

SPORTS REPORT

SACCSS Golf Results - Congratulations to the following students for their individual efforts at the SACCSS Golf competition on Monday 16th February: Marc Naimo (83), Nathanael Smith (96), Luke Sullivan (97), Anthony Tedesco (109), Mark Kolaric (112) and Matthew Cerini (DNF due to injury).

The college placed 3rd overall in the best team category. Thanks to Andrew Mollica for escorting the boys to this event and to Matthew Azzopardi for his assistance on the day.

CAS Tennis Results - Congratulations to the following students for their efforts at the CAS tennis on Monday 2nd March.

Boys

Jeremy Evans -won 6-3, 6-1, 6-4 to finish 1st place in Pool A -QF result - lost 1-6.

Jack Noonan - won 6-1, 6-3, 6-0 to finish 1st place in Pool B -QF result -6-1 SF result-lost 3-6

Matthew Shiberras - won 6-3, lost 3-6 to finish 2nd place in Pool C - QF result - lost 1-6

Girls

Kristina Anic - won 6-0, 6-0 to finish 1st place in Pool A - QF result - won 6-0 SF- won -6-3.

Sarah Giannetta - won 6-0, 6-0 to finish 1st place in Pool B - QF result - won 6-0 SF lost 4-6.

Breanna Slattery - won 6-0, 6-4 to finish 1st place in Pool C - QF result - lost 0-6.

Elyse Sicari - lost 1-6, 0-6 to finish 3rd place in Pool D - QF result - won 6-5.

Kristina Anic went on to represent the College at the Championship Day on Monday 16th March, and was runner up in the final

SACCSS Swimming Results - Congratulations to the following students for their efforts at the Swimming Carnival held at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre on Tuesday 17th March.



Boys Individual results

Liam Green – 1st 50m freestyle B, 2nd 50m breaststroke A

Ben Kennedy – 2nd 50m backstroke A, 2nd 50m butterfly, 2nd 100m freestyle

Benson Mok – 2nd 50m backstroke B, 1st 50m breaststroke B

Anthony Crack - 2nd 50m freestyle A

Daniel Zarosinski – 4th 50m freestyle B

Girls Individual results

Jaclyn Larkin - 4th 50m freestyle A, 3rd 50m breaststroke A

Stephanie Sullivan - 4th 100m freestyle, 2nd 50m butterfly, 5th 50m backstroke A

Jessica Nash - 2nd 50m freestyle B, 3rd 50m backstroke B

Sarah Williams - 3rd 50m breaststroke B

Team results

1st Girls 50m freestyle relay (Sarah Williams, Jessica Nash, Stephanie Sullivan, Jaclyn Larkin)

1st Girls 50m medley relay (Sarah Williams, Jessica Nash, Stephanie Sullivan, Jaclyn Larkin)

1st Boys 50m freestyle relay (Liam Green, Ben Kennedy, Anthony Crack, Ciaran Nolan)

2nd Boys 50m medley relay (Liam Green, Benson Mok, Brandon Cheng, Ben Kennedy)

Sydenham placed 2nd in the Senior Girls Aggregate

Sydenham placed 2nd in the Senior Boys Aggregate

Sydenham placed 1st in the Overall Senior Aggregate

Thanks to Jade Barr for her work as team manager and to Ashleigh Gunn and Danielle Courtney for their assistance in the marshalling room at the event.

MEGAN HILL - SPORTS COORDINATOR

IMPORTANT : CHANGE IN TIMETABLE ON THE 24 AND 25 OF MARCH

Due to the Intercampus Mass for staff which is being held on Tuesday 24 March from 1.30pm onwards it will be a half day for students. However, to ensure that students do not miss classes it has been decided to run a **Wednesday timetable on the Tuesday and a Tuesday timetable on the Wednesday 25 March**. This means students will be present for a full day of classes on Wednesday 25th March. There will be no early dismissal. The only students affected by this change will be the VET students who must still go to TAFE on the Wednesday and Multi media students.

LOOKING AHEAD

Important Dates & Excursions		Important Dates & Excursions	
Monday 23 March	SACCSS Senior Sports Day	Tuesday 31 March	CAS Swimming Carnival
Tuesday 24 March	Intercampus Mass—All Staff All students will be dismissed at 12.55 pm	Wednesday 1 April	Yr. 12 Revision Classes Yr. 11's dismissed at 12.55 pm
Wednesday 25 March	Yr. 11 Outdoor Education Trip	Thursday 2 April	Interim Reports - Parent Teacher Interviews - School Hall VCE/VCAL Information Evening - Theatre
Thursday 26 March	Yr. 11 Outdoor Education Trip Yr. 12 Studio Arts Excursion to TOP Arts		
Friday 27 March	Yr. 11 Outdoor Education Trip		
Saturday 28 March	Parents' Association Trivia Night		



Harmony Day 2009

God of all people
You bring us together here in Australia
Many people from many different backgrounds.
As one nation
May we respect the rights of all people
To live in peace and harmony
Celebrating our rich diversity
And the unique contribution that each of us makes to the whole.
Amen

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and members of the CRC Sydenham Community,

SPORTING SUCCESS

Congratulations to our swimming squad who won the Sports Association of Catholic Coeducational Secondary Schools competition held at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre on Tuesday 17 March. This is a phenomenal achievement. It is ten years since CRC Sydenham won the event. Well done to our students in the squad whose names and photos are contained in this newsletter. Thank you to Megan Hill and Jade Barr, the staff who organised and ran the morning training sessions.

INTERMIN REPORTS AND PARENT STUDENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Staff have been busy correcting the first SACs, outcomes and tests ready for Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews to be held from 2pm on Thursday 2 April. It is essential that all parents attend this evening which will be held in the College Hall. It is clear from research that students whose parents take an ongoing interest in their progress, perform to a higher level. Collaboration and communication between parents, students and teachers must occur for the success of students in their final years. I urge you to attend the interview evening and look forward to speaking with you on the night.

CLASS OF 2008

It is always wonderful to hear of the success of our graduates. The Class of 2008 are already making their mark on the world. Rhys Parkinson, a student from our 2008 VCE class will be represented in Top Designs 2009 and Top Arts 2009. Top Design will be at the Melbourne Museum while Top Arts will be an exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria. It is exceptional for a student to be shortlisted for one of the seasons of excellence events but to be shortlisted and selected for exhibition in both is a phenomenal achievement. I encourage all families to visit the exhibitions as they showcase some of the best new talent that our State has to offer. I congratulate Rhys on his achievements as well as his teachers for Art, Phil Edwards and Visual Communication and Design, Heather Clarke.

Liam Loriente, another VCE student from 2008 has been awarded a Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship to study at Swinburne University of Technology this year. Swinburne offers Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships in degree programs across all faculties to students who display academic excellence in their Year 12 studies. Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships exempt students from paying the Student Contribution Amount (previously known as HECS). We congratulate Liam on this outstanding achievement and wish him well in his degree.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Each year the Parents' Association run two main fundraising events, a Trivia Evening and a raffle. The first of these, the Trivia Night, will be held at the College on Saturday 28 March. The money raised from such events assists the school to keep fees at a minimum, build community and purchase much needed equipment for student use. We have had very generous support from a number of businesses who have donated prizes for the evening. Last year, every person who attended the evening walked away with a prize. This year the prizes include:

- ◆ Children's books to the value of \$70 from Dymocks
- ◆ Language books to the value of \$50 from Insegna
- ◆ Coffee table books to the value of \$700 from CitiPower, Book Binding and Harper Collins Publisher
- ◆ 2 x Australian Centre for Moving Image Vouchers for 2 people.
- ◆ \$25 voucher from Book Binding
- ◆ \$100 Coles Myer Voucher from Smart Edge Badges.
- ◆ Household detergents from Cleancare Australia
- ◆ 2 x \$100 CDF eSaver accounts.
- ◆ \$200 Uniform voucher from BuxWear Uniforms
- ◆ \$2 x \$50 vouchers from The Green Centre
- ◆ 2 x \$40 vouchers from Routleys Pies, Cakes, Bread and Catering
- ◆ \$500 voucher from LeMans Toyota
- ◆ \$100 Prestigo Photo Voucher from Arthur Reed Photos and 2 x \$30 vouchers for School Photo packages.
- ◆ 1 x \$25 voucher, 1 x \$15 voucher and 1 x \$10 voucher from Carnation Blush Florist.
- ◆ \$500 Voucher from David Rice Interiors/Blind Design

Tickets are still available, please complete the form and return it to the College this week or call the College for tickets.

Yours faithfully

Brendan J Watson OAM
Principal

We would like to invite all parents / guardians and students to

PARENT-STUDENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thursday 2 April (2.30pm – 8.30pm)

Parents and students will be provided with a PIN number to complete an on-line booking for these interviews with teachers. Computers will be made available in the school for families that do not have access to the Internet at home. This information is included in this broader package of information that has been mailed to you with your son/daughter's report. Where teachers have a particular concern in relation to the performance of a student they will indicate this on the Interim Report, requesting that parents attend an interview. We look forward to seeing you at the interviews.

INTERIM REPORTS

Interim Report will be posted home on **Monday 23 March**. These reports serve a distinct purpose. They provide a timely update for parents and students in regard to both their academic progress and their attitude and effort in their studies.

CRAIG HOLMES

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - LEARNING AND TEACHING

SMS TEXT MESSAGING FOR STUDENT ABSENCE

The College will be introducing a new system to inform parents of their child's absence from school next term. A full explanation is included in this mail out to parents. I encourage you to read it and fill out the information that we require for the system to operate effectively.



LEO MCINERNEY

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - STUDENTS

DRUG EDUCATION

Last week the Year 12 students had a guest speaker on Drug education.



Anthony Dieni from St. Pauls Drug Prevention Rehabilitation and Aftercare Program Incorporated. Anthony is the CEO and one of the field workers. He was the recipient of "The Order of Australia" medal in 1997 for his work over the past 30 years.

Anthony talked to the students about the choices they make and the people they can trust. It was very interesting that Anthony pointed out that it is usually your friends who introduce you to drug use, not strangers.

Many young people play the denial game, "it won't happen to me", "I'm too smart to get addicted to drugs", Anthony told the students that yes it can happen and when it does it can change your life in a huge way. It not only affects the user, but family and friends also. He used his own life experiences to demonstrate how damaging drug use can be and how he was able to get pass the negative time in his life with the help of the church and his loving wife.

Anthony shared many wise words about choices we make and how our life can change because of our choices. We are not invincible but we can learn from our mistakes and we can control situations where we can be successful in life.

If you would like to contact Anthony or his wife Maia please use the contact numbers below

Anthony Dieni OAM	Maria Dieni
9390 9306	9390 9306
9379 3624	0438 551 950
0414 819 478	

In the future our pastoral care program is offering information sessions on Cyberbullying, Workplace bullying and career pathways.

ELEVATE EDUCATION

Elevate Education carried out two years research with 400 past students examining their study habits and processes. In doing so the company identified 17 key areas which the habits of the top students differed from those of average students. The company's seminars concentrate on these key areas, helping to give students of all abilities, tools which help them to achieve their personal best.

All of Elevate's presenters have recently faced and aced their final years. They are all of an age that your students can relate to. Drawing on their own personal stories and experiences, these speakers have a proven ability to relate, motivate and elevate students with real examples of what is possible.

By now both Year 11 and 12 have had one session of Elevate. This year the Year 12 students will have two sessions, the next one in August to help the students focus on the preparation for exams.

Recently the Year 11's underwent a session on Student elevation (time management). Most of the feedback from the students has been positive, stating that it was interesting and "I even got something out of it- I think?"

Prior to this the Year 12's session was on memory and mnemonics where the focus was how students remember, encode information and identifying the type of learner the students are.



The next session for the Year 12's is the exam preparation session in August.

For parents who attended the Year 11 Meet the Tutor night and those who would like to understand more about Elevate Education please look up their website www.elevateeducation.com please use the password left to us by James at the Meet the Tutor evening. The Username and password are listed below

Username: jamesr

Password: pacco

JULIEANN RICHARDSON - DIRECTOR OF STUDENT WELLBEING

ARCHBISHOP'S CONSULTATION WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

On Thursday 26th February, 3 CRC Sydenham students – Teagan Kay, Sophie Cirillo and Minh Nguyen – attended the Archbishop's consultation with young people along with other Catholic school students from across Melbourne at Newman College in the grounds of Melbourne University. During the day we learnt about leadership within the Catholic community. One of the great experiences we had was talking to other young students about their experience in leadership. The question of what makes a good leader was asked and we learnt that anyone can be a good leader as long as you can combine all the gifts and talents you have been given together to help your community. Another point emphasised during the day was that we are leaders now, not just leaders in the future.



HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day is celebrated on the 21st March each year. The key objectives are to promote

- ◆ the importance of all **Australians respecting one another** regardless of cultural, racial or religious differences;
- ◆ the **fair treatment of all Australians**, encouraging people to recognise that our interactions should be accepting of, and responsive to, each other's backgrounds, circumstances, needs and preferences
- ◆ **opportunities for people to participate** equitably in Australian society and to understand the rights and responsibilities that we share as part of that society
- ◆ a **sense of belonging for everyone** by helping communities work towards a spirit of inclusiveness and a shared identity as Australians, and
- ◆ the **benefits** of living in a multicultural society.

The CRC Sydenham Social Justice group organised a series of activities during the week, including a celebration of International Women's Day, to support the idea that all people belong and all should be respected no matter what our cultural, racial or religious background.

YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP



This year due to the recent fires at Tidal River and Wilson's Prom, it was decided to travel to Phillip Island to investigate and observe the Phillip Island Nature Park and Churchill Island. The group studies the use and management of this

famous tourist resource and how important it is to protect our environment. The students looked at the nightly penguin parade and saw how management strategies have been sympathetic to the needs of the penguins whilst also caring for the visitors.

At Churchill Island we investigated the importance of preserving a historical settlement whilst protecting the natural environment, particularly the bird habitats.

I believe that it is important for our geography students to go out and see different environments and to realize that we all play an imperative part in protecting and preserving some unique environments.

