Dear Families, Staff and Friends of Cardijn

Year 12 Dinner Dance
Last Friday night, our Year 12 students celebrated together with the College’s annual Year 12 Dinner Dance.

This year the Dinner Dance was held at the Junction, Morphettville in the Stables Ballroom. Again the students did not know where the event was going to take place as every year we keep it as a surprise. The students arrived at the College and met in the gym, before hopping on board two busses and then being whisked away.

It was a great evening, and the range of costumes was simply amazing. Even the staff joined in the spirit of the evening; not only dressing up, but dancing away the night... even Mr McDermid... but enough said of that!

As always the organisation of the night was first class with everyone helping out to make the night a great success. Well done to the students for their role in the organization of the night and a big thank you to the House Leaders, homeroom teachers and the Senior School team for all their help and support.

Staff Reflection Day
On Friday 9 September, the staff of the College will take time to get away from the day-to-day running of the school and spend time reflecting on their work at Cardijn College.

The theme of the day is “Emotional Intelligence as Gospel Behaviour” as the College is initiating restorative practices as a response to supporting our community to build more positive relationships.

Gospel values are at the core of all that we do and the day provides an opportunity to reflect on how we embed these core values into the day-to-day life of all those in the school community. Our behaviour reflects the witness of Jesus and in practical terms we need to be aware that all our interactions should always embody the love of God.

Joseph Catania our APRIM with the support of some outstanding speakers will facilitate the day and I thank Joseph for his organisation of what looks to be an outstanding event.

External Validation
On Wednesday 24 August, the College took part in a trial of Catholic Education’s External Validation process. I wrote an article in the week 2 newsletter explaining the process, but simply it provided an opportunity for an external panel to come into the College and look at how we were progressing with our Strategic Plan. Their goal was to validate the work of the Cardijn College community, and provide direction for improvement heading forward.
ATTENDANCE MATTERS
If your child is going to be absent, late, leaving early for an appointment etc, please send either an SMS text message on 0428 937 348 or leave a message on the Absentee Line - 8392 9505.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
The College Leadership Team presented the panel with an overview of our Strategic Plan, and how we felt we were travelling in addressing our objectives for improvement. The panel took time to speak with staff and students to get a variety of perspectives. They also toured the school and visited classes.

At the end of the day, the panel met with the Leadership Team and provided valuable feedback. It was pleasing to hear that the panel validated our goals and processes with a particular emphasis on our Pastoral Care and Teaching and Learning programs.

For the Leadership Team, the process provided an excellent opportunity to review our Strategic Plan while providing direction moving forward.

The validation model used will now be refined and it is expected that all schools in Catholic Education will use the model to review their strategic plans.

Michael Wilcock | Deputy Principal

FROM THE APRIM

YR 11 REFLECTION DAY - GRATENFULNESS
‘You simply will not be the same person two months from now after consciously giving thanks each day for the abundance that exists in your life. And you will have set in motion an ancient spiritual law: the more you have and are grateful for, the more will be given you.’
Sarah Ban Breathnach

The statement above captures the essence of what we invited our Year 11 students to reflect upon throughout their Reflection Day. Blessed with weather to be able to spend some time enjoying the natural surroundings of each of the venues, the day focused on being and living gratefully. These are important days that support our Religious Education program and our mission to educate the whole person. Below are just some of the reflections given by our students.

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I enjoyed my time at Retreat as I was able to reflect on who I am and who I want to become. I was surprised with the amount of interaction we had with the other house, and those who I don't often get to talk and socialise with. I also realised what it was to be grateful, and how we should be more grateful to the people around us. Happiness was also a focus, and we discussed how having a happy community can lead to a better world. – Kye Weetra

Joseph Catania | Assistant Principal Religious Identity & Mission

STUDENTS LEAVING CARDIJN
If your child/ren will not be returning to Cardijn in 2016 the Registrar must receive notice in writing.

Please email: apatton@cardijn.catholic.edu.au

A minimum of one full term’s notice must be given.

Thank you.

Anita Patton, Registrar

2016 TERM DATES

| TERM 3 | Mon 25 July - Fri 30 Sept |
| TERM 4 | Mon 17 Oct - Fri 9 Dec |

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2016

TERM 3

SEPTEMBER

MAD NIGHT - 7.30pm 2
F1 in Schools Challenge 5 - 6
Board Meeting 7.30pm 7
Yr 10/11 Semi Formal 8
Student FREE Day / Staff Day 9
Multicultural Week 12-16
Marist Centre Tea 13
2017 Academy Tryouts 14
Yr 10 Retreat 15 - 16
Yr 10 Outdoor Ed Camp 20-22
Principal’s Tour - 5.30pm 22
Assembly 23
Yr 9 Camp 26-30
Reports distributed Early dismissal - 1pm 30
TRY-A-SKILL DAY AT MARCELLIN

On Monday a group of Cardijn College students experienced the Try-A-Skills day at our sister campus, Marcellin Technical College. Students engaged in interactive workshops covering Construction, Metal Engineering, Electronics and Electrical and Computer Aided Design & Manufacturing. Students had a great day and also gained an understanding of the vocational offerings at Marcellin. As of 2017, Cardijn College senior school students will be able to access these courses and others including Hairdressing, Hospitality, Childcare and Nursing.

FROM YCS

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Thankyou,

Tahila Sully, Adelaide YCS Coordinator

KOLBE HOUSE MASS

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We give thanks for this wonderful country and for the relative safety that we enjoy. We pray for those that are less fortunate than us and who are caught up in wars.

We give thanks to our Kolbe community who continually demonstrate the qualities of Maximilian Kolbe by being enthusiastic, kind and generous.

Kelly: Let us remember that generous people are happier, healthier, and more satisfied with life. Life becomes more meaningful when we help others.

May we be aware of each other’s needs and be quick to encourage others when they feel down. We hope that if you are going through a difficult or sad time that you can surround yourself with friends that will give you comfort.

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The time we’ve all been waiting for is finally here. Friday of week 6 is of course our highly anticipated Music, Arts and Drama (M.A.D) Night. Preparation for the night is in full swing; the gym is being prepared and all of the ensembles are working extremely hard to perfect their sets. The theme for the night is the 1960’s and is sure to be an excellent demonstration of the incredible talent and dedication of Cardijn students.

Shaun and I would also like to offer our congratulations to everyone who performed at the Instrumental Music Night last week. Everyone performed extremely well and the night was a great success. We would also like to wish good luck to the Year 12 solo performance students, who are currently preparing repertoire for their summative and moderated performances, which will occur in the next few weeks.

Caleb Edge & Shaun Freeborn | Music Captains
"Drones, Droids & Robots" was the theme of Science week for 2016. This provided the Science and STEM faculties with an opportunity to showcase an array of different robotic devices. Each morning homerooms enthusiastically completed trivia questions which highlighted to students how reliant we are on technology. Teachers, assisted by students passionate about technology, also provided lunchtime activities including; drone and robotics demonstrations, a robot game of soccer, sumo wrestling robots, robots that can draw as well as a walking 'virtual' maze and a showing of “Game of Drones”. Special thanks go to all who assisted in the planning of Science week, especially Mr Andy Waller and those that supported the week by participating in the activities offered.

Michelle Gassmanis Curriculum Leader

**ASIA WEEK**

Yet again, Asia Week brought a range of activities and opportunities for the Cardijn community as we celebrated with this year’s theme of ‘What’s our connection to Asia’. Students were encouraged to identify places they were connected to on an interactive map and to participate in sports, dance, craft, make films, make delicious cold rolls, request K-pop tunes and learn about a variety of Asian cultures. The Studies of Asia Team was well-supported by the PE Faculty this year as many of the Year 8s undertook a series of Bollywood dance sessions with our Artist in Residence, Francesca Macmillan in the lead up to last week’s festivities. All reports suggest that both the students and staff engaged with Indian dance culture learning a lot from the experience, including a few new dance moves! Thank you to all the staff on the Asia Studies Team who volunteered their time and effort in bringing Asia Week to the College in 2016 and to all the students who participated.

Natalie Paelchen Director of Teaching & Learning

**SCIENCE WEEK**

On August 29 students from Cardijn College competed at the RoboCup Junior South Australian Robotics Tournament. This was hosted by the Education Development Centre at Hindmarsh. Cardijn was represented by Aiden Stocker (9Ma) and Cameron Rawlings (9Ch) in the Robot Search and Rescue Competition. In this challenge teams score points by how far their robots are able to autonomously navigate through a course. This is a demanding skill for these students to pre-program the robot to respond to numerous obstacles that can arise at any point along the course. The team worked well and achieved a very credible 5th place overall.

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In the Robot Soccer division, Ayman Shaawi (9Ko) prepared a robot soccer team, consisting of two robots, a striker and a goal keeper. After winning the state junior title last year, Ayman moved up to the senior category, ‘Gen II Soccer’ this time. Gen II Soccer uses two sensors (Infra Red and Compass) rather than just one. To use these sensors is more challenging as it requires more complex programming. Unfortunately, Ayman was ill on the competition day and unable to compete, but I acknowledge his considerable efforts during Robotics Club this year.

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WORLD YOUTH DAY

NOW IS THE TIME FOR MERCY

One of the biggest highlights of World Youth Day is the opportunity to attend catechesis sessions led by the world’s bishops, archbishops and cardinals. On the first day of catechesis we were fortunate enough to hear Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York. He spoke on the topic of “Now is the time for mercy”.

Cardinal Dolan pointed out that just as we procrastinate in so many other areas of our lives, we do the same with our faith. The Cardinal implored us to consider whether we were truly open to God, questioning us: “Is it my way or Thy way?” This is a challenging concept in a time when people, including Catholics, assert that they know better than scripture, sacred tradition and the Church’s teaching. We were left with questions to consider. Through our actions, do we place ourselves above God? Do we think that we are all knowing?

We were also challenged to make a decision right there at World Youth Day to recognise that: “I want God, I need God, I need a saviour, I am a sinner, I need His mercy”. Cardinal Dolan spoke to the Polish context when he recounted the visit of St John Paul II to Communist Poland in 1979. He explained how this great saint did not discuss Communism, but focused on “God…faith…[and] the sacredness of human life”. In front of 100,000 soldiers, three million people chanted “I want God”, which was seen to be the beginning of the end for Communism in Poland.

We certainly left this catechesis motivated and ready to discern what God was calling us to do with our lives. There was a renewed commitment amongst the pilgrims to humbly being open to God’s grace and mercy.

Amelia Cooper and Josh McDermid
Cardijn College Teachers and World Youth Day Pilgrims

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