FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

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

We have just returned to school from Easter. The Death & Resurrection of our Lord Jesus is the central significant celebration of our Catholic Christian faith. Jesus’ resurrection shows us the power of God’s love: more powerful even than death. I’d like to share with you a reflection from the book Sacred Space written by the Jesuits in Ireland.

_The apostles and the holy women did not see a ghost of Jesus. They saw him in the flesh, but in different flesh, as the oak tree is different from the acorn from which it grew. We touch on the mystery of a body, not just Jesus’ body but our own, which will express us at our best, will not blunt our spirit with weariness and rebellion, but express it with ease and joy. This is a mystery beyond our imagination, but it is the center of our faith. As we grow older, nothing in our faith makes more sense than the Passion and Resurrection, the certainty that our body, like Jesus’, must suffer and die, and the certainty that we, in our bodies, have a life beyond death._

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Congratulations to Mr McDermott for Last Thursday’s Liturgy, Mr Chambers and the Year 10 Visual Arts class who did a wonderful job painting the Stations of the Cross and to Mr Rowland, Mrs McLaughlin, the Choir and Band for their efforts in the Liturgy.

FAREWELL

This Friday we farewell Ms Shellae John. Ms John has been teaching at St Joseph’s College only for eight weeks but has made a significant impression in that short time. She has accepted a position as Head of Art at Aquinas College at Southport. We wish Ms John every success in her teaching career and thank her for her contributions to the College over the last eight weeks.

WELCOME

On behalf of the St Joseph’s College community, I wish to welcome Mr Matthew Grieve who will be teaching Mrs Jennings’ classes.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Sincere thanks to Mr McDermott and the Year 11 organising committee who have worked hard to drive the Project Compassion appeal this term. Special thanks to all those who gave so generously to support those less fortunate than ourselves. The final amount raised at the College was $2500.00.

Also I would like to express my gratitude to Mr & Mrs Vartuli, Grandparents of Adam Myers & Andrew Vartuli who donated $400.00 to go towards our collection for Project Compassion.

FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

LEAVE

Please note I will be on Long Service Leave from today 25 March and will return on Friday 4 April. Mr Lyon will be Acting Principal during this time.

Best wishes and God bless,

Mr Peter Mclaughlin
Principal

COMING EVENTS

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Mr Peter Lyon
Deputy Principal

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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Fr Michael Brady
Fr Jim Griffin
Parish Priest
Parish Priest

Student of the Week

Last week’s ‘Student of the Week’ was Melody McAlister 7CF1
**SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAMME**

In 2008, the following vaccines will be offered to:

**Year 7 students only:**
- Hepatitis B in a 2-dose schedule, 4-6 months apart
- Varicella Vaccine (chickenpox) single dose only

**Female students Years 7, 8, 9 & 10:**
- A three dose Gardasil (HPV) Vaccine

2 & 4 April 2008:
- Dose 1 HPV to Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Girls
- Dose 1 Hepatitis B to Year 7 Boys & Girls

16 & 17 June 2008:
- Dose 2 HPV To Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Girls
- Varicella to Year 7 Boys & Girls

22 & 24 October 2008:
- Dose 3 HPV to Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Girls
- Dose 2 Hepatitis B to Year 7 Boys & Girls

Parents need to read and sign each separate consent form and return to the school before next Friday 28 March.

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**NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM**

In 2008 the National Assessment Program — Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be introduced for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. This program, which has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers, will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.

In NSW the NAPLAN tests will replace the Basic Skills Tests (BST), English Language and Literacy Assessment (ELLA) and Secondary Numeracy Assessment Program (SNAP).

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the agreed national benchmarks of student achievement.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of this national assessment program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The tests will be conducted in Week 4 of Term 2 across Australia on the same days for all students according to the following timetable:

**Tuesday 13 May** – Language Convention test (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and a separate Writing test.

**Wednesday 14 May** – Reading test

**Thursday 15 May** – Numeracy test (Number, Algebra, function and pattern; Chance and data; Measurement and space)

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not used. For the calculator test the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

**Friday 16 May** – A make-up day is scheduled for students who missed a section of the test or were absent on a particular day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or if they have significant intellectual delay.

Students with confirmed disabilities or difficulties in learning are expected to participate in the tests. Special provisions which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom will be provided for students by the school. Large print, Braille and black and white versions of the test are available for students with vision impairment.

Access to special provisions and exemption from the tests must be discussed with the College’s learning support team and the school Principal, and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Parents also have the right to withdraw their child from the tests. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests you must sign a parent or carer consent form. Consent forms are available at your school and must be completed by April 11 (the last day of Term 1).

Additional information for parents about the National Assessment Program can be found on this website: [http://www.naplan.edu.au/parents/parents.html](http://www.naplan.edu.au/parents/parents.html) Please make an appointment with Mr Trimbo (Coordinator of Literacy and Numeracy) at the College if you would like further information about your child’s participation in the National Assessment Program.

Mr Carlo Trimbo

Literacy & Numeracy Coordinator

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**SPORTS NEWS**

Mark Bailey travelled to Woolongong recently to compete against boys from Catholic Schools all over NSW in Tennis. Mark was selected in the top 8 boys to represent Combined Catholic Schools against boys from Catholic Schools all over NSW in Tennis.

**MEAL OF THE WEEK**

This week we are offering "Quiche & Salad" as this week's Meal of the Week, for the affordable price of $4.00.

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**CANTEEN NEWS AND ROSTER**

**MEAL OF THE WEEK**

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Mrs Dianne Pinkstone
Canteen Manager

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