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

Today our Year 10 students completed the compulsory years of their education. Eighty-four of them have chosen to complete the Higher School Certificate at St Joseph’s College. The following twenty-five students are leaving the College for work, apprenticeships, TAFE or other study.

Kelsea Bell   Tess Hughes
Rees Bortolin Maddison Jordan
Sharnee Breen Emma Keevers
Michael Dalton William King
Daisy Dubber Emily Kirkham
Erin Edmonds Christopher Lee
Troy Erich Jessica Long
Tahlia Fahy Renee Martin
Nicholas Golden Georgia McIntosh
Alyssa Hart Louis Porter
Jacob Hawkey Brandon Potessu
Mitchell Hemmings Samantha Rutledge
Justin Tindall

We wish all of our Year 10 students every grace and blessing for their future and pray that St Joseph will be their constant companion.

Some words to ponder from St Paul in his first letter to the people of Corinth:

“Be alert, stand firm in the faith, be brave, be strong. Do all your work in love.”

Best wishes and
God Bless,

Mr Peter McLoughlin
Principal
Today we bid farewell to Year 10 2008. This morning Year 10 will be taking part in their Presentation of Awards and final Liturgy of their school year.

Year 11 students have commenced their HSC courses and with preparation in the junior school for the yearly exams, everyone is studiously applying themselves for the last few weeks of the school year.

Please take the time to read this Newsletter together as a family, there are some important coming events to note. As always, this edition and past copies are available on the College website by simply following the prompts.

We hope you enjoy today’s issue.

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Attention all St Joseph’s College Families:

OUTSTANDING SCHOOL FEES

It is disappointing to note the higher than usual level of outstanding school fees at this time of year.

It is appreciated that 2008 has been a difficult year financially for many families, however, it is crucial that fees are paid to ensure that we can continue to provide the level of education you expect from the schools.

I thank those families who have:
- paid their accounts in full
- established and maintained a regular payment plan
- contacted me to discuss payment options

I remind you that it is your responsibility to contact me to discuss issues that are affecting you in meeting your obligations under the current school fees policy.

I am currently reviewing a list of those families who have not paid their fees or contact me (through embarrassment or their own choice) to discuss payment options. These families will be asked to provide just cause as to why their children should be re-enrolled into the schools in 2009.

Arrangements from previous years do not automatically carry over and families are required to contact me at the commencement of each year to discuss payment options. Catholic education is not free and all families are expected to pay full fees.

UNIDENTIFIED PAYMENT

A payment was received into our bank account this week with a notation of “P Rummery School Fees”. Please advise if this payment belongs to you as I am unable to determine which family the payment belongs.

John Klein, School Fees Manager
Phone: (07) 5536.8701
Email: sfm@stjosephs.org.com.au

REACT: Lismore Diocese Youth Weekend
SATURDAY 29 & SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER
Please pray for our students attending REACT this weekend

ST JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC PARISH
TWEED HEADS CATHOLIC PRESHOTTERY P.O. BOX 25, TWEED HEADS NSW 2485 PHONE: (07) 5536.7522 FAX (07) 5536.4902

SCHOOL FEES

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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Fr Michael Brady Fr Jim Griffin
Parish Priest Parish Priest

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**

**TERM 1 2009**
The first day of school for all students in 2009 will be **Thursday 29 January**. Term 1 will conclude on **Thursday 9 April**.

**LEAVING ST JOSEPH’S COLLEGE**
Fourth term is a time when families make decisions about moving to a new area because of employment changes etc. I would ask that all parents of students who will not be returning to St Joseph’s College in 2009 to please contact my secretary, Mrs Helen Bissell on (07) 5524.9002 as soon as possible.

This must be followed up by a parental note prior to the student collecting a Clearance Form from the College Office. All students who leave St Joseph’s College are required to complete a Clearance Form.

Please note that some students when they leave the College like to have a shirt autographed by their friends as a keepsake. This practice is fine as long as the shirt being written on is not the shirt being worn.

**END OF TERM 4, 2008**
I remind all parents and carers that **Term 4 concludes for students on Friday 12 December**. The last week (8-12 December) will be exams for Years 7, 8 and 9 as well as assessments for Year 11. It is most important, therefore, that absences are avoided during these dates.

**PRAYERS**
† Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mr O’Dwyer, grandfather of Matthew Lynch (Special Education Department), Finton Lynch (12CV1), Patrick Lynch (10PB1) and Andrew Lynch (BSS2), who passed away on 15 November.
† Please pray for Amy Bacon (8RC1) who has been in hospital for most of this term. We believe Amy is now on the road to recovery.
† Please pray for Mr Chris Morrison and his new family. Our congratulations to Angela and Chris on the birth of Patrick Christopher on 17 November. All are well.
† Please pray for Mr Gazal’s mother-in-law who underwent major brain surgery on 18 November.

**THANKS**
My sincere thanks to Ms Gail Berry who has been the Acting Science Coordinator for ten weeks during Mr Cox’s leave.

Best wishes and God bless,

Mr Peter McLoughlin
Principal

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**PARISH YOUTH MASS**

Our **FINAL 2008 Youth Mass** will be held next **Sunday, 7 December** in the Holy Family Chapel, St Joseph’s College, Doyle Drive, Banora Point, commencing at 5.30pm.

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**ST JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC PARISH**
**Tweed Heads Catholic Presbytery**
**Phone:** (07) 5536.7522

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**DEPUTY’S NOTICES**

**Attendance:**
**It’s Not OK To Be Away!**
Should your son/daughter receive grades that are considerably below what you believe he/she is truly capable of, what do you do?

Do you contact his/her Year Level Coordinator to voice your concerns regarding his/her progress and ask **“Why is this happening?” “Does he/she understand the teacher?” “Does the teacher explain things clearly?” “Will the teacher give my child extra help?”**

Every one of these questions should be asked by parents who want the very best for their children. The answers provide a basis for everyone to move forward, improve home-school communication and create an environment in which your children can flourish.

At any time in the school year it’s fair to say that these questions are often asked by caring parents. Unfortunately, all too often, the lack of understanding has been caused by students missing valuable lessons for reasons other than genuine illness – a situation far removed from the College’s control. These articles are our attempt to gain more control of this.

Should you require assistance in saying no to your son/daughter with regard to any absences other than genuine illness, please contact his/her Year Coordinator.

Let’s all work together to make a difference to your child’s future. **Say NO to absence!**

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**PLEASE MARK THESE IMPORTANT DATES IN YOUR CALENDAR**

**DON’T FORGET!**

- **Monday 8 December** – **Friday 12 December**
  Yearly Exams for Years 7, 8 & 9 and Assessments for Year 11

- **Tuesday 9 December**
  Prize Night for Years 7, 8, 9 & 11

- **Friday 12 December**
  School finishes for students in Years 7, 8, 9 & 11

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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.
COMING EVENTS

WEEK 7

Monday 24 November ...........................................(Day 6)
.Globalization and the Christian Response to Globalisation
Year 10 Farewell Liturgy and Presentation of Awards
Year 10 Semester 2 Reports distributed
Tuesday 25 November ...........................................(Day 7)
-Year 8 ESSA Test
Thursday 27 November ...........................................(Day 9)
-Diocesan SLS Carnival (selected students)
-Year 9 New Caledonia Trip (27 Nov-4 Dec) (selected students)
Friday 28 November ...........................................(Day 10)
-Beachathon/Wet ‘n’ Wild Day (selected students)
Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 November
-REACT Youth Gathering (selected students)

WEEK 8

Sunday 7 December
-Final 2008 Parish Youth Mass

WEEK 9

Monday 8 December ...........................................(Day 6)
-Year 10 Yearly Exam Week (8-12 Dec)
-Year 11 Assessment Week (8-12 Dec)
Tuesday 9 December ...........................................(Day 7)
-Prize Night Years 7-9 & 11

Mr Peter Lyon
Deputy Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Reading of the Week

Today’s Reading comes from God’s Word written in the Gospel of Luke:
As Jesus looked up he saw rich people putting their offerings into the treasury; then he happened to notice a poverty-stricken widow putting in two small coins, and he said, ‘I tell you truly, this poor widow has put in more than any of them; for these have all contributed money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in all she had to live on.’

Mr Scott McDermott
RE Coordinator - Ministry

FRAMWORKS

20 November - 7 December 2008

An exhibition of artwork by 2008 Higher School Certificate students from Murwillumbah, Tweed River, Kingscliff and Wollumbin High Schools, Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar School, Mt St Patrick and St Joseph’s Colleges

TWEED RIVERART GALLERY
A TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL COMMUNITY FACILITY
2 MISTRAL ROAD MURWILLUMBAH NSW 2484
Ph: (02) 6670.2790
Open: 10:00AM TO 5:00PM (DST) WEDNESDAY TO SUNDAY
FREE ADMISSION

BEACHATHON 2008 ~ UPDATE

Congratulations to 8SS2 for being the homeroom to raise the most money for this year’s Beachathon. Their fundraising efforts equated to an average of $86 per student – an outstanding achievement.

Special mention goes to Brayden Pringle (8SS2) who raised $823 and, as a result, has won the prize of the Nintendo Wii. Congratulations Brayden.

Overall, the College raised $23,666.50 which is a fantastic effort, and well done to everyone who participated. Congratulations to the 160 students who raised $100 or more. These students will travel to Wet ‘n’ Wild on Friday 28 November.

Miss Erin Gallagher
Beachathon Organiser

Australian Red Cross

BLOOD SERVICE

YOUNG BLOODS

- SAVING LIVES TOGETHER

As part of this year’s Community Service programme, 65 brave Year 11 and Year 12 students, together with some College staff, donated blood as part of the “Vampire Shield” - an Australian Red Cross Blood Service initiative.

[In case you’ve not heard of this before, the ‘Vampire Shield’ is an annual competition between ‘Young Blood’ donors at schools and universities across Australia.]

- The Australian Red Cross Blood Service has more 16-24 Young Blood members donating blood than ever before.
- Australia needs 21,000 donations every week to support the demand from hospitals to treat patients.
- Every donation helps save three lives. The majority of blood is used to treat cancer patients, those with blood disorders and unborn babies.
- Only 1 in 30 people donate blood in Australia, but 1 in 3 will need blood or a blood product within their lifetime.

To have 65 students willingly donate shows the strength of our community spirit at St Joseph’s College - a very impressive effort!

Thank you to the following staff who gave up their time to contribute to this community service programme: Mr Shane Rowland, Mr Chris Morrison, Mrs Kerrie Connolly, Mr Shane Burns, Mr Andrew Chambers, Ms Jenna Mepstead, Ms Karen Parker, Mr Scott McDermott and Mrs Di Pinkstone.

Miss Erin Gallagher
YEAR 10 2008 FAREWELL

Year 10 students take part in a special assembly today in the Doyle Centre, marking their final College assembly as Year 10 students for the 2008 year. As part of this last official gathering for Year 10, their parents and caregivers will also attend the Year 10 Farewell Liturgy and the presentation of their end of year awards. Recipients are as follows:

end of year awards

Yearly Academic Excellence Awards (To qualify for this award the student must have received an overall Grade A in a subject, or a number of subjects, over both Semesters.)

Torrey Atkin
Jacquelyn Baker
Stephen Baker
Christopher Best
Matthew Bourgeois
Stefan Breci
Jordan Charters
Jessica Clarke
Nicholas Cleary
Alexandra Condon
Isaac Cork
Nicholas Golden
Emily Hipwell
Blake Hoskinson
Maddison Jordan
Liam Kirk
Christopher Lee
Matthew Lesslie
Katherine McCleary
Joel McLucas
Nicholas Monaghan
Annie O’Donohue
Georgina Oram
Danny Putland
Lachlan Raso
Matthew Reading
Xavier Ricketts
Ramona Summers
Lauren Teitzel
Timothy Wong

Catholic Studies, Drama, English, HSIE, Mathematics, Science, Visual Arts
Science
Mathematics
Industrial Technology-Multimedia, Science
Science
French
Food Technology, Physical Activity & Sports Studies
Science
Industrial Technology-Timber
Industrial Technology-Timber
Visual Arts
Industrial Technology-Multimedia, Industrial Technology-Timber
Visual Arts
Catholic Studies, Science
PD/H/PE
Music, Science
PD/H/PE
Industrial Technology-Multimedia, Industrial Technology-Timber
Science
Catholic Studies, Mathematics, Physical Activity & Sports Studies, PD/H/PE, Science
English, Food Technology, PD/H/PE, Science
Food Technology, PD/H/PE
Catholic Studies, English, Graphics, HSIE, Music, Science

100% Attendance

Torrey Atkin
Brett Clark
Finn Davoren
Dean Stegeman

Sporting Excellence

Amy Elkington ~ Cross Country & Swimming
Anastasia McCleary ~ Cross Country, Soccer & Touch
Katherine McCleary ~ Athletics, Cross Country, Soccer & Touch
Shane Turner ~ Softball

Cultural Excellence (A Cultural Award is presented to those students who have represented the College and/or presented at a number of significant performing and/or creative events on a regular basis.)

Torrey Atkin
Matthew Lesslie
Finn Davoren
Thomas Monaghan
Troy Erich
Gregory Pieris

Form Dux (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 and/or the highest number of Grade A results in the School Certificate.)

Peace Through Justice Award (The Peace Through Justice Award is presented to a student, parent or staff member who has demonstrated an outstanding contribution willingly and generously to the establishment of a spirit of social justice within the College community.)

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.)

Congratulations to all our students from Year 10 2008, and to those leaving the College our best wishes for your future endeavours.

Mr Chris Morrison
Year 10 Coordinator

Diary: The student diary should be signed by parents/caregivers each week.
Any concerns? Contact the relevant Year Coordinator.
CAREERS NEWS

The following information is provided for our students. For further information, please see me in the Careers Room.

Mr Matt Hall
Careers Advisor

TRAVEL INDUSTRY CAREERS ASSOCIATION (TICA)
NEW CAREERS WEBSITE

Find a career you love in the Travel.
The website provides an overview of each sector & associated careers, career paths, education & training options plus tips for getting started in the industry.
For more info go to http://www.travelindustrycareers.org/

Interested in Maths & Science?

To encourage participation, from 1 January 2009 the maximum annual student contribution amount (previously called ‘HECS’) for commencing Commonwealth supported students studying at University in mathematics (including statistics) and science will be reduced from $7,412 to the lowest ‘national priority’ rate of $4,162 (2009 rates).

CSI SYDNEY at the University of NSW
High school students aged 15 - 18 years with an interest in science, forensics or general CSI curiosity are invited to attend.
The workshops will be lead by Dr Meiya Sutisno, a world expert in forensic anatomy, victim identification and facial reconstruction. The workshops provide an authentic CSI experience. Students will be provided with an investigators kit and will learn how to search and package evidence for submission to crime laboratories.

Participants will also be supplied with a complimentary specially identified CSI white lab coat to keep.


Venue: UNSW Kensington Campus, Anzac Parade, Kensington.
Cost: $290.00 per workshop.

Follow the link for further info AND to download a Brochure and Enrolment Form.
http://www.mtg.unsw.edu.au/CSI.html

AIRSERVICES AUSTRALIA (TECHNICAL TRAINEES)

employs around 3,000 staff working from 28 sites across Australia. Technical trainees are required to become part of Airservices highly skilled technology support team.

This team supports Airservices Australia in: Air Traffic Control services; Aviation Telecommunications services; Radar services; Radio navigation services. The positions are available to Year 12 School leavers and include: 2 years paid training while completing a Diploma of Engineering at Wagga Wagga Campus, TAFE NSW; A guaranteed permanent job on successfully completing the course at any of Airservices Australia locations with a minimum salary of $51K a year!

Follow the link for further information AND to Apply ONLINE http://www.airservicesaustralia.com/careers/trainees/default.asp

SPORTS NEWS

The following report comes from two of our students about the recent PASS excursion.

Miss Erin Gallagher
PASS Teacher

October 15 proved to be a riotous and riveting event for all involved. Year 9 and Year 10 PASS students participated in a long awaited excursion involving rock climbing and kayaking.

We split into two groups; one (a combination of Year 9 and Year 10 students) was dropped at Tallebudgera Creek, whilst the rest of Year 10 proceeded to the Indoor Rock Climbing Centre at Burleigh.

Kayaking proved to be a difficult activity. The dynamic duo of Joshua Theodore and Xavier Ricketts showed their inability to stay aboard the vessel, a good example of how quickly circumstances can change in the water.

By the time we landed on solid ground, the majority of the group were saturated from head to toe, all at some stage capsizing on the way, not intentionally of course! Mr Wheatley and Mr Morrison lead the way in creating a new trend of ‘stand-up kayaking’.

We paused for a short lunch break before continuing to the Indoor Rock Climbing Centre. Prior to commencing, everyone keenly listened to the great instructors on how best to scale the walls.

We also noticed a large telegraph pole in the middle of the room and were taught how to climb this fixture.

We were all and informed of the importance of a belayer’s role. Unfortunately, this message did not seem a priority for some, and resulted in Tyler Swaney free-falling off the wall, with no assistance from his trusted belayer, Nick Bell!

We would sincerely like to thank the teachers involved in organising the event; Miss Gallagher, Mr Wheatley and Mr Morrison. It was a great success and was enjoyed by all.

Allie Capellari & Sascha Webb

2009 UNIFORMS COLLECTION DAYS
Girls: Thursday 22 January
(9:00am-12:00noon and 1:00-4:00pm)

Boys: Friday 23 January
(9:00am-12:00noon and 1:00-4:00pm)

Exchanges Only: Tuesday 27 January
(9:00am-12:00noon and 1:00-3:30pm)

College Procedures: Unsure of College Procedures or Policies? The student diary contains information. If you don’t find the answer, contact the relevant Year Coordinator.
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.

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 for purchases at the Canteen.

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

Student Council

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Uniform Helpers Needed Urgently

For the collection of uniforms at the start of 2009

I am still seeking parents/students to help pack and/or sell uniforms before we commence the 2009 school year. The wonderful ladies who used to help me now work part-time or their children have left SJC, so I don't have my regular helpers. I will contact the ladies who were so kind as to help me at the start of this year but now I need YOUR help!!

I am only asking for help with the College uniforms for four (4) days at the start of the 2009 year:

Tuesday 20 & Wednesday 21 January (to pack)
and Thursday 22 & Friday 23 January (to sell)

If anyone is able to help pack and/or sell uniforms ON ANY OR ALL OF THESE DAYS, OR A PART OF A DAY, please contact me at the College. I will be contactable up until we close the office on 19 December 2008.

I can't stress enough how important a helping hand will be at this time. So please if you could help me – and the school – out, please call me.

Please note that lunch and refreshments will be provided and we will be working in air-conditioned comfort which is a plus!

Ms Debra Dawson
Uniform Shop Manager

Canteen Roster

If you can help where you see a 'HELP', please call me, I really need helpers . . .

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Mrs Dianne Pinkstone
Canteen Manager

If your child is going into Year 10, 11, or 12 - you have a tough year ahead! You can help!

January Holiday Seminars in Strategies for Success

How you will benefit:
Student emerge from the seminar confident and motivated towards their studies and possessing powerful new strategies for stress reduction, time management, memory, concentration, speed of reading, attention, self-confidence...

What previous students have said:
"An Artemis School is worth four times and is..." C. Hewitt
"I felt like I was really achieving something." C. Cleaver
"It was a great presentation - an educational must." M. Burn

For a free brochure with full details, please contact

Ms Debra Dawson
Uniform Shop Manager
Discipline

Increasingly, as children become older, the locus of control shifts away from parents. For children in or approaching puberty, discipline involves choices, consequences and cooperation. Discussing and negotiating appropriate behaviours and family rules rather than directing and demanding compliance helps young people to take responsibility for their behaviour. Allowing young people to experience the consequences of their decisions safely helps them accept responsibility for their behaviours. Discipline ultimately relies on the good will that exists between parents and children so spend time cultivating a healthy relationship built on mutual respect and cooperation.

Bright ideas (for promoting discipline)

- Be mindful of three basic questions when you discuss rules and behaviours with young people:
  - Is it fair (to others)?
  - Is it safe (for you and others)?
  - Is it smart (and in your best interests)?

- Choose the time and the place when you speak to kids about their behaviour. Angry children do not listen and angry parents rarely get their point across, so wait until both you and your child are calm before you discuss issues of concern.

- Focus your language on what you will do rather on what a young person should do. ‘I will only wash clothes that are put in the laundry’ is often more effective than constantly reminding kids about their responsibilities.

- When it is safe, allow your son or daughter to experience the natural consequences of their decisions. For instance, allow them to pay the fine for library books handed in late or feel discomfort for choosing inappropriate clothing. Allowing children such ownership teaches them to take responsibility for their actions.

- Reach agreement with your young person on areas of mutual concern. Bedroom tidiness is one common area of conflict between adults and young people where a negotiated solution involving give and take from both sides is often most appropriate.

For ideas, inspirations and seminars visit www.ParentingIdeas.com.au

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