Welcome back for the start of the 2009 academic year. Welcome also to this new and exciting format of the College Newsletter.

Firstly, I trust that the break was a refreshing and relaxing time for you and your family and that our students have returned renewed and ready for a challenging year ahead. Already in the past two weeks students have had their course work outlined for them and have settled well into their learning and studies. Having seen the events we have planned, the year promises to be an exciting yet challenging learning journey for our students. As parents, your involvement in this process is welcomed, encouraged and expected.

The new colour format of the newsletter is presented this fortnight in hard copy. After this edition, it will be e-mailed to you on a two weekly basis. My suggestion is that when the email arrives you open it and press ‘print’ to secure your own copy which can then be placed in its usual prominent place for ready reference.

For families who do not have access to the internet, a limited number of hard copies will be printed for each edition and may be obtained from the front office.

Apart from some deadline problems with our new building and new locker areas, I was very pleased with the way all classes resumed and students quickly engaged with learning in their new classes.

On Wednesday we came together for the Opening School Mass for the year. Celebrated by Fr Gerald some 1300 students and 100 staff attended mass in the gymnasium. Their reverence and respect for the occasion was as usual exceptional. It was a deeply moving experience. Following mass, our Head Boy and Girl, Prefects, Captains and Councillors had their badges blessed and presented, read their pledges and were commissioned as our Student Leadership Team. I congratulate each of the students concerned and look forward to working with them in leading our College and the students to excel in 2009.

May God bless you and your family.

Reflection

"Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up his cross each day, and follow in my steps."

(Luke 9:23)

Graeme J Mander

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Dates to Remember
16-20 Feb Y08 Camp
25 Feb Ash Wednesday
26 Feb Y08-Y09 Swim Carnival
This week has seen our country face devastation through fire and flood. It has also seen a country come together as one, united in a common cause. On Friday the Junior School acknowledged those families who have had to endure the tragedy of this week. We chose to wear the colour green as a visible form of recognition. Why green? Renew, rebuild, new growth; all positive images for a new start for these families as they rebuild their lives. We also prayed together as one. The donations, as you can gather have been overwhelming. The final amount of money donated will be published in the next newsletter. This money will be sent to the Red Cross. Thank you.

On Wednesday we celebrated our Opening of the School Year Mass. At this Mass our Student Leadership for Semester One were invested. Congratulations to our Year Seven students.

**STUDENT COUNCILLORS:**

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As I said in last week’s Junior School newsletter: our start to the school year has been incredibly smooth, with all classes settled into their daily routines. Part of the new school year is getting to know your child’s new class teacher. This will take the form of the Parent Information Evening to be held on Tuesday Evening and individual parent teacher interviews to be held in Week Seven: Monday, March 16 and Tuesday, March 17. Please keep these dates free.

Our Class Co-ordinators met for the first time on Monday evening. Class Co-ordinators are listed below. They are more than willing to be of assistance in relation to any P&F related matters.

Class Co ordinators 2009:

- Kindergarten: Sue McCarthy & Tania Ward
- Pre-Primary: Sonia Stephenson, Mandy Lymn & Anika Read
- Year 1: Raelene Ritikis and Robyn Trewren
- Year 2: Kylie Philips-Jones and Kylie Bazzo
- Year 3: Donna Stiles
- Year 4: Anthea Le Tessier
- Year 5: Robyn Lawrence & Carolyn Starling
- Year 6: Tanja O’Brien
- Year 7: Bernice Barlow & Tash Vergone

May God’s blessings be with you all.

*Mrs Kerrie Merritt*

*Head of Junior School*

**What’s happening in Junior School**

**Tuesday, February 17:**
- Parent Information Evening
- PP – Year 3: 6.30 – 7.00p.m.
- Whole Junior School: 7.00 – 7.30p.m.
- Years 4 – 7: 8.00 – 8.30p.m.

**Thursday, February 19:**
- Swimming Trials: 12.30p.m. – 2.30p.m.

**Monday, February 23:**
- Year One Excursion

**Tuesday, February 24:**
- Assembly: Student Council. 2pm

**Wednesday, February 25:**
- Ash Wednesday

**March 3 – 6:**
- Year Four Camp

**March 23 – 27:**
- Year Seven Camp
YEAR 8: From all reports, Year 8 students have made a smooth transition from Junior School into the Secondary School. Speaking to many parents and students during the week, I don’t know who was more nervous the parents or the students.

I would like to alert parents about the Parent Information Evening on Wednesday, February 25 at 7.00pm – 8.00pm in the school Gymnasium. Parents are expected to attend this important evening. The Information evening is an important night to hear from a number of staff members about Middle School issues, and secondary schooling in general. If you have any concerns about your child please do not hesitate to call Miss Sarah Taylor (Year 8 Co-ordinator) or myself on 9531 9500.

YEAR 9: The Year 9 students have settled well into the new academic year. I have had many teachers commenting about how impressed they are with the ease at which the students have settled in.

I look forward to seeing this enthusiasm from all Year 9 students continuing throughout the year. A Student/Parent afternoon is to be held towards the end of the Term.

More information will be sent home with your child in the near future. If you would like to discuss any issue regarding Year 9, you can contact Mr Matthew Edwards (Year 9 Co-ordinator) or myself on 9531 9500.

Mr Paschal McCarthy
Head of Middle School

YEAR 9 CANBERRA TRIP 2009: Thank you to all those parents who attended Monday’s meeting and who have already finalised the payment for the trip. If you haven’t finalised your payment please do so as soon as possible. (still owing is $990.00 for flight etc, $120.00 for amenities and $40.00 for the windcheater).

If your child is no longer able to go please inform me of this fact in writing. See you all at the airport in about eight weeks.

Mr Charles Garratt

From the Year 10, 11 and 12 Year Level Co-ordinators…..
A big welcome back to all students for the academic year and we hope that you have a happy and satisfying year ahead.

The Year Level Co-ordinators for Senior School are:
Year 10 – Ms Deborah Kluczniak and Miss Chelsea Bakewell (Assistant Co-ordinator)
Year 11 – Mrs Mary-Anne Reynolds,
Year 12 – Mrs Lynne Choate.

Our role involves monitoring academic progress throughout the year and helping students perform to the best of their ability. The Assessment Policy continues to play a major part in helping students manage their academic learning.
Please note that if for any reason a student is absent for an in-class assessment or misses a due date for a task, the following procedure is in place:

- A letter is sent by the Year Level Coordinator notifying you of this;
- The work is submitted with the letter completed and signed, or
- The in-class assessment is done on return to school and the completed letter signed and returned to the class teacher (This is separate from an absentee note to the homeroom teacher);
- If an assignment is not submitted by the revised due date, a penalty will be imposed;
- All students commence the year with ‘good standing’ in place and failure to follow the school’s assessment policy will result in loss of good standing and privileges will be removed.

The complete Assessment Policy procedure may be found on the College Intranet page along with the ‘Application for Extension’ form.

We look forward to your valued assistance in this matter and we wish all students a very fulfilling and productive year in 2009.

Mr Jamie Chappell
Head of Senior School

Parents of students in Year’s 8-12

Mandurah Catholic College Wall Planner

Over the next couple of weeks we will be introducing your children to a new programme in the College to assist you and them to plan and organise study in an efficient way. The program is centred around the use of a Wall Planner and numerous lessons on setting goals, learning how to study, preparing for examinations and use of the wall planner. It also contains sessions on motivation, memory and a wide variety of other skills which we believe that students pick up through schooling but which research has shown need specific teaching.

The staff and students are being instructed on the system at school and it is hoped that many parents would also get involved. To facilitate this we are organising a Parent Information Evening with the designer of the programme so that he can present to you the most successful ways for you to assist your child with this programme.

This evening will be on Monday, 23 February in the Gym from 7.00-8.15pm. A letter and return slip with more information will be coming home with your child next week so please ensure that you ask for it. If you do not receive the letter and wish to attend please contact the College (9531 9500) and leave your name and the number of people attending so that we can organise for the evening.

Other schools have found that this is a great tool for improving student organisation and performance so we hope that you will be part of its implementation.

Mr Jamie Chappell
Head of Senior School

CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST: Hello to all students and parents of Mandurah Catholic College for 2009. My name is Miss Sandy Bajkowski and I am the College Psychologist.

My role at MCC is to work with the school to enhance the social, emotional, behavioural and academic potential of all students. Part of my role is to help individual students by providing
psychological counselling, psychological assessment and liaising with other agencies. When a child is experiencing difficulties that impact their learning behaviour or social-emotional wellbeing at school, a referral may be made. Once a teacher, parent or other professional completes a referral form this should be directed through the appropriate Head of School. The referral will then be discussed and I will make contact with parents. Parents are required to give consent for their child to see me and records are kept confidential. Students are able to self-refer for issues that significantly affect their schooling.

If you would like to know more about my role and how my services can be accessed, please see Mrs Screaigh at Student Reception for a pamphlet.

Miss Sandy Bajkowski
College Psychologist

MATHEMATICS TUTORING: If you feel your child may need some extra tuition in mathematics then it would be a good idea to send them to our Mathematics Tutoring sessions held on **Wednesday afternoons** from 3–4pm in B1.

The Mathematics staff have kindly given up their own time to tutor Mandurah Catholic College students after school. Students who attend these focused sessions find them extremely valuable. The students can ask about problems arising from class-work, assignments and test preparation. This time can also be used to bridge gaps in prior mathematical knowledge.

Some students may be requested by their teachers to attend tutoring. While not compulsory, it is advisable that students make every effort to attend these sessions if their teachers believe it is necessary.

If you have any questions about our tutoring sessions, please contact your child’s mathematics teacher on 9531 9500.

Mr Stephen Julian
Co-ordinator of Mathematics

The uniform shop opening times for Term One are as follows:

**WEEKS 3-9**
- Mondays 11am – 3.45pm
- Tuesdays 8am-1pm
- Thursdays 11am – 3.45pm

**WEEK 10**
- Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 8am – 1pm
- Thursday & Friday 11am – 3.45pm

**BLAZERS:** As part of the Winter Uniform, all Secondary students are required to own a blazer, which is to be worn from the first day of Term 2 until the end of Term 3. Large stocks are not held in the uniform shop, so to ensure you purchase the correct size, please complete and return the order slip below by **Tuesday, 24 February**. A range of sizes is available in the uniform shop for fitting purposes. Students are welcome to try them on during recess/lunchnetimes, on the abovementioned days.

**BLAZER ORDER – 2009**

Student’s Name: ________________________________ House: ______________________

Size: _______ Parent/Guardian Signature: ____________________________
CAREERS APPOINTMENTS - 
Any students who would like to discuss their career options please make an appointment by filling out a request form at student reception or in the library. After school appointments can be arranged for parents wanting to attend with their son/daughter. Parents are most welcome to contact me by phoning 9531 9746.

WA AVIATION COLLEGE CAREER INFORMATION SEMINAR - If you are interested in a career in aviation, the following information seminar will be a great opportunity to explore your options. The Western Australian Aviation College will be hosting an information seminar for students interested in aviation as a career path. Venue: Hyatt Regency Hotel, Perth, Wednesday, 18 February, 7.00-9.00pm Bookings essential. For more information please phone 9417 7733 or email waacinfo@waaviationcollege.com.au.

NURSING AND MIDWIFERY CAREERS – Information Day Monday, 6th April 2009: Learn about the endless opportunities that nursing and midwifery has to offer. Take part in hands-on activities such as CPR and taking vital signs listen to firsthand accounts from working nurses and midwives. Venue: Department of Health – East Perth 1.00pm-3.30pm, Bookings are essential – Please see Mrs Wilson (Library) if interested before 6 March.

CAREERS EVENT FOR WOMEN – Friday, 6 March. Be inspired by four exceptional Western Australian women and find out their amazing career journeys. Tafe, Universities and other providers will be there to give information on study options and career pathways. For further information go to www.lunchboxlist.com or ph: 9380 9120.

Welcome back to everyone. We hope you all had a very relaxing break and are enthusiastic towards you children having a fantastic year here at Mandurah Catholic College.

Ash Wednesday, 25 February 2009 – NO Meat Products Sold in the Canteen on this day!

Secondary Procedure for Ordering Lunches:
- Orders are to be placed in the letterbox marked ‘Secondary Lunches’ on the green door outside the Canteen. Menu is provided at this point.
- All orders must be placed before 8.30 am each day.
- Your Name and Year must be clearly written on your lunch order bag.
- Money to be placed in the bag and carefully folded into four. No use of staples/sticky tape.
- If change is required for use at recess please note this on the bag, otherwise the change will be issued at the time of distribution of lunches.
- Lunches are to be collected at the Canteen from the isle that is marked with the year that you are in eg, Year 8. The first five minutes of lunch time is for collection of lunches only, so it is advisable to be quick to the canteen, otherwise the lunches that have not been collected during this time are available from the “Staff Isle”.
- Drinks must be ordered with your lunches. All drinks must be accompanied by a Lunch Meal Item (NO drinks Only).
• Additional items such as Ice creams, Vege Chips are not to be ordered with your lunch orders. These are to be purchased over the counter after the five minute period allocated for lunch collection.
• Please remember Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are Pastry Free Days. If Pastry Items are ordered on these days a Salad Sandwich will be substituted.
• Daily Specials are to be ordered only on the days specified, if ordered on incorrect day a salad sandwich will be given as a substitute at the students cost.
• All orders are to be selected from the Lunch menu only NOT the Recess menu.
• Please be courteous at all times. Thank you!

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

YOUTH MASS ON AGAIN! - Next Youth Mass on Sunday, 1st March at 6pm. Come and check out the Mass where the young people are involved and there is lively music. Join us for a sausage sizzle afterwards! Parents, bring your kids along and save on cooking! Parents, please support us!!! We are looking for a drummer, bass guitarist and pianist. Ability to read chords an advantage. Please contact Alicia on 0421 625 472 or alicia_sun@hotmail.com

FROM DENTAL HEALTH SERVICES: The Federal Government’s Medicare Teen Dental Plan commenced on the 1 July 2008. Each child, aged 12-17, in families receiving Family Tax Benefit A, Youth Allowance or Abstudy will be posted a $150 voucher each year for a ‘Preventive Dental Check’. This dental check can include all or some of the following items, depending on your child’s clinical need: Oral examination, X-rays, Scale and clean, etc. You may use these vouchers at a private or public dental clinic (including School Dental Therapy Centres). The School Dental Service will continue to provide a free service to children enrolled in Pre-primary to Year 11 (until the age of 17). Year12’s and 17 year olds with a Health Care Card are eligible for general dental care at Government Dental Clinics. For further information, please contact your local public dental clinic, private dentist or Medicare on 13 20 11 or www.medicareaustralia.gov.au.

FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE VICTORIAN BUSHFIRES - DONATE BLOOD - Rockingham Donation Centre, Call 13 14 95 for an appointment or the Mobile Unit will be in Furnissdale on Thursday, 19 February from 9.30am to 2pm. Also clothing can be donated to the Salvation Army on 13 72 58