Friday night, 26\textsuperscript{th} of February.

We had 10 schools here on the evening, vying for Public Speaking Glory, competing in the annual Catholic Schools Public Speaking Competition. This is a Sydney wide event and we were one of the four school hosting on that night.

Twelve of our students, two from each Year group, presented their prepared speeches based on such topics as Remember, Babychino and Be Afraid. They performed with sophistication, poise and maturity, and a little bit of wit.

These students were:
Joel Zahra and Chloe Tyrrell (Year7), Claire Bourke and Harry Hicks (Year8), Matt Galea and Thea Brailey (Year 9), Kaiti Popplewell and Jamie Cauchi (Year10), Georgia Tynan and Darcy Anderson (Year11) and Rosalyn Fannin and Emily Tyrrell (Year12).

By the end of the judging, seven of those students were chosen to go to the next round. They were: Chloe, Claire, Harry, Kaiti, Georgia, Rosalyn and Emily. What a fantastic result for the whole squad!

Equally fantastic, was the support given on the night from across the College Community. To run the night we had over 40 volunteers from the SRC and the Senior School. They acted as chair people, ushers, carpark attendants, registrars and supper servers. All of these students were outstanding ambassadors of our College. The night could not have been staged without them. We are grateful for such community support.

The second round of the competition took place at Cerdon College on Friday night, March 4\textsuperscript{th}. The seven speakers, with their supporters, travelled together in the school bus - which is always a wonderful experience.

At the end of the evening, after much fierce competition, three students were chosen to progress to the Grand Final, which will be held at St Gregory’s College, Campbelltown on March 11. These students were: Chloe Tyrrell, Kaiti Popplewell and Emily Tyrrell. What an awesome achievement for these students!

Thankyou to everyone who has supported our Public Speaking journey so far this year – to the students, the parents, the teachers and adjudicators. Our College is truly blessed with such talented and generous people.

Maryanne Grosvenor
IMPORTANT NOTICES - SMS ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school for any length of time and you do not receive an SMS message from the College please provide a note the first day back at school giving the date(s) and reason why your child was absent which should be given to their Homeroom teacher on the day of return.

On occasion it is out of our control that we experience an Internet or Telstra problem and therefore we are unable to send out the SMS absence messages.

Thank you for your patience.

Reminder of how to reply to SMS Absence messages

If you reply to the SMS message there is no need to send in a note to explain the absence - the SMS is sufficient. If you do not reply a note must be sent in with your child and given to their homeroom teacher on the day of return.

In your reply please include the following details:
Child first and surname, Year group and homeroom (if known), reason for absence.
Example:
Kylie Howard, 8D2, sick with a cold.
Nikki Howard ,11, orthodontist appointment

Please do not call the number sent in the SMS, it is only for SMS replies.

The replies are not downloaded till 1:00pm daily, so if, you need to clarify any details concerning your child’s attendance please call the College office before 1pm on 4577 6455.
ASSESSMENT TASK CALENDAR

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A REMINDER TO ALL STUDENTS

Submission Instructions Years 11 / 12
- Submit the task by placing it in the Assessment Bin at the Student Foyer by 9.00am.
- Penalty for non-attendance on the day or late submission
  - Assessments submitted after 9.00am on the due date will immediately receive a 50% mark penalty of the achieved mark pending Illness/Misadventure certification.
  - Assessments submitted after 9.00am on the next day will receive a zero mark pending Illness/Misadventure certification.

Submission Instructions Year 7—10
- Submit the task by handing to your class teacher and signing a class list during your lesson on the due date.
- Penalty for non-attendance on the day or late submission
  - For assessments submitted after the lesson on the due date, the student will immediately receive a Thursday workshop to complete the task and submit at the end of the workshop.

PLEASE NOTE:
In the case of any discrepancy in the assessment dates published here the date that will be used by the College in the event of any appeal or other process will be the date on the Assessment Task Cover Sheet provided directly to the student. Please contact the College if you have any concerns about any of the information published here.