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Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

(Luke 10.30-37)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

This week we gathered as a Catholic community, as a people of the Eucharist to celebrate Mass. We were fortunate that the Archbishop was able to celebrate the Mass and speak on our College theme for 2011, Go and Do Likewise. The theme is of course taken from the parable of the Good Samaritan which appears above.

The parable of the Good Samaritan is one of the best-known stories from Jesus. It rivals the parable of the Prodigal Son amongst Christians as well known. Both of the stories from Jesus are found in the Gospel of Luke. Both tell us something about the nature of God, the teaching of Jesus and what it means to be a Christian. A Gallup poll taken several years ago asked what motivated people to become volunteers. Surprisingly, nearly two thirds of people cited the parable of the Good Samaritan as one of the main reasons!

The parable of the Good Samaritan is set in Jesus' ministry as he is going to Jerusalem. On this day, a lawyer comes up to him. These were interpreters of Religious Law in this community, that is the first five books of the Old Testament, and the 10 Commandments. They were the ones who studied and decided how the people were to live out under the law. Unfortunately, in the time of Jesus, the rules and the regulations, the interpretation of the law became more important than people and often more important than a relationship with God. We know from the Gospels that Jesus saw the problems with people who become more concerned with the rules than with God or people.

So here comes the lawyer. He asks a question, the lawyer comes to "test" Jesus as he is concerned with scoring some kind of point in the conversation. Jesus responds with a question himself and His approach has a purpose. "What does the law say?" The lawyer answers by citing two pieces of Old Testament Scripture from Deuteronomy (which we read today) and from Leviticus. It's very familiar to us and its known as the "Summary of the Law" in Matthew's Gospel. Jesus answers, "You got it right!" This is Jesus' powerful understanding of the law, the way to live in relationship with

God and each other. What follows next is also powerful. Jesus says to the lawyer, "Go and do likewise." It's not just enough to know the law; it has to be lived out in one's life. What is being said to the lawyer is being said to us nearly 2,000 years later, love God and love others. All our worship, all our study has to be followed by action! By doing!

This in itself would be enough. We could stop right here, but the lawyer is not finished. We hear he wants to "justify himself". What we notice is that the focus is not on God, but on himself. "Who is my neighbor?" He wants to press Jesus for more. He wants to know what the boundaries of what he has said are, he wants to know just how far he has to go, and where he can stop, he wants the limits. What results is the parable of the Good Samaritan as told by Jesus.

In the Samaritan, Jesus has given us the example of what we are to do. We too are to see the needs of others in our world. Then we are to be moved with compassion, the desire to identify with their needs and do something about it. Finally, we are to act. We are called as Christians to DO SOMETHING.



Here is not only the model for us, but it reflects the very way that Jesus lived his life. Jesus turns to the lawyer and asks him who was a neighbour to the wounded man. The hatred of Samaritans by the Jews at this time was so great, the lawyer can't even say his name, he only responds, "I suppose the one who helped him." Jesus repeats what he has said earlier to the lawyer, "Go and do likewise." There it is again, the call to do something. Our lives as Christians are to be marked by action! Sometimes we will have to forget about our special rules and regulations and do something to care for another. We are called to be the Good Samaritan.

The Archbishop challenged us as a community and as individuals to Go and Do Likewise. Like Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop, to see a need and do something about it. We are called to action, we are called to find a way to contribute and to do so. We are all aware of the very great need in our State and around Australia following the devastating floods of the past few months. So we plan to take action and assist with a project that students and families can become involved in.

Inspired by the mighty effort of volunteers in Queensland in the wake of the destructive floods over the holidays, and in the spirit of our College theme this year, "Go and Do Likewise", we plan this term to put the witness of the Good Samaritan into practice. This will be done by assisting communities in flood affected areas of Victoria. Already we have offered to help property owners in Rochester clear rubbish from their fence lines, a job that many farmers just do not have the time to do but nonetheless needs doing. This will take place on Saturday 26 February. We will leave early in the morning and return home after a day's work.

Our hope is to organise more of these weekend day visits before the end of term one. We are also in the process of organising a week's volunteer work in a community further North or West where we will hopefully be able to offer our assistance in a major clean up activity over an extended period of days. If you are interested in being part of this activity, or know of someone who may be in need of the assistance of a group of able bodied young people, please don't hesitate to contact the College, in particular Paul Reed.

Yours faithfully



BRENDAN J WATSON OAM - PRINCIPAL

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE 2011

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible for the receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either parent or guardian of a secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and

- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA is they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card. The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (**28 February 2011**) and Term 3 (18 July 2011).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by (**28 February 2011**) for the first instalment and 5 August 2011 for the second instalment. The EMA provides an annual amount of \$460 for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the College. Students turning 16 years in 2011 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

Payment Amounts

Instalment	Portion	Secondary School
One	Parent	\$161.00
	School	\$161.00
Two	Parent	\$69.00
	School	\$69.00
	TOTAL	\$460.00

Parents who received EMA in 2010 and are still eligible must reapply to receive the payment in 2011. Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2011 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after **28 February 2011** and prior to or on 5 August 2011, must re-apply at the new school for the second instalment.

Please contact the office for an application form and further information.

YEAR 12 PARENT INVITATION—DR MICHAEL CARR-GREGG AFTERNOON

An invitation is extended to all parents of Year 12 students to join us at the College on Tuesday 22 February from 12.00pm – 12.55pm when Dr. Michael Carr-Gregg will address all Year 12 students.



This is an excellent opportunity for our Year 12 students to benefit from the expertise of one of the country's leading adolescent psychologists. He will present information and insights with regard to balancing the demands of the final year of secondary schooling with an emphasis on maintaining mental and physical health as students set and achieve their own study goals. Support and understanding from family is a crucial element in achieving Year 12 goals and Michael will share parental insights and practical advice to provide a supportive home environment throughout the challenges of Year 12.

CYBERSAFETY

The behaviour of young people online has attracted widespread media attention in recent years. There are many potential pitfalls which young people can fall into when they are online. These can be broadly categorised into two groups:



- Allowing too much of their personal information to be available publicly (phone numbers, school, address, banking information, photos etc)
- Believing that they are anonymous and therefore can say or do things that they otherwise wouldn't

Schools often face the aftermath of these situations that may result from unsafe internet practices, as they often spill over into classrooms and the yard. Here at CRC Sydenham we are taking a number of steps to address these issues including:

- A Cybersafety expert guest speaker to all Year 11 students in Term 2 (Susan Mc Clean presented to Year 11 last year as well)
- Additional Cyberbullying sessions in the Pastoral Care program
- Responding promptly to any Cyberbullying issues raised with College staff using the Complaints Resolution Policy
- A designated Bullying & Harassment Officer (Sarah Nailer)
- College Policies which outline unacceptable behaviour including our Pastoral Care and Student Management Policy, Policy for a Discrimination Free Community and Network Use Policy (all can be found on our website or in the College Diary)

We encourage parents to discuss cybersafety with your son/daughter and to be aware of how and when they are using the Internet. Misuse of the Internet can also have legal ramifications adding to the importance for young people to be careful and practice safe internet behaviours. If you have any concerns regarding these or other issues do not hesitate to contact us at the College. The first point of call should be your son/daughter's Tutor or Cluster Coordinator.



SARAH NAILER - DIRECTOR OF STUDENT WELLBEING

RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

Would you like to receive your newsletter by email? If so please complete and return the following slip to the Administration office at the College.

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Students Name: _____

Student's Tutor Group _____

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

The 2011 College Production is *Alice In Wonderland*. We have decided to use a modern script by Australian playwright Les Winspear. In addition, the production will be produced by the Yr 11 and 12 Theatre Studies students.

The season will be earlier this year, running from May 26 to May 27. Make sure you mark these dates in your diary!

LUNCH ORDERS

This year students will have the opportunity to order their lunch from the College Cafeteria. Orders must be written on a paper bag (paper bags will be available from the Cafeteria) and placed in the lunch order box with their name and order clearly written. Orders must be in the box by 9.00 am. Collection will be from the Cafeteria at lunchtime.



CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE CAROLINE SPRINGS ENROLMENT INFORMATION

Parents of current Grade 6 students who are zoned to Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs have until 2nd March 2011 to place their applications for enrolment for Year 7 in 2012. This is the final date of acceptance for applications.

CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE NORTH KEILOR

Year 7, 2012 Enrolments

Parents of students **currently in Grade 6** are reminded that Enrolment Applications for Year 7, 2012 close on

Wednesday 2nd March 2011

Parents seeking enrolment for their child at Catholic Regional College North Keilor should contact Mrs. Harrison at the College (Telephone: 9361 5900) for an Enrolment Form.

Please note that no late applications will be accepted after this date for the first round offers.

COMMUNITY NEWS

**Kick start your
New Year with
EFM Health Clubs**

5 weeks for \$25*
- you can too in 2011!

Be Quick Offer Ends 28th Feb!

*Conditions Apply



SYDENDHAM HEALTH CLUB TIMETABLE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MORNING SESSIONS					
6.00am- 10.00am Fitness Coaching	6.00am- 10.00am Fitness Coaching	6.00am-8.30am Fitness Coaching	CLOSED <small>Specialist sessions Coming soon</small>	6.00am-8.30am Fitness Coaching	8.00am-10.00am Fitness Coaching
EVENING SESSIONS					
4:30pm-8:00pm Fitness Coaching	4:30pm-8:00pm Fitness Coaching	5:00pm-8:00pm Fitness Coaching	4:30pm-8:00pm Fitness Coaching	4:30pm-8:00pm Fitness Coaching	*PT available via appointment*
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

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ACADEMY UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is located at the rear of the College Access is via Peck Road, Sydenham.

Uniform Shop Hours

- ◆ Monday 2.30 pm ~ 4.30 pm
- ◆ Thursday 8.00 am ~ 10.00 am
- ◆ Saturday 9.00 am ~12.00 pm

LOOKING AHEAD

Important Dates

Monday 21 Feb	Year 12 Outdoor Education (Group B) trip to Bogong
Tuesday 22 Feb	Michael Carr-Gregg 12.00pm - 12.55pm Year 12 Outdoor Education (Group B) trip to Bogong
Wednesday 23 Feb	Year 11 Wellbeing Afternoon. All Year 11 students to attend. Year 11 students will be dismissed at 3.30pm Year 12 Outdoor Education (Group B) trip to Bogong Year 10/11 Geography Field trip to Aireys Inlet
Thursday 24 Feb	Year 12 Biology GTAC Excursion

Important Dates

Wednesday 2 March	Year 12 Biology GTAC Excursion Year 11 Outdoor Education Otways Excursion
Thursday 3 March	Year 11 Outdoor Education Otways Excursion Textiles & Fabrics Excursion
Friday 4 March	Year 11 Outdoor Education Otways Excursion

Important Message to all parents/guardians - It is highly advisable that all students at the College are covered under an ambulance subscription in case of any medical emergencies.