Dear Families, Staff and Friends of Cardijn

Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews
It was wonderful to see so many parents in attendance at the Year 12 Parent Teacher interviews last Monday.

The Year 12 Parent Teacher interviews allow families the opportunity to come into the College early in the year and have a conversation about how their child has started the academic year.

As a Year 12 teacher, I find it very useful to give feedback on how I see the students in my class progressing, and give advice about how to move forward and improve.

It has been clear that over the last few years, this form of formal communication is having an impact on how our students perform, as it is very evident that the teachers, the parents and definitely the students are all in partnership.

There was a great atmosphere on the night, and many parents made comment about how much they appreciate the face to face contact with their child’s teachers.

Sports Day
Another great Cardijn College Sports Day was played out last Tuesday and congratulations to Chisholm House.

Sports Day at Cardijn is always an exciting day, and I commend the students for the wonderful spirit they showed across all events. Congratulations to Lombard House for winning the Spirit trophy, it was well deserved as you cheered on your team mates with vigor and enthusiasm.

The colour was incredible, the cheering was loud and the endeavour to win was just fantastic. It is a great community day, one that sees House verses House in an effort to win that elusive trophy.

I am sure that there were some very tired students at the end of the day, and while there can only be one winner, everyone should be congratulated, and just remember, anything can happen next year!
This Sunday is Palm Sunday and it celebrates the Passion of Jesus, that is, the events that unfolded from the night of the last supper to his death. It also marks the entry into Holy Week and the conclusion to the season of Lent on Holy Thursday.

As we approach these significant days leading into Easter, the invitation is to consolidate all our key learnings and insights from our experiences of sitting in the ashes (our Lenten journey). Old habits and ways of life that were unloving, unhealthy, clouding our view and judgement of ourselves and others are handed over to die, so that we can experience the joy of new life, right relationships and a clearer vision of who we are in Christ; beloved daughters and sons of God.

The gospel reading for this Sunday’s service is taken from Luke (22:14-23:56)

Joseph Catania  | APRIM
SPORTS DAY 2016!
On Friday 11 March Faulkner House held our annual House Mass. We were very fortunate once again to be honoured by the presence of Emeritus Archbishop Leonard Faulkner who made the journey to Saint Luke’s Church to celebrate with us. As Archbishop Faulkner advances in years we know it becomes more difficult for him to attend our gatherings and so we feel very grateful that he makes the effort to be with us.

To begin the day, the Archbishop asked to meet with the Year 8s of 2016. He has met with our Year 8s each year so far and I know how special it is for our students to meet with the Archbishop in this way. He asked about their new school and their primary schools and he shared stories of his childhood many years ago in the far north of South Australia.

We had a wonderful celebration with Father Charles assisting the Archbishop and our morning was completed by a shared morning tea, where the Archbishop renewed his acquaintance with some of the older Faulkner students.

Judith Botha  |  Faulkner House Leader

I always love the fact that Emeritus Archbishop Faulkner comes in for our house mass and it’s really lovely to sit down and have a chat with him about school and what he has been up to lately over a cupcake. Although we only see him once a year he remembers all our faces and has so much love for the year 8 students and the new students to Faulkner. Being a part of the only house with a live patron is really amazing.

Ellen Laxton

As usual it was lovely to come together as a house and spend some time with our house patron Emeritus Archbishop Faulkner. It was also wonderful to relax for a while in the church and listen to Father Charles and Father Tony talk about the ways in which we can all enrich our lives through our faith. (The cupcakes afterwards weren’t bad either).

Phoebe Dryden

During 2015, 71 students from seven schools were a part of Arch D Radio shows as on-air announcers and music programmers. The Arch D program broadcasts on 107.9 Life FM every Wednesday and Saturday night, and is heard by over 30,000 listeners per week. To celebrate the achievements of the students and staff involved in Arch D Radio, an awards ceremony was held at the DeBourg Auditorium on Friday 4 March. The 2016 Arch D Radio Awards, saw five Cardijn students nominated for awards; Tom Watson, Declan Crawford, Tobias Haggerston, Elly-May Peroff and Tahlia Sally. Awards were presented in seven categories, chosen from the nominated students that made a particularly big impact on the quality of Arch D Radio in the last year. Cardijn was delighted to see Tom Watson win his category for ‘Male Announcer of The Year’ and Tahlia Sully, an old scholar, win the ‘In The Spirit’ Award. It was also wonderful to see Holly Roberts, Cardijn class of 2014, present an award as she was a winner at the 2015 awards.

It was a wonderful night celebrated by a large audience including special guests Father Philip Marshall (Vicar General), Heather Carey (Chancellor Archdiocese of Adelaide), Helen O’Brien (Director – Catholic Education SA) and Michael Chant (CEO – Life FM). Congratulations to all the Cardijn College students involved in Arch D Radio, an impressive 50 students in the past three years, the most of any school involved in the program. A special congratulations to our nominees and award recipients.

If you are interested in becoming involved in radio, listen out for more opportunities later this year or see Ms Greig for more details.
The Year 12 Child Studies students are currently exploring the importance of play, and how it aids in advancing childhood development. Students had a fun and laughter filled lesson last week working with giant foam pieces to create mega robots and the tallest construction. Through engaging in these activities students were understanding how a variety of mathematic concepts can be taught to younger students. The lesson concluded with the students working together to make a fort to fit the whole class, which encouraged students to work collaboratively. ‘I’m really tired!’ was a very common response at the end of our lesson. Students will now apply their learning in creating a resource to encourage primary school students to engage in Nature Play. We would also like to thank the Woodcroft Toy library for the loan of the Imagination Playground equipment.

Jessica Sweeney | Senior School Teacher

F1 IN SCHOOLS TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE NATIONALS

In Week 5, Team Accelerators travelled to Sydney to attend the 2016 F1 in Schools National Finals held in Penrith. This was a follow up from the State Finals, held during the Royal Adelaide Show, where our team won the competition and became the 2016 South Australian Professional Class representatives for the competition. Although we did not win the competition, I would like to congratulate Jessica Madathil (11MI), Sisilina Saukuru (10CH) and Anthony Johns (10MI). We would like to thank Mr Dvorak for his constant support and Mrs Rees for accompanying us throughout the competition and keeping us on track.

Jessica Madathil, 11MI

Team Accelerators represented South Australia in the Formula One in Schools Technology Challenge National Finals held in Sydney.

Congratulations Jessica Madathil (11MI), Sisiina Saukuru (10CH) and Anthony Johns (10MI) for the dedication and participation.

Renee Rees | STEM Teacher
CHANGES TO VOLUNTEER POLICE CHECKS

The Catholic Church in SA has recently foreshadowed changes to some of the arrangements relating to police checks for volunteers. These changes are consistent with moves across South Australia to align the volunteer police checking process more closely with recommendations arising from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

While the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide’s Police Check Unit (PCU) will still manage the police check process, some of the changes, effective from 1 May, include:

• Sourcing a Working With Children Check through the SA Government’s Department for Families and Social Inclusion (DCSI);
• A streamlined and simpler application process;
• The opportunity for volunteers to volunteer on 7 occasions per year without the requirement for a police check (where the volunteering does not include excursions or overnight stays);
• No requirement for children under 18 years of age to hold a check;
• The provision of a convenient wallet-sized clearance card as distinct from a clearance letter.

As our school transitions to the new arrangements by 1 May it is possible that we may invite you to renew your current check, prior to its usual expiry date, under the current arrangements. If this is the case we will contact you. In the meantime if you have any questions with regards to police checks as a volunteer please contact:

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