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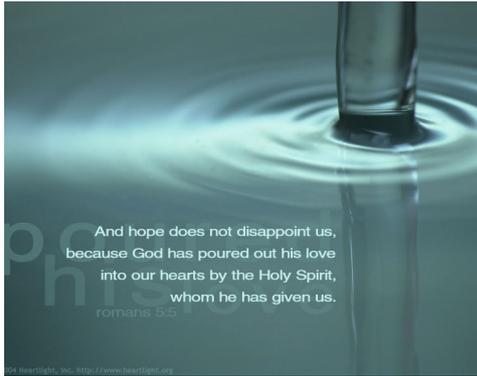


A local community of Mission within the Australian Marist Community

Newsletter



Principal's message



And hope does not disappoint us,
because God has poured out his love
into our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
whom he has given us.
romans 5:5

Greetings to all,
The second reading from last Sunday's Mass (Romans 5:1-5) is both complex and encouraging. St Paul has this intriguing insight: sufferings bring patience; patience brings perseverance; perseverance brings hope and hope does not deceive us because God has poured out his love to us.

I remember years ago not quite getting the connections here.... especially an indication that there was maybe something positive in suffering. However with the passing of the years and an inkling of hard won maturity (despite myself!!) I can see first of all that suffering is an integral part of all of our lives and it is true that something

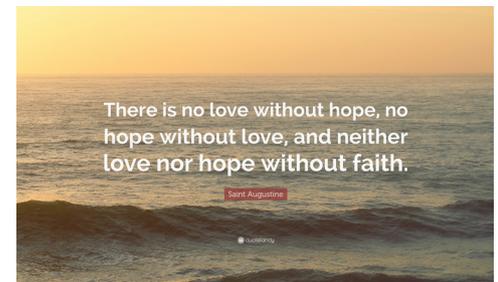
extraordinary happens inside us when suffering descends. We only need to look around us at those we love, know or live our lives among...

many of these otherwise ordinary people become powerful statements in their lives of patience and hope, and an abundance of love directed at others. Suffering, pain and loss are the price we pay for being human beings; without them our humanity would not be genuine and would not be challenged to become ever more strong and giving and full of hope. Hope is essential to human beings no matter what their circumstances; it is also essential that each of us has Hope because we affect one another every day and with hope we can affect one another in good ways. See the reflection that follows:

*("An Essay on Hope" by Jonathan Belle:)
"Just as despair can come to one only from other human beings, hope, too, can be given to one only by other human beings." Elie Weisel*

When hope is damaged it affects more than one person. When real hope is denied it is hard to replace. When a person has lost hope it can be hard to find motivation again. All of these statement hold true. The most important impact we have on each other is through how we affect each other's hopes. Hope breeds hope. When hope exists, we engage with our environment more. We devote more of ourselves to what we do – as does everyone

else around us. Hope engages our creativity and our problem-solving skills. Sometimes, we may be called upon to help someone keep their hope alive. That is a noble thing to do; when we help others remain hopeful, we in turn see that we are constantly motivating ourselves to stay hopeful as well. Being a positive influence on the world around you will inspire and motivate people to stay hopeful in their goals. They will realize that things may not be as bad as they may appear. It will help others to keep up with their actions applied toward their hopes. Each one of us has the capacity to influence each other to stay hopeful. "Where there is Hope, there is life. It fills us with fresh courage and makes us strong again." - Anne Frank. The capacity to hope is an indispensable human quality; even in times of crisis when confidence and trust have been broken, hope sustains us in our living.



Deputy Principal's message

I warmly invite all parents and friends of the Red Bend Catholic College community to an assembly to farewell Br Michael. The Farewell Assembly will be held on Friday 28 June at 11.30am in the college Multipurpose Hall. This is the celebration for the college and wider community to acknowledge and thank Br Michael for his outstanding leadership as principal of the college since 2013. I look forward to seeing you there.

Invitation to farewell Br Michael

Our Principal Br Michael will be leaving us at the end of Term 2 this year after 7 years of service to the Red Bend Catholic College Community.

Please join us as the whole school farewells Br Michael on Friday 28 June at 11.30am with an assembly in the Multi-Purpose Hall.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

JUNE

- 22-30 Bangladesh Immersion
- 28 School Farewell for Br Michael

JULY

- 1 YR 7-12 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 1-2 Bangladesh Immersion
- 1-5 YR 10 Work Experience
- 4 YR 7 & 9 Real Talk Presentation
- 5 YR 11 Retreat
- Term Concludes

Year 12 HSC exam timetable

Students should all have printed off their personal HSC exam timetable and placed in a central location. Attached is a link to the HSC timetable, in case your son or daughter has not had a chance to print off their timetable. It would be very helpful if you could also know the date of their exams.

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/wcm/connect/6e255a68-ae37-489f-9a1c-f6238c664083/HSC+written+exam+timetable+2019.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID=>

If you have any questions about your child's HSC exam timetable please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Martin.

This is for future reference. The HSC results are released on Tuesday 17th December, 2019 from 6.00am. The University Admission Centre (UAC) has asked that we advise parents and students that the release of the ATAR will be at 1pm on Tuesday 17th December, 2019. This is a change from past practice where the ATAR was released the day after the HSC. The earlier ATAR release date is to allow students more time to finalise their preferences for the December Round 2, which has a deadline at midnight on Thursday 19th December, 2019.

If you have any questions about the change to the ATAR release date please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Little or Mrs Martin at the College.

Over the next couple of weeks, Year 12 students will be completing their final assessments for most of their subjects. Students completing their Major Works will be devoting a lot of time and energy between now and mid to late August. We wish them well in the completion of their Major Works.

Starting Term 3, week 3, Monday 5th August until, Week 4, Friday 16th August, students will be sitting for their Trial exams. The Trial exams assess the students knowledge and skills in each of their Year 12 Board Developed Courses. The majority of the courses are weighted at 30% of the total school based assessment mark.

The College has great confidence in our Year 12 students and their capacity to work hard in preparing for the Trial exams. The students are strongly encouraged to make good use of their term 2 school holidays, to have an organised study schedule and to dedicate consistent and worthwhile study time to revising course content and completing past HSC style exam papers.

Dear Parents & Carers

*** This week a letter may come home which details any outstanding absences or late arrivals that have not been explained. Please ensure that the forms are filled in and returned ASAP.**

*** Also a reminder to complete the continuation of enrolment form which was sent via SMS.**

*** We are in need of school jumpers and sports clothing for our clothing pool. Any donations appreciated.**

Please join us in praying for the Bangladesh Immersion Team as they journey over the next week.

Father,

Thank you for this opportunity to develop a greater sense of connection with our sister school in Bangladesh.

Protect and guide this team as they embark on their journey.

Help us to see the face of Christ in all people, particularly the disadvantaged.

Allow our hearts and minds to discern a greater sense of what it means to be Marist.

As with Mary's example, let us respond to God's will with joy and love.

Amen



The Red Bend P&F and College Executive sharing a meal at the local Chinese Restaurant.

Europe 2020

Students participating in the European Excursion in April next year recently had their first official meeting. Twenty two students from Years 9, 10 and 11 have been accepted to attend the excursion, which will provide them with a unique opportunity to visit many historical sites including:

- Rome- The Forum, The Colosseum, The Vatican Pompeii and Herculaneum
- WW1 battlefields in Belgium and Northern France
- Paris- The Louvre, The Eiffel Tower, The Palace of Versailles
- The Hermitage in Lyon

As part of our preparation, students and teachers will take part in a series of fundraising activities and get to know each other over the coming year. Congratulations to all the students who are involved!

Mrs Anne Maree Rice | Excursion Coordinator



Library

Rarb

Rarb, Reading at Red Bend, is a component of English classes in years 7 – 10. The idea behind these Rarb classes is to promote reading as a recreational activity and to encourage students to value the many benefits of reading. Year 7 have one dedicated lesson per cycle for Rarb and are rewarded with a Rarb certificate for every ten books that are read by each student. If students manage to receive 5 Rarb certificates, they are given a \$20 voucher to purchase a book of their own choice. I have been able to give many vouchers to students over the years but it is always in term 4. This year I have been able to present a voucher this term to Izzy Brown. Congratulations on this achievement Izzy.



Library Borrowing

Just a reminder to all students to check your library books and when they are due to be returned. Some students still have books that were due back last term. I would really appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Chess Update

The last match the team played was at Grenfell at the Henry Lawson High School on the 3rd June. Hunter Dale, our board 4 player, was the first to have a win in a relatively quick game. The next result was a draw to Thomas Barker on board 3. Charlie Seymour, our board 1 player, finished next with a loss. Our number 2 board player, Cameron Wheeler, finished the match with a nail-biting win after some very strategic moves with his queen. This gave the team a score of 2½ to Grenfell's 1½. This win keeps the team in the second place-getters round which is to be played against Trundle Central School early next term. Best wishes to the team for this match.



Hockey

On Friday 7th June a large group of under 16 years boys entered the Laurie Wakefield Shield in Parkes against teams from Parkes and Lithgow. One of the teams pulled out last minute. However due to the large interest in hockey at RedBend we were able to split into two teams and play 10 a side hockey for the rest of the day. It was a great opportunity, as it enabled all our players extra time on the field. Miss Calluaud was ably assisted by Emmie Searl to coach the teams.

This meant that the two Red Bend teams versed each other, in a very intense game. The teams had mixed results, with the one team making it into the grand final. Redbend was defeated by Parkes High School in an entertaining and close game.

The boys all played really well and it was commented how great sportsmen they where to the other schools.

Congratulations to Meg Searl who has been selected in the All schools U16 team who will compete in August in the Nationals. Currently, Koby Johnstone, Declan and Hugh Daley, Nicholas Job and Jack Westcott are participating at All Schools in selection trials at Homebush. Congratulations and best wishes to all these players.

Miss Kaitlyn Calluaud



Soccer

The Open Girls and Boys Soccer Teams competed in the Dio Gala Day in Orange. The boys finished in Second place winning three from four games. The girls had four convincing wins and finished in First place. Congratulations to all players.

The girls team will now play against winning teams from other Dioceses at a gala day in week 10. We wish them good luck.



NEW WINTER JACKET

The College has announced the introduction of a new winter jacket.

This jacket is not compulsory and can be worn for sport on Thursdays as well as excursions as notified.

You can purchase these from Gunns Mensland Forbes and Byrnes Clothing Parkes for \$65.

Pictured below is the new jacket which Mrs Hogan is wearing.



From the assembly in Week 8, Term 2:

SRC Announcement (Antez Varghese & Lockie Miller)

Good afternoon all,

The Vinnies group are running the \$4 BBQ breakfast this Thursday, so get on down and support the team as they continue fundraising for their various community works. Huge thanks to Mrs Mitton for all her work in Coordinating this group. Don't forget to bring in an item of clothing for the winter appeal. The SRC is already thinking ahead about the Disco for Term 3 and keen to have any ideas for themes. Shown on the screen were Term 1 Disco options. If you have an idea for the disco, please drop it off in the SRC suggestion box. We will take a vote on the themes early next term. Year 12s have their own theme and are encouraged to let Evie and Benjamin know their thoughts.

In only a few days, our College has filled 5 of the 6 baskets of food for the free farmer's pantry. Only 1 basket left to fill. So please drop off any non-perishable goods to the front staffroom. The food will go directly to farmers suffering from the drought.

The SRC will be 'taking a buddy to SRC day' in week 9. This will occur in this term and next term to let people know what we are doing along with encouraging others to continue leading our school in the future years ahead. We will be bringing a buddy to our 15-minute meeting next Wednesday at lunch. So if you are keen to see what happens or perhaps interested in joining the SRC in future years, please see an SRC member. Importantly, if you are tapped on the shoulder as a potential leader, please say YES as you obviously are someone who would add value as a leader.

We are the SRC and we are here for you.

From the Liturgy Captain's Assembly prayer (Meg Sandford & Natasha Hodges)

We gather this afternoon, in the name of our God, Source of all Being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit.

We pray for the College Netball team who are travelling to and from Alice Springs to play against other Marist teams. Our intention today is to remember God will always be there for us, no matter what happens.

Psalms 100 says "The Lord is good. God's love is forever, and God's loyalty goes on and on."

"A Lifetime Guarantee". How many times have we seen that promise on a product or service? North face clothing and Dr Martin shoes say they offer a lifetime guarantee. What quality craftsmanship must be present in order for something to last a lifetime? There aren't many things that have the ability to endure the trials of time and wear and tear, durable enough to last a few years, let alone a generation or two. Many non-material things also pass away in time, things such as minor problems, bad days, successes, and joys.

One thing that won't fade are God's promises to us. The promise that God will be with us is a guarantee- a guarantee that will last not only for a lifetime but for all eternity. Regardless of what we face and what errors we make, God is here. In our times of celebrating and praising, God is here. In our times of struggling, searching, and questioning, God is here. God will always be here. We don't have to worry about God disappearing or fading away. We can depend on God. Now that's a promise that will last a lifetime.

I encourage you now to listen to Psalm 100 again and take a few moments to consider How have I experienced God's Lifetime Guarantee? (Pause) Listen to the Psalm "The Lord is good. God's love is forever, and God's loyalty goes on and on."

Congratulations to Year 12 student, William Searl, was recently recognised as the Western NSW School Based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year. William was among the finalists who attended the 2019 Western NSW Skills Development Hub Annual Dinner and Presentation evening in Orange on 14th of June and he was thrilled to be chosen from this impressive field as the overall winner.

William is currently completing the final stages of his School Based Apprenticeship as a cabinet maker and is employed by Tim and Lou Witherow from Tim Witherow Joinery in Parkes. Will's nomination was based on his outstanding performance in his TAFE course, his dedicated approach in the workplace and his genuine passion for his chosen trade. Will received a finalists jacket, a trophy and a prize cheque in recognition of his achievement. He will now be considered as a finalist for the NSW School Based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year and we wish him well in this next stage of the process.

It was also great to see a number of former RBCC students at the Training Awards Dinner. Congratulations to past students; Clinton Larkings, who won Western NSW Apprentice of the Year; Claire Bignall, who was a finalist in the Trainee of the Year category and David de Lange who was a finalist in the Apprentice of the Year category.





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Plenary Council 2020: Listen To What The Spirit Is Saying...

In October 2020, the Catholic Church in Australia will gather for the first Plenary Council to be held since the second Vatican Council. In 2018, the entire People of God in Australia began preparing for this historic moment by listening to God, by listening to one another's stories of faith.

More than 222,000 people participated in listening and dialogue encounters and contributed 17,457 submissions during the first stage of preparation for the Australian Plenary Council.

The voices of the faithful help all of us to understand something of the historical experience and the current reality of the Catholic Church in Australia. This gathered data also reveals some deeper hopes and questions, and the diverse yearnings, that we are now challenged to consider together.

The National Themes for Discernment named below are inspired by the data and call us toward the future. As we move into this second stage of preparation for the Plenary Council, we continue to seek the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

- **Missionary and Evangelising**
- **Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal**
- **Prayerful and Eucharistic**
- **Humble, Healing and Merciful**
- **A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community**
- **Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform.**

What happens next?

The **six National Themes for Discernment** are inspired by the data and call us toward the future. As we move into this second stage of preparation for the Plenary Council, we continue to seek the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

In coming months, through **the discernment process** and drawing on the six National Themes for Discernment, we will develop the agenda for the first session of the Plenary Council.

This discernment process will involve establishing **Working Groups** for each National Theme for Discernment. Also, people in faith communities across Australia will be called to participate locally in their own communal Listening and Discernment encounters.

The fruits of what is discerned during this time will shape **the agenda of the first session** of Plenary Council in October 2020.

