O’Loughlin Catholic College
Newsletter
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13th Feb - Monday
  • 8.1, 8.2, 8.3 Team Building Day
14th Feb - Tuesday
  • 8.4, 8.5 Team Building Day
  • Year 9 Team Building Day at CDU
16th Feb - Thursday
  • 9:45am in the Gym
20th Feb - Monday
  • College Board Meeting

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Prayer

May my actions draw attention to you, my God!

Help me to bring salt into the dullness of life, encouraging vitality and joy in living in a world that dares to hope for the future that you promise, where all your children will know they are loved and valued and treasured, created in your image, bringing you glory forever.

Amen.

—a Church of Scotland prayer

http://jesuitprayer.org/

Gospel of the Week - Matthew 5: 13-16

Take Jesus at his word: we are meant to be lights to the world.
Dear O'Loughlin Community,

Welcome back!

I feel incredibly honoured and humbled to be the Principal of O'Loughlin Catholic College and it is an understatement to say that I was excited about the start of the school year. I could not contain this enthusiasm last Thursday and shared it with the college at our first whole school assembly. I spoke of how we are a part of this community because we strive to be the best we can be – in every way. I am lucky that I was also able to say, after my long association with O'Loughlin, I love this school.

The College follows the lead of Jesus as we attempt to fulfill our Vision of 'Making Us One In Christ'. We come from a diverse range of backgrounds yet join to create ONE community, which has hope to nurture our potential, faith to serve our community and love to honour all people. What must follow from this vision is a community based on respect, responsibility, tolerance, justice and cooperation. It is our aim to support and encourage all to achieve their goals – academically, physically, socially and spiritually.

We have made a great start! It has been fantastic to see our students approach the new school year with positivity and energy.

Our 2016 Year 12 results were very pleasing and the students can be proud of reaching their potential. Out of the 38 students studying for an ATAR (others completed VET or NTCET qualifications) FIVE students gained an ATAR of 90+ and one student achieved 89.3. Our VET results were also outstanding. Well done to all students and their hard working and committed teachers for their outstanding efforts and results.

To strengthen our teaching and learning, we have introduced the ‘Responsible Thinking Process’. It is vital that all parents/guardians know how this process works – please read the short summary of it in this newsletter and the attached Power Point. The Power Point was used to introduce RTP to our students. It is already proving to be highly successful in supporting our positive teaching and learning environments.

Our Information evening was yesterday evening and it was great to see so many of you attend. It is so important for parents/guardians to feel connected and a part of the school community and you are always welcome.

We have a zero tolerance bullying policy. We are proactive when it comes to this issue, so I have included this link to a Cyberbullying campaign for you. It is very powerful and highlights the need to be vigilant and support each other in the campaign against Bullying.

https://youtu.be/pAGcPvygS0w
2017 is an exciting year for the College and I look forward to meeting new, and more veteran, members of our community, sharing in the many and varied events and activities, and together with our students and staff, striving to be the best we can be.

All the best for the year.
God Bless.

Rhett Bowden
**Responsible Thinking Process 2017**

At O’Loughlin Catholic College we believe that respect is an essential element of any community. In the classroom this means that all should respect the teacher’s right to teach and a student’s right to learn. To follow this principle, and strengthen and support our behaviour management program, we have introduced the Responsible Thinking Process (RTP). RTP is consistent with the Catholic mission of the College. It is focused on respecting the dignity of each person and acting in a just manner, while challenging all students to be responsible for their own community actions and attitudes. It is a highly respected and recognised program across Australia.

When a student disrupts in a classroom, he/she is asked a series of questions to:

1. Allow the student to reflect on the nature of their disruption.

2. Establish for the teacher what the student wants to do – remain in class or leave the classroom.

3. Give the student a choice (control over his/her destiny).

(Please see attached Power Point for this process.)

If a student chooses to go to the Planning Room, his/her teacher completes a referral form. Once a student enters the Planning Room, he/she may only communicate with the Planning Room staff. The Planning Room teacher discusses with the student his/her referral and establishes what the student wishes to do. The Planning Room is a supportive environment to help students to learn how to control their experiences at school in ways that will not disrupt and/or disturb others who are attempting to do the same. Parents will only be contacted if their child is consistently attending the Planning Room. The Planning Room is staffed by Executive Members, Year Level Coordinators and other senior members of staff.

Once a student indicates a desire that they want to return to class, he/she completes a plan. The plan is then taken to the relevant teacher and they negotiate. When they agree on the plan it is signed by the student and the teacher, and returned to the Planning Room by the student. The student is then invited to resume attending that class. If a student’s plan is unsuccessful in enabling a productive learning environment, they return to the Planning Room to modify their plan or write a new one.

The RTP, and all other aspects of our school life, can only be successful if we work together.

Please contact me or either the Head of Senior or Middle School to discuss RTP or if you have any questions.

Rhett Bowden
Term 1 Week 2
Salt of the Earth and Light for the World

Hi everyone,

I’d like to add my welcome to 2017 to you all as we begin an exciting year of learning, personal development and spiritual growth.

We especially welcome and encourage mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, auntsies, uncles, grandparents and carers to join us in celebrations and activities here at the College whenever you can. This year our Opening College Mass will be celebrated by Father Roy O’Neill from St Paul’s Parish in Nightcliff, who is also a member of our College Board. All are welcome to join us at 9.45am as we celebrate a new beginning and ask God’s blessing on the year ahead.

In last Sunday’s Gospel (Matthew 5: 13-16) Jesus tells us that we, his friends, are the ‘Salt of the Earth’ and the ‘Light of the World’. I see this as an invitation to all of us to be more true to who we are. When we have the confidence to be ourselves and share our personality with others we bring that ‘saltiness’ – the flavour that makes life so rich and enjoyable. God made each of us unique and good. We don’t need to be someone else to make the world a better place – we just need to be the person that God created us to be!! When we have the courage to ‘let our light shine’, sharing our gifts and talents, we show others the way by giving them permission to do the same.

This year we can look forward to being the Light of the World as a College community. Together we can show others the way – in faith, hope and love.

God bless
Matt Bourke (APRE)

Homework Centre

Homework Centre is once again operating this year to provide our students with extra quiet study time after school to complete any assessments or homework that has been assigned by their teachers. For those who are not familiar with O'Loughlin College's Homework Centre, it is held in the Resource Centre/Library on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 3pm to 4pm.

Homework Centre will begin in Week 3 and Week 9 will be the last week of operation this term.

To attend students will need have a form signed and returned to the College before they can start coming. These are available from the front office.

Thank you and have a great year!

David Paull | Indigenous Education Worker/Homework Centre Coordinator
O'Loughlin Catholic College

2017 School Fees

School Fee statements have now been mailed to all parents. We encourage parents to take advantage of the payment plan option if fees cannot be paid in full 'up front'.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Department if you have any queries regarding your fees.

Fees are due by Tuesday 28 February 2017.

Kind regards

Joanne Fejo
Business Manager
EXIT ART

2016 Year 12's Julia Woods and Georgia Barradeen did O'Loughlin Catholic College proud being selected for Exit Art (Top year 12 Art from around N.T - exhibition Museum and Gallery of the NT). Attached are some photos from the opening on Thursday 9th attached. Unfortunately Georgia was interstate and missed the evening.

Georgia Barradeen Art Work

Julia Woods – Art work
Odyssey Trip Information Evening

Dear Parent/Guardian

Each year, O'Loughlin Catholic College offers its Year Eleven students the opportunity to take part in a journey down the east coast of Australia. This venture, known as the Odyssey Trip, has become a much-anticipated event for senior students at the College.

On this excursion, the students learn a lot about themselves, about each other and about life outside of the confines of school and family. Many past students have looked back on the trip as a real turning point in their lives, and at the very least, a treasure trove of wonderful memories.

Planning for this excursion will commence in the near future, to this end, on Wednesday the 15th of February, we will have an Odyssey Information Evening in the Resource Centre from 6:00pm to 6:45pm. All students and their parents/guardians who are interested in the trip are encouraged to attend.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at: Kara.Handberg@nt.catholic.edu.au.

Kind regards

Ms Kara Handberg
Year Eleven Team Leader

Mrs Debra Bond
Head of Senior School
PINT CRICKET CLUB
SIGN ON DAY
SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2017
11AM - 1PM
PINT SOCIAL CLUB, MARRARA

Come and join our family friendly club for another great season of cricket!

ALL SENIOR AND JUNIOR GRADES REPRESENTED

For any enquiries please email us at pints cricket@gmail.com

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Faith on Tap

a meal, drink, talk & conversation with like-minded friends

6pm Monday 6 March @ Shenannigans pub

‘Religion & Politics: opportunity or risk?’

with Gerry Wood MLA, Independent Member for Nelson

Stay in the loop... join the email list: faithontapdarwin@gmail.com - or find us here...

facebook /groups/faithontapdarwin
meetup.com/Faith-on-Tap-Darwin
TAKING YOUR FIRST CATCH

Nightcliff Cricket Club

Girls and boys of all ages and ability are welcome.

12th Feb 10am — Registration at Nightcliff Sports Club
24th Feb 4:30pm — Come and Try Cricket at Marrara Oval
(All girls and boys are welcome)

Contact Murali Varatharajan on 0418 685 162
Our studio is in its 8th year of operation in the Palmerston and rural areas of Darwin and cater for many styles of dance.

Our classes cater for all ages, from pre-walkers right up to adults

Genres of Dance we provide lesson’s for are:

Hip Hop, Jazz, Contemporary, Lyrical, Tap, Acrobatics and ballet.

Our Studio is a community of Dancers from all skills and levels; we love performing and enjoy getting out there and having lots fun!

For enrolments and Studio information please visit our website: www.samsdancestudio.com.au

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COMMUNITY NEWS

6 WEEK FAMILY FIT CHALLENGE

- 12 classes (6 Core+Relax & 6 Family Fit)
- Daily Recipe Recommendations, Tips and Motivations to help your family stay on track
- Private Facebook Group connecting you to other families doing the same Challenge.

Program kicks off on 14 February
Register at kidsfitaustralia.com

Come and meet us at the
Hockey Sign on Day
Saturday, 11 February
Food Court, Casuarina Shopping Square

Girls and Boys U11s, U14s & U17s
Mens and Womens A, B & C Grades
Ask us about our
free Junior Development Camp
5 years and up
starting at the end of February
2017 Training Wednesday Nights
All abilities welcome
Senior VP: Clare 0409223234
Junior VP: Cindy 0437388441
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TRACY VILLAGE CRICKET CLUB
est. 1970

We are extending a warm welcome to you and invite you to become part of the Tracy Village Cricket Club for season 2017.

Sign on day Sunday
February 19th
Tracy Village Sports & Social Club, Tambling Tce
Wanguri 10am - 1pm

A Level 3 Cricket Australia High Performance Coach and a current member of the NT Cricket Youth Representative and Academy Coach.

A 5 net practice facility and plays cricket in the Darwin District Cricket Association where formats from T20 Blast to modified or full cricket matches are offered.

The club provides 5 x concrete training wickets with synthetic matting and 2 x turf training wickets for all senior and junior players.

Affiliated with Darwin & District Competition Northern Territory cricket

where
Tracy Village Ovals, Tambling Terrace, Wanguri. Tambling Tce Lyons 0810.

website: http://www.tracyvillagecc.com.au