From the Principal...

Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of the Bethlehem Community,

Australian Prayer for World Youth Day 2016

Krakow

Leader: As Australian pilgrims we travel as one people to celebrate God’s love and mercy at World Youth Day in Krakow. We pray for our own personal transformation.

God of mercy, transform me, that my eyes may be merciful,
that I may marvel at the beauty of my neighbour’s heart.

Transform me, O God,
that my ears may be merciful,
that I may be attentive to those in need.

Transform me, O God,
that my tongue may be merciful,
that all I proclaim is in love and peace.

Transform me, O God,
that my hands may be merciful,
that I use them to serve my neighbour.

Transform me, O God,
that my feet may be merciful, that my pilgrim journey leads me to compassion.

Transform me, O God,
that my heart may be merciful,
ever open to the joy of your presence.

May Your mercy, O God,
rest upon me and transform me into Yourself, for You are my all.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us.

World Youth Day Pilgrimage begins.

On Saturday, July 16, our WYD pilgrims: Bailey Anson, Isabella Contreras, Leah Ibrahim, Ema Lata, Molly McIntosh, Katherine Sadek, Kristina Sergi, Katrina Torres and Nicole Tropeano flew out from Sydney with students from De La Salle and Casimir Colleges to commence their journey to Krakow. The group travelled through Venice, Florence, Assisi and Rome before arriving in Krakow in time for the Opening Mass.

Mrs Casey sent me the following message after the mass:

“We are having a wonderful time. This city of divine mercy is having a beautiful effect. The opening mass was so joyful and our group was overwhelmed by the sea of flags and the sense of belonging to something great. There was lightening, thunder and heavy rain but it only made it more memorable.”

Please keep our pilgrims and their teachers in your prayers during the next two weeks.

Bethlehem Day celebrations July 1

On Friday July 1 Bethlehem College acknowledged the wonderful 135 year history of the College and the extraordinary contribution of the Sisters of Charity at our annual Bethlehem Day celebrations. This was a very special day where we were joined by a large number of sisters, some of whom were ex-students or teachers of the College. We were also joined by Mr Gary Sillett, General Manager of the Sisters of Charity Outreach, Ms Michelle Wilson, (Executive Director St Vincent’s Hospital Clinic) representing Mary Aikenhead Ministries, Principal representatives from a number of our Feeder Primary Schools, the President of the Ex-students’ Association, Gay McKinley and Ex-student, Ana Maria Belo.

The day began with a beautiful mass celebrated by Father Alan Gibson. This year saw a few new inclusions including a Welcome dance performed by some of our Indigenous students and a commissioning of our World Youth Day pilgrims. The singing was glorious and after communion the congregation was inspired and entertained by Ana Maria’s Bethlehem Day address.

Ana Maria graduated from our College in 1994 and went to NIDA to study. Since graduating from NIDA in 1998 Ana Maria has performed in many musicals, plays, films and television shows. At the time of the mass, Ana Maria was performing as the character Sylvia in The Ensemble Theatre production of Tribes and after Tribes Ana Maria will soon be touring Australia with John Cleese’s Fawlty Towers Live.
Ana spoke very fondly about her time as a student at the College and of the teachers, particularly Mrs Bowyer who provided her with many opportunities to awaken and develop her talents as a singer, dancer and actor. She also spoke about some of the challenges she had to overcome when she began to lose her hearing.

The celebrations continued with a wonderful fun filled afternoon of food and activities coordinated by Ms Pasion and the SRC aimed at raising funds for the Sisters of Charity Outreach including: a BBQ manned by members of staff, cake stall, Mr Whippy ice cream van, games, sponge throwing, where teachers volunteered to allow students to throw sponges at them, sumo wrestling, henna tattooing, hair braiding and karaoke. The day concluded with a fantastic talent quest showcasing the amazing talents of our students. It also included a Lip sync competition between Ms Mooyde who, with the assistance of some students performed Michael Jackson’s “Thriller” and Mrs Fisher who performed Madonna’s “Material World” with some staff back-up dancers and Bethlehem College’s answer to Carpool Karaoke hosted by SRC Vice President Georgia Stillianesis.

It was a fantastic day and the students made a fundraising profit of $4, 674.00 which will help to support the ongoing work of the Sisters of Charity Outreach project, Safe Haven which Mr Gary Skillit spoke so eloquently about at the mass.

Our thanks must go to Ms Mooyde for the beautiful morning liturgy, Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Oh and Ms Sukkar for the beautiful music and singing as well as their assistance with the afternoon concert, Ms Pasion for her incredible organisation of the afternoon program, the Senior SRC for their coordination of the concert, the Junior SRC for their contribution to the afternoon activities, our amazing choir and musicians and our performers for the concert, all teachers for their assistance on the stalls, Mrs Condon and the Office Support staff for their work in collecting and receipting monies raised.

**Year 12 HSC Major works**

Students who study HSC Music, Visual Arts, Textiles & Design, Extension 2 English and Society & Culture have worked hard to prepare for the submission of their externally marked major works. These works contribute anywhere between 40-100% of their HSC assessment. The students gave up a great deal of time during the holidays to work with their dedicated teachers to ensure the works will be ready for the HSC submission dates/practical examinations. We offer the girls every success in the submission of these works. I would also like to thank Mrs Bowyer, Ms Sukkar and Mrs Oh (Music), Ms Buccarelli (VA), Ms Russo (Textiles and Design), Ms Frenched (Extension 2 English), Mrs Wise (Society & Culture) and Mrs Haid Messer (Support Teacher, Drama) for the support and guidance they have given the students throughout this very challenging time.

**Year 12 students showcase their talents**

**Year 12 Drama Co-instruction Showcase evening.**

On Thursday, June 30 Bethlehem College hosted the first co-instruction HSC Drama Showcase. Last year we commenced our first co-instruction HSC Drama class facilitated by Mr Eirth with the support of Ms Mokdassi, a Drama teacher from DLS. With the departure of Mr Eirth at the end of 2015, the class was taken over by Ms Mokdassi who has worked tirelessly with the students to prepare for their HSC Group and Individual performances. Ms Mokdassi has been well supported by Mrs Haid Messer (Bethlehem College) and Mr Nassar (DLS). The classes were run ‘Off line” (after school and during sport) so it required a great deal of commitment and dedication from the students and the teachers.

On the Showcase evening students presented both Group and Individual performances in front of family, friends and teachers from both schools with the double whammy of also being assessed by external markers. The performances were clever, funny, energetic but some were also very moving. Congratulations are extended to Adita Mrisho, Georgia Williamson, Taylor Bradford, Stephanie Goodyer, Emily Azzopardi and Claudia Redolfi on their outstanding performances. Special thanks is also offered to Ruby Busuttil (Year 11) who prepared as an understudy to support both school groups and to Victoria Maseko and Chloe Middleton who assisted with the technical aspects on the night.

**TAS/VA Exhibition evening, July 21**

Visual Arts, Textiles and Design and Photography students had the opportunity to exhibit their major works for family and friends at the annual TAS/VA Exhibition evening. As in previous years, this was a joint exhibition evening with Visual Arts students from De La Salle College. Bethlehem College hosted the event.

It was wonderful to see the breadth of talent across both schools. The variety and calibre of the works was very high. The students showed great pride in their achievement and their parents and friends were very proud of the young men and women. The Canteen catered for the event. Thanks are extended to Ms Buccarelli for the time spent creating this wonderful exhibition and Ms Russo and Mr Wilson for the great support they offered Ms. Buccarelli.

**Prayers for Year 12**

Term 3 will be the final term of formal education for the HSC Class of 2016. Unlike the rest of the student population, Year 12 spent much of their holiday time preparing for the last of their assessment tasks, finishing major works for submission to BOSTES and studying for their HSC Trial examinations that commence in Week 3. We offer our best wishes to them as they approach these important last weeks of their formal education.

Dear God, I am shortly to face my final exams at the end of this course of study and I pray that You would be with me every step of the way, as I prepare for this daunting landmark in my life.

Continue to be with me in all my studies and coursework and enable me to retain and apply all that I have learned so that I may be well equipped – not only to face these exams, knowing that I have worked hard, but also to be prepared for the future - in whatever direction You should lead me.

I thank You that You have supported me through this whole course of study – for I know that without You I could never have reached this final hurdle. Be with me I pray every step of the way and I offer my life to You to do with as You will. In Jesus name I pray.

Amen -

**Privacy Statement**

From time to time, schools are required to provide student details and background data provided through the school Enrolment form to government agencies.

Parents/Guardians are able to access the Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) Privacy Policy—Standard Collection Notice on the SCS public website through the following link. URL is: https://docs.google.com/a/syd.catholic.edu.au/viewer?\a=v4pld=sites&scrid=c3lkLmNhGhvGjLmVktS5hdXzeeWVuZXktY2FoGaG9saWMtc2Nob29scy1wb2x2pY2Ilc3xneDoI3NTMxNWQwNTQ3N2NjZWUy -2-
Ex-Student News...

Ex Bethlehem College student, Rachel Neeson is an architect with firm Neeson Murcutt Architects. Rachel is the chief architect for our building project.

Neeson Murcutt was awarded the highly prestigious Sulman Medal for 2016. Introduced in 1932, the Sulman Medal recognises a public building of exceptional merit. This year's award went to Kempsey Crescent Surf Life Saving Club.

Further awards/commendations have also been won by Neeson Murcutt: An Architecture Award for St Columba’s Catholic Primary School, Leichhart North and a Commendation for Stage 1 by BVN for Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Primary School, North Strathfield. Note, the competition in this category included significant projects in the tertiary sector and elite independent schools.

We congratulate Rachel and her firm on these outstanding achievements.

Parents’ and Friends’ Trivia Night Fundraising event Friday August 26.

The Parents’ & Friends’ of Bethlehem College Ashfield are holding a fundraising Trivia Night in the College Hall on Friday evening 26 August 2016 commencing 7pm.

The P & F Social Committee has been hard at work organising the evening which will consist of a Trivia Night, games of chance and skill, a raffle and silent auction including auctions of students artworks.

We would like many parents to attend to support this great social event so if you can attend, grab 9 other friends, family members or colleagues and make up a table. The cost is $15pp. All attendees can BYO nibbles and drinks. This is an “adults only” event. A flyer will follow shortly to enable you to complete your details and return to the College office.

The Committee is also looking for donations of goods for the raffle or silent auction so if you are able to assist with donations of wine or spirits, chocolates, gourmet items, beauty products, gift vouchers etc. kindly bring them to the College office. All donations will be acknowledged on the night, in a donors’ list and in the newsletter.

Mrs Paula Bounds
Principal

Important Dates Term 3, 2016

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From the Religious Education Coordinator…

Bethlehem Day Eucharistic Celebration
On Friday the 1st July our College celebrated ‘Bethlehem Day’. It was an amazing day that began with a beautiful liturgy in our College Hall. We are truly blessed at our College to have such respectful young ladies who truly understand the meaning behind one of the most important days of the year. We were even more blessed to have had eight Sisters of Charity present to see the amazing legacy they began many years when they professed their lives to serving Christ and to carrying on the commitment and vision of Mother Mary Aikenhead (the foundress of the Sisters of the Charity and our College). Many of the Sisters stated that they love coming to the College and know that their Charism will continue for many decades to come through the way young women that are educated, nurtured and challenged at our College to develop into role models for society.

A huge thank you to Mrs Bowyer, Mrs Sukkar and Ms Oh for the beautiful music throughout the liturgy and Fr Alan Gibson cm our College Chaplain who celebrated the mass. I would also like to thank Mrs Janet Mann who organised our Guest Speaker Ms Ana Maria Belo (Ex-student of the College) who delivered an inspirational speech on how her time the College had such a positive impact and led to her life’s passion of working in the field of the Dramatic Arts.

Has your daughter received all her Sacraments?
Last opportunity to be involved in the program for this year.
During the week an email was sent to all parents and students of the College about the opportunity to be involved in the Sacramental program that is running in conjunction with St Vincent’s Parish and De La Salle College, Ashfield. If your daughter has not been baptised, confirmed or received first Holy Communion in the Roman Catholic Church and you would her to, please complete the note that was emailed or contact the College Religious Education Coordinator, Ms Moodey. The course will be starting in Term 3 Week 4.

Life Week (2-9 September)
In September 2014, a Life Committee was founded to provide strategic direction, advice and practical support to teachers in Sydney Catholic Schools in response to ‘Life’ issues in a manner that is relevant and faithful to the teaching of the Catholic Church.

From September 2-9, 2016 Sydney Catholic Schools will celebrate Life Week with students being invited to participate in a writing competition (see following page for flyer). The winners of the competition will be announced during Life Week and will receive an iPad Mini. All students of our College have received an email outlining the requirements of the competition and can contact Ms Moodey for more information.

The Competition will run across two divisions;
• Secondary (Years 7-10) 700 – 800 words
• Secondary (Years 11-12) 900 – 1000 words

The Competition theme of “Come be my light” will centre on the value of human life as modelled by Blessed Mother Teresa.

Prayer for our Year 12 Students as they begin their HSC Trial Examinations
Next week our Year 12 students will begin their HSC Trial Examinations. As you know this is a very stressful time for students and their families and as a community it would be lovely if we all joined together in prayer. Our Year 12 Students would really appreciate it if you could pray for them. We have included a prayer that you may wish to use.

Loving Father, source of all wisdom, help the Year 12 Students of Bethlehem College use their time wisely as they prepare for their exams.

Let your Holy Spirit come upon them as they prepare for these exams, guiding their studies, and giving them insight so that they can perform to the best of their ability.

Please grant them the strength to handle the pressure of these days of exams, the confidence to feel secure in their knowledge, and the ability to keep an appropriate perspective through it all.

May they sense your peace in knowing that they have applied themselves to the challenges of this difficult time.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a very old feast of the Church, which has been celebrated universally since the sixth century. It is celebrated every year on August 15 and commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven. It signifies the Blessed Virgin’s passing into eternal life and is the most important of all Marian feasts and is a Holy Day of Obligation. (adapted from http://catholicism.about.com/od/holydaysandholidays/p/Assumption.htm)

Our College will not formally celebrate the Feast of the Assumption but we encourage our students to attend a liturgical celebration at their local Parish.

In faith,
Liz Moodey
Religious Education Coordinator
From the Religious Education Coordinator…

Come, be my light

Jesus reveals the desire of his heart to Blessed Mother Teresa

2016 Life Week

2016
Life Week
2–9 SEPTEMBER

STUDENT COMPETITION

Win an iPad Mini for yourself and a prize for your school
Entries close Monday 15 August

Students are invited to submit a project that provides a response to this year’s theme.

Sydney Catholic Schools

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE THE COMPETITION GUIDELINES.
From the Curriculum Coordinator…

Year 11 2017
We look forward to meeting with Year 10 students and their parents on Wednesday 3rd August to finalise the patterns of study for 2017. Please ensure that an interview time has been booked and the relevant materials prepared for the day.

Year 9 2017
Students in Year 8 and their parents are reminded of the information evening on Tuesday 23rd August at 6:30pm in the College Hall. The meeting will cover essential information regarding Stage 5 and the process for choosing elective courses. Subject talks will take place during Periods 1 and 2 on Wednesday 24th August.

HSC Trials
The HSC Trials begin on 1st August and continue until the 15th August. Please keep our Year 12 girls in your prayers as they complete their exams.

Dear Lord,
Help our girls to demonstrate good habits during their exams.
Help them to think flexibly and to manage their impulsivity – not rushing in with the first thought in their heads.
Help them to think about their thinking and plan their responses carefully.
Help them to communicate with clarity and precision.
Help them to persist with difficult questions and to apply their knowledge to new situations.
Help them to check their answers and to strive for accuracy.
Help them to succeed in these exams by doing their best.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord
Amen.

ASSESSMENTS DUE DURING TERM 3 WEEKS 3, 4 AND 5

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Mrs Janet Mann
Curriculum Coordinator

Brainteaser Problem 52:

Paying careful attention to vowels and consonants, how much are pomegranates?

Oranges  = 34 cents each
Apples    = 24 cents each
Pears     = 23 cents each

Students are invited to solve this problem, and deposit the answer, marked clearly with name and homeroom, in the box in the General Office by Monday 8th August at 3pm. The first correct entry drawn will receive a canteen voucher!!!!

Congratulations to last week's winner, Ameelea Nguyen, 7C2, who correctly answered $100. Well done Ameelea.
See Mrs Mann for your canteen voucher.
Encouraging a growth mindset in your child.

Research has shown us that a “growth mindset” compared to a “fixed mindset” is a determination of success in life. Read any biography of a successful person and their life will be riddled with struggle and failure. However, with a growth mindset, these challenges were seen as opportunities for learning and growth. This is something we need to impress on our children.

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This means that report time should be an opportunity to discuss “growth areas” rather than criticize failings. Focus on your child's strengths rather than her weaknesses. Encourage her to explore ways to grow rather than demand improvement. It has been proven that people with a growth mindset have happier relationships, achieve more success in the classroom, and are much more persistent through challenges. Model this yourself and encourage this in your child and you will have a happier more fulfilled adult in the long run.

Karen Rushbrook
School Counsellor
MCCS Results

MCCS Basketball

Round 1
Junior Team vs. St Patrick’s Loss 35 - 4 MVP: Gemma Taweel
Intermediate Team vs. St Patrick’s Win 30 - 3 MVP: Kiara Haumono & Nicole Delana
Senior Team vs. St Patrick’s Win 28 - 2 MVP: The Whole Team

Round 2 - BYE

MCCS Soccer

Round 1 - Washout

Round 2
Junior Team vs. Woolwich Loss 6 - 0 MVP: Jamie Bournelis & Caitlin Finnegan
Senior Team vs. Woolwich Loss 2 - 0 MVP: Erin Phelan & Ella Martins

CGSSSA News

CGSSSA Netball
After a washout on the original date for the carnival CGSSSA Netball finally got underway on the sunny, but windy Wednesday 27th July. Bethlehem College had a team in each division and was also convening the carnival. The CGSSSA Netball competition is always a tough competition with many competitive schools. The Bethlehem girls gave 110% on the day, played their best and had a lot of fun. The Junior Team was our only winner of the day beating Brigidine Randwick, which saw them progress through to the quarter finals where they played really well but were beaten by the eventual winners of the Junior Division, Monte.

The Senior and Intermediate teams came close in a few games, but didn’t come away with any wins. The girls played really well and learnt a lot. A huge thank you goes out to the teachers who coach the teams and helped throughout the day: Mrs Henley, Mrs Kells and Ms Conneely. Also a big thank you to the Year 10 students Jessie Farrell, Melissa Mazzeo and Shauna Murphy, who assisted with the convening and the competition results.

Ms K Beaumont
Sports Coordinator / MCCS / CGSSSA
Macdonaldtown to Ashfield improvement work

We’re working in your area from 1 August to 2 September. Here’s what you need to know.

What we’re doing

Sydney Trains is undertaking maintenance work between Macdonaldtown and Ashfield from Monday 1 August to Friday 2 September.

To improve service reliability and reduce the need for ongoing maintenance, we’re working on:

- vegetation maintenance and graffiti removal
- rail grinding and routine track maintenance to provide a smoother ride for our customers

We understand that this work will have an impact on you and your neighbours. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

How this affects you

Noise

These works may create additional noise on weeknights. We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause.

Work will take place nightly between 9pm to 4am on the following days:

- Monday 1 August to Friday 5 August
- Monday 8 August to Friday 12 August
- Monday 15 August to Friday 19 August
- Monday 22 August to Friday 26 August
- Monday 29 August to Friday 2 September

Equipment may be delivered to the worksite outside of this time. Due to travel restrictions on large vehicles, some of these deliveries may need to take place at night.

Please note diesel work trains will be kept on site and may be idling for extended periods.

Finishing works will take place following this period, including the removal of equipment.

Avoid slips and falls when travelling around the network. Slow down and mind your step on platforms, and when boarding and alighting from trains.

Contact us

For project information
transport.nsw.gov.au/sydneytrains/maintenance

To report environmental concerns (24 hours)
1300 656 999

To plan your trip
Visit transportnsw.info
Call 131 500 TTY 1800 637 500

Rail grinding machinery will not be operating in the one location for extended periods.

Traffic and parking

Heavy vehicles will be using local streets to access parts of the rail corridor.

While we will park our vehicles inside the rail corridor wherever possible, please be aware that on-street parking may be limited near worksites.