From the Founder

"Jon I want to have fun and talk and do my work. At least I will look forward to coming to school then."

If you will forgive another rant on Generation Y, I was recently confronted with this concept, which I must say was truly challenging for me. My whole working life has been about communication and seeking fulfillment, however there have been many moments of hardship and conflict along the way. It seems strange to today’s youth but I get satisfaction out of working hard and enduring hardship. At times I have fun along the way and I love those moments in the journey when idle conversation turns into something more significant or even when if remains idle or delves into gossip or humor.

The problem however, with fun and ‘talk’ appears when fun and talk have no purpose other than distraction. The Gen’ Y argument that they increase productivity is bulldust. To test the theory, we recently ran a ‘catch up’ session in which ‘fun’ and ‘talk’ were allowed. Needless to say, no one completed their work, and productivity was way down. On a national scale, the most recent research show that as a Nation Australia loses $5 billion Dollars per year due to time spent by employees on Facebook. We could wipe out our government debt a few times over with that amount!

My worry is this. While on one hand Gen Y are being allowed to believe that ‘talk’ and ‘fun’ can lead to productivity; on the other hand, my kid returned to the dreaded local pool for a party this week. There was plenty of talk about what each kid was going to do. There was plenty of fun eating lollies and sliding down the water slide… but when it came to the diving board. I swelled with pride! This was it! Jamesy was finally going to see how perseverance and hard work pay off in the end. He was going to be able to jump off the high board and show his mates what practice and preparation can do.

But then my worst nightmare emerged. The three instructors sat the kids down on the edge of the pool and one by one they were told to go and jump using the low board only. My kid was at the end of the queue. It took twenty minutes of sitting, before he got to jump. ‘Can I go off the high board?’, he said when it was finally his turn. ‘No’, said the instructor. ‘It is too dangerous.’ And so he dragged himself up onto the low board; gave a pathetic little bounce and pin dropped into the tepid waters of mediocrity. He surfaced and swam to the edge and there it was… twenty five kids sitting on the edge of the empty pool…. Talking and having fun while the pool stood empty in front of them, the high board chained shut, and the low board an ominous indicator of the stifling power of bureaucracy, fear and political correctness gone crazy.

But more was to come. Out of frustration, I got changed to take a dip in the outside pool. I walked out, braced by the winter air. I thought of my friend and mentor Tommy Hale who had recently passed away, running and swimming in open surf on unguarded beaches every day of his life. I turned the comer and stood at the edge of the pool. It too was completely empty except for one other person. A life guard walking diligently around the edges of an empty pool. For a moment I considered swimming to the middle and then drowning just to see what would happen. But instead I dived in and started to swim… ‘These laps are for you Tommy’, I thought as I took the first few strokes. And then I heard a voice I had heard many times before… ‘You bloody wimp,’ it said ‘you call yourself a Tiger’s supporter. There’s a whole bloody ocean out there and you pay to go swimming in a pool! Toughen up boy!’
Carnegie Commonwealth Games

Carnegians are not to be outdone by the Galswegians; so JCS held its own Commonwealth Games. Events were varied and showcased the range of talent we have at the school.

Marty and Liam battled it out in the hotdog eating competition. Marty ate 5 hot dogs in 20 minutes to beat the JCS games record and his own personal best. Josef held his own in the salada challenge and smartie suck, introducing some new tactics, which gave him an edge over the more experienced competitors.

Maddie exhibited her design skills in the newspaper outfit competition and created a costume that wouldn’t look out of place on the cat walks of Paris and Milan. Molly taught us how its done on the cat walk, showing off the final design with finesse.

Storme impressed us with his soccer skills. Including an over acted injury. Ching gave Lady Gaga a run for her money in the toilet paper fashion parade. Dean used his knack for engineering concepts to lead the way in the paper tower building competition and create the winning design.

Amelia battled it out in the female division of the hotdog competition to take the ladies title….she did have the vegetarian hotdog handicap, which caused some controversy. Rachel used her height to great advantage in the long jump, smashing the women’s record and holding her own against the men.

The final medal tally had USA and Pizzazus Islands drawing for the overall win. Followed by Torres Strait Islands and Myanmar. But the true winner of the day was…Liam’s outfit!
Welcome Ching Ching

JCS welcomes Ching. Ching comes to us all the way from Brunei.

Ching arrived just in time for Commonwealth games and wasted no time in getting involved, impressing us all with her Lady Gaga toilet paper costume.

Already she has brought a new energy to the school with her kind heart and cheeky nature.

So far Ching has taught us a little Chinese (mostly through songs), cooked for us and added to the growing culture of impromptu dancing.

Thanks Ching!!!

Meet Joe

We are proud to introduce another new member to the Carnegie crew.

Joe is a thoroughbred that stands 15.5 hands high and weights about 440 Kilograms. He is about 13 years old and has the most beautiful nature. At the moment he is not enjoying the cold weather and has a flannel rug as well as his winter coat. He doesn’t like the wet conditions and hates having to eat his feeds with his feet in the mud so we have had to move his feeding tubs around the paddock a bit to get him out of the mud.

Sophie is trying to improve his jumping technique - he has stumbled once but not too seriously. Joe has to have his hooves trimmed every 8 weeks - and teeth checked every 6 months. He has to be brushed every day and at the moment has a touch of dandruff.

He is the most well behaved horse and takes a bit and bridle very easily. The only cheeky thing he does is when you are putting the saddle on him he breathes out so it makes it hard to do up the girth but we take him for a short walk and he has to let his breathe out and we quickly tighten up the girth. He loves carrots and at the moment is getting one tub of hard feed and two feeds of hay.
Café de Molly

Something to get your taste buds excited...
Smoked Salmon and avocado pizza, pan seared kangaroo with chocolate red wine sauce, toasted quinoa and roast vegetable stack, and to top it off; molten lava cakes with mixed berry compote. No, you haven’t stumbled across the specials at one of Jacques Raymond’s restaurants. You are reading the menu from the debut night of Café de Molly.

The night was a chance for one of our passionate cooks to showcase her cooking talents as well as her event planning skills and ability to work under pressure. From music, to table dressings, lighting, guest list, menu down to the sprig of coriander gently placed on the sautéed mushroom pizzette; Molly planned and designed the evening from top to bottom.

Molly handled herself like a pro…but it wasn’t until the final molten cake went out that she could relax and enjoy the evening and the praise from the happy guests.

The verdict…..The empty plates spoke for themselves.

Thanks to Marty, Liam and Meg who lent a hand on the evening. Meg handled the storm in the kitchen with calm and focus. Liam looked after the front of house. And once again Marty tops the charts in the cuteness factor with ‘Would you like some more sir, wine.’

10 thumbs up.
South East Asia Trip

The South East Asia trip is still to be confirmed. Please contact Hannah with your expression of interest.

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DECV

DECV is now in week 6 for VCE and week 3 of submissions for Yr 7-10. Over the next month we will be running catch up sessions for any VCE students who have fallen behind in their submissions. You will be made aware of the times and dates for catch ups as they are confirmed. Please contact Kate if you have any further questions in regards to DECV or VCE.