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LITURGICAL
INFORMATION

Members of the College community are warmly invited to attend the weekly liturgical services in our Chapel.

Monday 24th May 8.30am
Mass—Year 12

Thursday 27th May 1pm—Quiet Prayer

From the Principal
Friday 21st May 2010 (T2-W5)

As we go to print, our College Production is well under way. The Production commenced on Tuesday 18th May with a matinee show for our Primary Feeder Schools. I received an email from one of our Primary Principals—which reads: “Thank you for the invitation to attend your musical ‘Singin’ in the Rain’. Congratulations to the entire production team - it was a fantastic show. Our students were mesmerised the whole way through. Your students and staff should be commended on their outstanding effort and ability. Well done”. OPENING NIGHT from Ms Michelle Searle further on in the newsletter.

WELL DONE EVERYONE, and we look forward to the FINALE on Saturday night.

MOCK TRIAL TEAM – 3 OUT OF 3

Ms Natasha Clark, Politics and Law joins me in congratulating our Mock Trial Team who won their third Mock Trial in a row at the Supreme Court last Thursday night, against Ocean Reef Senior High School. I am told our client was sued for $150,000 for damages to another yacht on the Swan River, allegedly caused by his negligence and a collision with his yacht – which we denied had occurred. We won the case and more importantly we won on points. The judge commented on our students’ excellent court etiquette. Four of the team members were in new roles on the night. Our first time witnesses did well under cross-examination, our first time barrister questioned the opposing team’s witnesses with flair, our second barrister gave a comprehensive closing, and our first time Judge’s Associate was thanked by the Judge for being helpful. Particular mention to Coraline De Zilwa in her role as Solicitor who understood the case inside out and instructed her barristers with zeal and aplomb on the night. The teams that are finalists in this year’s competition will be announced shortly, and we will keep you updated. In the meantime, well done team!

Barrister 1 – *Sydney Mumby Year 10
Barrister 2 – Chris Minus Year 11
Witness 1 – *Scott Schwartz Year 10
Witness 2 – *Nicole McEwan Year 10
Judge’s associate – *Clarita Russo Year 10
Solicitor – Coral de Zilwa Year 11 (best on the night!)
And reserves Chris Macfarlane Year 11 and Andrea Gligorov Year 10
(* = first time in that role)

Many thanks to supporters who attended on the night or passed on their well wishes, and as always to our helpful Coach Lawyer Kristine Warman from Talbot Olivier.

Well done to all of you.

Year 11 Geography: Perth City Excursion—On Monday 17th May, 17 Year 11 students embarked on a Geography excursion to Northbridge and Perth City. Ms Lee-Anne Marroccoli tells us that the students were involved in activities centered around the processes and problems of an urban area. The study took them from Northbridge examining urban redevelopment and blight through to Perth with a focus on zonation, planning and problems. The students were extremely enthusiastic in their fieldwork and produced some wonderful work. Their behavior and positive attitude were a credit to the College.

Well done to all of you—and it is good to know that you are taking full advantage of the opportunity to make your learning a ‘lived experience’ also.
EXAM ANXIETY

Despite preparing adequately, many students will experience pre-examination stress and anxiety. Although a heightened state of arousal is actually desirable to assist with learning and exam performance, extremely high levels can seriously interfere on the day. Consider some of the things below that you can do to reduce exam anxiety as exam day approaches:

- Do something relaxing (but don't go out partying!)
- Exercise, as this will make you tired and get you a good night’s sleep.
- Allow yourself time to get to the exam without rushing.
- Prepare your materials (eg. Calculator, pens etc.) the night before.
- Immediately prior to the exam do not discuss your coursework or preparation with others.
- Leave your notes at home on the day as it is unlikely that last minute revision will make any difference just prior to the exam.

EXAM ROOM STRATEGIES

As with other aspects of exam preparation there is no substitute for good revision. In addition to managing exam anxiety, listed below are some exam strategies to assist better exam performance. In the examination room:

- Use your reading time effectively.
- Read each question carefully.
- When you are allowed to write, jot down planning notes for ALL questions.
- Write quickly and neatly.
- Show workings if you are required to calculate answers.
- Leave space at the end of questions in case you wish to add more.
- Stick rigidly to your exam plan.
- If you get stumped by a particular question then move on.
- Aim to answer all questions required since you will score better overall.
- If you have multiple-choice questions always look for the most correct answer.

YEAR 11 NEWS

Winter NAS Photos—The Year 11 Winter NAS photos will be taken next week, on Wednesday 26 May. Please ensure that your child’s sport uniform is clean and tidy and that your child is looking his/her best on the day.

Examinations—All Year 11 students are reminded the examinations commence next Friday, 28 May. Students should have been spending some time each day revising in preparation for the examinations. They should continue this practice up to the time the examination is finished.

Students and parents are asked to keep in mind that subject selection for Year 12 is based on student performance in the first semester which includes the examinations.

Year 11 Dinner Dance—The Year 11 House Representatives are enthusiastically planning the Year 11 Dinner Dance which will be held at the Ascot Quays Function Centre, 150 Great Eastern Highway, on Friday 18 June from 7.30 pm to 11.30 pm. The invitation letter went out to all Year 11 students last week. The theme for the evening is ‘A Winter Wonderland’. Students are encouraged to wear semi-formal dress and remember the social niceties that such an occasion necessitates. Large amounts of money should NOT be spent by parents for this occasion.

Mr Vivian D’Almeida, Deputy Principal/Dean of Year 11

YEAR 10 NEWS—As our students are preparing for their exam and their study leave, information was sent home today about the Year 10 Retreat, the Careers Seminar and the evening Parent Seminar. These three events will be held June 10, 11 and 14. I strongly recommend that all parents attend the Seminar Evening as important information regarding the course selection process at Chisholm College and the Curriculum Council requirements for the Western Australian Certificate of Education will be outlined. An electronic version of the information is available through this link. I look forward to seeing you on the 14th June.

Mrs Carmen Cox, Deputy Principal /Dean of Year 10

PAST WACE EXAMINATION PAPERS - INFORMATION FROM THE CURRICULUM COUNCIL

The Curriculum Council is now providing WACE examination papers online. The papers will be available free-of-charge through the Council’s website.

Past TEE papers and combined Stage 2 and Stage 3 WACE examinations are not appropriate for revision or examination purposes due to the implementation of the revised and separate Stage 2 and Stage 3 WACE examinations.

To download relevant papers, link to:

http://www.curriculum.wa.edu.au/internet/Communications/Publications/Past_Wace_Examinations

Mrs Ingrid Chidlow, Librarian

YEAR 11 EXCURSION TO PARLIAMENT—On Thursday 13 May our Year 11 Politics and Law class visited two venues in West Perth. At the Electoral Education Centre we practiced voting in a preferential style election, then heard about the Constitution. Next we attended Parliament House and walked through both chambers, seeing the flash new refurbishment of the Upper House before sitting in the Lower House to role play the creation of an Act of Parliament about hoon drivers. Thanks to MP Lisa Baker, we were given refreshments at the end of our visit. All the Education Officers commented on the excellent behaviour of our students, and I would like to reiterate their comments.

Ms Natasha Clark, Politics and Law
Craig Hilton commenced at Chisholm Catholic College at the start of this year in our Arts Department. Craig previously worked at Emmanuel Catholic College - half the size of Chisholm. Craig tells us that the busy nature and sheer volume of students at Chisholm College has presented not only challenges, but a myriad of opportunities to become involved in school activities and contribute towards the vibrant life of the school.

Craig graduated from Curtin University with a Bachelor of Education, majoring in Information Technology. However over the years, he has built himself a niche in digital design and photography. After previously teaching I.T. and Graphic Design, Craig came on board to teach Media and Photography as well as undertaking the responsibility of developing the new Certificate II Desktop Publishing course. This course will be integral to the creation of the College Annual, giving his students the skills to design and create an exciting, reflective publication for the school each year.

Craig is sports mad and particularly enjoys AFL football (Eagles) and cricket (Australia). In the rare spare time that he gets, he enjoys photography, mountain bike riding and looking after a tropical aquarium containing ember and gold tetras, live plants and red cherry shrimp.

Craig, we welcome you to our Chisholm College community.

AND THE SHOW BEGINS ....What A Wonderful Feeling....Singin’ In the Rain

In the pit strings groan, woodwinds whistle, the occasional percussion instrument rattles a rhythm. Backstage, actors run through their opening lines, shuffling and whispering. Assistant stage-hands creep carefully adjusting the set to the ‘psssts’ of Mrs. Jan Stewart as she gestures them to move an inch more to the left. In the foyer, Mr. Sanusi flamboyantly welcomes guests. The crowd temporarily hushes as Major’s voice invites them to take their seats. A non-descript click, a shuffle, the babble of the audience: “the show will commence in five minutes.” Anticipation mounts; the pre-show energy is electric.

Since an early age I have felt that there is something magical about the theatre regardless of whether you are on stage, back stage or in the audience. I remember the first performance I ever attended – Gypsy - at a theatre in the West End, when I was three or four years old. I was mesmerised by what I can only describe as ‘the magic’: dazzling lights, assorted costumes, dusty make up and brassy music. I was in love! Looking back through adult eyes, re-living those early experiences, I think that there is another significant ingredient to the theatre mix that contributes more than any of these other aspects: the audience. It is the shared essence of a performance, which, I believe, produces this magical quality. To have so many people in a single room at any one time, sharing such a private experience – our inner world and imagination – is truly unique. It is not surprising that this ancient ritual stems from the beginning of civilization in ancient Greece, and possibly earlier.

Seven thirty and it’s show time on opening night. Mrs. Glenda Foreman searches for the last dancer who has stayed just a little too long with the make up girls in B3. Ms. Maria Casotti clatters about trying to repeat make-up test runs agreed on last week: pan cake, blush, mascara; pan cake, blush, mascara. Actors not on stage till later in the first half, try to catch up with homework amongst the preshow nervous chatter. Behind the curtains performers stand poised, faces to the front in opening positions, stifling their erratic breathing, running continuously through their first scene. It is Opening Night and all those who have worked so hard on the production are waiting to share their ‘magic’ with the public. The overture welcomes in the 2010 performance of Singin’ in the Rain. Good luck to all those who have participated in this year’s school production and thank you for all your wonderful effort.

Ms. Michelle Searle/Publicity

There is an important meeting for the parents and students participating in the Study Tour to Italy in January 2011. The meeting will be in the Chisholm College Staff Room at 6:15 pm on Monday May 24. See you all there!

Mrs Millimaci and Mrs Wainwright.

Chinese Year 9 classes - Excursion 17 May 2010

On Monday May 17, 63 Year 9 students studying Chinese Language attended an excursion to Northbridge. Students visited the Chung Wah Association, which was established over 100 years ago. They visited the Chinese Radio Station 104.9 FM and were treated to an authentic Chinese dim sim lunch. Students used chopsticks, some for the first time! They toured Northbridge to study the Chinese influence in Perth and were amazed at the number and variety of Chinese businesses. Thank you to Mrs. Emery for organising such an enjoyable and educational excursion.

Notre Dame University are holding Course Information Evenings at their Fremantle campus during May and June.

Further details can be found at http://www.nd.edu.au

Monday 24 May or Tuesday 22 June / Expo starts at 5.30pm presentations at 6.15pm / 19 Mouat Street, Fremantle

Included in the evenings are Full courses Expo / Presentations for all course areas /Year 10 courses of study selection advice.

WA Police Cadetships - WA Police has up to 40 Police Cadet Traineeships becoming available in the next 12 months. Police Cadet Traineeship applications are being accepted from 14 May 2010 until 4:00pm on 14 June 2010. Students applying must be 16 or 17. Details and application forms can be found at http://www.stepforward.wa.gov.au/entry/cadets.php.

Mr O’Mara / Careers & VET Coordinator
This week our teams took on Sacred Heart College. Sacred Heart always offers strong opposition and this week was no exception.

Unfortunately a couple of our teams had to forfeit due to a bus breakdown.

**Team/s of the week:**

**Senior boys’ soccer team.** This team remains undefeated this season and dominated from start to finish with a huge 11 goals to nil victory. Mr Nanon has this team running like a well oiled machine and even in his absence was able to execute a terrific team performance.

**Senior girls’ volleyball.** Mr Buchanan and Mrs Stewart have coordinated a large squad of very capable volleyball girls who are dedicated to performing well for Chisholm. This commitment extends to training and the girls are reaping the rewards.

**Year 9 boys’ touch rugby.** Ms Hoad has this team working well together and a 9 tries to 2 score line demonstrates this. Well done boys.

**Senior badminton.** Mr Lee has high expectations of his team and the students respond accordingly. Mr Lee has been coaching badminton for many years and his record is impeccable.

**Year 9 boys’ netball.** This team coached by Mrs Lewis is extremely strong and once again proved as such against a good opponent.

**Year 11 girls’ netball.** This team coached by Ms Musca is performing exceptionally well, keep it up girls.

**Junior badminton.** Both the boys and girls teams coached by Ms Salvia were convincing winners, well done.

Remember you can see all these results plus ladders and fixtures for future rounds on the ACC website [www.accsport.asn.au](http://www.accsport.asn.au). They are also available on our college website which has recently undergone some upgrading. Also, as a new initiative the results of senior matches will also be published in the West Australian Newspaper.

**Family and friends please come and support our Chisholm teams each week.**

Good luck to all teams for next week’s games versus Newman College…

Mr Andrew Glover, Head of Sport