From the Principal

AWARDS & PRESENTATION NIGHT

The following is the Principal’s speech, presented by Principal Mrs Marie Barton at the Awards & Presentation Night on Friday 28th November, 2014.

Good evening

Before I begin I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of this land, both past and present.

Br Pat Kelly, WA Cluster Leader Oceania Province, The Honourable Mr Darren West MLC Member for the Agricultural Region, Mrs Debra Sayce, Director of Religious Education Catholic Education Western Australia, Mr Robert Hawes, Chittering Shire President, Mr John Scott, Managing Director CY O’Connor Institute, Christian Brothers, distinguished guests, Catholic Agricultural College Staff, parents, guardians, grandparents and most importantly our students.

Good evening and welcome to this special evening when we come together as a community to celebrate the gifts and talents of our students and their achievements throughout this year. Our students come from far and wide and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the families who have travelled long distances to be with us this evening.

It is important to acknowledge and recognise that behind each of our successes throughout the year, are proud parents and guardians and dedicated staff. Staff who have formed a relationship with each student to bring out their God given potential; to guide and nurture them at school and stand by them when the going gets tough. I acknowledge the key role our parents and guardians share in encouraging their child to aspire to be the best they can be and take this opportunity to say thank you for your support in assisting us to educate your children at Catholic Agricultural College.

Relationships are fundamental in any school and the involvement of the Christian Brothers has been vital to the development of the College. We are particularly blessed to have Brothers George Thornton, John Walsh, Frank Donohoe and Tony Hackett as members of our staff who give of themselves daily and in doing so enrich the work which we do here at Bindoon by their witness. They remind us of our links to Edmund Rice and the importance of our role as educators in providing for the students in our care. Thank you Brothers for continuing to be a part of our community.

To all of our students tonight, and especially our Year 12’s who will be leaving to take up further study or employment:

The relationships that you have with each of your teachers are especially important. In the future I am sure that many of you will be able to remember the difference that certain staff made during your school days. You may not remember everything they taught you but you will always remember the person who went out of their way to help you achieve your potential, to encourage you to do your best or who may have been there for you when things weren’t going so well. I know that many of you will remember the teachers and staff for the way in which they live out the message of Edmund Rice, take an example from them as you go on to care for and serve others throughout your lives. I encourage you to follow the teachings of Jesus, always strive to serve others and to use your God given gifts and talents to enrich the lives of others.

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A key partnership is our relationship with C Y O’Connor. We are fortunate to have developed strong links with them in delivering several of our pathways for the students. The quality of their delivery complements the outstanding work which we are able to do as a Registered Training organisation. To all of our trainers, those on staff and the CY O’Connor staff your contribution is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

The role of the Board is to work collaboratively with the Principal and staff to ensure quality stewardship aimed at offering the best possible learning environment for our students. Many of them have given many years of dedicated service, at times travelling great distances to attend meetings, I would like to acknowledge Mrs Alice Bowen who is retiring from the board this year. Alice has been a member since 2001.

We have had so many highlights in our College calendar this year. Once again I have been impressed with the team work which I have seen evident at all times during these events. We started the year with the Year 11 and 12 ball and all of the students looked magnificent in their gowns and suits. During the year there have been numerous equine and cattle club events where the students performed to a high standard, always bringing home lots of prizes and tributes about their superb presentation and outstanding behaviour. To anyone of the staff and volunteers who had anything to do with preparing these students a huge thank you. To the students who represented us at these events and numerous other outside activities congratulations, you should be extremely proud of yourselves and the way that you represented Catholic Agricultural College.

In recent weeks we have completed voting for our 2015 leaders. I take this opportunity to thank all of our outgoing student leaders, in particular our College Captains Marlee Ward and Ben Walsh. I also congratulate all of our 2015 Student Council. I look forward to working closely with all of these students. They are an outstanding group of young people with a wealth of ideas, who have already begun the work of planning for 2015 led by our Student Council Coordinator Jo Ball.

A number of staff will be moving on and I thank each of you for your contribution to the education of our students and the work of the College. I would like to take this opportunity to farewell three key members of our staff group.

Mr Martin Tobin, our College Deputy and thank him for his outstanding commitment during the past four years. During the time he has been here he has had many challenges and accepted a variety of roles as they presented themselves. Martin is an outstanding young man with a great faith which is evident in all that he does. He has lived and breathed CAC since he arrived. The College was truly blessed when he accepted this position. He has seen many changes and been directly responsible for integrating the agricultural education and embedding it within the core work of the College. Martin leaves us to join Nagle Catholic College as their Deputy Principal (Student Services). As many of our parents and students will attest this is a strength of the work which Martin has done here over the years and they are extremely lucky to have his expertise and empathy to lead this area for them. Martin you will be remembered with great love and will always hold a very special place in all of our hearts.

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Janet Murphy joined the College staff in 2008 during her time here she has held a variety of roles; Religious Education Coordinator, Dean of Curriculum, Head of Secondary and Acting Deputy Principal as well as teaching in several learning areas. Janet’s flexibility in accepting new challenges has been evident during all of these activities. Janet has accepted a position at Mazenod College starting next year. We wish her well and know that she will missed for the significant part she has had in the story of the College in recent years.

Eugene Evans joined the staff here as Head of Boarding in 2010. During his time here he has not only watched over the residential side of things but has been involved on a daily basis with the staff community and caring for the students. Eugene has played a significant role in coaching and getting students to sporting commitments on the weekends. We wish him well as he leaves us to take on his new role as Head of Boarding at Rostrevor College in South Australia.

To the members of our College Executive, Martin Tobin, Geoff Hendriks and Janet Murphy, my sincere thanks for the support which you have given me and the wealth of knowledge and generosity of spirit which has been shared on a daily basis with me and with the entire College community. They have all worked tirelessly for the good of the College and their efforts must be acknowledged.

To all of our staff, my sincere thanks on behalf of the community for your dedication and commitment. It is through your team work and support of each other that we have achieved what we have this year.

To our students, families and staff who are moving on from CAC and Bindoon, we wish you well and safe travels. We hope you return and say hello in the future. There will always be a special place in the story of Bindoon for all of our past and present students and their families.

On a personal note, I would like to sincerely thank you all, students, staff, parents, and community for the way you welcome everyone to this very special place. I look forward to your continued friendship and support in the coming years.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to everyone who has made tonight’s presentation night possible. Please join with me in saying thank you.

Finally it is my privilege to have been the Principal of CAC in 2014. I wish you and your families a happy and holy Christmas and I look forward to 2015. Thank you and God Bless.
AWARD WINNERS

Year 7
Dominic Mataele—Science
Murray Burt—Agricultural Science, Mathematics, Health & Physical Education
Leighton Frank—Society & Environment
Lucas McLerie—English

Year 8
Ryan Hawkins—Science, Agricultural Science
Tekiasha Hart—Society & Environment, English
Sean Penn—Mathematics
Frazer Ellis—Health & Physical Education

Year 9
Jasmine Frank—Science
Madeline Burt—Agricultural Science, Society & Environment
Emani Iga—English
Clay Prouse—Mathematics
Seth Bernasconi—Health & Physical Education

Year 10
Heidi Patching—Science
Christine Stephens—Agricultural Science, English
Michelle Reid—Society & Environment, Mathematics
Robert Robinson—Health & Physical Education

Year 11
Montana Reynolds—English, Certificate II in Retail

Benjamin Goodgame—Mathematics
Kate Fabbri—Animal Production Systems
Nicole Maindok—Biology

Year 12
Ellie Collier—Animal Production Systems, English, Biology
Vincent Mataele—Mathematics
Kalinda Green—Business Management & Enterprise

EDMUND RICE AWARDS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Subject Awards
Year 7—Murray Burt
Year 8—Tekiasha Hart
Year 9—Emani Iga
Year 10—Christine Stephens
Year 11—Montana Reynolds
Year 12—Mariee Ward

AGRICULTURE AWARDS
Subject Awards:
Year 10—Kurtis Ellis
Year 11—Blake Hemmings
Year 12—Benjamin Walsh

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATORS’ TEAM AWARD
Jake Dimovitis

Right—Year 12 student, Jake Dimovitis, receives the Agricultural Educators’ Team Award from Farm Coordinator, Mr Eugene O’Sullivan.
AWARD WINNERS

CATTLE CLUB
Best Junior Member—Christine Stephens
Best Senior Member—Tamara Linaker (Gibson)

INDUSTRIAL SKILLS—YEAR 10
Tyler Martin

ENGINEERING—YEAR 11
Best Student—Blake Hemmings
Brother Thornton Shield for the Most Improved Engineering Student—Blake Hemmings

ENGINEERING—YEAR 12
Brother Tuppin Shield for Best Engineering Student—Vincent Mataele

AUTOMOTIVE WORKSHOP AWARDS
Year 11
Best Student—Graeme Maitland-Smith
Most Improved Student—Dale Walley

Year 12
Best Automotive Student
Benjamin Walsh
Arno van Eeden Automotive Award
Jake Dimovitis

EDMUND EQUINE CENTRE AWARDS
Subject Awards
Year 10—Sophie Bryant

Year 11—Kate Fabbri
Year 12—Garett Howley

Bro Con Campbell Award
Hollie Patching

Most Improved Rider
Montana Reynolds

HOSPITALITY AWARD
Subject Award
Year 12—Briana Baxter-Fahey

HAIRDRESSING AWARD
Sydney Baumgarten

RESIDENTIAL CARE AWARDS
Junior Girl—Rania Edwards
Senior Girl—Mariee Ward

Junior Boy—Luke Bernhard
Senior Boy—Jake Dimovitis

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF WA—AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION
SCHOLARSHIP
Kate Fabbri

SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD
Mariee Ward

Right—Year 12 student, Mariee Ward, receives the Sports Person of the Year Award from Acting Health & PE Coordinator, Mr Paul King.
EDITH COWAN AWARDS
Year 11—Chloe Ockerby-Latham
Year 12—Ellie Collier

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE LONG TAN LEADERSHIP & TEAMWORK AWARDS
Year 10—Michelle Reid
Year 12—Benjamin Walsh

CITIZENSHIP AWARD
Mariee Ward

CY O’CONNOR INSTITUTE V.E.T. AWARD
Vincent Mataele

WESTSCHEME AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN V.E.T
Mariee Ward

CALTEX ALL ROUNDER AWARD
Kalinda Green

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD
Beth Kocsis

DUX STUDENT
Ellie Collier

STUDENT LEADERS 2015
Head Boy—Blake Hemmings
Head Girl—Kate Fabbri

O’Sullivan House Captains—Nicole Maindok and Benjamin Goodgame
O’Sullivan Deputy House Captain—Lia Lotoaniu
Rice House Captains—Mickaela Mongoo and Clinton Isuguchi
Rice Deputy House Captain—Rania Edwards
Musk House Captains—Hollie Patching and Lachlan McIntosh
Musk Deputy House Captain—Ethan Rozario
Social Justice Captains—Jamie Dobson, Chloe Ockerby-Latham and Montana Reynolds

Right—Year 12 student, Ellie Collier, receives the Dux Award for 2014 from the Principal, Mrs Marie Barton.
VOLUNTEER EMPLOYER RECOGNITION AWARDS

Principal Marie Barton was excited for the college to receive the Silver Award at the annual Volunteer Employer Recognition Awards held recently. The award recognises employers of emergency services volunteers and the college was nominated by employee Celia Hoogland. The college has several staff and students who volunteer at the Bindoon Bush Fire Brigade.
The Year 8 Science class has been learning about Earth and Space Sciences in Term 4. This has included looking at Volcanos. We’ve been exploring these from a historical perspective examining the eruption of Mount St Helens in the USA, as well as the eruption of Krakatoa in Indonesia in the 1800’s – an eruption so large it could allegedly be heard from Perth! As the class’ study of Volcanos comes to an end, the students have been working on the construction of model volcanos. With a little bit of help from some food colouring, vinegar and bicarbonate soda we will look to let the eruptions off in the final two weeks of term.

Mr Rory Bennett
Science Teacher
The Year 9 Agricultural Science and the Year 11 Certificate II in Agriculture students recently attended the regular weekly sheep sale at Muchea sale yards. The field trip provided the students with the opportunity to view first-hand the stock management and sale system of the state of the art facility. In addition, the students were able to experience the sale and view the various lines of sheep and prime lambs offered for sale.

Industrial Skills program has become increasingly popular over the past three years. On the back of the success of the Certificate I in Industrial Skills students will have the opportunity to undertake a Certificate II in Building & Construction in 2015. The program is supported by the active Building and Construction Trade Training Council.

Our Year 10 Industrial Skills students have completed a very successful year. Under the guidance of Mr Shane Ward from the C. Y. O’Connor Institute the students have undertaken a number of engaging tasks including the laying of a new concrete floor for the Cattle Club yards.

The students have demonstrated a high level of competence and personal pride in their achievements and completed tasks. The INDUSTRIAL SKILLS

FIELD TRIP TO MUCHEA SALE YARDS

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YEAR 10 ‘THIS IS YOUR LIFE CAMP’

Our Year 10 students enjoyed the Eagle’s Nest Camp site and its facilities for three days as they participated in the ‘This is Your Life’ camp program. The camp provided the opportunity for students to receive important information from a range of training and education providers including Edith Cowan University, the Apprentice, and the C. Y. O’Connor Institute. The students also received course counselling and participating in a course selection process for 2015. The generous participation of our a number of our staff in this program will ensure that our students are well-prepared for Year 11.
YEAR 9 TRY-A-TRADE PROGRAM

Through collaboration with the C. Y. O’Connor Institute fourteen of our Year 9 students were provided with the opportunity to participate in the Try-a-Trade program. These students undertook four full days of training and work to complete a significant furniture making task. As a result the College has now three new cabinets for classrooms. Without exception the students reported that the experience was a highlight of their work for the year. The level of team work and craftsmanship demonstrated by the students was exemplary. It is anticipated that this program will continue in 2015.

Mr Martin TOBIN
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
Boarding News

Over fourth term the boarders have been very busy; attending a number of Socials with other schools, shopping trips and sporting activities such as basketball. The year 7 & 8 students enjoyed their day at St Brigid’s at a pool party and games day.

One of the favourite events for all the year groups is going to Hillary’s Boat harbour; swimming at the beach, diving off the dock and doing some retail therapy.

Last weekend we did some shopping in Bindoon and came back to the college for a pool party where Luke, Josh and Brandon played great music and were excellent DJ’s. Thanks to Ms Lea, Mr Glover and Ms Sam for supervising the event and Ms Emma who supplied lunch at the pool and pool party snacks.

We thank Junior Reporter, Year 9 student, Luke Bernhard for his contribution to the Chronicle in 2014. Luke has kept everyone entertained with his regular reports on sporting events and boarding life. Thank you Luke and we hope to see your contributions again in 2015.

Mrs Sam Godfrey
Deputy Head of Residential Care
Year 7/8 Zoo Excursion

What a wonderful way to spend the day! Tuesday December 2nd the Year 7 Society and Environment class and the Year 8 English class visited the Perth Zoo. For the Year 7 class it was to raise their awareness of threatened species, the role played by Perth Zoo in conservation and to inspire the students to take positive conservation action. Students have been studying species extinction as a world-wide issue and researching our own ‘backyard’ endangered animals that can be saved from extinction with a little help. We were fortunate to actually see several of the animals that we researched including the Dibbler, Western Long Neck Tortoise and Chudich.

The Year 8 English have been studying Short Story writing and styles of poetry. We have based all of our writings connecting with nature. Students participated in the SOS – Save Our Species program to explore how human actions can play an important role in saving species from extinction.

We enjoyed lunch by an aviary that contained a bird that was noisier than all of the students together, even the students were impressed. Students made the most of the limited time at the Zoo, racing around to see as many of the animals up close and personal and have some wonderful visual memories of just how exquisite our animal world is.

Thank you to our bus drivers Sandy Kay and Brent Armstrong. A memorable day out and we encourage you all to spend a relaxing day at the Zoo or support them by Adopting an Animal or becoming a Zoo Member; an awesome Christmas gift.

Mrs Kim Baker
Society & Environment Teacher