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From the Principal

*Mr Greg Stewart
Principal*



When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' (John 20: 19-21)

Whitefriars is a Catholic College, founded on and perpetually enriched by its' Carmelite Charism. As members of this College community, we have an understanding that the Carmelites value prayer, community and service. This has not changed since the 11th Century, but rather put into context according to each generation. Understanding and living out the Carmelite Charism is a challenge that we take seriously. We know that there are some things that can be taught - historical background, tenets and historical figures. Other things can only be learnt through interactions with people. This is imperative for the growth and development of our boys. They learn about the nature of our College through rituals, symbols and deeds, but especially through the actions of other people and their own. Role modelling is essential, especially from the older students. As a College we remain steadfast in our efforts to provide every opportunity to our staff and students to learn more about, and experience, Carmelite terminology and intent.

Our 'pre-Easter' Professional Learning Day for all staff today will be led by past principal and Carmelite Provincial, Fr Paul Cahill. The day will focus on the 3 key Carmelite tenets and incorporate reflection and considered discussion particularly on the tenet of Service (through action). Careful consideration of our approach to 'Service Learning' is fitting given the 2019 College theme originates from the Carmelite belief in the importance of Service of others.

During our school assembly last week, I spoke to the students in this context, reiterating that each one of us offers Whitefriars a unique blend of talents, abilities and service opportunities. With many of the leaders standing with me, I reminded the boys that the College and Liturgy

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Captains have led us all in term one through their service. The College Leaders – Senior and Middle Years, House, Sport and Activity Captains have epitomised this on Open Day, Open Morning tours, Year 7 Welcome Evenings, Father and Son evenings, College and ACC activities and events to name a few. It is important for us to understand that meaning to service is more importantly demonstrated daily in how each boy engages with others in class, in their learning, in the yard and as they travel to and from school.

It's interesting to note that the Christian author JK Rowling observes,

"It doesn't matter how capable or talented we are, it's what we do that makes a difference in the world."

In this Lenten season I left the boys with two questions reflect on,

- 'When I help or serve others, is it so that they notice what I have done?' and
- 'When did I last help someone else without counting the cost?'

Congratulations to the Whitefriars Athletics team who returned from the ACC championships last week as runner up to the reigning champions, Parade College. This was the College's best ever result in the ACC Athletics competition and a tribute to the squad's commitment to a full training program since Term 4 last year. Captains Hugh Parrott, Pat Daly and Ben Worner have been wonderful role models, leading throughout by example. Many of these boys now move into the ACC cross country season.

As an illustration of the diverse interests and options available to students at the College, a field of Year 9 and 10 students have made their way down to Deakin University this week for the annual Science and Engineering Challenge whilst the Intermediate VCAL classes are on work experience all week and others are engaging with an ACC Lawn Bowls Tournament.

We ask that you keep in your prayers this week:

- Tyler (Year 12) and Harrison Kerwin (Class of 2017) who lost their maternal step-grandmother Helen Scanlon.
- Ben Melideo whose Grandmother passed.

Almae In Fide Parentis - In the Care of a Loving Mother.

Mr Greg Stewart
Principal



The White Mantle

Mr Joshua Vujcich
Director - Identity, Mission and Service



Recently our College community gathered together to celebrate Ash Wednesday, the formal start to the Christian liturgical season of Lent. Recently Pope Francis tweeted:

**“Lent is a time for reconsidering our feelings,
for letting our eyes be opened to injustice, to open our hearts to those suffering (2016).”**

As a symbol of this ‘change of heart’, the community had their foreheads marked with ashes. Ashes hold important meaning across a range of religious traditions. When these communities recognised the need to turn around, reflect and take a different path they would sit or cover themselves in ashes as a symbolic starting again. The story of Cinderella takes up this theme – Cinderella means ‘the girl who sits in the cinders’, and before she is recognised as the beautiful person she is. Cinderella works in the ashes of the fireplace in the kitchen, while this silent change takes place within her. To build on this theme, our recent Ash Wednesday liturgy introduced eight stones which symbolised those attitudes that all of us as humans are called to challenge:

- May the stone of hatred become love**
- May the stone of despair become hope**
- May the stone of gossip become respect**
- May the stone of greed become generosity**
- May the stone of indifference become hospitality**
- May the stone of arrogance become openness**
- May the stone of fear become courage**
- May the stone of doubt become faith.**

Each of the House Captains placed these at the foot of the cross during the liturgy, and we later displayed these eight stones in the Chapel as a visual reminder for the season of Lent.

This week our Year 10 students had the opportunity to further reflect on their response to Lent on the journey to Easter in the celebration of the Mass, led by Fr. Paul Sireh. They continued the action of moving the eight stones to the empty tomb, reflecting change of heart in light of the Easter story – the real meaning behind Lent.





Learning @ Whitefriars

*Mr Mark Ashmore
Deputy Principal -
Learning and Teaching*



Study Skills Session for Parents

We will be holding Study Skills Sessions for small groups of parents on Friday's: 3 May, 17 May and 31 May in the Shortis Library from 9am to 10.15am. These sessions are for parents of students in Years 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12. (There will be two evening Study Skills sessions for all Year 9 students and parents on either the 20 or 22 May. These sessions focus on how parents can best support their sons with their studies and organisational skills.

How a student studies can have a profound effect on his results. We believe that optimal outcomes are reached when a student's journey through school is a team effort between the student, his teachers and his parents/guardians.

Because spaces are limited please email [Marina Ensor](mailto:Marina.ensor@whitefriars.vic.edu.au) advising if one or two parents will attend.

Victorian Young Leaders to China (VYLC)

Since coming to China for the VYLC program, we have shared in and immersed ourselves in the culture, language and food of the nation. We have visited the giant Buddha statue and have seen the ancient irrigation system, which has provided us with a better understanding of China's history and religion. We have also visited the giant pandas, an icon in Chengdu. We have indulged in Chengdu's spicy cuisine, particularly the hot pot, which we have all enjoyed immensely. We have had many language classes and cultural lectures, which have expanded our vocabularies and our minds to China's century-old traditions and belief systems. This trip has also allowed us to take bigger leadership positions among our peers, has helped us step up to responsibility and made us function and live independently. We have all enjoyed our experience so far, and we eagerly await the next part in our journey.

Jack Mow and Anthony Prestia (Year 9)





Academic Enrichment

Mr Ashley Payne
Learning Leader -
Academic Enrichment and Data



Big Science Competition – Science Enrichment

The Big Science Competition is an easy way to engage and challenge science students from Years 7 to 10. If this interests you please read on.

What is the Big Science Competition? It's a 50-minute, multiple choice competition testing critical-thinking and problem-solving skills; not just factual recall. Questions are set in real-life, contemporary contexts, making them relatable (and interesting). [Take a look at some sample questions.](#) Competition questions in the Big Science Competition are also aligned with the Science Australian Curriculum.

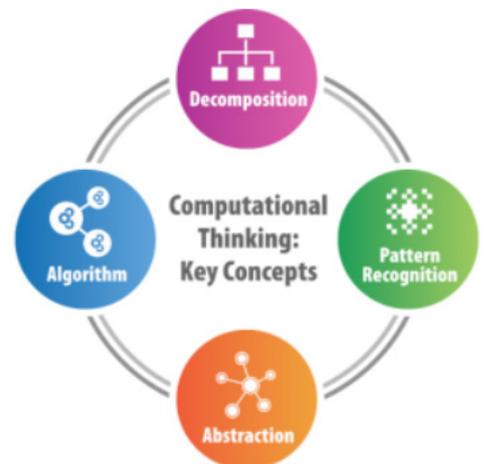
If you are interested in entering the Big Science competition, please send an email to [Dr Stephen Goodall](#) (Science Enrichment). The competition will be held between the 20 and 29 May and will involve a series of multiple-choice questions where you can display your science knowledge and skills.



CAT Competition

On Tuesday 2 April, around 17 students from various year levels competed in the annual CAT Competition at Whitefriars College. Students had the opportunity to experience and explore the science underlying computing, communication and the internet. Students who competed learnt basic algorithms, data structure and computational techniques and had the opportunity to demonstrate their learning through computer programming tasks.

I wish to acknowledge Mrs Liz Moloney (Maths Enrichment) for organising and coordinating the event on behalf of the boys; Results to be released early Term 2.



Computational and
Algorithmic Thinking (CAT)



Careers

*Mrs Anna Gasparini
Careers Advisor*



Happy end of term to everyone. Our Year 12 students have kept us very busy over the term with more than eighty students having a one-on-one interview with the Careers Advisers. We will interview all our Year 12 students before the end of Term 2. Please encourage your son to contact the Careers Department to arrange an interview if they have not done so already.

The school holidays provide students with a well-earned break and the opportunity to catch up on study. There are many career related events during the holiday period that offer the opportunity for students to engage in workshops, lectures and information sessions at a variety of universities and other institutions. The latest careers newsletter details these events.

A reminder to Year 12 parents about the Careers in Commerce/Accounting breakfast that will be held here at the College on Friday 19 May. We have a variety of guest speakers from the Commerce area as well old boys currently studying at University and working in the industry. [Click here for more information](#)

Year 10 students have completed the first of the two career-related workshops they will participate in to assist them to prepare for future career options and course selection in Term 3. We will follow up students who were absent during the sessions early Term 2. Full details of the session is provided [here](#)

Have a great holiday. [Click here](#) for the latest Careers Newsletter and details of the many career related events during the school holidays.

Reminders

- Year 12 students are required to arrange an interview time with the Career Advisers
- Our Careers Newsletter provides full details and programs of a number of career related article and events



Cultural Trips

Battlefields

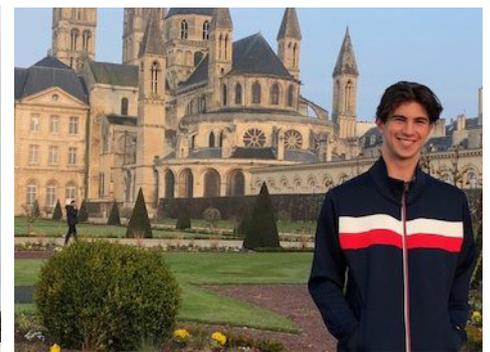
March/April 2020 - England, France and Belgium

Starting in London we head south and visit the site of the Battle of Hastings 1066. We then cross the English Channel to the Normandy coast in France to walk the beaches of the D-Day landings. From there we head north to the WW1 Battlefields including the Somme and Flanders Fields in Belgium. This is truly a once in a lifetime experience where you walk in the footsteps of those who sacrificed everything for our freedom. The study tour concludes with two days in Paris.

Expression of interest forms were emailed out to all current Year 9 and 10 students and need to be returned no later than Friday 26 April. Should you need any further information regarding this exciting and unforgettable educational study tour please feel free to contact the tour leaders.

Ms Lauren Cape: lcape@whitefriars.vic.edu.au

Mr Russell Melenhorst: rmelenhorst@whitefriars.vic.edu.au



Timor-Leste Immersion

June/July 2020 - Timor-Leste

Contact details to come

Global Minds Visual Arts, Commerce and Culture Study Tour

September 2020 - Washington DC, Philadelphia, New York City and San Francisco

[Click here for the link to our Expressions of interest forms](#)

Expedition to Peru

December 2020 - Peru

Please register online today www.tinyurl.com/whitefriarsperu



Edith Stein Report

Ms Anne-Maree Wight
House Leader



The House of Edith Stein has enjoyed a fantastic start to the 2019 school year.

Judging by the number of smiles I have seen from our boys in the locker bays and around the school, it definitely seems like everyone would agree. The array of talent that we are blessed with as a House can be noticed in all aspects of school life. Our boys find their own channel to express their gifts in numerous sporting, arts and other extra-curricular endeavours, and will continue to do so successfully as the year progresses. As we approach the last week of the term, I am sure all Stein students are looking forward to a well-deserved break for their excellent efforts thus far, both inside and outside the classroom. In terms of the Athletics Day held earlier this term, it was disappointing not to achieve the heights of previous years although the participation and positivity shown by our boys not only made up for it, but in my opinion, topped it. We finished a bittersweet 2nd place in the Senior Cup, but the visible signs of a bonding school community constituted my personal highlights of the day. In terms of our House charity, we are all set to continue our ongoing support of the 'Movember Foundation'. Our reasoning for doing so is not solely due to the fact that old collegians Adam and Travis Garone founded the now multinational charity, but also the huge dilemma that is men's mental and physical wellbeing in our society. Above all, we recognise that the best way to make a meaningful contribution to a cause is continued support. Our fundraising efforts will kick-off soon and I am certain that these will be overwhelmingly backed by Stein students. There is even a 'Best Year 12 Moustache' competition in the works, which could provide plenty of fun.

I wish everyone in our school community a safe and relaxing break,

Conor O'Farrell, Edith Stein House Captain





Languages

*Mrs Paula Barca
Learning Leader - Languages*



My name is Ben Jackson and I am the Languages Captain for 2019. I have always enjoyed learning a different language. In Year 7, I chose to do Chinese and Italian, and after the year I decided I would like to continue with Chinese however at first, I didn't see myself continuing on with the subject. The reason why I decided to continue my Chinese studies right through to Year 12 is because I believe that learning a language in VCE will give me many different opportunities in the future, through different job prospects as well as allow me to learn and study a different culture. I believe it is especially important to learn a language in the multicultural society that we live in today.

Last year, I had the opportunity to go to China with the school on the study tour program. I experienced the different cultures in the different cities, we visited the Beijing's Great Wall, Cheng Du's panda programs, Xi An's Terracotta Warriors and Shanghai's Huangpu's river. The food in the different cities was delicious and I highly recommend the tour to all students studying Chinese. In addition, learning a language has improved my other studies as it helps you approach different issues with a different mindset. I look forward to what is to come in 2019. Good luck to everyone in their studies this year.

Ben Jackson, Languages Captain 2019

Library

*Mrs Jenny Corbin
Learning Leader - Library*



Read a Million Words House Reading Challenge Launch

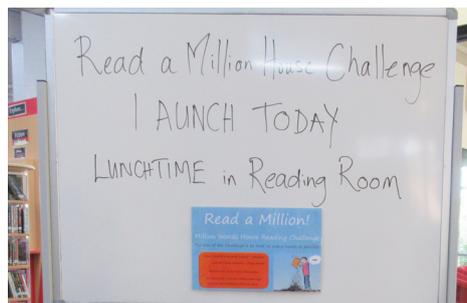
Wednesday lunchtime was the official launch and sign up for Read a Million! Several students and staff signed up with much enthusiasm and eagerness to start reading. Students are encouraged to keep a record of all books read between this Saturday 6 April and Friday 2 August. Please encourage your sons to get involved! Parents are welcome to contact the library for more information.

Library opening hours

8am – 4.30pm Monday - Thursday

8am – 3.30pm Friday

Contact Library: librarystaff@whitefriars.vic.edu.au Ph: 9872 8320





Pathways

Mr Dean Notting
Coordinator - Pathways



Work Experience

All Year 10 students have recently undertaken the first of their formal careers education sessions as they work towards the critical decision making time in Term 3. An important aspect of this process is the Work Experience program in Term 2. This year the Year 10 Work Experience program takes place in the final week of Term 2 (24 June – 28 June).

Students have been asked to arrange a placement and return the required paperwork by the start of Term 2 to allow time for processing, administration and returning copies to the employer. This means that students without an arrangement should be actively using the upcoming holiday period to secure a placement. Employer lists, program details and all the required forms can be located in SEQTA (Student Services/Work Experience).

Pathways

A number of our Senior VCAL students are undertaking School Based Apprenticeships/Traineeships as part of their learning program this year. This means that each student is employed part-time as an apprentice or trainee enabling them to also complete their Year 12 VCAL Certificate. Students typically work two-days each week and attend school the other three days to complete their Year 12 program.

- Liam Gulevski is undertaking his school-based electrical apprenticeship with Mason Fox Electrical
- Ryan Smith is completing a carpentry school-based apprenticeship with Impressive Homes and Developments
- Nicholas Tahtatzis has recently signed up to an Automotive apprenticeship (Light Mechanic) with Howard Mackey Motors in Greensborough
- Declan Valentine is currently undertaking a Certificate II in Warehousing Operations as a School-based trainee with Creative Opportunities in Brunswick. Declan was recently named employee of the month for his diligence and application to his workplace. Congratulations Declan!





S.E.T. (Sustainability and Environment Team) News

Ms Jo Menzies
SET Facilitator



Steps to Sustainability Conference 2019

On Friday 29 March, Whitefriars College presented at the recent Steps to Sustainability Conference at Melbourne Zoo. With over 200 educators from Victoria, the conference enabled schools to share their sustainability and environment stories and resources. Thank you to Ms Katherine Smith and Mr Scott Firmin for co-presenting the Whitefriars Water Programs, which included a Water Bug Blitz activity and explaining the water themed curriculum and events at the College. The team was fortunate to meet Arron Wood, the Deputy Melbourne Lord Mayor and environment advocate and win his signed book *Billabong Boy*. His inspiring presentation from a country boy to politician reminded the conference attendees that caring for the environment is not just about biodiversity. It's connection to economics, wellbeing, health and education is paramount.

Visit <http://arronwood.com/bio> to read more.



Term 2 Overview

The Sustainability and Environment Team are excited by the lunchtime activities on offer during Term 2. Boys get the opportunity to make a beeswax wrap for their mum's/guardian for Mother's Day. It's also Compost Awareness Week and the college is very lucky to have Maria Ciavarella on staff to run a few workshops. May is time for Frog Census and students will have the opportunity to visit the College wetland to record and identify local frog species and send the data to Melbourne Water. The College water watch program will begin and the team will be looking for a dedicated group of students to collect, test and record water samples results and input data to Melbourne Water. The annual Environment Week Photography Competition will open for entries on Friday 21 June and students are encouraged to spend the holidays taking photos to enter. Students, staff and families are welcome to enter the competition. Environment Week runs the first week of September and all entries (anonymously displayed) will be exhibited in the library for the College to enjoy and vote on favourite entry. Finally, please remember that Wednesday is Waste Free Lunch.

Term 2 SET Activities

SET Lunchtime Activities every Monday. Meet Ms Menzies outside T1.01.

- Mother's Day beeswax wrap workshop - 29 April

EVERY WEDNESDAY IS WASTE FREE LUNCH WEDNESDAY – NO PLASTIC IN LUNCHBOXES PLEASE.

Environment Events

- Earth Day Celebration – Friday 26 April

S. E. T. Enquiries: Ms Jo Menzies jmenzies@whitefriars.vic.edu.au or 9872 8200

My Green Garden's' "It's Not All Rot!" National Compost Week Workshop for Parents



Dear Whitefriars Parents,

Have you....

- ever wanted to make your own compost?
- got compost issues that need some attention?
- wanted to save money?
- desired a healthier garden with increased food production?

Whitefriars' is very lucky to have our own compost expert on staff. Maria runs a small business mygreengarden.com.au on sustainable education. The session will cover composting, *alternatives* for small spaces and time poor options to organic waste recycling. This free session will be informative and fun and will set you on your compost journey.

Free Workshop Details and Bookings

Wednesday 8th May @ Whitefriars College 7 – 8:30pm
For tickets, please go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BBZWO>





Sports Report

Mr Kristan Height
Coordinator - Sport



U/16 and U/18 NAB League squads

Congratulations to the following Whitefriars students who have been successfully chosen in their respective U/16 and U/18 NAB League squads



Congratulations to the following students who were victorious in the House Cross Country carnival today.

Year 9

Noah Wright - 11.16 Brandsma

Lachie O'Connel - 11.21 Avila

Callum White - 11.29 Corsini

Year 10

Max Hartnett 10.38 Soreth

Tom Sonderhiff 11.00 Stein

Jack Hartnett 11.04 Soreth





ACC Athletics

The Whitefriars Athletics squad headed to Lakeside Stadium in Albert Park, to compete against other schools, in the annual ACC Athletics Carnival. With many students training since early Term 4, it was primed to be a great day for all. These 7am trainings under the guidance of coaches Craig Mottram and Sean Wroe (which a number of boys regularly attended) demonstrated the hard work and commitment the athletes had in the lead up towards the big day.

There were a number of great efforts throughout the course of the day with each year level contributing in different events - whether it be high jump, the 100 metre sprint or the 1500 metre event. Some of these great individual results were from the following boys who obtained 1st place in their events:

Year 7

- Jack Brisbane - Discus

Year 8

- Matt Wallace - Hurdles, 200 metres
- Lenny Hickey - High Jump
- Anthony Moule - 800 metres, 1500 metres
- Tristan Devers - 100 metres, Triple Jump
- 4 x 100 metre relay - Matthew Parrott, Matt Wallace, Lachlan Lotter, Tristan Devers

Year 9

- Sweeny Thorburn - 100, 200 and 400 metres

Year 12

- Patrick Daly - 200 metres, Triple jump, Long Jump
- Ben Worner - 1500 metres

A big congratulations must go out to Anthony Moule (Year 8) who broke the ACC record for the U/14 800 metres with a time of 2.08.15.

After strong performances, from not only these boys but many others, we knew we were in contention to achieve one of our best performances ever. This was in fact the case with Whitefriars finishing 2nd overall at the end of the day which is a huge achievement.

Additionally, the U/14's and Seniors won their age group which they should be commended for.

This result would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work from all the boys, which was indicative from the 80 or so boys who were attending training in the past few weeks. Along with the all the staff and coaches, particularly Mr Height, Ms Rock, Mr Worner, Mr Kellar, Craig Mottram, Sean Wroe and Scott Benedict, who all contributed to the planning and coordination of the day and assisting the boys in their respective events. Ben Worner (Year 12)





Support Services

Mrs Simone Livingstone
Learning Leader - Learning Diversity



Learning Disability Funding – 2019 Nationally Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)

Support for students with learning disabilities in Catholic schools, has widened to include a range of students who are identified as requiring regular adjustments to their learning within the classroom, over a 10-week period each year. This year, again, schools will receive funding for students based on whether they have received adjustments from their teachers in learning environments at a supplementary, substantial or extensive level. There are four broad categories: physical, cognitive, sensory and social-emotional. Students with Specific Learning Disability, who receive adjustments to support their learning, will also be covered under the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on Students with Disabilities (NCCD).

The data regarding student adjustments, is submitted by teachers before August each year, for the NCCD. This is an Australia-wide, mandatory government collection of data, guided in our College by the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria (CECV). Funding is then determined by this data. The College teachers work to support students within the classroom. In addition, there are a range of Tier 2 and 3 interventions available for students who have substantial adjustments, to enhance participation in the curriculum.

As part of our family-school partnership, the College will host Program Support Group meetings for students with substantial or extensive adjustments to support their learning. If you have any questions regarding support for students with disability, please feel free to contact me via email slivingstone@whitefriars.vic.edu.au



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