Dear Nagle Community,

Year 6 Orientation
We were delighted to welcome our Year 7 cohort to the College last week for a series of orientation activities. There was considerable excitement amongst the group and one young lad said to Year 7 Coordinator, Mrs Shelley Alexander, as he left, that he couldn’t wait to get here. Clearly the day was a success for him and the rest of the students. We look forward to them commencing the second stage of their educational journey next year.

Open Day and Bishop Justin Bianchini Gymnasium Opening
The College conducted an Open Day last week, where our Year 12 students hosted tours particularly for our new parents, but also for anyone else who was interested.

The afternoon culminated in the Opening Ceremony, with the Gymnasium in full operational mode, with students engaged in many of the various activities on offer. Head of Learning Area, Health and Physical Education, Ms Susan Seaward, had the gymnasium buzzing and it was nice to be able to show it off as it will be used in the College.

Bishop Justin blessed the Gymnasium and all those who work in it and highlighted the importance of physical education as one facet in the overall development of our students. The P&F hosted an afternoon tea and refreshments for all concerned and it was a splendid afternoon.

Resilience Doughnut
All Year 7 students participate in the Resilience Doughnut workshops each year (as part of the Pastoral Care Program).

The College will be accessing the data, from The Resilience Doughnut, to identify those students who may require follow up support. If your child is identified, further information will be sent to you about the intervention available and/or recommended from the Counselling Department.

If you have any objections to your child being part of this program, that aims to help build resilience in young people, please contact the Principal.

Presentation Ceremony
Course prizes will be presented at the Presentation Ceremony on Monday 2 December at the Queens Park Theatre, at 5.30pm.

Parents and families of all students are welcome to attend the Presentation Ceremony – you do not have to be a prize winner to attend.

Tickets can be obtained from the Queens Park Theatre free of charge. Prize winners do not need to obtain a ticket, the College will reserve seating for the recipients of prizes.

The lists of Prize Winners for Year 7 to Year 11 are now available on the College website. The Year 12 Special Awards are not announced until the Presentation Ceremony. Recipients of Year 12 Special Awards will be notified by mail.

Mr Declan Tanham
Principal

Bishop Justin unveiling the plaque at the official opening of the Bishop Justin Bianchini Gymnasium.
Attendance

It is a legal requirement that all students maintain an attendance rate greater than 80% at the College. When attendance falls below this level, a child is considered to be at educational risk. Failure to meet this requirement without valid documentation such as a medical certificate can place your child's enrolment at the College in jeopardy.

The College receives government funding based on a child's regular attendance at school. Failure to meet this requirement means the College receives no funding for your child. If your child is away or is going to be away for more than two days you must provide the College with written documentation stating the reason for their absence.

If you are having difficulties getting your child to school, it is essential you contact either their House Leader or Director of Students to discuss the issue. Please attend to this matter as quickly as possible. The longer a child is absent from school the harder it can be to get them re-engaged with their education.

Mr Mike Williams
Director of Students

Wearing the College Uniform

Just a note about the importance of uniform and presentation. Students are expected to be well groomed at all times, and to show their respect and pride in the College, by wearing the uniform correctly.

As part of our Pastoral Care system the Home-Room teachers are asked to check the presentation of the students regularly and contact home if there is an ongoing problem. Most students are very positive and responsive to staff requests and we thank them for their cooperation. We also have Year group checks a couple of times a term, so the students can see we are trying to be fair and consistent in this area.

Please support the College if your son or daughter is asked to address a uniform or grooming issue. We feel it is an essential part of their education and training for life outside of school and there is a strong link between presentation and positive attitudes.

Student Pick Up and Drop Off

When you pick up your children from school, please do not park and wait in the drop and go zone on Maitland Street, as it creates congestion and frustration for others.

The area near the front gates on Sanford Street is also very crowded and sometimes dangerous for the students. If you can avoid parking near those gates it would be appreciated.

Student Lockers

All students have a locker and for security reasons we ask that students leave all valuables including phones, iPads, wallets and computers in their lockers when not being used in class.

Positive Parenting Programs

One of our College Counsellors, Mr Peter Shaw, has been running some Positive Parenting Programs with our staff. Some of the ideas and suggestions we found really valuable. Whilst most of it is simple and common sense, it was a very timely reminder to us all about how we can improve our communications and dealings with our teenagers.

Tips about directed discussions on problem issues:
• Find the right time - very important, time to listen
• State the problem; briefly, simply and calmly
• Explain why the behaviour is a problem
• Ask what is the correct behaviour
• Request that they practise the behaviour
• Give them time to cooperate
• Praise the corrected behaviour

When a teenager is upset:
• Acknowledge the emotions;...listen and don’t interrupt
• Ask why they are upset - offer support and paraphrase - 'I understand what you are saying' or 'I can see that you are really angry and disappointed'
• Work out what to do to help - 'What can we do to help you through this?' or 'what do you need?'

Mr Danny Bowen
Director of Students
The new Bishop Justin Bianchini Gymnasium was officially opened and blessed on Wednesday 13 November.

The blessing was carried out by name-sake Bishop Justin, and the occasion was attended by Councillor Bob Hall, representing the City of Greater Geraldton, and Mrs Barbara Blayney, representing MLA Ian Blayney.

Nagle Catholic College Board Chair, Mr Grant Russell, joined Principal, Mr Declan Tanham, in thanking the many organisations and individuals who contributed to the completion of the state-of-the-art $9 million facility. Architect, Mr Craig Poletti, was complimented for his innovative, modern design.

Bishop Justin said the gymnasium would have a significant impact on not just the Nagle community, but the local community as a whole, and was honoured and humbled to have the complex named after him.

A number of staff, family and friends also attended the ceremony.

Mr Peter Fiorenza
Public Relations
From the College Counsellor

Mr Shaw

Young Carers Week 2013
The College has been awarded a 'Young Carer Friendly School Award' by Carers WA, after our involvement in an awareness raising campaign.

Carers WA is a non-profit, registered charity and community based organisation, dedicated to improving the lives of family carers living in Western Australia.

Part of Carers WA’s commitment is to the 40,000 West Australian Young Carers by raising awareness in the community and providing support through counselling and respite. It is estimated that there are on average, two or three young carers in every class group.

During Week 5 of Term 4, the College acknowledged Young Carers by raising awareness through classroom talks by the Young Carers project officer, Ms Jodie Ronan. Ms Ronan spoke to about 500 of our students and encouraged them to participate in a writing competition entitled “Young Carers – Unsung Heroes”.

The writing competition received over 100 entries, with winners in lower, middle and upper school. The best entries were displayed in the Edmund Rice Learning Area (Library) and will be included in a booklet produced by Carers WA.

The lower school winners were Emma Burke and Alex Capill, with runners-up Lexie Stoner and Luke Biancuzzo. The middle school winner was Samantha Green, with runner-up Tyler Poletti and the upper school winner was Portia Puskic and runners-up Jonathan Arthurs and Joshua Bakranich.

Left to right: Mr Shaw, Joshua Bakranich, Jonathan Arthurs, Emma Burke, Samantha Green, Lexi Stoner, Tyler Poletti and Ms Jodi Ronan from Carers WA.

Mr Peter Shaw
College Counsellor

Senior First Aid Course

Last week, 48 Year 11 and Year 12 students completed their Senior First Aid courses, run superbly by Mrs Leanne Coverley-Brandis from Royal Lifesaving WA.

The students listened intently and watched many life-saving demonstrations and were then put through their paces in a series of real-life emergency scenarios, which they all passed with confidence.

Mr Ben Ebsary
Health and Physical Education Teacher
**Orientation Day**

**Year 7 (2014) Orientation Day**
Over 200 Year 6 students spent four hours on the Nagle campus on 13 November. They came to us from many different Primary Schools from both within Geraldton and beyond.

They met their House Leaders, Captains and Year 8 Helpers in the Bishop Justin Bianchini Gymnasium and then spent some time getting to know the school layout and meeting teachers from all the different Learning Areas.

A break (along with a muffin and a juice) enabled them to relax in the Great Court and mix with new and old friends. At the end of the tours through the Learning Areas, they met again in the Gymnasium for a farewell.

All the Nagle staff and students, who had contact with these students, thoroughly enjoyed being in their company – and we are looking forward to a great 2014 with this group of fine young people.

Mrs Shelley Alexander
Year 7 Coordinator

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**Literacy and Library News**

**Reading Takes You Places! Premier’s Summer Reading Challenge 2013-2014.**
Go into the draw to win an overseas trip.

Read for 15 hours between 2 December 2013 and 31 January 2014.

You also have the option of doing something “For Others” by raising money for Multiple Sclerosis Society of WA.

Open to students up to Year 10.

Entry forms available from the Library or register online
www.summerreadingchallenge.org.au

**Take the challenge!**

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**New Subscription to Online Study Skills Handbook**

The College has recently subscribed to the ELES Study Skills Handbook. This is a great online resource for parents and students to address all their study skills issues and concerns as well as learn new ways to improve students’ results at school.

The handbook has a huge amount of information for both students and parents as well as lots of interactive activities, multimedia experiences and useful resources.

To access the handbook, go to www.studyskillshandbook.com.au and login as a subscriber with these details:

- user name: naglecc
- password: 67success

Please note, the above user name and password is for the use of the parents and students AT OUR COLLEGE ONLY – please do not pass our details onto students or parents from other schools or other individuals or organisations as this is a prosecutable breach of copyright and also will result in frequent password changes for our school. Please also ensure you read through the terms of use the first time you access the handbook.

We encourage all parents and students to take advantage of this opportunity to further develop their students’ study skills abilities through this great online resource.

Mrs Ann Boyle
Library Manager
Surf Carnival

The Nagle Surf Carnival will be held on Friday 6 December at the Front Beach. The students participate in a day of surf events in their Houses, such as beach flags, run/swim/run, board races etc, under the vigilant supervision of the Nagle staff.

Details for the one day Carnival are as follows:

- **Who:** All Years 8-10 Nagle students
- **When:** Friday 6 December
- **Time:** 9am to 1:30pm
- **Where:** Front Beach (in front of KFC)

The students will be walking to the beach after Home-Room, leaving at approximately 9am and returning to school by 1:30pm, where they will have their lunch. They will then return to their Home-Rooms for Period 6 and to finalise their lockers.

**Students are to arrive at school in their Nagle PE uniform and footwear.** Students will finish the day at 3pm. **ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE THEIR SCHOOL HAT.**

Shade areas will be set up for the students. Students are able to wear a rashie of any colour when at the beach. It is expected that students bring a water bottle, and morning tea to the beach.

Parents are most welcome to come along to the Carnival and spectate. If a student is going to be picked up by a parent/guardian from the beach, then the parent/guardian needs to sign them out in the Sign Out Book at the beach.

If your child is a particularly weak swimmer, could you please advise in the “other information” section of the permission form.

Hats

Hats can be purchased from the Front Office for $10. Please make sure you write your child’s name in the well of the hat.

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

Year 7 Basketball

Nagle Catholic College recently sent two male teams and one female team to compete in the Year 7 Geraldton Basketball Association Cup. The day saw teams play in a round robin competition against other primary schools from the region.

Miss Saunders’s boys team and Miss Scally’s girls team finished in the top two of their divisions and advanced to the finals. The two teams came away with a hard fought victory and were crowned premiers for the day.

Nagle to participate in the Year 7 Champions Cup in Perth next Thursday, where they will compete against the champion schools from associations all around the state.

Good luck to all of these students!

Miss Kate Scally
Health and Physical Education 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

Alexander Ducas and Taylah Broadhurst were awarded the Most Valuable Player in the grand-final.

All students displayed a high level of skill, outstanding sportsmanship and were excellent representatives of the College.

Thank you to Mr Johns and Miss Saunders for coaching the teams and assisting on the day.

Winning this tournament has qualified
YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

NAGLE CATHOLIC COLLEGE

PRESENTATION CEREMONY

MONDAY 2 DECEMBER 2013
COMMENCING 5.30PM
QUEENS PARK THEATRE

TICKETS ARE FREE AND AVAILABLE FROM
QUEENS PARK THEATRE BOOKING OFFICE
Office hours are Mon—Fri 1-5pm

TICKETS MUST BE BOOKED AND COLLECTED IN PERSON
(NO PHONE BOOKINGS AVAILABLE, EXCEPT FOR BOARDING FAMILIES)

Please join us early to view the Photography and
Visual Arts display in the Foyer