On Tuesday 9th November a number of us along with Assistant Prefects Alexandra Didio and Jan Phan, attended a beautiful and very meaningful Schools’ Memorial Garden Dedication Service at St Mary’s Cathedral, to celebrate its first birthday. Our two students were presented with a lovely plaque, crafted by Western Australian designer Glen Hoist, which included the Crucifix produced from original timber (dated 1865) recycled during the restoration of the historic Cathedral Pews, in grateful recognition of the wonderful support of the Conservation and Completion of St Mary’s Cathedral 2007-2009.

SCHOLARSHIPS FROM HANBAN/CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE IN CHINA AND FROM CATHOLIC EDUCATION OFFICE

Congratulations to Mrs Emily Emery, our Mandarin Teacher. Emily has received a scholarship from Hanban/Confucius Institute Headquarters (an education department from China). Mrs Emery will be studying in China for 8 days in November. This week long program is designed for Chinese language teachers to strengthen their Chinese language programs by applying the latest and most advanced pedagogy into the classroom, making connections with other educators and gathering valuable teaching resources. In addition, Mrs. Emery has been successful in receiving a special NALSSP Teacher Scholarship Award from the Catholic Education Office to support her studies abroad. We wish her well as she travels to China later in the month.

The 2010 Examination Schedule for Semester Two, for Years 7—10, is linked to this newsletter. Now is the time to reap the benefits of your labour. Good luck in your examinations.

UNIFORM SHOP INFORMATION—Mrs Rosemary Ovenden, Manager has requested me to advise you that the Uniform shop will cease trading for the year on Wednesday 17th of November. If you need stockings for end of year functions – please purchase these next week. I would like to remind you that we will be extra vigilant about uniforms, as students can tend to become casual about this towards the end of the year.

The January 2011 Opening times and new Price List will be posted home with your Reports.
Year 11 students—Thanksgiving Eucharist and Final Assembly Thur - 4 November

INFORMATION FOR YEAR 7 & 8 PARENTS

The College Presentation Night is on Monday 22 November at 7.15pm at the Perth Concert Hall.
As well as award winners, ALL YEAR 7 & 8 STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND. This is to provide an opportunity for all students to experience participation in the evening during their time at Chisholm.
All students involved will be taken from school to the Concert Hall for a rehearsal during the day.

On the evening, all students are required to be at the Concert Hall by 6.45pm. 
Students are required to attend the evening in their dress uniform.
Students will have an allocated seat and are welcome to stay for the evening.
The evening is expected to conclude at approximately 10.15pm.
Students who wish to leave early may be collected from the stage door at approximately 7.45pm.
Students will not need to purchase tickets however, other family members attending will need to do so. Ticket order forms have been distributed. Spare forms are available from Student Reception if required.

Mrs Ann Chew, Deputy Principal

YEAR 10 - Information regarding the upcoming study leave and Final Examinations for Year 10, was sent home in a circular to parents and guardians today. I will be going through the information with our students at our next assembly and parents are invited to contact me at the College on 9208 2500 if you have any questions or concerns. The information is also available at this link. Students will be given their personalized copies of their Examination timetables a few days before their Final Eucharist on Friday 26 November. Our students have been focused on finishing their course and preparing for their exams. They are coping very well with this final downhill run! I encourage them to continue to focus and I am confident they will reap the benefits of all their hard work.

Mrs Carmen Cox, Deputy Principal/Dean of Year 10

Mercedes Ex-Students Association/ All Years’ Annual Picnic on 5 December 2010 at Kings Park, Synergy Parkland May Drive—from 11 am. Special guest: Santa Claus. The entire family is invited, so bring your picnic rug, kids, partners, BBQ lunch and Christmas cheer. Look out for the MESA banner. RSVP to mludovico@mercedes.wa.edu.au so we can let Santa know how many candy canes to bring!

MORLEY MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP MEETING—INFANT JESUS PARISH HALL
47 Wellington Street, Morley on THURSDAY 25th November 2010 from 7 pm – 8.30 pm. Please bring a plate to share.
Topic: “The purpose of Christmas” - The real Christmas story is the story of God becoming a human being in the Person of Jesus Christ. Why did God do such a thing? Because He loves us! Why was Christmas necessary? Because we needed a Saviour! Why does God love us so much? Because He is love itself! (1 John 4:8)
Contact Darren on 9276 8500 or Barbara Harris on 9328 8113

"The largest Youth night in November! Open for youth of all ages! Come and experience God in a new light like never before, when parishes from all of WA come together to share their faith. Come and join the fun with games and a guest speaker… Come over to St. Columba’s Catholic Parish, Bayswater at 6PM on the 21st of November for the parish very first CYM SUNDAY SESH!!"

NATIVITY PLAY & CHRISTMAS CAROLS at the Schoenstatt Shrine, 9 Talus Drive, Armadale. Saturday 4th December at 6.30pm—Christmas dinner. Bring chairs/blankets and a picnic tea and settle in for a relaxing family evening. Coffee/Tea provided. Contact: Sister Lisette—9399 2349
 Australian Science Olympiads—Several Year 11 students sat the National Qualifying Exam for the Australian Science Olympiads. The Science Olympiads are international competitions involving Year 11 students from all over the world. To be selected to represent Australia requires Year 11 students to sit for the National Qualifying Exam as the first step in the process of selection. About 3,000 students sat the NQE this year and certificates are awarded based on performance.

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The following students gained certificates:

**High Distinction**  
Mark Leman, Christopher Vu (Physics)

**Distinction**  
Jordan D’Souza and Chad White (Physics)

**Credit**  
Mark Leman, Christopher Vu and Jordan D’Souza (Chemistry) and Alana Brajdic (Biology)

An outstanding achievement from these students who can be counted as some of the most able students in Australia.

Mr Keith Dale, Head of Science

SECOND HAND BOOK SALES—Saturday 18th December 2010

The College Parent Group will host the Second Hand Book Sales on Saturday 18th December from 8.30am—10.00am in the Br Olly Pickett Recreation Centre. Parking is in the May Street car park, entry from May Street only.

There is a $5 per family entry fee as a fundraiser for the College Parent Group.

Booklists are available on the College Website — [News & Events — 2011 Booklists](#). The Booklist can then be downloaded and printed. Other arrangements for Booklists are:

- **2011 Year 7**  
  Booklists have been distributed at the Orientation Evenings this week.

- **2011 Years 8 - 12**  
  Booklists will be distributed along with confirmation of 2011 Course Selections with College Reports due to be posted on or before 16th December.

It is important when buying Second Hand books that the correct edition is purchased and graphic calculators are the correct model. As a guide to prices, if a book is in good condition, it could be sold for half the cost of a new book.

Also on sale on the day will be the College produced books and the College 4GB USB Thumbdrive, which are compulsory for all students.

**No second hand school uniform sales will be permitted in the Book Sale area.** This is due to no quality control of the style and condition of the clothing and selling space is limited.

Mr Rob Marshall, Vice Principal

The hot weather is now kicking in, Christmas is around the corner and the school year is coming to an end…

However, the Chisholm Swim Squad should NOW be in full swing! If it has been a couple of months since your last pool session, then it is time to start preparing for 2011! To be competitive in the ACC “B” division carnival we cannot rely solely on Term 1 training sessions. NOW is the time to be building your fitness, strength and technique.

Training sessions run Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 6:20 – 7:45am. Please visit me for an enrolment form for these sessions run by Swimming WA.

I look forward to a surge of Chisholm swimmers hitting the pool on Monday morning! There is no time like the present….

Miss Kastropil, Assistant Head of Sport

POLITICS AND LAW EXCURSION – CHILDREN’S COURT

In Week 4 the two Year 10 Politics and Law classes had an excursion to the Children’s Court. As there is limited space in the public gallery, the excursion took place over two days. We learnt that there is a $10,000 penalty for disclosing the identity of any juvenile who is attending Children’s Court, and that the Court can make care and protection orders as well as hearing criminal prosecutions. Students sat in on different cases, from a number of smaller matters in the Magistrate’s Court, to a sentencing in the judge’s court room. Thank you to all students for exemplary behaviour, which was particularly important given that many of the people we saw were dealing with sensitive and difficult personal matters.

Ms Clark and Miss Hoad
It is with pleasure that I write about the first week of Year 9 Camp with Keenan and Laurence House members. All students were very well behaved and made the camp an enjoyable experience. All the teachers on camp would like to congratulate the students on their willingness to participate and their positive attitude in the face of challenging activities. Well done! Enjoy the photos.

Mr John Laurito, Deputy Principal / Dean of Year 9