Principal’s Message

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

Welcome to Week 7 of the term. My thanks again to Peter Lyon who was guest front page writer while I attended our Principals’ Meeting for term 2. Some snippets from last week and this week:

**Swine Flu Update**

Dr Kerry Chant, Deputy Director-General, Population Health and Chief Health Officer, 4 June 2009

NSW Health Department will now be communicating directly with our College in the event that H1N1 (Swine Flu) is detected in any members of our community. This will ensure the shortest possible notification process is in place, allowing for a speedier response to this illness which seems to transmit so rapidly among young people. Further information is available from Lismore Public Health Unit on 02 6620 7500.

While action at this stage has involved withdrawal of infected students for home quarantine, it would be timely to bring to the attention of all schools the need to exercise basic hygiene as indicated by NSW Health:

- Covering of mouth and nose if coughing or sneezing;
- Washing hands after contact with soiled handkerchiefs, tissues of any discharge from nose or mouth;
- Sick students and staff are advised to stay home and seek medical attention, if appropriate.

Regarding the school exclusion policy, there has been an important change to the definition of the areas of concern. Any school child returning from an “area of high prevalence” of human swine influenza will be required to stay away from school for seven days after their return to NSW. The Australian Chief Medical Officer will provide a definition for these areas, however, in the interim, greater metropolitan Melbourne should be added to the list of countries previously advised (Mexico, Canada, the United States, Japan, and Panama). This is because of the widespread community transmission of the virus being experienced in Victoria, particularly in the Melbourne metropolitan area. As before, if the child remains well after seven days they can return to school.

Dr Kerry Chant, Deputy Director-General, Population Health and Chief Health Officer, 4 June 2009

**Confirmation - Receive the Spirit:** Seven of our students received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday night of last week in a ceremony presided over by the Bishop. What is unusual is that, in our diocese, most young people receive the sacrament while in Year 2, but here is a group of young people making mature decisions to invite the Holy Spirit into their lives.

I felt privileged to attend the Confirmation liturgy with these committed students and the opportunity to pray for these young people. When asked what was special for them and what motivated them to ask for this sacrament, this is an abbreviated version of their answers:

- **Lenet Hillman:** ‘I really feel a part of the Church now. I chose Ruth as my confirmation name because I have a storybook about Ruth which is one of my favourites, and I find her inspiring.’
- **Lauren Tenison-Wood:** ‘I wanted to show through this sign of my being fully a Christian. Since receiving confirmation, I think of things differently and I am more aware of those around me.’
- **Daniel Goller:** ‘This was my decision to be confirmed and that was important to me.’
- **Dino Barone:** ‘I wanted to do this, this was a decision I made. Maximilian was the confirmation name I choose after I read his story, one of great courage and faith.’
- **Brooke McCarthy:** ‘For me this was a sign of being a Christian, and that was important.’
- **Morgan Denny:** ‘Everyone in my family has made their confirmation, and I decided to as well to be with them. Francesca is the confirmation name I have chosen, after my school in London that was a great place for me.’
- **Roberto Barone:** ‘My family is strongly Catholic, and I wanted to be a part of that. Daniel (my confirmation name), is chosen after one of the most inspiring rugby players I know.’

Congratulations to these young people, let us hold them in our prayers and encourage their journey as young Christian men and women.

**On Show:** As I write this preparations are furiously underway for ‘On Show’. A full report next week, however at this stage, a grateful thank you in advance to the many staff who have been working tirelessly to host this event, and to the many visitors we expect to visit our campus!

**Enrolment Application Due Date:** Note that enrolment applications are due on or before 9 June for Year 7 in 2010, in order to be considered for the first round of offers. Do not miss out! Inform friends and neighbours who are interested in a place at St Joseph’s College for next year.

Blessings for the week.

Alain Sauvage

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**Week 7 at the College**

**Day 6 ~ Monday 8 June**
- Public Holiday - Queen’s Birthday

**Day 7 ~ Tuesday 9 June**
- Years 7-10 Half-Yearly Examinations (9 to 15 June)
- Year 12 Parent/Teacher/Student Evening
- Due date for Year 7 2010 Enrolments

**Day 9 ~ Wednesday 10 June**
- Year 12 HSC French Study Day (selected students)
- Years 11 & 12 QUT Presentation (selected students)
- ICAS Science Competition (selected students)

**Day 10 ~ Friday 12 June**
- Year 11 ‘Meals on Wheels’ (selected students)

**Saturday 13 June**
- Year 12 HSC English Study Day (selected students)

**Sunday 14 June**
- Trinity Sunday
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 8
Tuesday 16 June ............................. (Day 2)
  • Year 8 Reflection Day
  • Year 12 CPS Incursion
  • Year 11 Semester 1 Reports posted
Wednesday 17 June .......................... (Day 4)
  • Year 11 EEC Preschool visit (selected students)
Thursday 18 June ........................... (Day 3)
  • Year 8 PE Incursion “Verbal Combat”
  • World Vision Conference (selected students)
Friday 19 June .............................. (Day 5)
  • NSWCCC Cross Country

WEEK 9
Monday 22 June ............................. (Day 6)
  • Year 7 Technology Incursion
Tuesday 23 June ............................. (Day 7)
  • Year 11 Physics Excursion
Wednesday 24 June .......................... (Day 9)
  • School Social
Thursday 25 June ............................ (Day 8)
  • SJC Public Speaking Competition
  • SCU HSC Study Day
Friday 26 June .............................. (Day 10)
  • College Athletics Carnival
  • Year 7 Semester 1 Reports posted
Sunday 28 June
  • Parish Youth Mass

WEEK 10
Monday 29 June ............................. (Day 1)
  • Sports Teams Photo Day
Tuesday 30 June ............................. (Day 2)
  • Diocesan Open Soccer KO Competition
  • Year 10 Semester 1 Reports posted
  • Year 11 Parent/Teacher/Student Evening
Wednesday 1 July ........................... (Day 4)
  • Year 8 Semester 1 Reports posted
Friday 3 July ................................. (Day 5)
  • Year 12 ‘So You Want to Study Medicine’ Day (selected students)
  • Year 9 Food Technology Incursion
  • Diocesan Surfing Competition
  • Year 9 Semester 1 Reports posted

WEEK 11
Monday 6 July .............................. (Day 6)
  • Year 9 Food Technology Incursion
Tuesday 7 July .............................. (Day 7)
  • Year 7 Parent/Teacher/Student Evening
Wednesday 8 July .......................... (Day 9)
  • Tweed Valley Finals
Thursday 9 July ............................. (Day 8)
  • Year 12 HSC Science Day (1280 & 1255C students)
Friday 10 July ............................... (Day 10)
  • TERM 2 ENDS - THIS IS A NORMAL SCHOOL DAY
  • Year 11 “Meals on Wheels” (selected students)

Mr Peter Lyon
Deputy Principal
Tomorrow we will be hosting a QUT Presentation during Period 3 in the College Library for interested students in Years 11 and 12. I encourage students to attend this very informative presentation.

Today we include a couple of reports from some recent experiences of our students.

Mr Matt Hall
Careers Coordinator

**Griffith University Experience Day**

On Friday the 22 May, Torrey, Jacqui, Dominique and I went along to the Griffith University Experience Day at Mt Gravatt Campus.

Upon arrival at the university, the sheer size of the university was overwhelming and the nerves from the unknown set in. There was a brief explanation of what the university was like and what we would expect from the day. Then the group split up to the two courses they chose for the day. The two choices were psychology and criminology. By choosing the one relevant to each of our interests was great because you were then in a room full of people who were all there for the exact same reason you were to learn about the chosen subject and have a good day. The courses we attended allowed us to learn more about then course and gave us all an insight into what we need to do to do well in the given course and where the courses can take us after we graduate from the university course.

Overall the Griffith University Experience Day was an excellent opportunity for everyone who attended. The information that I obtained through the day has given me a great insight into future career options and has helped me choose exactly what I want to do after I finish year 12. I would recommend this to anyone interested in learning more about university life and anyone who is interested in learning more about the career they wish to pursue after they leave school and university.

Brandon Mackay (11B)

**Architecture Evening @ Griffith University, Gold Coast Campus 27 May 2009**

Students at our school are offered a wide range of opportunities and I was fortunate enough to experience one of these myself.

I was honoured to attend Griffith University’s Information Evening to the opening of the Gold Coast’s first architectural course commencing in 2010.

There were many professionals there on the night to share their advice and knowledge to communicate ideas and experiences of what it would be like when you completed the architecture course and career outcomes you could and would expect to achieve in the Architectural industry or other related industries. I believe that I gained greater insight from the information evening as it opened my mind up to the effects University can have on you as an individual and what an amazing journey it can be whilst completing your studies.

Narissa O’Doherty (11A)

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**Sports News**

**TWEED VALLEY SPORTS RESULTS - ROUND 2: WEDNESDAY 3 JUNE**

Our second round was called off due to bad weather.

**REPORTERS ON THE FIELD OF TWEED VALLEY**

Today we commence our ‘Reporters on the Field’, Nicholas Crompton (10B) and Nicholas Miranda (10E) who will be reporting from the various Tweed Valley sporting venues to give you some on-the-spot news about our SJC sport stars.

Mr Peter McLaughlin
Sports Coordinator

**ON THE FIELD WITH NICK AND NICK:**

Tweed Valley Kicks Off
The Under 13s Rugby League team kicked off their season with a dominant display against Tweed River High School with a convincing win of 28 points to nil.

A blistering performance from star winger ‘KJ’ Katleen McKeown (7D) scoring the first points to set the season off to an absolute flier. The team overall put in an excellent performance.

Coached by the RUTHLESS Ms Gallagher, the team is sure to set fire to the Tweed Valley competition. Good Luck boys!

Nick & Nick

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**Artist of the Week**

**Artist of the Week: Joseph Ralph, Year 7 Art**

There are many students who have created outstanding artworks. Year 7 have been studying ‘John Brack’ and have recently completed an assignment on one of his artworks. As part of the assignment, students created their own drawing of people going somewhere. Joseph’s drawing was of soldiers marching to battle. He has done an outstanding job and used composition extremely well. Joseph is to be congratulated on a job very well done!

Ms Jenna-Lee Mepstead
Visual Arts Teacher

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

**Milo is Back!! Before School Only**
We have LOVELY WARM Milo for only $1.50!

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Mrs Dianne Pinkstone
Canteen Manager

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

Manners: (n.) social conduct; a socially acceptable way of behaving.

**Do you use your manners? Do you use them with some people, but not with others? Why? Are they too ‘old-fashioned’ for this modern era? Then think about it like this . . .**

Manners are a classic - they never go out of style!

Vintage: (n.) of lasting interest and importance; representative of the best and most typical; of an outstandingly good year.

Let good manners become the new ‘vintage’ style here at SJC!

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**Weekend Mass Times**

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Fr Michael Brady
Parish Priest
Fr Jim Griffin
Parish Priest

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**Tweed Heads PCYC**

JamFest - Band & Dance Night at Tweed Heads PCYC
This Friday, 12 June 7:00-10:00pm
Featuring Death by Dance (punk), Jenova Sirth (alternative) and Poppa Smurf (popular rock) plus air guitar competition. An under 18s event, entry $5.00.
Tweed Heads PCYC Florence Street (PO Box 380), Tweed Heads NSW 2485
All enquiries to Ph: (07) 5599 1714

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**St Joseph’s College On Show!**

**2009 Talent Quest Finals**

Look out for all the news following our College ON SHOW! and Talent Quest Finals in the next available newsletter . . .