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

Devotion to Mary during the month of May

Mary has a unique and privileged place in salvation history and in the Church. Her importance as the Mother of God lies not only in that Mary was the woman who gave birth to Jesus, but in that she was the one who had faith in God and freely said yes to participate in God’s wonderful plan of Salvation. In Mary was conceived the Savior of the world—God’s Word became a living person in her and through her. Mary spent her whole life saying yes to God, never losing faith even when her Son suffered and died. Because she responded yes to becoming the Mother of God, she is our first model of discipleship and our model of grace and trust in God.

As Mother of God, Mary is also our mother, the Mother of the Church, because she leads believers to Jesus just as she did during her life on earth. In the month of May we honour Catholics from all over the world honour Mary in a special way. I subscribe to an excellent prayer resource from Loyola Press that anyone can subscribe to at no cost to receive their daily 3 Minute Retreats. The site also offers other special prayer and reflections during particular times in the Catholic Church’s liturgical calendar such as Lent and Advent. They have recently added some resources on the devotion to Mary for the month of May for individuals, parishes, teachers and students. You can also subscribe to receive daily reflections via email: CatholicFaithFormation@LoyolaPress.com

I have included the first of these resources below which outlines the story of Mary.

The Story of Mary

Mary was a young Jewish woman who lived in Nazareth in what is now Israel. The early traditions of the Christian community named Mary’s parents Anne and Joachim. Because of Mary’s faithfulness as a Jewish woman, we can imagine that her parents were also devout Jews and raised their daughter in accordance with their faith. Their tender care and devotion helped Mary to grow into the confident, yet humble young woman who would say yes to God.

Because of the time and area in which Mary lived, we can make some pretty good guesses about what her life was like. Mary was probably a peasant. Life in a rural village of the Middle East such as Nazareth would have been filled with hard work. Most women and many men were illiterate.

During this time period, Mary’s homeland was occupied by the Romans. It was a difficult life under Roman rule, filled with violence and poverty. The Jews looked for a Messiah who would liberate them from the oppressive rule of Caesar. Mary notes the injustice of the world around her in her Magnificat when she recalls God’s promise to “throw down the rulers from their thrones, but [lift] up the lowly.” (Luke :46–55)

As a woman deeply rooted in the Jewish faith, Mary trusted that God heard the cries of his people and would “remember his mercy.” (Luke :54) Too often we forget that Mary and Jesus were Jews. In her article “In Search of the Real Mary” theologian Elizabeth Johnson says that too often we “bleach” Mary of her Jewishness: “We’ve done this ethnically by turning her swarthy Jewish complexion into fair skin and blonde hair and blue eyes. But we’ve also done this religiously by turning her deeply rooted Jewish piety into that of a latter-day Catholic. She wasn’t ‘is, Johnson notes, “does no honor to [Mary’s] memory.”

Mary would have been about 15 years old when she received God’s message that she was to be the mother of the Messiah. She said yes to God and became pregnant with God’s Son. This posed quite a problem in Mary’s society. Because she was unmarried, she could have been killed as an adulteress. An angel told Joseph that his betrothed Mary was pregnant with a child conceived through the Holy Spirit. Joseph listened to God’s messenger and did not leave Mary or shame her. Instead he married Mary and protected her. In the last month of her pregnancy, Mary and Joseph had to make a long and difficult journey to Bethlehem. After Jesus was born, they became refugees, escaping to Egypt to protect Jesus from Herod’s soldiers. They lived as refugees for a while until it was safe to return to their homeland and settle in Nazareth.

In this setting, Mary and Joseph raised Jesus to be a faithful Jew, aware of the injustices in the world, but believing in God’s justice, mercy, and love—believing that there is another way. By doing so, they changed the world.

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Mother’s Day BBQ and Mass, May 2

On Monday May 2 mothers, grandmothers, aunts and women significant to our students, gathered under the trees at De La Salle College for the Mother’s Day breakfast before moving across the road to St Vincent’s Parish for a beautiful Eucharistic celebration. This is the second time the Colleges have celebrated this as a combined event and, it was a great success. There were bigger crowds than in previous years and the atmosphere was wonderful. The weather was beautiful! Bethlehem College teachers: Ms Mookey, Ms Price, Mrs Thorburn, Mrs McAuley Mr True and Year 12 SRC students and Prefects organised the BBQ - bacon and egg rolls, fruit and juice while teachers and Hospitality students from De La Salle College served the coffee and tea. The smell along Bland Street was amazing, capturing the attention of passers by.
After a large group photo (above), everyone moved across the road for a mass with the St Vincent’s Catholic Parish community led by Father Alan. Students from both schools shared roles in the mass and the singing from Bethlehem College was beautiful. The mass finished with a blessing of the mothers and the presentation of a lovely flower.

I hope that all mothers have a wonderful Mother’s Day on Sunday and that your children show you how much they love and care for you.

Ashfield RSL ANZAC Day Service, Sunday April 24

On Sunday, April 24 Year 12 students: Michaela Milford, (College President), Imogen Delangre (College Vice President), Alexandra Georgopoulos, Eleisha Mar-tins, Jane Marie Sanchez and Isabella Sharp and I joined Ex Servicemen and women and their families, representatives from other local schools in the Ashfield area and members of the public to commemorate the anniversary of the Landing at ANZAC Cove Gallipoli 1915 and all other conflicts in which our Defence Force has served. The event was held under grey skies at Ashfield Park.

As always, it was a touching ceremony culminating in the recitation of the ANZAC ode and the laying of wreaths at the memorial to remember those who lost their lives serving their country during times of war. Michaela had the honour of reading the prayer for peace.

Alexandra and Isabella then laid a wreath on behalf of the College at the memorial and we all joined the march to Ashfield RSL Club. The Club put on a lovely lunch for the visitors and made presentations to each of the schools and local community groups. The Ashfield RSL Sub Branch has always been very generous in its support of our college and so I would like to thank the club, in particular, Kevin Con-nelly Sub Branch President, for the invitation to the service and for their hospitality and generosity at the presentation. I would also like to thank the girls and Alexandra’s mother Rhonda for giving so generously of their time to represent Bethlehem College at this important community event.

The School ANZAC service

On Tuesday, April 26 staff and students gathered in the College hall to commemorate ANZAC Day in a moving ceremony created by Year 10 Elective History students and their teacher Mrs Fisher. We were also fortunate to have the presence of a combined services (Air force, Navy and St John’s ambulance) catafalque party made up of cadets from both Bethlehem and De La Salle Colleges.

The ceremony concluded with a recitation of The Ode and the playing of the Last Post on a bugle by Mr Howes, the On the Block Band Coordinator. I would like to thank Mrs Fisher for her coordination of the service, the Year 10 MCs Georgette Mouawad and Lisa Gunawan and other members of the class who created the service, Mr Howes for his spine tingling playing of the Last Post and the Bethlehem College cadets: Cherrie Candelaria, Rebeka Koh, Lauren Barakat and Sarah Succar and the 6 cadets from DLS.
Student success

• NSW CCC (Combined Catholic Colleges) swimming - Last week, following their great success at the CGSSSA Swimming competition, 2 of our talented swimmers: Wooree Bae and Sophia Bruzzone (Year 8) represented CGSSSA in the NSW CCC Swimming championships. The girls competed really well with Sophia placing first in 100m Breastroke and breaking the NSW CCC record. This means Sophia will progress to the NSW All Schools championships. Congratulations Sophia.

• Alexandra Georgeopoulos (Year 12) – congratulations to Alexandra who took out an Individual Sports Award at the Strathfield Rotary Youth Achievement Awards for her contribution to football in playing, coaching, refereeing and mentoring in the community through her efforts with CDSFA, CDSRA and Strathfield Strikers FC.

Mock Trial

Last week the Year 11 Bethlehem College Mock Trial team competed in the second round of their competition against Model Farms High School Baulkham Hills. While the girls didn’t win the whole trial case, they won their case and performed extremely well. The next day I received an email from a parent from the opposing team praising the way our students and teachers Ms Tannous and Ms Nehme represented the college at the competition.

Dear Ms Bounds,

I am writing to let you know that I had the absolute pleasure of meeting the young ladies of the Year 11 Mock Trial Team yesterday and I would like to let you know how beautifully they represented your school. Under very difficult circumstances and unfortunate delays, they were the epitome of grace under pressure.

Not only were they impeccably dressed, beautifully mannered and endlessly patient but they displayed honour and dignity right to the end. I was particularly impressed with the second advocate (Ashley Lieu) not only did she display great citizenship/sportsmanship, but tell her if I ever commit a crime she can defend me any day.

My daughter was a member of the MFHS team and she wanted the girls to know how sorry she was that they were there until so late and wish them every success for their future studies and careers.

Please pass on to your two wonderful teachers that they did the service of teaching a credit yesterday. What a lucky school to have two such dedicated teachers.

You must be a very proud principal.”

On the Block Band performs at Ashfield Parish Dinner.

Last Saturday evening Ms. McGovern and the other “block” Principals and Assistant principals (Mr Kennaugh, Ms E McGovern and Mrs Williams) joined parishioners from St Vincent’s Parish at the annual Parish Dinner. It was a lovely evening with fantastic food and entertainment. One of the highlights of the event was seeing members of the On the Block Band (consisting of band members from Bethlehem and De La Salle Colleges and St Vincent’s Primary School) performing under the direction of Mr Howes for the large and appreciative audience. This was the first time the band has been invited to perform at this event and they truly rose to the occasion, looking and sounding like a professional band. Congratulations and thanks are extended to Mr Howes and the following members of the band:

Emily Azzopardi, Rebecca Chow, Adita Mrisho, Simone Rabey Chiara Torresan, Sarah Wakim.

De La Salle Centenary celebrations

Congratulations are offered to Mr Kennaugh and the De La Salle community who celebrate 100 Years of educating young men in the Lasalian tradition. This Friday, the College leaders and I will attend the Centenary Mass at St Mary’s Cathedral. Later in the evening Ms McGovern and I will also attend the Centenary Dinner at Waterview Function Centre at Bicentennial Park.

NAPLAN 2016 (May 10th, 11th & 12th)

Our prayers and best wishes are extended to students in Years 7 & 9 as they commence their NAPLAN exams on Tuesday. These tests are compulsory for all students in Years 7 & 9 across Australia so parents and carers are asked to ensure that their daughters/children in their care attend school on each of the three days of the testing.

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Mrs Paula Bounds
Principal
From the Acting Assistant Principal...

Dear Parents, Students and friends of the Bethlehem Community,

Welcome back to Term Two. I hope that everyone in the community had a good rest with plenty of quality family time during the break. The College now asks that the girls return their attention to doing the best they possibly can in every subject they are studying at school and that they set some realistic goals to help them achieve both inside and outside the classroom.

Uniform:

Students are expected back next week in full winter uniform. The uniform expectations were placed in the previous two newsletters for you to check through. It has been very pleasing to see the girls wear their uniform so well and the College thanks you for your support of our rules. A few girls did return to school with acrylic nails and we ask that you do not allow this to happen in the future. A reminder that hair is not to be dyed, and that there are to be no piercings other than one set in the ears.

Upcoming event reminder:

Please refer to the flyer below regarding psychologist Brad Marshall’s upcoming visit to the College. All parents and guardians are invited to attend.

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**TUESDAY, 17TH MAY 2016—6.30pm**

Guest Speaker

Dr Brad Marshall

Clinical psychologist Brad Marshall will be coming to Bethlehem on Tuesday 17th May to talk to parents about some of the behaviours behind why girls and boys use the internet and social media. In addition to talking about the psychology behind the behaviours, Brad will be suggesting different strategies to help parents deal with these 21st century issues. Brad will be speaking from 6.30pm in the College hall.

*Any parent intending to come is asked to e-mail an RSVP to info@bcashfield.catholic.edu.au by the 15th May.*

18 Bland Street, Ashfield NSW 2131
Ph: (02) 9799 4069  Fax: (02) 9799 4105
Email: info@bcashfield.catholic.edu.au

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Ann McGovern
Acting Assistant Principal

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From the Religious Education Coordinator…

Mother’s Day Celebration
We are so fortunate to be apart of such a beautiful school community. It was touching to see so many generations of one family celebrating mother’s day together. Over eighty mothers, grandmothers and aunties joined with staff, students and our local parishioners to make our Mothers Day Celebration such an amazing and moving occasion. It was also wonderful to join with De La Salle Ashfield for a lovely breakfast and Eucharistic Celebration.

At Bethlehem we are very lucky to have so many dedicated and enthusiastic staff members. A huge thank you must be given to Mrs Bowyer for coordinating the mass and the beautiful music. A massive thank you to Mr True, Mrs Price, Mrs McAuley and Mrs Thorburn for their expertise on the BBQ and Mrs Elaro and Mrs Tannous for assisting with serving the delicious bacon and eggs rolls and juice. A special thank you to Ms Pasion for organising our Senior SRC to assist with the lovely breakfast.

Year 12 Retreat
Our Year 12 retreat is on Wednesday 1st June - Friday 3rd June at Stanwell Tops Conference Centre. The retreat is central to our religious education program and pastoral care program for our senior students. A note was sent home last week containing all the details and a permission slip that needs to be returned to your daughter’s religion teacher.

School Thursday Morning Prayer
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Has your daughter received all her Sacraments?
This year, in conjunction with St Vincent’s Parish and De La Salle College, Ashfield we are offering students the opportunity to receive the Sacraments of Initiation as many students have missed the opportunity to receive these sacraments in Primary School. If your daughter has not been baptised, confirmed or received first Holy Communion in the Roman Catholic Church and you would like her to, please contact the College Religious Education Coordinator, Ms Moodey. The course will be starting soon.

In faith,
Liz Moodey
Religious Education Coordinator
From the Curriculum Coordinator...

NATIONAL TESTING FOR YEARS 7 AND 9

The National Tests (NAPLAN) in Literacy and Numeracy take place for students in Years 7 and 9 on Tuesday 10th May (Language Conventions and Writing), Wednesday 11th May (Reading) and Thursday 12th May (Numeracy – calculator and non-calculator).

The girls may bring the following equipment with them:

- Pencil sharpener
- Eraser
- Calculator (12th May only)

It is very important that all students sit for these tests. If your daughter is too ill to attend school on any of these days, please contact the College and leave a message for Ms Kells (Year 7) or Mr Cinque/Ms Noun (Year 9).

REPORTS

Term 2 is always a busy one for staff as we finalise data for our Semester 1 reports. Students in Years 11 and 12 completed exams last term, and Years 7 to 10 will be completing assessments throughout this term. Please assist your daughter in ensuring that tasks are completed on time. Any student who is absent when a task is due will need to lodge an Illness/Misadventure Form within one week of the task to avoid a penalty. We look forward to meeting with you for Parent/Teacher Interviews later in the term to discuss your daughter’s progress. The Stage 6 interviews take place on Wednesday 25th May and Stages 4 and 5 interviews take place on Monday 27th June.

YEAR 11 2017 INFORMATION EVENING

A compulsory information evening will take place on 7th June for all Year 10 students enrolling in Year 11 at the College. We will provide information on Board of Studies requirements for the HSC and the processes for subject selection. Please note this date in your calendars.

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BRAIN TEASERS Problem 104 (repeated):

The cryptic crossword clues proved too difficult in the last newsletter so here are some additional hints.

1. Defendant broke cups set (7)
   Hint: Unscramble 'cups set' to find a 7-letter word for 'defendant'

2. = badly missing UN (5,4)
   Hint: Unscramble 'missing UN' to find a 5-letter and 4-letter word for the symbol underlined at the start.

3. Ocean creature to rue China’s pollution (3,6)
   Hint: Unscramble 'rue China’s' to find a 3-letter and 6-letter word for an 'ocean creature’

Students are invited to solve these problems, and deposit the answer, marked clearly with name and homeroom, in the box in the General Office by Monday 16th May at 3pm. The first correct entry drawn will receive a canteen voucher!!!
Anger is often the teenage domain. Kids seem angrier at this age than when younger and this often gets misunderstood. One of the myths about anger is that it is a bad emotion, teenagers will be told that there is no reason for them to be angry but this is just not true. Anger is a secondary emotion which means that there was another feeling before the anger and this is what is driving the anger. We might first feel afraid, attacked, offended, disrespected, forced, trapped or pressured. If any of these feelings are intense enough, we think of the emotion as anger. Like this iceberg, there are many more emotions below the surface.

One of the most important things to remember is that anger is not the same as aggression. Anger is an emotion/feeling and aggression is a behaviour. When you are dealing with an angry teenager, it is important to honor the feeling but control the behavior. “I understand that you are angry but your behavior is unacceptable”. Then try to encourage a different way to express anger, going to your room and hitting a pillow, going for a walk, going to a room to listen to music. Not allowing your child to experience emotion will only teach them to suppress it and this is not good for their mental health.

Research has shown that people who learn to cope with their angry behaviour, to problem solve their anger, learn to recognize it in themselves and others will actually do better in the wider world after school. You can help your daughter by modeling good angry behavior and by setting limits around her angry behavior. Problem solve and help her to control how she behaves when she feels angry but allow her work out her own way of coping with what is a very strong feeling.

If your child seems excessively angry for no apparent reason then encourage her to see someone to help work out what the anger is about.

Karen Rushbrook
School Counsellor
Year 9 ANZAC Ceremony (Reflective Service), Hyde Park

On the 5th of April, Term 1, Year 9 History A attended an ANZAC ceremony at Hyde Park to commemorate the ANZACs who fought for us. 9 History A represented Bethlehem College and joined a number of other schools from all across different areas. The Student Representative Councils from 9A placed a wreath on behalf of our college during the service.

It was a day of reflection, appreciation and recognition of the ANZACs. The students learnt much new knowledge and broadened their general knowledge of the ANZACs. They sung the Australian National Anthem and shared our pride, joy and friendships being Australians. This day also brought each and every one of us closer to each other. We also met the Police on their horses and had a little chat with them. There were many unique people involved in the organisation of this event and we were introduced to many new people such as other school leaders.

At the end of the ceremony, students were given the opportunity to drop a star in the huge wishing well which was located inside the monument and memorial area. Each student was given a star with a different ANZACs name, and they dropped them into the well as a sign of remembrance and respect. It was not only a reflective day, but it was informative and beneficial for students and teachers.

Written by: Maria Manos, 9HISA

Jewish Museum

On the 30th of March, the Year 10 Elective History classes attended the Sydney Jewish Museum along side Ms Fisher and Ms Andreadis. This excursion was planned for us to give us an insight of the brutally unsettling events experienced by the Jewish people by the Germans. ‘The Holocaust’ starting in the 1940s took the lives of about six million people. The insanity of this genocide was ignited by the Nazis led by Adolf Hitler. The Germans believed they had lost their pride after the first world war, they were unhappy and felt defeated. Hitler took this resentment and started one of the most horrific genocides of all time.

A survivor spoke to us of his own personal tribulations which truly had my class mates and I feeling strong emotions. George, a Jewish survivor during the time of the Holocaust faced a very difficult time during the 5 years of persecution towards the Jews by Germans. George was only an infant when the actions took place, but the stories he was told by his parents affected us all deeply. His and his family’s escape was one that left us with chills. There was so many ‘what if’s’ on his journey, so much could have gone wrong, but luck was on his side. After that we listened to a university teacher who continued with a lecture about genocides from the Holocaust, the Rwandan genocides as well as the Cambodian. He also made the point that every holocaust started with words of hate.

We were then split into groups and taken with a tour guide to different sections of the museum. The first section that we saw was the Anne Frank gallery which took us through all the keys dates of the widespread events that happened over the years. We witnessed Frank’s life which broke our hearts; she was just like any of us girls but from a few decades ago. Then we were taken into another room that had letters that had been sent from relatives and friends coming into and out of Poland. It was very sad to have a look at the letters as you could see the distress within the writing as many relatives were worried about their family members who had no contact with them.

The event was an insightful experience for the students as we were exposed to the immorality of the actions initiated by the German military. We were able to capture a sense of sympathy towards George who actually lived through the time.

Something specific I remember him saying that stuck with me was when he finished up saying, “a garden has different types of plants that complement each other and live together in harmony. Humans are just the same, we are all different but there is one race; the human race”.

Written by: Christina Succar, 10HISA
Year 11 Geography Excursion to Wollongong & Mock Trial Information

On Friday 29th April, the Year 11 Geography class went on an excursion down to Wollongong to look at the biophysical interactions that are taking place in local environment.

We started out by heading to Hopeton Park to the Bulli Lookout. We saw a spectacular view of the coastline and completed some fieldwork sketching.

Our next stop was Puckeys Estate and Towradgi Beach at Fairy Meadow. There we did some soil and water testing as well as a dune profile. We looked at the coastal management issues and the various interactions between the 4 spheres.

After some lunch we then went to Hill 60 Park in Port Kembla to look at the view of where we had been and complete a wrap up of the day so the class can complete their upcoming assessment.

The class had an excellent experience and we are all looking forward to our fieldwork trip later in the year to Thredbo.

Mrs Wise

Mock Trial
On Thursday the 28th of April, Bethlehem’s Mock Trial team participated in their second round of the competition against Model Farms High School in Baulkham Hills. In this round, we were defending a client who had been accused of causing grievous bodily harm to the prosecution due to negligent/wanton riding while on horse back. With the endless support and contributions of our team, the dedication of our witnesses who memorised scripts that were over two pages long, and the meticulous work of our solicitor and barristers, Bethlehem College won the case, proving our client innocent.

All of our success could not have been accomplished without the selfless devotion of our teachers Mr Martin, Mrs Tannous, and Ms Nheme who give up their lunch times to help us work on the case and also staying back as late as 8:30pm to watch and encourage us throughout the competition.

Ashley Lieu, Year 11

Debating
Yesterday afternoon Bethlehem versed De La Salle Ashfield in the 3rd round of the CSDA Debating competition. It proved to be a very successful afternoon with all 6 Bethlehem teams winning their debates. We are so very proud of all the girls.

After 3 rounds of debating, the teams achievements are:

- Yr 7 - 1 win
- Yr 8 - 3 wins
- Yr 9 - 3 wins
- Yr 10 - 2 wins
- Yr 11 - 1 win
- Yr 12 - 3 wins

This excellent achievement could not be possible without the extraordinary efforts of the coaches and support from other teachers. A very special thank you to Ms Noun who so diligently coordinated the entire afternoon. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Nehme, Ms Boland and Ms Dew who also assisted Ms Noun with the preparation required prior to the commencement of the debates.

Mrs Tsiftsis
Year 7 Cricket

By Justine Hobeiche and Ashley Oprea

The field was set. The tension palpable. The taste of victory lingered on their lips.

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

For some girls it took their cricketing prowess to the next level... others had fun honing their skills of bowling, batting, catching and hand-to-eye coordination. The students demonstrated great enthusiasm and team spirit, working collaboratively to beat their opponents and attain their goals. There was plenty of cheering and encouragement for each team.

The batters were effortlessly swift in motion, while fielders worked with great precision and agility to take their catches. The catching skills learned from previous drills really became evident when fielders aimed for the stumps. There was constant movement and plenty of smiling faces as girls worked towards building a big score to defeat the opposition.
On Friday 29th April the college had two swimmers represent the College and CGSSSA at the NSWCCC Swimming Championships. They both swam extremely well and are to be congratulated for their results.

Wooree Bae - 10th Place in 14 years 100m Freestyle

Sophia Bruzzese - 1st Place 14 years 50m Breaststroke
1st Place 14 years 100m Breaststroke

On the day Sophia also broke the NSWCCC 14 years 100m Breaststroke record swimming a time of 1:16.79.

Sophia is at the NSW All Schools Championships, which are being held today. She is swimming in the 14 years 50m, 100m and 200m Breaststroke. The College community wishes her the best of luck!

MCCS Netball

Round 1
Year 7 Team vs. St Patrick’s Loss 35 - 2 MVP: Emilia Eames
Year 8 Team vs. St Patrick’s Loss 51 - 4 MVP: Stephanie Mills
Year 9 Team vs. St Patrick’s Loss 41 - 21 MVP: Shaolina Radevic
Year 10 Team vs. St Patrick’s Loss 41 - 10 MVP: Stephanie Thelin & Kimberly Boviatsis
Senior Team vs. St Patrick’s Loss 30 - 7 MVP: Georgia Stillianesis - Great goal shooting in the last quarter.

Thursday 5th of May was Round 1 of the 2016 MCCS Netball competition. All the Bethlehem teams played St Patrick’s Dundas. While all the teams had a bit of a slow start to the season, there were many promising aspects to take from each game and also plenty of things to work towards over the coming weeks. This first week was a good time for the coaches to test out combinations for the coming season. We look forward to seeing some success, but most importantly we look forward to the girls going out there each week and having fun.

CGSSSA News

CGSSSA Football

On Wednesday 27th April the Bethlehem College Open and Junior Football teams attended the annual CGSSSA Football Championships. While the teams had a slow start to the day they both managed to string together a few wins. Unfortunately neither of the teams made the finals. A big thank you to Mr Elaro and Mr Bamber who coached the girls on the day. The girls had a great day and greatly improved on their football and teamwork skills.

Upcoming CGSSSA Events in Term 2:
- 11th May CGSSSA Senior Basketball
- 18th May CGSSSA Junior and Intermediate Basketball
- 27th May CGSSSA Cross Country

Kathryn Beaumont
Sports Coordinator / CGSSSA / MCCS
COLLABORATION FORUM: Thursday 12 May—Sydney
9am—1.30pm at Sydney Mason Centre

Why Schools need to be Collaborative Places
For Principals, Teachers, Parents, Educators, P&Cs, P&Fs, Councils, Boards

Opening Address:
EDUCATION MINISTER: ADRIAN PICCOLI

Master of Ceremonies:
Verity Firth, Executive Director, Social Justice, University of Technology

We believe the way forward for education must spring from collaborative practice. There are so many factors in the current landscape symptomatic of the lack of collaboration:

- The poor wellbeing of principals and teachers (see ACU surveys) conflict arising from misapprehension of parental engagement.
- The lack of support / mentoring for and subsequent loss of new teachers.
- The role of students in their own learning to set them up for the future.

Keynotes:

Katherine Henderson
With Prof John Hattie, Katherine Henderson has been instrumental in creating the University of Melbourne Network of Schools (UMNOS) - a collective partnership for schools to improve student learning and wellbeing through collaboration with each other and with world class researchers. Katherine now leads the UMNOS which has 70 schools in four Network groups.

Peter Anthony
Head of Executive Education at Australian Catholic University, International speaker, author and executive coach, Peter is an expert in Collaboration and how to frame conversations for the best outcome.

Panel members include:
Lila Mularczyk (Secondary Principals), Mark Mowbray (Primary Principals) and others to discuss the role of collaboration in schools with practical examples and tools.

The way forward for education must spring from collaborative practice to impact:

- The wellbeing of principals, teachers and students.
- Effective and productive parental engagement.
- Brighter future for students.

Please either visit the Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT website or visit the link below to register.
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Student Conference 2016
Sydney Women in Engineering

DATE & TIME
Thursday 14 July
8:15am to 3:30pm

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Would you like to know more about engineering and what you can do as an engineer?

If you like designing solutions to problems, want to contribute to society and make a difference to the world, come see what engineering is about at the Experience It! student conference.

What you will do?
It will be a day of fun, interactive and hands-on workshops and team-based activities, exploring the peculiar and bizarre applications of engineering!

Hear from current engineering students and our industry representatives, learn what careers and opportunities are available to you and be inspired by their journeys and achievements.

Who is this for?
This conference is aimed at NSW high school girls in Years 9-11. No prior engineering, maths or physics experience is required and students will have the opportunity to do workshops based on their areas of interest. You’ll also get to work as a team in challenges to win some great prizes!

Do you live or go to school more than 100 km from UTS?
You may be eligible for our Rural Scholarship to offset the cost of travel, please apply on the registration webpage.

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YA Authors at Ashfield

Randa Abdel-Fattah

Date: Friday 17 June 2016
Venue: Ashfield Library
       Level 3, Civic Centre
       260 Liverpool Road Ashfield
Time: 11:00am

RSVP By Monday 13 June 2016

Places are limited and bookings are essential. Please book by calling Kathy or Emma on 97161827

Celebrated author Randa Abdel-Fattah will be joining us for an author talk at Ashfield Library.

Randa will be discussing her books and life as a writer.

Due to limited space, schools are offered 2 class bookings per school.

This event is suitable for years 6-10.

Randa Abdel-Fattah

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