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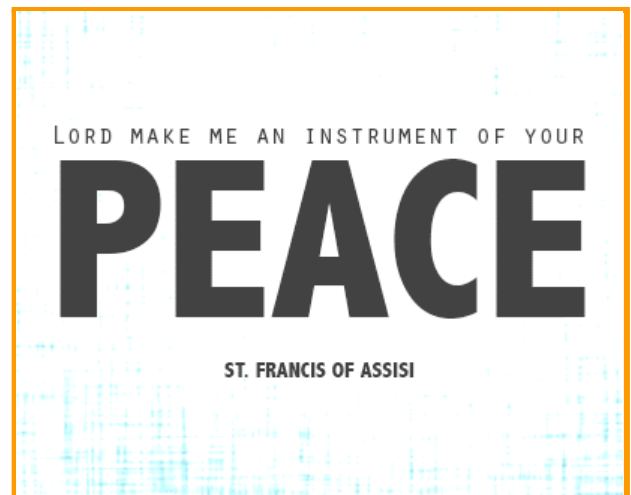
Friday, 18th June, 2021

Working so that our students feel they are known, understood, valued and learning.

Violence, filming and posting on-line

Last Thursday during lunchtime, we had a very disappointing incident where two of our students were involved in a fight. This in itself was disappointing but the response of many of our students showed that we have some way to go before we reach the level of maturity and faith that will see us fulfill our potential.

I spoke to the school immediately that afternoon, and again at our School Assembly about the damage that has been done.



As I explained to the school, there were layers of damage to our community:

1. To the two students and their families;
2. To our community, when a significant number of students made no attempt to stop this;
3. To our community, when a number of students reached for their phones so they could record the violence rather than stopping it or walking away;
4. To the students involved and the community, when those who recorded it and posted it on-line to share the violence with their friends and strangers.

I have little doubt that others will watch this footage and think we are an uncontrolled, violent place where our students are not safe. **This is not true.** We have worked hard to build the community we have become.

We will be taking the strongest possible sanctions against our students when they act in these ways in the future. It is important that we are transparent about this so that as parents / carers, you can understand our approach. Our response to any sort of violence in the past few years has been clear and consistent. The points below outline our response in the event of a students attempting to film these events:

- Students filming or attempting to film violent incidents will be suspended from the school and will not return until an interview has been conducted with their parents.
- Students who film such incidents **and then post these on-line** will be subject to a lengthy suspension and a re-entry meeting where we will discuss the suitability of their return to the school.

These are strong measures but they are necessary.

Competitors Only Athletics Carnival



We have been able to secure a date to run a competitors only Athletics Carnival at Charlie Bali Reserve on 13th July. We had hoped to have a whole school carnival this year, but due to the lack of available dates and the lateness of securing a new venue we have taken the decision to include serious competitors only. It is not ideal to run a carnival from an organisational perspective to make it a positive experience for all, so close to the start of a term. Term 3 is the beginning of a new semester for the whole school and is close to the HSC Trial Examinations and it is important for all students to have a focused start to their learning and for Year 12 to adequately prepare for their exams. Details for sign up will be sent out to students via email and they will have until Friday of Week 10 to sign up.

Year 10 Vaccinations



VACCINATION

On Wednesday the 21st of July Year 10 will have vaccinations. The forms will be distributed in Week 10 and will need to be back by the end of Week One Term 3.

TTFM Survey (Your Feedback is Valuable to us)



The survey window has been open for a week and we have had few parent responses. We value your input and are always looking to improve. As in the past, we as a school community are involved in completing the Tell Them From Me Survey. The survey will be available for you to complete until the survey window closes on Wednesday, 25th June at 4.30 pm. This survey provides you with the opportunity to shape the direction our work takes moving forward as your feedback will indicate to us how well we are

working as a whole school community to provide a quality Catholic school education for your children. This survey is carried out across the Parramatta Diocese in both Primary and Secondary school. As a school, we are focussing on quality feedback for students so that they are able to make gains in their learning. As a system and a school, we too require quality feedback to assist us to constantly improve the learning provision for our students and to improve their opportunities to learn to the best of their ability.

Student / Parent / Teacher Interviews Reminder

On **Thursday, 24th June from 2.45pm to 5pm** and **Friday, 25th June from 8.15am to 2.30pm** we are holding Student / Parent / Teacher Interviews at school. These are important opportunities to sit down with your child's teachers to discuss their 2021 progress thus far, and how they may improve for the semester ahead. It is important that your child attends these meetings with you to receive the feedback. Please use this link and code below to make your bookings. www.schoolinterviews.com.au Event Code: **U352Y** Bookings will close Thursday 8am.

From the Sports Coordinator

Congratulations to Boston Lauvao and Siolo Tamaseu of Year 9 who were both selected in the U15 Sydney Independent Catholic College (SICC) Rugby League team that competed in the NSW Combined Catholic College (NSWCCC) Rugby League Championships earlier this term. This is a fantastic achievement from these students.

Congratulations also goes to Mereina Tamarua who has been selected in the very first U16 Girls Metropolitan Rugby League team. This team was selected from girls across the Parramatta and Broken Bay dioceses. She will now go on to play at the NSWCCC Girls Rugby League Championships in Term 3. We wish her luck at this event.

Reminder: Year 10 Reflection Day - THIS Friday, 18 June, Week 9

The Year 10 Reflection Day is on Friday, 18 June, Week 9. This Reflection Day will be facilitated by Samuel Clear who speaks powerfully to hearing a call from God and acting upon that calling.

This reflects the work Year 10 have done this term on discerning their future vocations. The Reflection Day will occur in our Chapel at school and students attend school as per a normal day.

Year 9 and 10 Reports

Please be aware that students in Year 9 and 10 received their Semester 1 Reports yesterday. If your child hasn't yet given this to you, please ask them for it. You are encouraged to read the Report with your child to help them reflect on the feedback and set improvement goals for the semester ahead.

Year 7 and 8 Reports

Year 7 and 8 students will receive their reports early Week 10.

Winter Uniform

Over recent weeks it has gotten cool, especially in the mornings. It is apparent that some of our students are not dressing appropriately for the colder weather. Please encourage your children to wear their school winter items including their school jumper under their blazers, and their school track pants and sports jacket.



Term 2 Finish

The last day of lessons will be Thursday, 24th June. On Friday, 25th June, students are expected to complete home-learning through their Google Classrooms, outside of their booked Student / Parent / Teacher Interview times.

Upskill @ Cathwest

CathWest is running some short courses during the school holidays in July Mon 5th, Tues 6th and Wed 7th, July.



UPSKILL AT @CATHWEST



Use the holidays for an opportunity to:

- ✓ **Upskill for Employment Outcomes**
- ✓ **Develop skills in your passion area**
- ✓ **Develop skills that will compliment your studies at school**

SHORT COURSES

Cake Decorating (Yr 7 - Yr 12)

Learn the foundational skills of cake decorating in our Beginners Class or take it a step further with our Intermediate Class

10:00am - 2:00pm \$50 pp

- Beginners 5 July, 2021
- Beginners 6 July, 2021
- Intermediate 7 July, 2021

Cyber Security (Yr 10 - Yr 12)

Learn how to stop hacking!

- 9:00am - 2:30pm 5 July, 2021 \$50 pp

How to Turn an Idea into a Business (Yr 9 - Yr 12)

Learn the basic skills to start your business!

- 9:00am - 3:00pm 5 July, 2021 \$30 pp

Pop Up Podcast (Yr 9 - Yr 12)

Learn the skills to become a pro podcaster!

- 9:00am - 3:00pm 6 July, 2021
\$100 pp or FREE with Creative Kids Voucher!

Barista Basics (Yr 7 - Yr 12) \$30pp

Learn to become a barista for employment opportunities in the Hospitality Industry.

- 9:00am - 12:00pm 6 July, 2021
- 1:00pm - 4:00pm 6 July, 2021
- 9:00am - 12:00pm 7 July, 2021
- 1:00pm - 4:00pm 7 July, 2021

Social Media Marketing (Yr 9 - Yr 12)

All you need to know about Instagram!

- 9:00am - 2:30pm 6 July, 2021 \$50 pp

Animation Course (Yr 7 - Yr 12)

Learn to draw from your imagination

- 9:00am - 3:00pm 7 July 2021 \$50 pp

Fashion Design (Yr 7 - Yr 12)

The basics of fashion design!

- 9:00am - 3:00pm 7 July, 2021 \$50 pp

Location: 91 North Parade, Mount Druitt 2770

Don't miss out, express your interest now!

**School Holidays
5 - 7 July, 2021**

**Expressions
of Interest**



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