FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

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

WORLD YOUTH DAY (WYD) CROSS AND ICON

With the World Youth Day Cross and Icon coming to St Joseph’s College next Tuesday, 7 August, the following information is provided as background to the visit:

History of the WYD Cross & Icon

The 3.8 metre high wooden cross was built and placed as a symbol of the Catholic faith, near the main altar in St Peter’s Basilica during the Holy Year of 1983. At the end of the year, Pope John Paul gave this cross as a symbol of Christ’s love for humanity.

My dear young people, at the conclusion of the Holy Year, I entrust to you the sign of this Jubilee Year: the Cross of Christ. Carry it throughout the world as a symbol of Christ’s love for humanity, and announce to everyone that only in the death and resurrection of Christ can we find salvation and redemption. (His Holiness Pope John Paul II, Rome, 22 April 1984).

The Journey of the WYD Cross . . .

Since 1984 the WYD Cross has made its way around the world, throughout Europe, behind the Iron Curtain, and to parts of the Americas, Asia, Africa and briefly to Australia, being present at each international celebration of World Youth Day along the way. In 1994 the Cross began in earnest what has since become a tradition: its year-long journey around the dioceses of the host nation of each international World Youth Day, as a means of prayerful preparation for the big event.

Heralding these international celebrations of young people, the Cross is now best known as “the World Youth Day Cross”. The media have often called the Cross the “Olympic Torch” of the World Youth Day. It is a useful comparison.

In each country that the Cross visits, it travels from cities to towns, parishes to prayer groups. Young people take charge of it, spend time in prayer with it, and encourage their peers to do the same.

. . . and Icon of Our Lady

In 2003, Pope John Paul II gave young people a second symbol of faith to be carried in the world, accompanying the WYD Cross – the Icon of Our Lady, ‘Salus Populi Romani’, a contemporary copy of a sacred and ancient Icon housed in the first and greatest basilica to Mary the Mother of God in the West, St Mary Major.

Today I also entrust to you . . . the Icon of Mary. From now on it will accompany the World Youth Days, together with the Cross. Behold, your Mother! It will be a sign of Mary’s motherly presence close to young people who are called, like the Apostle John, to welcome her into their lives. (Rome, 18th World Youth Day, 2003)

The visit to our Parish is therefore very significant. I encourage all of our community to participate in one or all of the Parish activities.

YEAR 9 PARENT / TEACHER / STUDENT EVENING

Last Friday, I sent a letter home regarding the Year 9 Parent / Teacher / Student Evening.

As a result of the visit of the World Youth Day Cross and Icon to our Parish on 7 August, the Year 9 Parent / Teacher / Student Evening has been moved to Wednesday 8 August.

ANNUAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

My thanks to Mr McLaughlin, the staff and students who entered so positively into making last Friday’s Carnival an excellent community event.

TRIAL HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

Please pray for our Year 12 students who will sit for their exams from next Monday, 6 August, until Monday 20 August.

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Janet Crouch’s mother who passed away on 23 July.

“Eternal rest grant to her O Lord
And may perpetual light shine upon her.
May she Rest in Peace. Amen.”

Best wishes and God bless,

Mr Peter McLoughlin
Principal
FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

COMING EVENTS

WEEK 3

Monday 30 July...................................................(Day 1)
 terse: 11 Hospitality Work Placement (30 Jul-3 Aug)  Diary Note
 terse: 8 Parent/Teacher/Student Evening
 Tuesday 31 July...................................................(Day 2)
 terse: 12 TAS Showing Day
 terse: 7 2008 Interviews (3:30-5:30pm) (31 Jul-2 Aug)
 Wednesday 1 August.............................................(Day 3)
 terse: 10 St Martha’s visit (selected students)
 Thursday 2 August.............................................(Day 4)
 terse: 8 Reflection Day ‘The Hurting Game’

WEEK 4

Monday 6 August...................................................(Day 6)
 terse: 12 HSC Trial Examinations (6-20 Aug)  Diary Note
 terse: 11 Hospitality Work Placement (6-10 Aug)
 terse: WYD08 Cross & Icon (Years 10 & 11 students to Byron Bay)
 Tuesday 7 August.............................................(Day 7)
 terse: WYD08 Cross & Icon Visit to St Joseph’s College
 terse: 7 Hep B Vaccinations (Part 2)
 Wednesday 8 August.............................................(Day 8)
 terse: 10 St Martha’s visit (selected students)
 terse: 9 Parent/Teacher/Student Evening  Diary Note
 Thursday 9 August.............................................(Day 9)
 terse: 9 Reflection Day ‘Verbal Combat’
 Friday 10 August...................................................(Day 10)
 terse: 11 Meals-on-Wheels (selected students)

Mr Peter Lyon
Deputy Principal

BACK TO THE 80’S...

The Totally Awesome Musical!!

Calling for any assistance with costumes, make-up and hair-dos!

Do you remember Wham? What about Kim Wilde, Cyndi Lauper, Toni Basil, Kenny Loggins, Bon Jovi, Rick Astley, Bonnie Tyler, Michael Jackson (the original version) and Madonna (the early years)?

Have you any 80’s fashion items in your wardrobe?

If you have any items or can assist in costing, please contact us!

Fiona Murray and Lyn Pimm
Costume Coordinators

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Joseph’s Parish  St Anthony’s Parish

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm  Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm (Kingscliff)
Sunday: 7:00am & 9:00am  Sunday: 7:00am (Pottsville)
Sunday: 9:00am (Blambil)  Sunday: 9:00am (Kingscliff)

Fr Michael Brady  Fr Jim Griffin
Parish Priest  Parish Priest

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

Student of the Week

Last week’s ‘Student of the Week’ was Kate McGrath (11B)
Watch out for next week’s Newsletter – it just might be you!

CANTEEN NEWS AND ROSTER

MEAL OF THE WEEK
This week we have the very popular ‘Satay Chicken and Rice’ for $4.00 – we will also extend (for the very hungry) a larger serve for $5.00. (Please note that this meal contains nuts.)
You MUST place your order in EARLY to guarantee your lunch will be ready.

CANTEEN ROSTER

WEEK 3

Monday 30 July
Ashleigh Manning & Sonia Haaier
Tuesday 31 July
Lee Camp & Joy Goodman
Wednesday 1 August
Shafene Menz & Helen Steele
Thursday 2 August
Wendy Morrison & TBA
Friday 3 August
Karen Holland & Julianne Donnelly

Monday 6 August
Kim van Rossum & Di Lance
Tuesday 7 August
Gert Webb & Alison Hedge
Wednesday 8 August
Jo McWilliam & TBA
Thursday 9 August
Janelle Teasdel & TBA
Friday 10 August
Michelle Bennett & Donna West

Mrs Dianne Pinkstone
Canteen Manager

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.

EUREKA 2007
25-26 August
Annual Lismore Diocesan Youth Weekend
For Young Adults 18 years and over

“Firing the Spirit”
Coraki Conference Centre
10:00am Saturday 25 August until 3:30pm Sunday 26 August
Contact Fr Richard Foley (02) 6683-2051

Registration forms are available from the College
Please note that registrations are to be returned to Fr Richard Foley, PO Box 50, Coraki 2471, by 14 August
Facilitators: Missionaries of God’s Love Sisters

The School Newsletter and School Calendar are both available online @ www.bps.lism.catholic.edu.au.
The School Calendar contains year group events, assessment schedules and term dates.