Welcome to the first edition of our College Newsletter for Term 2. As you will see from the pages that follow, we are off to an exciting start to another period of intense learning for our students. We are pleased to share our images and comments from Term 1 Retreats, CLW and Work Experience with you.

Amidst the excitement at the start of a new Term, we were saddened to learn of the death of one of our Dominican sisters. Sr Mary Alphonsus Horgan (1912 – 2012) died peacefully last Wednesday. She was buried in the Cabra cemetery following a funeral Mass in the Chapel this week. May she rest in peace.

It is a pleasure to welcome several new students who commenced with us in recent days. We hope they will quickly feel at home here and that in doing so, will have the best opportunity for discovering their own unique gifts and talents.

Below: Concert choir members singing “In Flanders Fields” during our special Anzac Day ceremony.
**GENERAL COLLEGE NEWS**

**Uniform Check**
Please ensure that your uniform still meets Cabra Uniform requirements. Teachers will be keeping an eye on your uniform standard, so please endeavour to address this with your children.

**Scholastic Book Club Orders**
Middle School Scholastic Book Club orders are due on Wednesday 9th May (Week 3). Please send all orders to Mrs Mills in the Middle School Library please. Further enquiries can be made to Mrs Mills via email: gmills@cabra.catholic.edu.au

**Scholastic Book Fair Week 8 on Grandparents Day**
This term we are having a Scholastic Book Fair scheduled for Week 8 on Grandparents Day. Scholastic will bring a huge assortment of books from their catalogues to the school for students to purchase and take home as gifts. Grandparents day. Scholastic will bring a huge assortment of books from their catalogues to the school for students to purchase and take home as gifts. The Australian Mathematics Competition

**YEAR 10 SCIENCE**
Written by: Samantha and Johanna

During term 1, the class of 10 Yellow has been studying physics. To test Newton’s Second Law we did an egg drop experiment which involves building a device to protect the egg. Hanna and I were the only ones who had an egg survive the drop from the third story of St Catherine’s balcony! This was due to the structures we used to protect the egg, similar to what is used to protect humans in car accidents. We constructed structures that behaved as airbags, seatbelts and headrests. It was a fun experiment.

**LET THE DEBATE BEGIN!**

**Written by:** Mrs Jennifer Cross

This year, for the first time in many years, Cabra has entered two teams in the South Australian Debating Association UNISA Schools’ competition.

We have an Intermediate team consisting of enthusiastic Year 10’s with one Year 8 student. Each Year 6 girls make up the junior team, all of whom will be debating for the first time. The Intermediate competition begins this week with the first round against Mercedes. The Juniors debate Concordia on Tuesday 15th May.

The topics are: Junior: “That we should ban home schooling” – Informative side. Intermediate: “That we should reserve seats in parliament for Indigenous people” – Negative side.

Our debating coaches, Mr Martin Manning and Mrs Val Woodbridge, have been working diligently with the students to help them prepare.

In Term 1, the South Australia Debating Association (SADA) presented various Information Nights at the Uni SA campus. We congratulate Cameron Bradshaw for being awarded a certificate for Best Contributor.

**Join the Debating Team**

Debating is a fun way to develop confidence, analytical thinking, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Anyone interested in joining our team should come along to a meeting – it’s never too late to get involved. Students can listen to the bulletin or read student emails to find out when the next meeting is on. Contact details: Mrs Jennifer Cross jerosco@cabra.catholic.edu.au

**CABRA ENROLMENTS 2014**

**Interviews Commence**

Interviews for students starting at Cabra College in Year 6 and Year 8 of 2014 are about to commence.

If you anticipate your child entering the College in 2014 and have not already submitted an Application Form, please urgently contact the Registrar Helen Telford on 8179 2453, to obtain the necessary form.

Parents/Carers should be aware that a place cannot be allocated for siblings of existing families if an application form for the sibling has not been received by the College.

**CABRA LIBRARY NEWS**

**Written By:** Ms SB and Mrs Mills

**Longer Library Opening Hours Prove Popular**

The Senior School Library has been open at Recess each day until 4:30 pm Monday to Thursday and to 4 pm each Friday. The longer hours have been a big success and will continue. A Teacher Librarian is on hand to help any students with homework or information, reading or ICT issues.

In addition, after school each Monday, Mrs Matthews is available to help students with homework, assignments, essay structure, note-taking skills, timetables and exam preparation.

**Author D.M. Cornish Visit**

Wednesday 23 May

As part of our National Year of Reading Celebrations we are fortunate enough to have secured a visit by Adelaide author D.M. Cornish in Week 5. His hugely popular Monster Blood tattoo series provides a compelling backdrop for an insight into the writer and illustrator’s craft.

Mr Cornish will be giving two large group talks and one writing workshop with a lucky Year 10 group. His books will be available for signing on the day but students may purchase copies from the Senior School Library at a considerable discount.

**Middle School Library News**

Term 2 has kicked off with all our holiday readers returning books and re borrowing so we have been kept very busy. Many of the students saw ‘The Hunger Games’ movie during the holidays and the interest in the book has not lost momentum with some students receiving the series for Easter.

This term we are continuing with the highly successful ‘Stories from the Staff’ at lunch time in the Middle School Library. Each lunch time we have a member of staff come ‘The Great Big Important Story Telling’ and there is usually a bit of fun along the way. We have had some great responses from students.

**Bring and Buy Book Sale Wednesday 16 May**

Senior School Library. Recess and Lunchtime.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter Cabra libraries will be holding a huge ‘Bring and Buy’ sale in Week 5. Hundreds of books, CDs and DVDs will be on sale, with prices starting at $1. It’s not too late to make a donation of any unwanted books, CDs and DVDs and these can be delivered to either the Middle School or Senior School Libraries.

**National Board of Teaching 2012**

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**Cabra Library Blogs**

Don’t forget to visit the Cabra Library Blogs for reading, research and other useful information.

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**Cabra Charities and the South Pacific.**

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Parent Teacher Student Interviews

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our recent parent teacher student (PTS) reviews. We can continue to plan the next steps and reset goals for your children together in our shared partnerships. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the subject teacher, home class teacher or the year learning coordinator using a diary entry or by email. We hope you enjoy the photos from our Middle School activities and adventures. Thank you for coming along.

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I hope that your child enjoyed their experience and learnt a little bit more about themselves and their peers over the course of the week. It is often the unplanned experiences that leave us with the most significant impact.

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Many of these experiences are not possible in our day to day lives at home or school, yet they are instrumental for learning as we each step outside our comfort zone.

Technological Opportunities

We continue to explore many different technological opportunities available to us. The Year 6s all have a set of i-Pods in their classroom, the Year 7s have i-Pads in their classroom and the Year 8 and 9s have access to numerous laptop computers in the Middle School. Our learning curve has been exponential but the outcomes are inspiring as we learn alongside our students. Technology provides us with the ability to connect with students and families as well as meeting various individual needs. In amongst all these gadgets, it is important we impart the moral, ethical and behavioural implications when using these devices.

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NAPLAN REMINDER – Year 7 and 9

NAPLAN tests are in Week 4 on Tuesday 15th May, Wednesday 16th May and Thursday 17th May, 2012. We ask parents please try to avoid making appointments on these days.

Parents should already have completed an exemption form if they did not want their child to participate.

SJB MEGA MARKET

SUNDAY 20TH MAY

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Show Choir is not really what we do in Australia, most of the students have found it difficult to share our experiences and impressions of this trip with you. There was so much that we experienced and it can be overwhelming to pick on only one or two things to talk about. Over the next few newsletters I would like to share some of it with you.

**FIRST WEEK: chicago**

Chicago: Alan B Shepard High School and St. Charles North High School

We received a very warm welcome from the students, parents and staff at Alan B Shepard High School. After some difficulties with flights, we managed 3 hours sleep, raced down to the school, met our hosts, jumped on some classic yellow school busses and headed for our first Show Choir Competition in Watertown, (a couple of hours out of town).

On our final day, after an amazing breakfast party, a performance from the ABS principal, we were thrilled to be witness to the classic American school assembly in the gym! American assemblies are about noise and excitement and whipping students up into a frenzy, with bands, basketball hoop throwing contests, cheerleaders tumbling and the MC ‘talking it up’ all at the same time! And... our drum corps were invited to play too. I don’t think any of us will ever forget the standing ovation and the cheering we received!

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**Year 12 Retreats**

During the last week of Term 1, all the Year 12 students and a number of teachers took part in Year 12 retreats. The year level was split into four groups, all going to different locations where they stayed for 3 nights. We took part in many activities from trust building exercises to meditation sessions and quiz nights. We had an opportunity to reflect on our personal life journeys. Retreat was not only relaxing but an extremely enjoyable way to end a busy (and stressful) first term. It gave everyone a chance to talk to people they have not met before, out of a school environment and really get to know their fellow peers and teachers. Retreat was also a time to reflect on other aspects of our lives and plans for the rest of the year and for the future. Everyone involved made the most of the experience and enjoyed themselves beyond all expectations. The friendships and bonds made on retreat have continued into a busy second Term, giving us all an optimistic attitude as we continue to make the most of our final year at Cabra.

Emily Gordon – Year 12

Retreats were held in the final week of Term 1, and were a fantastic opportunity for the year Level to connect and grow as a group. New friendships were made as we got to know each other with a deeper level of understanding. We have returned to school with a new appreciation for not only each other but for the teachers as well. From walks on the beach to sharing our stories it was a great experience and the retreats offered something for everyone.

Mitchell Johnstone – Year 12

**Athletes Carnival**

Congratulations to the athletes who represented Cabra at the Co-Educational Catholic Schools Athletics Carnival at Santamar Stadium on Monday 19th March 2012. A total of 83 students attended. Even though some students who had been selected did not attend, Cabra was still in the hunt for an age group shield in the B pool.

The U15 Cabra team performed very well, finishing in second place behind Glenelg College. The U14 Cabra team also did very well in all field and track events with 2nd place behind Nazearet College by just 40 points. Both the U16 and Open age groups for Cabra finished in third place overall. The U16 team were 57 points behind the winning team, while the Open team were 95 points behind the shield winners. Overall Cabra finished with 1442 points in second place behind Nazearet College on 1567 points, keeping their position in the B pool for 2012.

Ten records were broken on the day, two by Cabra students! Well done to Hayden Rother and Sarai Kustermann for setting new records in the U16 Boys 400M and U16 Girls 400M respectively.

Cabra performed well in the relays taking out first in the U14 and U15 girls 4 x 100M relays, second in the U14-U15 girls and boys 4 x 400M relays and third in the U20 girls 4 x 100M relay.

**SPORTS UPDATE**

**Winter Sport Fees are OVERDUE!**

Please pay all sport fees to the Uniform Shop prior to the commencement of round 2

**First Place Ribbons**

Maddie Corelli in U20 Javelin
Megan Wheatley in U20 3000M
Thalia Campbell in U16 Long Jump
Isabella Tucker in U14 Javelin, 400M and 800M
Sarai Kustermann in U15 1500M & 400M
Luke Lavender in U16 High Jump
Jayde Ormsby in U15 High Jump
Clare Wigan in U16 200M
Hayley Marie Fuss in U15 100M
Jordan Presler in U16 Long Jump
Nicholas Plumb in U16 Shot Put
Zoe Mills in U20 100M

**Second Place Ribbons**

Aaron Lowe in U15 High Jump and Triple Jump
Lachlan Edmunds in U14 Shot Put
Saraid Kustermann in U15 1500M & 400M
Jordan Presler in U16 1500M
Elise Newman in U15 800M

**3rd Place Ribbons**

Hayley Marie Fuss in U20 High Jump
Jacintha Moraghan in U15 Long Jump
Samantha Dotta in U14 Triple Jump
Mharni Madigan in U16 Discus and Shot Put
Daniel Matey in U20 3000M
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**UAJAC**

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