Principal’s Message

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

Welcome to Week 10! Many students are currently doing their first piece of assessment for the year across most of their subjects, showing how they have put their learning together to be able to show what they know and how they can apply what they know to new situations.

Schooling for the Knowledge Era: We are beginning to see that the way we have largely done schooling in Australia will no longer equip students for their future, nor will it give them the needed set of skills to ensure our country’s competitiveness into the future. So we are on a journey of reshaping schooling in general, and in particular at the College to produce students who can acquire knowledge, show what they can do with it imaginatively and creatively, and who have developed a set personal skills including self-awareness (ability to understand moods, emotions and drives and their effects on others), self-regulation (ability to control or redirect disruptive impulses and moods, thinking before acting), motivation (a passion to work for reasons that go beyond status, money or achievement, pursuing goals with energy and persistence), empathy (ability to understand the emotional make up of others and treating people according to their emotional reactions), and social skills that are proficient in managing relationships and building networks through finding common ground and building rapport.

The challenge before us is: “... if Australia is to remain globally competitive and, indeed, if it is to avoid becoming globally irrelevant, more and more of its workers must be able ... to participate positively and opportunistically in global labour markets. That is to say, they must be employed ... in those occupations that are essentially conceptual/creative in nature, and/or in those conceptual/technical occupations that either support or are allied to them ... The onus is very much, therefore, on Australia’s education and training system ...”


As a Catholic College, we have the additional imperative of doing all this in a context that teaches students how to approach their world in a moral and ethical way, and to be a people of faith, hope and optimism.

Eight teachers travelled to Coffs Harbour last Monday to listen to Mark Treadwell addressing the role of schools in educating for the 21st Century. We were challenged and inspired by his presentation, and this shall add to our insights this year as we strive to build the capacity of our College. Watch this space! I welcome any responses from parents about this or any other issues and/or topics. I maybe contacted by email asauvage@lism.catholic.edu.au.

Student Excellence - Xavier Ricketts: Currently in Year 11, Xavier has commenced his University studies early. Participating in the Student For a Semester program through Bond University, Xavier studies in an ‘Instruction to International Relationships’ unit with first year university students at the Robina Campus in addition to his Year 11 HSC studies. His results so far have been a credit and a distinction - a remarkable feat of determination for this young man. At the College he is studying Physics, Chemistry, Advanced Mathematics, Extension English, Studies of Religion and Modern History, leaving open many possibilities for him upon completion of his school phase of learning.

As a recreational pursuit, Xavier is doing an APFD Course in sky diving! We shall be monitoring with interest the progress of this young man who is obviously highly motivated and is showing high levels of self-management!

The College has heard this week about many family members who are seriously ill. Let us hold up all of these people in our community to God’s shining light of love, and let us seek to be the face of God to them through service and being present to them.

Parents are welcome at this College at any time and especially to all our celebrations and functions.

Blessings for the week.

Alain Sauvage
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S NOTES

INTERRUPTIONS TO CLASS

There has been an alarming increase in the number of interruptions to classtime since the start of this year. Examples include messages to students about how they are getting home that day; reminders about picking up siblings; dropping off an assignment/lunch/clothing/equipment for a particular class; a last minute doctor or dental appointment that day - and all these require the student having to be contacted during classtime.

The timetabled class may have been moved to another classroom, a computer room, the Library or be on the oval for a particular lesson, which may necessitate a number of calls being made to contact one student.

These interruptions not only take away from the student’s pattern of learning but also greatly reduce lesson time. This is a very worrying pattern as valuable class-time is constantly being lost.

We do understand that emergencies arise and that students will need to be withdrawn from class for urgent family reasons or necessary medical appointments. However, a lot of these calls relate to a lack of organisation on the part of the student.

We seek the support of our parents and carers to monitor their child’s timetable, to check on equipment needed and/or to work out personal or travel arrangements prior to the child leaving for school. We need to work together in keeping class-time interruptions to a minimum and your support in this regard is appreciated.

COMING EVENTS

Don’t forget to check this week’s coming events on the front page of today’s Newsletter. This information is updated as new events arise, so please always refer to the latest Newsletter on the College website for the most up-to-date information. As next week’s Newsletter will be the final one for Term 2, it will include the coming events for Term 3.

WEEK 11

Wednesday 8...........................................(Day 3)
- Defence Force Recruiting Presentation (nominating students - see page 6)
Thursday 9 April ......................................(Day 4)
- Holy Thursday
- FNC Regional Surfing (selected students)
- TERM 1 ENDS - THIS IS A NORMAL SCHOOL DAY
Friday 10 April
- Good Friday

Mr Peter Lyon
Deputy Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

CHRISM MASS

ST CARTHAIGE’S CATHEDRAL, LISMORE,
NEXT MONDAY, 6 APRIL 2009 AT 7:00PM

The Chrism Mass is the occasion when, in Holy Week each year the Bishop, priests, deacons and people gather from all parts of the Diocese to celebrate this Mass which signifies our unity in the sacramental life of the Church. The celebration has the twofold emphasis of the priests’ renewal of commitment to their ministry, and the blessing of the oils through which the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders (Ordination) and Anointing of the Sick will continue among the people in the coming year.

All are invited to attend this special celebration.

Mr Scott McDermott
RE Coordinator-Ministry

READING OF THE WEEK

Today’s reading comes the Holy Gospel according to Mark:

When one of the teachers of the Law of Moses heard Jesus give a good answer, he asked him, “What is the most important commandment?”

Jesus answered him, “The most important one says, ‘People of Israel, you have only one Lord and God. You must love him with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.’ The second most important commandment says, ‘Love others as much as you love yourself.’ ”

EASTER LITURGY

Thursday 9 April
Holy Family Chapel
in the Doyle Centre
commencing at 11:05am

EASTER MASS AND RECONCILIATION TIMES

ST JOSEPH’S PARISH

Mass of the Lord’s Supper
7:00pm Mass

Friday 10 April
(Good Friday)
Stations of the Cross
10:00am
Sollemn Liturgy
3:00pm

Saturday 11 April
(Holy Saturday)
The Easter Vigil - Liturgy of Light, Word, Water, Eucharist
7:30pm

Sunday 12 April
(Easter Sunday)
7:00am and
9:00am Mass
(Kingscliff)

RECONCILIATION TIMES

Friday 3 April
(9:45-10:15am)
Service of Forgiveness
7:00-8:00pm

Saturday 4 April
(9:45-10:15am)
4:30-5:30pm

Monday 6 April
9:45-10:15am

Tuesday 7 April
9:45-10:15am

Wednesday 8 April
(2nd Rite)
7:00pm

Thursday 9 April
9:00-9:30am
Holly Thursday
4:30-5:00pm

Fr Michael Brady
Parish Priest

ST ANTHONY’S PARISH

Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Pottsville 7:00pm

Friday 10 April
(Good Friday)
Stations of the Cross
Pottsville 9:00am

Saturday 11 April
(Holy Saturday)
Easter Vigil
Pottsville 7:00pm

Easter Vigil Mass
(note: longer than usual Mass - supper afterwards)

Sunday 12 April
(Easter Sunday)
Good Friday
Pottsville 7:00am

Parish Priest

RECONCILIATION TIMES

Saturday 4 April
Kingscliff 6:00pm

Sunday 5 April
Pottsville 7:00am
Kingscliff 9:00am

Tuesday 7 April
Pottsville 5:30pm
Kingscliff 9:00am

Wednesday 8 April
Kingscliff 9:00am

Thursday 9 April
Easter Vigil
Pottsville 7:00pm

Fr Michael Brady
Parish Priest

RECONCILIATION TIMES

Saturday 4 April
Kingscliff 9:00-9:30am

Tuesday 5 April
Pottsville 5:00-5:25pm

Wednesday 8 April
Kingscliff 9:30-10:00am
Kingscliff 5:30-6:30pm

Thursday 9 April
(Kingscliff 7:30pm)
Pottsville 7:00am
Kingscliff 9:00am

Fr Jim Griffin
Parish Priest

Unidentified Payment

A payment was received into the College Bank Account on 16 December 2008. Please advise the College if this payment is yours, as we are unable to determine to which family this payment belongs.
**PROJECT COMPASSION**

Project Compassion Week 5 brings you the story of “Bluey”.

Bluey lives in one of Australia’s most isolated desert communities, Wirrimanu (Balgo), Western Australia. He is participating in a project supported by Caritas Australia that encourages Indigenous youth to participate in employment and training, social and crisis support, and cultural and spiritual activities.

Your Project Compassion donation enables Caritas Australia to continue addressing the social and emotional wellbeing of young people in Indigenous Australian communities.

Our collections now total $1230.15. Many thanks to all.

Ms Allira Eppich
Mission and Values Facilitator

**SCIENCE NEWS**

**ESSA RESULTS**


Each student - now in Year 9 - who attempted the test was given a sealed envelope last week which was to be handed, unopened, to his/her parents/caregivers.

Each envelope contained:

- a letter from the Deputy Director-General, Schools.
- a survey for parents/caregivers about Science and the report.
- a detailed individual report to the parents/caregivers about the achievement of their child.

Teachers have now been provided with a detailed analysis of test items and suggested teaching strategies to improve student knowledge, understanding and/or skills related to the concepts tested.

Mr Geoff Cox
Science Coordinator

**VISUAL ARTS NEWS**

This student report follows a recent visit to the College by St James Primary students.

Mr Andrew Chambers
Visual Arts Teacher

**ART TRIP FOR KINDER**

It was period 1 on Friday 20 March, and in they came, wide-eyed and nervous, a little unsure of what to do, but mostly excited to have their first glimpse of high school. Mrs Maxworthy’s kinder class piled in with their shirts looking miles too big. “Take a seat,” Mrs Maxworthy said. Each of them stood there, unsure of how to climb up the massive chairs, so we had to lift them up and place them on the seat.

Then we started with the clay work. “Mould the clay into a ball to start with.” Their blank expressions said just one word, “Huh?” . . . most needed a little help, but all were ecstatic to be making something to show off to their parents. The bowls were made and loaded into the kiln and back to the primary school the children went, saying, “Thankyou Mr Chambers and Year 9,” in their sing song voices . . . and holding their new toys - presents for each of them from Mr Chambers. What fun we had!

Rose-Marie Samuels (9B)

**ARTIST OF THE WEEK**

There are many students at St Joseph’s College who do outstanding work in the Visual Arts. We will be recognising these student’s talents and giving you all an opportunity to view their work.

Each week one student’s work will be selected and displayed in the weekly newsletter.

**Artist of the Week:** Haylee Paxman (7C), and her most recent artwork:

Her illustration of the “On the Ning Nang Nong” was excellent. Well done Haylee! PS. Spike Milligan has engraved on his tombstone “I TOLD YOU I WAS SICK”.

Mr Andrew Chambers
Visual Arts Teacher

**AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION**

Date: Thursday 6 August 2009
Cost: $4.50
Entries close this Friday, 3 April

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.
HOSPITALITY NEWS

Our Hospitality class of 2009 have begun their exciting step towards two years of learning the skills involved in the catering industry.

Their new uniforms give them a sense of the “St Joseph’s Chefs” in training. So far they are executing ‘precision’ cutting in creating soups and bruschetta.

I look forward to working with our young chefs in the Hospitality kitchen.

Mrs Vicki Sargent
Hospitality Teacher

HUMAN SOCIETY IN ITS ENVIRONMENT (HSIE) NEWS

ATTENTION: YEAR 9 FAMILIES

Permission notes for the History excursion taking place on Monday 11 May were sent home recently.

Please note that the deadline for the return of money and notes is next Thursday, 9 April 2009.

Mr Tony Channell
HSIE Coordinator

The following is provided for the information of the St Joseph’s College community:

PERTUSSIS (Whooping Cough): Pertussis affects people of all ages, but can be very serious in babies. It can be prevented by immunisation at two, four and six months of age. Booster shots are needed for four-year-olds and teenagers, and adults living or working with small children.

What is pertussis?

Pertussis (whooping cough) is a disease caused by infection of the throat with the bacteria Bordetella pertussis.

What are the symptoms?

- Pertussis usually begins just like a cold, with a runny nose, tiredness and sometimes a mild fever.
- Coughing then develops, usually in bouts, followed by a deep gasp (or “whoop”). Sometimes people vomit after coughing.
- Pertussis can be very serious in small children. They might go blue or stop breathing during coughing attacks and may need to go to the hospital.
- Older children and adults may have a less serious illness, with bouts of coughing that continue for many weeks regardless of treatment.

How is it spread?

Pertussis is spread to other people by droplets from coughing or sneezing. Untreated, a person with pertussis can spread it to other people for up to three weeks after onset of cough. The time between exposure and getting sick is usually seven to ten days, but can be up to three weeks.

Who is at risk?

- Anyone can get pertussis.
- People living in the same household as someone with pertussis are more likely to catch it.
- Immunisation greatly reduces your risk of infection, but reinfection can occur.

How is it prevented?

Immunise your child on time

The vaccine does not give lifelong protection against pertussis, and protection is sometimes incomplete.
- Children need to be immunised at two, four and six months.
- Boosters are needed at four years of age and again at 15 years of age.
- Immunisation is available through general practitioners and some local councils.

Keep your baby away from people who cough

- Babies need two or three vaccinations before they are protected. For this reason, it is very important to keep people with coughing illnesses away from your baby so they don’t pass on pertussis or other germs.

Get immunised if you are an adult in close contact with small children

A vaccine for adults is available. It is recommended:
- For both parents when planning a pregnancy, or as soon as the baby is born
- For adults working with young children, especially health care and child care workers.

If you are a close contact of someone with pertussis:

- Watch out for the symptoms. If symptoms develop, see your doctor, take this factsheet with you and mention your contact with pertussis.
- Some close contacts at high risk (e.g., children under one year, children not fully vaccinated, and women at the end of their pregnancy) and others who live or work with high-risk people may need to take antibiotics to prevent infection.

How is it diagnosed?

If a doctor thinks someone has pertussis, a swab from the back of the nose, or a blood test may be done to help confirm the diagnosis.

How is it treated?

A special antibiotic - usually azithromycin, erythromycin or clarithromycin is used to treat pertussis. These antibiotics can prevent the spread of the germ to other people.

Coughing often continues for many weeks despite treatment.

What is the public health response?

Doctors and laboratories must confidentially notify cases of pertussis to the local Public Health Unit. Public Health Unit staff can advise on the best way to stop further spread. Infectious children are restricted from going to pre-school and school. Unimmunised contacts may be excluded from child care unless they take the special antibiotics.


Further information - Public Health Units in NSW

For more information please contact your doctor, local public health unit or community health centre. The local Area Health Service contact details are: Lismore 02 6620 7500 or Port Macquarie 02 6588 2250.

Last updated: 30 January 2008, NSW Health, 73 Miller Street, North Sydney NSW 2059, telephone (02) 9391 9000, fax 02 9391 9101, TTY 02 9391 9900, www.health.nsw.gov.au

LITERACY AND NUMERACY NEWS

A REMINDER TO ALL OUR FAMILIES

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be held on Tuesday 12 through to Thursday 14 May (Week 3, Term 2) for all students in Years 7 and 9. This will be the second year in which the Federal Government has run the program.

The test covers Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy.

More information can be found on the Federal Government NAPLAN website www.naplan.edu.au and in upcoming College newsletters. As the time nears, students will be given opportunities to practise for this test in class-time.

Please contact me at the College if you have any questions regarding this program.

Ms Fiona Murray
Literacy and Numeracy Coordinator

Diary Note . . . .

TERM DATES 2009

Term 1 concludes on Thursday 9 April
Term 2 commences on Wednesday 29 April
Term 2 concludes on Friday 10 July
Term 3 commences on Monday 27 July
Term 3 concludes on Friday 2 October
Term 4 commences on Monday 19 October
Term 4 concludes on Friday 18 December

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

All classes are either completing or receiving feedback from assessment tasks. Most students applied themselves well to their set tasks but, where that has not occurred, we would ask parents to please support us in our efforts to be fair and equitable to all.

To that end every student must complete the task by the relevant due date. Variation forms or diary (planner) notes must be completed if tasks are late for whatever reason.

Year 12 students have the opportunity to attend a series of lectures on their HSC English texts. These will take place in Lismore on 13 June.

Please encourage your Year 12 student to attend. If numbers permit, we will organise transport at a small cost to the students.

Mrs Janet Crouch
English Coordinator

If you would like the College to apply for Special Provisions for your child for the 2009 School Certificate exams or Higher School Certificate exams, please contact Mrs Karen Evans.

CAREERS NEWS

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

Mr Matt Hall
Careers Advisor

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE ACADEMY

INFORMATION SESSION
TUESDAY 7 APRIL 2009

The Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) is more than your average university. As well as a degree from the University of New South Wales (UNSW) in Engineering, Technology, Science, Business or the Arts, you’ll also earn between $33,000 and $47,000 a year to study. We’ll take care of all your tuition fees, medical and dental care, most of your textbooks and subsidise your accommodation.

To find out more about ADFA come along to our information session at The Anzac Room, Twin Towns Services Club on 7 April commencing at 7:00pm. (Call 13 19 01 or visit www.defencejobs.gov.au.)

SCIENCE NEWS

Astronomical Highlights for April in the International Year of Astronomy . . .

- Throughout April: A lot of viewing of the planets will occur in the pre-dawn sky, but look out for Jupiter high in the Eastern sky in the evening.
- 7 April: Saturn can be seen in the Northern night sky and will be close to a waxing gibbous Moon.
- 16 April: The red planet, Mars will be close to the green planet, Uranus in the pre-dawn sky.
- 23 April: Venus, Mars and a crescent Moon will be observable in the pre-dawn sky (forming an upside down smiley face) again look East.
- 25 April: Comet showers around this time before midnight may be seen.

Happy viewing!
Ms Fiona Murray
Science Teacher

Do you know the meaning of this word?

Participate: (vb.) to take part, be or become actively involved, or share (in).
Involve: (vb.) to include or contain as a necessary part; to have an effect on; to concern or associate significantly.

Do you actively participate or involve yourself in school projects and activities?

- “Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.”
- “Having once decided to achieve a certain task, achieve it at all costs of tedium and distaste. The gain in self-confidence of having accomplished a tiresome labor is immense.”

LETTER BOX

The following letters were sent home with your child/ren last week:
- [24 March 2009]: Year 9 (Year 8 2008) - ESSA Test Results.

ANZAC DAY MARCH

As part of the 16 March College Newsletter, a letter was included regarding the ANZAC Day March for 2009. ANZAC Day this year falls on the last Saturday of the school holidays.

We have 180 students currently enrolled to march on ANZAC Day. Numbers of students marching will be forwarded shortly to the RSL so if names have not yet been submitted, students need to record their names on the list at parent reception as soon as possible please. Tuesday 7 April is the cut-off date for names to the RSL.

Final details regarding the march will be printed in the last Newsletter for the term (Thursday 9 April). Thanking you in anticipation of your support.

Miss Helen Gooley
ANZAC Day March Organiser

MOTHER’S DAY
SUNDAY 10 MAY 2009
SRC FUNDRAISER

Treat Mum to something special for Mother’s Day
Special goodies will be on sale at the College during Weeks 1 & 2, Term 2
Start saving to buy something to let Mum know how much you care...
Canteen News & Roster

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Next week’s Newsletter will include the first two weeks of the Canteen Roster for Term 2.

In the meantime, if you could help out on Monday 6 April OR Wednesday 8 April OR Thursday 9 April, please call me in the Canteen. Many thanks in anticipation.

Mrs Dianne Pinkstone
Canteen Manager

Lost Property:
There are a number of unclaimed uniform items (eg. jumpers, shorts, sports shirts, hats) in the Lost Property section at Student Reception.

If you have lost such an item, please report to Student Reception to check in Lost Property.

Student of the Week
Last week’s Student of the Week was Sienna van Rossum (8A).

Could this be a picture of you?

Uniform Shop News

Hurry!
Buy your college jumper at the old price
before the new price comes into effect

Price Increase Extension
Please note that the date for the price increase to College jumpers - as mentioned in the 2 March Newsletter - will now be extended until the jumpers in stock have been sold. If your size is not available, the new price will be charged.

Ms Debra Dawson
Uniform Shop Manager

Parish News

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

Unidentified School Fees Payment
This notice is for the attention of all parents and carers of St Joseph’s College students.

The following payments have been received into the Schools Board Bank A/c, however we are unable to identify the family:

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Please contact either John Klein or Sue Heffernan (07) 5536.7522 should this payment belong to you.

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

Defence Force Recruiting Presentation
This presentation will be taking place during Period 4 - Wednesday 8 April 2009 in the College Library.

Any interested students should report to the Career’s Advisor to register their interest . . .

On the double . . .

Tweed Heads PCYC
Jamfest – Band Nights are back at Tweed Heads PCYC
Friday 3 April, 7.30-10.00pm featuring Final Hope + other local bands, for 13-17 years, $5.00. Monthly band nights to continue through 2009 – interested bands please contact the PCYC.

Tweed Heads PCYC Florence Street (PO Box 380), Tweed Heads NSW 2485
All enquiries to Ph: (07) 5599.1714

YOUTH SOCIAL EVENTS @ THE SALVOS CENTRE, BANORA POINT

Friday Nights - ‘CHARGED YOUTH’ - 7:30-9:30pm ($4 per person including supper) Zany Games, Fun, Prizes, Food, Different Theme each week. (High School aged and up)

Sunday Nights - ‘SUPERCHARGED’ - 6:00-7:30pm (All Free) Skating (Ramps out), Sports Centre play, Wii Live Band, Bocce with a deeper message, Pizza. (High School aged and up)

For more information, contact the Salvation Army Centre, Cnr Woodlands and Leisure Drive, Banora Point on (07) 5524.5081