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

In her book ‘Staying Sane in a Changing World’, Margot Cairnes suggests relationships are everything and that:

"Many people are frightened of their emotions and have shut them down. Yet unless we come to terms with our emotions, we simply do not think straight, let alone strategically."

Too many of us today put ourselves before others. This tends to result in isolation. We become so self-absorbed and focused on ourselves that we lose out in the end. Our Catholic Christian faith holds commitment to community as a Gospel value.

Putting others first. It sounds pretty easy. But it’s full of challenges. We need a generous heart. Jesus challenged the wealthy man to sell everything, give the money to the poor and then follow him. The man went away sad. He couldn’t do it.

Following the challenge to be generous involves sacrifices sure, but it’s not impossible. What does ‘being generous’ involve?

Some thoughts from Michael Powell from his book, ‘A Thousand Paths to Generosity’:

- **Generosity blunts the sting of unkindness in others.**
- **Generosity is a spontaneous expression of enthusiasm.**
- **Generosity is always asking the question, “How can I make you happy?”**
- **We all have a natural instinct to give; we all have a natural instinct not to give; and we all have the freedom to choose.**
- **Do something for somebody every day for which you do not get paid.**
- **In a world filled with doubt, hatred and apathy, giving is an expression of faith, tolerance and participation.**
- **A simple act of generosity is capable of wiping out the lean years and makes the spirit shine again.**

As we approach the season of Christmas (the stores are full of Christmas decorations already!), it’s important that we really start to focus on having a generous heart – in everything that we do. Our country is struggling at the moment. The draught has caused widespread heartache which impacts on all of us. People need our support to survive. What will you do?

Let’s all practice acting with a generous heart in the coming weeks.

Best wishes and

God Bless,

Mr Peter McLoughlin
Principal
Welcome Back

Welcome back to school! This is the final term of 2006, and this is our first Newsletter for Term 4.

The College Newsletter circulated on 18 September 2006 included a return section to families seeking your response on how you would like to receive future Newsletters/News Sheets. The choices for our families are:
(a) we are happy to go online (at www.sjctweed.com)
OR
(b) we would like a paper copy forwarded via the (nominated) student

The choice is yours . . . but we need your response as soon as possible. If you haven’t already done so, you can download the 18/9 Newsletter from our website for the response section, or you can write down your choice and send it back to the College.

Many thanks to those families who have already attended to this request.

We hope you enjoy today’s issue!

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STAFF CHANGES
Welcome back to St Joseph’s College to:
- Mrs Sharyn McConnell who was away for Term 3 as a result of back surgery.
- Mrs Gail Elliott who has resumed her position after 12 months leave.
- Mr Scott McDermott who has returned after six weeks long service leave.

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE
Our Year 12 students commence their Higher School Certificate exams today. (Students should note that ALL their HSC exams will take place at the Salvation Army Centre.)

The last day for the exams for our students is Wednesday 15 November (Week 5, Term 4).

I’d ask all members of the St Joseph’s College Community to pray for our Year 12 students as they sit for their final exams.

YEAR 10 END OF YEAR EXAMS AND SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION
Our Year 10 students started their internal end of year exams today. These exams finish this Friday, 27 October.

Year 10 will then sit for their external School Certificate tests as follows:

- **Monday 13 November:**
  - English (9:20am-11:30am) and
  - Science (12:50pm-3:00pm)

- **Tuesday 14 November:**
  - Mathematics (9:25am-11:30am) and
  - Australian History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship (12:50pm-3:00pm)

- **Friday 17 November:**
  - Computing Skills test (11:00am-12:15pm)

Please pray for our Year 10 students.

NSW ALL SCHOOLS TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS
Congratulations to **Simon Campbell (10D)** who won a Silver Medal in the 16 Years Boys 200m Hurdles and a Bronze Medal at the NSW All Schools Track and Field Championships that were conducted in Sydney during the holidays. Congratulations to **Matthew Lesslie (8D)** who also competed at the Championships.

END OF TERM 4
I will write to you shortly concerning the finishing date for school for 2006. In the last Newsletter, the date was given as Thursday 14 December. **This date is incorrect.**

Mr Peter McLoughlin
Principal
Attention ALL families: Have you paid fees on the internet? If yes, please read on . . .

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

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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Students Absences: Please telephone the College between 7:45am and 9:30am on the day of the absence.
A note is also required on the first day of the student’s return.
Year 12 2006
Graduation Formal
Wednesday 15 November 2006
Twin Towns Services Club
7:30pm DST (6:30pm QLD time)

Tickets:
Adults $50.00
Students $35.00 or $15.00

Tickets are now available at the College Office.

No reservations without payment.
If group bookings are requested, payment for the full table is required.

Thank you, Mr Davoren.

SCIENCE NEWS

AUSTRALIAN CHEMISTRY QUIZ
St Joseph’s College entered 20 students in the National Chemistry Quiz this year with some very pleasing results.

Our students were competing against other students in the same year group from other states of Australia as well as from Singapore, New Zealand, Hong Kong and England. The questions within the quiz were designed to highlight the application of Chemistry to the real world.

Credits were awarded to Susan Sheldrick (Year 12), Emma Riles (Year 11) and Jack Mulherin (Year 10).

Distinctions were awarded to Dane Baldwin (Year 12), Simon Campbell (Year 10) and Phoebe Cupples (Year 10).

High Distinctions were awarded to Brendan Farrell (Year 11) for being in the top 6% of his group and to Laura Wilson (Year 10) for being in the top 2% of her group. These results are outstanding and all participants are to be congratulated on their efforts in the Quiz.

Mrs Michelle Heazlewood-Ross
Chemistry Quiz Coordinator

MUSIC NEWS

I hope you enjoy the following student report about a music excursion ‘with a difference’. The students found the excursion to be of great benefit to their studies and they are to be commended on their behaviour as representatives of the College.

Mr Matt Foster
Music Teacher

On Saturday 30 September, the Year 11 Music class went to see ‘The Butterfly Effect’ at Southport RSL.

The concert was awesome. After the performance, Mr Foster introduced us to all the band members. They seemed so genuine and spent a lot of time talking to us.

The whole class was inspired not only by their generosity, but also their ability to put on a great show.

We thank Mr Foster and Mr Wheatley for the organisation and transportation to and from the event. It was a great experience that we all enjoyed.

Ben Heffernan (11E)

Night of Notables
Wednesday 1 November 2006
(Week 3, Term 4)
6:00-8:00pm
In the Doyle Centre of
St Joseph’s College
Presentation from 6:00pm
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.
Do you know the meaning of this word?

**Generosity:** (n.) a generous act; abundance; plenty; magnanimity.

**Generous:** (adj.) willing and liberal in giving away one’s money, time, etc.; free from pettiness of character and mind.

*And just think of the best thing you can very easily give away … the gift of kindness to others!*

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**SCIENCE NEWS**

**CSI AT ST JOSEPH’S COLLEGE**

CASE FILE NO: TWDSJC001  
Date: 21 September 2006  
Who: Year 7 and Year 10  
Where: College Library  
Motive: Murder Most Foul

Here are some of the thoughts Year 7 students had about a Forensic Science Program in which they and Year 10 were involved.

The crime was real and the evidence was replicated from the actual scene. As this was a real case, the name of the victim was changed. Year 7 and Year 10 were challenged with finding out who murdered ‘Sally’.

Ms Gail Berry  
Science Teacher

**EVIDENCE ROOM: COLLEGE LIBRARY**

WITNESS ACCOUNTS WERE TAKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS:

On 21 September, Rachel White came to visit St Joseph’s College to teach students from Years 7 and 10 about forensic science and a crime scene.

It was a fun two periods and it was exciting learning about how to solve crimes and how easy it is to find the criminal. It was an enjoyable day and I hope in the years to come we can have Rachel or another crime scene investigator visit us again.

Carley Willmot (7A)

PHOTO EXHIBIT NO. 1:

Yesterday was an awesome day: it taught me that crime is a terrible thing and Rachel taught us the basics of being a crime scene investigator. If I had to rate yesterday, I’d give it 10 out of 10.

*Laura Maguire (7A)*

One of the most interesting things I have done here at St Joseph’s College.

For an hour and a half, you get to be an investigator to find out who murdered ‘Sally’. Looking for clues and solving the mystery was great fun.

Rachel White was really great. It caught my interest and gave me an idea what CSI does in REAL LIFE.

*Rhia Rhee (7A)*

PHOTO EXHIBIT NO. 2:

I really enjoyed Rachel White’s Forensic Science show, it was great to get our minds thinking, but the thing I liked the most was trying to figure out who was the culprit for ‘Sally’s’ tragic death. It was a great experience and I hope to do it again someday.

*Catania Campione (7A)*

PHOTO EXHIBIT NO. 3:

It thought it was great fun. We got to solve a true murder case and met a real crime scene investigator, Rachel White. I thought that although it was fun it was also very educational. I hope we can do it again.

*Lina Hayek-Sunderland (7A)*

Mobile Phone Policy: Mobile phones are not to be brought to school.  
If there are exceptional circumstances, the phone is to be left at Student Reception upon arrival and collected on departure.
YOUR STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

STUDENT LEADERS 2006 - 2007

As a new addition to the St Joseph’s College Newsletter today, we are profiling our newly elected Student Leaders for the 2006-2007 school year.

We have included these photos so that, in the unlikely event that you don’t already know the individual, you will be able to place the face with the name. These student leaders are your Year Group Representatives, your Senior SRC Leaders and your School Captains. They are here to represent you, so make yourself known to them.

Thank you to everyone who nominated for these important roles in the College community.

Ms Frances Stegeman

COLLEGE CAPTAINS

Karly Goodman

Luke Barnes

Michael Budzinauskas

Matthew Lance

SENIOR STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

FEMALE

Samantha Dunemann

Bonnie O’Donohue

Alexander Leighton

Nicholas Lock

JUNIOR STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (CURRENT YEAR)

YEAR 10

Jenna Parker

Kate Spinks

Rhett Clayton

Matthew Coughran

Samuel Monaghan

Diary: The student diary should be signed by parents/caregivers each week. Any concerns? Contact the relevant Year Coordinator.
FAMILY PORTRAITS

St Joseph’s College Student Council
Family Portrait Fundraiser

When:  Friday 10 November – afternoon/evening from 3:00pm to 8:00pm (Week 4, Term 4).
Where: Doyle Centre.
Who:  All families - two generations must be present in each $10 portrait. Families do not have to have students at the College - all families are welcome.
What:  For $10 you will receive a beautiful framed portrait of your family. Additional poses will be available for purchase.
Why:  So you will have a pictorial record of your family in 2006 and maybe some memorable Christmas presents AND the Student Council receives the total booking fee ($10 per family) which we can then spend on student-requested improvements from which all students benefit.
How:  Send your $10 booking fee, along with your name and telephone contact details to the College office ASAP.

Bookings are limited to 25 families and photo day is only 2½ weeks away!!

A College representative will contact you to arrange your booking time.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! TALK YOUR FAMILY INTO IT!!
RRISK NEWS

REDUCE RISK – INCREASE STUDENT KNOWLEDGE

In today's Newsletter we have the seventh part of the RRISK information kit provided to schools. It's not long now till the Year 11 RRISK Seminar in November...

In the meantime I hope you find the next chapter of RRISK to be useful:

Tips for Supervising Your Learner Driver

The amount of time a learner driver spends on the road is very important. Research indicates that learner drivers who increase their supervised on-road experience can reduce their crash risk by 40 percent in the first two years of solo driving.

Many learner drivers get tuition from professional driving instructors, but most will also want additional driving practice and some tuition from a parent, other relative or a friend. These twelve tips come from the RTA website.

1. If either you or the learner driver is tired, upset or stressed, reschedule the practice session to another time.
2. Try frequent, short practice sessions in the beginning.
3. Read and refer to the log book and the task key points as a guide to practice sessions.
4. Begin with the easiest tasks then, once they have been mastered, move on to the more difficult tasks.
5. Discuss then demonstrate new tasks before getting the learner to attempt them.
6. Use 'commentary driving' - which involves the driver and passenger talking about what is happening inside and outside the vehicle.
7. Start the learner practising on quiet streets, preferably in daylight, before moving onto busier roads and more challenging conditions.
8. Allow the learner to proceed at his or her own pace.
9. Don’t criticise mistakes. Calmly discuss what happened and allow the learner to try again.
10. Be positive and offer praise when the learner successfully completes a task.
11. Impress upon the learner the importance of developing a sensitivity to speed. It is important that they realise that the faster a vehicle travels, the more difficult it becomes to respond to potential hazards. They should also realise that the faster a vehicle is travelling when involved in a crash, the more devastating the outcome.
12. Avoid using the radio, mobile phone or talking to other passengers while the learner is practising.

Mr Peter Serone
PD/H/PE Coordinator

Diary Note
Thursday 24 November 2006
Year 11 students attending RRISK Seminar, Tweed Heads Civic Centre

YOUTHSAFE

‘Helping Teenagers Become Safer Drivers’
Parent Tip No. 4

Limit the number of passengers your teenager can take when they are on their P1’s and increase this limit slowly over the time they have their P2’s.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Could this be a picture of you?

The nominated student is required to present themselves to the College Principal before Friday of this week. If this student does, they will receive a voucher to the value of $5 for purchases at the Canteen.

KEEP WATCHING THIS SPACE – THE NEXT TIME IT COULD BE YOU!

Student Council

CENTACARE

Catholic Family and Community Services

Recently separated / divorced?

Centacare is conducting a seven-week “Divorce and Separation Recovery Workshop” from Tuesday 31 October to 12 December 2006 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm at their office at 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters.

This gentle, non-confrontational and supportive workshop has provided a wonderful opportunity for people who are struggling to overcome one of life’s great challenges.

For more details please phone Centacare on (07) 5527.7211.

School Shoes: Parents are reminded that school shoes are to be of the traditional, hard leather lace-up style.
Back to School!

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

CANTEEN NEWS AND ROSTER

MEAL OF THE WEEK
CHICKEN & CRUNCHY NOODLE SALAD - $3.00
This week we are offering a special “Chicken and Crunchy Noodle Salad” for $3.00 (please note that this salad contains almonds). So come in early and order the “Chicken Salad Special” and we’ll have it ready, already!!

TBA (TO BE ADVISED) THIS COULD MEAN YOU!!
Our good friend TBA is back!! This means that we are short-staffed the day TBA appears. If you find that you can help, please call me. We offer refreshments and lunch and a fun day if that inspires you . . . . please feel free to phone a friend!

CANTEEN ROSTER

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Reminder: Helpers Christmas Party 25 October

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION “TUCKER BOX”

Have you got anything for the “Tucker Box”? The Community Association collects food items on behalf of the St Joseph’s College Community. These items are then used by families connected to the College who may be dealing with issues such as a family illness, and this assistance can sometimes be invaluable.

Food items can be left at the College Canteen and don’t forget that this can include canned goods or basic ingredients. Any items are gratefully accepted and many thanks for your support.

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.

Learn to Row

Fitness
Rowing is one of the best, low-impact, cardio-vascular exercises. You can choose the intensity of your training schedule. A high level of physical fitness is not required to begin rowing.

Coaching
One of our accredited coaches will be available to you at all times. Full supervision will be provided until you are fully competent at rowing.

Competition
Once proficient at rowing, you will be invited to become a full member of the Tweed Heads Rowing Club and compete for Tweed at regattas throughout the year.

All Year Round
Rowing on the Tweed River is something you can do all year round in our wonderful climate. Various competition seasons also continue throughout the year.

Great Value
The ‘Learn to Row’ program costs just $50 for juniors and $100 for persons aged 18+. This includes participation insurance and coaching for up to 3 months by which time you should be fully competent in the sport.

For more information and to register for a free orientation session, call Dave Berry on (07) 5590.7066 or mobile (0414) 242.417, or visit us Saturdays 7:00am, next to Boyd’s Bay Bridge.

Tweed Heads PCYC
TERM 4 ACTIVITIES
Futsal (indoor soccer) U/8s, 10s, 12s & 14s comp from Thursday 26 October to 14 December – Clinic and registration Thursday 19 October 4:00-5:00pm (U/8s & 10s), 5:00-6:00pm (12s & 14s).

Dance Parties – seniors (13-17 years) 1st Friday of the month 7:00-9:30 pm, next on 3 November & now juniors (8-12 years) on 20 October & 3rd Friday of each month 6:30-8:30pm, cost - $5.00.

Band Practice Facility equipped with mics, drums – $10/hr.

After School Care Monday-Friday commenced 16 October for ages 8-12 years.

Plus our other activities – various martial arts, dance classes, gym & fitness activities, gymnastics – something for all ages.

For more information on any of our activities please call (07) 5599.1714 or come and see us at Florence Street, Tweed Heads.

Sport: Sport is an important part of the school and students are expected to attend sport each week.
Teen Union Comes to the Table

Teen Union Comes to the Table

The union braced for a collective sigh of relief today as the Combined Union of Teenagers (CUT) sought reconciliation over what can only be described as a breathtaking lit of claims. Remaining management as detrimental to their core values, many commanders have vowed that `everybody else is allowed to get away, and why don't we move to telephone her personal, the CUT says on talks.

"So what?" was the summed reply from the News of the Order of Parents Everywhere (NOPE). "We haven't seen much either on the shop floor in recent weeks, so the story won't be the sidebar across the universe."

Chains and juvenile delinquency relating to one side not understanding the other, and changes of hypocrisy and betrayal, have been made.

Moderator by a member of the Collective of Older Children, who said, "Well, they never hit me or do it. It's time to move the matters closer resolution. The dispute is expected to last until the middle of the century. We can only hope they get us past that.

TEENAGERS SPEAK OUT ON CHORES

In breakthrough research, it has been revealed that most teenagers find their parents' chores a form of entertainment. In fact, according to the latest NOPE, there is a general understanding that parents are required to perform certain chores. However, they do think that "the ideal" is when parents should be involved in specific activities.

Some teens are now starting to see household jobs as an opportunity to contribute to the well-being of their family. However, there is still skepticism among those who feel that parents are too involved in the process of doing chores.

Your finest Cook Count! Count! Judges: Florin Friesen, Janes Delia

COOK-A-THON

Win Your Finest Cook Count! This has grown up.

DEANO Win your finest Cook Count! This has grown up.

The winning entries will be announced on Saturday, May 21st. The winners' names will be announced on May 21st, 2023. The winners' names will be announced on May 21st, 2023. The winners' names will be announced on May 21st, 2023. The winners' names will be announced on May 21st, 2023.
HOW TO DRUG PROOF YOUR KIDS.

The Catholic Schools Parent Assembly, Tweed Region is offering to parents and Care
givers the opportunity to participate in the How To Drug Proof Your Kids Programme.
This programme will be offered for one night each week for four weeks from 7pm to 9pm.

Extensive research shows that parents and families can be a vital factor in keeping
children from becoming involved with the HARMFUL use of drugs, including alcohol.

DATES: Wednesday evenings – the 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th November

VENUE: Mt. St. Patrick College,
Senior Block
Murwillumbah Street
MURWILLUMBAH

TIME: 7pm to 9pm

COST: FREE - Covered by Catholic Schools Parent Assembly

FACILITATOR: Philomena Zambelli (trained through “Focus on the Family”, Australia)

Tea/Coffee provided at each session

Please R.S.V.P.to your school office -- no later than Monday 6th November.

Any enquiries please contact – Philomena Zambelli, PH – 66724635
Or Robyn Mullineux – Education Officer (Parent Liaison)
Ph: 66276256, Mob: 0400565553 or Fax 66225794

I would like to take part in the “How To Drug Proof Your Kids” programme.

Name........................................... Child’s Name...........................................

Address.................................... Child’s School...........................................

Phone...................................... Email.....................................................

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR SCHOOL OFFICE.
Following the launch of “Beachathon 2006” last term, each student was given a sponsorship card.

As outlined in the Newsletter issued on 18 September, we would like to meet a target of $25,000 which will help upgrade the school’s computing facilities. This year’s target roughly equates to each student raising $40.00. Again we ask that you dig deep and give as generously as you have in the past.

Incentive prizes and draws will occur as students bring in the money so there are many ways for your children to benefit from this worthwhile fundraising event.

Money raised will be collected by Year 11 students three times a week. The ongoing tally of money raised will be displayed each day.

Similarly to previous Beachathons, students will receive incentive chocolates for each ten dollars raised and brought in to the school. We must see the money before the student gets the chocolate.

We have been very successful in the past and look forward to your support in assisting us to raise the funds to provide improved facilities for your children.

Permission notes for students to attend the Beachathon will be issued this week. Please ensure these notes are returned as soon as possible. If this note is not returned it will mean that the student cannot attend.

If anyone wishes to volunteer to help on the day, can they please return the letter issued on the first week of this term.

The Beachathon Committee