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'AS MUCH AS YOU CAN DO, SO MUCH DARE TO DO'

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF SAINT IGNATIUS' COLLEGE, RIVERVIEW

MISSION STATEMENT: Saint Ignatius' College, Riverview, is a Catholic School run by the Society of Jesus. As such, it is grounded in and informed by the values inherent in Ignatian education. Our Mission is to provide an all-round education for boys that inspires them to a life-long development of their faith. This means they will seek understanding, strive for justice and commit to the service of others with discernment, conscience and courage.

Blessed are the Poor

FROM THE RECTOR (Continued from Last Week)

SO, THE GOSPELS have an answer to the question 'Where on earth can we find Jesus?' and indeed to the claim that God cannot be found in this world. It's just that God, as revealed by Jesus, is not where we want God to be. For us to go to where God is in the world, we have quite a journey to undertake, because God has settled precisely with the sort of people we reject. Oh dear. The kind of person I reject – drunkards, I am ashamed to say – is precisely those among whom Jesus settles himself to reach out to me. Likewise, since, as a wise Jesuit once said, 'Every community has its own sin', Jesus reaches out to that community in the company of those the community rejects. Ditto for societies; ditto for nations. Oh dear. We are so scandalised by those with whom God associates.

Psychology is straightforward in saying that we reject in others what we reject in ourselves, all the more so if we have not admitted this to ourselves. Jesus tells us to remove the beam in our own eye before removing the splinter in our neighbour's. If we undertake the long journey of befriending the marginalised other, the despised neighbour, we befriend our full selves. In touching the leper, I touch my leprous self, and am healed. And the gospel adds that in doing this, I touch Jesus too, and so God in Jesus, neighbour, self.

So it is for the communities, society and nation that I live in. At its best the Church through the centuries has lined up its witnesses, especially its martyrs, on the margins, because the gospel always poses to every society this stark challenge, this radical questioning: Who are the outsiders? Who are the insiders? Who decides?



Although he is over 90 years old, Fr Luis Ruiz SJ still works at the leprosariums in China.

Jesuit Mission

Often in the parables, society's outsiders are God's insiders: all those good Samaritans (heretics though they be) in contrast to the devout Pharisees, Lazarus not Dives, the tax-collecting sinner standing far off in the Temple not the one praying 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people and especially not like this one'. (Luke 18:9-14). If we let these stories work their way into our hearts and act them out, then we are

placed in a difficult but life-giving position towards our society. That stance might well enable us to make our society truly an open society because it is open-hearted, whereas closed ones are deadening, killing and dying.

Such witnessing work is stark and sweet to the spirit, soul. Nobody expects personal or communal integrity to come easily, or holiness – same thing of course, but one's a psychological term and the other theological. The struggle for justice, to give the clearest and most pressing example, is indeed a struggle, personally, communally, socially, nationally. As long as people heart-read the gospels, there will be holy trouble-makers in our world, thank God.

So that's why schools like ours have programmes that gently nudge students to attend to their unfortunate neighbour(s), to reflect on what happens in the sometimes difficult meetings they have with the outsider, to discover something about the world, other people and themselves. The hope is that they also come to see that this is also the gospel way of finding God, stark and sweet, and real.

Fr Andy Bullen SJ

An historic weekend for all Australians

FROM THE HEADMASTER

LAST WEEKEND was an historic weekend for all Australians. I'm sure every person, whether Catholic or not, who watched the events unfold in Rome, couldn't help but feel proud that this was 'our Mary' who was being canonised. As the Foreign Minister Kevin Rudd said: 'The entire Australian nation should be celebrating in her canonisation. It's just an enormous buzz, but it's a buzz about something real – this woman who lived a life of charity'.

It was also wonderful to see the Riverview students, who'd travelled to Rome representing the College and indeed Australia at Mary MacKillop's canonization, being interviewed on the Channel 9 news and the 'Today' program. While the boys were obviously very excited, they were also very

much in awe and quite amazed by what was about to take place in St Peter's Square. Undoubtedly they and the parents and staff who accompanied them will remember this unique event for the rest of their lives.

After the canonisation ceremony Bishop Greg O'Kelly SJ, a former Headmaster of the College, said a special Mass for the Riverview pilgrims at the Gesù – the Jesuit church where St Ignatius is buried. The group is currently visiting other sacred sites throughout Rome before returning to school next week.

CELEBRATIONS AT LUNA PARK

I would hope parents would reinforce to their sons that while Luna Park was fantastic, the reason they had a day off school was to celebrate a most significant event. (Continued on page 3)

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HAPPENINGS

Please forward any 'Happenings' by 8am on Wednesday morning, for next week's edition of *Viewpoint*, to Carla James at cmjames@riverview.nsw.edu.au

JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

Be the change you want to see! Buy your tickets for the Jesuit Refugee Service Melbourne Cup Luncheon in Sydney and help a group of vulnerable people!

Time is running out before the it's time for the race that stops a nation, and who would want to be without a place to be and a cause to support? Buy your tickets now for the JRS Melbourne Cup Luncheon at Darling Harbour, Sydney, an annual show-stopping event aimed at enjoying the races whilst raising money for a group of vulnerable people. Proceeds go towards assisting refugees and asylum seekers both in Australia and abroad. The luncheon will be held at Dockside, overlooking the beautiful Darling Harbour, on Tuesday 2 November from 11.30am. Tickets cost \$120 per person and include a three course luncheon and drinks, fantastic fun, a hat parade, prizes, raffle, sweeps and Calcutta. Get a table together or book a single ticket and come along and make new friends! Tickets can be booked online at www.stickytickets.com.au/4172 or by calling 02 9356 3888. For more information about JRS go to www.jrs.org.au

ST MICHAEL'S PARISH AUTHOR EVENING – Michael Robotham

On Tuesday 16 November at 7.30pm, at St Michael's Parish Hall, Dorritt St, Lane Cove. Michael's career has included being a journalist in Australia, the UK and USA. He has written five novels under his name as well as 15 autobiographies as a ghostwriter. Come along and hear Michael speak about some his experiences and his latest book 'Bleed for Me'. Afterwards you are invited to stay for supper and will have the opportunity to meet Michael and have your books signed.

REFLECTION DAY ON 'CREATIVE WAITING'

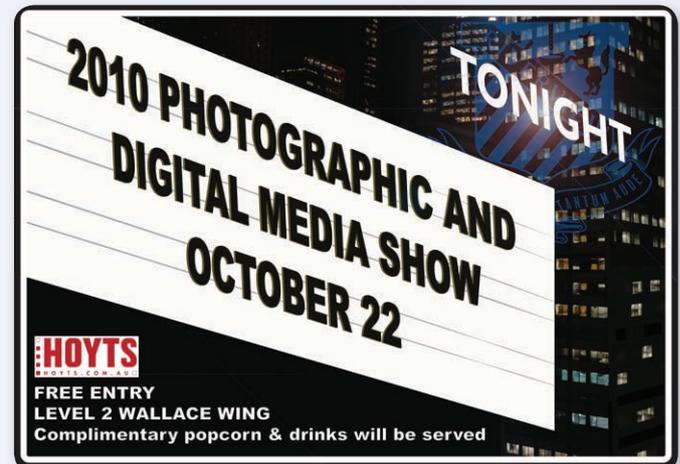
Invitation to all parents and staff to a reflection day with Fr Michael Whelan sm, hosted by Marist Laity Australia. Fr Michael will be discussing 'Creative Waiting' on 6 November 2010 at St Patrick's, in the crypt, in the Rocks, Sydney from 10am to 3pm. Fee is by donation. BYO lunch. RSVP online at www.maristlaityaustralia.com/email or mail PO Box 1681, Castle Hill 1765.

VOLUNTEERING SERVICES REQUIRED - JUST FOR EIGHT WEEKS

Would you think of volunteering to mind babies for the Sudanese mums on Wednesday or Friday mornings at St Bakhita Centre, Flemington – just for eight weeks – please? Or, if you could offer to relief teach English or Computer one morning a week from now til December 3, that would be a huge help also. Please contact Sr Maria on 0408 615 671.

REGIS ART SHOW

The Regis Art Show will be on Friday, the 22 October from 3.30–7.30pm in the Regis Multipurpose Hall. Everyone is welcome.

2010 PHOTOGRAPHIC & DIGITAL MEDIA SHOW: Friday 22 October**ARE YOU A NURSE OR A DOCTOR? WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO HELP AT THE IGNATIAN CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CAMP**

The Ignatian Children's Holiday Camp will be run from 16–19 December 2010, here at Riverview for up to 35 disabled children. Our Year 11 & 12 students are their constant companions, taking care of all their needs 24 hours a day, living at Kevin Fagan Boarding House. However, we need nurses to help during the four day period, with shifts similar to a hospital:

7.30am–3.30pm; 3.30–10pm; 9.30pm–8.30am

Nurses need to be currently registered but not necessarily practising. Mostly, these children are cared for at home by their parents and families and this is a fun camp, not a hospital.

We also need doctors on call who live locally, so if you fit the bill, please contact me. You can check out our website to see what we do: www.ichc.riverview.nsw.edu.au.

Please ring or email me if you have any questions or would like to help – and ask around for those who have helped on previous camps, they will tell you just how wonderful this experience can be.

Could all those who have helped in the past also contact me to let me know if you are able to help this year? I would be pleased to hear from you by Monday 1 November, so I can send out paperwork and fill rosters.

Annie McNamara – Telephone: 9417 6006 Mobile: 0438 176 006

Email: anniemac82@hotmail.com

GARTLAN CENTRE FITNESS CLASSES

New members are welcome to join our well established, professional friendly classes. Casual rates and discount card system available. Improve your health and general fitness, while enjoying the atmosphere and inbuilt motivation of a group exercise class.

Enquiries: Alexia Morris Email: alexiaam@optusnet.com.au

Websites: gartlancentrefitnessclasses.com.au or balance2health.com.au Mobile: 0425 830 191

An historic weekend for all Australians

FROM THE HEADMASTER (Continued from page 1)



Ian Fairhurst

A day to remember: celebrating the canonisation of Mary MacKillop.

I would also hope that whenever our students remember the great time they had at Luna Park their memory of that day is attached to thoughts about Saint Mary MacKillop, and the reasons why she became Australia's first saint.

Many thanks to Mr Rob Graham, who has been Acting Director of Students, for organising the day and ensuring all went smoothly at Luna Park. In a week where the weather has been anything but pleasant we were so fortunate that last Monday the sun shone, the temperature was beautiful and the festive happy atmosphere of Luna Park was most contagious.

SCHOOL BULLYING SURVEYS

Recent research commissioned by the Federal Government shows that at least one student in every four in Australian schools is affected at some time or another by bullying. Bullying happens in all schools; no school is exempt from it – as I've told every parent who asks about bullying during interviews with them. However, I also tell them it's what a school does about bullying that makes a difference.

One aspect of our policy – a most important aspect – that helps us do something about bullying is our annual student bullying survey. While some students and perhaps parents may question the value of this survey, we believe it is an extremely effective and practical instrument.

Through the survey boys are given the opportunity to identify other students whom they believe may be victims of bullying as well as those students whose behaviour could be deemed as bullying.

The survey allows us to identify the locations around the school where boys may be feeling unsafe and uncomfortable as well as the types of bullying that varies from day to day, including cyber bullying. This data also allows us to speak privately to boys about their behaviour or make inquiries about their wellbeing. Sometimes a student is genuinely unaware that his behaviour or his language is quite inappropriate; and sometimes a boy who is identified by his peers as a victim of bullying may be too accepting of the way he is being treated.

Through the information gained from the surveys we are able to identify trends and patterns in bullying as well as trends in individual boy's behaviour.

These surveys, which were initiated several years ago, have had a dramatic impact on school policies and procedures including location of bus lines, the size of tutor groups and the movement of students between classes.

While this survey is not our only way of dealing with bullying or inappropriate behaviour, it certainly assists us in remaining alert to what is happening and provides every student with the opportunity to voice his opinion.

A THANK YOU TO THE COLLEGE

For some time, the College has been associated with St Mary's Primary school at Bowraville for indigenous students. Initially we became involved with the school after two of our parents, Rachel Ward and her husband Bryan Brown had made a program about the school many years ago and told us the school faced many challenges and was in great need.

REQUEST FOR CRICKET GEAR

An Old Boy, Patrick O'Keeffe (OR86), who lives in Wilcannia has let the College know about a wonderful initiative for young people in the area. The WINGS Drop In Centre in Wilcannia provides a variety of after-school activities for youngsters aged between 5 and 17. Currently between 40-60 are attending the centre each day with lots more spending time there during the holidays.

The centre has set up a Youth Cricket Program for about 20 players between the ages of 12 and 17 and has asked us if we can help provide cricket equipment for these players. Obviously as the number of young budding cricketers increases, more cricket gear will be required, however, any help we can give now will be greatly appreciated.

We have been given an itemised list of equipment needed, however, in order to simplify the process, for one day, and one day only, next Monday, we will be able to accept from Riverview families and Old Boys any cricket gear they would like to contribute to this program. Needless to say we would hope that the donations still have plenty of use left in them. Some of the equipment required includes:

✦ Pads; ✦ Gloves; ✦ Hats; ✦ Bats; ✦ Stumps Boxes; ✦ Wicket Keeper's Gloves ✦ Cricket Balls

On **Monday 25 October**, we will park a trailer outside the Administration block just for the day. If you have any gear you would like to contribute, could you please ask you son to drop it into the trailer, or, if that is not convenient, could you please send it to my office.

Since then, we have had a number of students from Bowraville attend Riverview. Several of our students have also spent time at St Mary's as part of their Ignatian Service Program. We have also been able to secure, through the generosity of one of our parents, sponsorship of a Hyundai van to assist with the transport of students to and from the school.

St Mary's recently re-opened after an extensive redevelopment program. Not long afterwards, I received a letter from the Principal, Claire Mellon, thanking Riverview for the support we have given to the school. In her letter, Claire writes:

'Our relationship with Riverview has enormously enriched our school and community life. Our young students, who previously would not even have expressed an interest in completing Year 12, now discuss which boarding school they will go to. This would not have happened without the scholarship program and inter-school visits that you have established. Thanks to your delightful students, including the St Mary's Old Boys, as role models, our current generation of students has a broadened and far more optimistic world view and we have taken a giant step in 'closing the gap' for indigenous students.

The school van which you organised for us through Hyundai has been invaluable. We are now able to transport 12 students from Nambucca Heads to the school, an opportunity that would have been denied them due to public transport issues. We are also able to transport students to representative sports and a wide variety of other activities that they would have otherwise been unable to access.

We believe that our school makes an enormous difference to our students' lives and that slowly but surely we are breaking the cycle of multi-generational poverty and racism. Saint Ignatius' Riverview plays an important role in this work. Thank you so much for your contributions as we continue to work on replacing despair with hope and making St Mary's, as our students say, 'The Best Little School in Australia'.

Shane Hogan, Headmaster

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS

ALCOLHOL AND TEENAGERS

Two recent studies tell us much about this issue:

The Executive Director of the Brain and Mind Research Institute at the University of Sydney, Professor Ian Hickie, has produced work for DrinkWise, which explains that teenagers who drink alcohol risk their brains not reaching full capacity. He said that, from the age of around 12 or 13 through to the early 20's, the brain is in a state of intense development, moulding and hardwiring in readiness for the challenges of adulthood. The brain will not finish developing until around the age of 23 to 24 years. 'New science tells us that alcohol disrupts brain development during this critical phase of growth. So teenagers who drink might never reach their full potential as an adult.'

Professor Hickie has been working with DrinkWise Australia in an effort to raise the age at which young people are first introduced to alcohol. DrinkWise CEO, Cath Peachey said, 'We're concerned that over the past 50 years the average age at which teens start to drink alcohol has fallen from 19 to 15.5 years'. This age varies for females and males, with Australian Bureau of Statistics data indicating that the average age when males first consume alcohol is 15 and young women 17 years. 'DrinkWise is focused on promoting change towards a healthier and safer drinking culture in Australia', Ms Peachey said. 'We now know that the longer the human brain can avoid alcohol, the better its chance of developing to its full potential. So, raising the age at which youth first consume alcohol is a high priority'.

(From Ms Tess McLachlan, Executive Director, Research and Policy, DrinkWise Australia. Quoted in 'Directions in Education', August 2010)

The second study comes from the work of Professor Maree Teeson, Acting Director of the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre at the University of NSW:

'One in five Australians abuses or becomes addicted to alcohol in their lifetimes, but most people are complacent about the problem, which is set to worsen, because younger people are reporting higher alcohol misuse rates. It has become more acceptable to drink at risky levels. Alcohol abuse was most extreme among people in their late teens or early 20's, who were about four times as likely as older adults to have abused alcohol the previous year. Men were three times as likely as women to have drinking problems. People in the survey who abused alcohol were getting into fights, drink-driving, taking time off work and getting into trouble with the police'.

(Reported in the 'Sydney Morning Herald', September 2010)

ACTING HOUSEMASTERS TERM 4

Various reasons have combined to cause three of our Housemasters to be away from Riverview during much of Term IV. For the information of parents especially:

More House – Mr Kurt Bartelme is Acting Housemaster for Mr Paul Collins

Campion House – Mr Anthony Cook is Acting for Mr Andrew Szabo until late November

Gonzaga House – Mr Paul Achmar is Acting for Mr Charles Rowe until late November

At other times in the term, especially when Housemasters are accompanying their Year 9 boys on the Year 9 Challenge, there will be an Acting Housemaster for a week or so. Parents will be notified in these cases by email from the relevant Housemaster.

TWO LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

I have received the following letters:

'I have recently been an exam supervisor for Riverview students from Years 11 and 12 and I compliment you on the good manners of the

boys involved. Not only were they always courteous in thanking me for assisting, but they displayed old-fashioned 'gentlemanly' behaviour in opening doors and standing back to allow me to enter first. Their good manners should not go unremarked, or unacknowledged.'

– And this one from the Co-ordinator of the Waitara Wellness Centre: 'I am writing to let you know how impressed my staff and I were with the four Year 11 students who recently came to us. These students were punctual, pleasant, helpful, kind and worked well with both clients and staff ... I would like to commend them and congratulate your school for successfully reinforcing respect and Christian values in your students ...'

THIS WEEK IN THE HISTORY OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS

The Jesuits have been suppressed or expelled from various countries over the centuries, but they still survive.

22 October 1870 – In France, Garibaldi and his men drove the Jesuits from the Colleges of Dole and Mount Roland.

23 October 1767 – The Jesuits who had been kept prisoners in their College in Santiago, Chile, for almost two months, were led forth to exile. 360 Jesuits of the Chile Province were shipped to Europe as exiles and refugees.

24 October 1759 – 133 Jesuits, banished from Portugal, were received by Pope Clement XIII in Italy and by the religious communities, especially the Dominicans.

WHAT I'VE BEEN READING

Barbara Vine, 'The Chimney Sweeper's Boy', Penguin 1998.

This is a lighter read than some of the other novels I've written about. The author has taken a nomme de plume for this book. Her real name is Ruth Rendell, the bestselling crime novelist and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature. The story, briefly, is this –

Author Gerald Candless dies of a sudden heart attack and his eldest daughter, Sarah, embarks on his biography, but soon discovers that her 'perfect father' was not all that he appeared to be. In fact, he wasn't Gerald Candless! The mystery of his identity is ingeniously constructed and its truths and falsehoods are convincingly interwoven.

REFLECTION: PERSISTENCE

The former U.S. President, Calvin Coolidge, wrote these immortal words:

'Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan 'Press on' has solved, and always will solve, the problems of the human race'.

BIRTHDAYS

October 22	James Freidman
October 23	James Benson, Kade Fallins, Alex Lamond, Declan McKeegan, Alan Meagher, Tom Meagher
October 24	Jack Bresolin, Peter Clark, Charlie Collins, Harry Flitcroft, Baz Julian
October 25	William Carr, Daniel Clark, James Clark, Duncan Crowley, Marc Cunningham, Zach McNamee
October 26	Jacob O'Brien, Tim Allen, Harry Dalton, Christopher Daly, Michael Duffy, Patrick Hayes, Austin Withers
October 27	Alexander Brown, Nicholas Greenwood, Benjamin Hawtin, Michael May, Matthew Millikin, Christopher Pike
October 28	John-Patrick Asimakis, Lachlan Grounds, David Hew

Mr James Rodgers, Director of Students

FROM THE COLLEGE CAPTAIN

ADDRESS TO COLLEGE ASSEMBLY: 13 OCTOBER 2010

Guten morgen Pater Bullen, Herr Hogan, sehr geehrte Geste, Brüdern. What you just heard was, as I'm certain many of you have already been able to figure out, a German greeting. I am the third German speaking

Captain of Riverview. The first was Ewald Uechtritz, who died aged 90 earlier this year. He lived in Germany and was College Captain in 1938, and was then called up to become First Lieutenant Navigator, on a U-Boat, when World War II broke out. He was notable for the fact that he had kept an impeccable record throughout the conflict and retained great affection for Riverview. His name is now engraved on Riverview's War Memorial. The second was Conor Nix, whose mother tongue was Swiss-German, because his family lived in Switzerland in his early youth. Then we finish with myself.

As you can see, the most striking thing about this school is its diversity. We have boys from Rwanda, from Singapore, from Indonesia, from Cootamundra, boys from Hong Kong, from Sierra Leone, from India. We are offered a veritable buffet of subject choices, from Chinese to Aboriginal Studies and Classical Greek.

Students with less than demanding social lives, like me, can spend their Fridays back at school, battling it out in Chess and Debating. There are 85 boys on bursaries at View. There are over 300 staff members. The grounds sit in the urban jungle of Lane Cove, yet hold acres of luscious grass.

All this said, these many facets of a school are all united under the common shield of Riverview College. It is an incredible feat to fit so much learning into one institution, and it is this juggling act of Academia and Co-Curricular and School Spirit that this year's theme of unity salutes. All of us here today are one: and not just the students, but all the teachers and all the executives and all the staff who work behind the scenes also. We aim to unite the school and keep the feeling of mateship and brotherhood among the students strong within the College.

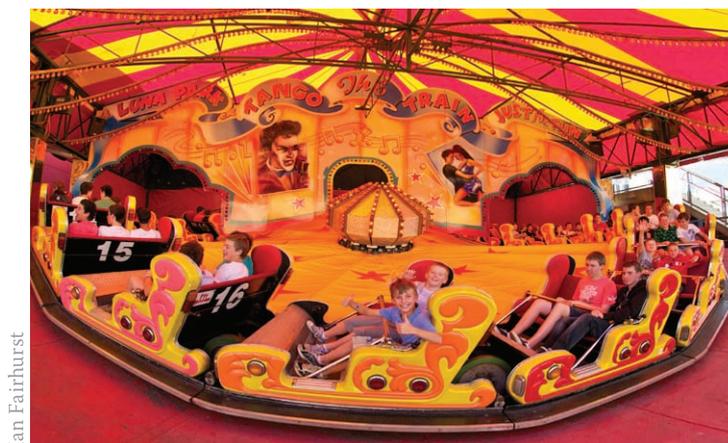
There are a few events that we hope to inaugurate in the next year, specifically to become the most unified school, in the world. To start things off, I'll mention that we have some war cry rallies planned just for the boys in Regis, and also for the boys in Therry. Further unity inducing occurrences will pop up down the track, but more on those when we come to them.

In four days, seven hours, and 50 minutes, the 265th Pope of the Catholic Church, Benedict XVI will – as he stands 16 thousand, three hundred and 11.66 kilometres away, before a crowd containing over 8000 Australians – canonise Mary Mackillop, making her Australia's first Saint. The College is sending a group of representatives to grace the historical event which will be led by Mr Winters – the housemaster of Mackillop. I am lucky enough to be heading over to view the groundbreaking event.

On Monday 18 October, a special event will be held to commemorate the occasion, reflecting the values of Australia's most Holy lady. Soon to be Saint Mary, was known for – along with Fr Julian Tennyson Woods



Callum Ryan, College Captain 2010-11 (third from left) with Conor Ryan (centre) MacKillop House Captain 2009-10, other MacKillop House leaders and Kathleen Evans, recipient of the second miracle confirmed by the canonisation of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, at the MacKillop House Dinner, in August this year.



Ian Fairhurst

All the fun of the fair – Riverview at Luna Park

– educating children in poverty who could not afford to be schooled. As this is the case, we've decided to . . . skip school for the day and go to Luna Park. I'm so envious that I'll be in Rome while you're all negotiating the Wild Mouse.

Vielen Dank für ihre Aufmerksamkeit und Viel spass by der Vorführung.
(Many thanks for your attention and enjoy the show)

Callum Ryan, Year 11

FROM THE CAREERS ADVISER

For Careers information, please go to the College website:

[Publications > Newsletters > Careers](#)

Mrs Sandra Brackenbury, Careers Counsellor

UPDATE FROM THE SIC ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

As we get closer to November with National Recycling Week, Lane Cove council has launched a waste reduction initiative with local cafes, supplying them with KeepCup® – the world's first barista standard reusable coffee cup, designed to replace disposable cups. Keep an eye out for them. With the Ignatian Centre, plans are underway for a Year 11 environmental reflection afternoon to be held on 21 November. This is an exciting expansion of the environmental program here at Riverview. 'Creating a better View'

Ms Susan Martin SIC Environmental Education Assistant

FROM THE TEACHING AND LEARNING SUPPORT CENTRE

Volunteers Urgently Needed to assist with Special Provisions
No experience necessary

The College has a number of students in Years 7–12 who are assisted during examinations and assessment times. We need the continued generous support of volunteers to ensure that we cater for the needs of these boys. The roles for which we need volunteers are:

- ✦ Reader or Writer for a student in examinations
- ✦ Supervisor of Exams, for students who have special provisions

Term 4 is a demanding time for our wonderful volunteers with many year groups sitting exams. We always need to increase the number of volunteers. If you would like to find out more, please call: 9882 8334 Kim Proding, Special Provisions Volunteer Co-ordinator

FROM THE MATHEMATICS FACULTY

I would like to remind parents and students that Maths Tutorials are available to all students on Monday afternoon (3.30–4.30pm), as well as Tuesday and Wednesday mornings (7.30–8.30am) in VA 201. Years 7 and 8 tutorials are on Monday and Friday mornings (7.30–8.30am).

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

On Thursday 5 August, 250 Riverview students from Years 7–12 participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition.

Greg Skeed

Congratulations to the following three boys who achieved the level of **High Distinction**: Kieran Dale (Year 9), Luke Bouffler (Year 10) and Vincent Nguyen (Year 12). There were also 41 students who achieved the level of **Distinction**: (Year 7) Ryan Mcalpine, Samuel Smith, Victor Huang, Benjamin O'dea, Samuel Miils, Adam Robinson, James Middleton, Joseph Schirato, Matthew Horsley. (Year 8) Will Lawless. (Year 9) Jeremy Smith, Nicholas Middleton, Cameron Jackson, Noah Vaz, Alex Cobb, Charles Mckay, Joshua Grasso. (Year 10) Brett Gibson, Stephen Golja, James Fick, Callum Elder, Michael O'sullivan, Alexander Brown, Joseph Wehbe, Liam Kelly, Louis Schirato. (Year 11) Finian O'Driscoll, Ben Sutton, James Pascoe, Jason Chow, Callum Mcglinchey, Charles Curtin, Michael Boyd, Ben Needham, Callum Ryan, Josh Sandy, Michael Ryan, Jack Rothery, Paddy Hooper. (Year 12) Dominic Barlow, Connor Ryan. There were also 129 **Credit** and 55 **Prudence** Awards.

I-POD COMPETITION – SECOND SEMESTER

The competition continues for our junior mathematics students (Years 5 – 8). The first student to answer 12 puzzles correctly this semester, with complete worked solutions will be the winner of this competition. This week we have two separate questions.

JUNIOR DIVISION MATHS PUZZLE #8 : CHILDREN

Each of my sons has as many brothers as sisters, but each of my daughters has only half as many sisters as brothers. How many children do I have?

JUNIOR DIVISION MATHS PUZZLE #9 : FRACTIONS

a, b and c are three unequal numbers. Find two possible sets of values for a, b and c if: $\frac{12}{31} = \frac{1}{a + \frac{1}{b + \frac{1}{c}}}$

Remember to include reasons for your answer as well as the name of your Homeroom teacher or your Mathematics teacher.

All entries are to be submitted to Mr Newey before 3.30pm Monday afternoon. My email address is jpnewey@riverview.nsw.edu.au

Mr John Newey, Assistant Head of Mathematics

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULUM

A fundamental objective of a 'Riverview Education' is to ensure that the various aspects of the boys' education work in harmony, namely the academic, spiritual and co-curricular components. This means more than just the mere provision of an educational environment whereby the boys can experience each of these components in isolation and then attempt to marry them. Rather, it is a clear statement that these components are interrelated and their dynamic combination is what provides a truly holistic education.

In the past, I have used this space to posit the importance of the boys' co-curricular involvement in their overall education and how this involvement can be linked to their commitments in other spheres elsewhere. While there is ample literature supporting the positive link between co-curricular involvement and academic performance, less is known about the relationship between the spiritual and co-curriculum dimensions. However, there would seem to be an inextricable connection and I will discuss this below through the lens of sport and the use of a specific professional team as an example.

Phil Jackson, the esteemed American Basketball coach, released a book entitled 'Sacred Hoops', detailing his time as coach of the highly successful Chicago Bulls basketball team that won an unprecedented six NBA championships in eight years in the 1990s. This was an eagerly awaited publication, as it provided a first hand insight into the reasons why this team had achieved such success. However, the use of the word 'Sacred' in the title immediately suggested that this was to be a tale that transcended the game of basketball and contained a religious or spiritual aspect. Indeed, it was surprising to learn that Jackson did not attribute the extraordinary success of his team to the obvious brilliance and talent

of his players or the quality of his training regime or their collective mental toughness, but rather to the selflessness that existed in the group and what he described as their 'spiritual interconnectedness'.

Jackson unashamedly created an environment designed to access the players' spirituality, by adorning their changing rooms with Native American artifacts and having them conduct training sessions at times in silence as examples. In the latter instance, he describes clearly how the players moved, communicated and became synchronised on a non-verbal or spiritual level. While he did not state the following explicitly, it would seem that Jackson realised that at this level of professional sport the difference between players and teams is negligible in terms of physical competence and ability. Therefore, something bigger than a set of skills or large salary was required. That is, they needed to connect or contextualise their efforts and dreams on a more meaningful or spiritual level. It was clear through Jackson's account of his team that there existed within the group a distinct spirituality and this was the factor that set them apart.

While we do not profess to resemble the Chicago Bulls franchise at Riverview, nor do we wish to, Jackson's insights do have a real application to what we hope to achieve through the boys' involvement in the area of Co-Curriculum. That is, there has to be more to their involvement than mere physical actions. Rather, as with all aspects of their education and particularly the spiritual component, it is about the desire and inspiration to seek more and to be more.

RUGBY REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to the following boys who were involved in the National Under 16 Rugby Championships during the holidays: Jack Dempsey, Harry Rorke, Mitch Whitely and Charlie Freeman, all of whom represented NSW Schools and Jonathan Vaux, who represented Sydney. Sydney won the tournament and Jonathan Vaux was named player of the tournament – a truly wonderful achievement.

Mr Adam Lewis – Director of Co-Curriculum

REGIS SPORT NEWS

SATURDAY SPORT FIXTURES ROUND 8\

A reminder that all Regis boys need to:

- ✦ Arrive at their venue ½ hour prior to match time to allow adequate warm up and team preparation.
- ✦ Only wear approved Riverview uniform.
- ✦ Bring hats and water bottles.

UPCOMING SPORT EVENTS FOR REGIS CAMPUS

Trinity Swimming Carnival Friday 5th November

St Patrick's Swimming Carnival Friday 12th November.

TEAM SELECTIONS

The Regis teams may change this term as coaches assess teams skill ability. A lot of time and effort and careful consideration is put into these selections. Please encourage boys to accept these decisions and encourage them to discuss selections with coaches.

DANCE –PDHPE

All Regis students will be involved in Dance during PDHPE lessons from November 1–18 as part of their PDHPE programme. External teachers from 'Joan Carmody School of Dancing' will conduct the lessons. All boys should wear PE uniform in these lessons.

REGIS SPORT – ROUND 7			
BASKETBALL			
Team	Played	Score	Comments
A	St Pius	loss 37-38	MVP Sean Slocombe
B	St Pius	draw 38-38	MVP Andrew Camilleri, Ben Cobb
C	St Pius	loss 24-28	MVP Jack Carlson
D	St Pius	loss 8-10	MVP Hugo Hosie

Team	Played	Score	Comments
E	St Pius	win 26-25	
F	St Pius	win 31-18	MVP Will Johnson
G	St Pius	loss 25-32	MVP Ben LeGrande, Alan Meagher
H	St Pius	loss 13-23	
CRICKET			
12A	Shore	win 6/144-141	Bennett Walsh 53 not out, Varun George 41 runs
12B	Shore	win 6/77 - 10/76	Tommy Silk 3 wickets for 2 runs, Michael Cistulli 36 not out
6C	Shore	win 63-57	Man of Match Alec Guirguis
6D	Shore	win 83-52	Alex Lamond 23 runs
11A	Knox	win 2/102-5/101	Lucas Agnoletto 41 retired, Charles Robertson 2 for 11
11B	Knox		
5C	Scots	win 53-43	Blaise Di Mento outstanding Wicketkeeping
5D	Scots	win 73-38	Sam Rigney 23runs and 2 wickets for 3, Patrick Casey fielding skills.
TENNIS			
1A	Sydney Grammar	win 17-12	
1B	Sydney Grammar	win 17-12	
2A	Sydney Grammar	win 21-13	
2B	Sydney Grammar	win 26-8	
NSTA			
6	St Aloysius 2		No Result received
7	MAD 11	loss 0-8	
8	St Pius 15	loss 1-7	
9	Riverview 10	win 6-2	
10	Riverview 9	loss 2-6	

Mr Michael Noud, Regis Campus Sportmaster.

BASKETBALL

1STS BASKETBALL

On Saturday 16 October, the 1sts Basketball team took on the gigantic challenge that is High Basketball. The boys came out a bit daunted by the size and skill of the boys from High, and this was reflected in the 30 point deficit the boys faced by the end of the 1st quarter. Inspired by the words of Coach Dan Covo, the boys came out in the second quarter with the attitude of 'we have nothing to lose'. The boys put in a huge effort to give High School a run for their money. Strong performances from Dan Robinson, Josh Simpson and Pat McElhone allowed the view boys to stay in the game. However, staring down a 20 point deficit at the end of the 3rd the boys realised it was too little, too late. However, as the Captains of the teams said after the game, 'The boys should be very happy with their performance'. I feel proud of my team, and have come to the realisation that if we play like we did against High, but with a stronger start, we can upset a lot of teams this season.

Pat McElhone

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BASKETBALL RESULTS			
1 st V	L	69 - 99	D Robinson 13 / J Bridges 11 / J Simpson 11
2 nd V	W	52 - 45	Sam Neal 15 / Oliver Gohl 13
16A	W	28 - 13	Patrick Frawley 7 / Jake Gee 6
16B	L	20 - 24OT	Sean Knight 9
15A	W	57 - 20	Mitchell Howden 14 / Matthew Bowd 13
15B	L	20 - 28	
14A	W	88 - 8	
14B	L		

Mr C Baxter, MIC Basketball

CRICKET

It was not the best weather for Cricket on Saturday. However, all boys did their best in very trying conditions. Overall, we had some very good results against High managing to win all games contested.

The boys have by now been informed as to which teams they are in this season and whilst there will no doubt be some hard luck stories, the boys should understand that coaches have done their best to be as fair as possible and are choosing sides based on the evidence presented to them over the past six weeks.

As usual, all teams will be posted on Quantum on Thursday evening and on Friday boys and parents can check the Cricket site on Quantum to see team lists and any other pertinent information.

We wish our GPS sides luck this week against Scots and hope that all boys perform to the best of their ability. Happy Cricketing,

Team	Scores	Result	Highlights
1 ^{sts}	SIC 10/172 v High 6/163	Won	Nick Sheehan 45, Jack Davis 27 & 4/25
2 ^{nds}	SIC 7/172 v High 10/60	Won	Charles Sykes 33no, Dylan Shaw 27, Charles Sutton 25, David Conlon 3/14, David Hew 2/22
3 ^{ds}	SIC 4-189 v High 10/75	Won	Adam Clarke 60no, Alex Brown 24, Nick Prugue 24no, Joe Somes 22no, Mark Buttenshaw 4/9, Callum Elder 2/3, Sam Edwards 2/9
4 ^{ths}	No Result Received		
5 ^{ths}	SIC 5-103 v High 35	Won	Nick Cooper 35no, Jason Van Klaveren 4/4
16A	SIC 7-188 v High 15-133	Won	Charles Mckay 60 ret, James Mckenzie 33 ret, Mitch Butler 20, Jordan Farrell 4/10, Randev Sappany 4/11
16B	SIC 220 v High 52	Won	Alec Hope 52no, Nick Holgate 32, Oli Gillespie 25, Liam Ahern 3/8, Rhys Manchester 3/10
16C	SIC 5-123 v High 10-107	Won	Cormac Meehan 20ret, Lachlan Sheehan 3/7
15A	No Result Received		
15B	SIC 9-240 v High 8-128	Won	Marc Cunningham 40ret, Matt Dempsey 32ret, Pat Neary 30ret, Tim Bullock 27, Mitch Staniforth 4/21, Matt Boyd 3/21
15C	SIC 3-188 v High 8-87	Won	Sam Hurford 28, Will Freeborn 26no, Mark Phillips 25no, Harry Fleming 23, Aidan Van Klaveren 2/24
14A	SIC 8-111 v High 10-60	Won	Conor Hurley 19, James Cubis 2/5, Rory Burns 2/6
14B	SIC 7-68 v High 10/53	Won	James Eather 20no & 2/0, Alex McManis 2/9, Jack Codling 2/9, Harry Baldry 2/2

Mr Matthew Robertson, MIC Cricket

MUSIC

Congratulations to James Kelly who received a Distinction for his Eighth Grade AMEB Speech and Drama exam.

Auditions for *Footloose* were held on Tuesday and Wednesday. The girls are being auditioned on Monday at 4.00pm in the Woods' auditorium.

Congratulations to the Speech and Drama students for yet another brilliant night of Drama.

At the time of writing the Meet the Music Concert at the Opera House and the Solo Recital night were yet to occur.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Monday 25 Oct: Girls audition for *Footloose*

Tuesday 26 Oct: Strings at the Nostalgia Lucheon 1.10 pm

Tuesday 26 October: Choir at the Requeim Mass for Mr Luxford in the Dalton Memorial Chapel

Friday 5 November: 'Friel' Concert, Thomas McCann and the String Ensemble to perform, 7.30pm at the Chapel at St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill

Mr Dev Gopalasamy, Head of Performing Arts

WATER POLO

SENIOR SQUADS

The Opens Squads started the 2010 season off on a high with convincing wins in both matches.

The 2^{nds} defeated Sydney High 16-5 in a match that displayed the talents of some newer members marking them as players to watch in the future. James Lewis was a stand out in attack, passing well to set up goals and firing off some powerful shots himself. Harry Godbold had a great game in goals and set up numerous counter attacks with quick, effective passing. Patrick Benson and James Wallis were also pivotal players who stamped their influence on the game. The experience of players like James Clark, Patrick Bullock and Edward McCann was evident as they dominated the High boys in attack and defence. They played with controlled aggression and orchestrated the pace of the game. Edward McCann was awarded the 'Man of the Match'.

Goals: McCann (7), Lewis (4), Wallis, Clark, King, Connors, Woodham

The 1^{sts} dominated throughout the game with St Joseph's College, never looking threatened in their decisive 18-4 victory. The Senior players of the squad; Matthew Took, Jayden Basha, Ryan Marnell and Michael May displayed a huge repertoire of skills ranging from devastating and powerful shots at goal, to accurate passing and tight defence causing turnovers. The boys were ready to pounce on any possible attack opportunities. The two new members of the Opens squad, Callum Gates and Mitchell Whiteley also played great games – Whiteley confidently stopping many goals and showing no fear as a barrage of shots fired around him. Man of the Match was awarded to Michael May this week.

Goals:

Basha (4), Marnell (4), May (3), Hayward (2), Gates (2), Tait, Cross, Took

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Mr Kurt Bartelme, MIC Water Polo.

ANDREW JALLOH BURSARY

Tuesday 12 October marked the second anniversary of Andrew's passing. As a result of the efforts of so many people, the Andrew Jalloh Memorial Bursary has been boosted by over \$1000, from the sale of commemorative wristbands. This year alone, through the generous Riverview Community, of current parents, past parents, Old Boys and, of course, the current student body, we have received over \$21,000 for the Andrew Jalloh Memorial Bursary, following on from \$30,000, in the inaugural year. With the great support of so many at the College, the aim of funding a full bursary, each year for six years, in Andrew's name, is becoming a reality.

Development Office

'... Whatever we were to each other, that we still are ...'

'Why should I be out of your mind because I'm out of your sight ...'

'I am waiting for you, for an interval – Somewhere very near, just around the corner ... ALL IS WELL ...'

A special thankyou to Fr Joe Dooley SJ, Mrs Zerounian and all who attended the 2nd Anniversary Mass for the life of Andrew Jalloh. A special moment during the Mass was when students shared their personal reflections and memories of Andy. Thanks also to students and staff for purchasing the wrist bands on the day, the generosity and support for Andrew's Bursary Fund is always appreciated.

*Ms Therese Sillars, Mr Steve Lobsey,
Mr Phillip Amata and Ms Therese Herborn*

FROM THE PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Like the HSC boys (and girls), over their student vacation time, I've spent this week revising what I've done this year, writing my study notes and trying to get everything sorted and in great shape for Tricia and her team to take over after the Annual General Meeting on 1 November.

It's been interesting to look back at my notes from the first few weeks of the year – all the functions, meetings and Calendar events and the 'To Do' list.

It's gone by so quickly. Earlier this week, we held our last 2010 Executive Meeting. We talked about how the year had gone. We looked at how each of our events went both socially and financially and how to encourage new families, particularly new Regis families, to get involved in our social events. Look out for more P&F activity over at Regis with the new Hall already booked for many P&F events (including our End of Year Celebration Supper on 26 November – my swansong function!). We looked at communications channels and how they have been evolving over the last several years with each year's developments hopefully making your P&F more accessible to you. Tricia and her team have lots more to come on that next year. We also finalised our accounts for the year.

Tricia and I also met with the Headmaster to talk about how the year had gone and plans for the future. Once we have our auditors' clearance, we will be able to submit our accounts to the Annual General Meeting, announce our profit (you've all done very well but I can't say how well just yet!) and we can all, as members, resolve how we should distribute our profit for the year. In recent years, we have resolved to donate profits on a 50–50 split between the Bursary Fund and the College for general works. Talking to parents this year, this seems a good policy to continue. So, we'll vote on that at the AGM.

The AGM, you say? Yes: 1 November, 7.30pm for Mass in the Arrupe Chapel followed by the AGM itself in the Manresa Room. At that meeting, we'll hear from our auditors (Ernst and Young – who kindly audit our books pro bono), we'll adopt our financial statements, resolve to distribute our profits and then vote in a new Executive Team. BHP, Rio Tinto and others have nothing on us! After that, which won't be too arduous I promise, we'll have some drinks and nibbles. So, come along!

Finally, please remember to keep praying for our Year 12 boys and their parents. As always, let us have your feedback on any of our events or activities. What works – what doesn't: we'd like to know what you think.

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LICONA

**Monday and Tuesday 8am–2pm; Wednesday – Friday 10am–4pm;
Telephone Number: 9882 838**

Blazer Run: For Honour Lines. The next blazer run will be Monday 25 October. Please have your **clean** blazer in the Licona, by morning tea.

Stationery Packs 2011: Last call for Stationery Pack orders: If you have not placed an order, but wish to do so, please contact the College shop.

Year 9 Challenge: The Licona has available a lightweight, waterproof Jacket & Pants set, that can easily be carried in a backpack. Special price for Year 9: \$79.00. Please send your son in ASAP. The College Microfleece Top, would also be a great item to put in your son's backpack. New to the Sports uniform this year, cost \$45.

Lost & Found: please label all garments with a name.

Riverview Recycled Schoolwear Shop is open every Thursday, from 10am–4pm.

CANTEEN ROSTER - Week commencing 25 October

SENIOR CANTEEN

Monday.....	Anne McCraith	0418 447720
Tuesday	Susan Scanlen	0403 254978
Wednesday	Monica Kenny	0417 061298
Thursday	Bernadette Graham	9907 7700
Friday	Louise Young	9816 2670

REGIS CAMPUS CANTEEN

Monday	Kate Doust	9405 5181
Tuesday	Deborah Camilleri	9879 4343
Wednesday	Lisa Newell	9884 8340
Thursday	Michelle Walsh	9420 8205
Friday	Brigid Patfield	9958 8020