Principal’s Message

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

Welcome to Week 3 of the term. This week Year 12 students go on retreat, Year 11 students are in exam mode, while the remaining students are working as normal. Reports from Canberra indicate the Year 10 Sydney-Canberra trip is going very well, with a good spirit among the students and teachers.

School Visits: Last week teams from the College visited all Year 5 and 6 students from our main primary partnership schools. Using College students who had come from the primary school we were visiting in each case, the young primary students enjoyed hearing stories from their ‘older’ friends about what they had encountered in high school, and the challenges they faced. My thanks to Mr Gary Wheatley, Year 7 Coordinator who spoke at all the schools we visited, and our students Billy O’Donohue, Natasha Lipshus, Megan Atwood, Lachlan Raso and Jessica Orr who spoke with St James students, Louis Gram, Holly O’Neill and Jordan Charters who spoke with St Anthony’s students and Kadison Saxby, Scarlet Styles and Tom Monaghan who spoke with St Joseph’s students. We somehow managed to find ourselves having a McDonald’s treat afterwards to say thank you.

Meet the Principal Evenings are being held at the primary schools as a follow-up opportunity for parents to have a conversation with us about the next stage of learning for their sons and daughters. My thanks to the schools for allowing me to visit and be present to the parent body.

I visited with St Joseph’s Primary School on 6 May and the timing for the next two schools is as follows:

Monday 11 May, 6:00-7:00pm, St James School (this evening)
Monday 18 May, 6:00-7:00pm, St Anthony’s Primary School (next Monday evening)

Parent-College Partnerships: Research into student achievement at secondary level points to the importance of a healthy College-Parent partnership. Here are some compelling reasons to do something about it:

- Students will feel safe when they see the adults from the two parts of their lives, school and home, come together to focus on their interests.
- When schools, in its interactions, honour students’ parents, the students themselves will feel honoured.
- When children see their parents relating comfortably with their teachers, they perceive this as ‘permission’ to develop comfort and trust in the school staff also.

Through their interactions with each other, parents and teachers gain access to information, acknowledgment, support and a sounding board for their educational concerns about students, while authentic interactions between them enhance the self-confidence of both (Keyser, 2006). The College welcomes and indeed is looking for more ways to offer parents an opportunity to connect with College staff. What ideas do you have? Watch this space!

Enrolment Application Due Date: As the College is usually fully subscribed for Year 7, and entry becomes a waiting list situation, it is essential that parents wishing entry into Year 7 for 2010 submit an application by 9 June in order to be considered in the first round of interviews. It is good practice to make application for enrolment while students are in Year 5!

Family Faith Gatherings: Fr Chris Gleeson is an excellent speaker and it will be a special treat to spend a few family based days together growing in faith while having fun. Commencing at 12:00noon on Saturday 23 May and continuing into Sunday 24 May, the Faith Family Gathering will be held at the Tyalgum Ridge Resort.

A parallel children’s program takes care of our younger people, ensuring they are looked after and have a faith journey experience at their own level. Everyone who has gone in previous years has commented on the great time they experienced! Information is available from the Parish Office, speak with Donna or Sue on (70) 5536.7522 or contact Chris Cummins (Parent Liaison) on telephone (02) 6649 2048, mobile (0437) 275 307, or email ccummins@lism.catholic.edu.au.

Blessings for the week.

Alain Sauvage

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Monday 18 May
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This week’s events are on the front page of /

**WEEK 4**

**Monday 25 May**
- HPV Vaccinations (2nd Dose)
- Chicken Pox Vaccinations (1st Dose)
**Tuesday 26 May**
- Year 9 PE Incursion “Cheap Thrills”
**Wednesday 27 May**
- Tweed Valley Competition begins
- Year 12 Semester 1 Reports posted
**Thursday 28 May**
- Year 12 Industrial Technology- Multimedia Workshop
**Sunday 31 May**
- Parish Youth Mass

**WEEK 5**

**Monday 29 June**
- Public Speaking “Speak Easy”

**Wednesday 3 June**
- Diocesan Touch Carnival

**WEEK 6**

**Monday 29 June**
- Public Holiday - Queen’s Birthday
**Tuesday 9 June**
- Years 7-10 Half-Yearly Exams (9 to 15 June)
- Year 12 Parent/Teacher/Student Evening
- Due date for Year 7 2010 Enrolments
**Wednesday 10 June**
- Year 12 HSC French Day
- ICAS Science Competition (selected students)
**Friday 12 June**
- Year 11 “Meals on Wheels” (selected students)

**WEEK 7**

**Monday 8 June**
- Public Holiday - Queen’s Birthday
**Tuesday 9 June**
- Years 7-10 Half-Yearly Exams (9 to 15 June)
- Year 12 Parent/Teacher/Student Evening
- Due date for Year 7 2010 Enrolments
**Wednesday 10 June**
- Year 12 HSC French Day
- ICAS Science Competition (selected students)
**Friday 12 June**
- Year 11 “Meals on Wheels” (selected students)

**WEEK 8**

**Tuesday 16 June**
- Year 11 Semester 1 Reports posted
**Thursday 18 June**
- Year 8 PE Incursion “Verbal Combat”
**Friday 19 June**
- NSWCCC Cross Country

**WEEK 9**

**Tuesday 23 June**
- Year 11 Physics Excursion (selected students)
**Friday 26 June**
- College Athletics Carnival
- Year 7 Semester 1 Reports posted
**Sunday 28 June**
- Parish Youth Mass

**WEEK 10**

**Monday 29 June**
- Sports Teams Photo Day
**Tuesday 30 June**
- Diocesan Open Soccer KO Competition
- Year 10 Semester 1 Reports posted
- Year 11 Parent/Teacher/Student Evening
**Wednesday 1 July**
- Year 8 Semester 1 Reports posted
**Friday 3 July**
- Year 9 Food Technology
- Diocesan Surfing Competition
- Year 9 Semester 1 Reports posted

**WEEK 11**

**Tuesday 7 July**
- Year 7 Parent/Teacher/Student Evening
**Wednesday 8 July**
- Tweed Valley Finals
**Friday 10 July**
- TERM 2 ENDS - THIS IS A NORMAL SCHOOL DAY
- Year 11 “Meals on Wheels” (selected students)

Mr Peter Lyon
Deputy Principal

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**YEAR 7 2010 ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS DUE**

**Tuesday 9 June 2009** (Week 7)

A reminder that completed application forms should be accompanied by:
- the (non-refundable) enrolment application fee of $55.00.
- copies of the last two school reports.
- copies of sacramental program certificate(s) (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, if applicable).
- a copy of the child’s birth certificate.

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S NOTES**

**COMING EVENTS**

This week’s events are 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 4**

Year 11 Half-Yearly Examinations continue this week (15 to 21 May)
- ‘Meet the SJC Principal’ at St Anthony’s Primary School (6:00-7:00pm)
**Wednesday 20 May**
- Year 10 HSIE Excursions
- Geography Fieldtrip and History Site Study
- Diocesan Cross Country
**Thursday 21 May**
- Rio Tinto Big Science Competition
**Friday 22 May**
- SJC ON SHOW! (2:45pm to 8:30pm)
- Talent Quest Finals Night (6:00pm to 8:30pm)

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Our ‘Reading of the Week’ continues today in celebration of this coming Friday, the International Day of Families.

Mr Scott McDermott
RE Coordinator-Ministry

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**ST JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC PARISH**

**TWEED HEADS**

Catholic Presbytery
Ph: (07) 5536.7522

**PARISH YOUTH MASS**

Our Next Youth Mass will be held on Pentecost Sunday, 31 May 2009 (end of Week 5)
in the Holy Family Chapel, St Joseph’s College, Doyle Drive, Banora Point
commencing at 5:30pm

Youth Mass Dates for the remainder of 2009 are as follows:

**TERM 2:**
- Week 9: Sunday 28 June
- Last week of Term 2 school holidays: Sunday 26 July

**TERM 3:**
- Week 5: Sunday 30 August
- Week 9: Sunday 27 September

**TERM 4:**
- Week 1: Sunday 25 October
- Week 6: Sunday 29 November

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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.
**Curriculum News**

Year 11 examinations commence this Friday, 15 May and conclude next Thursday, 21 May.

If any students in Year 11 would like any assistance in regard to effective study techniques, please see me.

Just a reminder that the Library is open for all students on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:30-4:30pm.

Ms Natalie Bryett  
Curriculum Coordinator

**Attention Year 12 students:**

Applications for Bond University’s scholarships are now open.  
For more information visit [www.bond.edu.au/study/scholarships](http://www.bond.edu.au/study/scholarships)  
or see me in the Careers Room.

**NSW Health provides the following information for St Joseph's College families:**

**Whooping Cough (Pertussis)**  
In recent months there has been an increase in the number of school aged children in NSW diagnosed with whooping cough (pertussis).

Please be on the lookout for symptoms of whooping cough:

• a runny nose, followed by a cough, which becomes worse (older children and adults may have only a cough that can last for several months)
• a cough that occurs in spasms, which may be followed by vomiting
• a cough with a ‘whoop’ (a sudden noisy gasp at the end of coughing)

In order to prevent further cases, if your child or any member of your family has symptoms of whooping cough please see your doctor and take this notice with you. This is extremely important if there is a baby less than 12 months of age living in the household. Pertussis can be a serious life-threatening infection for babies.

If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in its early, infectious stage (within 3 weeks of the cough starting), please advise the school and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics.

Immunisation reduces the risk of infection, however the vaccine does not give lifelong protection, and reinfection can occur. The vaccine is provided free of charge for infants at 2, 4 and 6 months and again at 4 years. Please check that your child has received this primary course. If your child has not been fully immunised, discuss a catch-up plan with your doctor.

Because protection wanes with time, free vaccine will be provided to Year 10 students as part of the NSW School-based Vaccination Program from 2009.

For more information, please call your local public health unit:  
Lismore (02) 6620.7500 or  
Port Macquarie (02) 6588.2750.  

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**Curriculum Coordinator**

**Ms Natalie Bryett**
**Weekend Mass Times**

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Fr Michael Brady
Parish Priest

Fr Jim Griffin
Parish Priest

If you have any news of a student’s achievement, sporting, academic, or otherwise, please let us know, as we'd love to share it with the SJC community, via the weekly College Newsletter.

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**Student Council**

Thank you to everyone who supported the *Mother’s Day SJC Fundraiser* as well as buying their Mum a lovely gift.

Student Council

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**Canteen News & Roster**

**WEEK 3**

**Monday 11 May**
Sheere Lynch & Pauline McLean

**Tuesday 12 May**
Mandy Barone

**Wednesday 13 May**
Jo Whalan

**Thursday 14 May**
Hayley Mandall

**Friday 15 May**
Shirley Clarke

**WEEK 4**

**Monday 18 May**
Anne Riddell-Rogers & Jan MacQueen

**Tuesday 19 May**
Robyn Crowe

**Wednesday 20 May**
Jenny Marsh

**Thursday 21 May**
Donna Fien & Margaret Putland

**Friday 22 May**
Adrienne Wheatley & Donna De Venny

Mrs Dianne Pinkstone
Canteen Manager

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**Uniform Shop News**

This year ‘The Athlete’s Foot’ at Tweed City has run a school donation (‘cashback’) program. The program allows for a reward of $5.00 cashback per pair of school shoes purchased and is provided to the student’s school at the end of the program.

We would like to thank everyone for purchasing shoes in this store and most sincerely thank Athlete’s Foot, Tweed City, for their kind donation of $245 to St Joseph’s College.

Ms Debra Dawson
Uniform Shop Manager

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**Visit the College website for more information about SJC or for back copies of the Newsletter**

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**St Joseph’s College**

**Banora Point**

**ON SHOW!**

**Friday May 22**

Experience St Joseph’s College in action

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An invitation is extended to all families in the district to see and experience the College in action.

See where...

...the arts flourish
...designers create
...the students thrive

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**BRING HOME A BROTHER OR A SISTER**

In July 2009, students, aged 15-18 years from over 15 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 5 or 10 months. Opportunities exist to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To learn more about this opportunity, call Student Exchange Australia on 1300 135 331 or visit the SEA website www.studentexchange.org.au.