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Church 'bank's' success

The Catholic Development Fund - the local Church's "bank" - marks its 20th anniversary this year looking back at a tradition of serving both small and large players in the Archdiocese.

The fund has grown from \$2 million to over \$200 million, from 200 clients to 2000 in that time.

General manager Mr Herbie O'Flynn said most satisfying part of the CDF's operation was "without doubt helping the mission of the Church take shape through providing loan funding.

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Loans have been made for school construction, classroom computers and playground equipment, church and presbytery construction and refurbishment, hospitals and facilities for aged care, and vehicles for clergy.

"One of the earliest and most advantageous loans was replacing a bank loan to Gowrie parish when interest rates were heading upwards of 18% and we were able to lend at 10.5%," Mr O'Flynn said.

"The most adventurous was to help the planting of a vineyard in

a parish in Wilcannia-Forbes Diocese."

The CDF's largest loan has been for the construction of independent living units by Little Company of Mary Health Care at Bruce.

Each year, the CDF helps Merici College parents of year 7 students by financing a program that rents computer laptops to students over three years with parent's commercial bank accounts being debited each month. After three years the laptops become the property of the parents.

The CDF has provided more than \$12 million in surpluses to the Archdiocese, and is aiming to make an annual contribution of \$1 million. "If the annual surplus from the CDF was not available many of the central Archdiocesan support activities would not be able to be conducted," Mr O'Flynn said.

"While the bulk of the Archdiocese's income comes from the annual CDF surplus, additional income also comes from the parish levy, CCI (Catholic Church Insurances) rebates and interest earnings, to sustain the central services of the Archdiocese.

"Activities such as Catholic Voice, Pastoral Support Services, the Mission Office, the Tribunal and the Catholic Bookshop all receive support from the central fund.

"One of our initial marketing slogans was '\$250 can build a Church', and that sums up how small investments can together generate enough funds to build a church.

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Thriving through boom and bust



Outside Galong Castle, Redemptorist superior Fr Pat Corbett (second from left) chats with Harden Cr Ross Flannery, Bishop Pat Power and Federal politician Mr Alby Schultz.

The story of Galong Monastery through its 90 year history was one of the seemingly impossible being achieved by faith-filled people cooperating with the generous grace of God.

Auxiliary Bishop Pat Power spoke of the role the Redemptorists had played in the life of the Archdiocese when he celebrated Mass to mark the blessing of the renovated retreat and conference centre at St Clement's Redemptorist Monastery and the official opening of the restored Galong Castle and Museum.

"It is a 90-year story lived through the great depression, another world war, times of boom and bust, more wars, spectacular growth of the Church in this country, the Second Vatican Council, but then a period of decline in religious influence in society generally and a diminution in the number of priests, religious and religious houses," he said.

"All of these phenomena had their influence right here in Galong as well as in every other part of Australia and the world.

"Life at Galong has also been able to exemplify the best of what Vatican II made possible in the growth of the role of lay people and the engagement of the Church with contemporary society and culture. Right now, when our country is being severely tested by drought and a rural crisis, it is pleasing to see that St Clement's has an environmental and water conservation policy which is part of its present and future planning."

Redemptorist community superior Fr Pat Corbett said the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn and the dioceses of Wilcannia-Forbes, Wagga Wagga and Bathurst saw the centre as their spiritual home. Wagga Wagga Bishop Gerard Hanna concelebrated Mass with Bishop Power.

Federal Member for Hume Mr Alby Schultz, who opened



Bishop Pat Power celebrates Mass in the grounds of the monastery. Seated behind him are Fr Pat Corbett, diocesan priest Fr Geoff Lloyd and two Redemptorists Fr Leo Coffey and Fr Don Kennedy.

the restored castle and museum, said Galong was "the jewel in the crown" of his electorate. Society was under enormous pressure today to protect its Christian beliefs. There was no better way to gain solace from the many pressures than to come to St Clement's.

The refurbishment project over four years was completed with the financial support of the Archdiocese and the Department of Transport and Regional Services. Mr Schultz said the Australian Government Regional Partnerships program funding of \$275,000 helped the Friends of St Clements to restore Galong Castle. "The castle and museum contains artefacts and documents from the time of Ned Ryan, the earliest settler in the area, through to the history of the Redemptorists arriving in Galong in 1917. No other museum exists with such an historical background."

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ACU honours rights activist

Human rights activist Phil Glendenning was awarded Australian Catholic University's highest honour, Doctor of the University (Honoris Causa), at its annual Canberra graduation ceremony held at Parliament House.

More than 190 students from ACU National's Canberra campus (Signadou) graduated with degrees in education, social work, arts, theology and postgraduate and doctoral studies at the ceremony.

ACU National Vice-Chancellor Prof Peter Sheehan said Mr Glendenning had "shaken the moral compass of Australian society" for his long-standing dedication to improving the lives of poor, indigenous, politically dispossessed and suffering people both in Australia and worldwide.

Mr Glendenning is director of the Edmund Rice Centre, a Sydney-based organisation that conducts research into the causes of poverty and inequity in Australia. He is also co-founder and former national president of Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation, which coordinated the 2000 Reconciliation Walk, a 250,000-strong march across Sydney



Harbour Bridge in support of indigenous rights and reconciliation.

ACU's Canberra campus is home to 600 students and offers academic programs in arts, education, social work and theology. In 2007, the campus introduced a Bachelor of Nursing.

ABOVE: Phil Glendenning is congratulated by parents Laurie and Anne, of Mount Kuring-Gai.

LEFT: Happy graduates (clockwise from left) Sam Beattie, Timothy Brideoake, Levi Heffernan and Penny Phipps.



Gathering to talk of peace

Since 9/11 a group of people of different faiths each month have been meeting to pray together for peace, and to share music and meditations.

The gatherings take place from 12.15pm to 1.15pm on the first Wednesday of each month at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture in Barton.

A second initiative has been a walk around Parliament House on the Sunday following the Wednesday meeting, meditating for peace and humanitarian values.

This group meets at 2pm at the top of the stairwell to the underground parking. The next two walks will be held on 10 June and 8 July.

A third initiative brings Prayer for Peace to Canberra's southside. Executive director of the ACCC Pro James Haire spoke at the first meeting on Christian beliefs and attitudes towards achieving peace. He was interviewed by Mohammed Berjaoui from the Abu Bakr Mosque.

The speaker at the next meeting on Thursday, 21 June, will be Ahmed Youssef on Islam and Peace.

On 20 September, Dr Anita Shroot will follow



the theme on behalf of the Jewish community.

Inquiries: Mario Gonzales, Woden Community Centre, telephone 6282 2644, or Margaret Thomson and Dawn Marando at Talk for Peace, telephone 6273 3615.

ABOVE: At the southside gathering (from left) back: Heather Clark, Mohammed Berjaoui, Mahoud, Rev James Haire, Alma Armstrong, Dawn Maranda, Siew, Sabriah. Front: Jane Donnelly, Jill McKenzie, Ruth Dunicliff-Hagan, Margaret Thomson.

Call to pray for unity

Parishioners have been urged to join with other Christian churches to pray for unity.

In the lead-up to the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 20-27 May, chairman of the Archdiocesan Ecumenical Commission Bishop Pat Power called on parishes to pray with their brothers and sisters in other Christian churches.

The theme this year is: "He even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak" (Mark 7:37).

Material on the week may be obtained on the website of the National Council of Churches in Australia www.ncca.org.au

At St Thomas the Apostle Church, Kambah, the parish is organising a gathering of pastors and their congregations from throughout the Tuggeranong Valley for an evening of worship and prayer at 7.30pm on Thursday, 24 May. Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be guest speaker.

Inquiries: Deacon John Lim, telephone 0407 941 848 or Kambah parish secretary 6231 9219.

The Canberra Taizé Group will hold a special Taizé prayer evening from 8pm to 9pm on Friday, 25 May, at the Anglican Church of St Alban the Martyr, 34 Chappell St, Woden to celebrate the week. Inquiries: Annemarie Nicol, telephone 6232 7173 (bh).

Active youth

Young people at St. Benedict's parish and Eucharistic centre, Narrabundah, together with the Disciples of Jesus community, have launched a lead-up program towards World Youth Day.

The program is called Activate, after Acts 1: 5-8, which is the theme of World Youth Day: Jesus said to his apostles: "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and then you will be my witnesses".

On Divine Mercy Sunday, 14 April, Activate held a coffee and cake evening before the 7pm charismatic Mass. Nathan Galea, a youth minister and teacher at St. Edmund's College, spoke of the potential for World Youth Day to change the face of the Church in Australia.

The next event will be a Youth Life in the Spirit at St. Benedict's on each of the five Tuesdays of May, starting on 1 May. The next major rally will be held on the feast of the Sacred Heart, Friday, 15 June, at St. Benedict's. It will aim to draw young people to focus on the Heart of Jesus.

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Pilgrimage brings back memories of escape

When Vietnamese-born Canberra priest Fr Peter My fled the communists 25 years ago he spent a fortnight on a small boat braving storms and pirates on his way to Malaysia.

He and 49 others on the 2m by 10m boat made it; many other refugees did not.

Last month, Fr My (pronounced Mee) who is administrator of Kambah parish, returned to the refugee camp where he lived for a year and to graveyards of Vietnamese boat people along the east coast of the Malaysian peninsula to pray for those who never reached freedom.

"It was an emotional spiritual pilgrimage," Fr My said. One of his fellow pilgrims was Joseph Vinh Dong, now a parish priest in Perth.

In 1982 at Pulau Bidong refugee camp he was a 12-year-old altar server as seminarian Peter My celebrated the Liturgy of the Word for other inmates. This time the two men were able to concelebrate Mass in the now rundown former refugee camp.

After the communists took over South Vietnam, Peter My found his training to be a priest, which he had begun at the age of 12 in a minor seminary, was brought to an



ABOVE LEFT: Fr Peter My celebrates Mass with Fr Joseph Vinh Dong in the dis-used former refugee camp. ABOVE RIGHT: Praying at the graves of those who died while seeking freedom.

abrupt halt. "The communists closed every religious institution, so from 1981 I tried to escape." Leaving all his family behind, he finally managed to flee on a journey that took 13 days rather than the expected two. The group on the boat survived on meals consisting of three spoons each of rice, beans and sugar, and a soft drink bottle cap of water three times a day.

"Ironically, we were rescued by two Thai pirate boats. They helped us because we were too poor to be robbed." Fifteen kilograms lighter, Peter My at last reached the



freedom of a Malaysian refugee camp where he spent exactly a year.

Aged 25 he eventually arrived in Canberra in 1983. His dream of becoming a priest was finally realised when he was ordained by Bishop Pat Power in St Christopher's Cathedral on New Year's Day, 1994.

After his escape, Fr My's younger brother followed him. The family is now evenly divided with Fr My's parents, two sisters and a brother living in Australia, and three brothers and two sisters living in Vietnam.

His brother Joseph, who is also a priest, has been sent to Rome by his bishop for further study.

A highlight of Fr My's recent pilgrimage was the experience of praying with fellow pilgrims, including five Buddhist monks, at cemeteries where boat people were buried. "One of the monks was especially bitter with Catholics due to misunderstandings years ago; we worked together harmoniously and now we are friends."

Of the other pilgrims, one was baptised last month and another has returned to the Catholic Church after 20 years away.

Fr My hoped to find the grave of a friend who died trying to escape, but he was unsuccessful. He intends to keep looking. Although he now lives far from his homeland, Fr My continues to minister to the needs of his fellow Vietnamese as chaplain to the Vietnamese Canberra community of 600 Catholics.

● Footnote: It is estimated that of the Vietnamese who fled between 1975 and 1989, one third were caught, one third escaped and one third drowned. About 850,000 escaped.

Thousands likely to visit on way to WYD

Five thousand international pilgrims are expected to flood into the Archdiocese on their way to World Youth Day in Sydney next year.

Speaking at the official opening of the Rheinberger Centre at Yarralumla, Archdiocesan director of pastoral support services Mr Shawn Van der Linden said World Youth Day was "the largest pastoral program in the world and the biggest event this Archdiocese has ever been involved in. Our response to it is going to be a powerful example of partnership in ministry."

He said about the same number of people planed to travel from the Archdiocese to Sydney for the event.

Mr Van der Linden praised the support local World Youth Day organisers had received, but a further 100 volunteers were needed.

Volunteers can help in many ways, from hosting overseas pilgrims and coordinating billeting in their parish to assisting with fundraising and WYD events.

The Rheinberger Centre, located on the corner of Weston and Loch streets in Yarralumla, was opened by Archbishop



Archbishop Mark Coleridge with cousins of Fr Joe Rheinberger, John, Catherine, Norma and Fr Paul, after the plaque unveiling.

Mark Coleridge after Mass at St Peter Chanel's Church.

Named after a former Vicar General of the Archdiocese, Fr Joe Rheinberger, the centre is home to the Archdiocese's pastoral support services agency, Catholic Education Office library and IT computer lab, Catholic Mission and Caritas office, and the new World Youth Day office.

At the opening, tribute was paid to Fr Rheinberger, who died unexpectedly in June last year. Catholic Education director Mrs Moira Najdecki said he was a linguist, a lover of poetry and a gentleman. "It's fitting today this building is named after Fr Joe... his love of learning and dedication to education will be remembered and honoured."

Bookings to use the centre may be made by telephoning 6163 4300.

The next issue of Catholic Voice - the June issue - will be published a week late as the editor will be overseas for the whole of May. It will be available in time for the second weekend of June.

Indigenous leadership school for WYD

Nungalinga College in the Northern Territory will host the National Catholic Indigenous Leadership School from 7-20 July in preparation for World Youth Day 2008. The school is designed for indigenous youth and adults including youth workers, leaders of ministries, teachers/ workers in schools, people committed to indigenous evangelisation, those interested in World Youth Day and young people seeking faith formation and leadership skills.

The school is an opportunity for indige-

nous people to come and share about their faith, their communities, and concern for faith building in the next generation.

The school will be conducted by the Asia-Pacific School of Evangelisation, including a leadership team of indigenous leaders, Missionaries of God's Love sisters and priests, and lay people experienced in evangelisation. Inquiries and applications: Bronnie Schlager, school administrator, telephone 6231 8611, e-mail bronnieschlager@hotmail.com

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An experience of Easter in autumn

Brothers and Sisters,

This was my first Easter in Canberra and my first as what's called the Ordinary of a Diocese. Before I came here, I was an Auxiliary Bishop. Now I'm an Ordinary, which means that I'm actually in charge of a Diocese.

Easter can be a slightly awkward time for an Auxiliary, though Bishop Pat does a regular stint in great style down in the Monaro.

But at times an Auxiliary can be a Bishop with nowhere to go at times like Christmas and Easter. He doesn't have a Cathedral. But now I have a Cathedral, and that makes Easter feel different.

Another reason this Easter felt different was that I decided to have our four home-based seminarians stay with me at Archbishop's House.

It was a good time to live, pray, eat and talk together. It was also a time for them to get to know me and for me to get to know them. And it was very worthwhile for that reason.

That's why I intend to make it an annual event.

The seminarians also served at the ceremonies in the Cathedral, which was especially good given that they do their studies in that far-flung place called Sydney.

In the past I had presided at the ceremonies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. But I had never before presided at the Chrism Mass.

It was a great celebration of the gift of the ordained priesthood, one I hope that showed that when we see the glory of one vocation in the Church, we see the glory of all vocations - just as, when one vocation in the Church is in trouble, all vocations are in trouble.

We often take the priesthood for granted, but a weak priesthood will always mean a weak Church, and that is surely not what Christ wants.

To celebrate the ordained priesthood is one way of glorifying God for the priesthood of



all the baptised. It's never a matter of choosing between the two: to understand the ordained priesthood is to understand the priestly character of the whole Church and vice versa. To set any opposition between the two is to misunderstand both.

After the big crowd for the Chrism Mass, the crowds for Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil in the Cathedral were disappointing.

I'm not sure why, but the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday night and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night have never quite caught the imagination of Catholic people. Yet the Easter Vigil is perhaps the most important

moment of all Christian worship. We may have to work harder at ensuring that all Catholic people understand the importance of these two great celebrations, so that the crowds (at least in the Cathedral) reflect this sense. By contrast, the crowds on Good Friday were predictably large. That is certainly a moment that fires the Catholic imagination.

Immediately after the Good Friday afternoon service I had to jump in the car with the seminarians to head for Galong where the Light to the Nations pilgrimage was being held. There was a huge crowd of people from all over Australia and beyond, and the mood was electric in the big top they had set up.

The spiritual energy of the gathering was palpable, and I found it deeply refreshing. This is something that can feed into the parishes, so it's never a matter of choosing one or the other. Parish and pilgrimage can feed each other.

No sooner was the Easter Vigil over and the first eggs of Easter had been consumed than I had to rush to the airport to take an early morning flight to Chicago for yet another Missal meeting.

It may seem odd that a Bishop should spend most of Easter Sunday flying across the world. But that's the lot of this travelling apostle.

I went to Chicago expecting spring weather and then found myself up to my ankles in snow. At first I could hardly believe it, but then it struck me that winter in springtime is not much stranger than Easter in autumn, which is what I had just celebrated as the leaves were starting to turn red in Canberra.

Perhaps next year, instead of singing "Now the Green Blade Riseth", we should try a rousing chorus of "Now the Red Leaf Falleth".

Mark Coleridge

+Bishop Mark.



New monsignors, John Woods (left) and Kevin Barry-Cotter.

Papal honour for two priests

The late Pope John Paul II was a great priest because he was before all else a great human being, Archbishop Mark Coleridge said.

He was speaking at the annual Chrism Mass celebrated in St Christopher's Cathedral at the beginning of Holy Week.

Priests from across the Archdiocese gather for this ceremony at which the oil of the sick and the oil of catechumens are blessed and the oil of sacred chrism is con-



secrated. Each priest then takes his own set of oils back to his parish for use during the liturgical year.

Archbishop Coleridge announced that Vicar General Fr John Woods and Cootamundra parish priest Fr Kevin Barry-Cotter at his request had been appointed monsignors by Pope Benedict XVI. Although the Pope did this as an honour to the men individually, Archbishop Coleridge stressed it was "an honouring of this presbyterate".

Fr Barry-Cotter was appointed a prelate of honour and Fr Woods a chaplain of His Holiness.



Family and friends of St John Vianney's Primary School in Waramanga joined pupils for a re-enactment of Christ's passion, death and Resurrection. The entire school was involved in the dramatisation. ABOVE: Anna Skaljic, Chris Brookhouse and Jon Dufty re-enact the Way of the Cross.

It wasn't the promise of Easter eggs or the Easter bunny that brought smiles to the faces of three young ladies and their families at St Thomas Aquinas Parish Church on Holy Saturday. Along with the parish community they had far greater reasons to celebrate as Jessica Stewart, 15, received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, Janeyah Bayley, 12, received the sacrament of Baptism and Mrs Gemma Cocks was received into full communion with the Church.

ABOVE: Charnwood parish priest Fr Neville Drinkwater with Gemma Cocks, Janeyah Bayley and Jessica Stewart.



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800 light way to WYD08 Pilgrims take tough route

More than 800 young people from every State gathered at St. Clement's Monastery, Galong, over Easter for the biennial Light to the Nations pilgrimage, organized by the Disciples of Jesus community.

They erected a tent city near the monastery, and the liturgies of the Easter Triduum were celebrated under a large marquee. The pilgrimage was billed as a prelude to World Youth Day, and the pilgrims were greeted by a Papal message, read by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

Co-ordinator Daniel Foster said there was a freshness about the pilgrimage this time.

On Good Friday the Stations of the Cross were enacted dramatically on the way towards the grotto by young people from Canberra. In the afternoon celebration of the Passion the large cross was venerated in a unique way as it was laid on the ground and pilgrims surrounded it with great reverence. Then it was elevated with songs of the victory of God's love.

On Saturday morning there was a pilgrimage to Rosary Hill where the pilgrims prayed the

Rosary calling on Mary's intercession that World Youth Day will have a powerful impact on the Church of Australia.

A feature of the pilgrimage was the number of young people seeking the sacrament of Reconciliation. Many priests were kept busy over the three days.

On Saturday evening the celebration of light was spectacular, as the young people waved their candles above their heads while singing Alleluias. A great shout of delight rose from the congregation as two of the young people were baptized with full immersion. Many young people responded to the call at the end of the preaching to come forward and give their lives to Jesus.

Light to the Nations director Fr Ken Barker MGL said much prayer went into the pilgrimage.

"We can see the fruits of this. Young people have come closer to Jesus. The Church is seen to be alive. It is truly good to be able to open up the Church's richest liturgies in such a way that young people are able to participate and respond so wholeheartedly.

Seven walkers took on a 150km, eight-day pilgrimage from Canberra to St Clement's Monastery, Galong, to intercede for the young people of Australia and for the success of Light to the Nations.

The walkers, led by Anthony Ringrose-Voase, of the Disciples of Jesus Community under the spiritual direction of Fr Simon Wayte MGL, were sent on their way from St Christopher's Cathedral by Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

"The second day was the hardest," Mr Ringrose-Voase said. "You wake up feeling all the aches from the first day and then realise you have to do the whole thing all over again except that it's uphill all day."

On route, the group camped high in the Brindabellas. "It was cold and the facilities were on the simple side but the views were fantastic. We celebrated Mass round camp fires as the sun rose to reveal the glory of God's creation around us."

Apart from Mass the pilgrims celebrated morning and evening prayer together and said the Rosary while walking. "The simplicity of pilgrimage life - walking, setting up camp, cooking - helped me to leave behind the busyness of everyday life giving time to think about my journey through life," Fr Wayte said.

Laura McCormick from Melbourne said: "The group developed a great sense of companionship and looking after one another. In particular, Andrew Foster - driver of the support vehicle - looked after us so well. We often arrived to find him setting up camp and greeting us with a boiling billy."

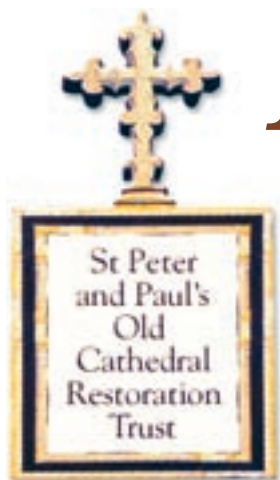
On the fifth day after walking about 85km, the group crossed Lake Burrinjuck by boat and walked up the north side of the lake through the Burrinjuck Nature Reserve.



Walkers on the trail (front) Maida Kajkic, (middle) John Kiak, Michael O'Kelly, Fr Simon Wayte, Laura McCormick, (back) Jeffrey Nori.

Michael O'Kelly, an MGL pre-novice from a farm in Victoria, said the group saw the "horrible effects of the drought first hand", which made them appreciate the generosity of farming families even more. "All through the walk I felt it important to pray for farmers and their families, especially those whose farms we crossed."

Zinka Cerne, the eldest pilgrim reflected, "It was a challenging but rewarding time away from everyday life and a lovely way to prepare for Easter. I liked the companionship with other pilgrims young and old, and the way everybody was so joyful despite injuries and other setbacks. If I can do it at 68, almost anyone can do it."



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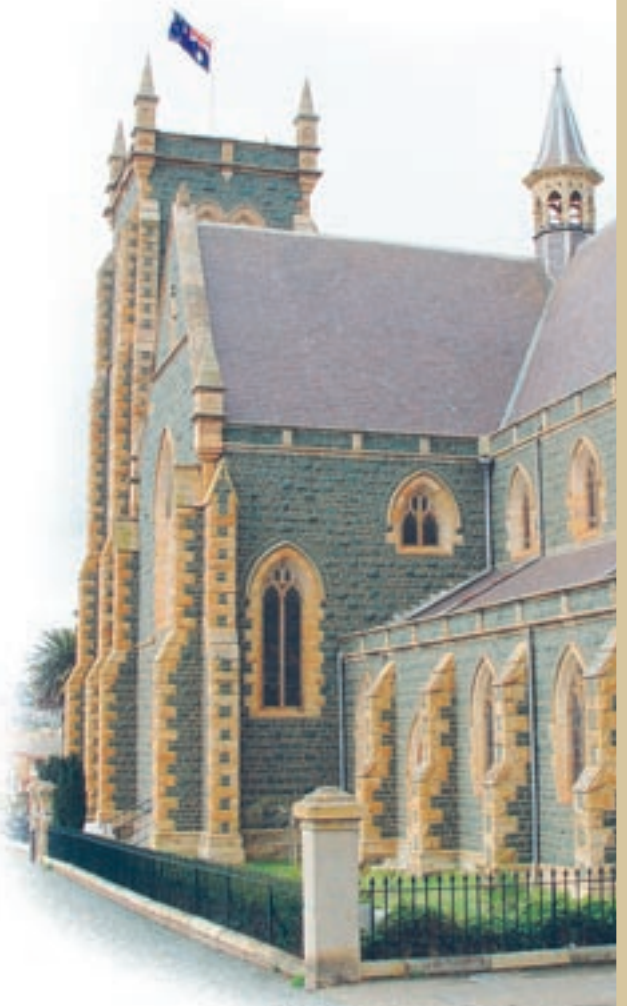
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Saint Thomas Aquinas

Lhotsky Street, Charnwood
ENROLLING NOW



OPEN DAY

Tuesday, 15th May
9.00 am to 5.00 pm

OPEN MORNING

Saturday, 19th May
9.00 am to 12.00 midday

For more information please contact:
Principal – Mr John Bourke

Email: johnb@staquinas.cg.catholic.edu.au

Phone: 6258 4077

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E-mail ed.voice@cg.catholic.org.au

Internet www.cg.catholic.org.au

The Parish School of St Thomas Aquinas is situated in Lhotsky Street, Charnwood. The school serves the communities of Charnwood, Dunlop, Macgregor, Flynn, Fraser, Holt, Latham and various suburbs including parts of NSW.

Its enrolment is 180 and the professional staff is committed to the development of the individual child; spiritually, academically, socially and physically. As a parish school St Thomas Aquinas has embedded links to the parish.

St Thomas Aquinas has extended its information technology centre facilities to include Interactive White Boards in all classrooms.

The incorporation of technology into all key learning areas has placed the school into one of the top technological Catholic schools in the system.

Teachers' ongoing desire to improve literacy and numeracy outcomes for students within an environment that is enriched through the immersion of information and communication technologies is now becoming a reality.

The school has a dedicated staff who implement the curriculum which is based on the NSW Key Learning Areas.

After school care is available and the school is proud to be able to offer this facility through the YMCA.

This partnership has led to a new, vibrant development in community building. Hopefully the school will have before school care in 2008.

Education for the future



St Thomas Aquinas enjoys leadership from its senior children through its buddy classes, Student Representative Council, Active Australia Sports Leadership training and reading tutors for children in younger classes. The children are involved in netball, soccer, cricket, rugby league, rugby union and swimming.

Treasures New and Old is the core Religious Education program and upon which all other curriculum is based.

With a team effort involving home and school and parish St Thomas Aquinas is assured of providing the best for its children.

If you wish to be part of this welcoming, supportive and active community please contact:

The Principal, John Bourke,
telephone 6258 4077,
e-mail office@staquinas.cg.catholic.edu.au

Website: www.staquinas.cg.catholic.edu.au

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 **St Michael's Primary School**
'A People of Harmony, A Place of Challenge'
 Tyrrell Circuit, Kaleen Ph: (02) 6241 4022 Fax: (02) 6241 4803
 Email: david@stmichaelsps.cg.catholic.edu.au
 Website: www.stmichaelsps.cg.catholic.edu.au

St Michael's School is proud of many features including:

- Being a friendly, welcoming community
- A highly committed and energetic staff providing a secure Christian learning environment
- An inclusive and comprehensive education for boys and girls, Kinder to Year 6
- Its advances in the use of learning technologies including the use of Interactive Whiteboards in all classrooms
- Private lessons with specialist teachers in chess, speech and drama, violin, piano and flute
- A school band and school choir
- An emphasis on Physical Education and Sport and living an active, healthy lifestyle



- A 'Walking School Bus' and 'fruit break'
- Spacious grounds, well equipped library and computer laboratory
- After-School Care commencing from Term 2, 2007 on the premises

OPEN DAYS

**Monday 15 May 12pm or 6pm
 Wednesday 30 May 12pm or 6pm**

ENROLMENT ENQUIRIES ARE MOST WELCOME

Please contact the principal, Mr David Austin, (02) 6241 4022 or visit our website: www.stmichaelsps.cg.catholic.edu.au



Exciting, challenging and happy school

St Michael's is a Catholic systemic school catering for 240 students from Kindergarten to Year 6.

The school is situated in Tyrrell Circuit, Kaleen, on spacious and well kept grounds featuring extensive playing spaces for all students.

At St Michael's, the staff, students and parish family strive to achieve a curriculum that maximizes opportunity for each child to learn. The parent community is very active in its support of the school.

The school is committed to providing strong quality curriculum in all academic areas and provides an education based on the values of Jesus.

St Michael's has a particular focus on developing literacy and numeracy skills across the school.

The school is staffed by highly trained professionals who are committed to providing the best of Catholic education for our children.

St Michael's values a fully sequenced curriculum from K-6 which is comprehensive, progressive and well-resourced.

Current academic emphasis at St Michael's is on the implementation of the new ACT curriculum framework and the Essential Learning Achievements which identifies what is essential for ACT stu-

dents to know, understand, value and be able to do.

St Michael's has a comprehensive ICT integrated program with computers and Interactive Whiteboards (Activboards) linked by network in all classrooms.

These Activboards use a digital whiteboard, tailor-made software and unique remote devices designed to engage the students in the lesson more than ever. Its possibilities are endless!

The school also offers private music and drama classes, individual education programs assisting students with special needs, a program for gifted and talented students and a strong student leadership focus.

The community at St Michael's believes it has an exciting, challenging and happy school, which is a reflection of the school vision: a people of harmony, a place of challenge.

You are invited to come and see St Michael's and meet teachers, students and parents at the Open Day on Monday, 14 May, or Wednesday, 30 May, at either noon or 6pm.

Please feel free to contact the Principal, Mr David Austin, on 6241 4022 for further information or visit the school website www.stmichaelsps.cg.catholic.edu.au

St Benedict's Primary School

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 Home Page Address: <http://www.stbenedicts.act.edu.au>



ST BENEDICT'S PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFERS YOU:

- A warm friendly environment
- A small school catering for the needs of the individual
- Motivated, experienced staff dedicated to providing the best educational practice with Special Needs Team
- An active School Board and Parents & Friends Association
- A vibrant community with close links with the St Benedict's Parish
- A broad curriculum which provides intellectual challenges and caters for different learning styles.
- Specialist programs including Social Skills and Count Me In Too.
- Access to Internet and Digital Technology in a modern Computer Laboratory

- A comprehensive Music Program Incorporating recorder, percussion, singing and dance as well as private tuition available for piano.
- A vibrant and exciting Arts Program
- LOTE - Italian Culture and Language
- A skills-based Physical Education Program which includes a Perceptual Motor Program, Daily Fitness Program, Swimming Program for Kinder to Year 2 and Sports Clinics.
- Enrichment activities including: Specialist Gymnastics and Dancing Teachers, Debating.
- After School Care Program available.

**For further inquiries, please contact
 Mrs Anne Staines - Principal**

OPEN DAY - THURSDAY, 15 MAY 2007 9.00AM-1.00PM



Emphasis on looking after each other

As a learning community St John the Apostle Primary School strives to:

- * inspire faith, teach Catholic traditions and encourage a passionate response to the needs of our contemporary society;

- * encourage all members of the school community to be critical, reflective, life long learners who are committed to doing their best;

- * provide a safe and nurturing environment where persistence and resilience are valued and where the dignity and wellbeing of self and others are paramount;

- * allocate appropriate resources to ensure that a rich and equitable learning environment exists.

Key elements of education at St John the Apostle include:

Learning Together

St John the Apostle Primary School offers sound teaching and learning strategies across the Key Learning Areas of Religious Education, English, Mathematics,

Science, Personal Development Health and Physical Education, Studies of Society and its Environment and Creative Arts. All classes attend Gymnastics/ Gross Motor lessons and Music.

The school curriculum engages students in a diverse range of learning styles and activities. The staff of St John the Apostle School promote a love of life long learning and provide opportunities for children to reach their full potential.

Information and Communication Technologies are an important aspect of learning opportunities. Children regularly visit the computer lab, use classroom computers, Activboards, video and digital cameras. Technology is seen as a tool to enhance learning.

Working Together

The community at St John the Apostle is a welcoming one that emphasises looking after each other.

This is very evident in the classrooms, playground, staff room,



tuckshop, Parents and Friends Association and other components of school life. All of the children are 'connected' to a 'buddy' so that they have someone to look out for and /or to look up to.

Year 6 students buddy with Kindergarten and Year 5 students buddy with Year One. The younger children enjoy knowing there are familiar faces on the playground to assist with their integration into school. The older children show leadership and responsibility in caring for the younger children. Buddy classes join together regularly for craft, sport, reading, writing and other activities.

Enrichment and remediation opportunities are provided so that all students experience success and confidently meet the challenge of expanding their knowledge and skills.

The Student Leadership Program offers the opportunity for all Year 6 students to develop their leadership potential.

Parents are an important part of the learning process and are actively involved in various ways including the School Board, Parents and Friends Association and as volunteers in the classrooms, library, tuckshop and many other areas of school life.

Praying Together

The Parish based Sacramental Program complements the Religious Education Program and allows active involvement from all members of the family. Children are involved in liturgical celebrations, class and whole school masses and a number of other experiences to foster a love of Christ and a commitment to Gospel Values.

The link between the school and the parish is very strong. The

pastors are keenly interested in being present to support the school's pastoral mission and ongoing development of the community's understanding of their Faith Tradition.

Staff gather regularly to pray together and celebrate the end of each term with a Staff Mass.

Playing Together

St John the Apostle School has a varied program of skill development in the sporting arena. It competes in athletics, swimming, cross country, soccer and netball carnivals, and invites a number of sporting associations to run skill development programs.

There are a number of extra-curricular activities including choir, Irish Dancing, band, speech and drama, piano, guitar, singing, Putting on the Hits, public speaking and the Wakakirri Dance Festival.

The school's extensive playground offers children the opportunity to mix across the grades as well as having separate Infants and Primary areas.

Students in Year 5 and Year 6 have the opportunity to attend camp. Year 5 students spend three days at Cooba Outdoor Educational Centre and the Year 6 students spend four days at the Narabeen Academy of Sport facilities. These camps are designed to enhance both educational and team building experiences.



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AND COURAGE

OPEN DAY

ST JOHN THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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FOR 2008**

THURSDAY 24th May 2007

Guided tours at ~ 10.00 am ~ 12.00 noon, 2.00pm and 5.00 pm



*St John the Apostle
School is an
all-embracing
educational community.
We are inspired by
Jesus and are united
in love, truth and
courage. We are on
earth the heart of God.*





ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Moynihan Street Evatt

St Monica's Parish Catholic Primary School 2007

Celebrating excellence in Catholic Education for 30 years

Enrolments are now being sought for 2008

St Monica's currently has an enrolment of 440 students

St Monica's is a child-centred, Catholic learning community, supporting families in the Canberra suburbs of Evatt, Melba, Spence and McKellar.

We believe our school community is unique. St Monica's promotes a strong values program offering all children many and varied opportunities to enable them to reach their full potential.



Recent Achievements

- 2006 Winner- National Quality Schooling Award for "Developing Researchers of The Future"
- Sister School Agreement with Tezukayama Elementary School, Nara City, Japan
- Refurbishment of Stage 3 Area including interactive whiteboards and computers
- Accreditation as a Healthy Canteen as well as relocation and updating of the canteen
- Winners of Westfield's Shop For Your School 2005 and 2006
- TAKE 3—Creating Student Leaders in Movie-making. Host school for Primary Schools' Film Festival 2007

What does St Monica's have to offer?

- Excellence in all Key Learning Areas: Religious Education, English, Mathematics, Science, Studies of Society and its Environment, The Arts, Physical Development, Health and Physical Education,
- Information Communication and Technology integrated across KLA's
- Specialist Sports Clinics and Gymnastics program
- Opportunities for school/regional/state Sport representation
- Strong Parent/School partnership
- Early Intervention Programs including Reading Recovery
- Student Representative Council
- Peer Mediators
- Music Tuition
- Dramatic and Musical performances
- Tournament of Minds
- School Choir/School Band
- Japanese lessons and choir
- SMOOSH – St Monica's Out of School Hours Care
- Enrichment Programs including Science, Maths and Writing
- Public Speaking including Rostrum
- Grandparents' Day



OPEN DAY

TUESDAY 15 MAY 2007

10am – Noon
and
5pm – 7pm

PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

11.30am and 6.00pm

Principal: MARY DORRIAN
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ROSARY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Rosary School is a Christ-centred family striving for educational excellence in the Dominican spirit of truth, justice and celebration.



ROSARY SCHOOL IS PROUD OF MANY FEATURES INCLUDING:

- Its **advances** in the use of **learning technologies**
- The **extensive grounds** which boast a newly re-developed, beautifully green oval with a landscaped perimeter of trees to provide shade
- The **music program**. All students participate in specialist music classes. Tuition for a variety of instruments is also available through private teachers and *Musicorp*
- The pursuit of **chess** which has become a passion at the school. Teams are represented at many competitions throughout the A.C.T.



- Its **vibrant library** which is a hub of learning through stimulating, educational experiences that support classroom programs. *Book Week* and *Literacy Week* are festive and fun whilst activities bubble over in the excitement of the 'Access Asia' perspective

- The **various sporting pursuits** available to students and the many successes at all levels of competition
- The **'buddy' system** in which Kindergarten and Year Six get together to share educational experiences and provide peer support

- Its **'Sun Smart'** policy
- The **involvement of parents and friends**. Opportunities to be involved occur through a variety of means including support of



- literacy and mathematics blocks; assistance to the PTFA and Canteen; representation on the School Board; association with sporting groups and general help in the classrooms and library as well as special projects
- The committed and active **PTFA and School Board**
- A **healthy canteen**
- Excellent **out-of-school-hours** care available on site
- **Strong links with the Parish** including 'Family Masses' and Sacramental programs
- **Liturgical celebrations** and ceremonies which enhance and strengthen the community's relationship with God.

'A Great School for Great Kids'

All enquiries to:

The Principal, Mrs. Maureen Doszpot
 ROSARY PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Email: info@rosaryps.cg.catholic.edu.au
Website: www.rosaryps.cg.catholic.edu.au

OPEN DAY
Wednesday 16th May
9:30am-12:30pm



St Mary's Primary School

Our Vision

At St Mary's, we believe in an environment where each person is able to achieve and celebrate their personal best through a friendship with Jesus.

Our Learning Community

In recent years there has been a strong focus on the development of literacy and numeracy in the school. This has been supported by the professional development of staff and parents and the purchase of resources for all classrooms. This emphasis will remain, through the continued implementation of literacy and numeracy blocks. Guided Reading and Count Me in Too strategies and activities form a key part to these sessions.



Catholic Life and Mission

St Mary's is committed to nurturing the Christian ideals in a caring, friendly and safe environment, so that the children have respect for themselves, others and the community. The Sacramental Programs at St Mary's are parish based. This means there is close consultation and cooperation among the parish priest, teachers and members of the local parish in the planning of each of the Sacraments.

Parents and other community members are always welcome at the school and the opportunities for active participation are many. They are encouraged to join the P&F Association, School Board, Canteen,



Working Bees, Fundraising activities, assist in classroom activities for reading, writing, Maths, Visual Arts, Computer and sports. Through this cooperation, a positive and busy working atmosphere is created for the children to grow and learn.

Key dates to remember

14 May - 1 June 2008 Enrolment Period.
Thursday 24 May Open day.
30 October 2008
Kinder Parent Information Evening.
Kinder Orientation Sessions 1/11, 8/11,
15/11 and 22/11.

Contact Details

Enrolment enquiries
Jacqueline Heffernan, Principal 4474 2817
office@stmarysm.cg.catholic.edu.au



Enrichment Program

Students are involved in debating, public speaking and chess experiences within the school and with other schools in our district. Competitions: The students are encouraged to participate in the NSW University competitions in English, Maths, Science and Computing. Throughout the year students are also provided with information and opportunities to enter a range of Australia wide competitions, for example the Dorothea McKellar Poetry Competition and the Nestle Writing Competition. French lessons are also offered from K-6.



St Bernard's School

BATEMANS BAY

"That All May Be One"

St. Bernard's School...

Is a vibrant Christian community where children are nurtured and valued.

Is a place where co-operative skills are taught and practised.

Focuses on educating the whole child.

Is staffed by highly motivated professionals, dedicated to implementing best educational practice.

Offers excellent facilities which give students access to up to date resources and technology.

Encourages and appreciates parent participation.

St Bernard's School will also do its best to ensure that...

The children understand that God is central to their lives.

The children have a developing sense of who they are and who they might become.

They have a positive self image and will realise that they can make a difference.

The children have co-operative skills which enable them to work harmoniously as a member of a team.

They are able to make healthy lifestyle choices.

The children are able to cope effectively with change and see themselves as part of our dynamic and changing world.

They are encouraged to take responsibility for their own actions and decisions.

The children are encouraged to access, acquire and apply information.

Literacy, numeracy, problem solving, and critical thinking skills are developed.

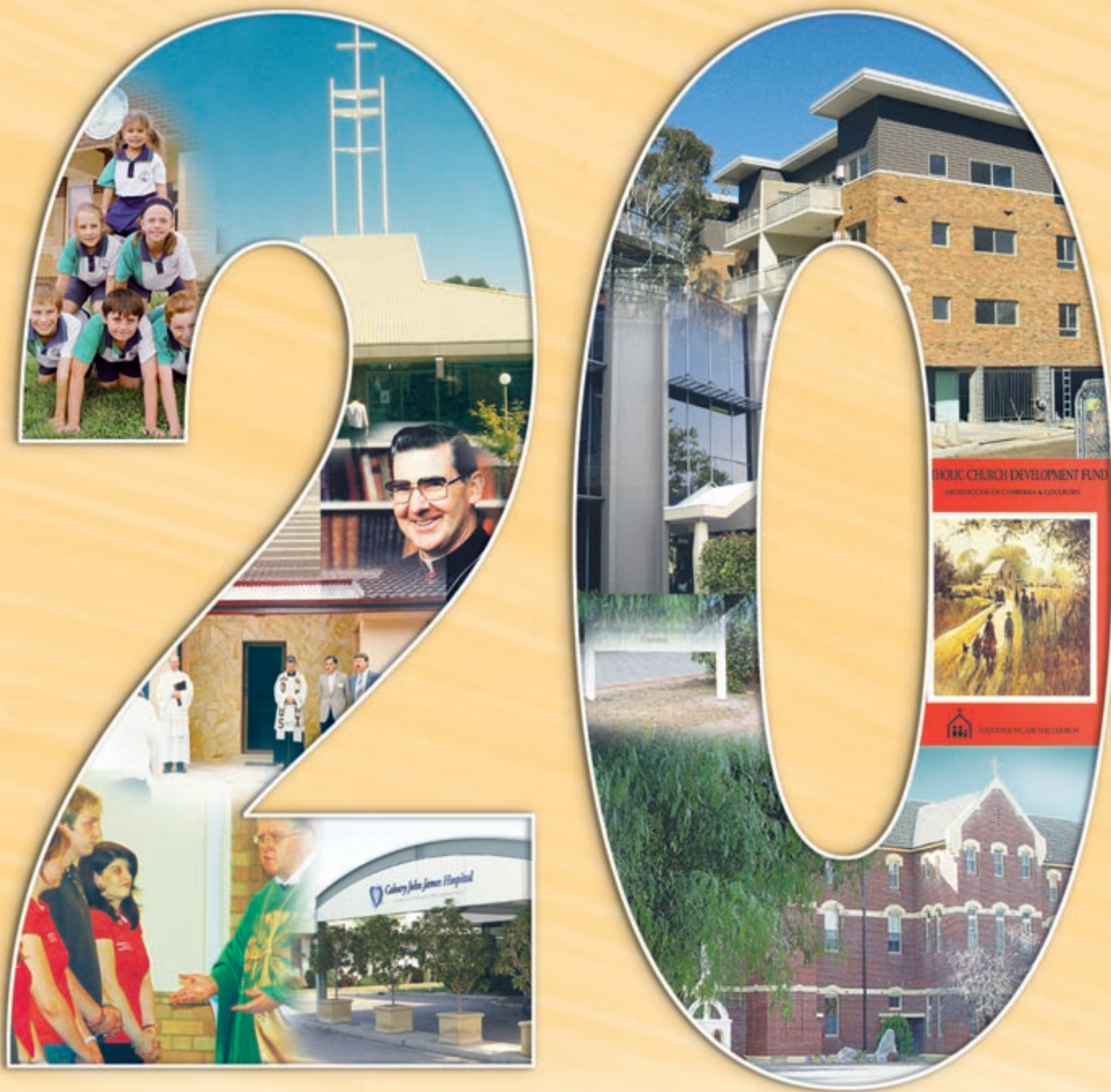
These skills are used to assess information, make decisions and solve problems.

For enrolment enquiries please contact
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Catholic Development Fund



*Serving Our Archdiocese
1987 – 2007*

Annual Report 2006

From the General Manager



This year marks the 20th Anniversary of the establishment of the Catholic (Church) Development Fund in our Archdiocese and marks a similar period of my own employment as the General Manager.

Looking back to those early days of paper based records, it is hard to believe how far the CDF has come in such a short period...

- from a Fund of \$2Million to a Fund with peaks of over \$200Million,
- from 200 clients to 2000 clients,
- from limited access to access 24/7 via the Internet,
- from school fees payments by cheques to payment by direct debits and BPay, and
- from cash to credit cards.

While the main driver has been technology, it is also

true to point out that the CDF and our supporters have always been willing to embrace change that added value to our mission within the local Church. The CDF has always been mission driven; reflecting the needs and aspirations of our parishes, schools and agencies. Over the 20 years of our operations we have met all loan requirements, never had a "bad debt" and have managed to return over \$12Million in annual surplus to the Archdiocese.

While these financial parameters are significant, the real success of the CDF is

that it has become a part of the fabric of the local Church. This is primarily due to the professionalism, competence and understanding of our Staff (Ann, Jen, Michele, Jenny and Howard), the leadership of the CDF Board and the wise chairmanship since establishment of Bishop Pat Power.

Finally, my thanks to all our clients and friends for your loyalty and support over the years. The CDF can only truly be successful if it meets your needs and maintains your support.

Herbie O'Flynn

From the CDF Chairman



The past year has seen the inauguration of our new Archbishop, Mark Coleridge, as the sixth Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn. When Terence McGuire became the first Archbishop in 1948, the world, Australia and the Archdiocese were all very different to what they are today. Recovering from

the Second World War, Australia was preparing to welcome refugees displaced by the war and about to produce the first Holden motor car. The Catholic Church was playing a significant part in its people's lives even if it did not relate to the other churches and the world in general as it does today. Much of the change of direction came about as a result of the Second Vatican Council (1962-65) responding to the challenges before it.

Vatican II spoke of "reading the signs of the times", being aware of the issues bearing on people's lives and responding to those issues in

the light of Jesus' gospel message. Such challenges are to be faced by the local church and successive Archbishops have reminded us that every Catholic needs to assume his/her responsibility in building up the Body of Christ in our Archdiocese. The 1989 and 2004 Synods with their themes of Coming Home in Christ and One in Christ Jesus remind us of our primary task of witnessing to Jesus in every aspect of our lives.

It is my strong belief that for the past twenty years, the Catholic Development Fund has played a key role in the mission of the Archdiocese.

While always run on very efficient business principles, the CDF has never lost sight of its primary focus within the life of the Archdiocese. Its investors and customers, corporate and individual, its Board, its staff, especially its General Manager, Herbie O'Flynn, and those relating to the Fund have all shown a strong sense of Church which has reflected the best of the Catholic tradition.

I take this opportunity of thanking all associated with the CDF for your contribution to an Archdiocese to which we are all proud to belong.

Bishop Pat Power



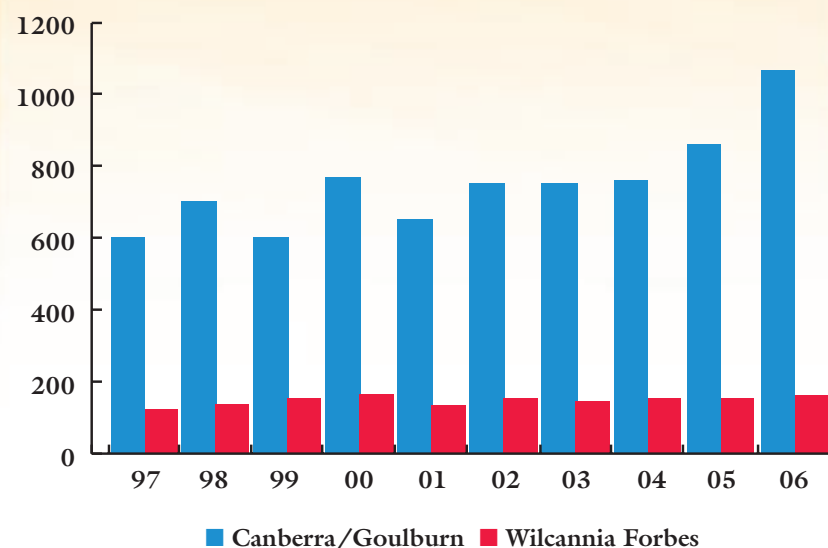
Financial Highlights in 2006

Financial Summary

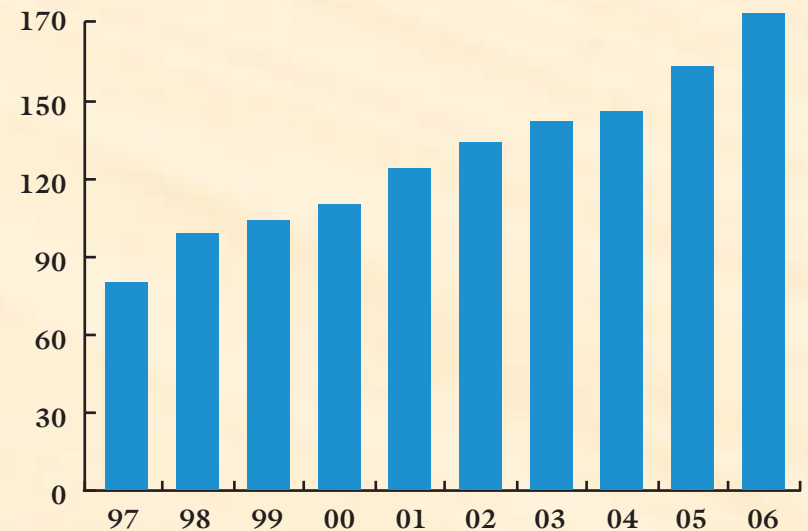
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Income		
	<i>Interest revenue on loans</i>	
10,245,086	<i>Investments & other income</i>	11,457,928
	<i>Less</i>	
	<i>Interest expense to depositors</i>	
<u>8,230,950</u>	<i>& other expenses</i>	<u>9,038,212</u>
2,014,136	Net Revenue.....	2,419,716
<u>620,462</u>	<i>Less Operating Expenses.....</i>	<u>649,326</u>
1,393,674	Net Operating Surplus	1,770,390
Distribution		
850,000	<i>Archdiocese.....</i>	1,068,730
275,424	<i>Archdiocese (Favier House loan) .</i>	275,425
150,560	<i>Wilcannia Forbes Diocese.....</i>	175,000
<u>117,690</u>	<i>Addition to Surplus</i>	<u>251,235</u>
1,393,674	Total.....	1,770,390
Assets		
80,572,655	<i>Investments.....</i>	13,922,831
75,313,122	<i>Loans.....</i>	153,533,906
<u>2,009,957</u>	<i>Other Assets</i>	<u>1,405,646</u>
157,895,734	Total.....	168,862,383
Liabilities		
154,604,273	<i>Depositors Balances</i>	160,487,103
0	<i>Borrowings.....</i>	5,000,000
<u>206,159</u>	<i>Other Liabilities.....</i>	<u>75,280</u>
154,810,432	Total.....	165,562,383
<u>3,048,765</u>	Accumulated Funds.....	<u>3,300,000</u>
157,859,197	TOTAL	168,862.383

Auditors, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, have completed the audit of the CDF accounts for the year 2006.

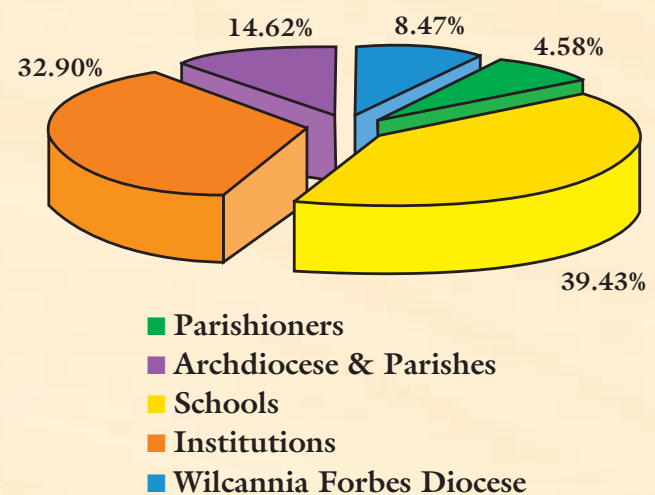
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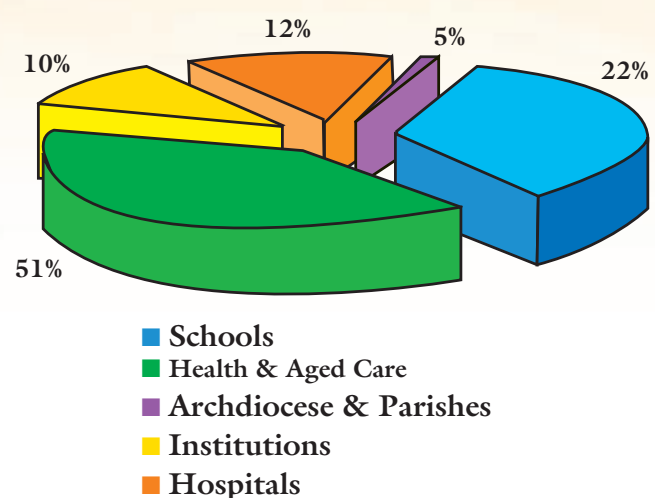
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K - 12 Catholic Education on the Coast

Carroll College is a welcoming, dynamic, vibrant, faith community which offers quality teaching and learning based on Catholic values. The College focus is on personal excellence. This was evident in the strong HSC results last year and the continuation of our innovative Targeted Literacy Program (TLP) in Years 7 and 8 this year. The TLP program operates within a middle school model with the aim of accelerating literacy development and increasing the work ethic and engagement levels of students. The program enjoyed considerable success in its first year with major improvement in student literacy levels across the board.

Carroll College provides comprehensive curriculum choices allowing opportunities for students to excel in both academic and vocational education pathways. Students in

Years 11 and 12 can choose from an extensive range of subjects, including five VET subjects – Information Technology, Business Services, Sports Coaching, Hospitality and Construction. The College is committed to the expansion of Information and Communication Technologies. Students have access to both PC and Mac computer facilities and Interactive Whiteboards are used across the College.

A commercial kitchen and our 'Footprints' Restaurant, plus an expanded Industrial Technology Centre, have recently been added to the College's extensive facilities. The stainless steel, commercial kitchen and restaurant allow students to experience a commercial environment while learning key skills with which to succeed in the Hospitality industry.

Creative Arts are a feature of the College. Students can participate in Music, Drama and Visual Arts in both the formal and informal curriculum. Students are encouraged to participate in College and community cultural and musical activities. Carroll College offers a variety of sporting and extra-curricular activities.

We have a philosophy of participation, fairness and

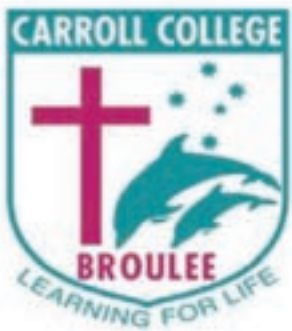


praise. Carroll College teams compete with success in sports ranging from tennis, golf, surfing, swimming, rugby league, touch football and cricket. Carroll College students are also renowned for their skills in public speaking and debating.

The College has a strong commitment to social justice. The College operates a strong St Vincent de Paul group and students are involved in a variety of fundraising initiatives each year, including Project Compassion, Caritas and Shave for a Cure. Over \$5500 was raised at this year's Shave for a Cure fundraiser.

Carroll College's commitment to excellence is supported by dynamic staff who foster a friendly, safe, secure atmosphere and provide pastoral support for students and their families.

CARROLL COLLEGE



A Catholic co-educational regional College

"Learning for Life"



Carroll College Broulee is a year 7 – 12 Catholic co-educational school, committed to quality teaching and learning. The College is committed to faith, academic excellence, personal growth, and social justice. Students are challenged by a range of educational and co-curricular opportunities relevant to their needs, interests and abilities.

"LEARNING FOR LIFE"-

a commitment to learning and to the celebration of students and their future.

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Assistant Principal Admin: Mr Steve Bath
Assistant Principal Pastoral Care: Mr Graeme Campbell
Principal's Secretary: Mrs Nadine Cooper

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 Enquiries welcome. Contact the Principal's Secretary for an Enrolment Package.



St Matthew's Primary School

*Big enough to dare!
Small enough to care!*

Developing healthy, balanced children to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow



Principal
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Community is strength

St Matthew's School was opened under the guidance of the Sisters of St Joseph in 1972. It offers education in the Catholic tradition to approximately 300 students.

Exit Outcomes are worked towards through all the years of schooling. St Matthew's aims to produce members of society who demonstrate spirituality and strength of character.

The school aims to produce citizens who think, communicate and ensure balance in their lives. This leads to the development of citizens who are able to care for their local environment and the world as a whole.

St Matthew's was one of 12 ACT schools to receive a "Success for Boys" grant in 2006.

Staff have received specialist training in the latest trends of boys education and are working with community members to improve educational outcomes not just for boys but for all students.

Students study a balanced curriculum based on physical activity and healthy living. A recent innovation is the adoption of a morning fruit break where all students eat a piece of fruit to boost their energy levels and concentration for the morning's work.

Students participate in a daily fitness activity so that St Matthew's is a community that is strong, not only in body but in mind and spirit as well.

The school features an integrated computer network with broadband access in all classrooms. Pupils are proficient users of



technology and everyone has their own network logins, files and folders.

The school also offers before and after school care provided by Belconnen Community Services.

St Matthew's greatest strength is the high level of interest and support it receives from the community. Parents and carers involve themselves in many aspects of school life and are active in the classrooms and around the school.

Please feel free to visit the school during the enrolment period. St Matthew's has Open Days on Tuesday, 15 May, and Thursday, 24 May, from 9.30am to 1pm and an Information Evening Session on Tuesday, 15 May, at 7.30pm.

Come and see what St Matthew's has to offer your child.

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(There will be a short address by the Principal at 6.00pm)

Come and have a look around!



Living and Growing

Since its beginning in 1996 Holy Spirit Primary School has been committed to the growth and development of its students in a safe and inspiring learning environment. We value relationships, teamwork, reflection and justice. We celebrate our Christian Story, life, learning and community.

Some thoughts about Holy Spirit from our Year 6 Leaders...

"Very fun-filled and always happy, I've loved this school since the day I came." Andrea

"I like the open spaces around the school and the big playground." Dominic

"Holy Spirit is a great Catholic School and there are a lot of things we celebrate." Marijana

"I like that when you come to the school you always feel welcome and the teachers try to make everything as fun as it could possibly be." Colleen

"Holy Spirit is a great learning environment for kids. We are a joint campus with Gold Creek; sharing a library, hall, canteen and a double oval. Our school is the only joint campus in the ACT today. Holy Spirit learns not to bully and we follow in the footsteps of Jesus." Joseph

Mt Carmel School Yass

Mission Statement

Our community at Mount Carmel School Yass believes that its mission is to encourage each individual to achieve their personal best in a meeting place where Christ's teachings are learned and lived.

Open Day and Information Nights

Mount Carmel Open Day: Wednesday 23rd May 9.30am-12.30pm & 4.00pm-5.30pm

Kindergarten to Year 10 Information Night: Wednesday 23rd May 7.00pm

Year 6 to Year 7 Information Night: Wednesday 30th May 7.00pm

Year 8 to Year 9 Information Night: Wednesday 6th June 7.00pm



About Our School

- Mount Carmel School is a Kindergarten to Year 10 Catholic School situated in the heart of the township of Yass.
- Our smaller class sizes ensure that student's learning needs are paramount.
- A structured Pastoral Care and House system provides students with a safe and nurturing school environment.
- The school is committed to academic excellence as evidenced by consistently high results in formal external examinations.
- Ongoing and future-planned improvements in school facilities and resources have the school well placed to offer a dynamic and innovative learning environment now and into the future.
- Whole language based learning combined with phonetic based learning ensures that Literacy in the Early Years is targeted.
- Mount Carmel is committed to the Middle Years of learning as evidenced by the implementation of specialised programs for students in Years 5 through to Year 8.
- Partnerships with St Francis Xavier Florey, Merici Braddon and Trinity in Goulburn guarantee a seamless transition to senior studies.
- A wide ranging extra-curricular program provides ample opportunities for students to be enriched, accelerated and extended.
- Mount Carmel is an inclusive school dedicated to meeting the educational needs of all students.
- A vibrant and active Parent and Friends Association enhances and strengthens community links and school partnerships.
- Mount Carmel is a Catholic school and has strong links with St Augustine's Parish, Yass.

Like a Good Samaritan ...

Founded in 1988 and first led by the Good Samaritan Sisters, St Francis of Assisi Primary School soon established itself as a school striving to meet the needs of its growing local community.

Since that time it has built a reputation for living out the teaching of its patron St Francis of Assisi.

A genuine concern for young students, a focus on relationships and personal growth, and a commitment to the care of our natural environment nurtures the full person within our school.

This ties in well with the theme this year "Like a Good Samaritan" which recognises the 150th anniversary of this great religious order.

We know that schools are places of activity and special events. When it's a Catholic school it is also

a place where the dignity and worth of each child is recognised in light of our shared faith.

St Francis of Assisi Primary School, located in the Parish of Corpus Christi, has a strong commitment to developing the whole person - academically, socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually.

In 2008, St Francis of Assisi Primary School will continue many of the outstanding programs available to our students including Success for Boys which has seen, among other things, gender-based literacy groups in Years 4-6; Kidsmatter, an Australia-wide initiative aimed at improving the wellbeing of primary students; involvement in the University of NSW Academic Competitions; the St Francis Enrichment Term; and, special interest clubs such as the Environment, Kahootz and Chess clubs.

Set on spacious and picturesque grounds, the physical learning environment is unique and child-friendly.

A walk along corridors sees children engaged and focussed on the task at hand while outside spaces and the newly refurbished hall/gymnasium enhances the performance, learning and sporting opportunities for students.

Staff are committed to challenging each child to reach his or her full potential and they seek to foster an awareness of the sacredness and interconnectedness of all life.

Staff and students welcome all who would like to visit St Francis of Assisi Primary School Calwell on Open Day.



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Catholic Primary & Central Schools

Catholic schools are often in the news. This is not surprising as there are some 1700 Catholic schools in Australia with 45,000 teachers and 15,000 support staff enrolling some 680,000 students. One in every five Primary and Secondary students in Australia is being educated in a Catholic school.

In the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn there are 58 Catholic schools with 1600 teachers, 425 support staff enrolling 25,000 students.

The history of Catholic schools in Australia dates back to 1820 when the first Catholic school opened in Parramatta. The growth of Catholic schools and their contribution to the life of the Nation over the ensuing 187 years has been extraordinary.

As both the Church and society have changed, Catholic schools too have changed as they responded to the needs of the Australian people. They have developed and grown in quality and public esteem - and continue to seek to contribute to the creation of an Australian community that is well educated and skilled, compassionate, passionate in seeking truth and justice and energetic in promoting the common good.

Catholic schools challenge students to find meaning and value in their lives through experiencing the personal, loving and challenging God of all creation revealed in Jesus.

The Catholic Voice supplement is a snapshot of very lively Catholic schools in this Archdiocese. They are significant parts of the Church's gift to society.

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Director, Catholic Education
Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn

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Dear Children

This month we have several important feast days to remember. St Joseph the Worker is on 1 May and Sts Philip and James on 2 May. The Ascension of the Lord is on 20 May and Mary Help of Christians on 24 May. Pentecost Sunday, 27 May, begins Reconciliation week. I wonder if there will also be a day for 'St Sue the typist' or 'St Jake the BMX bike rider'.

Because of Jesus' death on the cross and His Ascension to the Father we can all be saints. And did you know that because of Pentecost is it much easier for us all to be saints. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit came to the Apostles and put a fire in them that ignited such a passion and boldness for Jesus that they were changed men and women. They told every one they met about God and what Jesus had done for us. The Holy Spirit gave them many gifts. The Spirit gave them, and gives to us, the gift of wisdom, the gift of knowledge, of awe, of patience and even a different language - tongues. Look at the apostles and see the Spirit working in them, look at Mother Teresa and Mary MacKillop, or Mum and Dad, your teacher and yourself - the Spirit is alive in each of us, changing us and giving us the fire, just as in the apostles. The Holy Spirit working in us does infinitely more that we can ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20-21) - Wow how cool is that! God bless you all. **Sue.**



ABOVE: Harmony Day by Rhiannon Johnson, Year 4, St Francis of Assisi School, Calwell.



TOP RIGHT: A great action picture by Aidan Rumm, Year 1, St Jude's School, Holder. ABOVE: Jake Sandrey, aged 6, of St Joseph's, Eden, sent in this terrific picture of a racehorse. ABOVE RIGHT: Jenessa O'Connell, of Year 4, at St Francis of Assisi, Calwell, drew this tree and birds.



The Birth of Jesus



ABOVE: Elizabeth de Souza, aged 7, of Sacred Heart, Pearce, is looking forward to Christmas. LEFT: Michaela Ballard, of Year 4, at St Francis of Assisi, drew this beautiful old church.





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Entertaining religious hokum...

Audiences will sit up and listen at the scene where sceptical scientist Katharine (Hilary Swank) is asked about the miraculous nature of the ten plagues of Egypt. She begins with chemicals in the river Nile and gives an extraordinarily fluent, comprehensive and logical explanation of all the plagues following on from each other. Actually, this probably makes far more sense than explanations given for strange goings on in the contemporary bayous of Louisiana.

The Reaping is one of the many films that rely on modern audiences' interest/faith/lack of faith. In fact,

The Reaping.

Starring Hilary Swank, David Morrissey and Edris Elba. Directed by Stephen Hopkins. 91 mins. M (moderate themes, infrequent moderate coarse language). Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC*.

these days audiences, as The Da Vinci Code proved, are tempted to believe in all kinds of pseudo truths, invented hypotheses while all the time expressing themselves as not believing in God, religion or church.

The British Hammer Studios, in the 1960s and 1970s, used to make a lot of these religious horror films starring Christopher Lee and Peter Cushing and many popular character actors. The Reaping is a bit like a 21st century American successor to these films. It is highly crafted and has some eye-popping special effects, especially for a plague of locusts.

You will need to see the film (well, need is a bit strong) to find out what the twists are, whether it is God or Satan who is venting wrath, and who is really telling the truth. Especially when Katharine's old friend, Fr

Costigan (Stephen Rea) warns her that her face in his photo collection is being destroyed by a symbol of a fiery sickle and he looks up books that no priest in real life possesses, but which most priests in films like this have in every clerical library. Entertaining religious hokum if you enjoy this kind of thing - especially with a Rosemary's Baby ending.

* Fr Peter Malone MSC directs the film desk of SIGNIS: the World Association of Catholic Communicators, and is an associate of the Australian Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting.

Very French, very good

Gerard Depardieu is something of a miracle! How can someone who looks so ungainly, not so handsome at all, and not as young as he used to be, still appear so charming and engaging? This is one of his most pleasingly accessible films - and suggests that he could have an alternate career as a singer.

Quand J'Etai Chanteur (The G-Singer).

Starring Gerard Depardieu and Cecile de France. Directed by Xavier Giannoli. 112 mins. M. Reviewer: Fr Peter Malone MSC.

This is very French in story, characters and relationships. He is still a band leader and singer in these days of karaoke. She is a somewhat repressed estate agent with a son. He falls for her. She takes quite some time and then we are not always certain whether she falls for him. In between there are many songs and musical interludes, a lot of looking at prospective houses for him, some moodiness on the part of each, the prospect of a big concert gig - as well as a bout of vocal chord inflammation and other expected ingredients.

But, it all works nicely. Depardieu will consolidate his fan club and Cecile de France is a striking screen presence. It is the kind of story that Hollywood likes - a remake with Nick Nolte and Cate Blanchett?

Thriller that falls short

When Kale (Shia LaBeouf) is placed under house-arrest for assaulting a teacher, he turns to the outside world for relief. He becomes a voyeur.

Next door neighbour Ashley (Sarah Roemer) discovers Kale's questionable hobby, and becomes interested. A relationship develops between them. Together, they begin to suspect a neighbour (David Morse) to be responsible for a chain of killings across several states.

Shia LaBeouf plays a withdrawn and emotionally complex Kale, and is compelling to watch. Seasoned actor David Morse appears as the putative killer next door, whose

quiet answers to Kale's accusations are genuinely frightening.

The emotionally charged car crash at the start of the film is truly shocking, and provides an immediate immersion in the life and emotions of Kale. Over time, due to the lengthy love story between Kale and Ashley and the idiotic antics of his friend

Disturbia.

Starring Shia LaBeouf, David Morse and Sarah Roemer. Directed by: D.J. Caruso. 100 mins. M (moderate violence and themes). Reviewer: Nick Campbell*.



Kale (Shia LaBeouf) in a scene from Disturbia. Picture: Suzanne Tenner. Copyright © 2007 Paramount Pictures. All rights reserved.

Ronnie (Aaron Yoo), the story begins to turn into a teenage melodrama. The clumsy plot twists at the end of the film complete the transformation into a scant shadow of the portentous opening sequence.

Rogier Stoffers' tight camera work and use of digital video allow us to experience the action

in a dynamic and involving way, while Geoff Zanelli's brooding score combines screeching violins reminiscent of Psycho with more contemporary guitar riffs, allowing the director to switch between moments of calm and

tension with unerring speed.

D J Caruso is no stranger to the thriller, and Disturbia continues his exploration of the genre. Disturbia is of a pedigree that should have resulted in an engaging and thought-provoking movie.

This is not the case, hence a loosely woven story with vague character motiva-

tion results in a film that promises much but ultimately falls short.

Aimed at teenagers, Disturbia is relatively tame, a light-hearted and controlled foray into the thriller genre which is best enjoyed with friends.

* Nick Campbell is a cadet with the Australian Catholic Office for Film & Broadcasting.



In the Ascension and Pentecost we celebrate among other marvellous things, Christ's passing of the missionary 'baton' to us along with the means necessary to respond, his Spirit.

Being missionary in troubled times isn't easy but is necessary. The needs are great and the calls for help are many. Some works being supported experience setbacks through natural disasters, wars and other conflicts. Such situations can easily overawe and tire us without the Spirit's help. Yet it is into these situations that we are called to respond.

For more than 180 years Catholic Mission has sought to take up this challenge, with the assistance of people committed to supporting mission activity. Activities including work with communities, children and those seeking to train as priests, religious or catechists in developing countries.

Assistance does enable outreach within communities and ultimately by members of these communities in spreading the good news of Jesus and providing them with the materials and means to respond to the needs that hinder experiencing life lived abundantly.

To enable Catholic Mission to keep responding, contact Kate, Ruth or myself and let us take up the mission baton, together.

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Where love finds a voice



Books

Tuesday's Child, by Kathy Evans. Bantam, 2007, 296 pp, rrp \$32.95. Reviewer Margaret Ryan.

Kathy Evans is a partner of Conor and a mother of three.

She's an Irish-born, much travelled (including to Australia) journalist with a flair for the colourful ("earthy," real) phrase, honesty and integrity. Kathy's and Conor's third child Caoimhe (pronounced "Keeva") was born with Down syndrome.

Kathy alternately endures and rebels against the evasions and insensitive "honesty" of some medical staff, friends, fellow citizens and strangers.

She charts and navigates through her responses to Caoimhe's diagnosis: shock, fear, sadness, grief, anger, disappointment, fierce protective and overwhelming love, confusion, vulnerability, isolation, guilt, frustration, new tenderness.

"Down syndrome strikes at the heart of society's two most valued attributes: looks and intelligence," writes Evans. "As well, plenty of health professionals still make references to 'Down syndrome people' as if they must still be held hostage by their institutionalised identity."

Everything Caoimhe did or didn't do was a result of Down's, it seemed to them. She was not an individual ... but of a different species." Books on parenting of Down syndrome children were not helpful.

"Women today come under unbearable pressure to produce perfect babies," believes Evans.

In the UK, a screening service for abnormality is offered to all pregnant women. In Australia, 95% (UK 92%) of pre-term babies diagnosed with Down syndrome are terminated, and end up in anonymous, communal graves.

"Down syndrome can result in profound intellectual disability, but only in 10-15% of cases. The vast majority of people have mild to moderate impairment and some have normal intelligence," she reports.

The author describes Caoimhe's individuality and giftedness, her difficulties and frustrations, and explores intervention programs, playgroups, special diets and supplements.

She describes the relationship among her children, and, briefly, with Conor.

She wrote the book to remind readers that we are all unique, and that to portray Down syndrome as if everyone was the same is erroneous.

In writing Tuesday's Child Evans, parent and insightful journalist, allows readers to see her suffering, energy and transformation while revelling in Caoimhe "where love finds a voice".



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DVDs

One Who Was There
(37 mins, aged 15-adult).

Actress Maureen O'Sullivan portrays Mary Magdalene in this dramatisation. Mary Magdalene recounts the haunting memories she has of the life of Jesus, especially his arrest and crucifixion. Her spiritual strength and faith have eroded and are overshadowed by despair. Mary becomes touched and transformed by discoveries she has on a journey from Jerusalem to her birthplace. Her past, present and future come together as she relives the powerful moment of Jesus' resurrection.

Acts of the Apostles (180 mins, ages 11-adult).

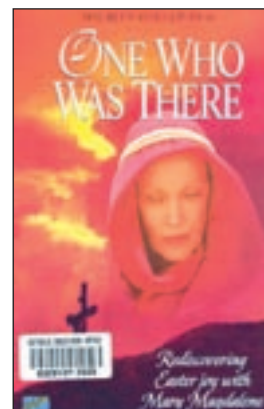
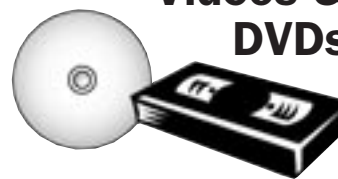
The Book of Acts is presented in live-action, word for word and scene by scene in this quality production which uses Scripture text taken from the Holy Bible, New International Version. Each chapter and verse is numbered on the screen as it is acted out. Actors in the production include Dean Jones, Jennifer O'Neil and James Brolin.

VHS VIDEOS

The Virgin Mary: Saint Paul : Moses (168 mins, ages 15-adult).

The historical lives of the Virgin Mary, St Paul and Moses are examined in the BBC video containing three separate programs.

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We Learn From Mary: The Cloak Of Many Colors (18 mins, ages 4-11).

Using the image of Mary having a cloak of many colours, this video shows how Mary's life and modern lives are connected. Retelling Mary's story with simple colour drawings, it shows how Mary felt and prayed. Modern children add their prayers to God with Mary's prayers to form a cloak of colours, and they see how they can follow in Mary's footsteps of loving and serving God.

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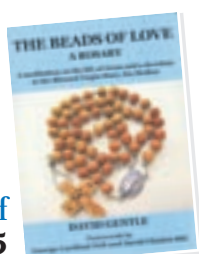


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Einstein, well he had a point ...

A recent issue of Time magazine carried a series of excerpts from the diaries of Albert Einstein that give us an insight into how he felt about God and religion. There is a lot of disagreement as to whether he was an atheist or a believer. These excerpts let him speak for himself.

What exactly did he believe about God and religion? Here are some of his comments:

Asked at a dinner party as to whether he was religious, he replied: "Yes, you can call it that. Try and penetrate with our limited means the secrets of nature and you will find that, behind all the discernible laws and connections, there remains something subtle, intangible, and inexplicable. Veneration for this force beyond anything we can comprehend is my religion. To that extent I am, in fact, religious."

He was Jewish, but his parents were agnostic about Judaism and sent him to a Catholic school as a boy. There he studied both the Catholic catechism and the Jewish scriptures with some enthusiasm. Asked to what extent Christianity influenced his life, he answered: "As a child I received religious instruction both in the Bible and in the Talmud. I am a Jew, but I am enthralled by the luminous figure of the Nazarene ... No one can read the Gospels without feeling the actual presence of Jesus. His personality pulsates in every word. No myth is filled with such life."

Asked whether or not he believed in God: "I am not an atheist. I don't think I can call myself a pantheist. The problem involved is too vast for our limited minds. We are in the position of a little child entering a huge library filled books in many languages. The child knows someone must have written those books. It does not know how. It does not understand the languages in which they are written. The child dimly suspects a mysterious order in the arrangement of the books but doesn't know what it is. That, it seems to me, is the attitude of even the most intelligent human being towards God. We see the universe marvelously arranged and obeying certain laws, but only dimly understand these laws."

At one point, he composed a personal creed. Here's one of its tenets: "The most beautiful emotion we can experience is the mysterious. It is the fundamental emotion that stands at the cradle of all

Ron Rolheiser

Oblate Fr Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher and award-winning author, is president of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas.



true art and science. He to whom this emotion is a stranger, who can no longer wonder or stand rapt in awe, is as good as dead, a snuffed out candle. To sense that behind anything that can be experienced there is something that our minds cannot grasp, whose beauty and sublimity reaches us only

indirectly: this is religiousness. In this sense, and in this sense only, I am a devoutly religious man."

As well, he was always harder on atheists than on believers in his criticisms: "What separates me from most so-called atheists is a feeling of utter humility towards the unattainable secrets of the harmony of the cosmos."

But, despite these insights, his faith was not traditional. He doubted that God was personal and he didn't believe in personal immortality.

So where does he really land in terms of God and religion? He didn't get some things right, but then who does? As Christians we believe that the first thing we need to affirm is that God is ineffable. God escapes our thought. That means that, while we can know God, we can't imagine God, can't conceptualize God, and can't speak with any accuracy about God.

God is infinite being and that, by definition, is beyond the categories of our thought and imagination. Trying to imagine God is like trying to imagine the highest number possible, an impossibility because numbers have no limit, you can always count one more.

That God cannot be imagined with any accuracy is, in fact, a Christian dogma. The Fourth Lateran Council (1215) taught dogmatically that any words we use about God are more inaccurate than accurate, suggesting that Einstein's "feeling of utter humility towards the unattainable secrets of the harmony of the cosmos" is perhaps closer to the truth of faith than is the concept of God of his critics.

I find his insights healthy and refreshing - and a valuable apologetic for belief in God. When the person who is perhaps the greatest scientific mind in history tells us that there is an unimaginable, benign, awe-inspiring, ordering presence beyond us that is under-girding everything and that we should live in wonder and humility in the face of that, then the arguments of lesser minds that faith is naive and superstitious become less compelling.

Get some help to filter the filth

There are many useful and informative websites on the internet that contain material that we would like to have access to.

It is important to allow children and young adults the opportunity to make use of the internet as a valuable resource for information for assignments and school projects, as well as a source of entertainment for games, music and reading.

Unfortunately, many sites that appear from the front to be useful and informative are not.

In fact, they contain information and pictures dealing with a wide diversity of inappropriate topics, including drugs, pornography, violence, hate and racism.

Internet filtered search engines can enable users to view websites in a safer way.

They are similar to most normal search engines in nearly every way.

They allow the user to search a wide variety of topics, use advanced searching techniques and view material from around the world.

Where filtered search engines differ is the level of filtering they offer to protect users from inappropriate content.

Filtered search engines are specifically designed to block offensive and harmful material. They do this by categorising content and using word blocking software.

This prevents access by users to nearly all inappropriate sites,

Living with the net



Paul Jenkins

making it safer for children as well.

There are a number of filtered search engines available that help to protect users from entering inappropriate sites. They include:

- 1) AOL at School www.aolatschool.com/students
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- 5) Kids Click www.kids.click.org/
- 6) Yahoo! Kids <http://kids.yahoo.com/>

It is important to realise that internet filters are not entirely foolproof and, unfortunately, it is still possible on some occasions for users to inadvertently gain access to inappropriate sites.

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obituaries

Janitor made his mark

Don Ciavarella, formerly the resident janitor at Padua Catholic High School, Wanniasassa (later MacKillop Catholic College), died on 23 January aged 70. Several friends from Canberra and the South Coast travelled to Benalla, Victoria, to attend his funeral.

On 6 February, 50 more friends, family and former colleagues at Padua gathered at St Anthony's Church, Wanniasassa, for a Memorial Mass, celebrated by parish priest Fr Mietek Markowicz.

After Mass, Mr Ciavarella's service to Padua was recalled by former assistant principal George De Wolfe, who worked closely with him for many years. Tributes were also given by former principals, Paul Butz, Rod Goodisson and John Bulters. Teachers, ancillary staff and parents recalled his unfailing generosity, dedication, hard work and sincerity, his shrewd observations and chivalry, his care for the school and practical concern for staff and students.

Mr Ciavarella served the Padua community for 20 years from 1980. His work ethic and previous life as a farmer and orchardist ensured he would give far more than was required as a resident janitor.

He considered himself to be on duty 24 hours a day. He voluntarily took on extra cleaning and garbage collection when he felt it

necessary and he mastered the mysteries of the boiler room and heating system. He drove and maintained the tractor he used for mowing the school grounds and gave invaluable assistance before and after the annual art show, science exhibitions and play nights.

He always ensured the school's theatre and gymnasium were available for use on weekends for parish Mass before St Anthony's Church was built. He was meticulous about the after-hours security of the building and through his vigilance foiled many attempted break-ins.

Mr Ciavarella's great love was making things grow, and he planted and maintained flourishing gardens and shade trees in the most unpromising soil. His outstanding achievement was his orchard, which he started with "just one tree". The orchard eventually included apples, pears, peaches, plums and nectarines, with all sorts of vegetables between rows. It remains as a testament to his initiative, knowledge and perseverance.

Forced retirement due to ill-health was a matter of regret both to Mr Ciavarella and to those who knew and appreciated his extraordinary contribution. He was a valued colleague, a good friend and a real giver who made a difference and certainly left his mark. Maria Philpot, the sole surviving original member of staff commented, "You can't look anywhere around this place without being reminded of Don".

Fun-loving Sister

Sr Patricia O'Mara RSJ died peacefully in Mirambeena Aged Care Residence, Goulburn, on 29 March after a long illness.

Sr Patricia was born at Yass on 22 March 1926, to William Joseph and Aileen Alice (nee Mullery). She is predeceased by her brother, Kevin, who died in 2000. Her older sister, Madeline, lives in Trafalgar, Victoria.

Sr Patricia entered the Convent of the Sisters of St Joseph (Goulburn) on 26 April, 1944, and she made her final profession of vows on 18 January, 1952.

Sr Patricia was given the name Sr M Edmund at her profession, later changed to her baptismal name of Patricia O'Mara.

Sr Patricia's first appointment was to Batlow in 1947 and over the next 50 years she served in country areas across the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn and the Wagga Wagga Diocese, excelling as an infants teacher.

The Mass of Christian Burial for Sr Patricia was celebrated in Our Lady of Dolours Chapel at St Joseph's Convent, North Goulburn, on 3 April. Principal celebrant was Goulburn parish priest Fr Tony Percy, who was assisted by Fr Paul Bateman and Temora parish priest Fr Phil Harding. Sr Patricia was buried in the Sisters' section of St Patrick's Cemetery Kenmore.

She will be remembered as a fun-loving Sister of St Joseph, a warm and caring Sister who loved children, her family, and the congregation. She was renowned for her ability to create beautiful gardens and delicious meals. She was a woman of great faith and confidence that God would raise her up on the last day to the eternal joy of heaven.



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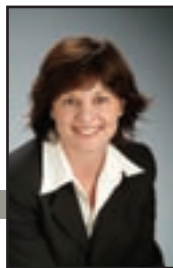


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Dream brings old convent back to life

By Naomi Fallon

Wandering through the streets of Gundagai one day, antique and art valuer Brian Tozer looked up to see an old dilapidated building behind St Patrick's Church. On discovering it was a convent abandoned 11 years previously, he decided, "I want it and I want it now".

Fortunately Mr Tozer's wife Joan also fell in love with the 119-year-old building and after 18 tiresome months of paint, plaster and interior decoration, the former St Francis Xavier's Convent had been transformed into what they had dreamed of for so long.

They named the property Lanigan Abbey Estate after the first Bishop of Goulburn and last month officially opened it as a bed and breakfast establishment and art gallery. The opening

was conducted by long-time friend of the Tozer family, media and royal commentator Diana Fisher, who said her hope was that "the road to Gundagai leads straight to Lanigan Abbey Estate".

The opening was intended to reflect the original foundation ceremony in 1888. As part of the ceremony, attended by about 200 people, Gundagai parish priest Fr Bernard Hennessy led Canberra and Goulburn Auxiliary Bishop Pat Power and Wilcannia-Forbes Bishop Chris Toohey as they blessed the estate.

After the official opening, Mass was celebrated in St Patrick's Church followed by lunch.

In 1889 The Gundagai Times called the convent "one of the most handsome buildings in the town" and it is once again. Lanigan Abbey Estate bed and breakfast and art gallery has been named as a heritage and national trust listed property and is furnished in the elegant style of the High Victorian period. There are four suites offering overnight accommodation and an art gallery open daily.

The Tozers moved their Katoomba art gallery "Bandamora" to Gundagai last September and 700 pieces are on show at the estate in the building which was once a schoolhouse. Work from the likes of Hart, Boyd and Sealy families grace the walls with prices ranging from \$250 to \$250,000.

There are plans to open a restaurant in the estate, with son Andrew taking on the role of chef. Andrew also helped with the abbey's renovations. "Before the abbey I'd only ever been a chef, but now I've been a painter, a builder and a chef," he said.

Construction on the then St Francis Xavier's convent began in 1888 when Mercy Sisters brought from Ireland needed somewhere to



Long time family friend Jan Leeke-Jones feels right at home in the Rose Suite/ sitting room.



ABOVE RIGHT: Brian and Joan Tozer stand on the steps of Lanigan Abbey.

TOP LEFT: Bishop Pat Power blesses the abbey watched by Bishop Chris Toohey and Fr Bernard Hennessy.

ABOVE LEFT: Former pupil Michael Heydon reminisces in the old school house converted into an art gallery.

voice sport with Naomi Fallon

Soccer shows its style

More than 1200 children took part in the annual Archdiocesan Catholic Primary Schools Soccer Carnival at Calwell. During the day over 240 games were played by 96 teams across 17 playing fields. A total of 26 schools took part in the carnival with three from interstate. St Michael's Primary School, Kaleen, took its turn hosting the annual event. Pictured: St Michael's Dingoos and St Gregory's Thunder shake hands at the end of the game.

Results: Year 3/4 - Group A - Aces, Holy Spirit, Nicholls; Group B - Lightning, Holy Family, Gowrie; Group C - Wolves, St Thomas More's, Campbell; Group D - Raiders, Rosary, Watson; Group E - Moruya Makos, St Mary's Moruya; Group F - Vipers, St Peter and Paul, Garran; Group G - Mattyroos, St Matthew's, Page.

Year 5/6 - Group A - Josh Luk's Lions, St John the Apostle, Florey; Group B - Ben's Pack, St John the Apostle, Florey; Group C - Cruisers, St John Vianney's, Waramanga; Group D - Celtics, St Thomas More's Campbell; Group E - St Anthony's Wanniasa; Group F - St Vincent's, Aranda.

Andrew shoots for the top

Andrew Petriella's sport of choice isn't football, basketball or tennis. "Shooting's in our blood", he says.

The Year 11 St Edmund's College student won gold in the double rise clay shooting event at the Australian Championships in March. Andrew also took away two silver medals.

He agrees six months of training every weekend paid off. However it's not only Andrew putting in time and effort. Father John Petriella is always by his side. "These things don't just hap-

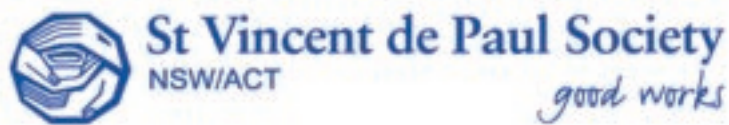


pen, you've got to make them happen" Mr Petriella says.

Andrew's shooting has become expensive and time consuming for the sportsman and his parents, and has been a difficult sport to get involved in because of his age.

Andrew cannot legally own a gun and therefore Mr Petriella must accompany him to training and meets and is also forced to hold Andrew's gun in his name. However, it's all worth it, says Andrew, who says he will keep trying until he reaches the top.

● Sport stories, contact Naomi Fallon e-mail cathcomm@cg.catholic.org.au



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