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

Soon we will celebrate Christmas, the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ in very humble circumstances. It’s a great time for families to celebrate with great joy. The Holy Family should be a central part of our Christmas focus.

As this is the last College Newsletter for 2007, I would like to thank all those who have faithfully read it. My thanks also to everyone associated with St Joseph’s College for their contributions no matter how great or small: teaching staff, non-teaching staff, parents, students, supporters, volunteers and particularly Fathers Michael Brady, John Darbyshire and Jim Griffin.

I’d like to acknowledge the efforts of the following staff members who will be leaving us at the end of 2007:

- Mrs Sharyn McConnell who retired from teaching in June of this year.
- Mrs Frances Lamont who has taught English and Religious Education.
- Mr Bruce Lewis who is a foundation member of staff here at St Joseph’s College, since 1993. Mr Lewis has held many positions of responsibility including Curriculum Coordinator, TAS Coordinator, General Coordinator and OH&S Coordinator. Mr Lewis has taught Design & Technology and Industrial Technology Multimedia in recent years. Mr Lewis is taking 12 months leave.
- Mrs Julie Dreise who has been teaching Science this year.
- Ms Kylie Evans who has been teaching English and Drama for Terms 2, 3 and 4 this year.
- Ms Vanessa Milligan who has been teaching Art and Photography for Terms 2, 3 and 4 this year.

Mrs McConnell, Mrs Lamont, Mr Lewis, Mrs Dreise, Ms Evans and Ms Milligan have made huge contributions and are valued members of our community. We wish them all every success for the future and we ask God to bless them.

I am happy to announce the appointment of the following staff members to positions of responsibility for 2008:

- Mathematics Coordinator: Mr Frank Malone
- Year 7 Coordinator: Ms Kerrie Priddis
- Year 8 Coordinator: Mr Guy Davoren
- Year 9 Coordinator: Mrs Michelle Heazlewood-Ross
- Year 10 Coordinator: Mr Chris Morrison
- Year 11 Coordinator: Mr Shane Rowland
- Year 12 Coordinator: Mr Shane Burns

At this time I would also like to sincerely thank Mr Greg Gazal and Mr Gary Thorsby. Mr Gazal has been the Mathematics Coordinator here at the College for twelve years and Mr Thorsby has been the Year Coordinator of the current Year 8 students for two years. St Joseph’s College is certainly grateful for all that Mr Gazal and Mr Thorsby have done.
TERM DATES 2008

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Please note that Pupil Free Days for 2008 will be advertised in the College Newsletter.

PARISH FUNCTION

On Monday 3 December, our Year 11 Hospitality students hosted a function for 150 guests of the Parish. The students did an excellent job preparing and serving the food. Sincere thanks to their mentors, Ms Parker, Mrs Sargent and Mrs Camp who directed and supported them throughout the process. Congratulations to:

Bronson Atkin (11A)  Rachel Eves (11D)  Scott Lock (11A)  Leon Smith (11A)
Jadey Cox (11A)  Matthew Herridge (11A)  Ione Quinn (11C)  Amy Turner (11C)

MAGAZINE

Congratulations to Mr Dixon, Mrs McConnell, Mrs Peterson and all who contributed to ‘Reflections 2007’. It is a wonderful testimony of life at St Joseph’s College this year.

AWARDS

Congratulations to all of the award winners for Years 7, 8, 9 and 11 whose names appear over the next few pages of this final 2007 Newsletter.

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

The following Christmas Reflection comes from the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate:

This Christmas, then . . .


My sincere thanks to Mrs Joseph who does an outstanding job typing and presenting this Newsletter every week.

I pray that God grants all members of our St Joseph’s College community a very happy, safe and Holy Christmas.

Best wishes and
God Bless,

Mr Peter McLoughlin
Principal
Year 7 Yearly Academic Excellence Awards

(Presented to students who have received Semester Academic Excellence in a subject, or a number of subjects, over both Semesters.)

Amy Baird  Art, Technology
Kieran Baker  Science
Grace Beattie  Art, Technology
Leigharna Bell  Art, Technology
Liam Bennett  Music
Kristin Bourke  Art
Jayden Chadburn  Catholic Studies
Hannah Clarke  Art, Catholic Studies, HSIE, Music, Technology
Jordyn Cosgrove  Art
Denieka Crompton  PD/H/PE, Technology
Katarina Crouch  Art, Science, Technology
Ricardo de Azevedo  PD/H/PE
Laura Donnelly  Art, Catholic Studies, English, Science, Technology
Maccalla Fenn  Art, Catholic Studies, English, HSIE, Music, PD/H/PE, Science, Technology
Samantha Gent  Art
Daniel Graham  Art
Jenai Grammer  Art
Bridgette Hill  Art
Jemma Hughes  Art, Technology
Liam Knott  Art
Sam Knott  Science
Felix Langenbach  Mathematics, Science
Andrew Lynch  HSIE, Science
Monique Mai  Catholic Studies, English, Music, Science, Technology
Kirra Manning  Technology
Zoe Mathieu  Music, Science, Technology
Thomas McGill  Art, Catholic Studies, Mathematics, Music, Science, Technology
Olivia McLean  Music
Morwenna Merley  Art, Catholic Studies, English, HSIE, Science
Geordie Mifsud  Art
Louis Monaghan  Catholic Studies, English, HSIE, Mathematics, Music, PD/H/PE, Science, Technology
Clare O’Brien  Art, Catholic Studies
Katherine O’Donoghue  Art, Catholic Studies, English, Science, Technology
Brayden Pringle  Art, PD/H/PE, Science
Taylah Pyle  Art, Technology
Hollie-Ann Rachow  Art, Catholic Studies, HSIE, Technology
Hayley Raso  Art, Catholic Studies, HSIE, PD/H/PE, Science
Rhiannon Read  Art
Georgia Ross  Catholic Studies, Music
Josie Rowles  Art, Science
Rose-Marie Samuels  Art, HSIE, Science, Technology
Catalyne Scott  Art, English, Music, Science
Sinead Scott  Art, Catholic Studies, HSIE, PD/H/PE
Hannah Simpson  Art
Amanda Spinks  Science
James Swift  Catholic Studies, Science, Technology
Maddison Teasdell  PD/H/PE
Sean Thornton  Art
Kel West  Art
Madalyn Wilson  Art
Hanna Wyper  Art, HSIE, Technology
Year 8 Yearly Academic Excellence Awards

(Presented to students who have received Semester Academic Excellence in a subject, or a number of subjects, over both Semesters.)

Leigh Agius  Art
Ryan Anderson  HSIE
Debara Andrews  Art
Laura Bailey  Art, PD/H/PE
Brendan Bartel  Art, French, HSIE, Music, Science, Technology
Liam Bolster  Catholic Studies, English, HSIE, Music, Science
Elia Bruce  Art, French
Matthew Byrne  Technology
Catania Campione  French
Allie Capellari  English, French
Joel Cauchi  French, HSIE
Catherine Conlan  Art, Technology
Danielle Crowe  Catholic Studies
James Cutler  Art
Samantha Fien  Art, Catholic Studies, English, French, HSIE, Mathematics, PD/H/PE, Science, Technology
Michael Gardner  PD/H/PE
Hannah Hardy  Art, English, French, HSIE, Mathematics
Brant Hawley  HSIE, Science
Lina Hayek-Sunderland  Art, Technology
Samara Hayes  Art, Catholic Studies, English, French, HSIE, Science, Technology
Sarah Hipwell  Art, French, HSIE, Music, Technology
Elise Kachel  PD/H/PE
Jack Klein  Mathematics, PD/H/PE
Taylor Liddiard  Art
Nicholas Lovett  English, HSIE
Laura Maguire  French
Caitlin McGibbon-Goode  Art, Catholic Studies, English, French, HSIE, Music, Technology
Leigh McMahon  French, Technology
Claudia Osborn  Art, Technology
Tamar Phillips  Mathematics
Keeley Serone  PD/H/PE
Jack Shambrook  PD/H/PE
Tahlia Short  Art, PD/H/PE
Ellouise Southon  Art, English, French, HSIE, PD/H/PE, Science
Brodie Sweeney  Technology
Ashley Taverner  Art, English, French, Science
Chantelle Walker  French, HSIE, Technology
Matthew Waugh  HSIE, Science, Technology
Sascha Webb  French, Science, Technology
Corrin Wilson  French, Science
Maddison Wong  English, French, PD/H/PE, Technology
Lauren Workman  Catholic Studies, French, HSIE, Mathematics, Science
Jazmin Wozney  Art, HSIE, Technology
Alexander Wyper  HSIE
Year 9 Yearly Academic Excellence Awards
(Presented to students who have received Semester Academic Excellence in a subject, or a number of subjects, over both Semesters.)

Torrey Atkin
Catholic Studies, Drama, HSIE, Mathematics, Science, Visual Arts

Megan Atwood
PD/H/PE

Jacquelyn Baker
Science

Stephen Baker
Catholic Studies, Industrial Technology-Multimedia, Mathematics, Science

Christopher Best
Industrial Technology-Multimedia, Science

Rees Bortolin
Graphics Technology

Christopher Boyle
French, Science

Stefan Breci
French

Jordan Charters

Jessica Clarke
Catholic Studies, English, Science

Nicholas Cleary
Graphics Technology, Science

Rebecca Colefax
Industrial Technology-Multimedia, PD/H/PE

Alexandra Condon
Visual Arts

Isaac Cork
Visual Arts

Finn Davoren
Science

Amy Elkington
PD/H/PE

Maddison Jordan
Visual Arts

Liam Kirk
Industrial Technology-Multimedia

Matthew Lesslie
Drama

Patrick Lynch
PD/H/PE

Brandon Mackay
French, Science

Anastasia McCleary
French

Katherine McCleary
Catholic Studies, Drama, PD/H/PE

Jackson McCulloch
HSIE, Graphics Technology

Georgia McIntosh
PD/H/PE

Joel McLucas
Catholic Studies, French

William Mitchell
PD/H/PE

Thomas Monaghan
Drama, PD/H/PE

Narissa O’Doherty
French, Graphics Technology

Annie O’Donohue
Catholic Studies, Food Technology, Mathematics, PD/H/PE, Physical Activity & Sports Studies, Science

Georgina Oram
Catholic Studies, PD/H/PE

Jessica Orr
Catholic Studies

Danielle Payne
French

Gregory Pieris
Drama

Brandon Potessu
PD/H/PE

Jared Prince
Industrial Technology-Multimedia

Danny Putland
Industrial Technology-Timber, PD/H/PE, Science, Catholic Studies

Lachlan Raso
Graphics Technology, Mathematics, PD/H/PE, Science

Xavier Ricketts
Catholic Studies, Industrial Technology-Multimedia, PD/H/PE, Physical Activity & Sports Studies

Dean Stegeman
Graphics Technology

Lauren Teitzel
English, PD/H/PE, Science

Justin Tindall
Industrial Technology-Multimedia

Connor van Rossum
Graphics Technology, Mathematics, PD/H/PE, Physical Activity & Sports Studies

Timothy Wong
Catholic Studies, Graphics Technology, HSIE, Mathematics, Music, Science
End of Year Awards

Year 11 Awards for First Place in Courses
(Presented to students who have gained first place in a course in Preliminary Higher School Certificate assessment.)

Bronson Atkin  Visual Arts
Simon Campbell  Physics, Mathematics Extension
Riccardo Campione  Industrial Technology
Jadey Cox  Photography
Teegan Crompton  PD/H/PE (equal 1st), Exploring Early Childhood
Phoebe Cupples  Studies of Religion 1, Legal Studies, Business Studies, English Extension, General Mathematics
Shaun Dougall  Information Processes & Technology
Lucy Fitzhugh  Community & Family Studies, PD/H/PE (equal 1st)
Rosarna Geerz  Music Course 1
Ashton Hawley  Senior Science
Alana Higgins  Hospitality (Commercial Cookery), Standard English
Jenson Lau  1U Sport, Lifestyle & Recreation
Jack Mulherin  Studies of Religion II, Modern History
Renee O’Connor  Retail Operations
Christopher Pearce  2U Sport, Lifestyle & Recreation
Anthony Samuels  Mathematics
Laura Wilson  Chemistry
Cherylyn Wong  Advanced English, Biology, Ancient History

Special Awards

Demi Swain Memorial Trophy
Blake Di Manno (8)

Defence Force Awards
Eliza O’Donohue (11)
Ashleigh Dunemann (10)
End of Year Awards

100% Attendance

Ricardo de Azevedo (7)  Laura Donnelly (7)  Felix Langenbach (7)
Zoe Mathieu (7)  Olivia McLean (7)  Catalynne Scott (7)
Brendan Bartel (8)  Andrew Budzinauskas (8)  Todd Cattell (8)
Danielle Crowe (8)  Taylor Hammett (8)  Lina Hayek-Sunderland (8)
Elise Kachel (8)  Jessica Reynolds (8)  Torrey Atkin (9)
Blake Hoskinson (9)  Georgina Oram (9)  Mitchell Anderson (11)

Jack Mulherin (11)  Hannah Whittaker (11)

Sporting Excellence

(To qualify for this award a student must have represented the College at Diocesan level or higher and displayed an excellent level of performance.)

Jayden Chadburn (7) ~ Swimming
Dayne Holland (7) ~ Athletics
Hayley Raso (7) ~ Touch
Geoffrey Harrison (8) ~ Athletics
Kelsea Bell (9) ~ Athletics
Amy Elkington (9) ~ Swimming
Matthew Lesslie (9) ~ Athletics
Katherine McCleary (9) ~ Touch / Soccer / Cross Country
Olivia Salmon (9) ~ Touch
Simon Campbell (11) ~ Athletics
Jack Mulherin (11) ~ Touch

Georgia Green (7) ~ Swimming
Stefanie Lesslie (7) ~ Athletics
Nicholas Crompton (8) ~ Athletics
Jacob Holland (8) ~ Athletics
Jordan Charters (9) ~ Swimming
Mitchell James (9) ~ Surfing
Anastasia McCleary (9) ~ Touch / Soccer / Cross Country
Xavier Ricketts (9) ~ Athletics
Shane Turner (9) ~ Touch
Luke McCarron (11) ~ Touch
Amy Turner (11) ~ Touch / Softball

Cultural Excellence

(To qualify for this award a student must have represented the College and/or presented at a number of significant performing and/or creative events and displayed an excellent level of performance.)

Maccalla Fenn (7)  Morwenna Merley (7)  Louis Monaghan (7)
James Swift (7)  Laura Bailey (8)  Taylor Liddiard (8)
Ellouise Southon (8)  Torrey Atkin (9)  Matthew Bourgeois (9)
Isaac Cork (9)  Finn Davoren (9)  Troy Erich (9)
Giovanna Falchi (9)  Matthew Lesslie (9)  Gregory Pieris (9)
Samantha Rutledge (9)  Dean Stegeman (9)  Bronson Atkin (11)

End of Year Awards

Form Dux - Years 7, 8 & 9
(To qualify for this award a student must have demonstrated academic excellence in many aspects of the curriculum throughout the whole year. The student will have achieved the highest number of Yearly Academic Excellence Awards.)

Year 7 Joint Winners: Maccalla Fenn (7) & Louis Monaghan (7)
Samantha Fien (8) Jordan Charters (9)

Form Dux - Year 11
(To qualify for this award a student must have demonstrated academic excellence in many aspects of the curriculum throughout the whole year. The student will have achieved the best result based on cumulative assessment at the end of the Preliminary Higher School Certificate course.)

Phoebe Cupples (11)

Peace Through Justice Awards
(To qualify for this award a student, parent, teacher or staff member will have demonstrated outstanding contribution willingly and generously to the establishment of a spirit of social justice within our Christian community.)

Denieka Crompton (7) Maccalla Fenn (7) Monique Mai (7)
Kirra Manning (7) Georgia Murray (7) Shailee Neal (7)
Lauren Ostrowski (7) Catalynne Scott (7) Sinead Scott (7)
Keeley Serone (8) Jazmin Wozney (8) Jordan Charters (9)
Janaya Neal (9) Jessica Orr (9) Matthew Coughran (11)
Kate McGrath (11) Samuel Monaghan (11) Renee O’Connor (11)
Eliza O’Donohue (11) Hannah Whittaker (11)

St Joseph’s College Award
(To qualify for this award a student must have demonstrated all round excellence and commitment to the ethos of the College.)

Maccalla Fenn (7) Catalynne Scott (7) Torrey Atkin (9)
Jordan Charters (9) Jack Mulherin (11)
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We hope you enjoy today’s issue & see you in the New Year!

ST JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC PARISH
Tweed Heads Catholic Presbytery
P.O. Box 25, Tweed Heads
NSW 2485
Phone: (07) 5536.7522
Fax: (07) 5536.4092

SCHOOL FEES
Attention all St Joseph’s College Families:

Have you made a payment that hasn’t come off your bill?

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 any of these deposits relate to you:

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It appears that the last two payments through the Commonwealth Bank are from the same person and that the two payments from SCCU are also from the same family. Could families please check their payments and contact me on (07) 5536.8701 if they believe that the payments were made by them.

Mr John Klein, Parish Finance Manager

Thinking of going to World Youth Day 2008?

Register now and ‘Join the Journey’

Why register early?

❖ Our parish will provide the transport cost (by bus) to Sydney and back and also subsidise some of the registration cost - depending on numbers for all who register with our group.
❖ There is a full registration package available of $395 which covers accommodation (in communal settings ie: school/parish halls - sleeping bag on the floor), transport to venues in Sydney and some meals, as well as a package available for those who have arranged their own accommodation - priced accordingly at $335.
❖ We want everyone to have the chance to attend WYD08 and we will extend our group size if needed.
❖ The earlier you register, the earlier we can begin your preparation. We want our group to come together well before July 2008 so we can begin building friendships and companionship that will continue well beyond WYD.
❖ A $50.00 deposit to the Parish Office will secure your position. Full payment is requested by 30 May 2008.
❖ Registration packages are available from the College and enquiries can be made via the Parish Office.

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.
**PRINCIPAL’S NOTES**

**YEAR 8 2008**
Next year, Year 8 will be in classes of students with like abilities as follows:

- One (1) class of students with the greatest ability in terms of literacy and numeracy
- The next two (2) classes of students with the next level of ability in terms of literacy and numeracy
- The next two (2) classes of students with the next level of ability in terms of literacy and numeracy
- One (1) class of students who have the highest needs in terms of literacy and numeracy.

By creating these classes we believe the students will be able to achieve at their own level with other students of similar ability to their own. This process will undergo evaluation throughout 2008.

Year 7 2008 will be under the same models as outlined above.

Mr Peter McLoughlin
Principal

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**DEPUTY’S NOTICES**

**SEASONS GREETINGS**
I wish all the staff, students, parents and supporters of St Joseph’s College a Happy, Holy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2008.

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**COMING EVENTS**

**HOLIDAYS 2008**
- **Thursday 24 January**
  - Uniform Collection for Girls (9:00am-12:00noon & 1:00-4:00pm)
- **Friday 25 January**
  - Uniform Collection for Boys (9:00am-12:00noon & 1:00-4:00pm)

**WEEK 1 ~ 2008**
- **Monday 28 January**
  - Public Holiday ~ Australia Day
- **Tuesday 29 January**
  - Staff Development Day
  - Uniform Exchanges (9:00am-12:00noon & 1:00-3:30pm)
- **Wednesday 30 January**
  - Staff Development Day
- **Thursday 31 January**
  - All Year Groups commence
  - **Friday 1 February**
  - (Day 5)

**WEEK 2**
- **Monday 4 February**
  - (Day 6)
- **Tuesday 5 February**
  - (Day 7)
- **Wednesday 6 February**
  - (Day 8)
  - Ash Wednesday
- **Thursday 7 February**
  - (Day 9)
  - **Friday 8 February**
  - (Day 10)

**WEEK 3**
- **Monday 11 February**
  - (Day 1)
- **Tuesday 12 February**
  - (Day 2)
- **Wednesday 13 February**
  - (Day 3)
- **Thursday 14 February**
  - (Day 4)
- **Friday 15 February**
  - (Day 5)

Mr Peter Lyon
Deputy Principal

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**ST JOSEPH’S PARISH**

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**
All times shown are NSW times
(one hour ahead of QLD)

**MASS TIMES PHONE NUMBER IS: (07) 5536.7800**
**OFFICE PHONE: (07) 5536.7522**

**RECONCILIATION**

- **Friday 14 December**: Service of Forgiveness
  - 7:00-8:00pm (includes 1st Rite if required)

**1st Rite**
- **Saturday 15 December**: St Joseph’s ~ 4:30-5:30pm
- **Wednesday 19 December**: Holy Family Chapel ~ 9:55-10:35am
- **Thursday 20 December**: St Joseph’s ~ 9:30-10:30am
- **Friday 21 December**: St Joseph’s ~ 9:30-10:00am and 4:30-5:30pm
- **Monday 24 December**: St Joseph’s ~ 9:30-10:00am

**2nd Rite**
- **Wednesday 19th December**: 7:00pm

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**ST ANTHONY’S PARISH**

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

- **KINGSCLIFF**
  - **Monday 24 December – Christmas Eve**: Vigil 6:00pm and 12:00 midnight
  - **Tuesday 25 December – Christmas Day**: 9:00am

- **POTTSVILLE**
  - **Tuesday 25 December – Christmas Day**: 7:00am

Fr Michael Brady
& Fr John Darbyshire

Fr Jim Griffin
Parish Priest

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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.
## CURRICULUM NEWS

### CURRICULUM AWARDS ON ASSEMBLY
At last week’s College Assembly, the following students were presented with their Curriculum Award for excellence in formal assessments during October. The Year 10 students received their certificates prior to finishing school on 26 November.

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Parents/Caregivers please note that
The school year will commence on
Thursday 31 January 2008
ALL YEAR GROUPS COMMENCE THAT DAY

RESEARCH EDUCATION NEWS

We introduce today a new inclusion in the College Newsletter “Reading of the Week.” We hope you find today’s reading both timely and motivational.

Mr Scott McDermott
RE Coordinator - Ministry

Reading of the Week

Today’s Reading comes from Paul’s Letters to the Ephesians:

I beg you to live in a way that is worthy of the people God has chosen to be his own. Always be humble and gentle. Patiently put up with each other and love each other. Try your best to let God’s Spirit keep your hearts united. Do this by living at peace. All of you are part of the same body.

Mr Scott McDermott
RE Coordinator - Ministry

It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas . . .

On 15 November, all members of the Year 11 SRC attended a Leadership Seminar, held in Lismore at the Southern Cross University.

The day was organised by students and the company ‘Step Up’ and it involved 5 guest speakers. The speakers motivated us all to stay positive, plan for the future and strive to reach all our goals. The speakers were all from different aspects of life: a lady who set up the care court for neglected children; two men who started their own business motivating young people; a lady who conquered the battle of teenage pregnancy; and an ex-basketball star who was told he would not live past the age of 17, but overcame all the odds to succeed.

All of the speakers had different points in order to motivate and inspire us, making it a day where we all took home knowledge allowing us to better shape and build our future.

Eliza O’Donohue (11A) & Kate McGrath (11B)

HISTORY NEWS

The Simpson Prize 2008

Congratulations and good luck to Daina Waugh (10E) and Jessica Godfrey (10C) who have entered the Simpson Prize 2008. Both girls have written essays of between 900-1200 words on the topic:

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

The girls completed this task independently and in addition to their other school work this year. Well done! Winners will be notified in the new year.

Miss Helen Gooley
History Teacher

Looking for a ‘Special’ Mum . . .

We repeat our message today, as we still haven’t been able to find the mum who lent the ‘80s ‘short and top set’ for the College Musical “Back to the 80s”. Unfortunately, we have no record of your name, so the clothes are still awaiting collection from my desk.

Thank you again, Ms Murray.

G’DAY USA JANUARY 2008 TOUR

During the Christmas holidays, eleven students – who have been saving hard throughout the year – and I will be travelling to the West Coast of the United States for a cultural exchange program, leaving 2 January and returning 21 January. Our itinerary includes:

Day 1 Brisbane to San Francisco, via Auckland.
Day 2-3 San Francisco tour Fisherman’s Wharf and Alcatraz. Flight to Los Angeles and on to San Diego.
Day 4-13 With host families, school visits, tours of Sea World, Tijuana, Mission Beach and San Diego Zoo.
Day 14-15 Los Angeles and Knotts Berry Farm Resort.
Day 16-17 Disneyland, tours of Los Angeles including Hollywood.
Day 18 Universal Studios tour.
Day 19-20 In transit returning to Brisbane.

Best wishes for a great trip: Joel Clark, Aaron Slight, Jake De Venny, Kate Spinks, Ashton Hawley, Isaac Scaysbrook, Janaya and John Neal, Alexandra Condon, Lauren Barnes, Ramona Summers.

It is hoped that the experience of this trip will be offered to the students of the College again in the future.

Mr Peter Serone
Group Leader
Thursday 29 November, after school, twenty Year 9 students plus Madame Peterson and Monsieur Chambers embarked on a week-long cultural and language immersion trip to Noumea, New Caledonia. There are lots of highlights and memories of this fun-filled, French-speaking, eating, meeting and greeting experience.

We caught the Chou Chou train, the local bus, the Mary D catamaran, the Air Calin international airline and practised our phrases, greetings, asking for directions etc. We swam, we shopped, we dined, and we had lessons – even saw “The Simpsons” en Français. Memorable moments have been well documented by digital means and I’m sure everyone has special stories about the trip.

The students were a wonderful group to take away. Their willingness to try the language and the food (even escargots) was a satisfying reward for the students, as well as their teachers. The interesting point was that on return to Australia, in customs, they all continued with bonsoir, merci, a bientôt until the officers remarked that there were now in Australia and that their passports had indicated their nationality as Australian . . . G’day was more the appropriate phrase.

Thanks to all the students who went, as well as to their parents for their support and trust in this event. It was an experience super. Merci.

Mrs Wendy Peterson & Mr Andrew Chambers

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**Have you got a MOment?**

We thank the “Citizens of Movember”: those male teaching staff who ‘grew a mo’ to help raise funds, and awareness, for male health issues. We also thank all those who supported our very own “Men of Movember”.

With student and staff support, we raised $175.00.

We pass on our heartfelt thanks to everyone who made a donation to this very worthy cause.

Mr Michael Joseph
Bad Attitude Alert:
The key to unlocking your child's judgmental mind-set is discovering its true source. So check out the diagnosis process below and follow it step-by-step.

Diagnosis
You can develop a specific plan to help change your child's judgmental attitude by answering these Five W's of Attitude Awareness.

Why? What is your best guess as to why your child is so critical? Is s/he mimicking the attitude of others in the family? Looking for attention? Seeking to provoke a reaction? Wanting revenge? Overexposed to negative messages? Think what might be provoking her/his judgmental attitude. Next, eliminate more serious causes. For instance, could your child be anxious about something or suffering from low self-esteem? Talk to other adults who know your child well. Ask them if they think any of these factors could be provoking negativity.

What? Is there any particular thing your child expresses negativity about? Is there a pattern? For instance, is s/he more negative when it comes to schoolwork? Any particular subject? A teacher? A sport?

Who? Who are the primary recipients of her/his negative barbs: a sibling, cousin, friend, teacher, coach, babysitter? You? Why? Why? Are there some individuals he does not use her/his negative words to? If so, who? Why not? Are there particular situations or people who cause the negative behaviour to flare up? Or is s/he mostly negative toward her/himself? Why?

When? When did the attitude start? Were there any new events that happened around the same time – a new teacher, school difficulties, relationship frictions, a hectic schedule, a family change – that might have triggered the attitude? Are there times of the day or circumstances when you don't see negativity? Why or why not? Take note of any patterns forming.

Where? Are there certain places s/he is more likely to be negative (at school, home, the store, Grandma's)? Why? Are there particular situations or places that cause the attitude to flare up?

Now take a look at your answers. Are you seeing any predictable patterns? Do you have any better understanding of your child's judgmental attitude and where it's coming from?

What's wrong with your current response?
First, ask yourself how you respond to your child's highly judgmental attitude. Could your response be stoking her/his negativity?

Typical parental responses that provoke a judgmental attitude in children often end in "-ing": insulting, judging, criticising, scolding, humiliating, threatening, and yelling. If any of these fit your parenting style, how will you change your response?

Think of the last time your child displayed her/his negative ways toward you. How did the episode begin? What did your child say or do? What did you do? How did this episode end? Did any of those "-ing" parental responses enter into your interaction with your child? Even one small change can make a big difference. What is the one thing you will never do when your child flaunts her/his negativity?

Facing your own bad attitudes:
Reflect on your own childhood. Did you think of yourself as a critical or constructive kind of person? Did you use words to get even, express anger, or put down others in a spiteful or arrogant way?

How did your parents respond? Did it help curb your bad attitude?

How about now? Judgmental attitudes are learned. Your child forms much of her/his attitude from absorbing and mimicking others. Tune into the kinds of language used in your family. Are the interactions on the whole more positive or negative? Would your family assess your household atmosphere as warm, accepting, and positive or more critical and negative? Take an honest look at family members to make sure that isn't the source. What about her/his friends? Negative peers? Cat's TV? Peers? Music? Coach?

Now make a serious appraisal of your attitude and what you might be modelling to your child. For instance, do others think of you as more affirmative or more critical? Are you moody? Occasionally cranky or hostile? Do you tend to see the good or the bad things in people? How often do you verbalise those critical messages to your children? On the whole, do you say more positive or negative comments? What about how you interact with your children on a day-to-day basis? Do you typically dish out more criticism or praise? Would your children agree with your estimation?

It's time to make a commitment to replace your child's negativity, and the starting place is by changing your own behaviour. What is the first step you need to take in yourself to be a better example to your sons or daughters in dealing with their negative behaviour? What changes do you need to make? Work out what you will do, and then commit to doing it.

Bad Attitude News Alert:
A survey found that the average parent makes eighteen critical, negative comments to her/his child for every one positive comment. Are you becoming a negative role model for your children?

The “Don’t give me that attitude” makeover:
To eliminate your child's judgmental attitude, take the following steps.

Step 1 ~ Dig Deeper
There may be a number of reasons for a judgemental attitude. Here are a few:

- A child may really feel confident that s/he knows better and is smarter than anyone else. This may be a by-product of youthful arrogance or the fact that you've made this little critic feel as though s/he's the centre of the universe and every word from her/his lips is gold.

School Shoes: Parents are reminded that school shoes are to be of the traditional, hard leather lace-up style.
Stage 3 Child: I hate hip-hop music. Wait a minute. I actually like a lot of it. There’s good hip-hop and bad, but the last one I bought really sucks.

Stage 5 ~ Penalise Put-Downs
If you’ve consistently tried other strategies and you’re still hearing a steady blast of judgmental comments coming from your child’s mouth, it is time to take matters up a notch. S/he needs to know that a judgmental attitude can hurt. Here are three consequences appropriate for varying ages. Choose one consequence, and then consistently enforce it. Your child must know you mean business:

• Turn negatives into positives. A great rule to combat negativity is called: “One negative = One positive.” Whenever a family member says a negative comment, the sender must turn it into something positive. If your child says, “This is stupid. Why do we have to do this?” encourage him to turn the statement into something positive: “Okay, if I clean my wardrobe, I’ll have some room.” Enforcing the rule gradually diminishes negative statements – but you must be consistent.

• Issue a sincere apology. Enforce a household rule: anywhere you say a hurtful, put-down comment, you must sincerely apologise to the recipient. The apology must state (1) why you are sorry, (2) how you think the recipient feels, and (3) what you will do to make amends. An example is: “I’m sorry I said you were stupid. I know it made you feel bad. I’ll try not to say it again, but if I slip, I’ll do your chores for a day.” The apology may also be written, or young children can draw it.

• Use a put-down jar. Create a new house rule: “Any family member who says a put-down comment must put twenty-five cents of his or her money in the jar for each offense – parents included! If you’re short of money, you must work it off.” Then set aside a jar and post a list of twenty-five cent chores. When the jar fills up, the family brings it to their favourite charity.

Attitude Makeover Pledge:
How will you use these steps to help your child become less negative and judgmental and achieve long-term change? What exactly do you agree to do within the next twenty-four hours to begin changing your child’s attitude so s/he is more positive and upbeat?

The New Attitude Review:
All attitude makeovers take hard work, constant practice, and parental reinforcement. Each step your child takes toward change may be a small one, so be sure to acknowledge and congratulate everyone of them along the way. It takes a minimum of twenty-one days to see real results, so don’t give up! And if one strategy doesn’t work, try another. Keep track of your child’s weekly progress.

The First 21 Days:
Start a Negative Comment Countdown Plan by keeping track of every critical comment family members make around the house each day. You may be surprised at just how many put-downs, sarcastic or cynical comments, or judgmental statements are uttered on a regular basis. Then for the next twenty-one days, everyone must commit to reducing their negative messages. At first, each time anyone says a critical comment, he or she has to say a positive one. Slowly the ratio of negative to positive comments will start to change. Ideally, set a goal that by the end of the twenty-one days, everyone says at least two positive comments for every negative one. You may be surprised how this strategy alone changes your family dynamics and may dramatically decrease your child’s judgmental attitude.

Ongoing Attitude Tune-Up:
Where does your child’s attitude still need improvement? What work still needs to be done?

Attention Makeover Resources:
“Frameworks”, an exhibition at the Tweed River Art Gallery, held from 22 November to 9 December 2007, included work from four of our Year 12 students: Ashleigh Nicholson (12C), Jamie Peters (12B), Emma Stamp (12B) and Alana Willmot (12C).

In a recent publication of the Exhibition News the Tweed River Art Gallery “...has an ongoing commitment to display the work of local art students from all levels of education – primary, secondary and tertiary. These annual exhibitions are scheduled within the same timeslot to highlight the positive contribution of all stages of teaching and learning in the creative arts.”

Our art students are to be congratulated on the standard of their artwork.

Mr Andrew Chambers
Art Teacher
Before School Supervision: Student supervision is available prior to the commencement of the school day, from 8:20am until 8:40am.

### UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

#### 2008 UNIFORMS COLLECTION DAYS
- **Girls:** Thursday 24 January (9:00am-12:00noon and 1:00-4:00pm)
- **Boys:** Friday 25 January (9:00am-12:00noon and 1:00-4:00pm)
- **Exchanges Only:** Tuesday 29 January (9:00am-12:00noon and 1:00-3:30pm)

#### UNIFORM HELPERS 2008
Many thanks to my new volunteers for the packing and sales of uniforms for 22-25 January 2008; I really appreciated the Mums who have called me: I will be in contact with you in the New Year.

#### SEASONS GREETING
I would like to wish everyone a peaceful, safe and happy Christmas to all our students and their families.

*Ms Debra Dawson*
*Uniform Shop Manager*

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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Fr Michael Brady
Parish Priest

Fr Jim Griffin
Parish Priest

*(The above times apply outside of the Christmas Mass Times, which again have been provided for your information earlier in this Newsletter.)*

### Student of the Week

**OUR ‘STUDENT OF THE WEEK’ LAST WEEK WAS SIMON CAMPBELL (11E).**

As this Newsletter is issued on the last day of school, we have no photo, but don’t despair; ‘Student of the Week’ will reappear next year.

We hope that everyone has a safe and happy holiday break and we’ll see you all in 2008.

### CANTEEN NEWS & ROSTER

#### TERM 1 2008 CANTEEN ROSTER
Published in this week’s Newsletter is a roster for Term 1 of next year. I have marked against the roster the days on which help is required. Some days I have no-one to help and on other days, I need one more parent/carer.

Please mums and dads, if you could spare some time to help out preparing and serving food to our students, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Next week’s report envelopes will include a copy for parents who have already responded and have been timetabled into the rosters. If you can help, give me a call, I’ll be here until 21 December, or from 29 January 2008 onwards.

#### THANK YOU KINDLY
A great big thank you to all the parents/carers who worked in the Canteen this year: I couldn’t have operated without your help!

You have all been so very kind, generous, happy and fun to work with, I can’t thank you enough. I hope to see you all again next year – PLEASE!!

### CANTEEN ROSTER

#### WEEK 1
- **Monday 28 January**
  - PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- **Tuesday 29 January**
  - PUPIL FREE DAY
- **Wednesday 30 January**
  - PUPIL FREE DAY
- **Thursday 31 January**
  - Donna Fien & Margaret Pulland
  - Bernadette Beattie & Sonia Orr

#### WEEK 2
- **Monday 4 February**
  - Michelle Kirk & Fran Smith
- **Tuesday 5 February**
  - Robyn Crowe & Alison Hedges
- **Wednesday 6 February**
  - Sharlene Menz & Mary-Anne Perlenfein
- **Thursday 7 February**
  - Julie Crouch & Lyn Klein
- **Friday 8 February**
  - Julienne Donnelly & Donna West

*Mrs Dianne Pinkstone*
*Canteen Manager*

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**The Cool Teens Program for Anxious Adolescents**

Worries, fears, shyness, stress and anxiety are all part of life. But if they are interfering in daily life, school achievement or friendships, help should be sought.

A new program using a CD-ROM on the home computer has been developed at Macquarie University to teach adolescents the skills to manage their anxiety in the privacy of their own home. The program is fun to use with cartoons, videos and audio files. The program also includes support from a psychologist who helps adolescents apply each skill specifically to their personal challenges & assists parents in helping their adolescent with the program. The program is available for adolescents aged 14 years and above who suffer with anxiety as their main concern. The program is currently being evaluated in a research trial & involves random allocation to either participate immediately, or after a monitoring period.

*For more information please contact the Macquarie University Anxiety Research Unit on (02) 9850-8711.*
Do you know the meaning of this word?

**Think:** (vb.) to consider, judge or believe; to exercise the mind in order to make a decision; ponder; to be capable of conscious thought.

**Peace:** (n.) the state existing during the absence of war; a state of harmony between people or groups; absence of mental anxiety; a state of stillness, silence or harmony.

**Offer:** (vb.) to present (something, someone, oneself, etc.) for acceptance or rejection; to provide or make accessible; for consideration.

**Kindness:** (adj.) the practice or quality of being kind.

*Think Peace and Offer Kindness – Does’t that sound like a great motto for the Christmas period??

*Offer kindness and you will be at peace. Think Twice. Think Big. Think it over! Think it through! And for some more inspiration . . .

Have you had a kindness shown? Pass it on: Twas not given for thee alone, Pass it on; Let it travel down the years, Let it wipe another’s tears. Till in Heaven the deed appears, Pass it on.

He that has done you a kindness will be more ready to do you another, than he whom you yourself have obliged.

**Giving connects two people, the giver and the receiver, and this connection gives birth to a new sense of belonging.**

Giving is the secret of a healthy life. Not necessarily money, but whatever a person has of encouragement, sympathy and understanding.

**He who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.**

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**Tweed Coast Slammers Basketball Club**

**What’s On**

**GOLD COAST BLAZE CLINIC**

This Saturday, 15 December 2:30-6:30pm EST at the Tweed PCYC (Cost $45.00) RSVP ASAP

**Tweed Coast Slammers Sign On**

23 & 30 January 4:00-6:00pm at the Salvation Army Leisure Centre

Contact Tweed Coast Slammers on Mobile: (0401) 495.217 E-mail: tc_slammers@hotmail.com

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**YOUTHSAFE**

‘Helping Teenagers Become Safer Drivers’

**Parent Tip No. 10**

Negotiate a driving agreement with your teenager with clear rewards and consequences.

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**If your child is going into Year 10, 11, or 12**

- you have a tough year ahead

You can help!

January Holiday 4-Day Seminars in STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

How you will benefit:
Students emerge from the seminar confident and motivated towards their studies and possessing powerful new strategies for speed reading, advanced understanding, summarising, memorising and revision, essay planning, stress management, time management, goal setting and correct study methods. This unique, high-powered four-day program has proven results.

This unique Australian 4-day seminar has been proven over many years with a broad range of students. It is presented in Brisbane and on the Gold Coast every school holidays by Dr. Mark Brown, a university lecturer and consultant in learning performance and student motivation. In a survey conducted on an average of six months after their child’s attendance, 99% of parent respondents said there had been a persistent positive change in their child’s actual school performance.

What previous students have said:

“A very worthwhile investment in my life.” C. Hewett

“I felt like I had really achieved something.” C. Chivers

“A powerful presentation – an educational must.” M. Burns

Cost: $400.00 (Visa/Mastercard welcome)

Times: 9am - 3pm.

Dates: 7th-10th January (Bond University)
14th-17th January (QUT Gardens Point)
21st-24th January (QUT Gardens Point)

* We also offer a 2-day program specially formulated to suit the needs of students in Years 8 & 9. Cost $210 17-18 Jan, 23-24 Jan (QUT), 10-11 Jan (Bond Uni)

For a free brochure with details

Ph: 07 3281 1400 Learning Performance Seminars®

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Scenes from 2001 at St. Joseph's College

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