Dear Nagle Community,

Laura Allison

I would like to publicly thank Mrs Laura Allison for visiting the College on two separate occasions recently. She conducted programs for:

- Parents - a two day workshop called Parent Toolbox
- Students - a cyber-safety presentation for students in Years 7-11
- Staff - a presentation on bullying and managing bullying

We are very grateful that Laura made herself available to the College, took herself away from her family over two weekends and provided some excellent programs for our students, staff and parents.

Gymnasium

I hope that you are aware that our Gymnasium is now in use. The facility has been used for a variety of events already, such as Physical Education, health and fitness, classroom instruction, House Meetings and events at lunchtime, such as Nagle’s Got Talent. The facility is quite large and has taken some time to construct and equip.

The College Gymnasium will officially be opened on 13 November when the Parents’ and Friends’ host an Open Day from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. The Year 12 students will conduct guided tours through the College culminating at the Gymnasium. At 5.30pm, the Bishop Justin Bianchini Gymnasium will be officially opened and refreshments will be served to parents at that time. Hopefully, you are able to attend and view the Gymnasium. You are welcome to do so at other times, perhaps after school when you are doing a pickup.

The Gymnasium will offer us many advantages in our Physical Education program as well as giving us the opportunity to gather the students for assemblies and Masses in air-conditioned comfort.

I have to acknowledge the enormous contribution of the College Board in the planning and preparation of the Gymnasium as well as Mr Peter Saunders, our Property Manager, who kept a wary eye on the project. It is fantastic to recognise the contribution of the Parents’ and Friends’ Association who outfitted the weights room and purchased 600 chairs for the students.

The design and building supervision was carried out by Mr Craig Poletti from Eastman, Poletti, Sherwood and he has done an outstanding job. The building was constructed by Geraldton Building Services and Cabinets (GBSC) and we are delighted with the work which they have performed on the Gymnasium.

A gymnasium can change the culture of a school and it has taken some time for us to get to this stage, but it has been well worth the wait.

Mr Declan Tanham
Principal

Stage 2 Geography students visit
MMG’s Golden grove Minesite
**Year 12 Laptops 2014**

Only Year 12s 2014 (who currently have a College laptop) will continue to be provided with a laptop.

All other students must bring their own device.

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**Current Year 11 students**

Current Year 11 students are reminded that to progress to Year 12 on their current pathway they need a C grade or better in four of their six courses.

Should students not meet the requirements for Year 12, they will be asked to consider alternative pathways.

Mrs Robyn Gummerly
Vice Principal

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**Years 8, 9 & 10 Boys Immunisations**

Community Health staff will be visiting Nagle on Tuesday 29 October at 9am in the Study Hall to administer the third HPV immunisation to the Year 8, 9 and 10 boys.

Only students, who received the previous immunisations and whose parents have already consented to their child having the immunisation done at the College, will be immunised.

Please contact Community Health, Denise Fawell on 99561967 or Mr Donaldson at the College if you have any queries.

Mr Andrew Donaldson
Director of Ministry and Organisation

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**Patrick and Stella Houses**

Students who will be moving from their existing House into either Patrick or Stella House will be provided with a PE shirt and PE bag in their new House colours. These will be provided by the Parents’ and Friends’ Association and the College. Full details will be included in a letter being sent to the parents of those students.

Mr Mike Williams
Director of Students

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**Interesting Reading**

Amanda Ripley, author of *The Smartest Kids in the World and How They Got That Way*, said schools and parents were responsible for declining standards both in Australia and the United States.

“We tend to worry more about students’ self esteem than about how challenged they are in the classroom.” Ms Ripley said of her research, which explores how teenagers learn in top performing countries by following exchange students to Finland, South Korea and Poland.

This over-protective approach to raising children not only discourages competition, it leaves many high school graduates ill-prepared for life after they graduate.

“The trick is that teaching kids to fail and then recover is easier when they are ten than when they are 30, so if we don’t teach them about resilience when they are younger we are not really helping them,” she said.

“There is definitely this real anxiety about making kids feel uncomfortable, and then once they turn 18 we sort of drop them like a rock, and we set them up for some degree of failure.”

Mr Danny Bowen
Director of Students

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**Student Departures**

The College has almost completed the enrolment process for 2014 and we have Waiting Lists in all Year groups. I would appreciate it if you could advise the College if you are going to withdraw your child at any stage in Term 3 or Term 4 this year or for 2014, so that people on the Waiting List can be given the opportunity to enrol at the College.

Parents are reminded that in accordance with the Conditions For Admission, which were communicated to you with the Enrolment Acceptance Form, that you are obliged to give a full school Term’s notice (this should not include the school holidays) in writing of your intention to remove a student from the College, otherwise you are liable to pay the full Term’s fee.
Mathematics Week

Mathematics Week Twenty-13
Last week at the College, Mathematics Week was celebrated with many activities, excursions, guest speakers and competitions for all to get involved.

All Home-Rooms were involved in the daily quiz. A broad range of questions was presented and students performed well. Three Home-Rooms were tied for the win and they will be announced at this week’s Assembly.

One talented mathematician from each Year group in each House was asked to represent their House in the Maths Olympiad, held during Thursday and Friday lunchtimes. This difficult range of questions was handled well, with Bishop House being victorious. These two events are combined to decide the overall winning House for Mathematics Week. This will also be announced at the Assembly.

Mr Charlie Watson, came to the College from Perth, to help up-skill the Years 11 and 12 ATAR students in the use of their calculators. Mr Watson taught here at Stella Maris in the early 1990’s and remembers the College fondly. Mr Watson has a wealth of knowledge and is an informative, humorous presenter who engaged the students. I encourage those who attended the sessions to review what they have learnt in the lead up to their examinations.

The Year 8s have been working on Prezis on their iPads and one person from each class will be awarded with a $10 gift voucher for their efforts. Well done to all the Year 8s!

This year, Maths Week included a photography competition. Students in Lower School were asked to submit photos showing geometry, and Upper School students, on probability. Some fantastic entries were received and these have been displayed in the Library. Mr Williams and Mr Simpson have chosen the winners of this competition and they will be presented with $50, $30 and $20 movie gift vouchers at the Assembly.

Students were asked to donate 50c to an aid organisation which assists children in developing countries. For further details please see http://www.plan.org.au/Our-Work/Issues-we-focus-on/Education.aspx. At this stage, the money is being tallied, however, we hope to fund a number of $5 Maths Bags for children less fortunate than our own. Thank you to all the students who donated to this worthwhile cause.

Until Mathematics Week Twenty-14 “Keep on those sums!”

Mr Chris Simpson
Head of Learning Area—Mathematics
Congratulations!

Year 12 student, Sophie Coffin, has been named Outstanding Female Aboriginal Student in 2013.

This award is a very significant achievement and was awarded to Sophie by the Director of Catholic Education, Mr Tim McDonald. Sophie won the award for her academic success, sporting achievements, fundraising, coaching of younger students and leadership qualities.

Congratulations, Sophie!

Year 11 student, Abigail Acton, has won The Geraldton Iron Ore Alliance 2013 Dream Job Competition, promoted by Durack Institute of Technology.

Abigail has won a Sony HDRCX220 Full HD Flash Handycam, sponsored by the team at the GCo Electrical.

Well done, Abigail!

Midwest Mine Site Visit

Students studying Stage 2 Geography had an overnight stay at one of the Midwest’s most important mine sites last week.

After taking the drive to Golden Grove’s copper and zinc mine, about 60km south of Yalgoo, students were treated to the food and facilities at the mine’s village, and got to experience what it might be like to have a career in the mining industry.

The following day, Brooke Creemers, the Community liaison officer from MMG’s Midwest office, guided the class on a comprehensive tour of the mine, in particular the various processes that take place from extraction to exportation.

The focus for the students was to assess the way MMG minimise the impact that their activities have on the environment, while improving the livelihood of the local economy and community.

Students toured the processing mill, the open cut mine and met engineers, geologists and metallurgists who explained their roles and gave invaluable insights into the industry.

The trip went a long way towards making the link between the course they study in class and the real world.

Special thanks to Brooke Creemers and MMG who fully sponsored and guided the tour. They were very hospitable and open to sharing the way they manage the non-renewable resources at Golden Grove.

Mr Damian Ramos
Society and Environment Teacher

Drama News

Our Years 9 and 10 students will be performing a shortened version of Shakespeare’s darkest play, Macbeth as part of Geraldton’s very first Shakespeare Schools Festival, which will be taking place at Batavia Hall, Geraldton Grammar School.

A Midsummer Night’s Dream and Twelfth Night will also be performed by Strathalbyn Christian College and Geraldton Grammar School, respectively.

Performance:
Friday 20 September, 7.00 – 9.15pm
(including interval)
Tickets are available at $10 from Geraldton Grammar School front office: Tel: 99657800.

Mr Neil Gregson
Drama Teacher

Attendance

The College offers a number of ways to communicate if your child is going to be absent from school or late to school.

We request that you contact us prior to 9am on the day.

SMS: 0408 018 103
Phone: 99200 500
Email: attendance.nagle@cathednet.wa.edu.au
Athletics Carnival 2013
Friday 30 August marked the occasion of the Nagle Athletics Carnival for 2013. The weather threatened early, but was eventually kind to us! Students arrived at St Pat’s oval with an air of anticipation and excitement.

After two weeks of pre-carnival events held at the College, Thomas House were the leaders going into the Carnival, followed closely by the other Houses, with O’Collins looking promising to erase last year’s stigma of winning the wooden spoon.

The oval at St Pat’s College was a picture, thanks to the efforts of the grounds staff who worked tirelessly to erect bunting, mark the oval, put up the House flags and ensure that the grounds were immaculate.

Year 12 students dressed in House colours and in a variety of themes which added to the atmosphere of the day. Sausages were sizzled for charity and the day was full of fun, with smiling faces everywhere.

All students participated in a variety of field and track events with the relays being the culmination of the days events. A wonderful spirit of sportsmanship was evident and commended upon by many of the staff. The behaviour of the students was a credit to themselves and their families.

Congratulations to Thomas House, all individual winners and everyone who participated in the Carnival!

A huge thank you to the grounds staff at the College, Mr Kim Jackson for all his help with the scoring, all staff who assisted with the pre-carnival and day’s events, the Physical Education Learning Area (especially Miss Monique Saunders) for their organisation and the parents and spectators who helped create a fantastic atmosphere.

Final Overall Scores
THOMAS 6023
O’COLLINS 5869
KELLY 5768
BISHOP 5694
RHYAN 5629
FOLEY 5469

Ms Susan Seaward
Head of Learning Area– Health and Physical Education

2013 Champions

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2013 Athletics Carnival
Nazareth House Cookbook

The Nazareth House fete committee is publishing a cookbook for the upcoming fete. If you have any favourite recipes which you would like to share with people through this venture, could you please email them to Cathy Kimberley at Kimberley.cathy@cathednet.wa.edu.au or drop a copy of the recipe into the Nagle Library.

SUN SMART TENNIS CAMP

Tuesday 1 October to Friday 4 October

Sun Smart Tennis Development Officer
Colin Thompson
Assistant Coaches Joe McArthur (Perth Coach)
& Alesha Thompson + Local Coaches

Costs: Live-In $265.00 per child (Inc accommodation & meals)
Day Student $150.00 per child (Inc lunch)
Members of a Club $260 (Live In) & $145 (Day Student)

Ages: 8 to 16 year olds + suitable for Beginners to Advanced Players.

Venues: Spalding Park Tennis Club & Geraldton Tennis Club

Stella Maris Old Girls School Reunion

Where: 4 Points Hotel Perth
707 Wellington St - tel 9327 7000
When: Sunday 3rd November 2013
Time: Commencing 12:00 noon
Cost: $42 - includes meal of soup, hot & cold buffet, selection of sweets,
      tea, coffee & soft drink
Drinks: Cash bar for all alcoholic drinks
Coordinated Table Seating: Tables of ten, only 13 tables available, booking given by priority of payment
RSVP: 20th Oct to 0417 919 982 - 9409 5508
     jenncrothers@hotmail.com [Jenny nee Crothers]
     or 0417 032 889 - 9531 1928
     smithmj@bigpond.com [Jennifer nee Gregory]
Direct Debit: All payments - no door sales
BSB 306 074 / Acct 0818537
It’s vital that you put your name on all deposits
Parking: Public (Entertainment Centre is opposite hotel)
or Elder St Carpark, enter Elder St or Murray St

Pass on this invitation to all your school friends, especially via email / facebook / Twitter.