



RONCALLI COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

' TO SEEK TRUTH AND PEACE '
KIMIHI A TE PONO ME TE RANGIMARIE

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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

"Don't wait to strike till the iron is hot; make it hot by striking". This was a quote my high school science teacher frequently used, to remind the class to be proactive with study.

I am reminded of this quote because my observations during exam week make it clear that a significant number of our senior students are choosing to 'wait till the iron gets hot' - rather than striking the books hard NOW. There is a bit of a 'she'll be right' attitude amongst some that, if not addressed, will leave many students unprepared for their NCEA exams in November. In my experience, this casual approach to exams and assessments, more often than not, results in disappointment and failure - would have, could have, should have. Instead of students sitting exams to find out what they don't know, they should be sitting exams to show what they do know, and make use of valuable feedback from teachers.

I reminded senior students this week that we are now in the business end of the year, with roughly 17 weeks left for instruction. This means that for many, study habits and time management must improve significantly. In addition, they must take advantage of tutorials offered at school and prioritise their academic, sporting, cultural, work, and social commitments.

Senior Conferencing is scheduled for Thursday June 30th, a week and a half before the end of term 2. The expectation is that all parents and students make appointments with subject teachers to discuss where students are at, and what they still need to do, to achieve success in the short time remaining. We have decided to hold conferencing prior to the July break so that parents and students can get meaningful feedback from teachers, and take the opportunity during the holiday to catch up on assessments and study. Very soon you will receive detailed information about Conferencing Day and how to go about making bookings with subject teachers.

Finally, I want to thank all the parents and caregivers who are actively supportive of Roncalli College. As I have said in the past, education is a collaborative partnership between families and the College, and in order to maximise opportunities at school, we rely on parents and caregivers to ensure that their child arrives at school on time, in proper uniform, and prepared to work and study. It is our community, I believe, that ultimately makes the school so successful.

Until next time,

Chris Comeau
Principal

UPDATES

STAFF NEWS

Our Groundsman Steve Coe, recently resigned after 6 years with the College, to take up a new challenge elsewhere in town. Steve and his partner have just celebrated the birth of their second child. Best wishes to Steve and his young family.

ST JOSEPH'S LIP SYNC 2011 – "A DAY AT THE RACES"

The annual **St Joseph's Lip Sync** night will be held at the **Caroline Bay Hall** on **Saturday 25 June 2011**. This years' theme is **"A Day at the Races"** and doors will open at 7pm.

As in previous years, we welcome acts from inside and outside our school community. If you are interested in registering an act, please telephone either Di Higgins (Ph: 684 8151 or 027 404 8238) or Lisa Richards (Ph: 686 3496 or 027 6583072) on or before Friday 17 June 2011 to confirm details.

Tickets will be on sale at the St Joseph's School Office at a cost of \$20 per person from Monday 13 June 2011. Sponsorship opportunities are available for tables of 10 or more.

GARAGE SALE:

Proceeds to the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal. (Project for the 9 social studies class). Lots of bargains and delicious home baking! Great stuff for the whole family!!

Where: 10 Orbell Street, Timaru When: Sunday 12th June 10.30am-1pm See you then !

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 to 2pm. The next date is Wednesday 15th June. 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 subsidized by the public health system.

TERM CALENDER DATES:

JUNE:

- 9 Year 12 Retreat
- 10 Peer Support 2pm
- Electoral Enrolment for 17 and 18 year olds
- 11 Smokefree Rockquest
- 12-13 St Peters Exchange
- 14 Year 12 Retreat
- Queenstown Resort College presentation
- 15 School Uniform Shop Open 3.30-4.30pm
- 16 Big Sing – Dunedin
- Navy/ Army Careers Presentation
- 23 Aoraki Polytechnic Open Day
- 24 Police Recruitment Information Session
- 29 Christchurch Careers Trip Y12 and 13 – University, CPIT, Lincoln
- School Uniform Shop Open 3.30-4.30pm
- 30 Senior Conferencing
- Design and Art College Presentations

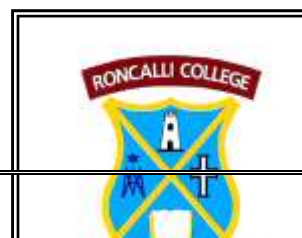
JULY:

- 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:



SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS . . .

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 03 684 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 5 July.

TelstraClear Intelligent Rewards are now available for credit to Roncalli College. If you are already a TelstraClear customer, or wish to become one, please refer to our website for further details.

CULTURAL NEWS

Roncalli College Choir Activities:

June 10 Performance at St Mary's Lunchtime concert
 June 16 Choir travels to Dunedin for the 'Big Sing' Secondary Schools Choir Competition

Roncalli College Music Department Presents:



Concert 'n' Candles

Keep 30 June free!



Performances by students of the Music Department

More information to follow....

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Who: RONALLI ROWING AND RUGBY COMMITTEES
When: Monday 20 June
Where: MOVIE MAX
What: BRIDESMAIDS (R16 ID Required)
Cost: \$20.00 PER TICKET
Time: 6.45pm - light refreshments (Coffee & cake)
7.25pm Movie
Contact for tickets: Trish Dovestone 686 2604 or 0276 597 029
or Janine Hooke 686 0003



BRETT LEE INTERNET SAFETY PRESENTATIONS:

This has been arranged conjointly with Mountainview High School. All students will attend presentations throughout the school day on 27 June, with staff attending professional development sessions later in the

afternoon. All parents and caregivers are warmly invited to attend a session organized for our school communities at 7pm for 90 minutes. This will be held in the Mountainview High School Auditorium.

SPECIAL CHARACTER

- On Wednesday 1 June our Year 9 students celebrated Mass together as a Year level with Fr Chris in the Chapel. This week, Colin House groups celebrated Mass together.
- Last week, our Year 10 students were involved in a day of retreat with the rest of their class. This was held at the St Thomas' Parish Centre. A series of workshops and group exercises occurred over the day, with a focus on friendship and wider relationships. The retreat theme was "Together, We Seek Peace". We are blessed with our staff, who are able to facilitate these retreats.
- Our staff are also facilitating the Year 12 retreats, which commence this week on Thursday 9 June. This series of retreats focuses on the nature of Social Justice, and looks at an outreach to our wider community. As part of the retreat, Year 12 students will be visiting many of our elderly people in our South Canterbury area.
- Our staff prayer group met at lunchtime on 7 June.
- Those who are studying the Level One University paper in Ethics are preparing for their examination.



LIFE PRAYER

Life .. is a challenge
Life .. is full of hope and despair
Life.. is full of laughter
Life.. is full of sadness
Life .. is an act of courage.

Life .. is about commitment
Life.. is about perseverance
Life.. is about making mistakes – and learning by them
Life.. is about promises
Life.. is about love – and wanting to be loved.
Amen.

(by Shabana Koya, St Catherine's College – from We Have Hope, Prayers by New Zealand Mercy Secondary School Students)