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

The feast of Christmas will soon be with us. The birth of Our Lord Jesus is a wonderful moment for all Christians to celebrate with great joy. I hope your family celebration this Christmas will be based on this joy.

As this is the last College Newsletter for 2008 and my last as Principal I would like to thank all who have contributed to this document.

I’d like to acknowledge the efforts of the following staff members who will be leaving us at the end of 2008:

- Mr Gary Thorsby will be taking leave to teach in Malaysia.
- Mrs Helen Borrowdale has resigned from her position as Curriculum Coordinator, a position she has held for the last eight years. Mrs Borrowdale will continue to teach at SJC but deserves special recognition for the wonderful, meticulous contribution she has made as Curriculum Coordinator.
- Mr Greg Gazal has resigned from his position at the College after thirteen years. Mr Gazal will next year job-share with Mrs Borrowdale.
- Ms Lisa Waters has been teaching Science at SJC for Terms 3 and 4.
- Mrs Michelle Heufel has been teaching TAS at SJC for Terms 3 and 4.
- Mrs Katie McCloskey has been teaching Science this term.
- Ms Erin Gallagher has been teaching RE and PD/H/PE this year. Ms Gallagher will return to SJC in Term 2 2009.
- Mr Kim Dixon will return to the College in 2009 as a part-time member of staff. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful contribution Mr Dixon has made to the College Magazine over many years.
- Mrs Nicole Taylor and Mrs Serena Rose will both be on maternity leave in 2009.
- Ms Celia Pennay has been teaching Drama for Terms 3 and 4.
- Ms Geraldine Beranger has been teaching French for Terms 3 and 4.
- Mrs Sue Wilson is taking leave next year.
- Mrs Paula McLoughlin is resigning from her position in Special Education after 5½ years at the College.

All staff members mentioned here have made a huge contribution and are valued members of our community. We wish them 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 2009:

- Year 7 Coordinator: Mr Gary Wheatley
- Year 8 Coordinator: Mr Carlo Trimboli
- Year 9 Coordinator: Mr Guy Davoren
- Year 10 Coordinator: Mrs Michelle Heazlewood-Ross
- Year 11 Coordinator: Mr Chris Morrison
- Year 12 Coordinator: Mr Shane Rowland

At this time I would like to sincerely thank Mr Shane Burns who has been a Year Coordinator for the last three years. SJC is grateful for all that Mr Burns has done in his role as a Year Coordinator.
TERM DATES 2009

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Please note that Pupil Free Days for 2009 will be advertised in the College Newsletter.

PARISH FUNCTION

On Monday 8 December, our Year 11 Hospitality students hosted a function for 150 guests of our Parish Priest, Fr Michael. 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:

Jade Andrews (11GT1)  Jordan Ernst (11NT1)  Maddison O’Reilly (11AC1)
Emily Brown (11AC1)    Kevin Fryer (11AC1)   Andrew Russell (11AC1)
Courtney Campbell (11GT1)  Aidan Horn (11AC1)  Malone Siu (11HG1)
Holly Crimmins (11MJ1)  Andrew Klein (11MJ1)   Ingrid Steele (11HG1)
Ashleigh Dean (11AC1)  Amber McKittrick (11AC1)  Lucy Tonkin (11HG1)

COLLEGE MAGAZINE

Congratulations to Mr Dixon, Mrs McConnell and all who contributed to 'Reflections 2008'. It is an outstanding testimony to our College in 2008.

AWARDS

Congratulations to all of the award winners for Years 7, 8, 9 and 11 whose names appear over the next pages of this final 2008 Newsletter.

DIGITAL EDUCATION REVOLUTION

There have been quite a few announcements in the media recently regarding the Digital Education Revolution (DER). At St Joseph’s College we have received funding for a considerable number of computers. We have been in consultation with the Catholic Education Office regarding the best option for use of the funding. We will make a decision early in 2009 but the new laptops being considered appear to be of great benefit to our students.

FAREWELL

I would like to conclude my six years at the College with some heartfelt thanks:

- To Fr Michael Brady for his support and gentle influence.
- To Mr Lyon as Deputy Principal for his untiring work behind the scenes.
- To the College Executive: Mrs Borrowdale, Mrs Lyon, Mr McDermott, Mr Lyon, Ms Priddis and Ms Stegeman for their wisdom and advice.
- To all members of staff who genuinely come to work everyday to offer our students their best.
- To the students who I would rate as the friendliest students I have ever encountered.
- To my family who has, and continues to, support me no matter the cost. I am truly blessed.
- To the Parish communities of St Joseph’s and St Anthony’s who have involved themselves in the life of St Joseph’s College.
- To Fr Jim Griffin and Fr John Darbyshire who have supported us in what we do.

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

The following Christmas reflection comes from Mother Teresa:

Welcome Jesus at Christmastime, not in the cold manger of our heart . . . but warm with love for one another.

My sincere thanks to Mrs Jane Joseph who does an outstanding job typing and presenting this document each and every week as well as providing helpful reminders to me about items to include.

I wish you all a very happy, safe and Holy Christmas. Please be assured of my prayers for the future. May St Joseph’s College continue to flourish.

PRAYERS

Amy Bacon of Year 8 continues to undergo treatment in hospital. Please keep her in your prayers over the holiday period.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of the grandfather of Joel Collins (8LC1) who passed away this week.

Best wishes and
God Bless,

Mr Peter McLoughlin
Principal
Year 7 Yearly Academic Excellence Awards

(To qualify for this award, students must have received Semester Academic Excellence in a subject, or a number of subjects, over both Semesters.)

Ryan Ambrose Mathematics
Bonnie Amos HSIE
Evelyn Anderson Art
Briana Atkin Art
Tiarlee Bellhouse Art, Catholic Studies, Technology
Jodie Beutel Art, Music
Emily Bolster Music
Elizabeth Boyle Catholic Studies, PD/H/PE, Technology
Sabrina Breci Art, Technology
Tahlia Breen Art
Ruby Bruce Technology
Layla Buckley Art, Science
Martin Campbell English, HSIE, Science
Brodie Charters HSIE
Ashlee Clare Art
Tamika Edwards HSIE, Science, Technology
Taylor Fien Catholic Studies, Technology
Kacey Gambin Science
Madeline Hartley Art, Mathematics
Lenett Hillman Art
Mary Hincksman Technology
Maddison Hind Mathematics, Science
Tian Hunt Art, Catholic Studies, Technology
Mikaela Hurt Science
Sophie Johns Science
Joel Kachel Science
Kimberley Keogh Art, English
Jaimie Lahrs Art, Catholic Studies, HSIE, Technology
Natasha Landers Technology
Natarsha Madsen-Gullison Catholic Studies
Brooke Mallard Art, Catholic Studies
Jessica Mandall PD/H/PE
Melody McAllister Catholic Studies, HSIE, Science, Technology
Stuart McIntosh Catholic Studies
Molly McKay Science, Mathematics
Taylah McLean Technology
Ainsley McLucas Art, English, Mathematics, Science
Billy O’Donohue Science
Holly O’Neill HSIE, Science
Louis Oram HSIE, Mathematics, Science, Technology
Katie Paff Art, English, HSIE, Mathematics, Science
Year 7 Yearly Academic Excellence Awards  
(continued)

Allana Pengilley  Art, Technology  
Cedar Purchase  Art, Science, Technology  
Jessica Rutledge  Catholic Studies  
Ebony Serone  HSIE, PD/H/PE  
Scarlet Styles  English, HSIE  
Benjamin Sullivan  HSIE, Mathematics, Technology  
Lisa Teitzel  Art, Mathematics, PD/H/PE, Science  
Lauren Tenison-Woods  Technology  
Jonathon Torresi  Art  
Sienna van Rossum  Art, English, HSIE, Mathematics, PD/H/PE, Science  
Dominic Waugh  Science  
Glenn West  HSIE  
Alexandra Wheatley  Music  
James Yardley  Mathematics

Year 8 Yearly Academic Excellence Awards 
(To qualify for this award, the student must have received Semester Academic Excellence in a subject, or a number of subjects, over both Semesters.)

Dakota Atkinson  French  
Amy Bacon  French  
Amy Baird  French  
Kieran Baker  Catholic Studies, French, Mathematics, Science  
Jhai Banks  French  
Grace Beattie  Catholic Studies, French  
Leigharna Bell  Art, Catholic Studies, French  
Abbey Bigiel  French  
Kristin Bourke  Catholic Studies, French, HSIE  
Alexander Bygott  Mathematics, Science  
Hannah Clarke  French, PD/H/PE, Music, Technology  
Denieka Crompton  French, PD/H/PE  
Katarina Crouch  Catholic Studies, French  
Ricardo de Azevedo  French, Mathematics  
Laura Donnelly  French, HSIE, PD/H/PE  
Macallla Fenn  Art, Catholic Studies, English, French, HSIE, Mathematics, Music, PD/H/PE, Science  
Samantha Gent  French, Technology  
Daniel Graham  French, Mathematics  
Jenai Grammer  French, PD/H/PE  
Nathan Gregory  French  
Emma Hickling  French  
Bridgette Hill  Art
## Year 8 Yearly Academic Excellence Awards (continued)

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## Year 9 Yearly Academic Excellence Awards

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<td>Allie Capellari</td>
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## Year 11 Awards for First Place in Courses

(To qualify for this award, the students must have gained first place in a course in Preliminary Higher School Certificate assessment.)

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special 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.)

Sienna van Rossum (7)
Year 8 Joint Winners: Maccalla Fenn & Louis Monaghan
Samantha Fien (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.)

Year 11 Joint Winners: Joshua Foster & Sharna Mathieu

**Demi Swain Memorial Trophy**
This is a Humanitarian award presented to a Year 8 student in memory of Demi Swain who passed away in 2005. This year’s recipient is:

Monique Mai (8)

**Defence Force Awards**
St Joseph’s College has taken part in the Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards. The award is to acknowledge the achievements of those who have demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership and teamwork in our community.

This year’s recipients are:

Stephanie Mai (11)  Jordan Charters (10)
100% Attendance

Ryan Ambrose (7)    Evelyn Anderson (7)    Brodie Charters (7)
Taylor Fien (7)      Rachel King (7)      Daniel Lesslie (7)
Jarrod Mathieu (7)   Haylie Wilks (7)     Ricardo de Azevedo (8)
Luke Foyster (8)     Felix Langenbach (8) Olivia McLean (8)
Taylor Hammett (9)   Brant Hawley (9)     Lina Hayek-Sunderland (9)
Elise Kachel (9)     William Montgomery (9) Maddison Wong (9)
Richelle Billiau (11) Daniella de Azevedo (11)
Samuel Rundle (11)   Bernard Tsang (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.)

Martin Campbell (7) ~ Athletics
Kendal Fitzgibbons (7) ~ Swimming
Jarrod James (7) ~ Surf Life Saving
Jaimie Lahrs (7) ~ Athletics / Swimming
Harrison Steele (7) ~ Athletics
Benjamin Andrews (8) ~ Athletics
Georgia Green (8) ~ Swimming
Hayley Raso (8) ~ Touch
Nicholas Crompton (9) ~ Rugby League
Geoffrey Harrison (9) ~ Athletics
Jade Andrews (11) ~ Softball
Hayley Elkington (11) ~ Swimming

Dominic Cormack (7) ~ Swimming
Joseph Hardy (7) ~ Swimming
Rachel King (7) ~ Cross Country / Swimming
Daniel Lesslie (7) ~ Athletics
Maddie Stewart (7) ~ Swimming
Kieran Baker (8) ~ Swimming
Liam Knott (8) ~ Touch
Liam Bolster (9) ~ Cricket
Ethan Crowe (9) ~ Rugby League
Jacob Holland (9) ~ Rugby League
Ashleigh Dunemann (11) ~ Softball / Touch
Stevie-Lee Peace (11) ~ Touch
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.)

Martin Campbell (7)       Lenett Hillman (7)       Rachel King (7)
Maccalla Fenn (8)          Morwenna Merley (8)       Louis Monaghan (8)
James Swift (8)            Ryan Anderson (9)          Brant Hawley (9)
Taylor Liddiard (9)        Caitlin McGibbon-Good (9)
Daniella de Azevedo (11)   Stephanie Mai (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.)

Ricardo de Azevedo (8)     Maccalla Fenn (8)       Andrew Lynch (8)
Monique Mai (8)            Louis Monaghan (8)       Caitlin McGibbon-Good (9)
Jade Andrews (11)          Michael Bartel (11)      Jarrah Burns (11)
Jacob Bush (11)            Daniella de Azevedo (11) Ashleigh Dunemann (11)
Jessica Godfrey (11)       Stephanie Mai (11)
Ms Erin Gallagher
Mr John Lee
Mrs Paula McLoughlin

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.)

Martin Campbell (7)       Jaimie Lahrs (7)       Ricardo de Azevedo (8)
Maccalla Fenn (8)          Andrew Lynch (8)       Monique Mai (8)
Morwenna Merley (8)        Louis Monaghan (8)      James Swift (8)
Caitlin McGibbon-Good (9)  Jacob Bush (11)        Daniella de Azevedo (11)
Ashleigh Dunemann (11)     Jessica Godfrey (11)
Stephanie Mai (11)         Bernard Tsang (11)
Today’s Newsletter is the last one for the 2008 school year and includes the End of Year Awards of our Years 7, 8, 9 and 11 (the previous 8 pages). Congratulations to all our students! We are also including information to assist families prepare for 2009.

Don’t forget that we are online at the College website: www.bps.lism.catholic.edu.au. All of our College newsletters are in full colour so you can appreciate the photos included in each. You can also locate back-issues of the Newsletter at any time.

We wish all students and their families a very safe, happy and Holy Christmas. We hope you enjoy today’s issue & see you in the New Year!

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- Sporting News
- The WORD this week is . . .
- Careers News
- “Student of the Week” wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas!
- Cleaning Tender at Mt St Patrick Primary School
- Weekend Mass Times (outside of Christmas Times)
- Uniform Shop News
- Canteen News & Roster
- DoCS Flyer: ‘Tackling Holiday Stress’
- Scenes from 2008 at St Joseph’s College

Parents/Caregivers please note that
The school year will commence on
Thursday 29 January 2009
ALL YEAR GROUPS COMMENCE THAT DAY

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 2009.

COMING EVENTS

HOLIDAYS
Thursday 22 January
- Uniform Collection for Girls (9:00am-12:00noon & 1:00-4:00pm)
Friday 23 January
- Uniform Collection for Boys (9:00am-12:00noon & 1:00-4:00pm)

WEEK 1
Monday 26 January
- Public Holiday ~ Australia Day
Tuesday 27 January
- Staff Development Day
- Uniform Exchanges (9:00am-12:00noon & 1:00-3:30pm)

Wednesday 28 January
- Staff Development Day

Thursday 29 January
- All Year Groups commence

WEEK 3
Thursday 12 February
- Year 12 Visual Arts Excursion to Sydney (12-13 Feb)

WEEK 4
Wednesday 18 February
- College Photo Day

WEEK 5
Wednesday 25 February
- Ash Wednesday

Thursday 26 February
- Year 12 University Showcase

Friday 27 February
- College Swimming Carnival

Mr Peter Serone
Acting Deputy Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
Congratulations to Stephanie Mai (11GT1), Jacob Bush (11MJ1), Daniella de Azevedo (11HG1), Jessica Godfrey (11MJ1), Jade Andrews (11GT1), Adam Sherry (11GT1), Tayla Gardner (11HG1), Mr Michael Joseph, Mrs Jacqui Malone, Mrs Rhonda Cree, Mr Jason Clarke and Ms Allira Eppich on becoming Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

The group was commissioned into this role at the St Joseph’s Youth Mass on Sunday 7 December. The celebration of the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Catholic Faith. Each person in the role of Eucharistic Minister is given the privilege to distribute Holy Communion at Mass and also to the sick.

Thank you to Mr Shane Burns and Fr Michael Brady for facilitating the training for this.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME
Congratulations to Ned Crimmins (7CF1), Jaden Wakefield (7MB1) and Hannah Wakefield (8RC1) for completing the Sacramental Programme and receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

If anyone is interested in attending the Sacramental Programme next year or would like more information on the programme, please contact Ms Allira Eppich at St Joseph’s College.

Mr Scott McDermott
RE Coordinator-Ministry
DIGEST

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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

ST JOSEPH’S PARISH
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

Fridays 12 & 19 December: Service of Forgiveness (includes 1st Rite) ~ 7:00-8:00pm

1st Rite
Saturday 20 December: St Joseph’s ~ 9:30-10:00am
Monday 22 December: St Joseph’s ~ 9:30-10:00am
Tuesday 23 December: St Joseph’s ~ 9:30-10:00am
Wednesday 24 December: Holy Family Chapel ~ 9:40-10:10am

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve: 5:30pm, 8:00pm and Midnight
Christmas Day: 8:00am

We wish you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas!

Fr Michael Brady & Fr John Darbyshire

ST ANTHONY’S PARISH

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

POTTsville
Tuesday 16 December: 5:00pm-5:25pm
Thursday 18 December: 5:00pm-6:00pm
Tuesday 23 December: 5:00pm-5:25pm

KINGSLIFF
Wednesday 17 December: 8:30am-9:00am
Friday 19 December: 9:30am-10:00am
Monday 22 December: 2nd Rite of Penance 6:30pm (with 5 priests available)
Wednesday 24 December: 8:30am-9:00am

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

POTTsville
Wednesday 24 December – Christmas Eve: 7:30pm ~ Vigil Mass

KINGSLIFF
Wednesday 24 December – Christmas Eve: 6:00pm ~ Vigil Mass
Thursday 25 December – Christmas Day: 9:00am ~ Christmas Mass

Fr Jim Griffin
Parish Priest

ENGLISH NEWS

The Year 8 Debating team travelled to Sydney in late November and performed extremely well to be named ‘Runners-Up’ to the Country Champions in the CSSDA Competition.

Sincere congratulations to Morwenna Merley (8SS2), James Swift (8SS2), Louis Monaghan (8SS2) and Macalla Fenn (8SS2), and special thanks to Ms Bermingham who mentored them and helped them prepare for this competition.

Ms Bermingham also conducted and judged the St Joseph’s College Writing Competition, held during this term.

Thank you Ms Bermingham and congratulations to James Yardley (7VS1), the winner of the Junior Section, and to Harris Kachel (11MJ1), the winner of the Senior Section of the Competition.

The topic this year was ‘Colour’ and we received a very large number of entries of an extremely high standard. Thank you to all who entered and well done.

Mrs Janet Crouch
English Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS

DIOCESAN SURF LIFE SAVING CARNIVAL

On Thursday of Week 7, 25 students from the College attended the Diocesan Surf Life Saving Carnival at Woolgoolga Beach.

All students performed creditably and were particularly impressive with their willingness to ‘have a go’ at a variety of events. Congratulations to all competitors.

Overall, we finished Second Place in the schools point score tally to Woodlawn in First Place and returned home with a number of individual and team medal winners.

Well done to Jarrod James (7DR1) who was the U/13 Boys Age Champion.

Mr Peter Serone

Do you know the meaning of this word?
Christmas: (n.) the annual commemoration by Christians of the birth of Jesus Christ, on 25 December.

Christian: (n.) a person who believes in and follows Jesus Christ; a person who possesses Christian virtues.

Jesus: (n.) also called Jesus Christ; Jesus of Nazareth, ?4BC-?29AD; Founder of Christianity.

Do you have the spirit of Christmas with you?

Do you believe in gift giving? . . .

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.
Please see me about any of the following, or any careers concerns you may have.

Mr Matt Hall
Careers Advisor

NAVY LIFESTYLE

Explore the inner workings of a naval vessel; follow a sailor throughout a 24 hour work day on board HMAS Stuart.

The Navy Lifestyle site utilises 3D animation and flash technology to deliver a truly interactive experience for the user. The website features over 25 different jobs in the Navy, 12 3D locations aboard HMAS Stuart, and more than 100 video files and interactive events that take place on board.

Users can also get a holistic view of what the RAN does throughout the year by viewing the World Map section, which follows the Fleet's activities around the world over the course of a year.

For more information, contact ADF Recruitment: 13 19 01, or visit the website: http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/navy.

going to uni?

Students who wish to study Mathematics and Science at University from January 2009 will be please to know that the University fees (HECS-now called HELP) have been reduced from $7412 per year to a National Priority rate of $4162 per year.

Also, eligible maths and science graduates who take up related occupations, including teaching at secondary and primary schools will be eligible to apply for a reduction (by approximately half) of their (HELP) fees.

More information will be published on the Going to Uni website: www.goingtouni.gov.au, and for HELP reductions go to www.ato.gov.au

HSC 09 EXPERIENCE

All Year 11 Students (Year 12 2009) students were given the opportunity to collect a booklet called the ‘HSC 09 Experience’.

This is a great resource for students and parents to read. It has interviews with past high achieving HSC students and the students’ tips on how they achieved their marks as well as parents of Year 12 students and tips on how to survive the experience as well as teachers of subject areas.

If any student missed out on collecting one of these and would like a copy, please see Mr Hall in the Careers Room.

ADFA AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE ACADEMY

EDUCATION AWARD

The Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Education Award is presented annually to Year 12 students in recognition of outstanding achievement shown during the ADFA entry recruiting process.

The award gets you a laptop computer and personalised certificate, along with a plaque in recognition of your school. It is presented on behalf of the Navy, Army or Air Force to the 120 most suitable applicants who have applied for entry to ADFA.

Award eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the award, you must currently be studying Year 11 subjects that meet both the educational qualifications for admission to UNSW and single service requirements. You need to submit an application prior to 31 December in the year you complete Year 11.

You may apply for awards to all three services, but if successful, you will only receive one award from the service you do best in. You’ll only receive the award if you’re enrolled to study in Year 12 at the time of the award presentation and meet age limit requirements for ADFA entry.

Assessment

The award is judged from results of the ADFA entry aptitude test, medical and a series of interviews. For details of what these are, please see the entry requirements section of the ADFA website, http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/adfa.

Receipt of the ADFA Education Award does not guarantee entry to ADFA. You will still be in national competition against other candidates for entry and be required to undertake a single Service Officer Selection Board (OSB). For details of this, please refer to the entry requirements section of the ADFA website.

Obligation of the recipient

The ADFA Education Award is unbonded, which means there is no obligation to accept an offer to attend ADFA, nor is the ADF obliged to offer appointment to an award winner.

Presentation

A representative of the ADF will present awards to recipients at a school assembly in the second school term.
Face Magic & Beauty Therapy Training Australia

Face Magic and Beauty Therapy Training Australia are at the forefront of beauty therapy, offering students access to the latest technology and latest skills needed to advance in the industry.

The school provides nationally accredited training in various professional courses and are now taking enrolments for 2009, with both full and part time courses available. When you enrol at Beauty Therapy Training Australia, you not only get hands-on experience in the industry, but owner Angie Smith also ensures all students are certified and competent in high-tech beauty therapy including Micridermabrasion, ILP and LED. Having worked in the industry for over 20yrs, Angie is extremely well connected and provides networking opportunities for her students.

All students gain valuable work experience by working on location for film, television, commercials and televised fashion show around the Gold Coast. If you have a knack for flawless make-up, or a passion for the beauty industry, a course at Beauty Therapy Training Australia could be for you. There is a host of professional courses commencing on January 27th 2009 such as Certificate II in Make-up Services, Certificate III in Beauty Services, Certificate IV in Beauty Therapy, Diploma of Beauty Therapy, plus nail technology classes. Angie is also excited to launch specialist Make-up artistry for make-up artists looking to enhance their competency and experience in film and television.

If you are interested in learning from the elite and making connections with top players in the industry, come along to the schools open days Wednesdays 14 January or 21 January 2009 from 10am to 12pm (QLD). It’s a fantastic opportunity to enquire about courses, view the college’s state of the art facilities and enrol. There is an initial deposit of $1,000 and courses can be paid off monthly. College spaces are filling very quickly, so make an appointment to secure your position.

Phone Angie on (07) 5599.5568 or (0419) 743.029 or visit www.facemagicaustralia.com.au for course information and enrolment enquires.

Face Magic and Beauty Therapy Training Australia is located at Shop 7, Airport Central, Coolangatta, QLD, 4225.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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Fr Michael Brady | Fr Jim Griffin |
Parish Priest | Parish Priest |

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

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

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

UNIFORM HELPERS 2009

Many thanks in advance to my new volunteers for the packing and sales of uniforms for next year during the week 20-23 January 2009. I really appreciate the Mums who have called me and 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. See you in the Uniform Shop next year!

Ms Debra Dawson
Uniform Shop Manager

CANTENE NEWS & ROSTER

MERRY CHRISTMAS & THANK YOU KINDLY

Wishing all families a very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year.

A great big ‘Thank You’ to all the wonderful parents/carers who worked in the Canteen this year: I couldn’t have operated without your help!

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

CANTENE ROSTER

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Mrs Dianne Pinkstone
Canteen Manager

Student of the Week

**Our ‘Student of the Week’ last week was JADE ANDREWS (1IGT).**

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 2009.

Student Council

CLEANING TENDER

Mt St Patrick Primary school is seeking expressions of interest with respect to the cleaning contract within the school.

The tendering of quotes must be received on or before Monday 15 December.

A full schedule of cleaning responsibilities can be obtained by contacting the school office at Mt St Patrick Primary on (02) 6672.1821

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.
The everyday responsibilities of parenting can sometimes feel endless. Considering all the extra demands placed on you during the school holidays and festive season, you may feel more stressed than usual.

**REMEMBER**

What your family and your children really want most is to spend time with you.

Holiday stress may be caused by having to change work routines or child care arrangements, stretching the budget to meet the costs of the festive season, entertaining children or dealing with older children staying home alone.

Although we cling to the idea that the family will spend the holidays together and everyone will get along, it can be a difficult time.

When you are stressed it seems as though you have to sacrifice the things you enjoy. But often the things you give up, such as keeping fit and spending time with friends, are activities that can help you manage stress or keep you from becoming frustrated with your children.

It’s also important to remember that grief can be particularly heightened at this time of year. The loss of a family member, a divorce, the loss of a job or being separated from family and friends can be particularly stressful.

By taking some steps now, you can help to minimise stress later. The key is to recognise the triggers. Do what you can to avoid or lessen their impact and learn some techniques to help you relax should you start to feel the tension rising.

Here are some simple tips to keep you healthy and manage stress. By looking after yourself you will be in a better position to care for your children.

- **Set priorities**: learn to say “no” to some things - choose quality over quantity. Your main priority may simply be spending time with your children and enjoying each other’s company.
- **Plan ahead**: take charge of your holidays in advance by making lists of things to do and setting aside some time each day for them. Nothing creates more stress than last minute shopping and preparations. When entertaining children, one different activity each day will keep them excited.
- **Stay in budget**: draw up a budget to make sure you don’t overspend over the festive season. Choose simple, thoughtful or useful gifts over elaborate, expensive surprises - even Santa Claus has limited funds.
- **Delegate**: you don’t have to do it all yourself - there is only so much time and people generally appreciate the opportunity to help out. If you are having a family get together, it might be a good idea to ask everyone to bring along some food rather than preparing it all yourself.
- **Have realistic expectations**: if there is tension within your family it is more than likely that this will only escalate during the holiday period. You might consider visiting your relatives separately if they do not get on well or keeping them occupied when together.

When making new year’s resolutions, think positively about what you can really achieve. Unrealistic goals can cause disappointment.

- **Look after yourself**: to look after others you need to first look after yourself. A healthy diet, regular exercise, learning to relax and getting enough sleep will also help to reduce stress.
- **Exercise**: research shows that exercising several times a week (even just a walk) can reduce stress and tension and improve your mood.
- **Deep breathing**: spend five to ten minutes several times a day practising the art of deep breathing. It helps to raise your energy levels.
- **Positive attitude**: try to think: positive thoughts. Your thoughts influence your feelings - if you dwell on unhappy thoughts, you start to feel unhappy. Your attitude can be transferred to others and this is not helpful with children at home.
- **Talk to others**: if you are feeling stressed it can help to speak with people who can understand the position you are in, such as friends or family members.
- **Laughter**: nothing reduces stress as quickly or as effectively as a good laugh!

**CONTACT NUMBERS**

Lifeline 13 11 14 (24 hours, 7 days per week)
Parent Line 13 20 55 (9:00am - 4:30pm, Monday to Saturday)
Salvo Crisis Line 9331 2000 (24 hours, 7 days per week) or
Salvo Care Line 1300 363 622 (24 hours, 7 days per week)

www.community.nsw.gov.au
SCENES FROM 2008 AT ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

ENJOY A SAFE, HAPPY & HOLY CHRISTMAS
AND SEE YOU IN 2009...