FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Supporters of St Joseph’s College,

YEAR 7 2007

Over the past two weeks, staff have been interviewing prospective students for Year 7 2007. We had 178 applications for 125 places! I have now extended this to 150 for Year 7 2007 (6 classes of 25 students). I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the following members of staff who conducted interviews on behalf of the College:

Mrs Borrowdale  Mr Cox  Mrs Singleton
Ms Berry     Ms Bermingham  Mr Trimboi
Mr Harris     Mr Hall  Mr Rowland
Mrs Evans     Mrs Peterson  Ms Parker
Mr Lyon       Mrs Lyon  Mr Davoren
Mr Joseph     Mrs Byrnes  Mrs Gelkov
Mr Thorsby    Mrs Heazlewood-Ross  Mrs Elliott
Ms Gooley     Ms Stegeman  Mr Serone
Ms Priddis    Mr Channell
Mr McDermott  Mrs Crouch

Special thanks to Mrs Bissell who coordinated the interview process.

YEAR 11

Congratulations to our Year 11 students who completed their Leadership Camp last week. Now the process for selecting leaders for 2006-2007 begins.

Sincere thanks to Mr McDermott, Ms Priddis, Ms Gallagher, Mr Chambers, Mr Besgrove, Mr Williams, Mrs Heazlewood-Ross and Mr Wheatley who accompanied the students and led them in the activities.

ASSUMPTION

Please note that tomorrow, Tuesday 15 August, is the Memorial of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Catholics believe that Mary was taken up into heaven, body and soul.

The Assumption, Christmas Day, and every Sunday, are holy days of obligation where Catholics are required to attend Mass. Please note that St Joseph’s Parish Mass times are Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 7:00am and 9:00am. We will hold our Assumption Mass at 11:30am tomorrow. Parents are most welcome.

COLLEGE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
AND DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

As students and their families are aware, the College’s Annual Athletics Carnival has been postponed until this Friday, 18 August. I would remind all students that this is a compulsory College event.

A reminder also that the Diocesan Athletics Carnival will be held next week, Thursday 24 August (PLEASE NOTE THE CORRECTION TO THIS DATE). Students who place 1st or 2nd in any event at the College’s Athletics Carnival qualify for the Diocesan Carnival and will receive a note explaining details on the day of our carnival. This note will need to be returned next Monday, 21 August.

The cost of the Diocesan Carnival will be $25.00, which should accompany the returned note if possible, but definitely paid by 1 September.

END OF TERM 3, 2006

I would remind all parents that Term 3 concludes on Friday, 29 September 2006. Any parents wishing to commence their child’s vacation before this date are asked to contact me, in writing, as early as possible. Approval is given on a case by case basis.

Best wishes and God bless,

Mr Peter McLoughlin
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

COMING EVENTS

WEEK 5

Monday 14 August
• Final day of Year 12 Trial Exams
• Year 11 Studies of Religion Lectures
Tuesday 15 August
• Feast of the Assumption
• Years 9 and 10 Australian Financial Literacy (P6 & 7)
• Michael Grose presentation (6:30 for 7:00pm, St James MPC)
• Border Schools Debating (Evening, Murwillumbah)
Wednesday 16 August
• Year 10 St Martha’s visit
Thursday 17 August
• Diocesan Netball Carnival
Friday 18 August
• Athletics Carnival – ALL students

WEEK 6

Monday 21 August
• Year 7 “Sticks and Stones” Reflection Day
Tuesday 22 August
• Border Schools Debating (Evening, Murwillumbah)
Wednesday 23 August
• Year 10 St Martha’s visit
Thursday 24 August
• Diocesan Athletics Carnival

WEEK 7

Monday 28 August
• Year 12 Drama HSC marking
Tuesday 29 August
• Legacy Memorial Service
• Year 12 Physics Excursion to Tweed Hospital
• Border Schools Debating (Evening, Murwillumbah)
Wednesday 30 August
• Year 12 Semester 2 Reports posted
• Year 10 St Martha’s visit
Friday 1 September
• SOR Seminar Day

Mr Peter Lyon
Deputy Principal

Student of the Week

Last week’s ‘Student of the Week’ was Patrick Lynch (8D)
Watch out for next week’s Newsletter – it just might be you!
The aim of this week is to raise awareness of the value and Australian Science Teachers Association. A Poster Competition and Sunday 20 August. The theme for this year is "Our Dry Continent". Quizzes will be conducted in classes next week. See your Science completing activities from a resource book provided by the

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Attention ALL families: Have you paid fees on the internet?
The Parish has received the following fee payments, but there is not enough information to put them to the correct account.

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 5536.7542 as soon as possible:

CURRICULUM NEWS

THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS
Many thanks to Col Hayes and Joy Goodman who volunteered their time to assist teachers supervise the Year 12 Trials at the Salvation Army Centre.

Mr Tony Channell
HSIE Coordinator

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK 2006

National Science Week 2006 runs from Saturday 12 August to Sunday 20 August. The theme for this year is "Our Dry Continent". The aim of this week is to raise awareness of the value and relevance of science, technology, engineering and innovation in our daily lives to all Australians. Programmes are run in major capital centres, the details can be found at www.scienceweek.info.au.

Students at St Joseph’s College will celebrate Science Week by completing activities from a resource book provided by the Australian Science Teachers Association. A Poster Competition and Quizzes will be conducted in classes next week. See your Science Teacher for details.

Mr Geoff Cox
Science Coordinator

PASTORAL NEWS

As parents and carers would be aware, tomorrow night, Tuesday 15 August, the Catholic Schools Parent Assembly (CSPA) have organised a Michael Grose presentation in the St James Multipurpose Centre, entitled "Parenting for Very Busy People". Parents and carers are to gather at 6:30pm for the presentation to commence at 7:00pm. Please note that the presentation will finish at 9:00pm.

Following on from information provided over the last few weeks, Michael has issued a personal invitation to attend tomorrow night’s presentation.

Ms Frances Stegeman, Pastoral Advisor

Hi everyone,
I am looking forward to visiting you soon to talk about the complex, confusing but vital job of raising kids.

One of my goals is to send you away from the presentation feeling uplifted, feeling that you are not alone and feeling that it is okay to speak about some of the irritating issues that parents commonly meet.

I also intend to enjoy myself and make sure you do too, so laughter is high on my priority list during my presentation.

So for a night of laughter, ideas and some old-fashioned reassurance, make the time to come along to my presentation.

Catch you, Michael Grose

CAREERS NEWS

For more information, see me in the Careers Room.

Mr Matt Hall, Careers Coordinator

CANTEEN NEWS AND ROSTER

"MEAL OF THE WEEK"
This week we have a Chicken Caesar Wrap (chicken, bacon, egg, lettuce, cheese and dressing on a wrap) for $4.00. Please remember to place your order early, as stocks are limited.

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KIP

What do you think is happening with KIP? Are you ready for Chapter Two? Next week’s Newsletter will contain the next exciting instalment. Watch this space . . .

The School Newsletter and School Calendar are both available online @ www.sctweed.com.
The School Calendar contains year group events, assessment schedules and term dates.