Principal’s Message

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

Welcome to Week 9! The significant focus of last week and this week is the proclamation of the faith community that lives among us, commencing with the celebration of St Joseph’s Day last Thursday, leading into Catholic Education Week this week. In particular we are conscious of the faith of many lives lived in service that have given Catholic schools the life, energy and learning we have today. One such group is the Josephite sisters who have been strongly active in our Lismore Diocese for many years, founding schools and dedicating their lives to the care of young people. 2009 is significant for the Sisters of St Joseph as they commemorate this Anniversary Year: 100 years since the death of the Blessed Mary MacKillop. We ask God’s richest blessings upon them as we give thanks for their enduring ministry.

Catholic Schools Week: The theme for this year of Youth in Action: Active in Faith, Active in Learning was chosen to link to the 2008 World Youth Day message: ‘You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses’ (Acts 1:8). These powerful messages provide the opportunity to reflect on the response we are all called to make to the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We are grateful for the commitment made by parents and staff, supported by the Lismore Catholic Education staff, to excellence on behalf of our students.

St Joseph’s Day: During our Liturgy we showed photos of fathers and their children together, highlighting the theme of the gift of fatherhood, especially as shown by St Joseph – ‘a father and man of humility, compassion, care, strong accepting faith and love of Jesus’. This reminded us all of the strong contribution made by people, many of whom are no longer visible or present to us who have allowed us to enjoy what we now have.

We celebrated with Di Pinkstone, our Canteen Supervisor, 10 years of service to providing nutritious food to students, along with the remaining founding staff of the College: Helen Bissell, Andrew Chambers, Debra Dawson, Helen Gooley, Fiona Murray, Peter Serone and Colleen Waide.

We enjoyed a special morning tea cake made by Vitina Camp, had celebratory ice blocks, were entertained by the CAPA Department and played the customary captain ball. Enjoy the photos of our celebration shown in today’s Newsletter.

Student Sporting Excellence - Matt Kirsner: Only 3 years ago our energetic Matt commenced playing AFL, and in that time, has played representative football for the Northern Heat region as Captain of the U13 and U14 team for the last two years. Now training with the Gold Coast U16 Stingrays squad, he will participate in selection trials to compete as a member of the NSW Schoolboys team in May. We wish him well. His long term goals include either playing professional football or becoming a PE teacher.

We support Scott McDermott’s family in our thoughts and prayers during their loss as they celebrate the life of his grandmother, who died on Thursday last.

God’s abundant blessings be upon us for the week.

Alain Sauvage
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S NOTES

Attendance: It’s Not OK To Be Away!

While the effects of irregular attendance adversely impact directly on a student’s current progress and understanding, the long term scars to his/her learning are devastating.

Just as research has proven that exposure to the sun as a youngster can cause irreparable damage to his/her skin that will emerge later in life, poor attendance mirrors this.

The gaps in knowledge and understanding accumulated in Years 7 to 10 become a glaring problem in Years 11 and 12. Subject development is a sequential building process that relies heavily on a firm grasp of each section of material. When part is missing the student finds immense difficulty in learning the work and real frustration sets in; this effectively makes school life a genuine chore.

In many senior classes across all subjects, teachers spend much valuable class time trying to fill in the gaps in students’ knowledge caused through condoned parent absences. Time is lost on teaching the Years 11 and 12 subject material; a real disadvantage to our students.

This situation can be substantially reduced if not eliminated by saying NO to any student absences other than genuine illness or serious family issues.

Should you require support in saying NO to your son/daughter on their attendance or any other issue please contact us immediately.

We all can work together to make a difference to your student’s future.

Be on time, Be at school,
That’s the rule!

REMINDER – STUDENT ABSENCES

As parents and carers are aware, the College has a policy regarding student absences where the parent/carer is to telephone the College between 7:45am and 9:30am on the day of the absence.

The second requirement of this policy is that a written note is also required on the first day of the student’s return. This explanation note is a legal requirement of the student’s attendance record at school.

REMINDER – MOBILE PHONES

Students and parents are reminded that it is College policy that mobile phones are not to be brought to school. Camera phones present a threat to privacy and mobile phones in general are coveted by others and become a target for theft. They also cause disruption to the College program.

If a student has a special need for bringing a mobile phone to school, a note of explanation from the parent should be given to the Deputy Principal. The phone can then be left at Student Reception at the start of the day and collected after classes.

Students found in breach of this policy will be subject to the disciplinary processes of the College. Repeated breaches could well mean suspension.

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.

** WEEK 10 **

Friday 3 April ................................. (Day 10)
☞ Lifeskills Maths Excursion (selected students)

** WEEK 11 **

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

LETTER BOX

The following letters were sent home with your child/ren last week:

• [16 March]: Year 9 - Proposed trip in November to New Caledonia (in addition to their French class studies).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

YEAR 9 REFLECTION DAY

Year 9 will have their Reflection Day this coming Friday, 27 March. As attendance at the Reflection Day is mandatory and held at the College, no permission note will be required.

Students will need to wear sports uniform and are to bring something for a shared recess. Lunch will be provided and each student is asked to pay $1.00 to help cover this cost. (Bring the $1.00 on the day.)

Hastert Liturgy

Thursday 9 April

in the Doyle Centre

commencing at 11:30am

Mr Scott McDermott
RE Coordinator-Ministry

RENDER OF THE WEEK

This Wednesday we remember God’s announcement to Mary that she would be the mother of Jesus. We celebrate Mary’s faith and pray for that same gift in our lives. Today’s reading comes from the Holy Gospel according to Luke:

God sent the angel Gabriel to the town of Nazareth in Galilee with a message for a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to Joseph from the family of King David. The angel greeted Mary and said, “You are truly blessed! The Lord is with you.” Mary was confused by the angel’s words and wondered what they meant. Then the angel told Mary, “Don’t be afraid! God is pleased with you and you are going to have a son. His name will be Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of God Most High.” Mary said, “I am the Lord’s servant! Let it happen as you have said.” And the angel left her.

Ever-loving God, may we follow the courage of Mary and say ‘yes’ to your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Visit the College website for more information about SIC or for back copies of the Newsletter.

The School Newsletter and School Calendar are both available online at www.bps.lism.catholic.edu.au. The School Calendar contains year group events, assessment schedules and term dates.
**Weekend Mass Times**

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Fr Michael Brady  
Parish Priest  
Fr Jim Griffin  
Parish Priest

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**Careers News**

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

Mr Matt Hall  
Careers Advisor

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**Project Compassion**

Project Compassion Week 4 brings you the story of Ipau.

Ipau is a member of the indigenous Maratus Dayak community in South Kalimantan, Indonesia. Her community has long struggled against large scale forestry which causes damaging landslides and flooding. With the support of Caritas Australia, Ipau and her community are working to protect their forest, secure their livelihoods through income generation activities and build a just and sustainable future.

Your donation to Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion Appeal helps Indigenous Indonesian communities protect their rights and forests for the benefit of us all.

Our collections now total $1,015.70. Many thanks to all.

Ms Allira Eppich  
Mission and Values Facilitator

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**Industrial Technology Multimedia News**

As a Bond University Collegiate School, we gain access to Bond’s Blue Sky Lecture Series.

This year, students studying Industrial Technology-Multimedia in Years 9-12 will be given the opportunity to attend a lecture given by Dr Geoff Brand entitled, “Five Steps to a Career in Games and Multimedia”. The lecture is designed to inspire students and to provide information about potential careers whilst enhancing the school curriculum.

There is no cost to students and the lecture will be held in the Doyle Centre this coming Wednesday, 25 March 2009, during Periods 1 and 2.

Mr Dean Robinson  
Industrial Technology-Multimedia Teacher

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Grade 11 Headstart Day - Monday 20 April 2009

Grade 10 Headstart Day - Monday 19 October 2009

To Register: Interested students should contact their Career Advisor to register and receive more information about the program. Spaces are limited so it’s best to apply quickly so as to not miss this excellent opportunity.

For further information, contact Charlotte King on telephone (07) 5595.1114, via email: charlotte.king@bond.edu.au or visit the website: http://www.bond.edu.au

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.

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**Human Society in it’s Environment (HSIE) News**

**ATTENTION: YEAR 9 FAMILIES**

History excursion notes have been sent home and Geography excursion notes will arrive shortly. The deadline for the return of money and notes is Thursday 9 April 2009.

Mr Tony Channell  
HSIE Coordinator

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**ANZAC Day March**

Over 140 students have signed up already for the ANZAC Day March. If there are others who wish to add their names they can do so quickly so as to not miss this excellent opportunity.

Many thanks,

Miss Helen Gooley  
ANZAC Day March Organiser

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**Do you know the meaning of this word?**

**Education:** (n.) the act or process of acquiring knowledge: the act or process of imparting knowledge, esp. at a school, college or university; the theory of teaching and learning; a particular kind of instruction or training.

- **Education is vitally important to all of us here at SJC**. . .
- **How important is it to you?**
- **Your Year 12 Headstart Day**

Education’s purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.

Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is, not a preparation for life; education is life itself.

Education is not the filling of a nail, but the lighting of a fire.

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SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to all our swimmers who represented the College so well at the Diocesan Carnival at Club Banora on Wednesday 11 March 2009. Congratulations to all, but especially to:

Dominic Cormack  
Boys 14 Years Age Champion

Shanice McCarthy  
Girls 13 Years Age Champion

Jake Thrupp  
Boys 12 Years Age Champion

Over the course of the carnival, St Joseph's College had a total of 155 individual entries, as well as 6 relay teams - an outstanding effort by our students. Qualifying swimmers will now attend the NSWCCC Swimming Carnival to be held at Homebush on Wednesday 6 May 2009. Good Luck!

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Our students were great ambassadors of the College and are to be commended on their achievements and behaviour.

Mr Peter McLaughlin  
Sports Coordinator

Extended Periods of Leave: If you are planning a holiday during the term dates, a letter requesting leave should be forwarded to the Principal in advance.
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Could this be a picture of you?

The nominated student is required to present herself to the College Principal before Friday of this week.

If this student does, she will receive a voucher to the value of $5.00 for purchases at the Canteen.

Last week’s Student of the Week was Dean Robinson (12A).

**CANTERBURY NEWS & ROSTER**

**WEDNESDAY IS SUSHI DAY**

Sushi is available every Wednesday, for the very reasonable price of $2.50 per roll.

You can choose from the following six varieties: Tuna Delight; Salmon Delight; Beef Teriyaki; Chicken Teriyaki; Chicken and Avocado; or Sweet Chilli Chicken.

You can also pre-order on the form at the front of the Canteen. Please order early to avoid disappointment.

**CANTERBURY ROSTER**

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**PARISH NEWS**

**ST JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC PARISH**

**Tweed Heads Catholic Presbytery**

**Phone (07) 5536.7522**

**UNIDENTIFIED SCHOOL FEES PAYMENTS**

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: sjf@stjosephs.org.com.au

Do you know that Daylight Savings finishes in April nowadays?

Daylight Saving Time concludes on the first Sunday in April, which is next Sunday, 5 April 2009.

**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 vep@vep.rotary9640.org or go to the District Webpage - http://www.rotary9640.org/youth_exchange/index.php to download a brochure an application form.