



NEWSLETTER

CATHOLIC COLLEGE BENDIGO *LIVE THE GOOD NEWS*

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A Word From our Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

New Beginnings

On Tuesday we welcomed our Year 7 (2008) students into Catholic College Bendigo. It was wonderful to experience the excitement of these students at the beginning of their secondary schooling. Thank you to **Mr Bill Gaskell** and **Miss Hannah Baird** for the extensive work they have contributed to ensure this process of transition is as smooth as possible. On the same day our Year 10 (2008) students enjoyed an orientation day at Coolock. It was tremendous to walk into the new theatre at the Marian Centre and see it full of students. Whilst we often focus on the energy and excitement of the students, it is worth mentioning that our Year 7 and 10 teachers were also very excited at the end of the day as they discussed the very positive encounters they had experienced during these orientation days at both Coolock and La Valla.

Farewell to Staff

The sad part of the year's end is the inevitable farewell to staff who, for a variety of reasons move from our College. I would like to make particular mention of some long serving staff members who shall retire at the end of the year. **Ms Judy Stuchbery** will retire after 29 years and **Mr Kevin Dullard** will retire after 28 years. Both these educators were employed before we became Catholic College Bendigo. Their contribution to more than a generation of young people cannot be given justice in this article but we certainly say thank you and congratulations on their outstanding careers as educators. **Mr Phil Sherry** says farewell to take up a position at St. Patrick's College Ballarat. **Mr Sherry** began in 1991 and has been a wonderful contributor across so many aspects of College Life. **Ms Margaret White** leaves us to take up a position at Notre Dame Shepparton after 15 years of great service to our College. Other staff to leave us are: **Miss Alison Heathcote**, **Mr Glenn Bradley**, **Ms Louise Matthews**, **Mr Stephen Watts**, **Mr Deryck Raeburn-Jenkin** and **Mr Jay Williams**. We thank these staff and wish them well for their future endeavours. **Mrs Kim Carter (nee Beevers)** and **Ms Maria O'Donnell** are taking 12 months leave and **Mr Darren Scott** is taking 6 months leave. We also have two staff going on Maternity leave. We wish **Mrs Ember Chittenden** and **Mrs Amy Clark** all the best for the pending births of their first children.

Christmas

Last Sunday a large crowd attended the Youth Mass in the Cathedral. It was a fitting way to begin our preparation for Christmas as we explored the theme of "Presents or Presence". We were challenged by Bishop Joseph Grech in his interview style homily with **Hayley Teasdale (10D)** to reflect on the importance of Christ's presence within us being more important than the presents we receive. Thank you to all the young people involved in the planning and leading of this beautiful Mass. As we draw to the close of 2007 I thank each and every member of our community for your role in our wonderful College. I wish you all a safe, happy and Holy Christmas. I hope you all find time for celebrating with family and also time to recognize and celebrate the presence of Christ in our lives at this festive time for our Church.

Let us Live the Good News

Mr Darren McGregor - Principal

Orientation Day



Year 9 students from La Valla came to Coolock on Tuesday 4 December for Orientation Day. They are pictured being addressed by **Mr Chris Coughlan**, one of the Year 10 Coordinators in the new Marian Centre Auditorium. Students then went on a discovery tour of the college while others did activities in the new gym. Activities were rotated among the home groups throughout the day.

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Coolock: Yr 10-12
Barkly Street Bendigo 3550
Phone: (03) 5445 9100
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FROM OUR DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

La Valla News

This being our final newsletter for the year I would like to thank all parents for their ongoing support throughout this year. As we regularly mention, education is about the partnership between the school and the families and unless we work together the success of our task is greatly limited. Our students develop and shine in so many different areas of school and life and it is great to be a part of their exciting development in young adults. I pray that all families have a happy, holy and restful Christmas and summer break.

Orientation Day

On Tuesday we had our Year 7 class of 2008 join us for the day. These nervous, but excited students moved to their homegroups and spent the day becoming more familiar with the environment of Catholic College Bendigo and the life of a secondary student. I congratulate the Year 7 Co-ordinators, Miss Hannah Baird and Mr Bill Gaskell who organised the day and all of the activities for the students.

All the very best for an enjoyable and safe holiday.

Mr Michael Chalkley
Deputy Principal

As this is our final newsletter for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank quite a few people, and at the risk of leaving anyone out (always a danger in a College as large as ours) I would like to thank the following people for their tireless efforts this year.

The teaching staff for their great work during the year and the generosity of spirit that reflects their efforts at Catholic College Bendigo. The auxillary staff, the people helping other people to keep the College running and in the condition it is. The parents who help on a voluntary basis assist wherever they can - a sincere thank you on behalf of the total school community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Kylie McMinn who has been Head of Office at Coolock for the past two years, and wish her all the best for her future life in Echuca.

As Christmas approaches it is time for reflection on its true meaning of Christmas in the over commercialised world we live in. Time with family and friends, a time to reflect on our fortunate lives here in Australia, but most importantly a time to ponder the birth of Jesus - God made man and just what this means to us individually and as a community at this time and place.

God Bless!

Mr John Ferris

2008 TERM DATES:

Term 1:	29 January - 20 March
Term 2:	7 April - 27 June
Term 3:	14 July - 19 September
Term 4:	6 October - 18 December

Living the Good News

Advent is a time for looking expectantly to the future – to the arrival of God into our world anew, but in an interesting way, as the year draws to a close, we also look backwards, reflecting on the year that has been and (hopefully) how we have grown and changed throughout the past 365 days. As we get older, it is tempting to think that we have done all of our learning, that our ways are set, that our personality is formed.

As Christians, we do not believe this to be the case. God is always working in us through the people we encounter and the experiences we live. We are not the same person we were at the beginning of the year. Our attitudes in some areas have shifted. Our emotions towards different people and events have moved and (God forbid), even our physical appearance is different! None of these are a bad thing. We are always growing into the most perfect version of ourselves. If we stayed static, if we denied change, we would be the lesser for it.

That said, it is important that we don't allow this process to go on unreflected. We need to give some time to seeing where the major points of movement have been for our hearts and minds and take stock of whether they were conscious moments of decision, or something that 'just happened'. We should naturally be weary of changes that 'just happened', for we are human. We can make mistakes. We can treat others imperfectly. We can behave in ways that are dismissive or destructive to the Kingdom of God.

Hopefully there haven't been too many of these this year! Hopefully, you can look back on 2007 with a sense that your heart has become warmer, bigger, more gracious and more joyful. Hopefully, this Christmas will see you welcome the infant Jesus into our world once again with a sense that there are even bigger and more wonderful things on the horizon.

When we celebrate with Mass at Christmas time, we gather as a community of believers to reaffirm the part of our lives that knows that we are dependent on God for all the good things that come our way. This year, as you attend the Christmas liturgies, take a moment to look around at the people you are celebrating with: God has been working in them all year too – bringing them fullness and completion through the people and events that have shaped their year. Personally, I think there is nothing more beautiful than the Christmas Masses...all those people, with all their hopes and fears drawn together to acknowledge that there is something more at work in our world: something stronger and more powerful than anything we can imagine, which is paradoxically represented to us at this time as a vulnerable baby.

Christmas Peace & Blessings

Ms Kate Fogarty

Director of Religious Education and Faith

Wellbeing Comment

As we move into a time of celebration let us hope that all members of the Catholic College Bendigo community manage to celebrate safely while looking out for each other.

Holiday times, and especially Christmas time, can be times of great stress. It is important for us all to try to minimise the stress so that relationships and enjoyment do not suffer. One of the first steps in resolving interpersonal stress is to listen to each other. Try to imagine the other person's viewpoint. Observe non verbal body language to gain meaning beyond what is being said. Extend your tolerance levels. Resist the temptation to jump in with critical comments. Limit yourself to constructive feedback until the context has shifted and criticism can be offered without blame. When things get a bit too much, phone a friend or perhaps use one of the following services:

Kids Helpline: 1800 551 800
 Bendigo Community Health: 54 481600
 Lifeline: 131114
 Parentline: 132289

On behalf of the wellbeing team, we wish all in our community a happy and safe Christmas and holiday period.

Ms Amanda Leonard, Mr Mark Lees, Ms Letitia Henderson, Ms Karli Price, Br. Kevin Langley and Sr. Kathy Ryan.

LA VALLA LIBRARY

Overdue books and reports

Parents and students are reminded that in line with established policy (see 2007 Family Handbook, section 7.17), reports will not be issued to students with overdue library books. Regular reminders about overdue books are sent to students. In addition, letters listing overdue books will be sent out.

All books on loan from the La Valla Library will become overdue from Friday 16 November 2007. Students with a La Valla library book(s) must return that book(s) before they can receive their Semester 2 report.

I would appreciate it if checks could be made at home and any La Valla Library books found, be returned to school. Should any student have a query about their loans, they should check with a member of the library staff.

Mr Kym Levett - La Valla Librarian

COOLOCK LIBRARY

Overdue books and Reports

Students are reminded that all library books are to be returned. Reports and school magazines will not be issued to any student who still has an outstanding book.

If the book has been lost a replacement fee will be charged. If you have any problems please contact the Coolock Library Staff. Thanks.

Mrs Donna Stewart
Coolock Head of Library

Orientation Day



Mr Darren Scott leading a group around the College.



Some of 2008's year 10 H group in the gym.

Second Hand Book Sales

Coolock

Catholic College Bendigo will not be taking books this year for sales, due to the large amount of uncollected money and books last year. However, Gilberts Books in Rohs Rd are happy to take second hand books that are on the booklist for 2008. You may contact Gilberts Books on 5441 8743.

La Valla

Books available for purchase:
 Year 9 Maths (\$20 - \$35), English - Romeo & Juliet, Tomorrow When the War Began (\$5 - \$10)
 Year 7 & 8 LOTE Texts (\$25 - \$20)
 Books will be sold from Meeting room Windows on Thursday and Friday

RACV Energy Breakthrough

From Friday 23 November until 25 November, thirteen students accompanied by four staff members from Coolock went to Maryborough to complete their participation in the RACV Energy Breakthrough for this year.

We have been preparing for this event all year and it was extremely exciting to finally be at the event.

After an early morning start getting everything packed we were on our way at 8.30 am Friday morning. The eight riders of the team, **Bridget Whelan (10C), Jessica Geary (10V), Shelly Flood (10G), Clea O'Brien (10V), Ryan Pontelandolfo (12F), Jeremy Lavery (12L), David Rykers (12A) and Jordan Lucas (11P)** presented information to a panel of judges after which they took the vehicle, Fast Torque, through scrutineering (where everything was checked), they were asked questions on the design and construction of the trike. Friday night was the qualifying time, each rider had a turn in the trike, getting used to riding it and trying to give us as good a starting spot as possible.

Saturday at 1pm was race time, after a few quick touch up's which made us late getting on the grid, we were off and ready for 24 hours non - stop riding. After a few setbacks Sunday morning we were able to get over the finish line in 7th place, and in the race overall 40th in Category C.

Thanks to the Pit Crew, **Daniel Seymour (10H), Daniel Thomson (10J), and Finnian Sullivan (10G)** for all their help around the track and at pit changes. Also, a massive thank you to the teachers who helped us through the year: **Mr Colin Hogan, Mr Nathan Tasca, Mr Daniel McKee and Miss Jackie Kellow.**

Catholic College Bendigo Energy Breakthrough Media Team, **Ashlea O'Connor (10V) and Emma Walshe (10V)**



The CCB 'Fast Torque' in full swing



The CCB 'Fast Torque' Energy Breakthrough Team 2007 (from Left to Right):

Mr. Colin Hogan, Emma Walshe, Shelly Flood, Miss Jackie Kellow, Clea O'Brien, Daniel Thomson, David Rykers, Jordan Lucas, Finnian Sullivan, Ryan Pontelandolfo, Jeremy Lavery, Mr. Daniel McKee, Jessica Geary, Daniel Seymour, Mr Nathan Tasca, Bridget Whelan, Ashlea O'Connor.

Catholic Primary Discount 2008

A Catholic Primary Discount of \$118.00 applies to families that have two or more students at Catholic College Bendigo and are paying Catholic Primary school fees.

This will be applied to fee accounts in Terms 3 & 4. Forms are available from the Finance Office at Coolock or please call the Finance Office on 5445 9191.

Mr Brenton Middlemiss - Finance Manager

CCB Uniform Centre

Barkly Street, Bendigo

Ph: 54414469

Tues: 1.00pm - 5.00pm

Fri: 11.00am - 6.00pm

Sat: 9.00 - 12 pm

Holiday Trading hours: Please note the Uniform Centre will be closing this Friday 7 December at 6pm.

Reopen Monday January 21 10am - 5pm

January 22 - 24 8.30am - 5pm

January 25 10am - 5pm

January 28 Closed (Australia Day Holiday)

January 29 - 31 10am - 5pm

February 5 Back to regular hous as above

Calendar

November 2007	
Fri 7 Dec	Yr 7 & 8 finish
Thu 13 Dec	Yr 10 & 11 Report Collection Day. 9 - 6pm.
Mon 17 Dec	Yr 12 Collection Day. 9 - 3.30pm. VCE Results
Mon 17 - 21 Dec	Yr 12 Post Results counselling in Careers Office
January 2008	
Tue 29 Jan	Teachers return
Thu 31 Jan	Year 7 & 10 students return
Fri 1 Feb	All students return
Fri 8 Feb	Opening Mass
Thu 20 Mar	End of Term 1
Fri 21 Mar	Good Friday
Sat 22 Mar	Holy Saturday
Sun 23 Mar	Easter Sunday
Mon 24 Mar	Easter Monday
Mon 7 April	Commencement Term 2
Fri 27 Jun	End of Term 2
Mon 14 Jul	Commencement Term 3
Fri 19 Sep	End of Term 3
Mon 6 Oct	Commencement Term 4
Thu 18 Dec	Final Day for Teaching Staff
To Be confirmed	Year level final dates

Catholic Parishes Mass Times

SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL: Wattle Street, Bendigo; Sun 8.30am, 11am, 6pm.

ST KILIAN'S: McCrae Street, Bendigo; Sat 6.30pm, Sun 7am, 10am.

ST MARY'S: High Street, Golden Square; Sat 6pm,

ST MONICA'S: High Street, Kangaroo Flat; Sun 9am.

ST JOSEPH'S: Russell Street, Quarry Hill; Sat 6pm.

HOLY ROSARY: Hamelin Street, White Hills; Sat 6pm, Sun 10am.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER: Strickland Road, East Bendigo; Sun 8.30am.

ST THERESE'S: Albion St, Kennington; Sat 6pm, Sun 10.30am

ST LIBORIUS: Eaglehawk Rd; Sat 6pm. Sun - 7.30am & 10.30am.

Report Collection

Yr 10/11 student reports that are not collected on **Thursday 13 December** will be safely locked away, and will only be available when students return for school in 2008.

College Fees

Each year fees are reviewed with consideration being given to increasing costs and revenue received from Federal and State grants in addition to School fees.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics in its publication 6401.0 Consumer Price Index has reported that costs in the Education Sector have risen by over 26% in the last four years. Fees have increased by 12.6% in the same period. This and the fact that the grants from the State Government have only increased at just over 8.2% in the same time frame means that in real terms the school has fewer resources to provide the same high level of education you demand. In response to this the College Advisory Council has approved an increase of 5% to the school fees. The following table provides you with the approved fee schedule that will operate for 2008.

The new rates are:

Tuition Fee	Technology Fee	Total	Per Week equiv.
\$2528	\$228	\$2756	\$53
(Families with 1 student)			

Tuition Fee	Technology Fee	Total	Per Week equiv.
\$4588	\$404	\$4992	\$96
(Families with 2 or more students)			

A reminder that the October prepayment instalment has been discontinued. All outstanding account balances must be cleared by the end of the school year unless other arrangements have been made with the College.

Mr Brenton Middlemiss - Finance Manager

Community Events

YOUTH GROUP

Angela Stark at St Therese's is interested in getting a Youth Group in the Parish. All Welcome. Please contact Angela on 54432455 if you are interested in getting involved or have some ideas about how the group might work.

For any enquiries please call Rosalind AH 54393779, Peter AH 54440367 or Lisa 54440253 / 0405340452.

THE MARIST BROTHERS BAND

Presents Christmas Carols. Come along and sing your favourite Carols along with the Sing Australia. the Coolock Choir and St Therese's Choir on Sunday 9 December 2007 at 7.00pm at Bendigo's magnificent Sacred Heart Cathedral. Everybody is welcome.

Scholarships

The following information is about student scholarships administered by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development for students who are currently in Years 4-12. The online application process is obtained at <https://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships/> Students will need their 2007 'end of year' results to apply online.

There are scholarships that the Department administers that have financial need as an eligibility criterion. This criterion will be met by the parent/guardian being an eligible recipient of the Education Maintenance Allowance or the students themselves receiving the Youth Allowance.

Scholarships for Year 12 Students include the Alice Jennings' Scholarship for a Koorie female completing her last year of VCE/VCAL. The other Year 12 scholarships available are the Glen Moorhead Memorial Scholarship, the Ken Matthews Scholarship and the Walter Lindrum Memorial Scholarship.

Please note: The student online application process closes on Friday 25 January 2008.

Primary

Graham Davidson Scholarship: This scholarship, which is valued at \$600, will be awarded after consideration of the student's end of year results together with the student's involvement in school and community activities. Students must be currently completing Year 6 in 2007 and be sons or daughters of members of the police force, police pensioners or police widows. The scholarship is for two years and carries an allowance of \$300 per year.

Secondary

Albert Jacka and William Newton Memorial Scholarship: The Port Phillip City Council provides a \$1000 scholarship in memory of Albert Jacka and William Newton, two Victoria Cross winners, who were both residents of the City of Port Phillip. Current Year 8 students who reside in the City of Port Phillip are invited to apply. The scholarship will be awarded after consideration of the student's end of year results, involvement in school and community activities, and circumstances of disadvantage and/or need. The scholarship is for four years and carries a yearly allowance of \$250 a year.

Alice Jennings Scholarship: A scholarship is available for a female Koorie student currently completing Year 12 in 2007 who, immediately upon receiving her Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) or her Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL), intends to enter an approved TAFE or University course in a field that contributes to the welfare of the Koorie population. This would include, but not be limited to, studies in Law, Social Work, Education, Psychology or Applied Science (Health Production, Nursing, etc). The award will be made on the basis of the student entering the approved course and her demonstrated community involvement in the Koorie population. The scholarship is valued at \$1000 per annum and will be awarded for one or more years of study subject to the student's satisfactory progress. Scholarship holders must agree to authorise the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to obtain academic results in connection with the scholarship.

Angela Taylor Scholarships: Two scholarships, which are valued at \$250 each, will be awarded after consideration of the student's end of year results together with the student's involvement in school and community activities. Students must be currently completing Year 8 in 2007 and be sons or daughters of members of the police force, police pensioners or police widows. The scholarships are for one year and carry an allowance of \$250 per year.

Constable Howell Memorial Scholarships: Two Scholarships will be awarded to students who are currently completing Year 8 in 2007, after consideration of the student's end of year results together with the student's involvement in school and community activities. These scholarships are for one year and carry an allowance of \$2,000.

Curson Memorial Scholarships: Two scholarships will be awarded after consideration of the student's end of year results together with the student's involvement in school and community activities. Students must be currently completing Year 8 in 2007 and be sons or daughters of a member of the police force, police pensioners or police widows. These scholarships are for one year and carry an allowance of \$2,000.

E.C. James Scholarship: This scholarship, which is valued at \$750, will be awarded after consideration of the student's end of year results together with the student's involvement in school and community activities. Students must be currently completing Year 9 in 2007 and be sons or daughters of members of the police force, police pensioners or police widows. This scholarship is for three years and carries an allowance of \$250 per year.

Maurice Moore Memorial Scholarship: One scholarship will be awarded after consideration of the student's end of year results together with the student's involvement in school and community activities. Students must be currently completing Year 8 in 2007 and be sons or daughters of members of the police force, police pensioners or police widows. This scholarship is for one year and carries an allowance of \$2,000.

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Ray Denman Memorial Scholarship: One scholarship will be awarded after consideration of the student's end of year results together with the student's involvement in school and community activities. Students must be currently completing Year 8 in 2007 and be sons or daughters of members of the police force, police pensioners or police widows. This scholarship is for one year and carries an allowance of \$2,000.

Robert Lane Memorial Scholarship: One scholarship will be awarded after consideration of the student's end of year results together with the student's involvement in school and community activities. Students must be currently completing Year 8 in 2007 and be sons or daughters of members of the police force, police pensioners or police widows. This scholarship is for one year and carries an allowance of \$2,000.

Stephen Henry Memorial Scholarship: One scholarship will be awarded after consideration of the student's end of year results together with the student's involvement in school and community activities. Students must be currently completing Year 8 in 2007 and be sons or daughters of members of the police force, police pensioners or police widows. This scholarship is for one year and carries an allowance of \$2,000.

The Frank Carey- Memorial Scholarships: Two scholarships valued at \$600 will be awarded after consideration of the student's school involvement and end of year results together with the student's involvement in a community group (such as sporting, church, hobby or charity). Students must be currently completing Year 10 in 2007 and be sons or daughters of financial members of the Public Transport Union Victorian Locomotive Division. Each scholarship is for two years and carries an allowance of \$300 per year.

The Glenn Moorhead Memorial Scholarship: One scholarship valued at \$600 over two years (\$300 per year) for students commencing tertiary education in 2008.. The scholarship will be awarded after consideration of the student's school involvement and end of year results together with the student's involvement in a community group (such as sporting, church, hobby or charity). The student must have completed Year 12 in 2007, and be sons or daughters of financial members of the Rail, Tram & Bus Union, Locomotive Division.

The Ken Matthews Scholarship: One scholarship valued at \$600 over two years (\$300 per year) for students commencing tertiary education in 2008.. The scholarship will be awarded after consideration of the student's school involvement and end of year results together with the student's involvement in a community group (such as sporting, church, hobby or charity). The student must have completed Year 12 in 2007, and be sons or daughters of financial members of the Rail, Tram & Bus Union, Locomotive Division.

The Steve Gibson Memorial Scholarships: Two scholarships valued at \$600 will be awarded after consideration of the student's school involvement and end of year results together with the student's involvement in a community group (such as sporting, church, hobby or charity). Students must be currently completing Year 10 in 2007 and be sons or daughters of financial members of the Public Transport Union Victorian Locomotive Division. Each scholarship is for two years and carries an allowance of \$300 per year.

Tynan-Eyre Memorial Scholarship: A scholarship valued at \$400 will be awarded after consideration of the student's 2007 end of year results together with the student's involvement in school and community activities. Students must be currently completing Year 10 in 2007 and be sons or daughters of a member of the police force, police pensioners or police widows. The scholarship is for two years and carries an allowance of \$200 per year.

Tynan-Eyre Memorial Scholarship for Year 10 Koorie Students: Koorie students currently completing Year 10 in 2007 are invited to apply for the Tynan-Eyre scholarship valued at \$400. The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of the student's 2007 end of year results and involvement in school and community activities. The scholarship is for two years and carries an allowance of \$200 per year.

Victorian Association for Deserted Children and Ivy Blair Scholarships: Four scholarships are available, each to the value of \$600. Applications are invited from students currently completing Year 10 in 2007 at any registered school in Victoria. The scholarships are for two years and carry an allowance of \$300 per year. The scholarships are aimed at students who are performing well at school, but may need some financial assistance to help them complete secondary school. The scholarships are specifically targeted to students who, whilst undertaking VCE, will be dependent on a sole parent or whose parent/s are deceased.

Walter Lindrum Memorial Scholarships

Scholarships will be awarded to students attending any Victorian school who are currently completing Year 12 in 2007 and who will be commencing a University or TAFE degree or diploma (not certificate) in 2008 in Victoria. Scholarships will be awarded on the basis of the student's school results, involvement in school and community activities and the student's financial circumstances. The scholarships, offered by the Trust Company of Australia, consist of an allowance of \$500 for one year in the first instance, but will be renewable for each year of the course, provided that satisfactory progress has been made.