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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL: MS JUDITH POTTER

I extend a very warm 'welcome back' to all students and staff.

I recently had the special opportunity to visit ten schools across England. This opportunity to visit these schools and listen, observe and engage in discussion with staff and students is one which I indeed value. The Head of Cramlington Community High School describes good learners as resilient, reflective, resourceful, responsible (for their learning and the learning of others) and reasoning. The start of a new semester is a time for each of our students to refocus on goals and priorities, and to put concrete plans in place to support the attainment of personal excellence in all areas. If a student is not applying herself to learn all of which she is capable, then she is allowing some doors to her future pathway to remain closed, doors that with perseverance and hard work could open before her. Teachers are only too happy to support students in finding the correct keys to unlock the doors to their future.

A highlight during my study tour of England was visiting St Mary's (Cambridge), one of our sister schools and a school that I very much enjoyed joining for one year as a Year 8 student (many years ago!). We hope to build the link between our schools in the years to come.

### WORLD YOUTH DAY

On my flight from England last week, the enthusiasm and excitement of many young pilgrims journeying to Australia for World Youth Day was a delight to witness. This week our thoughts and prayers are with all World Youth Day pilgrims. In particular we pray for the followings pilgrims from Loreto College: Melissa Bell, Jane Bruty, Caroline Geoghegan, Zosha Jarecki-Warke, Genevieve Lawrence, Alice Marquand, Alexandra Prebble, Sarah Rix, Brigid Ross-Taylor, Amy Schwikkard and Hannah Zriekat.

## FAITH AND MISSION

MR PETER RIX, DIRECTOR OF FAITH AND MISSION

**God of all Goodness  
You called Mary Mackillop  
to relieve suffering and bring hope  
to the most neglected parts of Your vineyard.**

**May her life be a source of inspiration  
to the young women and men  
who gather in Sydney  
for World Youth Day.**

**May they be filled  
with Your compassionate love,  
grow to trust in Your provident care,  
learn to respect the dignity of all people  
and so witness to your Justice in their lives.  
We ask this in Jesus' name: Amen**

## WORLD YOUTH DAY

In the second week of the holidays Ballarat was fortunate to play host to some of the many World Youth Day pilgrims that had spent the days in the diocese here in Ballarat. We had visitors from Ireland, Macau, Portugal, Ohio, Canada and East Timor. In spite of the cold and windy conditions there was an air of excitement and joy when ever they gathered. Our guests from the more tropical climates could not find enough layers to keep out the cold.

The 150 pilgrims came to Loreto on the Thursday afternoon for a cultural exchange. The Irish dance that all were invited to participate in and the singing from the East Timorese was more than matched by the vocal rendition of *Tie me Kangaroo down* and *Waltzing Matilda* from the small Australian contingent. A bush dance on Saturday evening saw a great interaction and much mirth among the pilgrims as they tried to understand the Australian slang and master the rather unique steps associated with the many new dances.

Eleven of our students have trekked up the Hume Highway with the many thousands of World Youth Day

Pilgrims. They were very excited to be going and to have the chance to mix with other young catholic people from around the world. A chance to see Pope Benedict XVI and to celebrate their faith is an opportunity that does not come around very often. I know they will report on their experiences when they return.

A prayer that we might say asking God to bless all World Youth Day Pilgrims and the people of Sydney who are caught up in the World Youth Day event is included above. It is a prayer in honor of one of the ten patrons chosen for World Youth Day – Blessed Mary Mackillop. I would invite you to remember our students and all our visitors at this time. May they receive the Spirit and make God truly visible to our world.

## GONZAGA BARRY DAY

The celebration of Gonzaga Barry Day will occur on July 31, 2008. As part of this celebration we would request secondhand clothes, blankets and/or food items that can be distributed to the poor and the homeless of Ballarat. Any assistance you can give to this appeal would be gratefully received. Items can be left at school prior to the day.

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## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### MR PAT O'SHEA, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (PASTORAL AND ORGANISATION)

#### ANAPHYLAXIS MANAGEMENT IN SCHOOLS

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction that can be life threatening. Common allergens in school age children are peanuts, eggs, shellfish and insect bites. The Victorian Government has mandated that each school develop and publish an Anaphylaxis Management Policy.

As part of the government regulations,

- our staff has been in-serviced in the nature of this illness and the appropriate first aid response to an anaphylaxis event
- staff who teach students diagnosed as anaphylactic have had further training in the use of an EpiPen
- each student who has been diagnosed as anaphylactic has an individual action plan
- our Office staff have reviewed the storage of medication
- the school has purchased generic medication.

The goal of this policy is to ensure that the school is a safe environment for students at risk from anaphylaxis.

#### GONZAGA BARRY DAY

Gonzaga Barry Day is Thursday, July 31, 2008. This is an important celebration on our calendar of all things Loreto. Period 1 will run as normal and be followed by a liturgy and other entertainment. We always run a collection on this day to support the Ballarat Winter Appeal. We are looking for non perishable food, clothing, blankets or money. The response has been terrific each year to this and we hope that continues. Goods may be brought in before the day.

**YEAR 11 LEADERSHIP DAY** is on Monday August 11, 2008. Students will receive more information on this shortly.

#### Ms SALLY EASTWOOD

The photos below are from past student Sally Eastwood. Sally is working as a volunteer in Peru, South America. She received a donation from the school and has sent this report:

*I just wanted to write to say huge thank-you again for the money the Ballarat Loreto Community donated to the Peru mission. As you can imagine the money can be spent in many ways and with the exchange rate has become a fantastic contribution.*

*So far with the money we have bought soccer balls for the children of Lampa, as they do not have any sporting equipment, and have a great area they can now use to play soccer.*

*Other ways the money is going to be spent is to attain reading glasses for children and adults of Lampa. Once they have these classes, the money is also going to help to set up a literacy program for the adults here. The money is also going to provide a few scholarships for students who do not have the money to continue their secondary and university education.*



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## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

TRICIA COSGRIFF, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL (TEACHING AND LEARNING)

### VCE SUBJECT SELECTION 2009

#### YEAR 10 INTO YEAR 11 2009

Next week our current Year 10 students will begin the process of subject selection for Year 11, 2009. The first stage of this process will occur on Wednesday, July 23 when they will attend a Student Information session at school.

At this session students will be given a copy of the "VCE Information Booklet for Students 2009/2010" and a letter inviting you to the **Parent and Student Information Evening for Year 11, 2009** to be held on **Tuesday July 29**, commencing at 7.45pm in the Theatre in the Mary Ward Centre.

Parents and students are invited to visit the **Subject Expo** prior to the session between 6.30pm and 7.30pm.

A meeting will be held at **7.00pm** on this evening for parents of students who are attending the **Central Australia Trip**. The venue will be room SG513 in the Mary Ward Centre.

#### YEAR 11 INTO YEAR 12 2009

Year 11 students will participate in a Student Information Session (held on Monday July 21), with the follow-up Parent and Student Information Evening held on **Tuesday July 29**, commencing at 7.00pm in the Theatre in the Mary Ward Centre. After the Information session parents and students are invited to visit the Subject Expo in the Hall between 7.45 and 8.15pm. The Expo will close at 8.15pm, to allow staff to attend the Year 10 into 11 Information Session.

These students should now be well on the way to making informed subject selection for 2009. I would remind all Year 11 students to check tertiary prerequisites closely and to discuss all aspects of Unit 3/4 studies with the relevant teachers prior to handing in their Program Selection Sheet on Monday August 18.

Should you or your daughter require any assistance or additional information regarding the VCE subject selection process for 2009 then please do not hesitate to contact the College.

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## ECOLOGICAL SPIRITUALITY – A SIMPLE PRAYER

MR PETER FOORD (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR)

In this final instalment in the series on ecospirituality we begin with a further reflection from a Year 9 student after "walking the land" of Nowhere Creek on her retreat.

Step. Step. The earth is new and untouched, undamaged.

Step. Step. Time changes. Earth changes. What was once new is old.

Step. Step. Old dies. The time turns. New things grow out of the earth.

Step. Step. Dead things revolutionise the world. Time burns.

Step. Step. Things of the earth learn respect. Time moves.

Time continues on. But other things don't continue. We walk on earth, relying on it. It is old, aged. Respect it or it may not continue.

As a citizen of this planet, I sway between hope and despair when I read and hear the dozens of stories relating to climate change and global warming. My faith as a Christian calls me always to hope in a future that is whole – a future that fully enfleshes the reign of God. This future is full of beauty, hope, justice, peace and above all love. We are constantly called to resurrection and new life.

As a member of the earth community – deeply connected as I am to all things, living and non-living, I am constantly reminded of the need for humility. I am constantly reminded to avoid arrogance. I am constantly reminded by the complexity and enormity of the biosphere I live in and the universe it inhabits. Jesus of Nazareth preached simplicity, humility, inclusivity and community. All these things were governed by love.

On the day of this Year 9 retreat, I was profoundly moved by the simple and humble connection that our students developed with the earth. Maybe it was nothing more than the clean, fresh air blowing on my face, or the sounds of numerous birds in the surrounds, or the sheer beauty and peacefulness of the rolling hills, green paddocks and forests of Nowhere creek. Maybe it was just my imagination, but I don't think so. What I witnessed was a spiritual connection and I trust what I experienced was a deeply mystical God reaching out and tugging us all gently into a more wholesome future.

So ... change your light bulbs to CFLs; ring your electricity provider and change to "green" electricity; drive less and more smoothly; ride a bike; turn off the lights; lower your heating thermostat; turn off standby switches; use cold water

for washing machines; investigate solar panels. Do what you can to create a story worth remembering 200 years from now. We finish with the prayers of our teenage girls:

Dear God,  
Thankyou for the beautiful land we live on.  
Thankyou for the food we cherish from the land.  
We thank you for all the blue skies, the green grasses, the animals that walk upon the earth and all wonderful creation.  
For this we thank you. Amen.  
Thankyou God for the earth you made for us. We will try to look after it the way you want us to.  
Amen

If the earth would stay as it is, we would run out of water.

If the earth would stay as it is, we would lose all our trees.

If the earth would stay as it is, we would have no animals.

If the earth was never here, we wouldn't have life.

If the earth were to change, we would be confused.

BUT

We need water, trees, animals, so we need to do what we can to save what we need.

And hope we don't lose it forever.

Thankyou God for this peaceful land.

Thankyou God for the soil and sand.

Thankyou God for this beautiful day.

Thankyou God for leading the way.

AMEN!

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## DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Ms TENNILLE MCLAUHLAN

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Class of 2003 5 Year Reunion** Saturday, July 19, 2008 from 5.00pm

**Class of 1998 10 Year Reunion**, Saturday, July 26 from 2.00pm Tour of the School & Liturgy in the Chapel at 3.00pm

**Class of 1988 20 Year Reunion**, Saturday, July 26 from 4.30pm & Family Day, Sunday, July 27 from 11.30am.

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## EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE 2008, SECOND INSTALMENT

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 receipt of the EMA you must:

- Be either a parent or guardian of a primary or 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 Concession Act 1986 **or** be a Veteran Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or**
- be a foster parent; **and**
- Submit your application to the school by the due date.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 3 (**July 14, 2008**) for the second instalment.

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **August 1, 2008** for the second payment.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2008 through this school, will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents, who transfer children to another school after February 29, 2008 and prior to or on August 1, 2008 must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

Application forms were forwarded to all school families at the beginning of the year. Further forms are available from the school office.

**Claims received after August 1, 2008 cannot be processed.**

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## BUGSY MALONE NEWS

### MRS STEPHANIE GREET, DIRECTOR OF CO-CURRICULAR PERFORMANCE

It is only a few short weeks before production week and the excitement is building.



During the holidays much hard work was completed by staff and parents. Maree Stephenson was busy collecting Costumes and bumping into Mrs Kayleen O'Donoghue who is also assisting with costume. Thank you for all your running around. Our bars/desks arrived, thanks to Mr Michael Kent, Mr Peter Kennedy, Mr Alistair Ford for their construction, they look fantastic. Mrs Sally Malcher started work on t-shirts and Mrs Anne Fell finalised the poster design and organised the printing. Which leads me to thank Mr Stephen Pearson (St Patrick's College parent) for the printing of these very attention-grabbing posters. Only moments after these went up around the school I received this email from a student in the cast:

*"To Ms Greet,  
When I finished first period I saw all of the Bugsy posters on the lockers and I got so excited so I ran*

*down the stairs two at a time and collected 10 posters to pin up. They look awesome! The colours look great too! Well done!*

Georgia J-W (who is cast as a tree)

This student is also a dancer, so I hope she did not injure herself in all the excitement. What a brilliant response. Cast members will be bringing posters home to put up around their local area - in shops. If you could encourage them to put them up sooner rather than later, that would be appreciated. Putting one up on their bedroom wall should probably happen AFTER the show.

Thank you to parents for the speedy pick ups this week. It is very important that we try to minimise the cast's chances of falling ill. A reminder that parents are welcome to come and watch Sunday rehearsals, and we hope the students are singing you their songs, and practising their lines and blocking.

Letters and permission slips regarding production week will be out next week. If you could help your daughter to remember to have the form signed and returned promptly, that would be terrific.

Tickets are now on sale. Matinee tickets are \$5.00 concession and \$10.00 adults. Evening tickets are \$12.00 concession. and \$16.00 adults. Purchases can be made at Student Reception at Loreto and also at the Wendouree Centre for the Performing Arts. Tickets are selling quite quickly. To avoid disappointment, please organise your purchases very soon.

If you have any questions regarding the show, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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## FOOT IN THE DOOR – A SHORT COURSE IN HOSPITALITY

### MRS THEA MOONEY, TECHNOLOGY – FOODS TEACHER

A group of keen Year 11 and Year 12 students spent the first Tuesday of their holidays completing an accredited William Angliss course, which introduced them to aspects of the Hospitality Industry. The *Foot in the Door* program also gave them knowledge of the industry and bar and waiting skills.

Congratulations to the following students who completed the course. They will be issued with their

certificates as soon as they arrive from William Angliss College.

Jessica Smith  
Gabrielle Eaton  
Beth Canny  
Emily McCracken  
Kavita Manohar,  
Samantha Hay  
Kayla Kennedy

Jessica Hishon  
Brianna Spratling  
Amy Haberfield  
Emma Fellows  
Jenna Gnoato  
Nicole Hobson

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## CAREERS NEWS

### MS MARILYN SCOTT, CAREERS CO-ORDINATOR

Full newsletters regarding all aspects of course updates, open days and transition sessions have been distributed to all Year 12 students and are also available in the Careers Room.

#### TIMELY APPLICATIONS FOR UNIVERSITY

and some TAFE courses are August 4, 2008 at 9.00am and close on September 30, 2008 at 5.00 pm. VTAC guides have yet to arrive and will be distributed to Year 12 students shortly. Extra copies are available for classes from the Careers Room.

#### AUGUST IS OPEN DAY MONTH

University of Ballarat and Australian Catholic University have OPEN DAY on Sunday August 31, 2008 between 10.00am and 4.00pm. I recommend visiting early in the day. Students will be given a list of appropriate questions to assist them gather information. Further postures and information are available in the Careers Room.

For the Year 12 students who have not yet made an appointment to discuss their pathways for next year, I encourage them to do so soon.

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 10 Red and 10 White - dates for Semester 2 are August 25, 2008 to August 29, 2008. This means that

forms need to be returned to me very quickly. All Year 10 students have been given a green Work Place Learning form and have received instruction re the process of gaining work experience. Hospital, Sovereign Hill and Ballarat Law Court application need to be made by me rather than direct contact via the student.

Reminder to parents of students applying for the UFS **PHARMACY TASTER** that there will be a parent information evening at the UFS Head Office in Armstrong Street on Wednesday evening July 23, 2008 at 6.00pm.

#### STUDENTS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN VET STUDIES AS PART OF THEIR VCE OR VCAL STUDIES.

A Parent information evening about VET and School based Apprenticeships will be held on Wednesday, August 13, 2008 from 6.30pm to 9.00pm at Ballarat Mining Exchange, Lydiard Street North, Ballarat. Information sessions will be conducted at 7.00pm and 7.30pm. This evening will present information about the wide range of VET programs available to Year 11 and 12 students in 2009. As well as the popular Hair & Beauty course next year, Floristry will be included.

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## CANTEEN ROSTER

### MRS SUE WALSH/MRS HELEN RIENIETS/MRS VICKI MORONEY

	Week beginning Monday, July 21, 2008		Week beginning Monday, July 28 2008	
<b>Monday</b>	Maureen Mason Kathy Quinlan	Sharon Monson Wendy Birer	Julie Spittle Kerry Cartledge	Angela Carey
<b>Tuesday</b>	Daydie Burgess Sandra Smith	Kaylene Donoghue Marty Forbes	Bev Salter Lyn Parkinson	Julianne Allen Susan Cartledge
<b>Wednesday</b>	Kate Stapleton Kim Tempany Beth Hunt	Catherine Newman Helen Moran	Janine Smith Nicki Quinlan Helen O'Brien	Donna Crompton Carmen Farrell
<b>Thursday</b>	Rhonda Robson Kathy Keem	Dianne Molloy Maxine Pryor	Marietta Hannah Vikki Chaffey Claire Gillett	Raelene Harty Leanne Coghlan
<b>Friday</b>	Eliza Haberfield Tonia Whittaker Lorraine James	Trudi Kannourakis	Catherine Clifford Heather Koenig	Janet Santilli Leonie Leviston

☎ THE DIRECT LINE FOR THE CANTEEN IS 5329 6155.

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## UNIFORM POOL

The Uniform Pool will be open from 1.30pm until 3.50pm on the following dates during Term 3:

- **Tuesday, August 5**
- **August 19**

- **September 2**
- **September 16**

If you would be able to assist on any of these dates would you please contact the College office.

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## OTHER ACTIVITIES

### NEW SWIM SQUAD IN BALLARAT - OLYMPIC DREAM

A newly formed swimming squad, under the direction of Ross Price, is now training at the University of Ballarat.

Olympic swimmer Daniel Lee and Commonwealth Games medallist Tay Zimmer are part of Price's

training squad in Melbourne. Training sessions are Monday to Friday mornings from 6.00-7.30am.

Any swimmer who is at State level and interested in becoming a national swimmer is asked to contact Mal Hudson on 0417 735 981... or come along one morning for a trial!



[www.vikingsfutsal.com](http://www.vikingsfutsal.com)

### Season commencing

**JUNIORS: 26/7/08. Intermediate/Social: 25/7/08 MENS: 22/7/08**

**ALL TEAM MANAGERS/COACHES** please contact James Wylie to re-register your team and update your contact details. **NEW TEAMS/PLAYERS WELCOME**  
**\*Free Intro to Futsal/Fundamentals Seminar** to be held on Saturday 26/7/08 4pm-5pm at Eastwood Leisure Complex. Open to all Coaches/Managers and Parents.

Please contact James to book your place on 0400 701 662 [james@vikingsfutsal.com](mailto:james@vikingsfutsal.com)

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## CENTACARE FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS WORKSHOPS TERM 3 2008

### Building Positive Couple Relationships

**Wednesday 23 July, 7.00-9.00 pm**

This two hour workshop is designed for couples who wish to keep their relationship healthy and vital. It will explore practical ways couples can strengthen their emotional bond and to get the most out of their loving relationship.

#### Topics include:

- Reclaim your couple time
- Creating balance & priority
- Loving in the right way for your partner
- Building relationship positives

Cost: \$10.00 per person. Venue confirmed on booking

Childcare not provided

### Little Kids With Attitude

**Monday, 28 July, 7.00-9.00 pm**

**A workshop for parents of toddlers & pre-schoolers**

#### Topics include:

- Enjoying your child
- Positive messages & discipline
- Developmental stages
- Taking care of yourself

Cost: \$10.00 per person. Venue confirmed on booking

### Living with Teenagers

**Wednesday 30 July, 1.00-3.00 pm**

A workshop for parents of teenagers

#### Topics include:

- The joys and challenges
- Adolescent development
- Teen friendly parenting strategies
- Beyond the present

Cost: \$10.00 per person. Venue confirmed on booking

### Surviving & Thriving in a Stepfamily

**Wednesday 30 July, 7.00-9.00 pm**

A workshop for couples in a stepfamily

#### Topics include:

- Building the couple partnership
- Biological & step relationships are different!
- Realistic expectations for the whole family
- The Stepfamily journey –past, present & future

Cost: \$10.00 per person. Venue confirmed on booking

For inquiries & bookings at any workshops, call Sue at Centacare on **53378908**

The Parish Communities of  
St Columbas Ballarat North; St James Sebastopol, St Patrick's Cathedral,

## Invite

Anyone curious about, or interested in, finding out about

## The Catholic Faith

### To attend an Enquiry Night

On Wednesday July 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.30.p.m.

To be held in the foyer of St Columbas Church, 801 Lydiard Street, Ballarat North

Further details can be obtained by phoning  
St Patrick's Cathedral 53312933 or St Columbas 53317131

## KISUNYA Australia

(Registered fundraiser 8481 with the Dept of Consumer Affairs)

A local group raising funds to help build a secondary school for girls in remote western Kenya.

Don't forget a monthly meeting will be held on the **THIRD THURSDAY of each month at 6pm** Café Phoenix (626 Sturt Street) to discuss fundraising ideas. **All welcome!**

### Buy a Plot of Land Promotion

For only **\$50** you could help Kisunya purchase the land needed to build the St Theresa's Secondary Girls School. Your contribution will cover the purchase of 10m<sup>2</sup> of land, entitle you to a certificate of appreciation and a plaque on the donor wall (to be put up once we have constructed the school!!)

Contact Ms Porter for more information

[sporter@kisunya.auz.net](mailto:sporter@kisunya.auz.net)

Or check out our website:

[www.kisunya.auz.net](http://www.kisunya.auz.net)

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### Kisunya Australia – Buy a Plot of Land Promotion

Student Name and House Group: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ plot/s of land  
for Kisunya Australia at \$50 per plot = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Details to go on Plaque/s (1 plaque per plot)

Sample plaque

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Stephanie Porter  
Enfield, Australia

(Cheques payable to "Stephanie Porter – Kisunya Australia")