



## RONCALLI COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

' TO SEEK TRUTH AND PEACE '

KIMIHIYA TE PONO ME TE RANGIMARIE

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

*The difference between school and life? In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson.*

Last week our senior students and their parents had the opportunity to conference with their subject teachers. It was extremely pleasing to see so many of our parent community attend these conferences. I appreciate the time that people took off work to attend and also the work that was involved in the organisation. We achieved about a 97% strike rate and the feedback has been very positive and constructive.

I hope that conferencing provided the opportunity to discuss with your child and their teacher their current academic performance and the steps needed to improve. We now enter a very important time of the year academically. When senior students return for Term 3 there will be approximately 50 days of teaching and learning time left before the NCEA exams begin. Each student now has the opportunity to study, revise and create improvements which will help ensure their success. I strongly urge students use the 3 week break to catch up on their assignments and begin revising for their upcoming exams in November. There seems a developing trend among some students who expect to be rescued by staff in the eleventh hour when they have failed to meet their course requirements. However, to succeed students need to develop the skills of self reliance, self discipline and self motivation. There is no substitute for hard work and preparation and those who fail to plan most likely plan to fail.

On Wednesday we had our Academic Assembly where we celebrated the success of our students in their endeavour and their support of our Special Character. I applaud the efforts of these students who have achieved well during the first half of the year and I urge them to keep up the good work during the second half of the year.

The Roncalli Ball is going to be held on Thursday 14 July at the Caroline Bay Hall. The theme is *Alice in Wonderland* and the Ball Committee has been working hard on the organisation and fundraising. All students planning to attend the ball have agreed to the following conditions:

- I understand that the doors open at 7pm and everyone is expected to arrive by 7:30pm and be seated by 8:00pm.
- I understand that the Ball ends at 11:30pm and that students will not be allowed to leave the venue before this time.
- I understand that students and their partners will not be allowed to enter the venue intoxicated and that decision will be determined by senior management.
- I understand that the school does not condone or support any after-ball parties

We all look forward to a 'wonderful' evening and we ask parents to support their children to make sensible decisions.

Last Friday we farewelled Irene McDonald, who is well known to many of you. Irene has given 16 years of loyal service to the college in her capacity as a cleaner. Irene took pride in her work and often went the extra mile for staff and students. We will miss her but we wish her all the best in the next chapter of her life.

This week we welcomed Alan Sandilands as our new groundsman/property assistant. Alan comes to us with extensive horticultural experience and will be a great support to Les Cosgrove, our property manager.

Until next time,

Chris Comeau  
Principal

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# UPDATES

**On Monday August 1, the first day of term 3, Roncalli College will be closed for instruction. The Ministry of Education has provided teachers with the opportunity to prepare for the standards realignment on this day. ALL students will report to school on Tuesday 2 August.**

## **TERM CALENDER DATES:**

### **JULY:**

- 8 University of Canterbury Information and Open Day  
**END OF TERM 2**  
13 Christchurch Polytech Information and Open Day  
14 Roncalli Ball  
26 Broadcasting School Information Evening, Christchurch

### **AUGUST:**

- 1 **Teacher Only Day – Professional Development**  
2 **Term 3 Commences**  
ICAS English Exam  
4 Aoraki Junior Girls Basketball Competition  
8 UCANDO Exam Preparation Advice – Seniors – during class time  
Aoraki Skiing/Snowboarding Competition  
10 St Kevin’s Exchange – TIMARU  
11 Aoraki Maths Competition 6.30pm  
14-17 Year 11/12 OED/PED Snow Trip  
16 Studylink – Parent Session 6.30-8pm  
19 School Mass  
21-24 Year 13 OED/PED Snow Trip  
22-26 Winter Tournament Week  
23-24 Year 11 Retreats

**Year 9 Physical Education - Circus Performance**-Friday 8 July 1:30pm - 3:20pm School Gym.All parents and caregivers welcome.

**2011 College Fair Date**— Sunday 2 October 10.30am start. Mark your calenders now!!

We are looking for more **great fences** to put our fair signs on. If you have a big fence that is in a prime spot we could use around Timaru, I would love to hear from you. Please ring Geoff Fuller 684 5962.

**PTA committee meetings**are usually held the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the School Library. We warmly welcome anyone who would like to come along and have a look, and join the PTA family. Our next meeting date is Tuesday 2 August.

### **Public Health Nurse – did you know?**

Jane Pierce, a Public Health Nurse, runs a clinic at the College every second Wednesday in our Sick Bay from 1.30-2pm. The next date is Wednesday 3 August – week one of next term. Jane can discuss a whole range of health concerns and issues, and can also run vision checks. If a referral to an optometrist is required, this is heavily subsidised by the public health system.

**Our Uniform Shop** is open every second Wednesday from 3.30-4.30pm. Next Open Date is Wednesday 3 August.

**Hockey Fundraiser** – Movie night - Monday 8 August - 7pm start. “Horrible Bosses” – R16. \$20 ticket includes hot drink and sweetie. Tickets available from school office week 1 term 3, or call Bridget Duff 686-2652.

**Crushed Sheep Manure** – great for winter/spring application to the garden. Available now, as a girls’ hockey team fundraiser for tournament. \$5 per bag, \$20 per scoop delivered. Please phone: Jimmy Mees 614 3727 or talk to any girl in the team!

**Wanted** – Size 12/14 winter kilt – either loan or hire for Term 3 due to kilt delay. Please contact Maree Kerr: 684 8827 evenings.

### School Fair 2011

We are looking for members of our school community who are interested in advertising on our full page Advertising Feature for Fair Day in the Timaru Herald. If you would like to be involved, please contact: Sally McCoid 688 8139. Also please remember donations for the plant stall when you are working in your garden over the next 8 weeks or so. We are also looking for a volunteer to assist with plant knowledge and sales flair, to revamp our plant stall this year. Please contact: Anne Bruce 686 1535.

This is our schools major fundraiser for the year. We hope to have a project finalised soon for our funds this year, which we will share with you in Term 3. Look out for lots more information early in Term 3. Over the holidays look out all your good quality used clothing, books, games, and items for the white elephant and silent auction. For further information or queries please phone: Bridget Duff 686 2652.



**Congratulations** to Year 10 student Michaela Black on a 3rd placing in the "Junior Canterbury Regional Burger Competition 2011" that was held on Monday 27th June in Christchurch. All year 10 Foods students worked on a technology project to design and create their own original burger using either beef or lamb mince as the "hero". Michaela won the interclass competition which was judged by Stephen Le Corre, a chef at Aoraki Polytechnic and international competitor for New Zealand. Michaela then went on to compete against other Canterbury school students with her burger design. The judges were impressed with Michaela's understanding of flavours and combinations of fillings. She competed with a calm and cool head. Thank you to Ann Hough who took Michaela up to Christchurch to compete.

Our congratulations also to **Year 13 Food and Hospitality** students, who catered last weeks' senior conferencing day for staff at school. This formed part of their practical assessment standards. Staff were very impressed with the range of foods that were provided by the students. This was both healthy and yummy, and fuelled the staff up during the course of the day, which was very long for many. Students received excellent feedback for their efforts. Thanks also to Cat Hansen for her work in co-ordinating this for our students and staff.



# **FOCUS ON .. SPECIAL CHARACTER STUDENT LEADER**



Greetings fellow students, parents and extended college community. My name is Angelique Kinsman and I am honoured to be named one of your Special Character Leaders for 2011. My role is to bring new ideas that will enrich our Special Character in the School. By doing so I help organise School Masses, prayers in Assembly and Benedictions. This role is unique as not many schools take part in Special Character, so I feel very privileged. My interests include music, particularly singing and musical theatre, tennis, soccer and being around my family and friends.

Next year I plan to go to either Otago University or NASDA (National Academy of Singing and Dramatic Arts) in Christchurch. I will leave you with a quote; this helps me to feel motivated and determined in whatever I am taking part in, and helps me to reach my goals. I hope it gives you some inspiration!

*"If a man is called to be a streetsweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michaelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the host of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well".*

- Martin Luther King Jr

## **Other Special Character Information**

On 4 and 5 July the Diocesan Youth team visited the College to talk about gap year opportunities to Year 12 and 13 RE classes.

We will celebrate a Term 3 School Mass on 19 August 10.05am at Sacred Heart Basilica. A warm welcome is extended to all parents, caregivers and our extended College Community.

Sacramental Programme beginning soon at the College. Please contact the school office with names of any interested students.

## **CAREERS**

**Sussed Parents Session** (Studylink/ Student Allowance/Loan) - Tuesday 16 August from 6:30 to 8pm

**Senior Parents Night**; info to help make an informed choice between completing Level 2 and/or Level 3 at school OR beginning a vocational course and maybe working sooner. There are also options for free courses through the Youth Guarantee Scheme. Guest speakers from the Polytechnic and also Roncalli to explain both options fully. Wednesday 14 September 6.30 - 8pm.

**All Hall applications** are put together with Ms Quertier in Term 3.

**All students** have been sent scholarships booklets via email. ALL scholarship info is updated weekly in the Common Room.

**All the visits to tertiary institutions** have been completed.

**If you are still unsure of an area of interest**, have a look at 'CareerQuest' on [www.careerservices.govt.nz](http://www.careerservices.govt.nz), it takes 10-15 minutes and offers lots of ideas.

**The students will have the opportunity over Term 3** to talk with me about their options etc. They have been given info about courses, how a degree is put together, areas of study, gap year, polytechnics, etc.

Ms Adrienne Quertier Guidance Counsellor/ Careers Adviser/ Yr 13 Adviser (03) 688-6003 x811



## **W.A.R. (Wellbeing at Roncalli)** **Keeping them safe**

Teenagers are in between childhood and adulthood. They do not always make the right decisions and it is our job to set boundaries and stand firm. Our job as adults is to keep them safe.

The world your teenager lives in can have sex and drugs in it. Even if you don't think your teenager is involved; their friends may be and this can put them in danger of making unsafe choices. The brains' pre-frontal cortex allowing them to make good decisions through 'seeing' the consequences of their behaviour, is not fully developed until they are approx 25 years old!

- Know their friends; have a presence in their social lives – drop them off and pick them up.
- Know the parents – what are their lifestyle choices? contact numbers?
- Where are they going to be? Who is supervising? What are they going to be doing?
- How are they travelling? Who is driving? Do they have an appropriate licence?
- When are they going to be home? Agreed rules and consequences.
- What are the arrangements about alcohol? Did you know that 45% of teenagers given alcohol by their parents top up with a larger amount from elsewhere?
- A lot of dope in town is connected to gangs; if your teenager is smoking then there is a good chance they are hanging out with teenagers with gang affiliations.
- Your teenager needs to have a plan if their driver is not sober, there is violence or they feel threatened or frightened.

**Setting boundaries gives them a clear message that you love them enough to keep them safe.**

Helplines: Alcohol and Drug Helpline 0800 787 655 [www.adanz.org.nz](http://www.adanz.org.nz)

Concerns for mental health; TACT (Emergency Psych Service) 0800 277 997

Parents Inc [www.parentsinc.org.nz](http://www.parentsinc.org.nz)



### **Dear Year 13 Parents,**

As consultants working for Careers New Zealand, we are considering a workshop for year 13 students who need help with their decision for their next steps. Accordingly, we are keen to provide a career decision making workshop for a day in the July school holidays where they will have the opportunity to explore what decision is best for them. While many students do have very clear direction – we are keen to support those who are at risk of making a poor decision – or no decision at all. We are looking for up to 15 students from throughout South Canterbury schools. Places will be limited and students will need to register with us.

Who is the workshop for? Those who are concerned or interested in their future, contemplating further study, but are unsure of what pathway to take, considering taking a gap year with no clear plan what will it may involve? We will have guest presenters who include Wendy Smith, (Aoraki Development Trust) and young professionals who have recently 'been through it all!' We will explore work values and recognising strengths, hold a discussion forum to explore concerns and barriers, share some decision making and problem solving strategies as well as being responsive to individual and group need.

Christina Griffin and Jacqui Hide, Career Consultants, Careers New Zealand  
6 A Elizabeth Street, Timaru, 03 686 6799 Mobile: 027 2716053

# ACADEMIC ASSEMBLY 6 July 2011

Congratulations to the following students who were recognised for their work within the school:

## EFFORT & ENDEAVOUR

Sarah Austin, Martha Baird, Julian Barratt, Francis Blackstock, Michael Brosnahan, Rachel Brownlie, Conor Carlaw, Cassidy Chambers, Hye In Choi, Hyejin Choi, Sua Choi, Pacharapol (Fee) Chokchainant, Jane Comeau, Melissa Cosgrove, Jessica Cowie, Chauntelle Crowther, Hannah Dale, Thomas Davie, Daniel Dorgan, Jessi Drake, Kelly Finn, Elisha Fleming, Jaimee Gilbert, Emma Goddard, Daniel Hickey, Lauren Janssen, Daniel Kelliher, Lauren Kelly, Angeliqne Kinsman, Saki Kito, Kai Yeun (Daniel) Kwok, Bethany Lambourne, Bo Hye (Sharon) Lim, Amy Lindsay, Heather Livesey, Kendra May, Brian McCarthy, Alec Muir, Samuel Munro, Daniel Musson, Sophie Newmarch, Akari Otsuka, Kelsie Parish, Sammi Petersen, Claire Phillips, Sophia Pratt-Miller, Hamish Race, Eleanor Rarity, Georgina Rarity, Lachlan Scarsbrook, Nora Schmidt, Gabriella Sloan, Ashlea Small, George Styles, Therese Styles, Suchanan (TJ) Tongjitakasem, Jasmine Waite, Lauren Waite, Jacob Waldron, Meghan Ward, Kade Willetts.

## EXCELLENCE

Daniel Armstrong, Michaela Black, Connor Bruce, Conor Carlaw, Jenna Cheesman, Olivia Chisnall, Geena Clarke, Genevieve Cockburn, Kate Cockroft, Louise Cody, Jane Comeau, Kathryn Coulter, Anna Courtney, William Crawford, Jana Dingle, Olivia Duff, Kate Esler, Reani Ferrer, Kelly Finn, Hashabiah Fleming, Stephen Ford, Chelseigh Fransch, Jordan Fraser, Matthew Geach, Madison Hamel, Jeremiah Healy, Jordan Hooke, Alessandro Ingrosso, Josef Jacobs, Kate Jones, Lyssa Jones, Lauren Kelly, Lisa-Sophie Kuepper, Marie-Christin Kuepper, Eleanor Lambourne, Cassandra Laurie, Sarah Mathewson, Kendra May, Daniel McCarthy, Ellie McIlraith, Alysha Miller, Emily Newmarch, Sophie Newmarch, Genevieve O'Connor, Anna O'Toole, Kate Olsen, Sophia Pratt-Miller, Kate Prayonyuang, Thomas Prayonyuang, Georgina Rarity, Georgia Rees, Rachel Rees, Ramon Santos, Hannah Scott, Henry Scott, Phillip Shanks, Jack Stickings, Therese Styles, Brooke Talbot, Emma TeRaki, Suchanan (TJ) Tongjitakasem, Lauren Waite, Meghan Ward, Benjamin Watson, Molly Willis, Kate Wilson, Genevieve Woodall, Stephanie Workman.

## UPHOLDING THE SPECIAL CHARACTER OF THE COLLEGE

Connor Bruce, Keegan Casey, Louise Cody, Timothy Columb, Jane Comeau, Hannah Dale, Libby Davenport, Alexander Dooley, Kelly Finn, Mitchell Fraser, Jeremiah Healy, Ethan Hickey, Kai Yuen (Daniel) Kwok, Bethany Lambourne, Alex Lynch, Kallia McCoid, Lochlann Medley, Hamish Race, Jonathan Rush, Ashlea Small, Samuel Struthers, Emily van der Heyden, Jenna Welsh, Temarama Wyatt, Brendan Wynen.

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## MARIAN COLLEGE LETTER

Below is a letter we have received from Marian College



On behalf of the Marian College community, trustees, staff, students and their families, thank you for your thoughtful message of concern and sympathy. In particular thank you for the very generous donation of \$1600 raised at Roncalli's red and black day.



We have been encouraged by the cards and messages of support, and the offers of help we have received from so many.

Marian's site has suffered significant damage and we have relocated to St Bede's college. Classes are held in the afternoons in the St Bede's classrooms. We have some temporary buildings we use as an administration and staff area, and a student study area. At this stage assessments are being done to assist us with the move back to our home site, hopefully later this year.

As each day passes we are touched by the ongoing kindness, prayers and support of others and the welcome by St Bede's community. Thank you again.

Heoi ano  
Yours sincerely

Anna Heffernan

PRINCIPAL  
MARIAN COLLEGE



## **Year 12 Tramp – Kepler Track**

Last week 14 Year 12 students went on a week-long tramp of the Kepler Track in Fiordland. The weather was excellent, especially for this time of the year and the students coped well with the conditions on the track, which included some snow and ice. They also managed a very quick dip in Lake Manapouri towards the end of the tramp – quick because of the temperature – and enjoyed the experience of this very scenic 60km tramp. The altitude got up to 1400 metres above sealevel. Guy Sutherland and Craig Hinton took some beautiful photos during the journey, as evidenced above. Our stunning frontpage photo in this edition of the school newsletter is of Lake Manapouri early in the morning.



## **Our Support Staff**

Support Staff at Roncalli recently enjoyed a convivial luncheon together, during a teacher-only PD day. This was especially enjoyed as support staff work a variety of hours, and it is difficult to get together for any length of time! Some support staff met for the first time on this outing. Our thanks to Chris Comeau and Marilyn Douglas for making this happen.

# SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

## Outstanding Sports Subs

There are a large number of sports subs overdue. I understand that a number of families have an automatic payment but please note the sports seasons are well underway and we have paid our affiliation fees and costs to the respective clubs and as a result our accounts are in arrears. It would be appreciated if payment could be made promptly to the school office. If you have any queries or concerns please contact Sandy Richards at the school office.

## St Thomas's Sports Exchange – Christchurch – Tuesday 5 July 2011

Sport	Roncalli	St Thomas's
<b><u>Basketball</u></b>		
Senior Boys	60	70
<b><u>Football</u></b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> XI Boys	2	3
Junior Boys	1	7
<b><u>Rugby</u></b>		
Under 14 ½	12	17
Under 16	12	53
1st XV – Press Cup	22	17



Overall St Peter's won the Exchange 5 – 1, claiming the newly made Ryan Nelsen Shield. Thank you to the Roncalli PTA for paying for the engraving of the shield.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff, coaches, managers for giving their time travelling with the Roncalli students to Christchurch enabling these students to take part in the St Thomas's sports exchange: John Simpson, Craig Dorgan, Simon Rooney, Mark Scott, Sally Mulvena, Peter Cockburn, Mike Richardson, Gerard Scott, David Mills, Craig Hinton, Karin Cockcroft, José Zandbergen and Chris Comeau.

Well done to all students involved, you represented Roncalli with great sportsmanship and special congratulations to the 1<sup>st</sup> XV on their victory.

## South Island Secondary Schools Junior Netball Tournament

The Roncalli 9A and 10A Netball teams are competing in the South Island Secondary Schools Junior Netball Development Tournament in Christchurch Sunday 17 – Wednesday 20 July at the Hagley Netball courts. We wish the following players and management all the best for a great Tournament.

### 9A NETBALL TEAM

**Coaches:** Steph Waud  
Karen Dorgan  
**Manager:** Ginny Davenport

Ainslie Tipper  
Emma Goddard  
Kate Arcott  
Kelly Waud  
Kendra May  
Laura Cockcroft  
Laura Dorgan  
Libby Davenport  
Luisa Sherriff  
Macie Austin

Roncalli umpire representative –  
**Kelsie Parish**

### 10A NETBALL TEAM

**Coach:** Amanda O'Brien  
**Manager:** Katie Flutey

Amy Blackler  
Bethany Pattie  
Brittany Cannell  
Chicago Smith  
Honor Mills  
Kate Shaw  
Kaylee Hutton  
Libby Taylor  
Rowie O'Driscoll  
Siobhan O'Connor

Roncalli umpire representative –  
**José Zandbergen**

# Send a FAX

Show the Netball Girls your  
Support by sending them  
Good Luck Wishes:

**Christchurch Park Motel**

**(03) 385 1938**