Dear Nagle Community,

South West Visit
I recently visited two of our schools in the South West of Western Australia, Bunbury Catholic College and Mackillop Catholic College in Busselton. My visit pertained to my involvement in a group called the School Resources Committee and it was marvellous to see the work that these schools were doing and the context in which they were operating. Both are fine schools and are achieving great things for their communities. It was evident on my visit to both schools that, like Geraldton, there is a very strong community feel in these towns. It was quite rewarding and edifying to visit these schools.

Celebrations
The College was blessed with some recent celebrations during the holidays. Teachers, Chris Brown and Jim Plunkett, were married in Geraldton. This was a fantastic event for the College and we are delighted for them and wish them every blessing in their life together. Bishop House Leader, Ben Ebsary and his wife Anna, also celebrated the arrival of their third child, Samuel, a brother for Isobel and Ella. I am sure that there are plenty of sleepless nights in the Ebsary household at this time and we congratulate them most heartily.

Mr Declan Tanham
Principal
Congratulations Parents!
We have many visitors to the College who compliment us on the wonderful nature of our students. They find them a joy to work with.

Comments made and sent to us include; respectful, polite, caring, responsive and happy. So, well done to all you parents out there on all the hard work you are doing!

They say 'it takes a village to raise a child'. Let's keep working together to get the job done. Please remember to give your kids a pat on the back (or a hug)! They love it!

Mr Danny Bowen and Mr Mike Williams
Directors of Students

Years 8, 9 and 10 Boys Immunisations
Community Health Nurses will be visiting Nagle on Tuesday 28 May at 9am to provide the Years 8, 9 and 10 boys with their second HPV immunisation.

Only students who received the first of the immunisations at school in Term 1 and whose parents have already consented to their child having the immunisation done at school, will be immunised.

Please contact Community Health on 99561985 for any queries or contact me at the College.

Mr Andrew Donaldson
Director of Ministry and Organisation

Friendly Schools Project
I attended a day long session with Professor Donna Cross recently, as part of the Midwest Education Office Leadership program, which was excellent. I would like to share some notes with you that, hopefully, you will find interesting.

Peaks in bullying behaviour occur two years before transition into secondary school and at about eight years old, so this is when programs should be in place. If the cultural norm is that 'everyone is on Facebook, then I should be too' - then it's hard to sway this perception. Social media constantly influences norms - 'everyone does it.'

For children to develop connectedness and resilience they need:

a. A charismatic adult
b. A reciprocated same sex friend - 'my mate has my back'
c. A reciprocated opposite sex friend - to understand identity (all about connectedness)

Research shows that schools can have a powerful, positive influence on children from dysfunctional homes. The teacher could be the charismatic adult and the environment needs to be safe. Positive thinking and being in good relationships actually improves immune function. Optimistic thinking can be taught.

Bullying is at the end of the behaviour spectrum. It is intentional, malicious and repetitive, and involves an imbalance of power. Aggression is not bullying. Bullying is a whole cognitive level above aggression.

To help the perpetrator we must test for empathy - you have to be able to draw from the perpetrator the level of hurt they are causing, as they have probably been bullied themselves. Fifty percent of perpetrators have no empathy. If you can get them early you will have more success, because they can remember the hurt of being bullied. Age and gender will be influencing factors. About 100,000 students a day report that they are bullied.

Bullying is not a normative stage of development that all students pass through. It is never 'ok' to tell students they should 'suck it up' or to think that it will toughen them up.

The major cause of bullying in students transitioning to secondary school is the recognition of popularity, social prowess and the loss of these.

Please watch the next issue of the Newsletter for more information on this.

Mr Danny Bowen
Director of Students
Final Payment and Total Cost
The final cost of the trip is $2350 per student. The final payment of $1250 is required to be paid by Thursday 30 May.

Direct Debit Details
Account Name: Nagle Catholic College
BSB: 016-650
Account Number: 199834909
Please include student’s name and Ski Trip for the lodgement reference.

Qantas Flight Details
Sun 14 Jul
Perth depart 0610hrs
Melbourne arrive 1145hrs QF 480
Sun 21 Jul
Melbourne depart 1845hrs
Perth arrive 2105hrs QF 481

Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 18 June at 6.00pm in the College staff room.

If there are problems regarding this payment or you have any other questions please contact me at the College on 99200 500 or email mccarthy.bridie@cathednet.wa.edu.au

Miss Bridie McCarthy
Ski Trip Organiser

Writing competitions
There are a number of writing competitions nearing their closing dates. Students have been encouraged to enter these prestigious competitions and very generous amounts of money are offered as prizes. More information available from the Library.

- Randolph Stow Young Writers’ Award – entries due 31 May
- Tim Winton Award for Young Writers – entries due 31 May
- The Written Portraits 2013 national creative writing competition – closes 17 May

Have you checked out the Lower School Portal?
- The presentation given to parents of current Year 10 students is available on the website. This covers subject selection for Upper School in 2014 and 2015.
- Current Year 7, 8 and 9 students can also view their option and subject choices for the next academic year.
- CSL information is now also on the ‘Lower School Portal’. This includes the Year 10 Placements and Rosters, the Year 7 CSL Booklet and ideas for Year 8s to complete their service.

Click to view the ‘Lower School Portal’

Mrs Melanie Jodah
Webmaster

Parents are reminded that in accordance with the Conditions of Admission, which were communicated to you with the Enrolment Acceptance Form, that day students are obliged to give one full school term’s notice in writing of your intention to remove a student from the College and that you are otherwise liable to pay the full term’s fee.

Due to the closure of the Boarding House, the school term’s notice is not required for boarding students.

Attendance
If your child is going to be absent from school or late to school, please advise the front office before 9am on the day.

SMS THE ABSENCE
0408 018 103
Congratulations!

2012 graduates, Stephen Bibrlik and Michael Nelmes have been selected under the UWA Undergraduate Awards and Scholarships program to receive the following scholarships:

Stephen Bibrlik—Delano Music Scholarship
Michael Nelmes—Excellence Award

The scholarships were awarded at a ceremony in Winthrop Hall on 13 May. Congratulations to both boys!

2012 graduate, Lucas Rossen has received a Karara Mining Scholarship.

The Karara Mining University Scholarship Program is open to any student with a firm commitment to work at a professional level in a mining company. The program is designed to create pathways for students to gain a long-term career with the Company, helping to address the skills shortage in the region and provide new employment opportunities for local communities.

Lucas is the third Nagle graduate to be a recipient of the Karara Scholarship, joining Marie-Claire McLean and Marlee Starcevich.

Former Nagle Catholic College student, Channa Marsh, recently won an Australian Surf Lifesaving Silver Medal.

Last month, Channa travelled to Queensland and won silver in the Under 19 Female Champion Surf Lifesaving event at the National titles held at Kirra Beach.

The talented athlete won the State round of the competition earlier this year.

The event was an eight hour ordeal, and included a 90 metre sprint, 400 metre swim, 170 metre tube ride, and a 600 metre board race. On top of this, competitors had to complete a theory and resuscitation component.

According to Channa’s coach, Mr Peter Saunders, the Champion Surf Lifesaver event is one of the most gruelling of any sport.

“It is really hard to find another event that is comparable. I am very proud of what she has achieved,” Mr Saunders said.

Mr Pete Fiorenza
Public Relations

Congratulations to the players who represented Geraldton at the recent Under 17 Australasian Badminton Championships and Teams Event in Melbourne.

The team of ten players included eight players from Nagle, Benjamin Starling, Joshua Bumbak, Abdul Wahhab, Solley Bumbak, Angel Agulto, Georgia Dawson, Phoebe Vlahov, Shanaye O’Brien.

All players must be commended on their performance, their good sportsmanship on and off the court and general behaviour. A great time was had by all!

A highlight of the trip was attending the Friday night AFL game at the MCG.

If anyone is interested in playing Badminton, practice for school age players is on Mondays from 3.45-5.00pm during school terms. Or contact the centre on 9921 2143.
As some parents may be aware, the Staff at Nagle Catholic College have been discussing a range of options/changes to the Year 9 school year for 2013.

After numerous working party meetings and general consultation with staff, the Year 9 cohort for 2013 will embark on a week-long program of activities, which will complement the current curriculum.

This program aims to deliver a range of activities that are challenging and interesting for students and will encompass:

- Vocational opportunities to develop awareness and guidance for the future
- Activities that promote community service and awareness
- Educational experiences outside of the current curriculum
- Recreational experiences outside of the current curriculum
- Opportunities for Spiritual reflection and leadership development.

The name of the program is “Clàr Solais” (pronounced Claw Sulliss). In Irish, it is used metaphorically and refers to “knowledge and moving towards greater things”. The name was chosen out of respect for our Founders, Nano Nagle and Blessed Edmund Rice, who both came from Ireland.

“Clàr Solais” 2013, will consist of six days of activities within the Geraldton region. This will occur from Monday 24 June to Monday 1 July (Week 8 this Term) and all students in Year 9 will be involved.

Students will not have regular classes at school during this week, but will undertake a timetable of activities which will determine where students will be for each day.

The Program will consist of the following days:

**Big Day Out**
Students partake in sports activities with a difference; wheelchair basketball, cardio tennis, circus skills and martial arts/self-defence sessions.

**Dare to Care**
Students spend the day completing community service hours with local organisations. Activities will focus on environmental sustainability and will involve physical work. This will count towards students’ CSL requirements.

**Tomorrow is all about Today**
Students will gain valuable knowledge in future prospects by partaking in presentations and activities at the Geraldton Universities Centre, Durack and other relevant organisations.

**Nagle V Wild**
Students will visit Nukara Farm, partaking in various activities relating to looking after our environment and respecting nature. A mixture of presentations and hands-on activities like damper making, marron netting and bush art will keep students busy.

**Survivor Camp School**
Students spend the day at the Geraldton Camp School partaking in Leadership and Team Building Games.

**Inspirations**
Students receive time to reflect on the things they learnt from the Program, complete their CSL requirements and celebrate the outcomes of the Program through Liturgy.

Students have been divided into groups, which will rotate through the various days of the week long program. They will be briefed about this on Friday 14 June. At this meeting, all Year 9s will come together for lunch, they will experience a variety of guest speakers and we will ensure students are aware of the expectations required of them.

The cost of the Program has been included in the Year 9 students’ fees.

Students will come to school as usual during the Program. They will then head off to various venues with a number of Staff. Lunch will be provided at some of the venues. Students will be back at school at 3:10pm for dismissal, so that students catching buses are catered for during this week.

We are very excited about the Clàr Solais Program in its maiden year and we are looking forward to providing a valuable experience for our Year 9s. We hope that the students get a lot out of it.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me at the school or email me at plunkett.chris@cathednet.wa.edu.au if you have any queries about the Program.

Mrs Chris Plunkett
Clàr Solais Coordinator
Holocaust Survivor talks to Year 10 students
Nagle Year 10 students were recently introduced to a remarkable lady. Ms Hetty Verolme, a survivor of the WWII Jewish Holocaust, spoke to students about her early life in Europe, when she was imprisoned in the German Concentration Camp of Belsen, and her subsequent survival from the gas chambers.

Ms Verolme, who is in her eighties, and has written several books about her experiences, spoke to a captivated audience of students and staff for more than an hour.

For many of us, the atrocities done to the Jewish people under the Nazi regime are the topics of books, documentaries, and films, but Ms Verolme’s recollections reinforce that this really did happen.

“It did happen, and I am evidence of that, but there are not many survivors still alive, and soon there will be none. I am here now to let you know that it happened, and you must promise me that you will ensure that it never happens again,” Ms Verolme said to students.

Nagle Catholic College Library Manager, Mrs Ann Boyle, organised Ms Verolme’s stay in Geraldton, which also involved visits to other schools.

Hetty Verolme’s books Hetty, and The Children of Belsen are available from the College library.

Mr Peter Fiorenza
Public Relations

CUCRH Health Expo
The 2013 CUCRH ‘Careers in Health’ Expo is being held on Thursday 30 May at Geraldton Grammar School. It is open to any student in Year 10 who is interested in the area of Health, including Nursing, Medicine, Dentistry, Allied and Environmental Health. To sign up to attend this event, students need to collect a letter from the Careers office.

Mrs Sara Jennings
Careers Department

Additional courses for Year 11 2014
Durack Institute of Technology is now offering students three more courses for Year 11s, to undertake in 2014, whilst they are still at school. These are a Certificate III in Visual Arts, Certificate II in Metals and Certificate II in Hospitality (Kitchen Operations). These courses do not appear in the yellow Upper School Courses handbook as they are brand new, but if you have a child who is interested in one of them, please ask them to see Mrs Jennings for more information.

PAIS 2014
Students who are selecting the PAIS Electro-technology and Automotive courses in 2014, WILL BE required to study stage 2 A/B Mathematics in Year 11. This means that the Mathematics course they undertake in Semester 2 of Year 10 will have to be at the Pre-2 A/B level. Students in Mathematics in Society/Pre Stage 1 will not be eligible to apply for either of these PAIS programs. Please talk to your son’s or daughter’s Mathematics teacher, Mr Simpson the Head of Mathematics Learning Area, or Mrs Jennings, if you have any questions relating to this.

In addition to this, PAIS plumbing will definitely be running in 2014, as long as we have the numbers for it.

Art Attack
Durack Institute of Technology are running a three day Art program at their campus from Monday 17 June through to Wednesday 19 June, for students in Year 10. There are 12 places available and students need to be competent in the area of Art. The students will be working with Durack lecturing staff to produce new banners for Marine Terrace. If you have a son or daughter interested in this, please see Mrs White or Mrs Jennings to collect the required paperwork.

The Parents’ and Friends’ Association have held the first raffle draw for 2013. The lucky winners were Mr and Mrs Chris and Renee Drage.

If you have paid your fees, or have entered into a payment arrangement, you will be eligible to enter the next draw to win $3000 off your school fees.
Much Ado About English!

English Tutoring Resumes

Ever feel like no matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery?

Do you wonder why, when the teacher asks a question, all the students are all up in arms?

Have you ever felt like you need a helping hand in English because it’s all a bit hard to grasp?

The good news is, after-school English Tutoring is on again for all students who want to improve their English skills. We will be continuing the practice of having multiple English staff appear on a rotational basis and all ardent, aspirant and assiduous students are welcome.

Tutoring will resume this week for students in Years 7-10. It’s a great opportunity for Lower School Students to become familiar with a variety of English staff and the format of tutoring without the presence of the seniors.

If your son or daughter does not know who is there to help them, or where in the library the tutoring is taking place, all they need to do is ask a librarian or teacher for assistance. In addition, Year 11s and 12s are invited to return after their exams conclude.

Please be reminded that these tutorial sessions are not designed as homework classes. They are designed to be fun, helpful, informal and purely voluntary.

When: Thursday Afternoons
Time: 3.30-4.15pm
Where: The Edmund Rice Library (Nagle Library)

We hope to see you all there! You will be truly spellbound!

English Learning Area

For Others at Home

We are currently in the process of introducing the Year 7 Christian Service Learning (CSL) Program to students and so far, the reception has been enthusiastic.

All Year 7 students are asked to download the Year 7 CSL Journal from the Lower School Portal on the College Website or from Mrs Alexander’s Year 7 Edmodo page in preparation for next week.

By the end of Week 3, all Year 7 students should be familiar with the program requirements of CSL, have ideas about service activities they would like to complete and have a hard copy of the Service Record that needs to be completed and signed at the conclusion of each activity.

I encourage you to go through the Journal with your child to ensure familiarity with both the Journal and CSL requirements for the next ten weeks. The requirements of Year 7 Christian Service Learning and all Service Records need to be completed by Friday 26 July (Week 1, Term 3).

The service activities students complete, need to be without payment and beyond their normal family chores. Stuck for service ideas? Students are encouraged to check the CSL noticeboard, seek assistance from myself, pose questions on the Edmodo page or try a few of the following:
- Mow the lawn
- Babysit
- Wash the car
- Reorganise the wardrobe
- Make a cake
- Vacuum the house
- Walk/wash the dog
- Pack lunches
- Clean windows
- Wash dishes
- Weed the garden
- Fold the washing

This program will be challenging, however, with your support, your child will benefit from participation in this aspect of College life. We are nurturing the idea that one person can make a difference. In the words of Mother Teresa, “Love begins by taking care of the closest ones – the ones at home.”

Reaching Out

We are more than half way through the Year 8 Christian Service Learning Program and students are already sharing interesting stories and experiences, as well as indicating they have completed many more than ten hours or service.

Just a reminder that all journals are due on 4 June and please encourage your child to complete the checklist at the back of their CSL Journal to ensure they have met the program requirements:
- A minimum of three activities
- At least five hours of service with a group other than family, friends and neighbours
- A minimum of ten hours in total and each activity must be verified by the signature of a parent or suitable adult.

For all the animal lovers out there who need to make up a few more hours, the RSPCA Million Paws Walk is on this Sunday 19 May. More details available at: www.millionpawswalk.com.au/Western_Australia/Walk_Locations/Geraldton.htm.

Miss Shelley Nodwell
Year 7/8 CSL Coordinator
On Saturday 18 May, three students from Nagle Catholic College took part in the Laneways Project. The Laneways Project is coordinated by Valli Papini from a local community based group called the Pollinators. The purpose of the project, is to create artwork in public spaces within the West End of Geraldton, giving dull and run down spaces a fresh and vibrant new look. The students involved were Susannah Collins, Jessica Everist and Montana Hyde.

On the morning, the students met at the site of the art project, which is located on Marine Terrace, Geraldton. This site is an alcove between Tanti’s Restaurant and the Lotteries House building. The plan for the day was to cover this space in a tessellation pattern that would brighten up a once dull space. This pattern would consist of a three-dimensional cube design using the colours blue, bright yellow and a soft yellow. The students began by drawing up a carefully calculated grid in pencil which would be used as a starting point for a spray-painted pattern.

Once the grid was completed, the students began masking off with tape sections that would be spray-painted for the pattern. A lot of precision was needed to make sure that all of the lines came out neat and crisp.

The final stage involved covering the floor of the area in turf. This complemented the pattern well and gave the space a clean and tidy appearance.

This was an excellent opportunity for the students to gain experience working in the medium of contemporary street art, as well as being able to contribute something to the community.

Special thanks must also go to Mr Fariss, Mr Gillett, Ms Borojevic and Ms Kenelly for their contributions to the art piece. This is the first of a series of artworks that will be created within public spaces around the West End of town so keep and eye out for what is to come!

Mr Jordan Andreotta
Visual Art Teacher
Concert Band Tour draws closer

Nagle Catholic College Concert Band Tour to Sydney is less than two months away.

A number of Nagle students and others from Geraldton Senior College and John Willcock College are set to travel to Australia’s biggest city on 7 July for a seven day music trip of a lifetime.

Ms Simone Bailey-Hough, who will head up the tour, said there are a number of fundraising events happening in the lead up to the trip, and she has encouraged people to get involved.

“We have a movie night coming up on May 26, and a big music and auction night at Dome early next month,” Ms Bailey-Hough said.

If you would like to know more about these two big events, or make a contribution to the auction, please contact Ms Bailey-Hough at the College.

The Band Tour includes visits to a number of iconic locations, including the Sydney Opera House, where our students will perform.

Mr Peter Fiorenza
Public Relations

Calling all SUPERHEROES to attend a special fundraising movie night. Funds raised will go towards the Geraldton Combined Bands’ trip to the ‘Sydney International Music Festival’

Students from Nagle Catholic College, John Willcock College and Geraldton Senior College are performing together at the Opera House, Darling Harbour, Sydney Town Hall and Angel Place as part of a week-long music festival.

Please come along and support them in this once in a lifetime opportunity!

IRON MAN 3

SUNDAY 26 MAY 2013
GERALDTON CINEMAS
TIME- 5.30PM

MOVIE NIGHT SNACK BOX INCLUDED
SPECIAL SPOT PRIZES

PRICE: $25

TICKETS AVAILABLE: NAGLE 99200500
Progress report on Jack Mills’ project...

This will be the final article for Jack’s project - he is all finished up!

During the last week of Term 1, Jack Mills finally completed his hall table project.

In the last newsletter update, I mentioned Jack had finished his glue-ups and had assembled his drawer and all hardware had been fitted. Effectively, construction of the entire project was done, he just needed to apply his finish.

As with all projects in our workshops, we brush on a first coat of Sanding Sealer to seal the timber and raise the grain. This coat is then sanded smooth with 240 grit sandpaper, then either an Estapol (Varnish) top coat or Teak Oil is applied. Both finishes have their benefits; in this case, Jack chose to rub on a coat of Teak Oil as it is easier to apply, dries faster and provides a smoother finish as opposed to Estapol.

The final assembly of a project is always a rewarding time for students and in Jack’s case, more so, as the quality of his work is second to none. Jack simply had to re-attach his drawer runners and drawer knob, attach his table top using Z-Clips and give the project a once over with the oil to fix up any scratches.

See the attached photo of the finished product and I’m sure you will agree it has turned out great. Well done, Jack!

Mr Corey Smith
Woodwork Teacher
Fundraising Program

As a fundraiser for the SFX Cathedral Restoration, Ms Mavis Taylor has offered to provide a School Uniform Mending and Alteration Service. The cost for each article will be $5 - $15 depending on the time taken to complete the repair. Replacement zips or buttons are to be provided by the parent.

Items can be left at the Bishop’s House. They must be clean and placed in a plastic bag with a Contact Form attached (provided at Bishop’s House). You will be notified of the cost and collection date. Items can be collected and paid for at the Bishop’s House.

Any enquiries to Mavis: 0400 349 093 or 99 649 093.

Sisters of St John of God Farewell Celebration

The Sisters of St John of God have been living and working in Geraldton since 1935 and are now retiring to Perth.

To honour the Sisters and to thank them for their wonderful contribution to this area, we will hold a special celebration on Sunday 26 May. Sisters who have worked here, will be returning for the day. Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 9.30am, followed by a brunch in the QEI Centre. This is an invitation to all who wish to farewell the Sisters.

The brunch will be catered for, so if you plan to attend, please RSVP via 99213221 or email admin@diocese-geraldton.org

Pentecost Sunday
St Francis Cathedral

Please join us on 19 May, at 9.30am for a special Children’s Liturgy. Wear something RED. Bring and share morning tea after Mass and watch the doves being released.

KTF is a schools-based welfare program using tennis as the means for communication to help raise the self-esteem and self-confidence of financially and socially disadvantaged kids.

Currently, around 200 KTF programs are conducted Australia-wide, with a vast cultural reach, involving close to 4000 under privileged children every school term. KTF provides the coach, racquets, balls and portable net leaving no out lay for the participants.

www.kidstennisfoundation.com