



# Saint Ignatius College

Geelong

October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009

A Jesuit Partner School

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## Coming Events

### October

- Fri 30** VCE Exams start  
**Sat 31** PFA Working Bee, 9.00am

### November

- Mon 2** Student Free Day  
**Tue 3** Melbourne Cup – Student Free Day  
**Thur 5** Immunisations for Yr 7 (all)  
Hep B and (girls only)  
Gardasil  
**Fri 6** Japanese students visiting  
from Naha Nishi HS.  
Okinawa  
**Wed 11** GISSA Junior Tennis  
**Wed 18** Mosaic Evening at Costa  
Hall –Years 7 – 10 will not  
be required at school on this  
day.  
6.00pm - Art, Technology  
Multimedia Exhibition in  
Foyer  
7.00pm – Musical excerpts,  
dance, drama & awards.  
**Fri 20** Yr 11 Celebration Day  
**Mon 23** Unit 3 Orientation Week  
commences  
**Tue 24** Yr 7 2010 Singles Day (for  
students who are the only  
one coming from their  
primary school)  
- Leopold Senior Citizens  
Concert. 12 – 3pm  
**Wed 25** National Youth Leaders Day  
Melbourne Convention  
Centre  
**Fri 27** Yr 10 Celebration Day  
- Yr 11 Conclude  
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- Yr 12 Valedictory  
Dinner

## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Friends of the College,

### Full School Assembly

Last week's Full School Assembly was a memorable occasion at which we celebrated a number of student achievements and reinforced many of our values and expectations. As has been our pattern in recent years, the primary focus of this term's assembly was to farewell the Year 12 students. We reflected on the journey of their six years of secondary school – their contribution, growth and development, we congratulated these students on reaching this milestone; we thanked them for their part in our college story; and we prayed for our Yr 12 students' future success. It was very pleasing that many parents were able to be present at the assembly and in particular it was great that many parents of Year 12 students were able to share in this milestone of their daughter or son.

Fr Des Panton (President of the Canonical Administrators) spoke of his pride in the college and in particular the students. He reinforced our expectations that the students respond positively, constructively and respectfully to the opportunities they have at Saint Ignatius.

The College Captains, **Georgia Cowdery** and **Nathan Currie**, made a presentation to the college community, on behalf of the Year 12 class, a thank you gift of a framed painting – a beautiful framed photo of a view of Corio Bay from Geelong's waterfront. The giving of a framed artwork has become a tradition over the last few years.

### Three staff to retire

At the assembly we recognised the service to the college of three staff members who have announced that they will be retiring at the end of this year – **Mr. Peter Aspley**, **Mrs. Gwen Dunell** and **Mr. Reno Formosa**.

So as well as saying farewell to our senior students we also acknowledged the dedicated contribution of these staff to the education of many hundreds of young people over the years. We wish all three a memorable and rewarding finish to their careers and every blessing for the next stage of their lives.

Mr. Peter Aspley has been teaching in the Maths / Science area for 40 years. He commenced at St. Mary's in 1985 and after 25 years with the college is now looking forward to some travel and building a 'hot rod'.

Mrs. Gwen Dunell has also been with the college for 25 years. She commenced work in the St. Mary's library and since then has worked in the Yarra Street, Fenwick Street and Drysdale libraries. Mrs. Dunell was the first library staff member based at Drysdale when the campus commenced and I thank her for the work she did to set up this new library. Mrs. Dunell is looking forward to some travel and spending some more time with her 14 grandchildren.

Mr. Reno Formosa has been a staff member at the college for 26 years. He also commenced at St. Mary's and is very well known for his work as a Woodwork Teacher. Mr. Formosa developed the woodwork facilities at the Yarra Street Campus and I am very grateful for the work he did to set-up the Woodwork section of our Technology facility at Drysdale. Mr. Formosa is looking forward to some travelling, woodwork and gardening.

### Year 12 student final days

On last Thursday the Year 12 students participated in their "Celebration Day." The day was celebrated in a positive and fun way and I congratulate the "Class of 2009" on the overall way they have respectfully and appropriately approached this final week of classes.

We have, as have other schools in the region, worked hard over a number of years to change the culture of the last days to one of positive celebration. As with last year at this time, media attention on unacceptable behaviour by some Year 12 students from other schools reinforces the need for us, parents and the school, to continue to work together to support the expectation that even though students may feel relief about finishing school, there is no reason to make relief a basis for creating bad feelings or bad memories, which unfortunately can happen as we have recently seen in the news. To help students navigate through this time we are continually working on establishing in our culture a tradition of the way we approach and celebrate this time so that our students experience a happy and memorable finish to their secondary school years. As did last year's group, this year's Year 12 students have provided a very good example to their younger peers – well done.

The Senior School staff prepared thoroughly to ensure that the final phase of the year was well organised with parents and students being well informed about the program and the school's expectations. Thank you to **Mr Anthony Gravener** (HoS) and the Senior School team of teachers.

### Year 7 2010

Last Wednesday saw two contrasting events held in our gym – the farewell to the Year 12s and then in the evening our very well attended welcome and information evening for the parents and students of next year's Year 7 intake.

It is very pleasing that we will be taking on 175 students. The number of enrolment applications was well up again with many disappointingly missing out on a place. Currently we have a long waiting list. Also I was very pleased that half of the applications were made by parents of girls. The large demand for places at Saint Ignatius reflects very well on the work our community has done to develop our college into a great place for a secondary school education.

Thank you to **Ms Penny King** (HoS) and the team of staff for organising this evening.

### Mid-term break

A reminder that there will be no classes on Monday and Tuesday next week as a result of the mid-term break. The **Year 12 exams** scheduled during this time will obviously be held as timetabled. **Parents of students sitting these exams will need to organise transport to and from school as buses may not be running.** It is probably safer to assume that your daughter / son's bus won't be running on the day.

### No newsletter next week

As it will be a short school week with the mid-term break next week, there will be no newsletter next week.

Mosaic Evening & arrangements for classes on the day.

As a community we are looking forward to our annual celebration evening, Mosaic, on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November. This is a very important Saint Ignatius College Geelong event and I ask all families to come along if you can. It is our hope that all students will attend this event with their family.

Please note that most Years 7 – 10 students will not be required at school on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009 so staff can prepare for the evening and students performing can rehearse. Having had the day off school it is expected that these students will come to the evening instead of their classes for the day. Students in Years 7 – 10 who are performing in the evening are expected to come to school on the day for the rehearsals. Year 11 students will all come to school on the day as normal. And Year 12 students will attend school as per their exam timetable.

Tickets are free and can be obtained from our office. I look forward to seeing as many families present as possible for what promises to be a very entertaining evening. Please see the notice later in this newsletter for more details.

### Best wishes to Year 12 students

Tomorrow the Yr 12 students commence their final exams. They will sit the English examination in the morning. The Specialist Mathematics class will sit the first of their two exams in the afternoon.

Please keep our Year 12 students in your prayers. On behalf of the school community I wish them all the best for their preparation for and undertaking of the exams.

Best wishes,



Michael Exton  
Principal

## Reflection

There is a rather cute story about a small boy who stumbled across the life of a saint called Simon Stylites, who lived in Syria in about 450 A.D. This strange gentleman lived for 37 years on top of a sixty-foot pillar. For an equally strange reason, the little boy decided that he, too, was called to perform a similar act of saintly heroism. This led him into the kitchen where he climbed up onto a kitchen cabinet and stayed there all morning. When his mother came into the kitchen and prepared a rather attractive lunch, he decided to get down.

His mother, who had caught onto what was happening, said to her son, "Now, you mustn't feel bad about this. (Good advice.) You have at least made the attempt, which is more than most people have ever done. (True.) But you must remember that it is almost impossible to be a saint in your own kitchen" (False. Bad advice.) Actually, this is what we are called to be, saints in our own kitchens, saints wherever we are. This is who saints are, people who put their faith into action and lived out their trust in God in their everyday lives.

One of the most popular modern day saints was St Therese of Lisieux, who was declared a saint only 28 years after her death. This came about because of the astonishing number of favours, cures and reconversions given to those who prayed for her intercession. During her lifetime, it appeared that she had done so little that her Carmelite Community could find nothing to put in her obituary. Later, they uncovered her writings and discovered the amazing closeness she had to God during her brief life; she was only 24 when she died. St Therese is the female Patron Saint of Australia.

During the English Civil Wars of the 1600's, Winchester Cathedral, amongst others, was pillaged by the Protestant Roundheads. Much damage was inflicted including to the huge, round stained glass window which majestically dominated the long Cathedral. With love and care, the people picked up the pieces and unable to restore the original scene, leaded the pieces together in abstract form. The sun still shines through the colours of the fine stained glass, though somewhat differently.

The window is a symbol of all who enter the Cathedral for we all have had broken lives at some time, have picked up the pieces with the help of the Spirit within us and put our lives together again. On All Saints Day, we are celebrating what Christ has done in and through us, the saints through the ages. Far from living perfect lives, saints have faults and failings like us so that we can identify with them. Nathan Soderblom was rather insightful when he said, "Saints are persons who make it easier for us to believe in God."

We remember the lives of the Saints on the day of their death, sometimes called their "heavenly birthday". Interestingly, there is no occupation or group or endeavour that does not have a Patron Saint. Some of the more famous saints are "naturals" for a match up: St Francis of Assisi – animals; St Gabriel the Archangel – broadcasters, postal workers; St Peter – fishermen; St Francis Xavier – missionaries. Some less known Patron Saints are: St Elmo – explosive workers; St Herbert- drought relief; St Polycarp – earaches; St Roch – dogs and dog lovers. The following verse by Marnie Barrell offers this little summary of Saints:

"Sisters and brothers in endless variety,  
Each with a marvellous story to share,

Reach their full stature in Heaven's society,  
Grown from seed by God's infinite care."

**God, our Father, help us to be aware of the promptings of the Spirit that call us to goodness and saintliness. Amen.**

## Parents & Friends Group

Thank you for continuing to support The Parents and Friends of Saint Ignatius. We continue to contribute to the school at a number of different levels and are working in close partnership with the leadership team of the school, students and teachers.

Our group is growing and the number of activities we undertake are also increasing. Next year if you have any time to contribute please let us know as we have several projects to undertake. If you can help please contact:

Bernie Malone	Chairperson
<a href="mailto:bmalone@geelongce.net.au">bmalone@geelongce.net.au</a>	
Maureen Wilson	Secretary
<a href="mailto:cdwilson@ncable.net.au">cdwilson@ncable.net.au</a>	
Steve or Tracy Gibb	Enviro Chair
<a href="mailto:gibbsies@bigpond.com">gibbsies@bigpond.com</a>	
Helen Benjamin	Fundraising Chair
<a href="mailto:benjamin24@ozemail.com.au">benjamin24@ozemail.com.au</a>	

### **Working Bee-THIS SATURDAY !!!!!**

There will be a working bee at the Bellarine Secondary College Landcare nursery on Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am. The work will be in exchange for plants that will be donated to year 12 Students and new students at the school. We will be mostly moving mulch and clearing up for the fire season. Please bring wheelbarrows, shovels and forks. Please contact Bernie Malone if you have any queries

### **Second Hand School Book Sale**

Our annual second hand school book sale will be held on **3<sup>rd</sup> December**. This is an extremely successful sale with significant benefits to both the school and parents

### **Spring Book Fair**

Thank you for the support for the Book Fair, we raised over \$1300. Thank you to everyone for their efforts.

***Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday November 17<sup>th</sup>  
in the Food Technology Center  
at 7.30p.m. All Welcome***

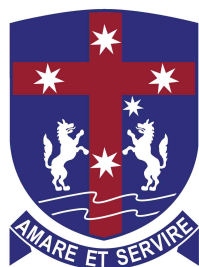
### **Uniform shop- UP and RUNNING !!!!!**

Our second hand uniform shop is up and running. We have a small range of uniforms now available and we are looking to increase it. Please contact Helen Benjamin by email [benjamin24@ozemail.com.au](mailto:benjamin24@ozemail.com.au) if you want to purchase or sell uniforms. We anticipate that this service will grow substantially over the next few years. Thank you to the volunteers who have offered their services we will be in touch soon

### **Funding applications**

The PFA group has been successful in several grant applications for funding. There are numerous opportunities to apply for funds and we are looking for someone to coordinate and research these opportunities.

*Bernie Malone*



*Students, families and friends  
are invited*



to

# **“Mosaic Night”**

*a celebration of the College's ‘tapestry’ of programs  
and achievements during 2009*

*on*

*Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009*

*at*

***Costa Hall, Deakin Waterfront Campus, Geelong***

*From 6pm: ‘Saint Ignatius Gallery 2009’*

*Costa Hall Foyer*

*Art, Graphics, Multimedia and Technology exhibition.*

***7pm: Costa Hall***

*(30mins earlier than previously)*

***Musical production excerpts, dance, drama, singing, choral and  
instrumental performances***

***Interspersed with award presentations***

*Non-alcoholic beverages available for purchase between 6 & 7pm and at interval.*

*Tickets at no cost are available now from the college office. phone 5251 1136.*

## The Power of Reading!

### THE POWER OF READING! (Technology is only a tool)

Reading exercises the mind, relaxes the body and can transport the reader to a new world: reading is one of life's greatest pleasures.

How do parents motivate their child to read great books and love reading in its own right?

- Educators agree that modelling is the key component to becoming a passionate, thoughtful, engaged and independent reader.
- Buying and giving books as gifts, encourages reading development and establishes a literary culture within the family home.
- Providing and monitoring ICT as a creative tool compels your child to navigate and interpret the ever-increasing world of not just print texts but also digital content.

When students are engaged, they enhance their understanding, acquire new knowledge and learn from and remember what they interpret. And best yet, they want to learn more!

Reading in conjunction with searching the Internet helps to equip students with skills and understanding required to be effective communicators in a complex multimedia environment where being literate plays such a big part.

**Study** – the application of the mind to the acquisition of knowledge, as by reading, investigation, or reflection.

**Homework** – schoolwork assigned to be done outside the classroom.

**DON'T FORGET** – Each and every child is doing this for his/her own benefit – not for parents or teachers.

*Freda Gray*  
Literacy Coordinator

## Canteen Roster

*Week commencing*  
*Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 09*



<b>Mon</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	NO CANTEEN
<b>Tues</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	NO CANTEEN
<b>Wed</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	F Lakey, N Prestipino, M Nitz
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	E Mills, G Meeking
<b>Fri</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	S Green M Gill

If unable to attend, please make sure you get a replacement.  
Thank you. **Sandra Woodall – Ph 5241 9859**



*Week commencing*  
*Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 09*

<b>Mon</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	F Ducardus, T Jeffrey, B Nowell
<b>Tues</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	Y Campbell, M Traynor, V Gasior
<b>Wed</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	D Farrimond, C Smith
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	J Wood, M White, J Mordy
<b>Fri</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	F Laspina, M Szokolik

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Thank you. **Sandra Woodall – Ph 5241 9859**



## “Yoghurt Van” Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November

### Community



## COMING UP AT THE SHED October 09

### CHILDRENS WEEK AT THE SHED

**30 October**      **Little Spuds**  
**Early Childhood Expo**  
10.00am – 12.00pm  
Entertainment and fun activities  
for children  
Free event

**30 October**      **Spud Club (Halloween theme)**  
**Open Mic Night – all welcome!**  
6.30pm – Children / Teenagers  
8.00pm – Adults – open  
**\$5.00 entry includes 1 complimentary drink.**

**31 October**      **CCP Halloween Gig**  
**All Ages – Drug, Alcohol & Smoke Free Event**  
6.00pm – 10.00pm

For more information on any of our events visit  
[www.geelongaustralia.com.au](http://www.geelongaustralia.com.au) or email us at  
[potatoshed@geelongcity.vic.gov.au](mailto:potatoshed@geelongcity.vic.gov.au).

# STARS IN UR HEAD?



## *Youth event*

WHEN: Friday 13 November

TIME: 6pm – 10pm

WHERE: Parks Hall, Newcombe  
St  
Portarlinton

HOW MUCH: \$5 on the door, no  
passouts

***YOUR DOOR FEE IS YOUR FREE  
TICKET TO ALL ACTIVITIES!***

*DJ Mitch                      Mocktails*  
*Fairy Floss                  Boxing jumping castle*  
*Hip Hop demos          Temporary tattoos*  
*BBQ dinner                Sensory boxes*

*For details contact Maria*  
[maria@gpageelong.com.au](mailto:maria@gpageelong.com.au)

or

0447 799 734

**STARS in UR head? Is a youth mental  
health initiative proudly supported by:**

City of Greater Geelong

Headspace

Youth Foundations Victoria

Bellarine Peninsula Bendigo Bank

Victorian Government

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## **DPI Queenscliff Centre**

**OPEN DAY 2009**

**FREE**

Bellarine Highway Queenscliff



**SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER**

**11am – 3pm**

A great day of free fun for the  
whole family!

- the latest DPI research and programs on display
- laboratory demonstrations
- Marine Discovery Centre activities
- Building tours
- Boat and equipment displays
- Sausage sizzle

[www.dpi.vic.gov.au](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au)

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## **TRY SAILING DAY**

**AT**

**INDENTED HEAD YACHT CLUB**

**Sunday 8th November 2009**

**10.30am Start**



Please bring a change of old  
Clothes, shoes and or a wetsuit  
and towel.

Hot showers available.

Sausage Sizzle & Drinks  
available for purchase.