Being able to read makes everything easier

As I look through the draft of this edition of the newsletter our Year 7 and 9 students are commencing their NAPLAN tests for 2012. Listening to some of the media commentary about these ‘controversial’ tests made me realise how fortunate we are to live in an era when we know so much about our children’s learning. We have so many resources at our disposal to help them grow into the people they want to become. Despite the media hype that might suggest otherwise, NAPLAN is one of these modern tools that can help us unlock the learning potential of each child. While we await the latest NAPLAN results, we can all support our children’s learning by encouraging them to read.

When interviewing prospective students and their parents I like to ask the boy or girl sitting across the table about his or her experience of reading. “Do you like to read? How often do you read? Do you have any favourite authors?” Their responses to my questions vary from those who find reading challenging to those who seem to be consuming books at an amazing rate. Having done hundreds of these interviews over the years I have come to understand that such variation is normal. Every person has their own appetite and capacity for reading at different stages in their life. With that said, being able to read well makes so many other things at school easier and more enjoyable.

So, in these conversations with young people I encourage them to not make reading a chore or something unpleasant. Instead I urge them to keep trying and to continue looking for that story or author who captures their attention and imagination. When this happens, the amount that a young person reads and his or her confidence can change dramatically and effortlessly—such is the magic of a great story. It doesn’t matter what they are reading or the form it takes as long as it keeps them engaged.

A few years ago on a visit to Adelaide, popular writer, Matthew Reilly was musing over a few poor reviews that he had received from literary critics. Some of the experts said that his writing had the literary worth of a shopping docket. Having sold thousands of books Matthew was in a good position to debate their criticism. Now his books have wide appeal and his fans include large numbers of people who wouldn’t consider themselves avid readers. Shopping docket or not, he has unlocked the magic of reading for many which will, no doubt, open up a whole new world to them.

Thanks to our talented library staff, finding a good book has never been easier. In this week of national literacy testing I would like to acknowledge their effort in maximizing opportunities for Cabra students to develop as readers and therefore as life-long learners.

Best wishes for the weeks ahead. May there be plenty of opportunity for you to enjoy the pleasures of reading.

Brian Schumacher

Principal of Cabra

Calendar Event Dates – 2012

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CALENDAR EVENT DATES

MAY 2012

Monday 21st May
Year 9 Retreat (Gold, Tan and White)

Wednesday 23rd May
• Big Science Competition
• David Comish (author) St. Dom’s Hall 9am – 1pm
• Parent Information Night
• Topic – ‘Drug Education’, St. Dom’s Hall 7.00pm

Friday 25th May
School Photos – Please dress in full Winter Uniform

Thursday 31st May
Primary Interschool Athletics Carnival – all day

Thur to Fri 31st–1st Jun
Yr 10 Exams (CH)

JUNE 2012

5th – 7th
Enrolment Interviews 2-7pm

Friday 8th
Pupil Free Day
Cyber Smart Initiative

We recently participated in a Cyber Safety initiative with the Australian Communications Media Authority (ACMA). The Year 6 and 8 students worked in teams to communicate with an unknown person online to determine how Cyber smart they were. Fortunately for us, the unknown people were Police officers, ACMA employees and our Senior School Leaders who were posting all sorts of encouraging messages and probing questions. It was surprising to see how many students thought it would be useful to communicate to the “owner of the lost phone” and thought it might be good to meet them to return it. This session reinforced how important it is to act responsibly and with caution during online interactions. For more information please visit: http://www.acma.gov.au

Global Outreach Projects

The Year 6 to 9 students were involved in the Travelling Sisters of St Josephs program where the Sisters shared information on the many outreach projects they are involved in. Our Dominican Sisters have been actively involved across the world and within our indigenous communities. This presentation provided an opportunity for our students to consider what they can do to make a difference.

Last week the Year 9 and 10 students attended a “World Challenge” launch. Students were invited to join the Cabra World Challenge team in December 2013. This will involve a group of our students travelling to Vietnam to assist the local communities and embark on a trek after the challenge.

Students who completed the challenge in Vietnam at the end of 2010 referred to their journey as a life changing and inspiring experience.

Leadership Workshop

The Class captains leadership workshop provided an excellent opportunity for the Middle School Leaders and Class Captains, to identify the leadership qualities of St Dominic and how those same skills can be used within their roles at Cabra. Groups were given a task and their challenge was to complete the task while exploring options for ensuring everyone was included and that individual contributions were valued. Those practical challenges also provided an opportunity to see what happens when a team doesn’t work effectively. The debrief on these sessions was extremely enlightening and will assist interpersonal relationships being formed at our College.

Year 9 Retreats

Our Year 9 retreats were held last week providing time and space for students to reflect on the positive elements in their lives, the people who support them and to give thanks for the opportunities presented to us in life. The strong relationships, respect and reflective interactions between the students and staff demonstrate a wonderful sense of community and support that is evident at Cabra. We hope that your child learnt more about themselves and their peers and that they shared some of their insights with you.

COLONEL LIGHT GARDENS, GOODWOOD AND KINGSWOOD PARISH CLUSTER

Parishioners of the Cluster are invited to the second Forum on Sunday 27th May from 2pm - 4pm at St Thomas School, Goodwood. Around one hundred parishioners attended the first Forum and expressed their views about what they considered important to the three communities when we form one Parish. Last weekend, feedback was distributed on:

- Governance
- Finance, Property
- Mass, Liturgy, Music
- School, Parish

Next weekend draft constitutions for the new Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Councils will be distributed as well as feedback on Community Connections, Volunteers, Formation and Spiritual Renewal.

At the Forum on 27th May we will be discussing the role and membership of the new Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Councils, selecting a name for our new Parish as well as reflecting on other issues that may need to be addressed in moving to one Parish.

If you are at all interested please come and participate. Michael Critchley

Chair, Cluster Pastoral Council

Cyber Smart Workshop Gallery

Written By: Marge Barachina

LEND-YOUR-LEG

Campaign:

NO MORE LANDMINES!

On May 4th, the Cabra Social Justice Group invited all students to be part of an awareness-raising campaign to highlight the issue of innocent people, including many children, being killed or injured by landmines. These weapons can explode years after the wars they were used in are over. Last year about 5,000 people were killed or maimed – about 13 or 14 each day. Many people in over 80 countries cannot go about their daily lives without worrying about the dangers about of mines. Currently land mines laid along the border of Syria pose a threat to many refugee families fleeing the conflict there.

Cabra students made a pledge to urge countries that have not yet signed a treaty to ban the use of land mines to do so. They also rolled up a pant leg, rolled up a sleeve or rolled down a sock to show solidarity and support for victims of land mines.

Book Purchase

To coincide with D.M Cornish’s visit next week (Wednesday) we are fortunate to have copies of all three books in the “Monster Blood Tattoo” series for sale direct from the publisher for only $15 each. Retail these books sell for over $25. D.M Cornish is happy to sign these books for you on the day. Order forms have been emailed to you and there are copies available in both libraries. Payment to the Book Room and completed order forms to the Middle School Library. Thank you.
Welcome to Term 2

Written By: Di Brown
Cabra Ensembles Administrator

Instrumental lessons commenced in the first week, as did most ensemble rehearsals. Developmental Drum Corps begins this week. This is held at lunchtime on Wednesday and is taken by Rob Boundary. As usual, we have had many activities in the first few weeks of term. At the Anzac Day ceremony on Tuesday April 24, several members of Concert Choir sang ‘In Flanders Fields’, a beautiful piece which added a special dimension to a very moving service.

Denise Rothall, the Music Director of the Catholic Schools Music Festival, came to our Festival Choir’s rehearsal on the Thursday of week 1 to work with them on their choreography and singing. She will be coming again on Thursday May 24 and it is vital that everyone arrives on time as her input is most constructive.

The Senior and Junior Drum Corps members are working very hard towards their appearance in the Credit Union Pageant. They are required to attend monthly and eventually weekly rehearsals from 6.00 – 7.30pm at the pageant warehouse and on Monday April 30 participated in their 3rd combined rehearsal. The Director, Steve Todd, is expecting a very high standard and already a huge improvement is evident. 16 members also attended a special rehearsal on Sunday May 6 at Adelaide High School in preparation for a performance at the Governor Hindmarsh Hotel the following Tuesday night. They featured as a solo item and along with the drummers from Heathfield High School and the Billy Hyde Drum Corps supported Ben Todd on drum kit. It was a great experience for all involved. Thank you to the parents who once again were transporting the drummers from Heathfield High School and the Billy Hyde Drum Corps.

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UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

Past Principals’ Dinner - Friday May 25
National Wine Centre - Jazz Band – 6.30 – 7.30pm

Pageant Rehearsal – Monday May 28
Pageant Warehouse – 6.00 – 7.30pm

Cabra Big Play Day & Concert – Saturday June 2
At Cabra - Concert Band, Wire Choir, Flute Ensemble, String Ensemble - 9am – 9pm
Stage 1 & 2 solo performance – Thursday June 7
At Cabra - 6.00pm

CESA Graduation - Friday June 22
Adelaide Town Hall - String Ensemble & singers - 5.30pm

Chamber Concert – Sunday June 24
At Cabra - 9am – 9pm

Music in the Lane – Monday June 25
Pilgrim Lane - Wire Choir – 11.30am – 1.00pm

COLEGE ADMINISTRATION

When a Student is LATE FOR SCHOOL ...

If you know your child will be arriving late to school, please:

Telephone the Absentee Line: 8179 2477
or Send an SMS to: 0427 787 937
and provide the following information:

• Child’s name
• Home Class
• Reason (appointment, missed bus)
• Expected time of arrival
• Your name (Parent or Guardian)

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We thank you for your assistance in these matters of student safety.
**MFS TAKE POWERFUL RAM MESSAGE TO YEAR 11’S**

Firefighters from the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) will be taking a powerful road safety message to Year 11 students on Wednesday 20th of June. The firefigthers will be delivering the MFS Road Awareness Program (RAP).

Statistics show that road crashes are the number one cause of death for 16-24 year olds across Australia. The MFS firefighters present a hand hitting and emotional RAP where they give the students the opportunity to see the consequences of bad decision making. Their message is “Concentration and Commonsense” and that almost all road crashes are avoidable. The MFS believes that if we start with new drivers at 16 years old, we can create a positive generational change in driving attitudes, decision making and behaviours, giving our students the opportunity to significantly reduce the carnage on our roads.

The program is a classroom presentation which takes students through the realities of road crashes. A feature of the presentation is a road crash survivor relating his or her experience and making an impassioned plea for the students to learn from their mistakes. As road users we get to choose the risk – but we don’t get to choose the consequences of bad decision making. As road users we get to choose the risk – but we don’t get to choose the consequences of bad decision making. As road users we get to choose the risk – but we don’t get to choose the consequences of bad decision making.

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**QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY LANGUAGE ITALIAN**

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**STUDENT FEEDBACK**

“Language Perfect is a great website, I can practice both my writing and interpreting of Italian, and my pronunciation as well.”

“Language Perfect is such a great website, not only is it really helpful for my Italian, it’s also so much fun, Thank you all. Grazie a tutti!”

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