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Principal's Reflection

Assessment which provides information on students' progress and the effectiveness of teaching programs is integral to the learning and teaching process.

In a learning centred school, assessment focuses on student learning and how it can be improved. This approach, of assessment for learning, pinpoints with the student the next steps in their learning.

The Australian Council of Educational Research (ACER) is a key organization working with educators in this approach to the growth and learning of students. Recently, Professor Geoff Masters, Chief Executive Officer of ACER, launched ACER’s Assessment Reform and Innovation Examples project at the College.

The project presents chronicles of schools’ assessment development experiences in web-based interactive timelines that feature recorded interviews with key staff, together with artefacts of the development process such as meeting agendas, protocols and presentations.

Emmanuel College is one of the first schools to be featured in the project. Our journey in developing assessment for learning can be viewed at www.acer.edu.au/cari/schools.

Opening of the Neff Centre

We were proud to welcome Bishop Vincent Long and Brother Don Neff to Notre Dame Campus for the official blessing and opening of our new Neff Learning Centre.

The building was named in recognition of Brother Don’s contribution to Catholic education, both as a member of the Marianist staff in the early years of the College and as founding principal of John Paul College in Frankston.

The names of other campus buildings were also announced at the ceremony by our student leaders, including the Ranson building in recognition of the contribution to the planning and development of the campus by Father Ian Ranson.
Relay for Life

Students and staff participated in Relay for Life at the VU Athletics Track in Werribee to support and raise funds for the Cancer Council.

Our team raised over $1500 for the Cancer Council. Special thanks to Chris O’Malley, Sharon Mills, Vince Crimi, Steve Chaperon and Rebecca Cook for their assistance on the day and of course the students that gave up their time for this great cause.

Winter Sleep Out

Over fifty students participated in the Winter Sleep out. Staff and students spent the night sleeping at St Paul’s Campus with nothing more than a piece of cardboard, sleeping bag and some great stories.

Student Wellbeing Festival

During the term, 9A and 9B Drama classes performed at the Student Wellbeing Festival, an initiative of the Catholic Education Office.

This event unites students from a variety of Victorian Catholic schools in a competition where students must design a dramatic performance around the theme of wellbeing.

The performance was held on 17 June at The Clocktower Centre to an excited audience of parents, friends and industry professionals.

Both classes were presented with awards; 9A received an award for ‘Excellence in Script Writing to Explore a Relevant Message’ and 9B were presented with the award for ‘Excellence in Working Collaboratively as an Ensemble’ for their piece titled ‘Average Joe’.
The College musical, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, was a resounding success. A warm congratulations to the staff production team and our talented student musicians, cast and crew on the outstanding quality of performances.

It was great to see more than 1000 students from our local primary schools attend. The audience reaction reflected the sheer delight of the show.
Donating Blood

In June, Year 11 students Cameron Sammut, Lachlan McDonald, Daniel Ilievski, Luke Dawson and Alex Tran accompanied house leader Daniel Velardo to the Werribee Donor Centre.

This was the first donation the boys had ever made. The College is proud of the willingness of these students to support the voluntary donation of blood.

Community Connection Program

Well done to the students who assisted St Augustine’s and Lumen Christi with their school sports days.

This term our Year 10 students from both campuses visited our feeder schools. So far students have visited St Leo the Great and Lumen Christi. The program involves our students supporting our primary Catholic schools in a range of learning activities.

St Paul’s Campus hosted the Spotswood Sports Association Soccer Tournament. Students from the Soccer Academy officiated and ran the events to make this a successful day for a number of local primary schools.

As part of the feeder primary school transition program, Grade 4 students visited the St Paul’s and Notre Dame Campuses. The half day program enabled our feeder school students to participate in a range of activities from key learning areas such as Science, Art and Technology. Thank you to the feeder primary schools for their continued support of this school connection program.
Sports Update

The Year 7 Premier League teams finished off a great season, placing equal second with Mackillop on the combined aggregate team scores.

Once again our soccer teams performed extremely well during the season. The NDC boys were undefeated throughout the season and dominated the grand final with a comprehensive win over St Monica’s 6-0. Congratulations to coach Charlie Muscat and all the members of the squad. The NDC girls completed their season with a second place in the western zone.

Well done also to the SPC Year 7 Soccer Team, who in their first appearance in the ACC, completed the home and away fixture with 3 wins, 2 draws and a loss. In the third and fourth play off they defeated Salesian College 4-3.

In AFL, NDC entered junior and senior boys and girls teams. The students participated with a great deal of enthusiasm and spirit for the College.

In the ACC, the SPC Senior Football Team fought gallantly in the final. Unfortunately they were defeated by CBC St Kilda by 4 goals.

Congratulations to the following students on their individual achievements throughout the term:

As a result of their impressive performances in the SACCSS Cross Country Carnival, Damian Grimsditch, Caitlin Sneyders and Calvin Zadel competed in the Victorian All Schools Cross Country Championships in the U14 category.

Patrick Farley and Aaron Cheesley on their selection in the U15 Cricket Victoria Squad to tour England.

Carly James on her selection in the Victorian Under 18 Hockey Team. Carly is a talented all rounder who won the girls individual SACCSS Golf Tournament, performed consistently in a number of events at the SACCSS Athletics Carnival and has been a member of the Cross Country, Hockey, Soccer and AFL teams.

Matthew Hussey who competed in the Australian Junior Athletics Championships and won the U15 3000m event. Recently, Matthew continued his great form with a record breaking win in the U15 1500m at the Associated Catholic Colleges Athletics Carnival.
EMMANUEL COLLEGE
OPEN DAY
Sunday 13 September

St. Paul’s all-boys Campus: 10:30 am - 1:30 pm
Tours at
10.45 am*
11.15 am*
12.30 pm

Notre Dame co-educational Campus: 11.00 am - 2.00 pm
Tours at
11.15 am
12.00 pm*
12.30 pm*

*Includes “Meet the Principal” prior to tour

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