College Captains 2005/2006 Parting Address

13 years! 13 years is a long time. Six of those have been spent here at St Joseph’s College. A lot can happen in 13 years. We have learnt, we have grown, we have welcomed and farewelled. Tears have been shed, laughs have been had, and we have done it all together.

Firstly, on behalf of the students of Year 12 2006, we would like to thank all the teachers who have guided us along the way. A special thank you must go to Mr Guy Davoren. Thanks for the memories; we couldn’t have had a better Year Coordinator.

We are so grateful and thankful that we have such a community around us that gave us the best preparation for succeeding in life.

Also, thank you to our parents, who have been there every step of the way. Words cannot express the thanks that go to our parents, so we won’t even try.

Now, to Year 12 2006: We have all made friends over the years, friends we love, trust, and admire. We have all grown together, and stuck by each other for 6 years, and some of us for 13. We must remember the great times we have shared together.

We are now closing one chapter in our lives, for us, the only chapter we have known, and we are beginning another and we thank you for being here with us.

Emily Sheahan and Ben Rigney

A Special Letter to Year 12 2006

Dear Year 12 students,

Welcome to your future! This is where the first of many significant “forks in the road” occurs. Ninety-nine of you have been on this HSC journey together. Many of you have been together in school for up to six years and in some cases thirteen years!

Coping with change is a challenge for all of us! Embrace what this upcoming change in your life will be for you. But don’t forget the past. Look back on your years at school for all the positive experiences. You have made a very positive contribution to St Joseph’s College.

You are a group of young people that cares deeply for one another. This has been evidenced in the concern you expressed when ambulances had to be called recently for two of your year group.

We pray that you embrace a commitment to community. Our twenty-first century Australian society is crying out for people who put others first. Always aim at personal best and pray to God for support and thank your family for their ongoing love and support.

Best wishes and
God Bless,

Mr Peter McLoughlin
Principal
Year 12 Awards 2006

Awards for First Place in Courses
Presented to students who have gained first place in a course in HSC assessment

Dane Baldwin  Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics
Linda Campione  English Extension 2
Emily Bush  Textiles & Design
Alyce Corbutt  Drama
Chloe Cox  Music Course 1
Nyree Curran  Studies of Religion 1, General Mathematics, Biology, Hospitality, Visual Arts
Tara Francis  Legal Studies, Business Studies
Taryn Glover  Community & Family Studies
Rebecca Keogh  Mathematics Extension 2, Mathematics Extension 1
Brent Mudge  Design & Technology
Bridget Muldoon  Standard English, Modern History
Elliot Munro  Senior Science
Katharine O’Halloran  PD/H/PE
Jared O’Sullivan  Industrial Technology
Laura Ricketts  History Extension, Advanced English, Ancient History, English Extension 1, Studies of Religion II
Abbess Salmon  Information, Processes & Technology
Amy Walker  Work Studies

Aggregate Awards
The aggregates have been calculated on the 10 best units including 2 units of English. Marks for the individual 10 best units are based on the scores sent to the Board of Studies for Assessment Marks 2006.

1st Aggregate  Laura Ricketts
2nd Aggregate  Alyce Corbutt
3rd Aggregate  Tara Francis
4th Aggregate  Chloe Cox
5th Aggregate  Dane Baldwin
6th Aggregate  Rebecca Keogh, Kaleb Whittaker (Equal 6th)
8th Aggregate  Nyree Curran
9th Aggregate  Leah Blandford
10th Aggregate  Rachel Antonioli
Special Awards

100% Attendance
Dane Baldwin  Emily Bush  Daniel Foster
Tara Francis  Michael Keating  Rebecca Keogh
Matthew Kirkham  Joshua McLean  Nicholai Poulson
Benjamin Rigney  James Rodgerson  John Rowland
Tina Ryan  Abbess Salmon  Simon Smith
Kaleb Whittaker

Cultural Excellence
To qualify for this award a student must have represented the College and/or presented at a number of significant performing and/or creative events and displayed an excellent level of performance.

James Clanfield  Alyce Corbutt  Chloe Cox
Benjamin Rigney

Sporting Excellence
To qualify for this award a student must have represented the College at Diocesan level or higher and displayed an excellent level of performance.

Mitchell Cork  ~  Rugby League
Michael Keating  ~  Rugby League
James Taylor  ~  Rugby League

Peace Through Justice
To qualify for this award a student, parent, teacher or staff member will have demonstrated outstanding contribution willingly and generously to the establishment of a spirit of social justice within our Christian community.

Emily Bush  Mitchell Cork  Daniel Foster
Michael Keating  Matthew Kirkham  Amber Lisson
Katharine O’Halloran  Benjamin Rigney  James Rodgerson
Susan Sheldrick

St. Joseph’s College Award
To qualify for this award a student must have demonstrated all round excellence and commitment to the ethos of the College.

Emily Bush  Chloe Cox  Katharine O’Halloran
Year 12 2006
Graduation Class

12A
Rachel Antoniolli
Dane Baldwin
Renee Brown
Darcy Browning
Emily Bush
David Cleary
Jasmin Crouche
Bradley Dries
Sara Dunn
Brigid Gordon
Daniel Herridge
Hayley Keevers
Eden Lockhart
Carlie McCulloch
James McMahon
Daniel Petrie
Laura Ricketts
Samuel Somerfield

12B
Adam Bario
Corey Bruce
Linda Campione
Mitchell Cork
Nyree Curran
Scott Dundon
Jessica Farrelly
Daniel Foster
Miriam Gosling
Joshua Green
William Kavanagh
Rebecca Keogh
Anthony Lynden
Kirsty McInnes
Cameron Mills
Danielle Mitchell
Elliot Munro
Christine Roberts
Jake Scott-Gardner
Sarah Spooner
Alexandra Strange
Kaleb Whittaker

12C
Mathew Bell
Kyall Coulter
Angelica De Filippis
Blake Ebsworth
Tara Francis
Brock Hardcastle
Christopher Ismail
Michael Keating
Courtney King
Kurt Markwick
Leon Morrison
Bridget Muldoon
Jared O’Sullivan
Tina Ryan
Matthew Simpson
Mingkah Sun
Jordyn Wilson
Adam Wiseman

12D
Leah Blandford
Alyce Corbutt
Alexandra Dessmann
Samuel Fitzhugh
Cassandra Gardner
Aamai Hart
Katie Heaton
Rhys James
Matthew Kirkham
Amber Lisson
Joshua McCleary
Jonathan Mortimer
Katharine O’Halloran
Nicholai Poulson
Benjamin Rigney
Abbess Salmon
Simon Smith
James Taylor
Mallory Van Riel

12E
Lea Boman
Blake Broadwood
James Clanfield
Chloé Cox
Jake Cuthbertson
Courtney Doolin
Taryn Glover
Lachlan Johansen
Mitchell Lawrence
Joshua McLean
Sarah Menz
Brent Mudge
Gregory Parker
Katherine Purtell
James Rodgerson
John Rowland
Emily Sheahan
Susan Sheldrick
Jason Smyth
Amy Walker
Bethany Wicks
Elizabeth Wright

Homeroom Teachers
~ 12A ~
Ms Margaret Bermingham

~ 12B ~
Mr Frank Malone

~ 12C ~
Mrs Karen Evans

~ 12D ~
Mr Gail Berry

~ 12E ~
Mr Kim Dixon

Year 12 Coordinator
Mr Guy Davoren
The School Newsletter and School Calendar are both available online @ www.sjctweed.com.
The School Calendar contains year group events, assessment schedules and term dates.

The College will be open and if parents have any difficulty arranging supervision for their children, then please contact the College on Friday 13 October between 9:00am and 3:00pm and arrangements will be made to supervise children here at school.

LEAVING ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE
Fourth term is a time when families make decisions about moving to a new area because of employment changes etc. I would ask that all parents of students who will not be returning to St Joseph's College in 2007 to please contact my secretary, Mrs Helen Bissell on (07) 5524.9002 as soon as possible.

All students who leave St Joseph's College are required to complete a Clearance Form.

UNIFORM
I’d ask all students to return to Term 4 with all items of correct summer uniform. This includes:

- Correct conventional black leather lace-up school shoes – and polished.
- Correct jewellery as outlined in the College diary.
- Boys’ haircuts that are short, neat and tidy.
- The top of girls skirts worn above the hips with zipper done up and top button fastened.
- The top of boys shorts worn above the hips with correct black leather belts.

STAFF
Many thanks to Ms Angela Barnes who has been teaching Mr McDermott’s classes since mid-August. Thank you also to Miss Helen Gooley who has been Acting Ministry REC in Mr McDermott’s absence. Mr McDermott will return at the start of Term 4.

Many thanks also to Mrs Hames and Mrs Elliott who taught Mrs Sargent’s and Mrs Rodgerson’s classes whilst they were absent due to ill health this term.

Many thanks to Ms Frances Lamont who has been teaching Mrs McConnell’s classes this term.

PRAYERS
Your prayers are asked for:

☞ The father of Mr Dixon who is in a hospice in the USA.
☞ The wife of Mr Hall who underwent surgery recently.
☞ Our Year 12 students as they prepare for their HSC exams.
☞ The parents and siblings of our Year 12s as they support the Year 12 students.

HEAD LICE
A reminder to all families of the College’s policy of dealing with head lice:

When we encounter an incidence of head lice, parents are contacted to have their child’s hair treated. Health regulations stipulate that students are not to return to school until all eggs and lice have been eliminated.

Mr Peter McLoughlin
Principal
DEPUTY’S NOTICES

TERM 4 MATTERS

- School resumes for students on Tuesday 17 October.
- Year 12 HSC Exams begin 19 October (Week 1) and conclude on Wednesday 15 November (Week 5). The Year 12 Formal is on the evening of Wednesday 15 November.
- Year 11 have commenced their HSC Courses. Reports on the Preliminary Course will be sent home on Wednesday 1 November (Week 3).
- Year 10 have their Yearly Exams Monday 23 to Friday 27 October (Week 2).
- The Beachathon is scheduled for Friday 3 November (Week 2).
- Year 10 sit for the School Certificate on Monday 13, Tuesday 14 and Friday 17 November (Week 5). Year 10 finish school for the 2006 year on Monday 27 November, concluding with a Parlalurgy and Year Group Presentation.
- Monday 11 to Thursday 14 December is the Yearly Exam Week for Years 7 to 9 and HSC assessment for Year 11 (Week 9).
- School concludes for students on Thursday 14 December (Week 9).

COMING EVENTS – TERM 4

WEEK 1
Monday 16 October...........................................(Day 6)
- Staff Development Day
Tuesday 17 October.........................................(Day 7)
- School commences for Years 7-11
Wednesday 18 October....................................(Day 8)
Thursday 19 October.......................................(Day 9)
- Year 12 HSC Exams commence (19/10 – 15/11)
- QTC Actor in Residence program
Friday 20 October............................................(Day 10)

WEEK 2 (CHILDREN’S WEEK 23/10-27/10)
Monday 23 October...........................................(Day 1)
- Year 10 Exams (23/10 – 27/10)
Tuesday 24 October..........................................(Day 2)
Wednesday 25 October.....................................(Day 3)
Thursday 26 October.......................................(Day 4)
Friday 27 October............................................(Day 5)
- World Teachers Day

WEEK 3
Monday 30 October...........................................(Day 6)
- Year 9 Night of Notables
- Year 11 Semester 2 Reports distributed
Tuesday 31 October.........................................(Day 7)
Wednesday 1 November..................................(Day 8)
- Year 12 HSC Exams commence (19/10 – 15/11)
Thursday 2 November...................................(Day 9)
Friday 3 November.........................................(Day 10)
- Beachathon (ALL students Years 7-11)

WEEK 4
Monday 6 November..........................................(Day 1)
- Tweed Valley Schools Golf Day
Tuesday 7 November........................................(Day 2)
Wednesday 8 November..................................(Day 3)
- Year 10 Semester 2 Reports distributed
Thursday 9 November.....................................(Day 4)
Friday 10 November........................................(Day 5)
- “Family Portraits”

Mr Peter Serone
Acting Deputy Principal

YEAR 7 2007
(EVENTS FOR TERM 4, WEEK 6)

INFORMATION EVENING
(FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS)
Monday 20 November
commencing 7:00pm in the Doyle Centre

ORIENTATION DAY
(FOR STUDENTS ONLY)
Tuesday 21 November
9:30am to 2:00pm
The Orientation Day Program includes:
testing, liturgy, BBQ lunch, activities and a tour of the College

Students are to wear their current school uniform.
Students are to bring a pen and pencil and their own recess (or can make a purchase at the College canteen)

ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES:
Have you paid fees on the internet?
If yes, please read on

Date: Term 4 (Week 9)

If you have made a payment, but have not noticed any reduction on your Parish account, please check the payments listed below. If any relate to you, please contact Mr John Klein on (07) 5536.8701 or (07) 5536.7522 as soon as possible:

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Attention: Please contact the relevant Year Coordinator.

We are now searching for families who have paid their school fees via the internet WITH INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO DETERMINE WHO THEY ARE.

For St Joseph’s College Student Council.

FAMILY PORTRAITS

St Joseph’s College is holding a Family Portrait Fundraising Day on Friday 10 November 2006. (Term 4, Week 4)

Come along and receive your 10x13 inch Framed Family Portrait for only $10!

All money raised on the Portrait Day goes to the St Joseph’s College Student Council.

HOMESTAY FAMILIES WANTED

For students attending Kingscliff TAFE College

30 November to 18 December

If you would like the experience to host an overseas student learn our cultural differences and provide a caring environment
(with an allowance of $25.00 a day per student), please contact Jenny on (0432)560.360 for more information

College Procedures: Unsure of College Procedures or Policies? The student diary contains information. If you don’t find the answer, contact the relevant Year Coordinator.

New Dates
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RECONCILIATION
Congratulations to the students from the College who this week received their first Sacrament of Reconciliation.

WORLD YOUTH DAY

The Church has much to say to young people, and they have much to say to the Church. This mutual dialogue must be open-hearted, clear and courageous. It fosters encounter and exchange between the generations and becomes a source of wealth and youth for the Church and society. (Pope John Paul II)

We have recently received promotional material for the World Youth Day to be held in Sydney in 2008.

Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 have been issued with prayer cards, and posters have been placed around the school. The event is expected to draw a huge number of people.

Miss Helen Gooley
Acting RE Coordinator – Ministry

The logo of the 21st World Youth Day in Sydney distils the essence of the theme for WYD08:

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses.”
(Acts 1:8)

1. It highlights the promise made by Jesus to set fire upon the Earth by the power of the Holy Spirit which inspires the Pilgrims who come to Australia, to believe and witness to Him.

2. Central to the logo is the Cross raised in victory, representing Christ and the life of witness which the Holy Spirit enables. It is the passion of the heart of Christ, poured out into the world from the Cross, which consumes the young people of Sydney, of Australia and of the world. The whiteness of the Cross indicates that Jesus is the light of the world.

3. The flames of the logo represent the Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost in tongues of fire. They evoke the Sacrament of Confirmation and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The colours of red, orange and yellow flowing throughout symbolise the Trinity and Unity of God. They also bring to mind the colours of the Australian outback.

4. The blue of the logo represents the oceans that surround Australia, the waters of Baptism, the sea of humanity and Mary, full of grace.

5. The Opera House is the symbol of Sydney, the host city for World Youth Day 2008.

HELP WANTED

St. Joseph’s Community Centre is opening a Meal Centre at 27 Minjungbal Drive, South Tweed Heads.

This service will provide meals and food parcels for disadvantaged persons in the Tweed area. We are looking for interested parishioners to volunteer their time to enable this service to commence. Volunteers are required for the preparation and serving of food, and will form part of a roster system.

Interested? Please contact John Storey on 55247566.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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Fr Michael Brady           Fr Jim Griffin
Parish Priest              Parish Priest

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
MAITLAND/NEWCASTLE DIOCESE
‘VINNIES LODGE’

Vinnies Lodge is self-catering accommodation for full-time students, up to aged 25 years, attending Newcastle University or TAFE. It is managed by the St Vincent de Paul Society and is located at Tighes Hill.

Applications are currently being accepted for the 2007 academic year.

For more details please contact the Diocesan Office, telephone (02) 4967.6277.
Good Luck and Best Wishes to Year 12 for your HSC and beyond!

Congratulations to all award recipients and to everyone else who contributed in so many different ways. It’s been great working with you this year.

**REMEMBER:**
- Tickets for the Formal will be available from early in Term 4. Prices will be advised at time of ticket purchase. Please pay in tables of 10. **Ticket sales close on Monday 6 November.**
- The HSC begins on Thursday 19 October. All exams will be held at the Salvation Army Centre. Please refer to your HSC Exam Timetable. **Exams conclude on Wednesday 15 November.**
- Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 October (Week 1, Term 4) is known as ‘STUVAC’. This is a time for students to prepare for the HSC. The Library and your Year 12 teachers are at your disposal. Feel free to come in at any time during school hours.

Mr Guy Davoren  
*Year 12 Coordinator*

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**CURRICULUM NEWS**

**YEAR 10 EXAMINATIONS**

Year 10 Yearly Examinations are Week 2 Term 4. Students were issued with an examination timetable in the last week of Term 3. Year 10 students attend normal lessons whenever they have no scheduled examination.

**YEAR 11: HSC PATTERNS OF STUDY**

I have interviewed Year 11 regarding their HSC Patterns of Study. Students who are making changes will need to complete, early in Term 4, a Change of Subject Form available from Mrs Borrowdale. (Changes cannot be made until this form is returned.)

**EQUIPMENT**

Students must bring the correct equipment to all classes and examinations. If you need new equipment or have lost some items, please see Ms Dawson in the Uniform Shop for purchases.

Mrs Helen Borrowdale  
*Curriculum Coordinator*

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**UNIFORM SHOP HOURS**

**Monday to Friday**  
(8:30am – 12:00noon AND 1:00 – 3:30pm)

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**MUSIC NEWS**

Today we have more news about Rosarna Geerz’s performances:

**Gold Coast Eisteddfod:**
Rosarna was awarded 2nd place in the ‘Character Solo’.

**Lismore Eisteddfod:**
Rosarna was awarded:
- 3rd Place in the ‘Character Solo’.
- 3rd Place in the ‘Folk Solo’.
- Highly Commended for Vocal, Australian Composer, Musical/Film, Sacred Music

Mr Shane Rowland  
*Music Coordinator*
SPORTS NEWS

TELENE
Congratulations to the following students who were all grand finalists in the Tennis Competition on Saturday 16 September at Arkinstall Park:

- Year 7: Samantha Bario (7D), Tamika Ebsworth (7E) and Laura Bailey (7F)
- Year 8: April Clayton (8D)
- Year 9: Nadim Sunderland (9D)
- Year 12: Adam Bario (12B) and Simon Smith (12D)

SOCR
SJC Girls help Banora secure Grand Final Cup!!

Banora Point Soccer Club is celebrating an outstanding win by the Open Women’s Soccer team at Carrara Stadium on Friday 15 September 2006.

The following players Katharine O’Halloran 12D, Susan Sheldrick 12E, Annie Mc Cleary 8A and Katie Mc Cleary 8E were instrumental in driving their team forward to secure a surprising win over Broadbeach, the Minor Premiers 2006. The final score was 3-0.

Katharine and Katie forged a strong defence. Katie, extremely talented in her role as “sweeper” ensured the backline remained impenetrable. Katharine, also on the backline, was relentless in her efforts to protect the ball and used her athleticism to great advantage, defending with strength. Susan put every muscle into the game, keeping the midfield strong. Her eye was definitely on the ball until she retired injured towards the end of the game. Annie made a strong impact up forward and showed great courage and finesse in her ability to challenge and win the ball at all costs.

Ann and Katie are to be congratulated on their outstanding commitment to Banora Point Soccer Club. They not only played with the senior girls but they somehow managed to play for the U/14s Girls team (Minor Premiers 2006) and another team the U/13s Mixed. Commitment to training played a huge part in the girls’ triumphant Grand Final win.

Special thanks to Neville Robinson (Parent of Dean) who coached the girls. As they say, “Winners are grinners”. Well done GIRLS!!

Maree O’Halloran (Parent)

NIGHT OF NOTABLES
Wednesday 1 November 2006
(Term 4, Week 3)
6:00-8:00pm
In the Doyle Centre of St Joseph’s College
Year 9 will be presenting their “Night of Notables” from 6:00pm culminating with a Parade of Students at 7:30pm
Parents and carers of Year 9 students are invited to attend the Doyle Centre and see their child take part in the 2006 Program

AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADETS
‘Serious Fun, Safely Done’
The Australian Navy Cadets (ANC) is a voluntary youth organisation open to males and females between the ages of 12½ to 19 years of age.

The RAN is fully committed to youth development in Australia and supports adventurous young Australians through the Australian Navy Cadets. Youth development programs aim to help young people deal successfully with the challenges of adolescence and prepare them for the independence and responsibilities of being adults, parents, workers and citizens, by developing key personal competencies.

Cadets Parade TS Vampire, Saturdays, 9:00am to 3:30pm
Dry Dock Road, South Tweed Heads
Contact Lieutenant Gary Fisher on (07) 5598.8546 or Mobile (0412) 771.088 or check us out on www.cadetnet.gov.au/anc

SPORTS NEWS
Don’t forget, if you have any sports news or sporting achievements you’d like to share with the St Joseph’s College community, please send the information in and we’d be happy to put it in the College Newsletter.

Mr Peter McLaughlin Sports Coordinator

Sport: Sport is an important part of the school and students are expected to attend sport each week.
Messages to Students: Office staff cannot disrupt teaching in order to deliver messages that are not of an urgent nature. Year Coordinators will endeavour to deliver non-urgent messages at lunchtime, or prior to the end of the school day.

**ENGLISH NEWS**

Included in today’s Newsletter is Chapter Five of the story of “Kip”. Our mystery writer left us with . . .

“I had just returned from the bathroom, where I had been putting my pyjamas on and brushing my teeth, and was walking through the back door to the verandah, where Bardo was getting changed. In the dim light of the porch light, I saw his usually smooth, dark skin, now torn with scratches and shadowed with bruises. I gasped, and he spun around, his dark eyes wide open.

I pointed to the bruises all over his body. “Wha-”

He silenced me and hurriedly said “Please, Kip, don’t tell them. They bin’ followin’ me.”

Ms Margaret Bermingham
English Teacher

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**KIP**

Chapter Five

I stuttered and stammered, trying to articulate the dozens of questions floating through my mind, yet couldn’t utter a single syllable. Bardo quickly put his pyjama shirt on before saying:

“I wasn’t gonna’ tell ya. But please, don’t tell the grown-ups.” His dark eyes were wide open and rimmed with tears.

“Bardo, what are they from? Who’s been following you?” I asked, sitting down on the hammock.

“The big ones. It don’t matter, Kip. It don’t hurt that much,” he said, sitting beside me.

“What big.” I stopped myself when I realised who “The Big Ones” were.

For as long as I could remember, there had been a family in the southern parts of the town, always causing trouble and making themselves known. Sadly, it was usually for the wrong reasons. When I was born, the Lyell household had held nine people. It now held five. The eldest brother was in prison for armed robbery; the only daughter, who had some sense, had moved interstate, away from the family as soon as she could; the third eldest brother married after he left prison and was now bringing more delinquents into the world; and the second youngest brother was in juvenile for assault on a police officer. Evidently, the family was highly prosperous.

But the reason I had recognised the Lyell’s as “The Big Ones” was because they were all, for some unknown reason, “Big Boned” as Mum would have said. Unfortunately, they used their broad shoulders and tree-trunk legs for less productive activities. The destruction of local buildings, parks, and general property was a favoured pastime. Yet, no-one could ever prove it was them that did it.

Turning to Bardo, I asked incredulously: “When have they been doing this to you?”

He fell quiet for a moment then spoke in almost a whisper, so that I had to put my head closer to his to hear the words escaping his lips.

“It was only the second. Yesterday Mrs Jensen’s kitty ran away, so I chased it down the street.” I gathered at this point that Bardo had found something much larger than the old woman’s cat around the corner.

“They pushed me into the little pond. It didn’t hurt, it was just cold,” he murmured. I had a slight suspicion that he had never been beaten before he moved to Aldea.

“They didn’ kick me as much this time,” he said, in the same tone someone would have said they were given a freshly baked banana cake.

“Bardo, you have to tell someone. You can’t let them keep doing this to you. It’s wrong,” I said, standing up in front of him. The thought of running into the living room, dragging Bardo behind me and showing my parents the bruises pressed itself into my mind quite vividly. But I relented, thinking Bardo would never have spoken to me again.

“I know, Kip, but they won’ do it again. If they do, I’ll tell ya, promise.” He said, flashing his white teeth with a smile.

Meg returned from the bathroom, unaware of the situation Bardo was in, or the marks left on his body reminding him that somebody thought he was different. Although I was young, I knew that the Lyell’s had beaten Bardo because he was Aboriginal. By then, my mind, against its own will, had grasped the horrible existence of racism, and now recognised it in its full-blown ugly force.

As I lay in the hammock that night, trying as hard as I could to get to sleep, my conscience was screaming at me, telling me I was a coward for not telling someone. But the worst thing was, I couldn’t get the image of Bardo lying in the pond surrounded by frogs, surrounded by beasts who were releasing their issues into his frail body with their feet, out of my mind.

**TO BE CONTINUED**

Look out for chapter six of ‘Kip’ in the next newsletter, going out to families on Monday 23 October (but can you stand the suspense over the holidays????)
GUEST SPEAKERS GALORE!

Year 12 Senior Science, Biology and Chemistry all had guest speakers recently. On Tuesday 12 September, Brian Sheahan from the SES spoke to the Senior Science class about the role of the SES in disasters. On Wednesday 13 September, the Rural Fire Service, through Zofie and Vicki, spoke about the wide range of activities that the RFS is responsible for. On Friday 15 September, the NSW Fire Brigade, complete with fire-truck, came along to deliver their talk. Thanks go to Wayne De Venny for organising the Fire Brigade and to Wendy Kenny for the SES visit.

Former student, Hannah Cox, who is now completing her doctorate in population genetics at Griffith University, spoke to Year 12 Biology and Chemistry students about her work. Hannah is researching human genes to find out if a faulty gene could be responsible for migraine headaches. Below are Courtney King’s thoughts on Hannah’s lecture and Darcy Browning’s on the Fire Brigade.

It was pretty eye-opening that a student – just like myself – and my friends sitting around me – could accomplish so much.

Hannah Cox was inspiring. Her work and studies doing so much for her community . . . and the world!

She brings a sense of pride to the St Joseph’s College community because this is where she came from: we were her starting point.

Maybe some of us could end up doing life-saving work as well??

Courtney King (12C)

Last Friday, our Year 12 Senior Science class were visited by the NSW Fire Brigade (NSWF). At first the fire brigade officers gave us a brief overview of the fire truck and the equipment they use daily.

We then moved into the classroom to learn about the roles and obligations of being a fire fighter as well as different devices used to detect fires.

It was amazing to learn about the multitude of services provided by the Fire Brigade, from fighting fires on the 60th floor of a high rise, to fixing broken toilets.

All students who attended took a great deal of knowledge away from this experience which will most definitely help us as we approach our HSC.

Darcy Browning (12A)
YOUNG DRIVERS AGED 17 – 25 YEARS
WHY ARE THEY ‘AT RISK’?

People under 26 comprise only 15% of licensed drivers but are involved in 36% of road fatalities.

A 17-year-old driver with a P1 Licence is about four times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash than a driver aged 26 or older.

Young drivers have a greater risk of involvement in a fatal crash if they have two or more passengers. Young drivers with a P1 Licence are six times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash between 10:00pm and 5:00am than other drivers.

One of the main reasons new drivers are over-represented in crashes is that they lack experience in dealing with a variety of driving situations including driving at night or in wet weather.

They can gain the experience that will help them to become safer drivers by increasing the amount of on-road practice during their learning to drive phase. These traffic awareness skills are best learned with a supervising driver in the passenger seat.

Very few crashes occur due to a lack of vehicle handling skills. The ability to handle a vehicle is only a small part of safe driving. Research has consistently shown that off-road skill based courses, especially those focusing on advanced driving skills such as skid control and emergency braking techniques, provide no measurable road safety benefit.

The evidence available indicates the opposite, that is, more skilled drivers have more crashes. This type of training often leads to an increase in confidence and sometimes an increase in crash risk for novices, in particular young males.

DRUGS, DRIVING AND ROADSIDE DRUG TESTING

Cannabis or marijuana and other drugs as well as alcohol can impair many of those skills that are needed to be a good driver such as alertness, the ability to concentrate and coordination. With cannabis, reaction time is slower so the ability to respond effectively when something unexpected happens is also affected. These effects can last up to 24 hours after smoking marijuana. If drug use is combined with inexperience on the road and risk-taking behaviour, it is a recipe for disaster.

Many young people think that they cannot be caught using marijuana or any other illicit drug whilst driving because there is currently no roadside test available. Laws to allow roadside drug testing for cannabis, amphetamines and ecstasy will be introduced in the near future. A 12-month trial of the saliva test is likely to commence in NSW in 2006. Trials are underway in Victoria and Western Australia.

Currently, if Police suspect a driver is under the influence of drugs in NSW, they can be taken to hospital for a blood test.

→ Keep up to date with the latest information on cannabis and other drugs, so you can have a credible conversation with your son or daughter.

→ Remind your child to never get into a car with anyone (another young person or even a parent) who has been using drugs or drinking.

→ Discuss the physical effects that using marijuana can have, like making it difficult to judge distances and react to signals and sounds on the road.

→ Don’t be afraid to ask where your kids are going, whom they’ll be with and how they will get home.

→ Use TV reports, anti-drug commercials, school discussions about drugs, or a website to help you introduce the subject in a natural, unforced way.

→ Familiarise yourself with how drug education is being taught in your child’s school.

The upcoming RRISK Seminars for Year 11 students will discuss this and other important issues to do with alcohol and drugs, driving and celebrating.

WEBSITE:
For up to date information on alcohol and illicit drugs go to: www.ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au and follow the links to Drug Information: Fact Sheets.

Mr Peter Serone
PD/H/PE Coordinator

YOUTHSAFE
‘Helping Teenagers Become Safer Drivers’
Parent Tip No. 3

Talk to your teenager about how they can manage passenger distraction and pressure to take risks.

Parents/Caregivers please note that
Term 4 commences on Tuesday 17 October
YEAR GROUPS 7-11 RECOMMENCE SCHOOL ON THAT DAY
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Senior Uniform (Year 11 2007) order forms were sent home mid-term and were supposed to have been returned by the end of Term 3 to be guaranteed of delivery for 2007. Any students who have not yet handed in their order form, you have until the end of Week 1 Term 4 (Friday 20 October).

For students needing Junior Uniforms, would you please place your order by the end of Week 2, Term 4 (Friday 27 October) to guarantee uniform availability for January 2007.

Please note that all orders handed in after the due date/s cannot be guaranteed of delivery for 2007.

A Special 'Thank You’ to Mrs Sonia Haaijer who came in for the seven afternoons of uniform fittings for the new Year 7 2007 students.

With 150-plus students to see, Sonia’s help was invaluable!

Ms Debra Dawson
Uniform Shop Manager

CANTEEN NEWS & ROSTER

CANTEEN THANK YOU
Thank you to all the wonderful Canteen helpers who have given freely of their time to help me this term. The Canteen really could not function without you!! It was a long term but the time passed by so quickly, so thanks for all the help we got.

Now to all the wonderful helpers: please mark down Wednesday 25 October in your diaries – it’s time for our thankyou and pre-Christmas get-together.

In the meantime, hope to see you all next Term and have a safe and happy holiday break to one and all!!

CANTEEN ROSTER

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Mrs Dianne Pinkstone
Canteen Manager

Student of the Week
Our 'Student of the Week' last week was Lina Hayek-Sunderland (7A).
As this Newsletter is issued on the last day of school, we have no photo, but don’t despair, ‘Student of the Week’ will reappear next Term.
We hope that everyone has a safe and happy holiday break and we’ll see you all in Term 4.

THE TEDDY BEARS PICNIC
The Children’s Hospital at Westmead
Sunday 22 October 2006
10:30am – 4:00pm at Rosehill Gardens
Enjoy concerts, celebrities, sports clinics, art and craft, great rides, show bags, prizes and much more!
All this fun is included in the one ticket price $15 per person or $50 for a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children)
Pre-purchased tickets are $13* / $45* at www.ticketmaster.com.au
Visit www.teddybearspicnic or Email michael10@chw.edu.au or phone (92) 9845:3469 for more information
*Transaction fee may apply

Gardiner Chess
October Holidays Gold Coast Chess Camp
Mon to Wed, 2 – 4 Oct & Friday 6 Oct
9:00am to 5:00pm daily
Enjoy coaching, tournaments, fun chess & other activities!
See Entry Form in last newsletter or go to www.gardinerchess.com

St Joseph’s College
WRITING COMPETITION 2006
“SPRING”
Look out in Term 4 for the Writing competition results

Student Exchange Australia
BRING HOME A BROTHER . . . OR A SISTER
In February 2007, students, aged 15 – 18 years, from over 15 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 5 or 11 months. Opportunities exist to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.
Host families help provide students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.
To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia on 1300 135 331 or visit our website www.studentexchange.org.au

Extended Periods of Leave: If you are planning a holiday during the term dates, a letter requesting leave should be forwarded to the Principal in advance.
WHAT IS SELF-ESTEEM?

Self-esteem refers to being able to appreciate your own worth and importance and to be accountable for yourself and to act responsibly towards others.

There are two types of self-esteem:
1. How good you feel about yourself. This is important because it protects you against depression.
2. How able you feel you are to undertake different activities such as Maths or English or climbing Mt Everest.

Believing in your ability to succeed at school is important because the marks people get have a lot to do with the marks they expect to get. This is why it is important to help young people recognise their strengths at school early on.

High self-esteem students attribute their successes to their own efforts. Low self-esteem students pass their achievements off as luck or chance.

SELF-ESTEEM BUILDERS

- Think about how well you receive and make compliments yourself. Accept the praise you receive.
- Teach the art of self-praise - ask questions like 'How do you do that?'
- Don't pay too much attention to despair talk - even by just trying to correct it.
- Every parent of a young person who says 'I'm no good at ...' wants to say, 'Yes you are' or 'You have other skills' but sometimes this just doesn't work. Instead you could try, 'I bet you could if you really wanted to but maybe you won't decide to.'
- Convey caring and optimism and a belief that the young person will choose the right things to be good at.
- Self-esteem is contagious - if one person has it, the people around them are more likely to feel better about themselves. One way to help your children to have high self-esteem is to build your own self-esteem.
- Success in one area has a ripple effect into other areas.

Put Yourself Down! It's a Lifelong Career

- Putting yourself down can be a lifelong habit with a moving depression may bring cyclic activity.

Seasonal variability is likely to be unseasonal. A high pressure system with a moving depression may bring cyclic activity.

No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.
Eleanor Roosevelt

My inferiority complex is bigger than your inferiority complex.
Anon.

Putting yourself down can be a lifelong habit that can be done by virtually everyone. It is best to develop this habit in the following stages.

- Accept all criticisms that come your way.
- Ignore any compliments.
- If possible, insult the complimenter by telling them that they are wrong. If they say 'That's a nice jumper', you can say, 'What, that old thing? It's a rag.'
- Begin a program of insulting yourself. I'm not as good as ... A martyr kit can soon be yours!
- To start with, you could try 'It's nothing' or 'I wasn't that good.' Anyone could do it is always a good stand-by if you're not sure how to insult yourself. Another good one is, 'No, I'm fatter than I look.'

With luck, you can have years of fun insulting yourself and anyone who tries to praise you.
And even better, you can teach your kids to do so, too. It's a game the whole family can play.

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Join a forum to discuss these issues on www.ednrewfuller.com.au
Year 12 Formal Invitation

When: Wednesday 15 November 2006
Where: Twin Towns Services Club
Time: 7:30pm DST (6:30pm QLD time)
Dress: Formal
Cost: Prices not available at time of printing

Tickets must be purchased before Monday 6 November 2006 (Term 4, Week 4), as numbers will need to be finalised. Tickets may be purchased from the College Office (bookings will be in tables of 10).
Due to this establishment being licensed, students will need to bring their proof of age on the night.
Any enquiries regarding the Formal must be addressed to Mr Davoren.

Front Row: Kyall Coulter, Amy Walker, Jasmine Crouche, Laura Ricketts, Lea Boman, Danielle Mitchell, Mr K Dixon, Mrs K Evans, Mr G Davoren, Emily Sheahan, Mr Peter McLoughlin, Benjamin Rigney, Mr F Malone, Ms M Beringham, Ms G Berry, Katharine O'Halloran, Bethany Wicks, Miriam Gosling, Sarah Spooner, Tina Ryan, Eden Lockhart
Second Row: Linda Campione, Elizabeth Wright, Brent Mudge, Tara Francis, Taryn Glover, Courtney Doolin, Sara Dunn, Kirsty McInnes, Rachel Antonioli, James Clanfield, Chloe Cox, Angelica De Filippis, Alyce Corbitt, Sarah Menz, Hayley Keevers, Courtney King, Samuel Fitzhugh, Christine Roberts, Alexandra Desmann, Rebecca Keogh
Third Row: Mingkah Sun, Jessica Farrelly, Brigid Gordon, Adam Wiseman, Abbess Salmon, Matthew Kirkham, Adam Bario, Katherine Purcell, Corey Bruce, Amber Lisson, Mallory Van Riel, Susan Sheldrick, Dane Baldwin, Cassandra Gardner, Brock Hardcastle, Samuel Somerfield, Bridget Muldoon, Daniel Foster, Carlie McCulloch, Leah Blandford, Alexandra Strange, Emily Bush
Back Row: Christopher Ismail, Jordyn Wilson, Jake Cuthbertson, Scott Dandon, Anthony Lynden, Blake Ebsworth, Gregory Parker, Nicholas Poulson, John Rowland, Joshua McCleary, David Cleary, James Rodgersen, Kaleb Whittaker, Daniel Herridge, Joshua McLean, Cameron Mills, Kurt Markwick, Jake Scott-Gardner, Daniel Petrie, Elliot Munro, Jason Smyth, Mathew Bell
Absent: Jarrad Boyd, Nyree Curran, Candice Hill, Rhys James, William Kavanagh, Jonathan Mortimer