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

I’d like to share with you a letter I received from two of our students. I urge all parents to read this letter with their children.

Inspector Owen King was the first officer on the scene of an accident at Byron Bay that killed four teenagers in October last year. Inspector King was deeply affected by the experience. His open letter details 15 driving ‘do’s and ‘don’ts’, written in language that teenagers can easily understand:

Car crashes are democratic. They do not discriminate. Good kids die as easily as ratbags.

One moment’s lapse can kill you. That moment when you reach over the change to CD from ‘The Herd’ to ‘Cat Empire’, that flicker of time with your eyes off the road is all it takes. And then there will be no more ‘Big Day Out’, no more ‘Splendour in the Grass’. If you want to hear music again that ain’t harps, keep your eyes on the road and your hands on the wheel.

Wake your parents if you need a safe lift. They’ll be tired and cranky but that’s their job. Wake them up to come and get you. They’ll crack up a little but that’s nothing compared to a lifetime of grief.

Chill out. Every day on the roads, some dropkick may cut you off, try to drag you off, give you the finger, dare you to do something stupid. They are everywhere. They have big egos and little brains. Let them go. Chill out.

How much are you willing to trade for that one moment? It takes just one mad moment to be killed on the roads – speed, distraction, drink – and you lose so much. You won’t get to take that overseas trip, you won’t get to have that huge 21st party, you won’t get to go to that grand final with your mates, and you won’t get to do that surfing safari around Australia. All that – gone.

Cars take two hands to drive. Not one hand for driving and another one for texting on the mobile phone or putting on lipstick. Not one for driving and one on your girlfriend’s leg. Not using knees to drive while writing down a phone number. It takes two hands to drive a car.

Seatbelts are made to stop your body exiting the car headfirst. Heads are not designed for this and split like melons. Wear your seatbelt.

The boot of the car is for the spare wheel. No matter what’s happening – you urgently need a lift, it’s not far, the car is full – don’t climb into a boot. It’s like willingly climbing into a coffin. You are made of soft flesh and bone. In a rollover or bad smash, it is like food in a blender.

You love speed? Go surf the face of a big wave down at Burleigh. Go bungee jump. Get your kicks that way. Because if you love speed on the road, sooner or later you will take a corner too fast and some big gum tree will get in the way and end the love affair.

The road toll only shows the dead. Modern car technology means more people are surviving bad car crashes but with horrific injuries. Brain-injury wards are filled with young women trying to learn how to feed themselves and young blokes who believed they were unbreakable trying to master wheelchairs. You may survive but the life you once knew has effectively ended.

If you drive a car full of passengers and cause a bad smash, grief and guilt will wrap you up like a skin. Minimise the chances. Lighten up. You probably learnt to drive with only one passenger. When all your mates pack into the car, that’s an extra 320kg and the car will brake, corner and handle completely differently because of it. So slow down, for their sakes. Better still, carry just one mate.

Anyone can drive fast. It takes a heavy foot. No great driving finesse needed. It takes no great brains. Not everyone has restraint and control and maturity to drive to the limit. That takes more guts, especially when others are speeding.

The police, fireys and ambos are tired of dragging broken young bodies from wrecks. They are tired of the smell of blood and despair and hot engines at car crash scenes. They are tired of knocking on the front door at 2:00am to parents dressed in pyjamas and bone-pale faces. They are tired and it is not even the start of the mad Christmas season. They are tired of the waste. Give them a break.

Living is the best revenge. You want to rebel against the system, against your parents, against authority. Great. Survive. Outlive them all and enjoy life.


Best wishes and
God Bless,

Mr Peter McLoughlin
Principal
Term 3, Week 6

We are now well and truly into the second half of this term! This week’s Newsletter shows a lot of what has happened and tells of things still to come. What a busy time we’re having!

Today’s Newsletter has a lot of information about SAFETY. Personal safety, the safety of your family, those you hold nearest and dearest is so very important. Life is so very precious so make the time to be safe. Take care.

Please read this Newsletter together as a family. Or visit our website to get your full colour version: www.bps.lism.catholic.edu.au.

We hope you enjoy today’s issue.

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Important Notice ~ School Fees

UNIDENTIFIED FEE PAYMENTS
The following payments have been deposited into the Parish School Fees A/c, however, insufficient information has been noted to identify the family. Would families please check their payments and contact me on (07) 5536.8701 if either of these deposits relate to you:

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Families are requested that any payments through internet should have the Family code as the first detail in the transaction as most banks have limited characters when inputting information.

Mr John Klein
Parish Finance Manager

DEPUTY’S NOTICES

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose of the soul of the father of Mr Peter McLoughlin, Principal, who passed away on Monday morning of last week.

"Eternal rest grant to him O Lord
And may perpetual light shine upon him.
May he Rest in Peace. Amen."

STUDENT ILLNESSES

With so many contagious viruses and the flu being especially prevalent this year, over the past few weeks student absences have been at twice the average rate.

While we encourage good attendance at school, should your child be sick with an infectious or contagious illness, please do not send your child in to school.
**COMING EVENTS**

**WEEK 6**

**Monday 20 August** .............................. (Day 6)
- Year 12 HSC Trial Examinations conclude (6-20 Aug)

**Tuesday 21 August** ............................. (Day 7)
- Year 10 St Martha’s visit (selected students)
- Debating (Museum) (selected students)

**Wednesday 22 August** .......................... (Day 8)
- Debating (22 & 23 Aug) (Port Macquarie) (selected students)
- CSSDA Debating (SJC) (selected students)

**Thursday 23 August** ............................ (Day 9)
- Griffith and Southern Cross Universities promotions teams visits
- Diocesan Netball

**Friday 24 August** ............................... (Day 10)
- CSSDA Debating (SJC) (selected students)
- SRC Elections

**WEEK 7**

**Sunday 26 August**
- Parish Youth Mass (5:30pm in the Holy Family Chapel)

**Monday 27 August** ............................... (Day 1)
- Year 12 HSC Drama Practical Exams (27 & 28 Aug)

**Tuesday 28 August** ............................. (Day 2)
- Legacy Memorial Service
- Sports Photos (selected students)
- Debating (Museum) (selected students)

**Wednesday 29 August** .......................... (Day 3)
- Dioecesan Athletics (selected students)
- Year 10 St Martha’s visit (selected students)

**Thursday 30 August** ............................ (Day 4)
- SRC Elections
- Year 12 SOR Study Lecture

**Friday 31 August** ............................... (Day 5)
- Year 12 Guest Speaker
- Year 11 SSC Excursion

**WEEK 8**

**Tuesday 4 September** .......................... (Day 7)
- Year 7 Vaccinations
- COLLEGE EXPO (6:00-8:00pm)

**Wednesday 5 September** ........................ (Day 8)
- Year 11 SLR Springbrook NP Excursion
- Year 10 St Martha’s visit (selected students)

**Thursday 6 September** .......................... (Day 9)
- Year 12 Guest Speaker
- Year 11 SSC Excursion

**WEEK 9**

**Wednesday 12 September** .......................... (Day 3)
- Leadership Mass
- Year 10 St Martha’s visit (selected students)

**Friday 14 September** ............................ (Day 5)
- Year 11 ‘Meals-on-Wheels’ delivery (selected students)

**WEEK 10**

**Tuesday 18 September** .......................... (Day 7)
- HPV Immunisation (Part 3)
- Year 11 End of Course Exams (19-28 Sept)
- Year 10 HSIE Excursions (P1-Lunch)
- Year 10 St Martha’s visit (P6) (selected students)

**Thursday 20 September** .......................... (Day 9)
- Year 12 Schoolies Talk

**WEEK 11**

**Thursday 27 September** .......................... (Day 4)
- Graduation Mass

**Friday 28 September** ............................ (Day 5)
- Year 12 Farewell Assembly
- Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Term 3 Reports posted

**TERM 3 ENDS – This is a normal school day**

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

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**Fr Michael Brady**
Parish Priest

**Fr Jim Griffin**
Parish Priest

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**FOUNDER’S DAY**
**SUNDAY 2 SEPTEMBER**

**SRC FUNDRAISER**

Treat Dad to something special for Father’s Day

**YUMMY CHOCOLATES & OTHER GOODIES**

**will be on sale this week**

Start saving to buy something to let Dad know how much you care . . .

Stock is limited so get in quick!

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**CURRICULUM NEWS**

**YEAR 11 END OF PRELIMINARY COURSE EXAMINATIONS**

These examinations are held at St Joseph’s College during Weeks 10 and 11 of this term. Year 11 students should have now commenced a program of intensive home revision. Throughout the term I will be interviewing Year 11 students to determine patterns of study for the HSC Course.

**YEAR 12 PREPARATION FOR THE FOR THE HSC EXAMINATION**

The remainder of this term and the following holiday period will be invaluable time for Year 12 to maximise their knowledge and skills before sitting HSC Examinations. Strong efforts in these examinations will greatly lift overall results.

**YEAR 10 INFORMATION**

Year 10 students are reminded about the procedures associated with an absence from an assessment task. Zero marks will be allocated if procedures are not followed during Semester 2 – please re-read the front pages of the Assessment Handbook.

**THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS**

Many thanks to Col Hayes, Lyn Watkins and Di Hillery who volunteered their time to assist teachers supervise the Year 12 Trials at the Salvation Army Centre.

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**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.

Mr Peter Lyon
Deputy Principal

Mrs Helen Borrowdale
Curriculum Coordinator
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL
2007-2008

Nominations closed today for members of the Student Representative Council for the 2007-2008 school year.

Year Team Meetings will be held this afternoon with Homeroom teachers, Pastoral teachers and the respective Year Coordinator to discuss the suitability of the nominees.

On Friday of this week, students will be notified of the outcome of their nomination and interviews for School Captains, Senior SRC and Year Representatives will be held with the Principal, Year Coordinators and members of the Executive Committee.

Next Thursday, the nominees will deliver speeches to their Year Group and, at the conclusion of the speeches, students will vote for their Year Group representatives. Each Year Coordinator will organise the voting.

On Monday 3 September (Week 8), the counting of the votes will be finalised and by end of that week, Friday 7 September, the successful students will be informed.

Letters to the relevant student’s parents will be sent inviting them to attend the Leadership Mass to be held on Wednesday 12 September 2007.

Ms Frances Stegeman

LEadership Mass
Wednesday 12 September 2007
College Assembly in the Doyle Centre
commencing at 9:10am

Celebrated at the College last week:

The Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday 15 August

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008
Young people and the Pope.
Together.

330 DAYS TO GO

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

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

Catholic Schools Parent Assembly Tweed Region
Are hosting

A brief positive parenting program

A free parenting program will be run at St Joseph’s Primary Tweed Heads by Kevin Bulbeck who is a Clinical Psychologist. Kevin is currently working in the Catholic Primary Schools in the Tweed area.

This program is suited to both parents who are struggling with their children’s behaviour and those who want to sharpen up their parenting skills.

- The Course will run over 4 weeks (1 day per week) for approximately 2 hours per session.
- The program uses the 1-2-3-Magic technique as a starting point for developing strategies.
- Topics include:
  - The type of parenting that works best
  - Setting rules for our children
  - How our expectations affect the way we parent
  - Consistent parenting and parent stress

At the first meeting, Kevin will invite parents to bring their concerns and suggest topics that they would like to be discussed. These topics will help to formulate the remaining three weeks discussions.

Dates: Tuesdays – 4, 11, 18 and 25 September 2007
Venue: St Joseph’s Primary School, School Library, Enid Street, Tweed Heads
Time: 2:00 - 4:00pm
RSVP: St Joseph’s Primary School on Ph: (07) 5536.2519 or Fax: (07) 5599.1820

Childminding will be provided

For enquiries about the program, please contact Robyn Mullineaux, Education Officer (Parent Liaison) Catholic Education Office, Lismore Ph: (02) 6627.6256, Mobile: (0400) 565.553 or Fax: (02) 6622.5794.

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.
World Youth Day
Cross and Icon

Visit St. Joseph's College

Tuesday 1 August 2007
St Joseph’s College

Writing Competition 2007

COMING SOON . . .

Entries will be due in Week 1 of Term 4.
Cash prizes and perpetual trophy.
We’ll have details on this year’s Writing Competition in a future publication.

BORDER SCHOOLS DEBATING

Border Schools Debating is underway but this year it is being hosted by Mt St Patrick College.

St Joseph’s College has entered teams in the Years 7, 8 and 9 Competitions. Only our Year 7 teams performed in Week 1 and they both won.

Sincere thanks to Ms Bermingham and Mr Connolly for organising the debating and for travelling to Murwillumbah to be adjudicators.

YEARS 9 AND 10
REGIONAL DEBATING DAY
FRIDAY 24 AUGUST 2007

The Regional Debating Day for Years 9 and 10 will be held at St Joseph’s College this Friday, 24 August.
Schools from all over the Diocese will be in attendance.

ENGLISH TRIAL HSC PAPERS

Year 12 students will soon receive results and feedback following their Trial HSC Examinations.

Many students need to make a much greater commitment to their course. Studying for one three-hour period immediately prior to an examination is not sufficient.

Effective study involves revision and doing practice questions over a long period of time. All English teachers are happy to mark and review any work done by students.

Mrs Janet Crouch
English Coordinator

NIGHT OF NOTABLES

Wednesday 24 October 2007
(Term 4, Week 2)

The Doyle Centre
St Joseph’s College

Year 9 will be presenting their “Night of Notables” from 5:30pm 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 2007 Program.

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.

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 costuming, please contact us!

Fiona Murray and Lyn Pimm, Costume Coordinators

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.
The proceeds that Legacy receives will be directed to the essential role Legacy plays in the community through the provision of services ranging from general welfare, counselling during Legacy Badge Week. It is hoped that students and families will support this cause. As a group we would like to take this opportunity to thank the St Joseph’s College community for the wonderful support and encouragement to our cause. A big thank you to all those who helped especially Ms Parker.

The proceeds are directly going to help the success of our Buddies Day taking place on 19 August. Keep an eye out for future Vinnies activities!

Kate McGrath (11B)

STJOSEPH’S CATHOLIC PARISH
Tweed Heads Catholic Presbytery
Phone: (07) 5536.7522

PARISH YOUTH MASS

Our Next Youth Mass will be held this Sunday, 26 August in the Holy Family Chapel, St. Joseph’s College, Doyle Drive, Banora Point, commencing at 5.30pm

These ‘Literacy and Numeracy’ Newsletter articles are all about opportunities for parents and carers to support their child’s literacy and numeracy development through everyday experiences. Today we talk about:

Sports and Hobbies
Many of your child’s interests will include measuring skills and calculations.

Numeracy Ideas:

- While watching sports events, discuss scoring aspects of the game. For example, cricket lends itself to discussing run rates, averages, angles and positions and graphs.
- Your child may be interested in being a timekeeper for swimming or athletics events. You could show your child how to use a stop watch for lap times or speed to compare times.
- Is your child interested in construction of models such as cars, trains and aeroplanes? Take the opportunity to discuss the scale or size of model compared to real-life size.
- Sewing, scrap-booking, cross-stitch, tapestry and quilting all include aspects of measuring and patterning.
- Your child could measure the temperature in various parts of your home. You could ask which would be the coolest place to sore some chocolates you want to buy and set aside for a special occasion. If you want to germinate some herb seeds (like parsley or chives), where would be the most suitable place? If your child does this with three different types of seeds, he or she could measure the growth of the seeds each day and the temperature to determine the growth speed and effect of temperature. Your child could put the results into a table or chart to clearly see the results.

Literacy ideas:

- Does your child enjoy sport? He or she could research more about particular players, events or rules. Consider taking your child to the local library to select non-fiction materials or show your child how to research using different search engines on a computer.
- Develop listening by explaining the procedure of an activity, eg. Read aloud a recipe; explain how to write a letter of thanks; explain how to assemble something; explain the rules of the game.
- Encourage your child to plan a writing exercise on a hobby, draft it, review it, proof-read and edit it before being satisfied that is the best quality.

Mr Carlo Trimboli
Literacy and Numeracy Coordinator
YEAR 8 NEWS

YEAR 8 REFLECTION DAY
Please enjoy the following report regarding the recent Year 8 Reflection Day.

Mr Gary Thorsby
Year 8 Coordinator

For Year 8’s Reflection Day last week, we had the privilege of watching a Brainstorm Production play.

The play focussed on the issues of teenagers these days and the influence of peer pressure. It was very entertaining and everyone really enjoyed it.

The remainder of the day was spent being amused by Mr McDermott and his games, and as usual we all had fun. In the afternoon we had a Liturgy and discussed the day’s events. This was a good opportunity to reflect.

On behalf of the Year 8 students, I would like to thank all the staff who organised and participated in the day, especially Mr McDermott who, once again, made it fun and entertaining.

Ellouise Southon (8B)
A reminder to students in Years 9 and 10: You have the opportunity to take part in a wonderful history competition “The Simpson Prize”. I repeat the competition details for interested students.

*Miss Helen Gooley*
*History Teacher*

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**The Simpson Prize 2008**

**The Competition**
The Simpson Prize is a national competition for Year 9 and 10 students. The focus of the competition is the Australian ANZAC tradition and students are asked to write an essay of 900-1200 words, or prepare an audio-visual presentation of not more than 15 minutes, on the following statement, the topic of the 2008 competition:

*To what extent was Simpson a hero? How have his heroic qualities been demonstrated by other Australians since 1915?*

Students should aim to give approximately equal attention to each question.

The Simpson Prize is supported and funded by the Australian Government through the Quality Outcomes Program administered by the Department of Education, Science and Training.

**Eligibility**
See Miss Gooley for all the information about the requirements needed to be met in order to be eligible for entry, and details on how the entries will be judged.

**Entries**

**The Prizes**
One (1) student winner from each State and Territory. The eight (8) winners will travel to Gallipoli or the Western Front in April 2008 to attend the dawn service on ANZAC Day and other ANZAC Day ceremonies.

In March 2008, the winners will be announced. These students will attend a two-day briefing program in Canberra to prepare them for the trip. Two teachers will accompany the winning students overseas, and will attend the Canberra briefing program. The student runners-up will also attend the Canberra program.

Travel, accommodation and meals expenses associated with the overseas trip and the Canberra trip will be met by the competition.

**Entrant’s Recognition**
All students who participate in the competition will be provided with a certificate of participation.

**Journal**
Winners will be asked to keep a journal of their trip.

Last year’s winning entries and news about the competition are on this web site: [www.simpsonprize.org](http://www.simpsonprize.org)

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**Fundraiser for St James Primary School**
As part of its fundraising initiatives, St James Primary School is seeking donations of any old, unused, unwanted mobile phones – and in ANY condition (in pieces, broken handsets, whatever).

We are continuing with the collection from last term, so please make your ‘phone donation’ at the Primary School or the College.

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**How to Drug-Proof Your Kids**

The Catholic Schools Parent Assembly, Tweed Region, is offering to parents and caregivers the opportunity to participate in the *How to Drug Proof Your Kids* Program. This program will be offered for one night each week for four weeks from 7:00-9:00pm.

**Where:** Mt St Patrick College (Senior Block), Murwillumbah

**When:** Wednesday evenings ~ 15, 22 & 29 August & 5 September

**Time:** 7:00-9:00pm

**Cost:** Free – covered by the Catholic Schools Parent Assembly

**Facilitator:** Philomena Zambelli (trained through “Focus on the Family”, Australia) ~

Tea & coffee will be provided at each session

**RSVP:** 8 August to the College

*Enquiries to Philomena Zambelli (02) 6672.4635 or Robyn Mullineux – Education Officer (Parent Liaison) Ph: (02) 6627.6256, Mobile (0400) 565.553 or Fax: (02) 6622.5794*

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**RSVP: Please return to the College IF you are attending.**

☑ YES, I would like to attend the “How to Drug Proof Your Kids” Program to be held in Murwillumbah on Wednesday evenings, 15, 22 and 29 August and 5 September 2007.

Name: ..........................................................

Address: ..........................................................

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

Child’s School: ..........................................................

Contact Details: ..........................................................

Email: ..........................................................

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As part of the Festival of ‘SPEED ON TWEED’, the Venetian Carnival Mystique’s “Aerial Aria” will be held on the evening of Saturday 8 September. Monies raised from fundraising will go to the Murwillumbah Hospital. Enquiries to (02) 6672.1796.
**MOBILE PHONES ~ CHILD SAFETY CHECKLIST**

As mobile communication becomes more popular and convenient, mobile phone usage and its potential risks for children and adolescents has raised significant concerns amongst the government, parents and schools for the safety of the children in their care.

The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA), Australia’s communications and media regulator, has worked with Internet children’s charity, Childnet International, to produce the *Mobile Phones - Child Safety Checklist*, which we have provided in today’s Newsletter.

The checklist offers questions and background in the following areas:

1. Safety advice
2. Costs and charges
3. International and premium rate services
4. Questions and complaints
5. Internet access
6. Chat services
7. Access to contents not suitable for children
8. Dealing with content not suitable for children
9. Nuisance/malicious calls
10. Protecting your mobile phone from loss
11. Unsolicited emails/text messages
12. Bluetooth enabled phones

The checklist gives parents information to help protect their children when giving them a mobile phone, and ensure they use their mobile phones safely. It includes advice on avoiding risks such as accessing offensive content on mobiles and ‘stranger danger’ contact in mobile chat services.

*Ms Frances Stegeman*
Pastoral Advisor

You can now access the Internet on most mobile phones and whilst this access brings a world of incredible opportunities in terms of communication, interaction and entertainment, there are certain potential risks to children posed via the Internet. These risks include accessing adult content, such as pornography and “stranger danger” contact in chat services.

Mobile providers in Australia (Telstra, Optus, Vodafone, Hutchison and Virgin and other third party resellers including fone zone, Crazy Johns and Telechoice) have recognised these risks and have taken steps to help you protect your child from potentially harmful content accessible via their mobile phone. There are also things you can do to reduce the potential for your child receiving an unexpectedly high bill in association with their mobile phone service such as blocking international calls and premium rate services.

This guide written by Australian Communications and Media Authority in collaboration with the children’s internet charity, Childnet International, gives you a checklist of important questions to ask your Mobile Provider when purchasing a mobile phone so that you can ensure you have the tools and support to help protect children and make sure they get the most out of using their mobile phone safely.

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<td>Your mobile provider is committed to providing you with information and advice on the safe use of their service. Be sure to check that they are keeping you informed by asking them for safety information and by looking for information in retail outlets and on their website. The Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association also has useful general tips on mobile phones on its web site at: <a href="http://www.amta.org.au/default.asp?id=567">http://www.amta.org.au/default.asp?id=567</a></td>
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<td>Many mobile services provide access to high cost international calls and premium rate services. Children may not realise the cost of using these services, or may access them without your knowledge or permission. Higher cost premium rate services also include text messages or calls to 19 and 190 numbers to purchase ringtones, wallpapers, enter competitions, vote in contests and receive horoscopes.</td>
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### 4. QUESTIONS AND COMPLAINTS

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<td>What should I do if I have a question or a complaint about my child’s mobile phone?</td>
<td>If you have a question or complaint about any mobile phone service, contact your mobile operator in the first instance. If you cannot resolve the issue with your mobile operator then contact the Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman on 1800 062 058 for assistance.</td>
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### 5. INTERNET ACCESS

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| If so, is it possible to disable internet access? | Unlike the internet in your home, filters to help block inappropriate content are not readily available for mobile handsets. |

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**Pastoral News**

Valuables: Students are asked not to bring large sums of cash or valuable items to school.
6. CHAT SERVICES

Questions to Ask
Can this phone access services where users can anonymously chat to each other?
What safety measures do you have in place for users of mobile chat services?

Background
Chat services can be accessed on mobile phones using SMS and WAP (an Internet-like service that is customized for mobile phones) enabling users to chat anonymously with other users. Types of services include general chat, games (which allow you to chat to other gamers) and dating.

Providers of mobile chat services must implement safety measures that minimise the risk of the service being used to facilitate illegal contact between adults and children. Measures that may enhance the safety of users include monitoring the chat, filtering content to remove possible contact information and placing services behind access controls to restrict access to people who are not at least 18 years of age.

7. ACCESS TO CONTENT NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN

Questions to Ask
Does the phone allow access to content that is not suitable for children? Is this content automatically blocked on this phone?

Background
Some mobile phone providers provide access to content that is not suitable for children, i.e. content rated MA15+ or R18+. Before this content can be provided, customers must request access and provide their provider with proof that they are 18 years or older.

Proving your age is a one-off action, so if a child inherits a phone, you should confirm with your provider that access to content that is not suitable for children has not been enabled.

8. DEALING WITH CONTENT NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN

Questions to Ask
How do I report receipt of content that is unsuitable for children? (For example, content unsuitable for children is received on the phone even though access to this type of content has not been enabled by the mobile provider.)

Background
It is important to let your mobile provider know if content that is not suitable for children is received, both to protect yourself and other users. If you are not satisfied that your mobile provider has addressed your concerns about the provision of content that is not suitable for children adequately, you may escalate your complaint to the communications regulator, ACMA, by sending an email to: mobilecontent@acma.gov.au.

9. NUISANCE/MALICIOUS CALLS

Questions to Ask
What can I do if I receiving abusive calls or messages? Can I block calls from a particular person?

Background
Children may send or receive nuisance or threatening calls or text messages from other children. This behaviour can be part of bullying or intimidation – while bullying is not in itself new, the use of mobile phones may make it harder to deal with. Your mobile phone provider should have procedures and tips to help deal with nuisance and malicious calls. Further information on bullying and mobile phones is also available from the Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association at: http://www.amta.org.au/default.asp?id=367

10. PROTECTING YOUR MOBILE PHONE FROM LOSS

Questions to Ask
What precautions can I take to minimise the risk if my phone is lost or stolen?

Background
Your phone company may offer insurance to help protect you if your phone is lost or stolen. Services are available for reporting a missing phone, and the phone can be programmed to minimise the risk of misuse. Make a note of your phone’s IMEI number (which can be found by dialling *#06#) which will help if you need to report your phone stolen.

The Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association has information on what to do if your phone is lost or stolen available at: http://www.amta.org.au/?Page=650

11. UNSOLICITED EMAILS/TEXT MESSAGES

Questions to Ask
Do you have a number to call to report spam or filters to help block it?

Background
Unsolicited emails/text messages (commonly known as spam) are not as prevalent on mobile phones as it is on computers with access to the internet. It does exist, however, and can be intrusive and deceptive.


12. BLUETOOTH ENABLED PHONES

Questions to Ask
Does the phone have Bluetooth facilities? Can I disable Bluetooth or hide the phone from other users?

Background
Bluetooth technology is used for short range communication between your mobile phone and to other Bluetooth-enabled devices (such as a wireless headset) or mobile phone.

This allows communication between your child’s mobile phone and other Bluetooth-enabled phones in the near vicinity. If enabled, your child may receive unexpected and unwanted messages from other Bluetooth phone users nearby, who may be able to access information stored on your child’s phone. For example, his or her contact list could be vulnerable. You may want to switch off Bluetooth so the phone is invisible to other users.

Don’t Give Me That Attitude!

Rude, Selfish, Insensitive

Things Kids Do and How to Stop Them

Next week, we’ll have the No. 6 ‘Bad Attitude’, DEMANDING, which has the antidote of Tact, Tranquillity and Consideration.

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

Just a couple of reminders:

- This **Wednesday, 22 August** there is a TAFE options showcase at 1:00pm for students who are thinking about full-time courses at TAFE next year. This is run by teachers of TAFE courses from the North Coast Institute of TAFE NSW, Kingscliff Campus. If you would like to attend, please register in the Careers Room.

- For Year 12 students: This **Thursday, 23 August** there will be two visits from universities at St Joseph's College:
  - 1:00pm Griffith University promotions team
  - 2:00pm Southern Cross University promotions team

- Country Energy has a number of exciting **apprenticeships** on offer for 2008 for Lineworks and Electrical Technicians. Applications can be completed online and must be completed by 5:00pm, **Friday 24 August 2007**. For further information, visit [www.countryenergy.com.au/apprentices](http://www.countryenergy.com.au/apprentices) or call 1800 123 590 during office hours.

Please see me in the Careers Room about any of the abovementioned matters.

Mr Matt Hall
Careers Advisor

**BRING HOME A BROTHER OR A SISTER**

In January 2008, students, aged 15-18 years, from over 15 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 5 or 10 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](http://www.studentexchange.org.au).

**SPORT NEWS**

**Bill Turner Trophy Junior Girls Soccer**

**SJC BOW OUT OF THE COMPETITION IN THE FINAL 16**

Unfortunately, the girls lost their Final 16 game 1-3 against Woolgoolga High School at Woolgoolga. The road trip was a hilariously funny and enjoyable journey (although I fear I have permanent hearing loss from listening to 27 renditions of Fergie's "Big Girls Don't Cry"). The girls were very competitive on the day, challenging and forcing their opposition to earn every ball for the full 60 minutes.

Special thanks to Mrs Helen Reynolds, Mr Wayne DeVenny and Ms Erin Gallagher who accompanied the team on the trip.

My usual custom is to write a match report on the game but on this occasion we were fortunate enough to have an up-and-coming journalist at the game to cover the action. She is the sister of player Erin Smith. Her name is Caitlin Smith and she is 6 years old. This is her game report:

I am woching the soccer and I am siting.
They are Kicking the ball.
Jade hurt her Knee. Ellie went on.
10:20  1-0. Heidi or Hayley used her head to score.
10:29  They scored. 1-1.
Erin hurt her back. 
Half time 10:36.
Mr trim talked to the girls.
10:45  **They tried to score but Olivia stopped it.**
10:51  **They scored. 2-1.**
10:53  They scored again. **3-1.**
11:10  Full time.
Score, **3-1.**
Great game!

Congratulations, girls, on your achievements this year. This year has been a brilliant year for Junior Girls Soccer at SJC. Bring on 2008! The team was:

Jade Andrew (10E)  Georgina Oram (9E)
Jordan Charters (9C)  Heidi Reynolds (7F)
Catherine Conlan (8A)  Sophie Reynolds (9B)
Jessica Hunter (9B)  Hayley Raso (7E)
Elise Kachel (8E)  Olivia Salmon (9D)
Annie McCleary (9B)  Hannah Simpson (7B)
Katie McCleary (8E)  Erin Smith (8E)
Caitlyn McGibbon (8E)  Callin Smyth (8C)

Mr Carlo Trimboli (Coach)
Ashleigh Dunemann (Trainer)
SPORTS NEWS

SURF TEAM TRIUMPHS
The St. Joseph’s College surf team won the Diocesan Surf Teams Challenge held recently at Kingscliff.

Mr Robert Ellison, Diocesan Convenor of Sport, presents the winner’s trophy to St Joey’s.

Teams from Port Macquarie to the Tweed participated in the surf test where a tag team format operated and all members contributed to the final points tally. Surfing in 5 rounds throughout the day the St. Joey’s crew were convincing winners in the end thanks to all members surfing at a high standard.

These photos of Ben were taken by an independent photographer (from Coffs Harbour), who was impressed by the standard of Ben’s surfing.

Ben Webb ‘explodes’ during the finals.

AUSTRALIAN VETERANS’ CHILDREN ASSISTANCE TRUST

through the Legacy Club of Coolangatta/Tweed Heads is offering students

Scholarships for 2008

Applications close on 31 October of this year for 2008 grants available through the Legacy Club of Coolangatta/Tweed Heads from the Australian Veterans’ Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT).

WORRYING ABOUT LIVING COSTS WHILE DOING TERTIARY STUDY?

In 2008, AVCAT is offering financial assistance for up to 75 students under many different scholarship schemes. All schemes help the selected children in need of the Australian veteran community with the costs of tertiary education. Applicants are considered for all schemes for which they are eligible.

The 50 Legacy Clubs throughout Australia are an organisation of volunteers who, since 1923, have cared for widows and children of ex-Service personnel who died in wars or conflicts or who died thereafter from injuries.

The Legacy Club of Coolangatta/Tweed Heads has cared for those within its area of responsibility for many years, with the generous financial support of the community. In 2006, in an extension of the care it has provided, the Club established an annual scholarship. Each scholarship is worth $4,000 tax-free each year of study. Continuation depends on satisfactory progress. Applicants in latter years of study may also apply.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply you must be:

(a) Living at a permanent address in one of the following areas: Post codes 2485, 2486, 4221, 4222, 4224 or 4225; or are attending school in one of those areas.

(b) The child of a person with operational service as a member of the Australian Army, Navy or Air Force.

(c) Under the age of 25 when applying unless exceptional circumstances related to the veteran’s service exist.

(d) Enrolled, or planning to enrol, in a full-time post-secondary course by attendance in Australia, at a university, TAFE or college at undergraduate level.

(e) Tested with the means test. (This being eligibility on assets and income grounds for Youth Allowance benefits for full-time education).

Applications open on 18 August and close on 31 October 2007 for the start of scholarships in the 2008 academic year.

Selection

Selection will be based on weighting of 60% for financial need and 40% for educational merit. The scholarships are administered by the Australian Veterans’ Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) in Sydney on behalf of the Legacy Club of Coolangatta Tweed Heads.

AVCAT’s contact details are: PO Box 978, Haymarket, NSW 1240; Voice Mail 1800 620 361, Tel (02) 9281.7077, Fax: (02) 9281.9164 or Email: vvt@accsoft.com.au.
RRISK NEWS

RRISK (Reduce Risk, Increase Student Knowledge) is a program which aims to encourage secondary school students to know the facts, be aware of the risks and make informed decisions before they act. Primarily, the program’s target audience is Year 11, however, the information provided can be used by other/older year groups.

Year 11 will be attending a one-day seminar in November and in the lead-up to the seminar the College Newsletter will include articles relating to:

1. Young People and Risk Taking
2. Adolescent Drinking Behaviour
3. Talking to Young People about Alcohol and Drugs
4. Young Drivers Aged 17 – 25 Years: Why Are They ‘At Risk’?
5. New Driving Test and Provisional Driver Restrictions as of July 1, 2007
6. Drugs, Driving and Roadside Drug Testing
7. Tips for Supervising a Learner Driver
8. Points to Consider When Buying a Used Car
9. Parties – Will You Allow Alcohol at Your Adolescent’s Party? (this article will include a Party Report Form)
10. RRISK Seminar 2007

Today, we include the first article: *Young People and Risk Taking*. I do ask Year 11 families in particular to please take the time to read these articles together as a family as they are extremely helpful.

**YOUNG PEOPLE AND RISK TAKING**

Risk-taking in adolescence is not only normal; it is an essential part of learning and personal development. Every healthy adolescent takes risks as he or she grows towards independence. Most researchers agree that if there is no risk there is no growth. A common problem for some young people is their inability to evaluate the potential risks and consequences of everyday behaviour. 77% of adolescent deaths are caused by crashes – many of these are the result of risk taking.

Road safety research shows up to 85-90% of road crashes are caused by human factors – tiredness, inexperience, alcohol use, speeding and failing to use a seat belt. Road crashes occur but many “accidents” on the road are preventable.

Thrill seeking, the desire to impress one’s friends, feelings of invincibility and the search for new experiences are all motivating forces that drive many teenagers.

Students in Year 11 will be invited to attend a one-day RRISK seminar at Tweed Heads Civic Centre on Friday 23 November 2007. The RRISK Program aims to raise student awareness about the consequences of everyday risk choices involving alcohol and drug use, driving and partying.

Look for information about the RRISK Program and risk taking in this newsletter over the coming weeks.

Mr Peter Serone
PD/H/PE Coordinator
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 $5.00 for purchases at the Canteen.

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

Student Council

CANTEEN NEWS & ROSTER

S.O.S. – HELP NEEDED!

Thank you to the WONDERFUL mums who have called me . . . but wait there’s more! You’ve been fantastic, so I don’t like to have to ask for more helpers – but as you can see, there are plenty of places still to fill:

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MEAL OF THE WEEK

This week we have the much requested curry chicken and rice for the very affordable price of $4.00 (or $5.00 for the larger serve, if you’re extra hungry!). Just make sure of one thing: ORDER EARLY!!

CANTEEN ROSTER

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Mrs Dianne Pinkstone
Canteen Manager

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

ATTENTION YEAR 7 2008 STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES:

Please take note of the uniform fitting days as recorded at the top of your order form in your acceptance package. The dates have been allocated for specific school groups ie. You MUST attend during the dates stipulated.

SENIOR ORDER FORMS

Year 10 students (Year 11 2008) have received their order forms for Senior Uniforms. These forms are to be returned by the end of this term to ensure delivery in January 2008. If you are unsure of sizes, please do not hesitate to see me.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

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

SCHOOL BACKPACKS

It has been noticed that a number of students are wearing their College backpack incorrectly. The manufacturer of our bags advises the following for correct usage and packing:

- Keep the load close to your spine. Do not let it hang below your hips or pull away from your body. Carry only what you need for the day.
- Always wear the pack over two shoulders.
- Pack heaviest item against the spine and at the back of the bag.
- Pack midweight objects in the middle section.
- Pack lightweight objects in the front section.

Ms Debra Dawson
Uniform Shop Manager

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.
St Joseph’s College invites you to

EXPO 2007

A SHOWCASE OF OUR STUDENTS’ SKILLS AND TALENTS

Tuesday
4 September 2007
6:00pm to 8:00pm
in the
DOYLE CENTRE & COLLEGE LIBRARY
St Joseph’s College
Banora Point

Move through the Doyle Centre, Library & TAS area
View the works on display
Experience the performances
Enjoy tea, coffee . . . and the atmosphere
. . . we have other light refreshments available for purchase . . .

FORMAL OPENING
AT 7:00PM
BY MR PETER McLoughlin, PRINCIPAL

This is a very special occasion to celebrate the achievements of our students

COME ALONG AND CELEBRATE EXPO 2007!