FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

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

On Wednesday 30 January, we conducted a Staff Development Day. The Day was based on Restorative Justice in Schools, a program presented by Marist Youth Care. The program establishes a philosophy and a set of practices that reflect a commitment to inclusiveness and collaborative problem solving. It provides schools with strategies to manage students with challenging behaviours while maintaining the respect and dignity of all parties.

The day was very worthwhile. It enabled us to realise that whilst many of our discipline practices are Restorative, there is a need to evaluate all levels of our interactions. The day was facilitated by Rebecca Dennis of Marist Youth Care. The next step in the process is a threefold one:

- Professional Development for Year Coordinators and KLA Coordinators.
- SRC Training Day for our student leaders.
- Parent Education.

Our Parent Education component will take place in the Doyle Centre on Monday 25 February commencing at 7:00pm. This evening will explore the challenges parents face in raising teenagers. A range of statistics and guiding principles are provided to encourage parents in their endeavour to develop quality relationships that reflect a Restorative approach.

I encourage all parents to attend.

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Lent began last week on Ash Wednesday. Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. We had ashes placed on our foreheads in a sign of the Cross and we were told to, “Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.”

Mr McDermott has initiated Project Compassion for Lent 2008 where we are asked to pray for those less fortunate than ourselves, go without so we can identify with their plight and provide assistance to them so that they can have a better life.

May God bless us with eyes that see suffering in the world.
May God bless us with generosity to share what we have.
May God bless us with courage to seek justice and peace.
May God bless us with love to see Christ in each other and especially in the poor.

Let’s all focus on these three actions for Lent 2008.

Best wishes and God bless,

Mr Peter McLoughlin
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

COMING EVENTS

WEEK 3
Thursday 14 February …………………………………… (Day 4)
⇒ Commencement Mass
Friday 15 February ………………………………………… (Day 5)
⇒ Year 12 Physics Excursion

WEEK 4
Friday 22 February ………………………………………… (Day 10)
⇒ College Photo Day

WEEK 5
Monday 25 February ………………………………………… (Day 1)
⇒ Parent Evening ~ Restorative Justice
Tuesday 26 February ……………………………………………… (Day 2)
⇒ Restorative Justice Student Program
Wednesday 27 February ………………………………………… (Day 3)
⇒ College Photo Day
Thursday 28 February ………………………………………… (Day 4)
⇒ Year 12 University Showcase

WEEK 6
Wednesday 5 March ………………………………………… (Day 8)
⇒ Diocesan Swimming Carnival
Thursday 6 March …………………………………………………… (Day 9)
⇒ Year 7 Reflection Day “Sticks & Stones”

STUDENT PHOTO DAY

When: Wednesday 27 February (Week 5).
Cost: Dependant on individual order.
Dress: Full school uniform. Boys will need to wear their tie for the photo.
Payment: On the day – and directly to the photographer.
Please note: Every student will have an individual photo taken for their Student ID card. The cost of this is borne by the school.

Mr Peter Lyon
Deputy Principal

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Joseph’s Parish St Anthony’s Parish
Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm(Kingscliff)
Sunday: 7:00am & 9:00am Sunday: 7:00am (Pottsville)
Sunday: 9:00am (Bilambil) Sunday: 9:00am (Kingscliff)
Fr Michael Brady Fr Jim Griffin
Parish Priest Parish Priest

CHOIR

Choir rehearsals have commenced for 2008. If any students are interested in being part of our College Choir this year, you are welcome to join us at 8:00am in Music Room 1 on Tuesday mornings. See Mrs McLaughlin if there are any questions. Looking forward to a great year in 2008!
CURRICULUM NEWS

Year 9 Electives
Year 9 will be unable to alter their elective choice after Week 2, Term 1.

Year 11 Pattern of Study
Any Year 11 students, who feel that their senior pattern of study is not suiting them, please see me before the end of February.

Plastic Covers
The Uniform Shop has plastic covers for 70c each which can be used to protect books.

Mrs Helen Borrowdale
Curriculum Coordinator

CAREERS NEWS

Applications are now invited for GAP 2009. With more than 35 years experience, Gap Activity Projects continues to offer students the original year out: an opportunity to undertake voluntary work for up to a year in the Americas, Europe, Africa, Asia, or the Pacific, with projects now offered in Brazil and Tanzania.

Volunteers experience the adventure of a lifetime and have the chance to help others while taking a well-earned break from study.

Volunteers receive food, accommodation, and in most cases weekly pocket money, along with assistance organising everything, a pre-departure briefing and in-country support. To find out more collect a brochure from the Careers Advisor or register to attend a GAP Information Night (details at www.gapactivityprojects.org.au) Note: Applications close on Friday 16 May.

Mr Matt Hall
Careers Advisor

CANTINE NEWS AND ROSTER

Meal of the Week
"Meal of the Week" has returned! This week we will be serving a lovely Pork Singapore Noodles (consisting of pork mince, vegetables and Singapore Noodles) for the affordable price of $4.00 (upsize for $5.00 if you are extra hungry).

When placing your order for this special, or any food orders from the Canteen, don’t forget to place your order EARLY!

Canteen Roster

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Mrs Dianne Pinkstone
Canteen Manager

Editor's Corrections ~ Previous Publication:
1. Absence calls from parents/caregivers to be phoned in to the College from 7:45am until 9:30am (not 9:00am as advertised).
2. College Library opening early from 8:00am on Tuesdays and Thursdays (not as advertised on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.)
3. Commencement Mass on Thursday 14 February (not March as advertised.)

Apologies for the inconvenience. Please note that the Newsletter has been updated on the College Website.

Calling All Netballers
St James Netball Club caters for all girls wishing to play netball for Tweed from St James, St Joseph’s Primary, St Joseph’s College as well as the wider community. Registration forms are being sent out to all 2007 players in the next week.

Additional forms will be available from student reception at each of the schools from next week. Registration will take place on Saturday 23 February, 10:00am til 2:00pm in the MPC at St James Primary School. Uniforms will be available to try on and order at registration. Fees are yet to be finalised and will be included in next week’s newsletter.

For further information contact Donna Reynolds on (0438) 244.808.

The Salvation Army Sports & Lifestyle Community Centre, Leisure Drive, Banora Point

Looking for a fun way to exercise and meet new people? “The Centre” is currently taking registrations for teams and individual players for Mixed Netball on Tuesday nights and Women’s Netball on Wednesday mornings. We have a free babysitting service on Wednesday mornings as well as our fabulous Connections Café proudly serving Gloria Jeans Coffees. We welcome both experienced and inexperienced players.

The new season is just beginning so don’t delay, call us at “The Centre” today on (07) 5594.5081 for further details.

See you there!

Things2Do

At the Banora Point Community Centre, (Leisure Drive Cnr Woodlands Drive) the “things2do” project offers the following activities to the youth (age 12-17 years) on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon from 3:00pm:

- Drop in after school
- Library services for pleasure and homework support on Tuesdays
- Sport activities on Tuesdays
- Girls group special on Wednesdays with workshop/activities
- Wednesday mix: remote cars, afternoon tea, games
- Banora Point Skaters project

Other activities include Project for Youth Week 2008 “Our Community Through Our Eyes” and “Healthy Minds = Healthy Bodies”, Youth Week Concert on 12 April: monthly excursions on request (eg. Sail, skate, etc.). Participation is free, however, on occasion a small fee for materials and transport is requested. Girls Groups Every Wednesday: Ages: 12-14 and 15-17; Time: 3:00-5:00pm; Activities include Scrapbooking & Jewellery Making.

For more information, contact the Banora Point Community Centre on (07) 5523.2030. Proudly supported by Tweed Shire Council.