Welcome to our final edition of the Newsletter for 2013 in which we are pleased to be able to share some images from our recent celebrations of the Year 9 Graduation and the Year 12/13 Graduation Dinner. Like the end of the school year itself, each of these occasions marks the end of a stage in formal schooling while at the same time signalling the commencement of something new. As such it is also a natural time for reflection and for giving thanks for all that we have received during the year.

One of my favourite things to do each year is to stand at the front gate when students arrive on their first day and when they leave on their final day for the year. Earlier this week I was able to enjoy once again this little indulgence; soaking up the joy and excitement of our young people as they commenced their long vacation. Likewise, watching a number of them reading through the pages of ‘Veritas’ (our end of year magazine) was also something of a highlight, as the photos and stories triggered fond memories for them of activities held earlier in the year.

Last night Cabra Celebrates provided us with a beautiful way to bring the academic year to a close through the celebration of student achievement interspersed with their reflections on the year and some terrific entertainment courtesy of our Music Department.

2013 SACE Results

Of course our graduating class of students from Year 12 and Year 13 will receive their SACE results in the coming weeks. While this can be an anxious time for some, our experience at Cabra is that the vast majority of our young people make a successful transition into their preferred course at local universities and TAFE colleges or directly into the workforce. With this in mind, we wish our graduates well and look forward to sharing their success stories of.

World Challenge – Vietnam

While the rest of the college community are entering into the holiday spirit a group of our students and staff are still trekking in Vietnam and engaged in an important social justice project as the final element to their school year. I think the name of this venture is most appropriate given the degree of discomfort and uncertainty that both teachers and students are exposed to along the way. It is designed to be challenging and through that provide opportunities for the participants to discover something new about themselves. No doubt, all will return with many stories to share with family and friends and a significant sense of achievement having committed to such a challenging venture.

In all of these celebrations and end of year activities we hope that all students complete 2013 feeling more confident in their abilities, more hopeful in their outlook and more appreciative of their many gifts including the love they receive from family and friends. We hope that they look forward to returning in 2014 ready for all that will come their way.

On behalf of our Cabra staff, I wish each of you a Merry Christmas. May it be filled with the peace and joy that comes from being surrounded by those you love.

Brian Schumacher
FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

Sale of Second Hand Uniforms: Only garments that are of good quality, freshly laundered and free of stains, tears and pet hair will be accepted for re-sale. Blazers must be dry cleaned and the current style and logo.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours for December 2013 / January 2014 & Christmas Holiday Period:

December 2013:
- Monday 2nd December: 8.30am–5.30pm
- Wednesday 4th December: 8.30am–5.30pm
- Thursday 5th December: 8.30am–4.00pm
- Friday 6th December: 8.30am–4.30pm

Christmas Holiday Opening Times - January 2014:
- Monday 20th January: 10.00am–5.00pm
- Tuesday 21st January: 10.00am–5.00pm
- Wednesday 22nd January: 10.00am–5.00pm
- Thursday 23rd January: 3.30pm–7.30pm
- Friday 24th January: 10.00am–5.00pm

NEW Term 1 trading hours resume
- Wednesday 29th January: 8.30am–5.00pm
- Thursday 30th January: 8.30am–4.30pm
- Friday 31st January: 8.30am–4.00pm

Please notify the school...

If your child or children will be absent from school, parents and guardians are required to notify the college.

Option 1: Leave a telephone message:

Call 8179 2477
After the message tone, please leave the following information:
- Child’s name
- Home Class
- Reason (Family, Unwell, Holiday)
- Your Name (Parent or Guardian)

Option 2: Send a TEXT message:

TEXT Message – 0427 767 937
- Child’s name
- Home Class
- Reason (Family, Unwell, Holiday)
- Your Name (Parent or Guardian)

The Southern Cross
The Southern Cross is the official newspaper of the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide. Click the link to view it online.
www.thesoutherncross.org.au

ENROLMENT INFORMATION
Please be advised that existing families must submit an application for enrolment for siblings wishing to attend Cabra. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the college website, or contact the Registrar, Amber Booth:
abooth@cabra.catholic.edu.au

RAIL ELECTRIFICATION
RAIL ELECTRIFICATION ‘SWITCHED ON’ (SEAFORD TO HOVE STATIONS)
South Australia’s public transport system is undergoing a major overhaul to transform Adelaide’s public transport network into a state-of-the-art, modern, sustainable system providing faster, more frequent and efficient services for commuters. Safety is paramount as these upgrades take place. It is essential that children are made aware of the potential dangers.

For further information:
- CALL: 1800 644 735
- EMAIL: dpti@electrification@sa.gov.au

NO-GO!
School Drop Off Zones
Many students continue to be dropped off in residential NO STANDING zones and in the BIKE LANE and SCHOOL BUS area on Cross Road.

We ask that you please do not drop students off in these zones.

UNLEY COUNCIL WILL ISSUE FINES TO OFFENDERS.
Please try leaving a few minutes early so your child can be dropped off safely within the designated drop-off area.

We look forward to your support in this important safety matter.

Cabra College Term Dates for 2013
Term 4: Mon 14 October – Wed 4 December

IMPORTANT NOTICE

STUDENT LEAVING THE COLLEGE?
If a student is leaving the College, we must receive WRITTEN CONFIRMATION and A MINIMUM OF ONE TERM’S NOTICE (as per fee schedule).
Please email Amber Booth:
abooth@cabra.catholic.edu.au

HAVE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CHANGED?
eg: phone, email or address?
IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU ALERT US OF THESE CHANGES
Please email Amber Booth:
abooth@cabra.catholic.edu.au

TIMETABLES AND MAPS

Important Notice
Before school commences in 2014, please be sure to check the Adelaide Metro website for any changes to routes and timetables that may affect you.

Some changes have already come into effect on December 1, 2014.

www.adelaidemetro.com.au
A successful year

Our 2013 school year has come to an end. There have been a multitude of celebrations, achievements and challenges as the year has progressed. The journey would have been quite different for every person here at Cabra. For some it would have been a smooth and successful year, for others it may have been a little difficult and for many a combination of both. Whatever the case was for you and your child, we say congratulations!

We recognise that adolescence can be an interesting time. Our young people grow and develop their independence along the journey and our role as parents and teachers is to be ‘the guide on the side’. We need to be close enough to provide possible alternatives, remind them of our expectations but allow them to take safe risks in their learning about life and the world around them.

Cabra Dominican College is a place where our young people can seek new opportunities, delight in the company of their peers and participate in wide and varied learning activities. We see these blessings on a daily basis here at our College. Some of our students have travelled overseas for the first time as they practiced a second language, others learnt the art of meditation, for some the use of a Graphics calculator enabled them to predict an algebraic expression and some were able to overcome their nerves to perform on stage. The learning pathways of 2013 were quite unique for all of you and that is what we recognise and celebrate. We thank you and your children for sharing the journey of 2013 with us.

May you have a happy and holy Christmas surrounded with much love, peace and joy.

Year 9 Graduation

The Year 9 Graduation was well attended by friends and families. Nights like these allow us to celebrate the learning curve that our students have experienced and see the warmth, care and compassion that they share within our community. Each homeclass teacher shared the many daily rituals, routines and quirks that were representative of their cohort. We thank the homeclass teachers for the care, guidance and support that they have demonstrated to our students and we also acknowledge the leadership of Flavio Zandona, their Year level coordinator.

It was also an opportunity for us to give thanks to the contributions that each individual has made to our community. The Year 9’s have worked well as a team and been extremely supportive of one another. We know that many exciting challenges of Senior School lay ahead and they are well placed for further success. Our Middle School Leaders have exemplified great leadership, extraordinary generosity and been wonderful role models for all of our students and we are grateful for all that they have done this year.
Congratulations to our Year 12/13 students

Our Year 12/13 Presentation Dinner was recently held at the Donato Reception Centre. The evening was a beautiful celebration for the students, their families and the staff. Over 500 people attended the event. At the end of the night many of the students commented on how they enjoyed the Presentation Dinner more than the Year 12/13 Formal which was held earlier in the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students for the work they have done during the course of the year and formally acknowledge the care and support their families have provided to the students and the College over the years. In so many ways the students have been very positive role models for the junior students in the school. I would like to wish all of our graduating students for 2013 the very best for the future.

Congratulations to the following Senior School students who graduated from their VET course at a special ceremony which was held at Prince Alfred College.

- Prue Adams
- Diana Capurso
- Eloise Crowley
- Patrick Tomczak
- Chris D’Aloia
- Jasmine Coles
- Abbey Scott
- Samantha Wigan
- Chris D’Aloia
- Jasmine Coles
- Erin Wood

Above: Our 2013 Senior students

Below: Year 12/13 Presentation Dinner photos.
1. 12 Black (Neil Hayford), 2. 12 Gold (Pauline O’Donnell), 3. 12 Rust (Sally Scott), 4. 12 Navy (Val Woodbridge), 5. 12 White (Paula Hensing), 6. 12 Yellow (John Simpson)
**Vietnam Trip**

On November 27th, two groups of Year 10 and 11 students departed Adelaide for 28 days to tour Vietnam with school expedition company World Challenge.

The students will be trekking and working on a community living project.

Under the guidance of an experienced world challenge leader, one group will be touring the south of Vietnam with Cabra teachers Sally Scott and Edmund O’Brien. The other group will be touring the north of Vietnam with Cabra teacher Rebecca Jasper and Ben Heath.

**Stage 2 Visual Art- Art and Design**

The Stage 2 Visual Art- Art and Design practical works were recently hung in the St. Dominic’s Hall mezzanine and were moderated by the SACE board last Thursday. This assessment task is essentially expressing ideas and presenting them with creativity and technical precision. The students drew upon their lives and for some, reached out to gain an understanding of the lives of others.

Building upon their past experiences in the Visual Arts, students applied knowledge from a diverse range of prior learning: painting, drawing, sculpture, architecture, visual communication and fashion design. This final work reflects significant progress in thinking and creating for these students. They have made sense of and interpreted their world. They have showed an understanding of Art and Design and its impact on our everyday lives.

The Stage 2 work is the result of rigorous process and personal achievement in managing their work and time. The Art Faculty congratulates these students and applauds their success over the year.

*By: Antonine Stagg*

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**Australian Catholic Youth Festival, Melbourne, 2013.**

The Festival will take place from Thursday December 5th until Saturday December 7th, 2013 in Melbourne. Young people from Year 9 (in 2013) to young adults 25 years of age are invited to this event, a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

It exists to provide young people with opportunities to deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to be disciples in the world today and encounter and celebrate the vitality of the Church in Australia.

It would be good to pray for the success of this festival. For further web site details see:


*By: Brian Sharkey*

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**St. Vincent de Paul collections:**

Holidays are just about upon us. I take this opportunity to thank all those families who have supported the Vinnies’ boxes at Cabra this year.

If you still wish to drop off some goods, a Vinnies box will be available in the Front Office until Thursday 19th December. Please note the Front Office will be closed this Friday 13th December. Or pop into the local Vinnies shop at Mitcham or Goodwood.

Thanks for your support and may God bless your Christmas.

*By: Brian Sharkey*
Norwood Christmas Pageant

Our Senior and Junior Drum Corps once again participated in what has become an annual event for our Cabra students. This was the 10th year that Cabra students have participated in this event. Given the inclement weather, we were fortunate to avoid the rain on the day. Thank you to the parents who supported this event.

Adelaide University Drum Competition

A newly formed event hosted by the percussion department at Adelaide University proved to be successful for our Drum Corps. The Junior Drum Corps started this event with precision and dexterity followed by the Senior Drum Corps who wowed the other performing schools and audience. It was a successful day with Cabra taking out two gold medals and the inaugural title of Best Overall Drum Corps 2013. A big congratulations to the Ensemble Director Rob Boundy and the Drum Corps. What a great way to end a successful year of drumming.

Australian Children’s Music Foundation

It is with great pleasure that I announce that one of our talented students Caitlin Gardner has won second place in category C, in the Australian National Songwriting Competition with her composition ‘When I Was Little’. Caitlin has won a prize for herself and the Music Department. We will present Caitlin with her certificate at the start of 2014. Congratulations Caitlin.

A year in the Music Department

As every year at Cabra, the Music Department has been extremely busy. There have been many amazing musical moments and achievements. I would like to thank the support of the parents for their continued communication and involvement with performances, rehearsals and instrumental tuition. Also, to the Ensemble Directors, Music Teachers and Music Administrator for their ongoing persistence in providing valued and high quality learning experiences for all students. I hope you enjoy music over your holidays and look forward to a fun filled, packed programme in 2014.

Important information for 2014

Please make sure that contracts for Instrumental lessons are returned by December 9 at the very lastest. This will ensure your child will be able to commence lessons in week 3 of term 1.

There will be a music sign up day on Friday January 31 for ensemble participants. Ensembles that require auditions will take place in week 2 and students will be notified of these times.

All ensemble students will attend our Music Department Workshop Weekend on Saturday and Sunday February 8 & 9. Details and requirements for this event will be sent to parents at the commencement of Term 1.

For enquires regarding the music department, phone 8179 2406 or email: sheaslip@cabra.catholic.edu.au
SPORT NEWS

A Successful Year

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those families and students who have joined the Cabra College Co-curricular Sports Program in 2013. It has been a fantastic year and we are looking forward to another great sporting year in 2014.

We were thrilled to have Renae Hallinan speak at our new look Sport Awards evening on Monday November 18th. It was great to see a lot of our sporting families embracing this evening and celebrating all our award winners.

With our U17 Boys and Championship Girls Basketball Teams have just come back from Melbourne, so we look forward to hearing some fantastic results and hearing all about their experience.

A reminder that Sport Nominations are open on the College Intranet – remember students will require the login to access the Sport Nomination Page.

Finally, wishing everyone a very safe and happy festive season from the Sport Office!

For more sport information, please see the separate sport newsletter.

Contacts:

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Phone: 8179 2415
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UNIFORM SHOP:
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LIBRARY NEWS

The Premiers Reading Challenge

The Premiers Reading Challenge was initiated in 2004 by the Premier at the time, Mike Rann. It was introduced to encourage students to enjoy reading and improve literacy levels. Students begin reading at the beginning of the school year and are set a prescribed number of books to read by September. Naturally students can and are encouraged to read as many as they wish. Our students here at Cabra are prolific readers and borrowing is steadily increasing with a 60% increase up from last year and a 131% increase from 2011!!!. We have a fantastic selection of books to borrow in both libraries and involve our students in choosing the books they want to see on the shelves.

Each year at Cabra we celebrate the year of reading with the students who take up the Challenge with a morning tea and medal/certificate presentation with the Principal, Library Co-ordinator, English faculty and their fellow entrants. Have a look at some of the pictures from our morning tea this year.

Congratulations to Elena, Louis and Sam who received an award for completing 10 years of the Premiers Challenge. These students have been reading since the challenge began in 2004 and this year they received a special award acknowledging their commitment. Well done! It really was a fantastic way to finish off another hugely busy but enjoyable year for the Cabra Libraries. Seeing so many students and staff interested in and talking about books and reading bodes very well for the future. We have big plans to continue rejuvenating our library spaces and provision and with luck concrete plans will appear in the near future.

In closing please ponder perhaps the first and last time you will see Victor Hugo and Stephen King appear on the same page. Have a great long break and read...

> “To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark.” — Victor Hugo

> “Books are a uniquely portable magic.” — Stephen King

By: Stephen Bull, Libraries Coordinator

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The services and events contained in this newsletter are in no way connected with the school and are included for your information only. Parents and caregivers need to make their own enquiries and assessments about the suitability of these events and services for their needs and those of their children.

WESTBOURNE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL CENTENARY CALL OUT TO OLD SCHOLARS

Westbourne Park Primary School is calling out to all old scholars to make contact with the school now in preparation for the upcoming centenary celebrations in 2014. To stay up to date on centenary celebrations either visit the website and subscribe to email updates: www.wpps100.com.au or phone the school on 8271 7430

DENTAL CARE FOR YOUR CHILDREN

It is important for children to have strong, healthy teeth and gums. All children (0 – 17 years) are welcome to attend School Dental Service clinics. Dental treatment is free at School Dental Service clinics if:

- Family Tax Benefit Part A is paid for your child, or
- Your child is covered by a School Card, Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

The School Dental Service will bulk-bill under the new Medicare Child Dental Benefits Schedule that starts in 2014. Under this scheme, most children aged between 2-17 years will be eligible to claim up to $1000 of Dental services over 2 years.

If your child already attends a SA Dental Service clinic, contact us when their next appointment is due. If your child does not already attend one of our clinics, please phone us to make an appointment in 2014.

For more information contact your local clinic: Clapham 83742053

Clinic list found at: www.sadental.sa.gov.au

AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS

609 SQUADRON RECRUIT INFORMATION NIGHT

Where: Warradale Barracks, Oakland Road, Warradale

When: 7th February, 7.30pm

For information call 0417 813 362 or email: co.609sqn@aafc.org.au

SACRAMENT ENROLMENT FORM 2014

Cluster of Colonel Light Gardens, Goodwood and Kingswood Catholic Parishes are accepting enrolments for the 2014 Sacrament Program.

www.cabra.catholic.edu.au/news-events