Principal’s Message

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

Welcome to week 3. Life is always moving, always placing new experiences before us, some joyous and some devastatingly sad. Some snippets from this week:

Bush Fires Response: As well as holding up the communities from the fire damaged areas in our prayer this week, we are offering a number of ways of collecting money to support affected families. Students are being asked to bring gold coin donations during this next week; staff are contributing through boxes placed in the staff room; numbers of people are donating hand-made items and home-made foods, with all monies from selling these going to support funds; parish churches are donating the first collection this Sunday; and any contributions over $10 can attract a tax receipt. This means that people wishing to donate a certain amount of money can actually donate more, given they are eligible for a tax refund. These can be organised for all who wish to have one by identifying yourself with your donation to College Office staff. The College will ensure that all funds collected will go directly to where they are most effective with no losses to side costs along the way.

During the Opening and Commissioning Mass, our College Captains reminded us to work actively for justice so that we may enjoy the fruits of such as peace. Year 12 students were given a spirit candle to remind them of God’s abiding presence and support in their lives, especially during this significant year for them as they complete the schooling years. My thanks to Scott McDermott and the many ministers who helped us to celebrate so meaningfully. Similarly, thanks to parents, St James staff and friends of the College who took time to join us during mass.

Student Excellence - Caitlin McGibbon-Goode (Year 10) was awarded Tweed’s Young Achiever in Community Service, presented as part this year’s Australia Day celebrations. A regular participant in the “You Have a Friend” program, she is entirely comfortable with feeding and chatting with the homeless around Coolangatta; an organiser of the “Gulu Walk”, raising monies aimed at keeping children out of the Ugandan armed forces culminating in a walk during the local Lantern Festival in the Jack Evans Boat Harbour; a participant in the young people’s faith festival, Festa Christi, held in Lismore; and an annual marcher in the Tweed Heads ANZAC Day March in honour of her grandmother, proudly carrying his medals. Caitlin is an amazingly energetic young girl, clear about what she believes in and acts out of that belief. Congratulations Caitlin!

Student Excellence - Corrin Wilson and Samantha Fien (Year 10) attended “The Siemens Science Experiment” – an intensive 3 day science program, conducted at the Griffith University from 13 - 15 January. Sponsored by Rotary Clubs, the pair attended workshops and heard lectures on Genetics, medicinal drugs discovery, storm surges, fun chemistry sessions where Barbie dolls frozen with dry ice could be smashed into pieces as if they were made of glass, body works, electronic constructions, DNA and genetics, thoroughly enjoying all the sessions, even having some ‘scientific’ fun at Wet ’n’ Wild.

Corrin says, ‘… it was ‘an experience I will never forget. Highlights included chemistry classes, playing with liquid nitrogen, a disco that actually played cool music and a cool, but kind of gross, anatomy excursion.’

Samantha, ‘… recommends it to any student (you have to be in Year 9), and especially enjoyed the realistic Sim-Man and Sim-Baby robots used to train doctors in the Medical Faculty. These robots bleed, can cry, can ‘cheer up’ after being counselled, can be resuscitated after ‘dying’, and are administered medicines after becoming ill. You too can attend, but you have to be sponsored through Rotary Club. I contacted the South Tweed Rotary Club, who sponsored me to go. The experience is great; you meet heaps of people who have the same common interests as you!’

Congratulations to both of these students, and current Year 9 students are encouraged to pursue this opportunity later this year.

Let us be the God presence to our families in Victoria this week through our thoughts, prayers and actions. Blessings for the week.

Alain Sauvage
ST JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC PARISH
TWEED HEADS CATHOLIC PRESBYTERY
PH (07) 5536.7522

PARISH YOUTH MASS
Our Next Youth Mass will be held this Sunday, 22 February 2009 in the Holy Family Chapel, St Joseph’s College, Doyle Drive, Banora Point commencing at 5.30pm

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S NOTES

COLLEGE PHOTO DAY
This Wednesday, 18 February

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
Parents/carers - please read the following information about our Student Photo Day:

Dress Code: Students are to wear full school uniform. Boys will need to wear their tie for the photo.

Silver Rose Photography will be at the College this Wednesday, 18 February. To ensure you have no problems with your order please read your school photo envelope carefully.

- Your child must return their envelope on PHOTO DAY, not before and not after.
- If your child does not hand an envelope to the Silver Rose photographer, they cannot be photographed for individual portraits.
- You can place a late order with Silver Rose but usually only for group photos.
- You can make your payment (direct to the photographer) by cash, credit card (your Visa or MasterCard details are to be provided on the photo envelope), cheque or money order.
- If you have any questions about Photo Day please call Silver Rose on (07) 3262.5788.

Sports and Special Groups
- Do not order Sports or Special Groups on your envelope.
- Order forms will be available separately from your School’s reception after photo day.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Each College newsletter will include the coming events in the term, with the current week appearing on the front page.

COMING EVENTS - TERM 1
WEEK 5
Wednesday 25 February ..........................(Day 3)
- Ash Wednesday
Thursday 26 February .............................(Day 4)
- Year 12 University Showcase
Friday 27 February .................................(Day 5)
- College Swimming Carnival

WEEK 6
Monday 2 March.................................(Day 6)
- Year 12 Retail and Hospitality
Tuesday 3 March.................................(Day 7)
- Year 10 BOSLO Information Evening for parents and students
Wednesday 4 March.............................(Day 8)
- Year 10 HSE (History & Geography)
Excursions
WEEK 7
Wednesday 11 March...........................(Day 3)
- Diocesan Swimming Carnival
Friday 13 March.................................(Day 5)
- Year 11 Local Environment Study
- Year 7 Reflection Day

WEEK 8
Thursday 19 March...............................(Day 9)
- St Joseph’s Day

WEEK 9
Monday 23 March...............................(Day 1)
- HPV/HPB Vaccinations
Wednesday 25 March.............................(Day 3)
- Soccer & League Trials (selected students)
Friday 27 March.................................(Day 5)
- Year 9 Reflection Day

WEEK 10
Monday 30 March...............................(Day 6)
- Boosterix Vaccinations

WEEK 11
Thursday 9 April.................................(Day 4)
- Holy Thursday
TERM 1 ENDS - THIS IS A NORMAL SCHOOL DAY
Friday 10 April.................................(Day 5)
- Good Friday

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.

Mr Peter Lyon
Deputy Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

TERM 1 YEAR GROUP REFLECTION DAYS
This term students in Year 7 and Year 9 will be attending their year group reflection days; Year 7 on Friday 13 March (Week 7) and Year 9 on Friday 27 March (Week 9).

Mr Scott McDermott
RE Coordinator-Ministry

READING OF THE WEEK

Today’s reading comes the Letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but they all come from the same Spirit. There are different ways to serve the same Lord, and we can each do different things. Yet the same God works in all of us and helps us in everything we do.

The Spirit has given each of us a special way of serving others. The word of the Lord.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Joseph’s Parish St Anthony’s Parish
Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm 6:00pm(Kingscliff)
Sunday: 7:00am & 9:00am 7:00am(Pottsville)
Sunday: 9:00am (Bilambil) 9:00am (Kingscliff)

Fr Michael Brady Fr Jim Griffin
Parish Priest Parish Priest

CURRICULUM NEWS

The beginning of the school year is always a busy time and often information or important dates can be easily overlooked. The following information should assist families:

ASSESSMENT NOTIFICATIONS
Assessment task notifications for Years 7-12 are available to students on the College website. Students are able to access and print Assessment Task details from a home computer or the computers at the College.

ASSESSMENT HANDBOOKS
Assessment Handbooks for Year 10 and Year 11 will be available online from the end of Week 4, Term 1.

ASSESSMENT CALENDARS
Calendars with Assessment Task dates were distributed to Years 7-9 during Week 3, Term 1, and will be distributed to Years 10-12 in Week 4, Term 1.

YEAR 9 ELECTIVES
Please be aware that Year 9 students are no longer able to alter their elective choice.

YEAR 11 PATTERNS OF STUDY
Any Year 11 students considering altering their Preliminary HSC Patterns of Study must see me as their first step. Some courses, however, have no room for additional students.

HSC ASSESSMENT INFORMATION
The North Coast Board of Studies Liaison Officer will present HSC assessment information at 7:00pm this Wednesday, 18 February in the Doyle Centre.

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE INFORMATION
The North Coast Board of Studies Liaison Officer will present School Certificate information at 7:00pm on Tuesday 3 March 2009, at the College in the Doyle Centre.

I will talk about Year 10 Assessment Procedures and discuss online Assessment Handbooks on the evening. Please mark the date on your calendars.

LEARNING INFORMATION CENTRE (Library)
On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the College Library will be open from 8:00am until 4:30pm.

Ms Natalie Bryett
Curriculum Coordinator

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.
CAREERS NEWS

FREE HSC HALF YEARLY EXAM WORKSHOPS
13 February to 8 March 2009

Workshops include: Summary of specified course content; secrets of success; half yearly exam preparation and time management advice.

Presented by: HSC markers, textbook authors and experienced teachers. Located in Sydney at the following suburbs; Auburn, Bankstown, Bondi, Burwood, Hurstville, Liverpool and Parramatta.

For more information and registration, visit www.hscplus.com.au or call (02) 9708.3666.

BAKERS DELIGHT – APPRENTICESHIPS

Bakers Delight is busier than ever. So we’re now hiring 500 apprentice bakers. Our comprehensive training program means you could soon be baking the best, freshest bread around. It’s an awesome career and easy to apply. So why not apply now?

Our ‘money-bake’ guarantee. As part of the Bakers Delight team, you’ll start earning your own money straight away.

What’s in it for you? You’ll receive a nationally recognised qualification after successfully completing your apprenticeship. Many of our apprentices have gone on to own their own franchises.

A great work environment. You’ll have the chance to make friends with great people who are just like you. Early starts mean early finishes so you can spend your free time doing what you love to do.

Who can apply? No qualifications are necessary. Anyone eligible to work full time in Australia over the next three years can apply. For more information, visit the website: http://www.bakersapprentice.com.au.

UNIVERSITY SHOWCASE

Year 12 will be attending the annual University Showcase on Thursday 26 February (Week 5) from 9:00-10:00am in the Doyle Centre. The following Universities will be presenting information:

- Southern Cross University
- University of QLD
- Queensland University of Technology
- Griffith University
- University of New England
- Australian Catholic University
- Bond University

This is a great opportunity for our Year 12 students to obtain information about courses at universities in 2009.

INFORMATION SESSION

Defence Force Trade Apprenticeships

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) needs tradespeople. The Navy, Army and Air Force have trade apprenticeships in marine, vehicle, aviation, metals and construction and electrotechnology.

If you are interested in an ADF trade apprenticeship you can complete some units of competency from the apprenticeship as part of your Higher School Certificate. The majority of trade courses include 35 hours work placement per year which will also give you an advantage when applying for and/or undertaking a trade apprenticeship. Trade courses offered at School and/or TAFE include: automotive, electrical, plumbing, metal and engineering and construction.

By studying a trade apprenticeship with the ADF you will get nationally recognised trade qualifications in half the time, plus a guaranteed job when you have finished. You will earn a great wage (over $700 PW as an apprentice) with benefits such as rent assistance and free medical and dental. You won’t just be working towards a trade career in the ADF, you will be learning skills that will set you up for life.

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For further information please contact Roslyn Hand, VET for Schools Consultant, North Coast Institute on telephone: (02) 6674.7259, or see me in the Careers Office.

Mr Matt Hall
Careers Advisor

PARISH NEWS

ST JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC PARISH
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SOLOMON ISLANDS TRIP

St Joseph’s Parish is presently organising a trip to the Solomon Islands.

Our parish trip is scheduled to leave on 10 July and return on 17 July. If you are interested in joining this trip we still have a couple of vacancies available – cost is $1,841 per person twin share (return airfares, seven nights accommodation in central Honiara, seven breakfasts, airport transfers in the Solomon’s and airport taxes and surcharges). Easy walking to clubs, restaurants, markets and other attractions. Joining with Holy Cross Parish for Sunday Mass. (Holy Cross is where a lot of our visitors from ‘Days In The Diocese’ were linked to).

We can arrange a further information session for anyone interested who may have missed our original presentation. If you are wishing to take this opportunity and travel as a parish group, booking forms and deposits will need to be in over the next week or two.

Please phone the Parish Office for further information on (07) 5536.7522.

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.

SCIENCE NEWS

Welcome to the International Year of Astronomy . . .

During the year there will be many opportunities for you to look and marvel at the night sky. Often the only equipment you need is a good set of binoculars or a small telescope.

Galileo first pointed his telescope to the night sky 400 years ago and made discoveries such as the moons of Jupiter, phases of Venus and the craters of the Moon. His discoveries changed our scientific understandings and eventually, the religious belief of the time.

The Science department will be celebrating this and other astronomical milestones during the year and especially during Science Week in August. We hope to keep you informed of some of the activities that will be happening during the year.

In the month of February:

- There will be a penumbral eclipse of the moon at 10:36pm on the 10th.
- Saturn rises in the North-eastern sky in the evenings and will be underneath a Gibbous Moon on the 11th.
- The Moon, Mercury, Jupiter and Mars are close together in the pre dawn sky on the 23rd.
- Venus can be seen as a bright beacon in the Western sky at twilight.

Ms Fiona Murray
Science Teacher

Before School Supervision: Student supervision is available prior to the commencement of the school day, from 8:20am until 8:35am.
**OTHER NOTICES**

**Rotary Youth Exchange**

is seeking applicants for the 2010 program

Students from Years 9-12 are able to apply

As a Rotary Youth Exchange student, you will spend one year living in another country, usually with three or four host families. You will become part of those families and their community. These Rotary families are volunteers who will welcome and care for you, supervise your year and introduce you to their culture and lifestyle.

In your host country you may learn another language, experience cuisines, study different subjects, enjoy a new culture and discover another way of living. In addition you will learn a great deal about yourself and gain confidence and self-sufficiency.

You will attend school in your local community, as well as participating in Rotary activities and civic functions. At the same time you will make new friends, see exciting places and experience adventures that will take a lifetime to recount.

Any students or parents interested in finding out more about this wonderful youth program can contact yeg@yp.rotary9640.org or go to the District Webpage - http://www.rotary9640.org/youth_exchange/index.php to download a brochure and application form.

**CALLING ALL NETBALLERS**

(Refer to last week’s Newsletter for full details)

St James Netball Club caters for all girls wishing to play netball for Tweed from St James, St Joseph’s Primary, St Joseph’s College as well as the wider community.

Registration forms are available from student reception at each of the schools. Registration that will take place this Saturday, 21 February, from 11:00am til 2:00pm in the MPC at St James Primary School. Uniforms will be available to try on and order at registration.

**Senior Competition Fees** (U/10 and older): $145 (includes umpire fees)

**Senior Uniform** $100.

For further information contact Ashleigh Manning on (0488) 416430.

Mrs Dianne Pinkstone
Canteen Manager

**CANTINE News & Roster**

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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.