From the Principal
Friday 30th July 2010 (T3-W2)

With a very busy first two weeks—starting with College photos, Year Assemblies, Parent/Teacher Interviews and for Year 10’s—Subject Selection interviews—I hope you are now settling in well for Term 3.

**EDUCATION** means many things, to many people. The important thing is—

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU?**

I encourage you to think about what you want to achieve in life—strive hard and aim towards your goal. You will surely succeed.

## YEAR 8—SEMESTER 2—HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to the following students who were elected House Representatives for this semester.

Keenan 1: Jaiden Stephens
Keenan 2: Remy Barlow
Laurence 1: Casey Rogers
Laurence 2: Giorgia Vecchio
O’Sullivan 1: Dale Fernandez
O’Sullivan 2: Alysia Baines
Prendiville 1: Gatwiri M’mbijwe
Prendiville 2: Michal Truslove

The role of the House representative is one very much based on service to others. In this position, opportunities exist for the students to work with the Pastoral Care Advisor and the Dean of Year for the benefit of students in the Pastoral Care Group and the wider House community.

Students who excel in these positions demonstrate their qualities of Character, Integrity and Loyalty. Exemplars with such characteristics would be people from our heritage, Caroline Chisholm, Dominic Guzman and Edmund Rice. All three had great strength of character, were people of integrity and were fiercely loyal to their cause.

Well done to all of you—and I wish you well in your new leadership role.

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHILDREN OF VETERANS INTENDING TERTIARY STUDIES IN 2011

Closing 31st October 2010—for scholarships and grants being offered in 2011

Contact Mark Newell, Executive Officer—email avcat@dva.gov.au
YEAR 8 - 2011 SUBJECT SELECTION - The subject selection sheets for Year 8 2011 will be issued to the current Year 7’s on Friday 6 August. They will be due back by Friday 13 August. Students who return their form first will receive preference in subjects with more applicants than places. The reason for delaying the distribution of the selection forms is to ensure that students have the opportunity to experience their Semester 2 language and electives such as Design & Technology or Food and Textile before submitting their form.

Mr Richard Hennessy, Deputy Principal/Dean of Year 7

RED DESERT TOUR - EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2011
I have had ten (10) expressions of interest from the Chisholm community for this trip. We need to have at least 20/25 members before the trip can go ahead. At the moment, there are only two students accompanied by parents. I would like to see more students participating in this event.

I would like to remind people of the areas that we will be visiting if the trip goes ahead. We will travel along the great central desert highway, through Laverton, Warburton, Docker River, Lassiter’s Cave, Uluru, The Olgas, King’s Canyon, Alice Springs, Coober Pedy, Everard Lakes and through numerous cave’s along the Nullabor Plain. We will climb Uluru and explore the Olga’s.

I would like to give as many people as possible the opportunity to experience our central Australian outback and thus I would like to see this trip go ahead.

The cost will be approximately $2,000 which covers all meals, entrance fees into parks and accommodation. If you are interested in this trip or would like more information, please contact me at the College on 9208 2609 or email j.stewart@chisholm.wa.edu.au.

There will be an information meeting on August 3rd in the college at 6.30pm. I will have more information to give out at this meeting. This will also be the final meeting to determine if there will be enough interest for this trip to go ahead.

Please come to the staff room and we will proceed to the Library for the meeting.

This will be a fantastic trip and a great experience and I sincerely hope that we will have enough interest in our College community for it to go ahead.

Mrs Jan Stewart

JUST TO REMIND YOU—OUR PARENT GROUP are holding a RAFFLE to raise funds for various school projects. Raffle ticket books were sent home with the Semester 1 reports. There will be great prizes to win, including a TV, IPod Touch, Notebook, DSI XL, and more.

Our Parent Group work extremely hard to raise funds—which help in off-setting the many costs we incur to provide the best we possibly can for our students in every area of their school life.

Your support, as always, is greatly appreciated. If you require extra books, these are available at Student Reception.

YEAR 7 students – First Aid Awareness Course
All Year 7 students will be involved in a First Aid Awareness course which will be conducted by St John’s Ambulance WA on Thursday 19th August. The program is mandated for all Year 7 students by the Catholic Education Commission of WA. Due to the length of the course (80 minutes) it will cover two periods. This will mean students will miss some of their scheduled classes during the day. Where this is the case, students will need to catch up on the class work missed. Any questions can be directed to Mr Darren Ballantyne, Head of Physical Education and Health or Mr Richard Hennessy—Dean of Year 7
Ms Luisa Pizzolante graduated as a student of our college in 1993. She went on to study Theology at the University of Notre Dame and is currently completing a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

Luisa recently commenced as Administrative Assistant in College Reception and tells us she enjoys the diversity of the position. Prior to this, she worked as a Community Projects Officer for a State Member of Parliament in Melbourne. As a student in Chisholm, Luisa’s Year in 1991 initiated the River Cruise, and she is very happy to see this is still continuing. She was a Junior Prefect and Arts Captain, and was involved in College Productions and the Catholic Arts Festivals.

She participated in debating and was involved in community service for the elderly.

In 1993—Luisa received the Year 12 Dean of Year Award.

Luisa tells us that while she received an excellent academic grounding at Chisholm, what she has carried into her adult life most are the values, respect, honour and faith in God that she learnt at the College, along with the ability to embrace and enjoy the different cultures in our society.

Luisa likes to spend time with family and friends, particularly relaxing in a great cafe and enjoys travelling the globe.

Luisa, we welcome you to our Chisholm College community.

Year 11 News—ASK US ANYTHING—For Year 11 parents—meeting to be held in the College Staff room on Tuesday, 3 August at 7:30 pm. Wine and cheese will be served at 7:00 pm. This meeting will allow parents raise any issues about the WACE and ATAR.

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

WAMSE 2010 – YEAR 7&9—All Year 7 and 9 students will be participating in the Western Australian Monitoring Standards in Education (WAMSE) testing on Monday 2 August and Tuesday 3 August, 2010. The tests will be in Society and Environment and Science. Information for parents pamphlets were distributed with Semester 1 reports. Further information is available on the WAMSE website: www.det.wa.edu.au/educationalmeasurement

Mr Richard Hennessy, Dean of Year 7 and Mr John Laurito, Dean of Year 9

WA Science and Engineering Summer School
The above will be hosted by the Faculty of Science and Engineering at Murdoch University between Sunday 16th and Friday 21st January 2011. This six day residential school is for students who will be in Years 11 or 12 in 2011 (ie students who are currently in Years 10 or 11). A demonstrated, genuine interest in the sciences and mathematics will be more important than marks in deciding which students gain places. The deadline for submission is August 30th.

Application forms are available from Mr Dale in the Science Office or can be downloaded from www.dse.murdoch.edu.au/events/summerschool

If you have any queries please contact Yolanda Pereira on 9360 6949

STUDENT CONGRATULATIONS
Two of our students, Amy Cameron and Christopher Vu pictured here with the Mayor of Bayswater. Amy won a Sports Scholarship and Christopher an Education Achievement Award.

Well done.
We are proud of you.

Picture Book Incursion
Last week all Year 8’s attended a Picture Book incursion presented by Jenny Doust from the Fremantle Children’s Literature Centre. The two hour interactive workshop focused on the picture book The Viewer by Gary Crew, one of Australia’s most awarded authors for children and young adults. Students analysed the complex written and visual symbols used in the book, and had the opportunity to study the original art work by West Australian author and illustrator Shaun Tan.

Ms Bethwyn Geddes, Acting Head of Library
Term 3 signals the transition to athletics as our sporting focus for inter-house and inter-school competition. Below are some details and important information for students and parents in relation to athletics this term.

**Inter-house carnivals**

Week 3 and 4 our inter-house carnivals will get under way. For Year 7, 8 and 9 students the carnivals are compulsory for all students. However, Year 10, 11 and 12 students will nominate to participate in their carnival. All competing students need to wear full PE uniform to school on this day.

The dates and locations for the carnivals are as below:

- **Year 7**: Wednesday, 11th August—Chisholm College oval
- **Year 8**: Monday 2nd August—Ern Clark Athletics Centre, Cannington
- **Year 9**: Monday 9th August—Ern Clark Athletics Centre, Cannington
- **Year 10, 11, 12**: Tuesday 10th August—WA Athletics Stadium, Perry Lakes

Students will be transported to and from the venue by bus, leaving the College at 8.30am and returning by 3.15pm. Pastoral Care Advisors will be in attendance.

Students will need to bring sufficient food and drink to last them the day as there is no canteen available for purchase of food and drinks.

As is standard, parents and family members are welcome to watch and support their children.

**Inter-school Squad training**

Preparation for the ACC inter-school athletics carnival commenced this week. The first two training days on Monday and Tuesday saw 90+ students attend each session; this was great to see. Any student is encouraged to attend training sessions (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; 3.30pm – 4.45pm) with the aim of making the 2010 squad, however students who were in the 2009 squad are required to attend every session. Where this is not possible a note explaining non-attendance needs to be given to Ms Kastropil or Mr Ballantyne.

Further information regarding athletics training will be posted every week this term in the Carolean.

Mr Darren Ballantyne, Head of Physical Education and Health

**Governments must support parental choice in education**

All major political parties in Australia agree on the principle that parents must have the right to select the education of their choosing for their children.

*A commitment to government funding for all students, regardless of where they go to school, is firmly entrenched in the Australian way of life and must be retained.*

The Catholic education sector believes that this principle should be strongly supported in the 2010 Election. The Federal Education Funding Review must begin its work based on this general principle.

In this way, the Review can deliver a truly fair outcome for all students, whether they attend a government school, an independent school, or a Catholic school.

Students should not be penalised in terms of government funding because their parents choose to send them to a Catholic school which will provide them with a first class education steeped in the Catholic faith and ethos.

Importantly, future parents must have the same capacity as current and earlier generations of parents to exercise their freedom of choice in schooling.