STUDENT/ PARENT/ TEACHER INTERVIEWS—YEARS 10-12

From the Principal
Friday 30th April 2010 (T2-W2)

Mrs Carmen Cox, Deputy Principal has advised that confirmation of interview times have now been sent home with students. Parents are reminded that all students will be dismissed at the end of Period 4 (12.50pm) and that school buses will be available at dismissal.

MOTHERS’ DAY

As a special treat some Year 12 girls and their mums have tickets to a special breakfast on Monday 3rd May at Ascot Quays, and will have a Guest Speaker on female health and well being.

Also, a special invitation is extended to all mothers and grand-mothers along with students – to join us in celebrating Mothers’ Day on Thursday 6th May with Mass in the College Chapel at 7.45am, followed by morning tea. We would love to see you there.

Though virtual tours are becoming quite familiar and the norm, the College strives to give our students the opportunity to learn through real experiences. Below are a couple of items giving an account of some of these experiences. Hopefully our students will continue to take full advantage of such opportunities.

BURSWOOD VISIT—As part of the Year 12 Certificate Hospitality (Kitchen Operations) Course, the students attended a site visit to the Burswood Hotel complex on Wednesday 21st April.

As the course covers the preparation and service of food it was a valuable learning experience to compare the food the students make themselves to a commercial standard in a Five Star Hotel in terms of presentation, menu range and overall quality.

They were taken through the entire complex from staff laundry and canteen services to administrative areas and front and back of house of each of the restaurants and catering outlets. Our Hospitality Centre has a fully equipped commercial kitchen required to operate this course, but, the students were amazed at the size of the equipment and the bulk catering commodities used in food production in the hotel. Mrs Shelley Rhodes tells me it was a pleasure to see one of our own ONSITE students - Timothy Chalcraft- working in the kitchens. Seeing Timothy was a great incentive for all our students.

STUDENT CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, CANBERRA

Written by Christopher Minus, Year 11, Laurence

During the month of March, I attended the National Schools Convention Centre in Canberra. There were a total of 128 students from around all of Australia, and luckily out of 40,000 applicants, I was one of the few chosen to represent my school along with 14 other lucky Western Australians, all expenses paid! The four day convention consisted of interesting lectures and debates regarding very controversial issues in contemporary Australian society such as what to do with the Murray Darling Basin and whether or not to centralise health! We held a referendum and voted for the Government to control the basin and for the government to leave our health alone! It was an awesome and fun experience and many thanks to all especially the chaperons, Lisa and Norman and my Politics and Law Teacher, Ms Clark, for giving me this unforgettable experience!

Well done Christopher.
Over the next few weeks we will be running a series of articles that will help students to study better, and provide directions for parents on how to support their students.

Study Tip 1
There is always homework! Whether you have been assigned official homework or not, you must be reviewing your notes for each subject. Reviewing notes each night will also help you be ready for the next lesson, with your notes fresh in your mind and ready to ask questions that might have come up.

Ms Maria Annese/Ms Susan Tobiassen

Leadership Networking Day
The first annual Leadership Networking Day held at Emmanuel College was a successful and enjoyable day for everyone. Diana, Paul, Ben and I attended the conference which enabled us to meet other student leaders from six other associated Catholic schools. We got the opportunity to learn about projects initiated by other schools that have been successful and to present the elements that make Chisholm unique. It was also an amazing opportunity to meet other people who could relate to us as we are all facing similar challenges. Overall I found the experience really beneficial and an opportunity to meet students I wouldn’t normally get a chance to.

Amanda Washbourne (Head Girl)

YEAR 12 RETREAT

LAURENCE HOUSE
The final week of Term One saw our Year 12’s off on retreat. Lawrence House was fortunate to be placed at the Fairbridge site, where the marvellous facilities, environment, food and staff provided an excellent backdrop to the theme “Searching for God, Searching for Self”. The retreat consisted of seven sessions of games, reflections, conversations and sharing. Particular highlights included the quiz night and “warm-fuzzies”. Feedback was positive and everyone reported an enjoyable, relaxing and informative opportunity for reflection and personal growth.

Mr David Kaye, Laurence Retreat Leader

PRENDIVILLE HOUSE—By Simon Green
The last week of Term 1 saw the Year 12’s off to their annual retreat. There were four locations and my particular location was the monastic town of New Norcia with Prendiville House. My experience of the retreat was fantastic because I totally didn’t expect it to be so much fun. I thought it would work, like an R.E lesson that occurred over 3 days. It was the complete opposite! I had heaps of fun with some of my close friends whilst also making new friends I didn’t realise I had. I learnt much about myself and also about how I feel towards others. The retreat consisted of about 8 sessions in total which included heaps of games. By about the 3rd session everyone started getting into it. It was such a highlight that no one stopped smiling. The best highlight by far was the warm fuzzies, where people write notes about others and put in envelopes and at the end of retreat we got to read what others wrote to us. Everyone was touched because we didn’t expect some of the comments we received from other people. The Retreat was awesome and far exceeded my expectations!

The Science Experience 2010 – 2011
The Science Experience is a three-day hands-on science and engineering program for students currently in Years 9 and 10. The program stimulates and fosters an interest in science, engineering and technology. It takes place at several universities in Perth during the school holidays. The full cost to a student is $110. As it is a Rotary promoted project, local Rotary clubs are often willing to sponsor students.

If interested see Mr Dale or visit www.scienceexperience.com.au
lead up to our annual school production which will run from the 19th to the 22nd of May. Only 21 sleeps! Needless to say, after production's Acting Director. What for, you may be asking: for the second of our exclusive 2010 production interviews in the regions. Through these visits, students will meet a range of researchers in science and engineering and participate in the sort of activities they do every day. As well as experiencing science as a real job, students will also be encouraged to debate the hottest topics in science and engineering in open style forums. In addition, students will be guided through application processes for university entry and special scholarships that may become available, as they select their special path towards rewarding careers.

So don’t delay, contact Mr Renzullo in the Science Department for more information.

Early invitations to Year 11—Congratulations to our Year 10 students who have achieved all As on the left hand side of their Term 1 report. These students have earned themselves an early invitation to Year 11. Well done. Students in Year 10 should be working towards a Semester 1 report free from Fs (on the left hand side) to receive their invitation to Year 11. I am pleased to see the Year 10 students keenly planning for their exams already and I am confident all our students will be ‘F free’ by their Semester 1 report. Mrs Carmen Cox, Deputy Principal/Dean of Year 10

Singin’ In the Rain - Dear readers, as promised: I have chased them through the corridors; I have darted in and out of the wings in hot pursuit; I have burst into the bio box groping through the darkness in search of - Mr Taiwo Sanusi - our school production’s Acting Director. What for, you may be asking: for the second of our exclusive 2010 production interviews in the lead up to our annual school production which will run from the 19th to the 22nd of May. Only 21 sleeps! Needless to say, after all of my travels, I found the show’s Acting Director…… in his office! C’est la vie.

Mr Sanusi, what led to your choice of Singin’ In the Rain as the 2010 school production?

“It’s an all time classic: popular across the ages. Everybody speaks about Singin’ In the Rain”, he chortles enthusiastically. Mr Sanusi has been involved in theatre for the past 25 years and has a real passion for it, which is evident as soon as you speak with him about anything theatrical: he leans back, hands behind his head, his eyes squint. It’s as though he grows; as though he is peering into some unknown reality. Theatre, he intones, “gives me insights into the human mind and human interactions”.

What process do you undergo in selecting the text for the production?

“Major, myself and Ms Rodrigues work together closely to choose the best script for the following year. Firstly, Major and I send out feelers amongst the cast to get feedback about what they might want to do the following year. The result of this process is a group of three scripts which are then sent to Ms Rodrigues. In our mind, when we choose these three scripts, is the cohort of students in Year 11 and 12; the talent available. The group of three texts is then sent to Ms Rodrigues and she analyses them for appropriateness. We provide her with a script and a video cassette, and, in consultation with Major and myself, we come to an agreement, but ultimately, it’s up to the boss.”

Is there anything else you’d like to say?

“It’s witty. It’s engaging. It’s technically challenging. Like every year, I have loved the exercise. You can expect another good show in May.”

Thanks Mr Sanusi, we are looking forward to it.

Remember to book your tickets on 9208 2500, NOW. Shows are on the 19th, 21st and 22nd of May at 7.30 pm, and on the 20th there is a matinee at 4.15 pm. See you there!

Next week you can expect another sneak peak into the experiences of those actually involved in the 2010 school production. Ms Michelle Searle - Publicity

Special Offer to Year 11 Students who are considering a career in Science or Engineering

The National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) is once again inviting current Year 11 Science students across Australia to apply for selection into the upcoming Science Forum to be held in both Canberra and Perth in January 2011. Successful applicants will spend two weeks at either the Australian National University, (ANU), or the University of Western Australia, (UWA), living on campus as university students. During this time, students will visit many science and engineering research facilities in and around the Canberra or Perth regions. Through these visits, students will meet a range of researchers in science and engineering and participate in the sort of activities they do every day. As well as experiencing science as a real job, students will also be encouraged to debate the hottest topics in science and engineering in open style forums. In addition, students will be guided through application processes for university entry and special scholarships that may become available, as they select their special path towards rewarding careers.

Application can be made online and through various sponsoring Rotary Clubs, so log on to the NYSF website, www.nysf.edu.au and just follow the prompts. Please note that applications close on 30th May 2010.

So if you are currently in Year 11, studying and enjoying science and you think you want a career in science or engineering, you are encouraged to apply for this exciting opportunity. You don’t have to be the top achieving student in science to apply. The selection panel will also look very favorably at a good “well-rounded” student who possesses a range of personal skills, including other involvements outside of the school.

Please note that the NYSF and Rotary are committed to ensure that no student will be disadvantaged for financial reasons.

So don’t delay, contact Mr Renzullo in the Science Department for more information.
Northern Associated Sport (NAS) – SUMMER Inter-zone Finals

Our champion senior girls basketball and senior girls and boys touch teams played in the NAS V SAS final last week. Commiserations to the Senior Girls Basketball team who lost their match against All Saints College. Congratulations to the senior boys and girls touch teams who became inter-zone champions for their wonderful victories against John Walliston (15 to 6) and Ursula Frayne (12 to 1) respectively. Congratulations also to Darrell Lang and John Hackett for their excellent guidance of these teams.

Northern Associated Schools (NAS) - WINTER

The Winter NAS season begins next week (week 3) this term. Selections / trials have been completed. Congratulations to those students who have made NAS winter teams and thank you to all who tried out.

1. The following points should allow for an efficient and successful season.
   - Game day, fixtures and venues will be distributed by coaches.
   - Training days have been organised by individual coaches.

2. All games should start at 4pm.

3. Students will arrive back at school approximately 5:45pm when they have an away game. This will depend upon the traffic conditions and the weather.

4. All games will finish at 5.15pm.

5. Parents should collect students from the gym car park off May Street. No student will be given permission to wait outside the school grounds or at Belham Street. Staff can only supervise students in one area.

6. Parents are asked to collect students from the school at 5.15pm – 5.30pm for all home games and to be at the school at 5:45pm for the away games. This will enable students and staff to go straight home when they return to the college (no waiting).

7. Students are expected to be collected by parents / guardians at the college. If there are special arrangements that parents/guardians need to make regarding the collection of their child after NAS, could you please contact me at the college. Year 11/12 students will not be given permission to drive to NAS fixtures unless there are extremely extenuating circumstances and a letter has been given to me prior to the commencement of the weekly fixture.

8. If there are any enquires do not hesitate to ring me at the College.

Finally, Chisholm College has forged a reputation as a formidable sporting unit, particularly in the winter sports. I look forward to an enjoyable and rewarding season of NAS sport once again in Term 2 - 2010.

Mr Andrew Glover, Head of Sport (Phone: 9208 2678)