FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

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

CONDOLENCES
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ms Lyn Pimm’s mother and cousin who both passed away on 15 February.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

YEAR 7 REFLECTION DAY
Thanks to Mr McDermott, Mr Serone, Mrs McConnell, Mrs Connelly, Mr Davoren and Mrs Evans who accompanied/facilitated the Year 7 Reflection Day last Monday.

ASH WEDNESDAY
Thanks again to Mr McDermott and to Mr Rowland, Mrs McLaughlin, Mr Foster, Fr Michael, Mr Wheatley and all involved in last Wednesday’s Ash Wednesday liturgy. The ashes placed on our foreheads were blessed and burnt palms from last year’s Palm Sunday celebrations. The ashes remind us all to: “Turn away from sin and be Faithful to the Gospel.”

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Sincere thanks to Mr McLaughlin who organised last Friday’s Annual Swimming Carnival. It was a great community day and I am grateful to the staff who ran events and the students who participated in the events and made it a great day.

CREATIVE ARTS
Sincere thanks to Mrs Singleton-Newell, Mr Williams, Mr Chambers and Mrs Taylor who accompanied our Year 12 Drama and Visual Arts students on their respective excursions to Sydney recently.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Karly Goodman (12A) who was successful in the Coolangatta-Tweed Heads Lions Youth of the Year Public Speaking Contest held last Tuesday evening. Congratulations also to Luke Barnes (12B) who won the Kingscliff Lions Club Youth of the Year Public Speaking Contest last Thursday evening. Both Luke and Karly will now compete in the district final to be held at Ocean Shores on 10 March.

YOUTH MASS
Thanks to all who supported yesterday’s Youth Mass. The next one will be at 5:30pm on Sunday 25 March.

FAREWELL
Farewell and best wishes to Mr Ryan Colombo who has been our Information and Community Technology Support person for the last two years and is leaving us to study ICT at University.

PARKING PROBLEMS
We have received concerns from residents of Palm Lakes Resort at Winders Place about parents parking on the roundabout and in the grounds of the Resort. We ask our parents please not to continue this practice.

WHOOPING COUGH
Please refer to the attached notification from the North Coast Area Health Service.

END OF TERM 1, 2007
Term 1 ends on Thursday 5 April at 3:20pm. 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

WEEK 5
Tuesday 27 February .................................................. (Day 2)
❖ Year 7 “How is it all going?” Evening (7:30pm in Doyle Centre)
Wednesday 28 February ........................................... (Day 3)
❖ Year 10 St Martha’s Hostel visit (selected students)
Thursday 1 March ....................................................... (Day 4)
❖ Year 12 University Showcase (9:00-10:00am UAI Candidates)

WEEK 6
Monday 5 March .......................................................... (Day 6)
❖ Year 10 School Certificate Info Evening (7:30pm Doyle Centre)
❖ Year 12 Hospitality Placement (5-16 March – Weeks 6 & 7)
Tuesday 6 March ......................................................... (Day 7)
❖ Years 7 & 8 ELLA Tests
Wednesday 7 March .................................................... (Day 8)
❖ Year 10 St Martha’s Hostel visit (selected students)
Thursday 8 March ....................................................... (Day 9)
❖ Diocesan Swimming Carnival
Friday 9 March .......................................................... (Day 10)
❖ Year 11 ‘Meals on Wheels’ (selected students)

2007 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
As a number of students have shown interest in taking part in a Sacramental Program, there will definitely be one run this year. If you are thinking about taking part an a Sacramental Program, please see Mr McDermott at the College.

POSITION OF SCHOOL SUPPORT OFFICER
Expressions of interest are called for a position (29.5hrs per week) as School Support Officer (IT) in the Catholic schools of the Tweed Region. This is a temporary appointment until the end of the school year 2007, with a possibility of extension. Commencement date March 2007.

The position requires a sound knowledge of computer hardware and software installation, general maintenance of computers and peripheral devices and ability to work as a team member.

For further information please contact Mick Howell by email. mhowell@lism.catholic.edu.au or by phone (0409) 441.530. An application form is available to download from the CEO website http://www.lism.catholic.edu.au/

Closing date for expression of interest: 5:00pm Friday 9 March 2007

Completed application forms are to be forwarded to the Catholic Education Office, Lismore.

By mail PO Box 158, Lismore 2480
By email hr@lism.catholic.edu.au
By Fax (02) 6622.4767

YAR7 “HOW IS IT ALL GOING” EVENING
Tuesday 27 February (tomorrow night)
(Drama Space, Doyle Centre, commencing 7:00pm)
PROJECT COMPASSION

We are challenged to be instruments of God’s love and compassion in our world today. Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion story this week is from Bangladesh where Farid and his community now have the skills and resources to raise fish and grow vegetables all year round. Your donation to Project Compassion will allow communities like Farid’s to become self-reliant, enabling them to look forward to the future with hope.

Please give generously as your small change will make a **big** difference to people living in poverty throughout the world. Year 11 will be collecting your donations each morning during Homeroom.

**PROJECT COMPASSION**

Year 11 Committee

SCIENCE COMPETITION

This year the Science Department has chosen to enter our students into the Rio Tinto Big Science Competition (RTBSC). The 2007 RTBSC will be held on Thursday 7 May 2007. The cost is $4.00 per student payable at Student Reception by Friday 23 March 2007.

The competition is open to all year levels and all students will receive a certificate recognising their achievement.

Please encourage your child to enter the competition information letters are available from your child’s Science teacher.

Mrs Fiona Hore
Competition Organiser

CAREERS NEWS

Students interested in pursuing medicine, and other health science careers, need to sit the UMAT on 25 July 2007. A provider specialising in helping you perform at your best is MedEntry UMAT Prep. They offer discounts of 25% for groups of three or more, and a 53% discount to students who are financially or socially disadvantaged.

Please contact me in the Careers Room, or visit the website www.MedEntry.com.au, for more information.

Mr Matt Hall
Careers Advisor

MOTIVATIONAL MEDIA

Just a little reminder to our Years 7-10 students about paying for this year’s Motivational Media presentation entitled “Velocity, Taking Control of Life’s Direction”:

Location: Drama Space, Doyle Centre
Date: Monday 26 March (please note correction)
Students: Years 7-10
Cost: $2.00 (payable at Student Reception)

Ms Kerrie Priddis

CENTACARE

Catholic Family and Community Services
Centacare at Ashmore is conducting two workshops to be run over eight weeks

The first workshop is “Fathering After Separation” which aims to help fathers make good choices for themselves and for their children in deciding how to deal with being separated. It focuses on the father’s relationship with his children and acknowledges fathers’ caring and commitment for their children.

This commences on Thursday 8 March from 5:30-8:30pm.

The second workshop “Possibilities for Change” which aims to help the participants to develop personal goals and to encourage progress towards achieving these goals. The workshop also helps to find insight into the problems that may hinder these goals and to generate possible solutions. This commences on Wednesday 7 March from 9:30am-12:00noon.

For more details please phone Centacare on (07) 5556. 9900. Located at Unit 50/207 Currumburra Road, Ashmore.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

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Mrs Dianne Pinkstone
Canteen Manager

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

A personal encounter live-in weekend for those who are grieving the loss of a partner through separation, divorce or death, will be held from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th March in Yamba (Star of the Sea Conference Centre). It offers participants the opportunity to turn the pain of loss into growth. A time to heal and begin again.

Bookings essential.

For an application form and further details call Anne on (02) 6633.9183, or Joe (AH) on (02) 6662.1161, or Pauline on (02) 6662.7681