THE SEASON OF ADVENT
Away in a Manger:

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them at the inn. (Luke 2:7)

Lord of all love,
we give thanks for the birth of the Christ child, who came to give light to the world.
We give thanks for our birth and the light we can share with others; the light of laughter and friendship and compassion; the light of love, loyalty and faith.
Help us to have the courage to hold Christmas in our hearts all year, as we acknowledge the birth of our Saviour.
We ask this through Christ our Lord, the light of the world.
Amen.

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians and Families

Advent Prayer
God of life, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Saviour and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen

Last Newsletter
This is the last College newsletter for the year. However, a letter to parents will be distributed in mid December containing any final 2017 College news and a special note of thanks from myself, as I leave Kolbe Catholic College after a most fulfilling and rewarding ‘ten and three quarter years’ as Principal of our fantastic community.

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| Thursday 21 December                             | Office open from 8.30am – 12.00pm  
College closes for the holidays                   |
| Monday 22 January to Thursday 25 January 2018    | Office opens 8.30am – 4.00pm  
Office opens for 2018                                                                                  |

Staff Changes
At recent assemblies the following staff members were farewelled and their significant contributions to the learning programs, pastoral care, administration and support of the community were acknowledged.

Leadership roles in other schools:
Ms Josephine Olivieri to Presentation College, Windsor; Learning Leader (Humanities)  
Mr Anthony Kirley to Whitefriars College Donvale; Principal

Teaching positions in other schools:
Mr Patrick Hogan to Ave Maria College, Aberfeldie  
Mr Kon Bouzikos to St Monica’s College, Epping  
Mrs Sophie Aitken interstate
Maternity Leave:
Ms Erin Lane; Mrs Lauren Hay; Mrs Rebekah Fletcher; Ms Vian Raqaji

Thank you to all the staff members who are leaving - for the wonderful work you have contributed, for the benefit of our students. The extra time and effort you put in were certainly appreciated, as were your personal attributes and talents.

Leadership Appointments For 2018
Principal: Mr Nick Scully (from St Brendan’s College, Yeppoon)
Director of Faith & Community: Ms Caith Malone (previously Teresa House Leader)
Director of Students Middle Years: Mrs Simone McLaughlin (previously Chisholm House Leader)
Director of Students Senior Years: Mr Heath McLaer (from Loyola College, Watsonia)
Curriculum Leader Middle Years: Ms Samantha Mizzi (previously Romero House Leader)
Curriculum Leader Senior Years: Mr Anthony Schepis (previously Curriculum Leader Years 10-12)
Curriculum Leader Learning Enrichment: Mrs Debbie Bradshaw (previously Learning Leader Technology)

House Leaders 2018
Chisholm: Mr Fabrizio Ghio
Dunlop: Mr Stephen Brasier
Frassati: Ms Stephanie Farrugia
MacKillop: Ms Samantha Knights
Romero: Mr Tony Regan (from Catholic Ladies College, Eltham)
Teresa: Ms Julia Torre

Staff 2018
A list of staff members, Learning Advisors and the complete list of Positions of Leadership will be distributed in late January.

Delegated Canonical Administrators and College Board
The Delegated Canonical Administrators and the College Board held the final meeting for 2017 on Wednesday 29 November. College financial planning and forthcoming development projects were the key items. I wish to acknowledge and thank the group for their wonderful leadership, support and wise counsel throughout the year, serving the best interests of the College community: Sr. Beth Calthorpe (President Canonical Administrators), Mr Tony Tuohey (Canonical Administrator/Board Finance Committee), Mr Adrian Klep (Canonical Administrator), Mr Jarrod Coysh (Canonical Administrator/Board Member), Fr Varghese Kurisingal (College Chaplain, Board Member) Mr Jim Flynn (Business Manager / Board Member), Mrs Deb Quirk (Board Parent Representative), Mr Peter Rassool (Board Parent Representative), Dr Napoleon Rodezno (Deputy Principal/Board Member) and Ms Ebony Rea (P.A. to the Principal).

Important Information from the Finance Department
School Fees
The 2018 College Schedule of Fees document is available for parents on the College Website.

Camps, Sports And Excursions Fund (CSEF)
PAYMENT OF $225 per student: Commencing in 2015 the Victorian State Government introduced a fund to pay $225 to families of secondary school students who hold a valid Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC). This payment is provided to meet the costs for camps, sports and/or excursions.

Application forms are available at the College for CSEF 2018 and completed forms are to be returned to the College office .

Any queries please contact the Business Manager.

College Presentation Night
A reminder that the Year 7 – 10 Presentation Night will be held on Tuesday 5 December starting at 7.00pm. The program and letter sent to parents via CareMonkey is attached to this newsletter.

Congratulations to all award winners. A list of recipients will be included on the Parent Portal on Wednesday 6 December.

Please note that the academic achievements of the 2017 Year 11 and 12 students will be acknowledged at the College Academic Assembly in mid February 2017 (date to be finalised)
Calthorpe Shield - Congratulations Chisholm House

Throughout this year, points have been awarded for participation and achievement in a wide range of school events including house activities, the academic program, fundraising, community service, representing the College in the community and other events. Students have truly contributed to their House spirit in a very positive way.

The Calthorpe Shield is named in recognition of Sr Beth Calthorpe (President of the Delegated Canonical Administrators) for her ongoing service and commitment to the College.

Chisholm House is the winner of the Calthorpe Shield for 2017. Congratulations go to all the students of Chisholm House, to the House Leader, Mrs Simone McLaughlin, and to all ‘Chisholm staff’. An outstanding effort; and a very close finish!

A copy of the points tally for each House has been included below.

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2018 Orientation Programs

Orientation programs for 2018 for all year levels were conducted recently. The staff prepared extra work, planned lessons and shared critical information about the 2018 courses with students. This was to ensure a smooth transition at the start of next year. I thank the staff for the dedication to their responsibilities – especially as they were finalising assessment and Reports at the same time.

Parents can be reassured that the programs were very detailed. Attendance requirements at the college for the orientation programs had not changed. Attendance was compulsory.

Learning Groups For 2018

At the start of 2018 your daughter/son will be placed in a new learning group for core subjects and some electives. These groups, have been carefully planned (just as they have been every year) taking into account various dimensions of schooling – learning enhancement, personal development, maturity, wellbeing, gender balance, responsibility and skills. The combinations provide the best opportunities for all.

At the parent information nights in February 2018, more information will be provided about the strategies in place, for all learning groups, supporting our ongoing objective to be ‘an outstanding community of learning’.

College Magazine

The 2017 College magazine will be available for distribution in late January 2018.

Student Wellbeing

School has finished for the year and a long stretch of rest, relaxation lies ahead. It is a time to prepare for Christmas, spend time with family and prepare for 2018. These times can be stressful for families and your sons/daughters may need some extra support. If you have any concerns, then talk to your medical practitioner. Families can check on line for contact details of services such as:


We hope that all students really enjoy the holidays and return refreshed for a new start to the 2018 school year.

Merry Christmas

The College Leadership Team, staff members and I take this opportunity to thank each and every member of the Kolbe community for your generosity of spirit, support and loyalty, donations to worthy causes and giving of your time throughout the year.

We wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas and a safe and wonderful holiday break.

May Christ give peace to our hearts and minds. Let us bring peace and hope to all we meet and receive it in rich measure ourselves, so that we can witness to the triumph of light and goodness.

May the life and legacy of St Maximilian Kolbe inspire, guide and support us.

Mr Anthony Kirley
Principal
Kolbe Catholic College looks forward to hosting our annual Presentation Evening, acknowledging student achievement across Years 7-10 in 2017. Students, families and members of the community are invited to join the College for the special acknowledgements and celebration.

Date: Tuesday 5 December 2017
Location: Kolbe Catholic College Stadium
Time: 7.00pm - 8.20pm
Student Dress Code: Full Summer Uniform (including Blazer)

The 2017 Year 11-12 awards are presented at the Academic Assembly in February 2018.

As you are aware, Mr. Anthony Kirley is leaving at the end of this year, after completing almost eleven (11) years as Foundation Principal of Kolbe Catholic College. At the Presentation Evening, parent representatives from the College Board will be acknowledging Mr Kirley’s significant contribution.

Prior to the commencement of the Presentation Evening, the College will host the Visual Arts Exhibition in the College Stadium. This event will commence at 6.00pm and conclude at 6.45pm. Students, families and members of the community are welcome to join us for this exhibition too.

Families who would like to attend the Presentation Evening or Exhibition are asked to register their attendance via telephone, with the College Main Reception (8339 3060), by Monday 4 December 2017.

A copy of the Official Program for event has been attached to this edition of the College Newsletter.

Semester Two 2017 Reports
Academic reports for Semester Two 2017 will be available for download via SEQTA ConeqP at the conclusion of the academic year. These reports provide an overview of student achievement for the current academic semester and aim to highlight student success across the different curriculum areas and programs, whilst providing specific goals for students to progress to the next stage of learning. Families are asked to read through the report with students and take time to discuss the successes and their goals for future learning.

Kolbe VCAL, VET and VCE Plus Students Awarded for Excellence
Over the past week the wider community has gathered together in various forums to acknowledge the achievements of the College’s Senior Students involved in VCAL, VET and the La Trobe University VCE Plus Program. These awards are a testament to the work and dedication of our Senior Students and the pathways support at the College. Please see the report and photos included in this edition of the College Newsletter for more details.

Year 9-12 2018 Subject Confirmation
All current Year 8-11 students received their 2018 Subject Confirmation Forms at the commencement of November 2017. This documentation contained a list of core and elective subjects that students will be participating in throughout the 2018 academic year. Families are asked to refer to this list of subjects when purchasing materials off the Learning Resource Catalogues.

2018 Learning Resource Catalogues and Stationery Lists
At the commencement of November 2017 all families received the relevant Learning Resource Catalogues for students in Years 8-12 in 2018. The Learning Resource Catalogue contains a list of the required materials that will support student learning both in and outside of the classroom in 2018.

The materials listed for each subject have been incorporated into the learning design of each course, making them essential for student participation.

Families will notice that many of the materials listed are digital in nature. Through rigorous research and investigation, these materials have proven to be the best for enhancing student learning outcomes and providing support for individuals whilst complementing the digital platform upon which courses are delivered.

Families of students in Years 8-10 2018 have also received an additional suggested stationery list with their Learning Resource Catalogue. The items on this list are categorised per subject and can be purchased by families to support student learning if they choose. In purchasing these items there is no set brand or style recommended.

Please note that stationery for students in Years 11 and 12 remains on the Learning Resource Catalogue.
2018 Orientation Programs

Students in Year 11 and 12 2018 will conclude their respective Orientation Program over the course of this week and next week. Both have proved to be a huge success with students gaining a ‘head start’ on their learning programs for 2018.

On Monday 4 December 2017 students in Years 8-10 for 2018 will commence their Orientation Program. This program is compulsory and aims to assist students with their transition to the next stage of learning whilst introducing them to the preliminary stages of each course. The dates for the Year 8-10 2018 Orientation Program appear below:

- Year 8-10 2018 Orientation Program: Monday 4 December 2017 – Thursday 7 December 2017.

Senior VCAL 2018

Over the past week members of the College Leadership Team and the Curriculum Team have met with the families of students enrolled in Senior VCAL for 2018. The aim of these meetings was to assist with the transition process between certificates as well as engage in pathways planning for students, ensuring they maximise their opportunities regarding VET, Work Placements and community engagement in 2018. The College thanks all families for their involvement in this process.

Homework Club, EAL Homework Club and Afterschool Mathematics

Throughout 2017, the College’s Homework Club, EAL Homework Club and Afterschool Mathematics proved to be extremely popular for students across Years 7-12. Each of these programs aimed to provide additional support for students, creating a safe and supportive environment for individuals and groups to access additional assistance and resources related to their learning. The College extends its thanks to all families for their support of these programs. Due to popular demand the various strands of Homework Club will return in 2018.

Mr Dane Calleja
Assistant Principal – Learning and Teaching

5Ls of Learning - Update

Finishing our focus on the question, ‘So what are the 5 Ls of Learning?’ In this issue of the newsletter I will be focussing on the last 5 L of Learning: Learning Practice.

Learning Practice refers to engaging in contemporary learning and teaching practice that is ‘tailor made’ to suit the needs and interests of each individual student, closing identified gaps to maximise their outcomes. This 5 L is important because it acknowledges that students are individuals who learn at different rates and in different ways. These differences may impact how students understand what is being taught and how they demonstrate their level of understanding. In order to address this, teachers, through observation and reflection, recognise the way each student learns and subsequently designs learning experiences that strengthen their areas of need by using specific means that teaches the student a way of learning that makes sense to them and thus allows for a deeper understanding of what is being taught. This differentiated approach ensures that all students get want the need to achieve, which is not all students getting the same.

Hopefully these considered explanations on the 5 Ls of Learning have provided you an understanding of how they underpin everything we do here at Kolbe Catholic College to establish a strong learning culture for the benefit of your child.

Mrs Cathryn Doman
Learning Leader – 5 Ls of Learning

Student News

Outstanding Achievement for our Students

The following Kolbe Catholic College students have been recognised for their studies and achievements in the wider community.

- Lauren Marcellino was awarded a $500 scholarship for her outstanding contribution to her year 12 VCE VET Sport & Recreation studies. One of 600 applicants, Lauren was one of the lucky 8 students awarded.
- Bianca Palmieri successfully studied the 1st year of the VET Fashion program at Kangan TAFE and her garment was chosen for inclusion in our major fashion parade “Limitless”. Well done Bianca. Her green and black checked shorts and top are amazing!!!
On Tuesday 21 November the Hume Whittlesea Local Learning Employment Network (HWLLEN) annual awards were held were four of our students were recognised:

- Marcus Briifa for Excellence in his Senior VCAL studies
- Liam Charter for Achievement in his Senior VCAL studies
- Jack Lallo for Excellence in his VCE VET Building studies
- Alex Merlino for Achievement in his VET Electrical studies

And on Wednesday 22 November Latrobe University held the awards ceremony for the 2017 VCE Plus students. Aarushi Chowdhury and Melissa Mekha were recognised for the commitment to studying two first year university subjects during their final VCE year.

Congratulations to these wonderful students and their achievements, the College and wider community are very proud of your efforts.

Two of our supportive employers were also recognised with Certificates of Gratitude, Ray White Real Estate Craigieburn, for the supportive work placement of Year 12 VCAL student Hanna Hanna. The team at Ray White have guided and advised Hanna over the past 8 months, supporting him in gaining his Real Estate Certification and offering him a full time job on their team!

Thank you also to Good Cycles Docklands for an extremely supportive structured work placement for Tony Eslefoa, a Year 10 VCAL student. Tony further developed his skills in bicycle repairs and also his confidence and independence whilst being on placement for the past 8 months.

The College would like to thank these amazingly supportive employers and all of our employers throughout 2017 for giving our students opportunities on their work experience & structured workplace learning placements.

Ms Debra Williams  
Pathways & Careers Coordinator

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**Community News**

**Our Lady’s Parish Debutante Ball**

Our Lady’s Parish Craigieburn will be holding their Debutante Ball on Friday 29 June 2018 at Melrose Receptions. The Our Lady’s Deb ball committee have run their Deb for over 20 years and all profits go to Our Lady’s Parish. The Deb ball committee will be holding an information meeting at 7.00pm on Tuesday 6 February 2018 at Our Lady’s Church. For any queries please contact Jeanette O’Neill 9308 1592 or 0431 564 877 or Kath Bretag 9305 6915.
2018 START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR - IMPORTANT DATES

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<td>Staff Day: Professional Learning / Planning&lt;br&gt;Office Hours: 8.00am – 4.30pm</td>
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*Details of Parent Evenings and other Semester One events will be distributed in January 2018*
Kolbe Catholic College Year 7-10 Presentation Evening 2017

1. Introduction & Welcome
   Mr Dane Calleja, Kaylee Vo, Brandon Hirmiz and Nancy Youhana

2. National Anthem
   Kaylee Vo

3. Prayer
   Mrs Allison Stott and Joshua Aliganga

4. Principal’s Address
   Mr Anthony Kirley

5. Principal’s Awards
   Academic Excellence and Academic Merit
   Mrs Allison Stott and Mr Anthony Kirley

6. Presentation to the Principal
   Parent Representatives – Kolbe Catholic College Community

7. Student Exhibition – Musical Performance
   Mrs Marg O’Leary and Student Ensemble

8. Year 7 Academic Awards
   Ms Erin Lane and Mr Anthony Kirley

9. Year 8 Academic Awards
   Ms Caithleen Malone and Mr Anthony Kirley

10. Student Exhibition and Recognition – Tournament of Minds
    Mrs Cathryn Doman, Ms Erin Lane and the Tournament of Minds Club 2017

11. Year 9 Academic Awards
    Ms Erin Lane and Mr Anthony Kirley
Kolbe Catholic College Year 7-10 Presentation Evening 2017

12. Year 10 Academic Awards
Including Year 10 2017, Access 10 and Kwong Lee Dow
Mr Anthony Schepis and Mr Anthony Kirley

13. Student Exhibition – Musical Performance
Thomas James and Alicia Lupone – College Instrumental Program

14. Sports Awards
Mrs Lauren Hay, Mr Daniel Nolan and Mr Anthony Kirley

15. Co-Curricular Recognition
Science Talent Search and Education Perfect Awards
Mrs Emily McKibbin and Dr Napoleon Rodezno

Kolbe Catholic College Creative Writing Competition Awards
Ms Elizabeth Psaila and Mrs Allison Stott

Swinburne Languages Competition Awards
Ms Daniela Maitilasso and Mr Anthony Schepis

Plan For The Planet Awards
Ms Hannah Terry and Mr Dane Calleja

Australian Mathematics Competition Awards
Ms Jeannette Seguel and Mr Anthony Schepis

My Kolbe Kitchen Rules Awards
Ms Debbie Bradshaw and Ms Caithleen Malone

16. Special Awards
Dux Awards
Mr Dane Calleja and Mr Anthony Kirley

St. Maximilian Kolbe Community Awards
Dr Napoleon Rodezno and Mr Anthony Kirley

17. Conclusion & Thanks
Dr Napoleon Rodezno, Kaylee Vo and Brandon Hirmiz