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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Nau mai, haere mai, greetings

Teacher Only Day

I remind all parents that school will not be open for instruction this Friday 25th June. This is to allow teaching staff the opportunity to discuss curriculum initiatives for 2011. The day was also deliberately chosen to enable senior students a longer preparation time for the upcoming Ball on Saturday 26th June. The College has put aside two Teacher Only Days this year; one this Friday and the other to be held for the Middle School on Friday 15th October which is Show Weekend. (Senior students will be sitting exams at this stage.)

Gymnasium Update

Construction of the new gymnasium is well under way. The completion date is expected to be Friday 5th November and hopefully we will be able to use the gym for our end of year prizegivings. As part of the construction an emergency access driveway is being completed along the riverbank boundary of the College. The overall size of the gymnasium court area is 770 square metres and with some recent modifications we now anticipate that we will be able to accommodate over 700 people when using it as an auditorium. The work area is well fenced off and I thank students for keeping their distance from the contractors and enabling them to work unimpeded. The only issue to date has been the contractors vehicles coming into the College grounds via the gap between the Church and the College. This has led to deterioration of the grounds and it has also raised safety issues for our students. These should be alleviated with the completion of the emergency driveway to the gym as contractors will use this as their point of entry and

exit from the College site. This may however create a short-term bottleneck of vehicles in Campion Road and I ask parents for their ongoing consideration over the coming months while the bulk of materials for the gym are transported into the College.

Racism

Events in Australia over the past two weeks regarding Rugby League and racist comments provided an ideal opportunity to reinforce the College's position with students. The College reiterates that there is no place for racism and racist comments and there are systems in place to address such issues. I remind all students and parents that if they or their friends are subject to racist comments please use these systems so that issues can be addressed.

Loving Father,

All people are equal in your eyes, yet maintaining harmony between different races, countries and people is hard for us.

Please help us to create harmony among us and to accept people for who they are.

- *Help us to not discriminate against people just because they are different.*
- *Help us to look past the colour of people's skin and to embrace them all as they really are.*
- *Help us to tolerate those who we may not see eye to eye with.*
- *Help us to sort our differences calmly and maturely.*
- *Help us to not start arguments and wars by being kind and caring towards others.*
- *Help us to accept people for who they are.*

Amen.

(Adapted from a prayer written by Emma Norman, Year 10)

Senior Ball

Excitement is mounting as students prepare for the Senior Ball to be held this Saturday 26th of June. I would like to reiterate some of the key rules that help make this a successful event:

- A high standard of dress is required from all students and their partners attending the Ball. This does not necessarily mean huge expense however it does mean that casual clothing is not permitted.
- Students are expected to maintain a good standard of behaviour during the evening. There has been a very high standard over the past years but it only takes one person to change this for others around them.
- Drinking alcohol is not permitted before or during the Ball. Again, I remind all students that if they have been drinking alcohol prior to coming to the Ball or during the evening they risk being removed from the venue. In past years this has caused significant upset for those few students affected, and we do not wish to cause embarrassment to any students this year, however we do require that they follow the school guidelines. Please note that a breathalyser may be

used during the evening.

Congratulations to the Student Ball committee. Your organisation this year has been exemplary. I know it is always difficult to finalise details when there are so many diverse opinions amongst the student body as to the format and venue of the Ball. We pray that it will be a successful and enjoyable evening for all students.

End of Term

Next Friday 2nd July is the last day of Term Two. School will finish at 2.15pm. I ask all parents to please ensure that their students are at school for the entire week. Please note that next week's newsletter will be posted home along with reports for all year levels. These are currently in the process of being completed.

**P.T.F.A. Meeting
Monday 28th June
7pm
In the Staffroom
ALL INVITED!**

National Shakespeare Schools Production

Rachel Love, a Year 13 student, has been selected to be a member of the National Shakespeare Schools Production after her outstanding performance in King Lear at the National Shakespeare Festival in Wellington. Rachel is one of only 24 students out of around 600 eligible awarded this privilege. She will attend the event in the October holidays and will be eligible to be selected as a member of the Young Shakespeare company who will perform at the Globe Theatre in London in 2011. Maggie White, a Year 13 student, is a member of the 2010 company.

Bereavements

There are stages in our lives when we seem to be affected by the loss of loved ones at a higher rate than is normally expected. The College community is going through such a stage at present. Please keep in your prayers the families of Judy Gavin and Maureen Hyland, and the Gedye family. Derek Parker, the father of Judy Gavin and Maureen Hyland and grandfather of Lucy passed away on Sunday 20th June after a short illness. Robyn Gedye, the mother-in-law of Darlene Gedye and grandmother of Jacob also passed away after a lengthy illness on Sunday 20th June.

*Eternal Rest grant to them, O Lord
And may perpetual light shone upon them,
May they rest in peace,
AMEN.*

POLICY ON RACISM

Policy

Campion College regards racism as a serious issue that will not be accepted within the College community because it diminishes human dignity. All employees, students and parents within the College have a right to enjoy an environment that is free from racist comments.

Racism is any behaviour that is considered offensive by another person because of its racist nature. It may include:

- Racist orientated jokes, cartoons or posters
- Offensive comments or questions
- Visual, verbal or physical abuse.

Procedures

1. All grievances should be reported personally to either the Guidance Counsellor or a member of the Senior Management Team OR the person may make a complaint using the form available from the College office.
2. All grievances will be recorded in writing so that there is a clear understanding of the nature of the grievance.
3. The Deputy Principal or Director of Year 7-9 will investigate all written grievances within 2 days of receiving the written notification.
4. Where the grievance is upheld and considered to be racist steps will be taken to ensure that there is no further repetition of such behaviour.
5. If a repeat occurrence does occur with the same offender, then the matter will be referred to the Principal.
6. If the Principal cannot resolve the matter to the satisfaction of the aggrieved person, then that person may refer the matter to the College Complaints Committee.