

Principal's message Mr Stephen Dwyer

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of our College community.

When you open the first page of our Strategic Improvement Plan the very first thing you read is, 'We aim at something better". This was the greatest desire of Marcellin Champagnat in founding Marist schools with the aim to form 'good Christians and good citizens". That is also the intent of our Strategic Improvement Plan and of our ongoing focus to always advance outcomes for our students.

In 2022 we have set two major initiatives related to the second Guiding Principle from the Strategic Improvement Plan, Innovative Thinking and Learning.

- A targeted whole school approach to literacy focusing on writing.
- The development of a Red Bend Vision for Learning

Throughout 2021 and continuing in 2022 our school-wide focus is to enhance outcomes in writing. Each faculty is focusing on particular skills to build the knowledge, skills and understanding of students in this area. Staff professional development has also been prioritised in the area of writing.

The development of the vision for learning will help to create a unified set of values and beliefs which drive the development of a high-performance learning culture at the College. In collaboration with all members of our community, we will

- discern what our community values around learning,
- establish the beliefs around learning which underpin sound practice,
- evaluate how the strengths of current practice will inform what is valued.
- and research how evidence-based practices inform future teaching and learning.

As we move into the future of learning at the College, we will consider what we want learning to look like so that the students feel empowered to thrive and have success in their learning.

We have engaged Mark Turkington, a highly experienced leader in learning, to lead the process for us. A Steering Committee of staff has been formed to consider the data gathered and will then draft statements for our new vision. The committee will also develop an implementation plan to ensure best practice is embedded into life, faith and learning at the College.

An essential part of the process is to collaborate with all sectors of our community. We will be holding a Parent Workshop at 6.00 pm

on Monday 6 June in the College Library. The aim of this meeting is to hear what our parents and carers value about learning and what their hopes are for the future of learning at the College. I look forward to seeing you at this workshop and hearing your insights.

National Boarding Week has been celebrated across Australia from 15-21 May and this was a time to recognise and celebrate our wonderful Boarding community. The week was aimed at raising awareness about the many benefits of boarding and celebrating the important part our boarding community plays in the fabric of our school and the wider community.

Boarding is a core part of the long and proud tradition of the College. The school was founded in Johnson Street, Forbes in 1926 and it was in 1930 that boarding was first established. In 1956 the College moved to the present site where boarding continued through to today. The introduction of co-educational boarding began in the 1970s and is now a dynamic part of our community.

Currently, there are 139 boarders at the College who come from regional and remote areas of NSW and other states. These students enjoy a wonderful opportunity to live and learn on-site, develop independence and resilience, and form lifelong friendships, while living together in a diverse and inclusive community.

While boarders do sometimes face challenges living away from their families, they are proud to be Red Bend boarders who enjoy the camaraderie and support of their home away from home. As well as recognising our amazing boarding students, we also highlight and recognise the amazing work of our boarding staff who provide a fabulous environment for our students. We thank them for their tireless efforts and commitment to ensuring our boarders have the very best experience and opportunities.

Year 11 student Victoria Simpson is to be congratulated on her selection into the Australian Women's Gliders team. The team played at the 2022 IWBF Oceania Championships in Phuket Thailand from 20-28 May. The Aussie Gliders won the IWBF Asia Oceania Championships being undefeated in their march towards the trophy, beating Iran, Thailand and Japan. This is an extraordinary achievement for Victoria and we are so very proud of her.

In weeks 3 and 4 our Year 7 and 9 students sat their 2022 NAPLAN tests. For many, it was the first time sitting a NAPLAN test since Year 5. Naturally, some students were a bit nervous, however, the students adapted quickly and settled into the exams. Many thanks to the students for their cooperation and focus and also to the staff for the smooth running of NAPLAN.

May St Marcellin Champagnat and Mary our Good Mother continue to watch over our community.

On Monday, June 6 we will celebrate Champagnat Day as a whole school with a Mass and Awards taking place from 11am. The Mass will be available to watch through this link https://youtu.be/zQoypgsxaeo



Deputy Principal's message Mr James Metzeling

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2022

The National Reconciliation Week 2022 theme, "Be Brave. Make Change." is a challenge to all Australians— individuals, families, communities, organisations and government—to Be Brave and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can Make Change for the benefit of all Australians.

National Reconciliation Week—27 May to 3 June—is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Find out more about National Reconciliation Week #NRW2022 #BeBraveMakeChange

On Thursday of this week, students and staff attended a mass at St Laurence's where they celebrated Reconciliation Week. Shontaye Brown who is a proud descendant of the Murrawarri people provided a heartfelt reflection on the importance of Reconciliation Day.

Her Reflection can be found below:

Reconciliation Week Mass reflection

Good morning everyone. My name is Shontaye Brown and my family is of the Murrawarri people, from Weilmoringle. I am studying year 12 at Red Bend Catholic College. I am proud to represent young people in this Reconciliation Week Mass today.

The theme of National Reconciliation Week this year is "Be Brave. Make Change." That means for all of us to stand up and be counted. Everyone is asked to make change beginning with brave actions in their daily lives - where they live, work, study, play and socialise.

We call on the younger ones and next generations to make an equal world where we acknowledge the wrongs of past and present racism and are proud of our Aboriginal history. We want to share our stories and our amazing cultures and we have something for everyone to learn from.

We can be a better country and a better people in these lands now called Australia if we listen and create reconciliation together. So let's be open to each other and raise our voices as we step up to be brave and to make change. Thank you.

Interschools Catholic Cup

The Interschools Catholic Cup is a competition between James Sheahan Catholic High Schools in Orange, St Johns College in Dubbo and our College. As the three Catholic secondary schools in our region, this competition encourages interaction and competition between the three schools. The day was most successful and was undertaken in a spirit of friendliness, competitiveness and fun. Events catered for both boys and girls and included:

Touch Football, Ultimate Frisbee, Chess, Debating, Engineering, Theatre Sports, Volleyball, Basketball, Soccer, Netball, League Tag and

Rugby League. Both schools had wins in individual events and James Sheahan came out winners on the day.

Congratulations go to all involved in the day. There are photos from the day later in the newsletter.

COVID-19 UPDATE

A reminder please of our current needs to continue to be vigilant for COVID- 19 and to make sure we follow all guidelines as provided to us by NSW Health and Catholic Schools NSW. These guidelines are again listed below:

Students and staff who are close contacts and have no symptoms can continue to attend school if they follow NSW Health guidelines.

Close contacts attending school will need to adhere to the following in addition to the NSW Health guidelines:

- They must notify the school if they are intending to return under this provision.
- They should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 school days.
- They must wear a mask indoors except when eating or exercising.
- No student or staff member identified as a close contact will be permitted to participate in overnight excursions, including school camps.

Remember: Staff and students cannot attend school if they are showing any symptoms of COVID-19. We ask that you please keep your child home if they are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms.

If a student is unwell and has any COVID-19 symptoms, they should always test for COVID-19.

If the test comes back negative for COVID-19, the student should still not return to school until either:

- The student no longer has any symptoms, or
- A medical certificate is provided to the school confirming that symptoms are explained by another diagnosis (such as hay fever)
- It is important that students do not attend school if they are
 unwell, even if they have tested negative for COVID-19. Rapid
 antigen tests can produce false negative results and symptoms of
 other illnesses can also be similar to COVID-19, including flu, the
 common cold and stomach bugs. Health advice is that students
 who are sick should always stay home to rest and recover and
 avoid putting other students and staff at risk of getting sick.
- It is recommended that students and staff that return to school after recovering from COVID-19 do not participate in rapid antigen testing for 12 weeks following release from self-isolation unless they develop new COVID-19 symptoms. This is due to NSW Health advice that people who have recovered from COVID-19 have a low risk of contracting it again in the following 12 weeks.

For more information, including COVID-19 guidelines and fact sheets, please visit NSW Health website.

Year 7-10 Exams and Year 11 Formative Tasks

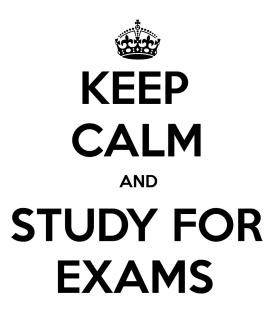
This week students in Years 7 to 10 have started their half yearly exams. Students are encouraged to keep working hard over this period and try different methods of study to work out what works best for them. Students can go back over their worksheets from the Elevate study sessions or the following list of study ideas was presented at assembly last week:

- Use your notifications
- Do small amounts often
- Practice questions/past papers
- Listen to audio notes, watch videos
- Create a Quizlet
- Create notes on slides
- Work with a partner and test each other
- Mind maps
- Ask questions
- Find people who can help you
- Put your phone away

All students at Red Bend can grow and achieve success in everything they do. At times, it can take a little while to work out what works best. Always be willing to try new ways, give things a go and always ask questions if unsure. People who can help during this time include: subject teachers, PC teachers, House Coordinators and Faculty Coordinators. Exam finish at the end of week 7. Please refer to the Exam timetables in the students Google Shared Drive.

Year 11 students will begin their formative tasks in Week 8. These are a great way for both students and teachers to get a clear picture of where individuals and the class are at- what are their strengths and what areas they still need to work on. They are also a great way to practice exam conditions and strategies to complete the test in preparation for the Yearly exams next term. Students will be provided with a mark (this is not a part of their final result) and feedback. This feedback is valuable for students to enable them to reflect on how they study and prepare and what they could do to see further improvement.

Study centre is running Monday through to Thursday each week to help students prepare for these assessments, complete homework or just to help with study ideas and tips.



Faith

Students speak on Caring for Our Common Home

On Tuesday, 17 May, Year 10 students Vienna Farrell and Marty Davies made Red Bend proud by presenting for the Holy Family Church, Parkes, faith formation meeting. The topic was 'Laudato Si''- Pope Francis's encyclical letter on 'Care for our Common Home'. Sr Liz spoke about the biblical and theological underpinnings of the document, and Marty and Vienna spoke about local impacts of climate change, the challenges for young people and the importance of voting with the next generations in mind. The assembly was most impressed by the students' knowledge and passion, especially in fielding a wide range of questions from the floor. The event made everyone more conscious and determined to save our Common Home before it is too late.

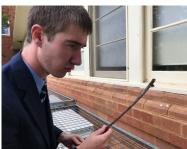
Catholic Earthcare Youth Summit

On Tuesday, 31 May, several senior Red Bend students, including myself, got the amazing opportunity to experience the Catholic Earthcare Youth Summit. This was an online meeting between schools all across Australia where we discussed issues and beneficial practices to help improve our school environment. One of our topics we spoke of was about bees in Australia. We learned that Australia is actually home to approximately 2000 native bees, 11 of which are stingless. The bees that many of us would commonly associate with are actually an introduced honey bee from Europe. All bees in our environment are vital for pollination and the survival of not only plants but consumers such as ourselves. We also spoke of recycling and reducing our rubbish, creating safe habitats for wildlife and encouraging native plants and animals to flourish in our environment. We all enjoyed our experience and the chance to collaborate with other schools to ensure we protect the environment.

Grace Whittaker











Here are some new additions to our bookshelves that may be of interest to you.

- "Big Panda and Tiny Dragon" by James Norbury. This is the uplifting and beautifully illustrated story of two beloved friends as they journey through the seasons of the year together, into the wild, exploring the thoughts and emotions, hardships and happiness that connect us all. Writer and artist James Norbury began illustrating the adventures of Big Panda and Tiny Dragon, inspired by Buddhist philosophy and spirituality, to share the ideas that have helped him through the most difficult times, in the hope they can help others too. Some lovely quotes from this book include: "'You're a good listener,' said Tiny Dragon.'Listening has never landed me in trouble,' replied Big Panda." "The best thing to have with tea,' said Big Panda, 'is a good friend.'"
- The series Wings of Fire follows the tales of dragon tribes and their battles, prophecies, and friendships. Most of the books are written from the point of view of different young dragons with humanlike traits and emotions — making them incredibly relatable to young readers. These books are graphic novels and we currently have the first 5 books in the series and will work on completing the collection.
- "Family of Liars" by E Lockhart, is the prequel to the popular novel
 "We Were Liars" of 2017. The novel takes readers back in time to
 show them the secrets at the core of the Sinclair family and how some
 of the major events of "We Were Liars" were set in motion during
 the summer of 1987, but the narrative also works perfectly well as a
 standalone coming-of-age novel.

These books are all currently available for borrowing from the new book display at the front library counter.



"I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book." - Groucho Marx

eBooks

Don't forget the option of eBooks when wanting to Borrow a book. eBooks also have the option of audio books as well. The total loans of eBooks is up 45% this month in comparison to this time last year, which is great. If you need help to use eBooks, just pop into the library at recess or lunch time, and we can help you to log on.

2022 Calendar Dates

6	Champagnat Day
7-9	7 - 10 Exams
9	DIO Soccer Gala - Girls
13	Queen's Birthday
14-17	YR 11 Formative Tasks
20-21	School Photographs
23	YR 10 STEM Day
27-1Jul	Careers Week - YR 10"
30	Real Talk - YR 7 & YR 9

June

July	
1	Real Talk - YR 11
	Last day of Classes
2-17	Holidays
18	Staff Day
	Boarders Return
10	Classes Commence

Forbes Show

This year the Forbes show (9 and 10 September) will be bigger and better than ever before- we have received lots of grants and the committee is putting these resources to good use- we are at present looking for people to help out in any way. In particular we are looking for volunteers to be stewards for the following sections:

- Photography
- Lego
- Poultry
- Handicrafts
- Hacks
- Young Women (Showgirl)

Being a steward means running the section at the show itself. You can put your own spin on it or just go with the way the section has always been run. There are people that will sort this out with you. Being a steward does not mean you have to attend the monthly committee meetings although you are most welcome to do so. (Meet at the showground 3rd Tuesday of each month-7pm).

We are very much looking to welcome new people onto the show committee. Local shows engage, influence and promote the essential value of Australian Agriculture. And they are such a long standing tradition in the community bringing people from all corners of our town together.

If you are at all interested in any aspect of the above please contact me. Susan Earl - (Vice President)

Cattle Team - Dubbo Show

Here is a summary of how the Cattle Team performed in Dubbo at the show over the weekend. We took 12 head of cattle and 15 head of humans-7 of which were attending their first show and another 2 at their 2nd show. Although we didn't have a lot of previous experience, I was, once again, extremely happy with the participation, attitude and behaviour of each of the students. Comments from the committee and other exhibitors present were many and all positive in regards to Red Bend students.

Main Results:

Junior Parading-Will Moxey- 4th

Junior Judging-

Will Moxey- 2nd and Reserve Champ- (Sub Intermediate)

Alana Haynes - 3rd (Sub Int)

Charlie Spry- 2nd and Reserve Champ (Intermediate)

Jasper Mackay- HC (Senior)

Immy Ousby- GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR JUDGE- (14- 24 years)

Cattle Judging-

Limos- A couple of 2nds and 3rds

Santa Gertrudis- 1st and Reserve Senior Champion.

plus

Denngal Rainbow and Will Moxey won the Champion all breeds heifer of the show.

And we were named Most Successful School just to top it all off.

Thank you to Andrew Grieson who accompanied us, and provided the meals.

Susan Earl- Cattle Team Coordinator

Astronomy

Is June 21 Really the Shortest Day of the Year? by Mr Alex Abbey

You will know that Earth spins on its axis once a day.

You may also know that the Earth's spin is tilted at 23.5 degrees, and that this tilt is what gives our planet its seasons and days of varying length throughout the year.

You will possibly further know that 21 June is the Winter Solstice, or shortest day of the year.

However, it's not quite as simple as that.

For one thing, 21 June is the Summer Solstice (or longest day of the year) in the Northern Hemisphere.

However, let's concentrate on the Southern Hemisphere where we live. In fact, the Solstice isn't quite as fixed as we sometimes think.

It is usually on 21 June but is occasionally on 20 June or 22 June in some years.

However, there is even more to the solstice.

You might think that the shortest day of the year is the day that the Sun rises the latest and sets the earliest.

Well. no!

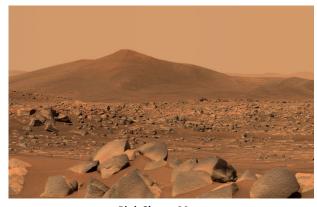
It's not quite as simple as that because of the way Earth spins on its axis and moves around the Sun.

21 June may (usually) be the day of the year when the Sun spends the shortest amount of time above the horizon in the Southern Hemisphere. However, the day that the Sun rises the latest is actually 29 June and the Sun sets earliest on the 11 June (even though neither day is itself the shortest day).

Speaking of unusual skies and sunsets, we are used to beautiful clear blue skies during the day and spectacular red sunrises and sunsets on Earth. However, with Mars' extremely thin atmosphere, lack of oceans and abundance of red soil the Red Planet actually has the opposite phenomenon.

Mars has beautiful clear pale red skies during the day and spectacular blue sunrises and sunsets.

(By the way, all that red soil on Mars is largely iron ore, the same thing that makes large parts of the Western Australian outback look red.)



Pink Sky on Mars

NASA's Perseverance Rover imaged a typical clear sky on Mars
with characteristic red (or pink or salmon) colour.



Blue Sunset on Mars
A spectacular sunset on Mars with its typical blue colour, as captured by NASA's Curiosity Rover.











Chisholm chat



Hi everybody and welcome to the Chisholm Chat. We would like to introduce ourselves, we are 2022 Chisholm House Captains Laura Harley and Campbell Rubie with Shaianne Metzeling as our Liturgy Captain.

This year has been very exciting as everybody is back at school and not stuck at home in lockdowns. This means we are able to participate in whole school events again, such as the House Swimming Carnival which was held in week 4 of Term 1, and the House Athletics Carnivals which was held in week 2 of Term 2. These events are always a great day for the House as everybody comes together and has an enjoyable day. Even though we may not place in the top 3, it's great to see people from different year levels come together, participate, have some fun and get into the Chisholm spirit. In week 3 of this term, the school's Music Day was held and it was great to see our whole House and staff get involved in the karaoke section, where we were unlucky to place second singing 'Sweet Caroline' after some controversial judging by Patty. An official complaint has been lodged!



Mr Hanrahan

How many years teaching at school? 4

PC class? Chisholm 1 PC Teacher

Favourite NRL team? Newcastle Knights

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? Living on a beach in a mansion

What year do you think Chisholm will win their first Carnival? 2024

Hobbies? Golf, origami and paper mache

Best part about Chisholm House? Love their children

What would you do if you won a million dollars? Bribe the school for Chisholm to win a House Carnival

Favourite movie/ TV series? The Hangover



Brad Mattiske

Year level at school? Year 12

PC class? Chisholm 1

Favourite NRL team? Manly Sea Eagles

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? On Farmer wants a Wife

What year do you think Chisholm will win their first Carnival? 2050 Hobbies? Shooting, Farming and bike riding

Best part about Chisholm House? All the people I get to talk to

What would you do if you won a million dollars? New Header

Favourite movie/ TV series? Top Gun



Patrick Ryan

Year level at school? Year 9

PC class? Chisholm 3

Favourite NRL team? South Sydney Rabbitohs

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? Working somewhere

What year do you think Chisholm will win their first Carnival? 2023 Hobbies? Footy, Welding, Bike riding

Best part about Chisholm House? Our effort

What would you do if you won a million dollars? Spend it

Favourite movie/ TV series? Hunt for the Wilder People



Georgia Drane

Year level at school? Year 8

PC class? Chisholm 3

Favourite NRL team? Penrith Panthers

Where do you see yourself in 10 years? Working as a pharmacist

What year do you think Chisholm will win their first Carnival? 2023 Hobbies? Running, League Tag

Best part about Chisholm House? Everyones really nice

What would you do if you won a million dollars? Save it

Favourite movie/ TV series? Gilmore Girls

Chisholm













Sport Sport Sport Sport Sport

GOLD WIN FOR VICTORIA AND HER TEAM

Recently Victoria Simpson has been overseas representing the Australian Women's Gliders team, competing at the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF) Asia Oceania Championships. The women's team performed strongly throughout the tournament and WON GOLD!!! Congratulations Victoria on this wonderful achievement.





ABBY REPRESENTS FOR SOCCER

On Wednesday 25 & Thursday 26 May Abby Nolan Hodges represented RBCC as part of the Open girls Southern Country Football (soccer) team. Abby played extremely well and represented our school proudly. Congratulations Abby.

SWIMMING

Last term several students attended the NSWCCC swimming championships at Homebush. All swimmers competed extremely well and were great ambassadors for the college. Congratulations to Hunter for receiving a bronze medal in Breastroke. Hunter this week competed for NSWCCC at the NSW All Schools championships in Breastroke. A great achievement, well done.



INTERSCHOOLS CATHOLIC CUP

Last Thursday Red Bend hosted James Sheahan Catholic College, Orange in the first round of the Interschools Catholic Cup. It was a marvellous day, with both schools showing teamwork, dedication and sportsmanship.

It was so pleasing to see both RBCC and James Sheahan students come together in a variety of Co Curricular activities, which created such a positive experience for all involved.

Congratulations to James Sheahan who were to strong on the day. We are looking forward to our next round where we head to Dubbo to compete against St John's College, Dubbo.















RESULTS						
SPORT	RBCC result		James Sheahan result			
Chess	7	1	26	3		
Debating	Loss	1	Win	3		
Engineering Challenge	260	3	250	1		
Theatre Sports	Win	3	Loss	1		
Boys Volleyball	6,13	1	15,15	3		
Girls Netball	20	1	39	3		
Girls Basketball	2	1	95	3		
Boys Basketball	12	1	58	3		
Girls Touch Football	1	1	15	3		
Boys Touch Football	0	1	7	3		
Boys Soccer	3	3	0	1		
Girls Soccer	2	3	0	1		
Boys Rugby League	16	3	4	1		
Girls League Tag	8	1	22	3		
Mixed frisbee	0	1	3	3		
TOTAL		25		35		

PLAYER OF THE DAY AWARDS

	RBCC	
Chess	Charles Zannes	
Debating	Grace Taylor	
Engineering Challenge	Ronald Barker	
Theatresports	Caleb Vickers	
Girls Netball	Halle Woolnough	
Boys Basketball	Campbell Ryan	
Girls Basketball	Jordan Lewin Howard	
Girls Touch Football	Georgie Coote	
Boys Touch Football	Dayne Richards	
Boys Soccer	Tim Nguyen	
Girls Soccer	Stephanie behan	
Boys Rugby League	Malakai Folau	
Girls League Tag	Jorja Simpson	
Mixed frisbee	Pat Goodfellow	
Boys Volleyball	Belvin Tomson	

Vapes are not safe.

Join Western NSW LHD and headspace to find out why it's a big deal, and how to speak with your children about the risks of vaping.

Click here to register and propose any questions about youth vaping before Tuesday 21st of June: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/wnsw_vapingwebinar All participants are invited to complete a post-webinar evaluation for a chance to receive 1 of 4 x \$150 petrol vouchers.

For any enquiries, please email: WNSWLHD-HealthPromotion@health.nsw.gov.au





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Wednesday **22nd June**7.30-8.30PM



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