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From The Principal

Dear Nagle Community,

Graduation Ceremony
We were delighted to hold our first ever graduation ceremony in the Bishop Justin Bianchini Gymnasium and it was a marvellous event. We were able to include as many parents and family members who wished to attend and the event gave us the opportunity to celebrate Mass together, followed by awards and the presentation of certificates to Year 12 departing students. This group has been a really fabulous group of young people to have in the College for the past five years. We wish them well and we keep them in our prayers.

New Staff
We welcome to the College, English teachers, Mr Callum Ingram and Mrs Aoife Kelly-Wixted and Mathematics and Science teacher, Ms Linda Éurén. We hope that their time here will be both productive and enjoyable.

NAPLAN Results
The College recently received its NAPLAN results for this year’s Years 7 and 9 cohorts. I am pleased to comment that the results were very strong, in that the students tended to achieve above expectations. We will have the results professionally analysed so that we can make appropriate changes to our teaching and learning programs. It would seem as though there is an opportunity to focus on grammar and spelling for our Year 7 students.

Stella and Patrick Houses
With the rollover of our students into their next academic year, we have also added two new Houses to the six that we already have. The thinking behind this is that we would like to keep the number of students in each House to a manageable size, so that the Pastoral care of the College is not compromised, as there has been some growth in the College.

To that end, we have incorporated Stella House which commemorates the contribution of the Presentation Sisters and Stella Maris to Catholic education in Geraldton. The other House has been named Patrick House which honours the heritage of the Christian Brothers via St Patrick’s College.

The House Leader for each of these Houses is Miss Jessica Wain for Stella House and Mrs Kobie Connolly for Patrick House. We congratulate both of them and we are entirely confident in their abilities to maintain and nurture the Pastoral Care which has been afforded to our students in the past.

It is an exciting time to have two new Houses and we have had a number of students who have decided to become foundation members and other students who have been willing to be foundation members. These Houses will develop their own history as time goes by.

Mr Declan Tanham
Principal

Reminder!
A reminder to parents that there will be no classes (no school) for the current Year 10 and Year 11 students on Monday 28 October, due to Year 10 exam completion and marking and the Year 11 Leadership Day. Classes for the 2014 Year 11 and 12 students will commence on Tuesday 29 October.

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 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.
College Open Day

The College Board, together with the Principal, Staff and Students invite you to join them for the Blessing and Opening of the Bishop Justin Bianchini Gymnasium by Most Reverend Justin J Bianchini DD Bishop of Geraldton on Wednesday 13 November 2013

New Houses

As you will be aware, Stella House and Patrick House will become operational from the start of next week (28 October).

If your child is a current student who has moved into one of these Houses you should have by now collected a new House PE shirt and PE bag from Total Uniforms. Once you have done this, could I remind you to please send your old shirt (washed) and bag to the Paschal Centre. We appreciate your support with this.

Mr Mike Williams
Director of Students

Student Drop Off and Pick Up

Parents are once again reminded NOT to drive up the Sanford Street driveway to drop off or pick up their students.

This area has created a lot of congestion and danger with vehicles, either leaving or entering the driveway at peak times of the day.

Mrs Marie Masotto
Business Manager

Nagle Website Updates

Students can access:
Class of 2003 Reunion information is available on the Past Students’ Association Page.

- Past Students’ Association

A reminder that the Booklists for 2014 for Years 8—12 are on the Booklists page. This includes computer device requirements and a list of Apps which students with iPads are required to have on their devices.

- 2014 Booklists

Mrs Melanie Jodah
Webmaster
The Geraldton Universities Centre are running a series of “Think” evenings where those students who are interested in the prospect of university in 2014 are able to hear from local industry professionals, try some hands on activities in the field and get all the course information they need.

**Think Engineering**  
5-6pm Wednesday 13 November  
Associate Degree in Engineering (Civil, Environmental, Mining).

**Think Psychology**  
5-6pm Wednesday 13 November  
Bachelor of Psychology.

**Think Media**  
5-6pm Tuesday 19 November  
Bachelor of Communications.

**Think Business**  
5-6pm Tuesday 19 November  
Bachelor of Accounting, Bachelor of Business (Management/HR).

RSVP to the Geraldton Universities Centre on 9920 4400.

**Midwest and Gascoyne VET in Schools Awards**  
This year, Nagle Catholic College was represented at the VET in School Awards by a number of students who had been nominated in various categories.

The awards were held at Durack Institute of Technology and were attended by the Mayor of Geraldton-Greenough and other dignitaries, together with representatives from industry and education.

**Year 11 SBT**  
Lucas Mauger  
Natasha Perry  
Claire Preston

**Year 11 VET student**  
Jack Ivey

**Year 12 VET student**  
Lewis True  
Shaniise Long  
Loni Gillespie

Timothy Jeffries won the Year 11 PAIS Student of the Year Award for his excellent work within the Pre-apprenticeship program at Nagle and at Durack. Timothy has now secured himself a full-time apprenticeship with African Reef Carpentry and Construction.

Natasha Perry was awarded the Year 11 School Based Traineeship of the Year for her work with Job Link Midwest, where she is completing a Certificate II in Business and will be moving onto a Certificate III in 2014.

All nominated students were awarded a framed certificate and the category winners a $100 gift voucher.

Well done to all of the nominees, they have been outstanding VET students throughout this year and have been excellent ambassadors for our College throughout their training and employment!

Mrs Sara Jennings
Art Exhibition

Combined Schools Art Exhibition
The night of Friday 20 September marked the Combined Schools Art Exhibition for 2013.

The Exhibition was held at the Queens Park Theatre and showcased artwork from Nagle Catholic College, Geraldton Grammar School, Strathalbyn Christian College and Geraldton Senior College.

Anthea Da Silva from the Durack Institute of Technology opened the exhibition to a packed audience. It was great to see such a high level of involvement and support from staff, students, parents and the community for this event.

Artwork displayed ranged from drawings, paintings, prints, photography and sculptural pieces. There were some very conceptual art pieces that were displayed on the night, incorporating technology such as image manipulation software and a laser cutter.

Congratulations to Year 12 student, Cassandra Arangio who was awarded a prize by Anthea Da Silva on the night for a favourite art piece from the College.

Mr Jordan Andreotta
Visual Art Teacher

Visual Arts

Within the Visual Arts Learning Areas of Nagle Catholic College, Geraldton Grammar School, Strathalbyn Christian College and Geraldton Senior College a strong working relationship has developed over years of partnership projects.

The schools have been; assessing portfolios and artworks, exhibiting graduating students’ work and attending art camps together over that time. This 2013 exhibition marks, in part, the culmination of partnerships and camaraderie that exists amongst the Geraldton High School Art community.

This 2013 exhibition entitled “Genesis” marks the second annual exhibition of Geraldton’s Art students at the Geraldton Regional Art Gallery.

Mr Matthew Grigsby
Art Teacher

Mathematics Information

Ordering a Casio Classpad or scientific calculator through Abacus

Those parents who are intending to order calculators through Abacus are reminded that for delivery this year, orders need to be with Abacus by the COB Friday 8 November. Any orders after this time will be delivered in January.

Details for ordering the calculators are on the Nagle website. Please scroll down to the bottom of the booklist for details.

Those students sitting Stage 2 or 3 in Years 11 or 12 and those sitting Functions and Algebra 1 and Functions and Algebra II in Year 10, must have a Casio Classpad calculator in class. Students are able to use either the older Classpad 330 or the newer Classpad 400, as staff are competent with both versions during this change over period.

Those students sitting Stage 1 in Years 11 or 12 and Maths in Society in Year 10, need a Scientific Calculator.

If you have any questions, please contact your child’s Mathematics teacher for clarification.

Mr Chris Simpson
Head of Learning Area - Mathematics
The Year 11 Physics and Chemistry classes travelled to Perth on the last two days of Term 3, to have a variety of experiences in these fields.

The first was a session at Gingin observatory using a range of telescopes to view astronomical objects and learn about ‘spaghettification’ in black holes. Luckily, we had beautiful clear skies after a few weeks of poor weather.

The next morning, we headed down to Adventure World to immerse into the realm of Funpark Physics. Despite a cold and rainy day, the rides and waterslides proved to be a very popular way of learning about not eating too much before going on a ride and experiencing ‘negative g forces’ and seeing who clocked the fastest speed on the police gun waterslide.

That afternoon, the Chemistry Centre at Curtin University hosted us and led the students through a range of activities on chemical analysis and identification, coronial investigations, sports drug testing and finished with a tour through the labs and observing the operation of the $2 million plasma atomic emission spectrometer.

The next morning on our way back to Geraldton, we pulled into the Gravity Centre and spent an entertaining and informative hour learning about everything related to gravity with exhibits and demonstrations.

Thank you to the Physics and Chemistry students for your positive approach and conduct, you are a credit to yourselves and Nagle! Thank you also to Mrs Royce for her help in organising the camp.

Mr Jim Plunkett
Science Teacher

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### Year 10 Public Speaking Contest 2013

This year, three speakers – Jesse Muir, Casey Sweeney and Joseph Tanti participated in the Intraschool Public Speaking Competition, which was held in the College’s Edmund Rice Library.

Casey Sweeney won, in front of an audience comprised of staff, family and friends of the three competitors. Casey spoke about the power of the media, while Jesse and Daniel both talked on the topic of asylum seekers. All the speakers spoke thoughtfully about their chosen topics and showed that they had given the issues involved, a lot of consideration. All three demonstrated good potential with their public speaking and they all agreed that while it was a nerve wracking experience, it had been a very satisfying one.

The public speaking competition is organised by the College and Geraldton-Greenough Rotary Club and uses the Rotary Four Way Test as the structure for the speech, with the student’s choice of topic.

Casey will now represent the College at the regional competition and from there the winner will compete at the Rotary State Conference.

Thank you to Mrs Boyle and the Library staff for hosting the event and Mrs Susan Shaw, (Principal of Geraldton Grammar School), and Messrs Ray Haynes, (from Geraldton-Greenough Rotary Club) and Howard Jennings, (Nagle English Teacher), for acting as judges.

Mr Peter Shaw
College Counsellor

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### 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
On Sunday 22 September, forty Year 9 students set off with Miss Wain, Mr McKenna and Mr Clarke on the Canberra Trip.

The trip was one jam-packed week of sight-seeing, fun and education outside the classroom. We bussed down to Perth and then jumped on a midnight flight, arriving to a beautiful Sydney morning. After waving to Kochie and the Sunrise crew, a Bondi brekky followed. Sydney Tower gave us a great view of the city before our amazing Sydney Harbour cruise.

After this short, sharp stay in Sydney, we boarded our bus for Canberra, with the majority of the group getting some much needed sleep.

Our first day in Canberra started with a view of the city from Black Mountain Tower, before we explored Miss Wain’s favourite attraction – the High Court. Questacon (like SciTech but bigger!) followed, with impressive gravity-defying feats from Samara Blechynden, Timothy Watters and Forbes Metcalfe. That afternoon, we visited the Australian Institute of Sport, where we were shown around by AIS athletes and played lacrosse, and hockey and finished with a massive game of soccer. Despite being exhausted from such a full day, everyone had a blast rock-climbing that night.

Wednesday was snow day! We bussed to Mount Kosciusko, enjoying the Snowy Mountains’ scenery along the way. Heading up the ski lift were some very excited students, and the amount of snow on the mountain did not disappoint. Many snowball fights were had, snow angels and snowmen were made, and several students were lucky enough to have Mr McKenna fill their water bottles with water fresh from a mountain stream.

Thursday started with a trip to the Governor-General’s beautiful house, followed by a trip to the Australian War Memorial. The War Memorial was a very informative, but also moving experience. After lunch, we went to Old Parliament House, where we were able to sit in the Senate and re-enact a debate about conscription.

Mr Clarke and Sasha Galvin got to don white wigs and black coats - very stylish!

That evening, we went ice-skating and saw some very smooth skating from Cassidy Jeeves and Callie Henderson as well as Marissa Moore, laughing at herself every time she fell over.

We started Friday by heading to Parliament House. We saw and learnt about both Houses of Parliament and took part in a role-play that saw Seamus Keeffe as the Speaker of the House, Madison Broadhurst as the mace-bearing Sergeant-At-Arms and Lauren Moffat and Forbes Metcalfe as very convincing leaders of the Government and Opposition.

We learnt about the history of Canberra and visited the National Museum before going on a lovely 17km bike ride around Lake Burley-Griffin. Late night shopping was highly anticipated, and students made the most of the limited time they had!

Our final day was Saturday, and it started with a visit to Cockington Green, Australia’s only miniature village and garden, which happened to have a massive candy shop just down the road. Our last stop was Canberra Glassworks, where students made a glass tile coaster.

We arrived at Canberra Airport in time to watch the second and third quarters of the AFL Grand Final, with Cooper Prunster and Rachel Trusso whole-heartedly cheering on Freo, while Sadie Rafanelli stood out with her Hawthorn scarf.

Arriving back in WA saw some students stay in Perth after the trip to watch teenage pop band, One Direction, while the rest of us slept just about the entire way back to Geraldton, arriving late at night, but with a smile on our faces, happy to see our families but also with many adventures to share.

A big thank you and congratulations to every student who went on the trip – you were all so fantastic! Every student was thoughtful, inquisitive and caring, and many of the different places we visited praised the behaviour and maturity of our students.

Mr Matt Clarke
Society and Environment Teacher

The English Learning Area has the opportunity to differentiate the curriculum in the lower school years.

This means that in Years 8 and 9 we are offering a more focused approach to students with greater literacy needs. While all classes will be accessing the same curriculum, some classes are designed to be smaller in size, allowing them to access resources specific to their needs.

We are very excited at the prospect of trialling this new approach. If you have any queries about this initiative, please contact me at the College on 99200500 or faichney.kerry@cathednet.wa.edu.au

Mrs Kerry Faichney
Head of Learning Area - English
Have you ever wondered what it is like without reliable electricity, or not having a flushing toilet or running water, or having to miss a day of school, because you need to collect fuel, so your family can cook their dinner that night? What about not knowing what to do with your rubbish at the end of the week because no one is coming to collect it? Well, six students and two staff from Nagle Catholic College spent their holidays finding this out and despite the expectation of hardship, the experiences we had have enriched our lives and helped us see what is truly important in life.

Miss Pettigrew and Mr Ramos, along with Endeavour Leadership Program students, Seth McKenna, Ethan Rogers, Stephanie Solomon, Georgia St Quintin, Jessika Swarbrick and Anna Watt, arrived in Dili, Timor Leste, on Friday 27 September with a plan to see and explore this beautiful country.

After a day sightseeing around the capital, we ventured into the mountains to spend six days immersed with the students of The Good Samaritan Boarding House, in Gleno, Ermera. Here our students encountered more similarities than differences between themselves and the students, laughing, playing and learning about each other and their languages.

Part of our time with the 80 students from the school was spent on an overnight pilgrimage between two villages. The five hour walk in the rugged mountain countryside was the perfect time for bonds to be formed and for our students to experience firsthand the way God and religion plays such a central role in Timorese life.

Our Nagle students also spent each day running two, two-hour sessions in English for the boarding students, that consisted of practising the intricacies of our arguably complicated language, whilst also learning verbs, nouns and phrases in Tetun, the local language of the area.

At the end of the six day immersion, we left the students with donations of stationery and sporting equipment, and took away such a warm welcome and said a genuinely sad goodbye to new friends. A real connection had been formed!

Our group then headed for Mount Ramelau, the highest peak of Timor Leste, almost 3000 metres in altitude. There we spent the night, only to rise at 3am to climb the summit in time for the 360 degree view of the sunrise over the island nation. This offered such a great sense of achievement for us all and was a real highlight.

After, the group went from Timor’s highest point, back down to the coast, where we boarded a boat and headed for Atauro Island. There we stayed at Barry’s Eco Lodge, where we learned about the sustainable ways the resort is dealing with water and waste management, while enjoying a virtual tropical paradise of turquoise waters, coral reefs and beachside bungalows. This provided our group with deserved rest and relaxation, after what had been an intense week.

While we learned to cope without the accoutrements of western society, along with access to the internet, social media and other luxuries back home in Western Australia, we also learned about the many things that the Timorese have achieved with family and community, and the joys and rewards they get from the simple things in life.

Our students took every opportunity presented to them and gave all they had toward experiencing Timor Leste and interacting with the students they encountered. They made a sincere impact and inspired hope in the young people they met and have forged new friendships that will last a lifetime.

Above all, they represented themselves, their families and our College in the highest degree and deserve to be incredibly proud of their achievement. To Ethan, Stephanie, Georgia, Anna, Seth and Jessika, congratulations and thank you for pioneering the way for Nagle students in the future!

A huge thank you must go to the College community, who through generous donations, buying chocolates and supporting us at sausage sizzles and in raffles, with your support the trip would have not been possible.

Also, to the parents of the students who went on the trip, thank you for seeing the benefits this will have on your son’s or daughter’s life. It is hoped that the trip won’t only impact them, but the wider community as they share their Timor Leste experience.

The College hopes to continue its relationship with The Good Samaritan Boarding School in Ermera, with our first fundraising project to help rebuild their basketball court early next year.

We plan to offer another Immersion Trip to Timor Leste around the same time next year as part of the Endeavour Leadership program in the College, with the possibility of other students being invited to come along too. More details will emerge early in 2014.

Mr Damian Ramos and Miss Louise Pettigrew
East Timor Trip Organisers
2013 Year 12 Graduation

Last Friday night, the College held the Year 12 Graduation.

One hundred and forty five students were congratulated, and presented with their scrolls by Principal, Mr Declan Tanham, and Bishop Justin Bianchini.

The ceremony was the first held in the new Bishop Justin Bianchini Gymnasium, and was attended by 600 family members and friends.

Mr Tanham spoke about the Class of 2013 in glowing terms, wishing them well on their next chapter in life.

Course prize-winners were also recognised on the night.

Mr Peter Fiorenza
Public Relations
Year 10 student, Robert Pattison, has been selected for the Football West U16 Boys State Regional Squad and will be travelling to Singapore for the Singa Cup Football Tournament in early November.

Congratulations, Robert!

**ACC Allstars Team**

Congratulations to the following students who were selected in the ACC Allstars Team for Athletics 2013, after outstanding performances in the recent ACC Athletics Carnival.

Kasey Ryan-Duffy
Payton Cullen
Mason Cullen
Jaigh Williams

These students have been invited to represent the ACC at an upcoming All Schools’ Carnival in Perth.

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

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**Drama News**

On Friday 20 September, a wonderful cast of our talented Years 9 and 10 students combined to perform an abridged version of Shakespeare’s darkest tragedy, ‘Macbeth’ at the very first Geraldton Schools’ Shakespeare Festival, hosted by Geraldton Grammar School at the Batavia Hall.

‘Shakey Fest’, as it has become known, is an inclusive, non-competitive festival, where three schools each perform a half hour version of a well known Shakespeare play dedicated to the celebration of William Shakespeare and his works. Teachers were encouraged to interpret, edit and cut scripts as they saw fit, the only stipulation being that each performance must remain faithful to Shakespeare’s language.

Year 10 students, Jesse Muir and Alice Crisp, led a highly talented group in the roles of Macbeth and Lady Macbeth respectively, in what was to be a highly successful evening of Shakespeare’s finest works in performance. As hosts, Geraldton Grammar School opened the evening with ‘bogan’ Twelfth Night, Nagle followed with Macbeth set in a 1980s corporate world and finally, Strathalbyn Christian College presented A Midsummer Night’s Dream in a 1920s Chicago setting.

The evening proved to be a wonderful occasion, signalling a new level of collaboration and partnership between the schools. Nagle Drama teacher and event co-ordinator, Mr Neil Gregson said, “Combining the experience of three Drama teachers from three different schools and sharing our available resources, enabled us to push our students and, in acting terms, really stretch them to the limit. Winning students over to Shakespeare can be challenging, and once they are on board, it is even more tricky to perform. Macbeth is a particularly intense play and once our students were secure with the context, plot and themes, they really started to take ownership and give the devising process a stronger sense of direction.

On the evening, all three of the performances were impressive, but I am especially proud of my group! They were wonderful to work with throughout, and represented Nagle with distinction.”

Feedback from the audience was very positive indeed, the final fight scene between Macbeth and Macduff receiving particularly favourable comments. We were so lucky to have Andy Fraser and Stuart Halusz from Stage Combat Perth, being made available to us at the last moment. Students Padraig Earnshaw and Jesse Muir worked extremely hard on the final scene, in which the final combat was choreographed inside an hour.

A tremendous contribution was also made by Nagle Dance teacher, Ms Tania Mittoni, whose talented Years 8 and 9 Dance groups combined to provide the corporate entertainment at Macbeth’s coronation. The high impact dance choreography, a blended style of hip-hop and military marching to ‘Rhythm Nation’ by Janet Jackson worked perfectly within the given context of the play.

Both the Drama students and Mr Gregson are hopeful that ‘Shakey Fest’ will become an annual event for students in Years 9 and 10. Discussions are under way for future collaborations... watch this space!

Mr Neil Gregson
Drama Teacher
CARERS WA – Young Carer Program

WHO IS A YOUNG CARER?

Young Carers are aged up to 26 years of age who help care in families where someone has an ongoing chronic illness, disability, mental illness or who has an alcohol or drug problem.

Often Young Carers provide care and support to their parents or siblings.

Did you know???

- 1 in every 10 Young People in Australia care for a relative or a friend
- There are approximately 2-3 Young Carers in every classroom
- There is a total estimate of 40,000 Young Carers in WA

How we can support

The Young Carer program at Carers WA are here to support Young Carers through:

- Counselling
- FREE social activities for ages 8 to 17 (such as camps and school holiday programs)
  - Raising awareness of young carers in schools (educating school staff and peers the role and impacts of young carers)
  - Refer families to appropriate youth and carer focussed services

We offer lots of information to Young Carers and their families and help to get them in touch with support organisations that may be able to help with:

- Assistance with school fees, books, tutoring
- Counselling
  - Advocacy
  - Financial assistance
  - In home help
  - Travel assistance
  - Social activities
  - Personal care for the care recipient

How can you access us???

It’s easy... We have a young carer friendly website and Facebook page which is kept up to date. And you can call the Young Carer team on: 9228 7412. We also have a monthly e-bulletin and a quarterly newsletter. Becoming a Carers WA member is FREE for carers, please call to register and keep in the loop with services and supports available to you.

www.carerswa.asn.au  www.youngcarerswa.asn.au

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