Dear Families, Staff and Friends of Cardijn

Outstanding Achievements

On Friday of last week, the College celebrated and acknowledged the wonderful achievements of our Year 12 students from 2016. It was again a privilege to present to the school community, students from our Year 12 cohort from last year who achieved outstanding final results. It was unfortunate that the weather did not favor us, and we needed to move the Dux Assembly to St Luke’s Church, where the air-conditioning provided much needed relief from the stifling 41°C day.

It was a great occasion and as a community I know that we are very proud of our students’ achievements. They worked hard, showed great determination and perseverance and stayed focused on their goals.

The highlight for me was the speech given by the College Dux, Chelsea Bates who achieved an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) of 98.10. Chelsea spoke passionately about her education at Cardijn, thanking her teachers, her peers and her family for their wonderful support. She acknowledged that her achievement would not have been possible without this support. The support that our students receive can never be underestimated and it is a crucial element to the success of any student striving to achieve their best.

Chelsea also reinforced how much of a privilege it is to have the gift of education. She acknowledged that Australia is indeed the lucky country, and that in many other countries there are children who do not have the fundamental right of education. This message is one that I believe we need to reinforce with our children constantly.

Chelsea and the other graduating students from 2016 have definitely made the most of this privilege, and I know that they enter the wider community as well rounded young people who have compassion for those less fortunate, an ability to make good choices and will make a difference.

I would like to acknowledge our special guest at the Assembly. Deanna Novikov-Smith graduated from Cardijn College in 2011. She was the College Captain in 2011 and excelled in her studies both at school and University. Deanna has now graduated from University and works as a Primary School teacher at All Saints Catholic School. What a privilege it is to have one of our graduating students come back and work in education and serve in our community.

Project Compassion 2017

This year, Cardijn College has been blessed as we have been selected to be the site that the Archdiocese has chosen for the schools’ launch of Project Compassion. Next Tuesday, representatives from all of our Catholic schools from the Southern Vales region will gather at St Luke’s Church at 10.00am. The Most Reverend Archbishop Phillip Wilson will preside over the Liturgy and our student leaders from Years 8 to 12 will attend the event.

Project Compassion is a crucial element in raising social awareness as well as providing valuable funds for those who are less fortunate. This official launch is in preparation for the start of the Lenten period that begins on Ash Wednesday and culminates with Easter at the end of the term.

I encourage all our families and students through this time to contribute to Project Compassion. The money raised goes a long way in the support of those most in need in our community and abroad.
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

OPEN NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 5.30pm - 8pm
Principal’s Tour - Thursday 23 Feb 9.30am

TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 8S IN 2018! enquiries@cardijn.catholic.edu.au / 8392 9500

Michael Wilcock  |  Deputy Principal

Enter on Open Night for your chance to win a Lenovo Tablet.

FROM THE APRIM

As we approach Week 4 of this first term, we have an exciting week ahead. On Tuesday at 10am at St Luke’s Church, we will celebrate the Official Schools Launch of Project Compassion. Project Compassion is Caritas Australia’s annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal, which is an extraordinary, ongoing demonstration of the faith, love and generosity of the Catholic congregation and caring supporters throughout Australia.

This year’s theme is ‘Love your neighbour’ and demonstrates how love for our neighbours can transform lives. For more than 50 years now, Caritas Australia has been working with the most vulnerable people within Australia and in many other countries. Working with their partner agencies in these communities, Caritas has been able to develop the strength to combat poverty, promote justice and uphold the dignity of people.

Adelaide Catholic Archbishop, The Most Reverend Archbishop Philip Wilson DD JCL, will preside over the Liturgy and Official Launch, and an invitation is extended to members of our College community to join us for this occasion.

Also on Friday of the same week, we will celebrate our Commissioning Mass at 10am in the gym. At this liturgical celebration, we will acknowledge and commission all our student leaders from Years 8 -12, which is to offer our prayers, blessings and gratitude for the role they undertake in our community, through their servant leadership. It is a wonderful occasion and families are most welcome to join us for this occasion. Please sign in at the Front Reception upon arrival.

We look forward to a big week of celebrations and in the following week, welcoming the season of Lent, which will commence on Ash Wednesday and lead us toward the journey to Easter.

Joseph Catania  |  APRIM

The secondhand uniform shop is open every Friday morning 9am-11am, in school terms.
SENIOR LEADERS CAMP

As part of the formation of our senior leaders, students participate in a two day camp undertaking a variety of leadership development activities and teamwork challenges. The students have the opportunity to bond with their fellow leaders and set goals for the year ahead. Our leaders were outstanding and already have inspirational ideas about initiatives for 2017.

Danielle Greig, Director of Students

“The leadership camp was an incredible way to begin our year as a leadership team. Running a session with the other college captain, Sebastian, was an excellent way to gain insight into both the opinions of individuals and our style of teamwork. Throughout the two days, we felt more and more connected and comfortable with each other.”

Chelsea Fernandez, College Captain

“Leadership camp was a great experience which allowed me to form relationships with all the leaders I will be working with in the year. I was taught about what being a leader meant and how I can be successful - it really motivated me to be the best leader I can. It was also just a fun few days with a range of activities (and dancing) and a great way to start the year!”

Pavlina Vagner, Lombard House Captain

“The leadership camp allowed us to form bonds, share memories and strive to make Cardijn the greatest place it can possibly be. I know the friends that I made on that camp will support, help and encourage each other to do their very best, so that we can inspire the best as leaders of this school.”

Isabella Macaspac, MacKillop House Vice Captain

“Leadership camp was an amazing opportunity for us as leaders to get together and learn many valuable lessons. Spending this time together allowed us all to bond and make new friends and definitely some fun memories. Together we worked on how to be good leaders and what we can all do to benefit our community. We were all very blessed to have this opportunity and are very grateful for the time we spent together.”

Jake Vidler, Romero House Captain

On Friday 3 February, Tahlia Sully, our school and state’s YCS worker accompanied three students to All Saints Catholic Primary School to talk to their Year 7 classes about starting up a Young Christian Students group there. The morning was met with great enthusiasm and we look forward to what this will develop into over the coming months.

Below is an account of the session by Isaac Turner, 11RO.

Going to All Saints and talking to the students about YCS was an eye opener to me in many ways. I was impressed with how level-headed and passionate the young students were about making a difference in their school and wider community. Hearing their opinions about bullying, the climate and littering was a feel-good experience, having so many young students with so many different ideas in one room. It is an exciting time for YCS in South Australia, with All Saints being the first primary school group in the whole of Australia. It just shows that younger students have equally as much passion, arguably more, than older students.

Shanna Maennel
Youth Minister- St Luke’s Noarlunga-Seaford Parish
CRICKET CLINIC AT ADELAIDE OVAL

On Friday 10 February, ten students from the Flexible Learning Centre, participated in a Special Olympics cricket clinic held at Adelaide Oval. The excited group were involved in a range of bowling, batting and fielding drills and received professional coaching from members of the South Australian Cricket Association.

Students were not put off by the stifling 41 degree temperatures. The group were able to access the impressive indoor (air-conditioned!), cricket training facility and all students engaged in several competitive mini games against other schools.

The cricket day was a great success and several of the students plan to become registered athletes with the Special Olympics and hope to participate in future competitions.

Students are working towards their 2017 motto of:

“GET ACTIVE, BE HEALTHY AND HAVE FUN!”

They can’t wait for the next activity: Basketball!

Jaqui Morency, Special Education

MUSIC NEWS

Hello Music family and friends!

We are back for another amazing year starting with MUSIC WEEK! Music Week is a great experience for all of our music community to rehearse with their ensemble and perform at the end of the week in front of the friends and families of music. It’s also a great opportunity for all the music students to come together as one and bond with different year levels and form friendships that will grow stronger in the music community throughout the year. The performance will be on Friday 19 February and we hope all of the families can come along and watch their child perform with their ensemble after rehearsing for an entire week. We are all very excited for the upcoming Music Week, and we hope that you are too.

Your music captains signing out once again,

Megan Davidson & Hunter O’Neil
Music Captains

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Cardijn students and staff celebrated Chinese New Year on Friday 3 February. Staff were treated to a morning tea of Asian food and students took part in a Rooster-call competition. 2017 is the year of the Rooster and the element of fire; these are associated with trustworthiness, a strong sense of timekeeping and responsibility at work.

Ashleigh Taylor
Curriculum Leader - Arts
WANT TO IMPROVE YOUR ATHLETICS? WITH CARDIJN’S SPORTS DAY AND THE CATHOLIC CO-ED ATHLETICS CARNIVAL BOTH ON THIS TERM, NOW IS THE PERFECT TIME TO JOIN THE SOUTHERN ATHLETIC CLUB TO MAKE SURE YOU ARE A HOP, STEP AND JUMP AHEAD OF YOUR COMPETITION!

Coaches: Cardijn Year 12 Hayden Moore - Sprint Coach and Cardijn Athletics Coach Jason Stevens.

Southern Athletic Club southernac.org.au/academy/

AFTER SCHOOL SPORT
Trainings commence this week and next. Consent forms were handed out in Homeroom mail. Spare forms can be found in Student Reception. Forms need to be returned by Friday 10 February with payment to the Finance Office.

CARDIJN SPORT - TERM 1 2017

ATHLETICS
SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE! START WEEK 2
ALL AGES
Training: Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30pm
Main Oval / PE Uniform

BADMINTON
SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE! START WEEK 2
ALL AGES / PE Uniform
Training: Tuesday 3.30 - 4.30pm,
Joseph Cardijn Centre (Gym)
Games: Saturday 9.00am

SWIMMING
SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE! START WEEK 2
ALL AGES
Training: Wednesday 6.45 - 7.45am,
Noarlunga Leisure Centre
*Bring school clothes to get changed into after training

GIRLS BASKETBALL
SENIOR SPOTS STILL AVAILABLE! MIDDLE FULL.
START WEEK 1
ALL AGES / PE Uniform
Training: Thursday 3.30-4.30pm, Gym
Games: Saturday 8.30am, 9.20am or 10.30am
Cardijn Basketball Uniform (purchase your own)

CRICKET
Cancelled not enough players.
Refunds will be issued to families who have paid for season.

FROM THE CANTEEN
Order now from our canteen online!
Find out how to get started here: CLICK HERE
THE CANTEEN NOW SELLS VEGAN PIES MADE FROM A LOCAL BAKER!

2017 PARENT HANDBOOK NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE COLLEGE WEBSITE CLICK HERE

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All volunteers at the College (Sport, Canteen, Billets, Board, P&F, Music, Marist Centre, etc) who have not previously attended an induction session are asked to attend the:

**Volunteer Induction Night**

**Tuesday 28 February 2017**

7.00pm – 7.45pm

**Language Learning Centre (Faulkner House)**

This induction serves to familiarise volunteers with a range of pastoral, legal and safety information. This is a legal requirement under the WHS Guidelines and is required for all volunteers at the College.

To register your attendance at this session please advise Kirsty Finch on the contact details below.

Phone: 8392 9500

Email: kfinch@cardijn.catholic.edu.au

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**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HOSTING A JAPANESE STUDENT?**

Imagine living overseas for a week immersing yourself in another culture. Well that’s what 20 Year 9 Japanese students and two teachers will be doing in March. They will be placed with a host family and attend Cardijn College. They’ll live like a local and become immersed in our culture. They’ll learn more about the language and gain valuable international experience. Both the hosts and the students themselves will learn a lot about each other.

The Cardijn College community has a proud tradition of offering a welcoming hospitality to those who enter our community.

With the Japanese students arriving Thursday 23 March 2017 and departing Sunday 2 April 2017, we are looking for families to become hosts.

If you are interested in being a host family for one or possibly more of these students please contact:

Sophie Dimitropoulos
Email: sdimitropoulos@cardijn.catholic.edu.au
or by phone: 8392 9500

Host families are provided with $300.00 to cover any expenses incurred in hosting a Japanese Exchange student.