



RONCALLI COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

‘ TO SEEK TRUTH AND PEACE ’

KIMIHIA TE PONO ME TE RANGIMARIE

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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL...

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This week has been ‘Well-Being Week’ at Roncalli; and we have had many activities and programmes throughout the week to address the well-being of both students and staff. We began the week with a Teacher-Only Day facilitated by Fr. Mark Walls. Fr. Walls reminded us of the importance of our *Mission Statement* and challenged us to use it as a measure of our success.

“Within a Catholic environment espousing Gospel values, Roncalli College offers quality education which challenges, enables, and empowers students to strive for their potential.”

It is often tempting to compare ourselves to other schools in terms of academic, cultural, and sporting success. But instead of looking over our shoulder at others, we must remain true to our founding principles which are centred on the gospel values. Trends are temporary and forever changing; but our core values are constant and enduring.

Fr. Mark also asked us to reflect on the ideal profile of a young man or woman leaving Roncalli College after 4 or 5 years. It was certainly clear from our discussions that our values are what sets us apart from many other schools; and we as staff, must model those values. He reminded us that our job as teachers is not to make Roncalli College great, but to make each individual student great.

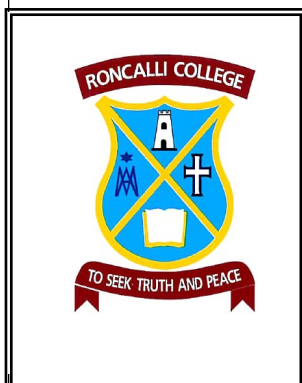
One concern I have about our students’ well-being is that many seem to be over-committed at present and, consequently, are not able to prioritise their commitments. I am aware of several senior students who are working long hours, playing sport, involved in cultural activities, and trying to stay on top of their academic work. While we endeavour as a school to provide many opportunities for students, we ask that parents help their children to make sensible choices about their commitments which do not compromise their studies. Furthermore, I am concerned by the number of students who are wasting their weekends on late nights, parties, and alcohol. There is no reason why high school students should be out partying until all hours of the night and drinking excessively. It is important for parents to set clear boundaries for their children.

I’ll finish with a quote from Steven Covey:

“If the ladder is not leaning against the right wall, every step we take just gets us to the wrong place faster”.

Until Next Time,

Chris Comeau
Principal



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UPDATES

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 year's 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.

CATHOLIC YOUTH TEAM — SPORTS DAY

29th May 2011 from 1pm at Roncalli College.

Gather a team of 5 and register by 23 May—open to all Year 9-13's. \$20 per team is payable on the day.

To register email: cymissionteam@chch.catholic.org.nz

ICAS EXAM DATES:

Computer Skills

24 May

Science

8 June

Signup at School Office by Tuesday 17 May!!

TERM CALENDER DATES:

15 May	<u>School Open Day</u>
16	Careers Information Evening for Parents 7pm Law Careers Function—Benvenue Hotel
17	Information Evening—Prospective Students and Parents
18	Kavanaugh College—Sports Exchange (Dunedin)
18	Uniform Shop open—3.30—4.30pm
19	Barbershop Competition Canterbury University Liaison Visit
22-27	Year 13 OED—Tramp on Routeburn Track
23	Timaru Careers Expo—Years 10-13
24	CPIT and Broadcasting School Liaison Visit NZ College of Early Childhood Education Liaison Visit
27	Year 13—Time Management Presentation
29	Catholic Youth Team Sportsday—Year 9/10 Year 9 & 10 Netball Development Tournament
1 June	Uniform Shop open: 3.30—4.30pm

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS..

KAVANAGH COLLEGE SPORTS EXCHANGE – NEXT WEDNESDAY

Kavanagh College are hosts for our Annual Senior Winter Sports Exchange being held in Dunedin next Wednesday 18th May. The following teams are participating:

Senior A Netball – 11.00am – Edgar Sports Centre

Premier Boys Basketball – 11.00am – Edgar Sports Centre

1st XI Girls Football – 11.00am – Kettle Park

1st XI Boys Hockey – 11.00am – Hockey Turf

1st XI Boys Football – 12.15pm – Kettle Park

Under 16 Boys Rugby – 12.15pm – Kettle Park

Premier Girls Basketball – 12.30pm – Edgar Sports Centre

The cost for the trip is \$30.00 per student and must be paid to the school office by Tuesday 17th May. All Students participating will receive a letter and information will be placed on the Roncalli website – www.roncalli.school.nz If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 688 6003 ext 808.

NETBALL CHEESE ROLL FUNDRAISER

Reminder to all Roncalli Netball players, cheese roll order forms and money are due this Friday 13th May to the school office. If any Roncalli families or community would like to place an order, please contact Jose on 688 6003 ext 808 or email j.zandbergen@roncalli.school.nz. Thank you for your support.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jacob Matson (yr10) and Christina Ryan (yr9) on the outstanding results they achieved while representing Canterbury at the 12 and 13 year old New Zealand Interprovincial Athletics Teams Event over Easter Weekend in Inglewood. Canterbury finished 1st, Auckland 2nd and Wellington 3rd.

A full report and photo have been placed on our school website.

CULTURAL NEWS



Fantastic performances were delivered on the last day of term—showcasing the hard work put in by each House over a period of weeks, culminating in a colour-filled and vibrant show on the day. McAuley House were judged the overall winners—a big congratulations to all the students and teachers involved in these productions; and yet again, a very high standard was achieved, to the delight of the packed audience of students, staff, Board members, PTA members, and wider family.

FROM OUR PTA:

- **2011 College Fair Date**— Sunday 2nd October 10.30am start. Mark your calendars 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 7th June in the Staff Room.
- **Careers Information Evening for Parents**—Monday 16 May 7.00-8.30pm in the Library. All parents and Year 12 and 13 students are welcome to attend this evening, organised by our PTA in conjunction with Career Services.

FOCUS ON ...

AQUINAS HOUSE AND DEANS

Aquinas House staff of 2011 is comprised of a mix of youth, experience, wit, and charm. After a number of interviews and an intense induction program, we are delighted to welcome our new Deputy Principal, Mr Nic Wilson, onboard the Aquinas Ship. We are blessed with a great group of Year 13's this year. House Leaders Tim Bunckenburg and Jenna Welsh, along with a number of other students showed amazing leadership during Term 1. This was celebrated over a shared lunch with Aquinas staff.

A focus on participation and serving others saw Aquinas gain some pleasing results in Inter-House Activities.

Inter-House Results to date:

Swimming Sports- 4th

Athletic Sports- 2nd

Stage Challenge- 2nd

With both enthusiastic staff and students, we have been able to bring in a number of new initiatives this year, including:

Year 13/staff shared lunch

Inter-Aquinas activities

Participation and Servant Leadership awards

Staff 'Mr Pav' t-shirts

As you can see, Aquinas House has gone from strength to strength during the first 11 weeks of school this year and the future of the 'Green Machine' is looking very promising. Aquinas parents, please show your support by dressing your son/daughter in the ugliest green clothes for Inter-House Activities!!! And we look forward to seeing you at the Inter-House Singing when we are triumphant!!!



Aquinas House Deans 2011:

Mr Regan Powell

Mrs Amy Richardson

AND FROM OUR HEAD BOY...

Howdy everyone, my name is Alexander Dooley and I am privileged to be your Head Boy for 2011. I enjoy many things within the College community, whether it be the cultural activities, sporting escapades, or especially the general "family" feel to the School. I am always available to talk to, no matter the time or place, so please do not hesitate to approach me. I'm keen as beans to help.



Head Students 2011:

Alexander Dooley

Genevieve Woodall

AND IN BREAKING NEWS ...

Roncalli College is about to commence using TextStream, a new communication initiative available to the education sector. This will enable us to communicate quickly and directly to student and/or parent and caregiver cellphones and email addresses, for notices, updates, student absences etc. More information to follow!!!