Learning is for life

Success beyond school

While it is true that a well-rounded education provides our children with many of the skills and qualities they will need to be successful as adults, I have always been fascinated by the stories of very successful adults who have found school difficult or even irrelevant. In some cases a child enjoys a rare gift for music or sport that propels him or her into a career while at other times it is something completely different. As an educator the fact that many very successful people have not always found their school years rewarding is a constant reminder that each of us have our own unique gifts and that they emerge at different times in our lives.

Recently I had the privilege of meeting someone whose experience embodies this truth. During the enrolment interview with her daughter I was explaining that a learning difficulty did not have to limit her potential as a person etc… Midway through the conversation this mum said, “That sounds like me.” It turns out that mum had left school early after experiencing many challenges. Since then she has built two successful businesses and is currently studying for a university degree that she would never have considered possible.

St Dominic’s Hall

Congratulations to Ms O’Callaghan and our Year 12 Drama students for their outstanding performances last week. This was our first occasion using the new hall for Drama and it appeared to work well as a venue giving us much improvement is invaluable.

Reflection

The end of Term 2 signals the halfway point of our academic year in much the same way that the winter solstice last week signalled that the days get longer and that they emerge at different times in our lives.

It is often said that parents are the primary or first educators of their children. This mother’s story reminds us of the truth of this statement for all of us. Receiving our child’s report at the end of term is one of those moments when we get to teach as parents. We do so from our own experiences of having received feedback both positive and negative throughout our lives. Thus we know just how important it is to choose our words carefully. With this in mind it is worth noting that academic reports provide students with a snapshot of their performance at a particular point in time. As such they affirm the efforts the child has made in the previous term or semester and offer some possibilities for development in the second half of the year. However the conversation goes, encouraging your son or daughter to reflect on his or her report and discuss some realistic goals for improvement is invaluable.

Brian Schumacher

Cabra PRINCIPAL
New Semester

As we draw the end of term to a close, we also look to new beginnings. Schools provide a unique opportunity to start again at the beginning of each semester. The reports that you will receive assess your child against curriculum standards. Teachers also reflect on a range of assessments to inform, monitor and scaffold teaching and learning. The process of learning how to learn, is an important goal in our educational setting. We provide opportunities for students to set goals, self-reflect and seek new challenges.

Assessment FOR learning:
Focuses on the gap between where a learner is and where they need to be so that they can meet their desired goal.

Assessment AS learning:
Focuses on teachers and students identifying and reflecting on the evidence of their learning. This can help to set new learning goals and the skill of peer and self assessment.

Assessment OF learning:
Focuses on teachers moderating and using evidence against curriculum standards.

Working Together

Please use this opportunity to open new learning conversations with your child as they review their Semester 1 progress. Use this as a time to set new goals, identify skills that are assisting their learning and challenges the student can work on to overcome. Together we can work to provide high challenges and high levels of support to promote further success for Semester 2.

Grandparents Day

It was wonderful to see so many visitors at our recent Grandparents and Special Friends day. The Year 6’s enjoy hosting the day, to pay tribute to the many special people in their lives. It was a wonderful showcase of their skills as we were entertained by various musical ensembles on the day. Their biographies were presented to their visitors and many were amazed at the rich details, excellent literacy recount and technical skills that were used to prepare these. Congratulations to Sarah Russell and the Year 6 team for their planning of this event and assisted. As we often say, “it takes a village to raise a child.”

Mid Year Holidays

We hope that the holidays provide a time of rest and relaxation for the students as they prepare to face the new challenges of Semester 2. We thank them for the enthusiasm, commitment and joy that they share with us each day as we journey together.

Calling all young writers...

Mostly Books located at Mitcham Shopping Centre is looking for expressions of interest for a young writers group to meet in store on a monthly basis.

Opportunities exist to:
• meet other writers in the local area
• share and discuss their own work
• participate in writing exercises and more

Contact Mostly Books on 8373 5190 for more information.

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop Term 2
Opening Hours

Entrance via Little St
Monday: 8.30am to 5.30pm
Wednesday: 8.30am to 5.30pm
Friday: 8.15am to 3.45pm

During the school holidays:

Week 2 only –
Wednesday 11th July: 10am to 5.00pm
Thursday 12th July: 10am to 5.00pm

Phone: 8179 2400
Email: uniform@cabra.catholic.edu.au

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• Your Name (Parent or Guardian)

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Meet the Writers Festival

Ms Griffiths and Mr von der Borch took their Year 8 English students to the “Meet the Writers Festival” on Wednesday June 13th at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

They had the privilege of meeting some of Australia’s best adolescent-fiction writers. It was a great day as is evident from some of these student responses:

“I saw Jackie French and she was loud, which caught my attention... I was inspired to be creative because of some of the writers’ stories.” Leila Scott

“I learned heaps from all the authors and loved hearing their stories, especially those from Michael Pryor.” Stephanie Antolis

“Michael Gerard Bauer was hilarious! He told us how he was a champion fainter. I thought this was the best excursion I have been on so far at Cabra.” Briana Bonasera

“It was fun and enjoyable.” Cameron Pitcher

“I got to meet some new writers that I had never heard about and they told us about their life and how they started writing.” Henry Curtis

Electronic Newsletter Delivery

Starting in Term 3, 2012 Cabra will no longer print newsletters as the main avenue for distribution. Instead, an electronic version will be emailed to you.

This current newsletter issue has been emailed to a great majority of parents. If you have not received an email - please visit the Cabra Website and Subscribe. Visit: www.cabra.catholic.edu.au and click on “.”

Fill out the online subscription form with your first name, surname and email address.

If you wish to subscribe to the newsletter with more than one email, simply repeat this process and use a different email address.

For those who would still like a printed copy, there will be limited numbers available at each of the college reception areas (Front Office, Middle School and Senior School Offices) for students to collect and bring home.

eNewsletters will continue to be available as PDF files on the main Cabra Website at: www.cabra.catholic.edu.au/news-events/college-newsletters and on the Intranet at: https://intranet.cabra.catholic.edu.au/ under the category of “Newsletters & Notes”.

If you do not wish to receive electronic publications from us, you can unsubscribe at any time by clicking the Unsubscribe link at the top of the newsletter email being delivered.
Year 10 Life Education Presentation

Last week the Year 10 students attended a Drug Education presentation from the Life Education Organisation. The information session provided the students with a broad range of evidenced based data associated with the short term and long term impact which harmful drugs can have on an adolescent or pubescent child, who has less mental/social capacity than an adult. The presentation was extremely engaging and informative for the students.

VET Awards

Congratulations to Brayden Hill and Jana Tssemelis for being formally acknowledged at a recent presentation for students who have undertaken VET courses as part of their Senior School studies. The INAP Graduation Ceremony was held at Our Lady of the Scared Heart College last week. I would also like to take this opportunity to formally acknowledge all of the work of Mrs. Sharkey who is our VET Coordinator here at the College. Mrs. Sharkey devotes a significant amount of time customising career pathways in consultation with individual students which align with their personal skills sets and interests. By enrolling in a VET course students are provided with the opportunity to engage in ‘real world’ learning activities. The courses also provide the students with the chance to mix with students from a broad range of other Schools and Colleges.

2013 Subject Information Sessions

This Thursday we will be having the first of our SACE information sessions for the current Year 10 and Year 11 students in preparation for the 2013 SACE Orientation Evening for parents which will be held on Wednesday the 1st of August commencing at 7.30pm in St. Dominic’s Hall.

Generation Next Conference

Every year we provide opportunities for our staff to attend the ‘Generation Next’ Conference which deals with a broad range of issues associated with student wellbeing. Last week we had one of our College Counsellors and two of our Senior School Year Level Coordinators attend the Conference. The information gathered from these types of Conferences are then fed back to our Pastoral Care Teams and incorporated into our Pastoral Care Program.

Year 11 Coordinators – Semester 2

I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank Dr. van Eyk for all of his work in relation to supporting the Year 11 students in Semester 1. Dr. van Eyk will be on long service leave for the remainder of the year. We all wish Bernie a safe and relaxing break over the coming months. In response to an absence being created in this role we have appointed Mrs. Chris de Silva and Ms. Erin Mann to the position for Semester 2. Both Mrs. de Silva and Ms. Mann will share the role for the remainder of the year.

I look forward to working with both Chris and Erin over the coming months.

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Year 10 Science
Written by: Mrs Sharkey, Year 10 Science Teacher
As a part of the topic on Species Survival, the year 10’s were carrying out a Natural Selection simulation looking at the survival of Woolyboogers with different mouth parts for feeding.

Life Education:
Drug Education Session
Written By: Jane Deek
On Wednesday afternoon all year 10 students were fortunate enough to partake in a drug awareness/information session. It presented valuable information which made us all more aware of the effects of drugs, both legal and illegal. Furthermore, it addressed the topic of underage drinking and the problems associated with the usage of these substances.
This session was extremely useful to our age group as some students might sometimes consider experimenting with alcohol and drugs at this age. This session highlighted the effects of drugs and other substances and the harm they cause to our bodies, especially at such a young age. This life education class was different from the others that we have been to as this time we were able to interact and answer questions that were put to us in order to test our understanding of short and long term effect on the well being of drug users.
I believe that there was a lot of constructive information that students gained out of this Drug Education Session. Also, it equipped us with valuable evidence based data in order to assist us in making right and wrong moral choices. Overall, it was a challenging session which clearly took the myth out of our temptation for short term pleasures compared to long term irreparable damages. I believe every student should attend one of these sessions at least once in their schooling life.

KYOTO BUNKYO JAPANESE STUDENTS
Written by: Grant Thompson
There is much enjoyment to be had in participating in programs overseas. For the Kyoto Bunkyo Japanese students here at Cabra College, many of them have been joining in various fun extra-curricular activities.
The girl in the photo facing towards this way, Aya Ito, had just finished singing in a school musical performance in St Brigids Square. On the same day, Kaede Kito played guitar, Yako Kano played trumpet, Sakura Sakane played clarinet and Kana Nakai played trombone. They are all involved with musical activities here at Cabra.

Debating Report
Written by: Mrs J Cross
Cabra’s two debating teams continue to do well. The Yr 6 Junior team narrowly won their debate against Scotch College last week when they convinced the adjudicator that “Sportswomen do not face more hurdles than sportsmen” and the Intermediate team only just missed out on a win against Scotch on the topic of “That we should abolish trial by jury”.
Both teams are working hard to prepare for the next Round, with some interesting topics coming up: (Juniors) “That parents are to blame for childhood obesity” and (Intermediate) “That Australia should become a republic”.

As for sporting activities, Yako Kano and Kana Nakai play in the school’s 8 – 10 Girls Soccer Team and Hiroki Saito plays basketball for the school and participated in the Athletics Carnival at Hindmarsh Stadium.
Seize the day!

Senior School News
Above: L – R Hannah Green, Helena Tran, Emily Vonderwall, Claire Langsford, Mrs Cross, Mr Manning
VET Semester 1 2012 –

Written By: Mrs Sharkey, VET Co-ordinator

There have been over 50 students participating in VET courses throughout this semester. Some of the VET courses have now been completed and we are awaiting final results.

The courses include –


Ongoing courses - Part Cert II in Children’s Services, Certificate III in Children’s Services under TGSS, Certificate II in Automotive (Mechanical), part Certificate IV in Photoimaging, Certificate II in Hairdressing, Intro to Hair, Makeup & Fashion, Doorways to Construction, Certificate II Music (Song writing & Performance) and Cert II Retail Makeup & Skincare.

There are also some students completing traineeships as a part of their part time work, at either a Certificate II or III level. We also have some students doing Australian School Based Apprenticeships – in Certificate III Hospitality and Certificate II Turf.

There have also been some students participating in short courses – Responsible Service of Alcohol and Barista.

From all of these courses students have been able to gain credit for their SACE.

Well done to all students participating in VET.

Study Club Popularity Increases

Written by: Mr Bull – Libraries Coordinator

The extended opening hours in the Senior Library from Monday to Thursday continues to attract students eager to receive extra help with assignments and homework or just get things done in a quiet relaxed atmosphere. Teacher-Librarians and Classroom Teachers are on hand to offer help and advice with homework, study and research skills. Term 3 Timetable of staff available below:

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We are open after school till 4.30pm on these days. Come along, no appointment necessary.

Hundreds of New Titles added to the Collection in Term 2

As part of our development plan for improving both Middle and Senior School library collections we have added literally hundreds of new fiction and non-fiction titles this term. For a complete list search the V-Library Catalogue from the Intranet and select “New Titles” from the left hand menu. Come down and see for yourself.

Book Week Theme 2012

“Champions Read”

Watch this space or visit the Cabra Library Blogs for details of our exciting National Year of Reading Book Week Activities

http://cabraseniorlibrary.wordpress.com/

http://cabramslibrary.wordpress.com/

Middle School Library News

Written by: Ms SB and Mrs Mills

The Middle School Library hosted its first Scholastic Book Fair last week which was a resounding success. We were inundated with eager readers and through the sales were able to receive around $300 worth of books as a reward for our library. Most of the books for the library were chosen by students. Thank you to our student volunteers Henry and Sam who worked tirelessly that day. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

It was fantastic to meet our year 6’s grandparents and special friends. Thank you for bringing them over to your favourite place in the school. In the lead up to this special day we asked the students to write a poem about their grandparent or special friend and were truly moved by the beautiful work that was submitted.

Grandmas are...

Grandmas are the best,
They are better than all the rest,
You might think they aren’t there,
But know that they always care,
Missing you all the time,
They are really so kind,
Their hugs and their kisses,
Show how much they miss us,
Counting on them,
To be there for us,
Nothing can be the same,
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By Brayden 7B

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A male relative that is not your father,
A retired fellow who would much rather,
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By Tom 7G

Enjoy your holidays and see you all next term where one of our focuses will be completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge.

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**ST MARY’S UNIT RESEARCH PROJECT**

**By:** Cheryl Webber, Flexible Learning Coordinator

The current Year 12 students in the St Mary’s Unit began their Research Project-Modified (RPM) in semester 2 2011. They have continued this subject this year and have almost completed all requirements for SACE moderation.

DAVID DE HAAS chose to investigate the ARIA Awards and some of the worthy recipients. Recently he gave a detailed oral presentation, supported by Powerpoint, to an enthusiastic audience.

LUKE EVANS extended his already-prodigious knowledge of Pixar Animation by creating his own cartoon characters and involving them in a Game Show format.

GEORGINA HAMILTON further developed her love of performance by investigating the Adelaide Entertainment Centre and planning her ideal stage act. She will perform this next term in the St Dominic’s Day Talent Show.

All three students amassed much research material including both Internet and hard copies of sources of information. They conducted interviews and questionnaires, worked diligently on their final outcomes, and gave stellar performances to their invited guests. Their Learning Goals – to learn to research fairly independently and to present to an audience – were met successfully.

David, Luke and Georgina would like to thank those teachers and support staff who assisted them directly – Ms Deborah Lubatti in 2011 and, this year, Ms Tha’is Bussenschutt, Mr Ben Heath and Mrs Cheryl Webber – and others, staff, parents and friends, who contributed in many ways to their progress.

**SPORTS NEWS**

[https://intranet.cabra.catholic.edu.au](https://intranet.cabra.catholic.edu.au)

**Junior Boys Basketball**

A clean sweep in all three matches against Blackfriars on Saturday 16th June.

**Jnr A Boys**

The A’s withstand a last quarter fight back to hold on by five points, 58-53. Rhys O’Brien (28 pts) and Jalen Croxton (12 pts) were the standout players.

**Jnr B Boys**

The B’s proved too big, too strong and defensively a very tough unit to win easily 56-12. Alonzo Mercado sizzled with 12 pts, and Alex Marschall produced a season high 14 pts to lead our scorers.

**Jnr C Boys**

The C’s, led by Ahmad Ahmad (7 pts) and William Shephersdon (8 pts) in his season best game won 29 to 18. Alex Hurley, Christian Vlahos, James Rech, James Scarfo and Alex nalepa all chipped in to contribute in a great win.

Mr Rob Jarrad.

**First XI Boys Soccer Team**

First game of the year was against Nazareth which we won comfortably 5-1. This was an excellent start to the season.

Our second, third and fourth games against Pultneye, Scotch and Westminster were lost due to players not marking, leaving too much open space and losing control of our formation.

In our fifth game against Mercedes, one of the top soccer schools at this level in the state, we surprised them by scoring an early goal. From this moment on the boys played with sheer determination and great skills.

Our marking, movement and ball control was a magical thing to watch from the side-line winning 3-0. They prove to me and themselves that they have the depth, talent and skills to outplay any team.

Now at the half-way mark of the season, as a team we have decided to play our strongest team from this point on. With harder work at training these boys who have already been playing together for five years have the potential to outclass any team. The future looks good as all of these boys are in Year 11; 2013 will be their year to remember.

I have thoroughly enjoyed coaching these boys so far and look forward to witnessing the improvement and growth as individual players and as a team.

*Nelson Lee, Coach*

**CABRA OLD SCHOLARS 2012 REUNIONS**

Reunions provide our Cabra Old Scholars with a wonderful way to reconnect with old friends. We are currently in the process of finalising details for our 10, 30 and 40 year reunions.

**Class of 1992 – 20 Year Reunion**

*When:* Saturday 20 October 2012

*Where:* Glenelg Surf Life Saving Club

*Time:* Tour of the College at 4:30pm, Glenelg Surf Life Saving Club at 6.30 pm

*Cost* $55 per head, inc. hot and cold cocktail food, 3 hour drinks package

*RSVP* and further information email cabraclass92@yahoo.com

**Class of 1968 to 1972 – 40 Year Reunion**

We are organising a fabulous night for the class of 1968-72’s 40 Year Reunion. Date and venue to be decided, but most likely November 2012. To keep up to date with the planning visit us on Facebook:


Cabra Dominican College 40 Year Reunion

2012Class06872

Or contact Trish Yeomans (nee Button)

email: yeobutton@bigpond.com

phone: 0417 856 466

*Stay tuned for further information on the 10 and 30 Year Reunions.*

We encourage all Cabra Old Scholars to update their details via the Online Registration form on our website:

[www.cabra.catholic.edu.au/old-scholars/online-registration](http://www.cabra.catholic.edu.au/old-scholars/online-registration)

Coles Sports for Schools is on again for 2012! In 2010 the Cabra community collected just over 14,000 vouchers, and in 2011 we collected over 28,000. This has enabled us to provide approximately 100 pieces of equipment to both Middle School and Senior School students. To participate, simply collect the vouchers provided at the checkout at Coles supermarkets, and have your child bring them in to school. There are several drop off points around the college, including the MS and SS Office, Book Room and Front Office. Ask your family and friends to start collecting for the Cabra community. Our tally is already over 500 vouchers! The more vouchers we collect, the more sports equipment we can provide for Cabra students to use at recess and lunchtimes.
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