Dear Parents, Staff and Friends of St Joseph’s Community,

World Mission Month 2016 (Continued from last week)

Catholic Mission National Director Father Brian Lucas says that this year’s appeal will be split between the two focus areas. “This year, some dioceses will focus on the story of Sister Eulie and the Mobile Tuk-Tuk Education Centre in Cambodia, while others will hear of the brave efforts of missionaries in Papua New Guinea to counter endemic levels of domestic violence in their homeland.

“Both stories speak to the devotion of missionaries around the world, whose only goal is to build strong communities and encourage a love of God and a love of neighbour”, says Father Lucas. “Commonly, these missionaries are local people, who understand the needs of their communities and work tirelessly to address them.”

In Cambodia, Sister Eulie Desacula and the Daughters of Charity are delivering a revolutionary approach to children’s education in the poorest areas of the capital Phnom Penh. Their Mobile Education Learning Centre brings school to children who otherwise could not attend for lack of money or required documents.

Other parish appeals around the country will focus on Papua New Guinea, where community advocates for Catholic Mission’s partner Mercy Works are running programs in remote communities aimed at tackling the issue of domestic violence. With a lack of support networks available, survivors of domestic violence in Australia’s closest neighbour can feel they have nowhere to turn.
Father Lucas is urging Australians to lend whatever support they can to these life-giving programs during World Mission Month. “Through your donations, prayers or advocacy, I invite you to join us in our support of missionaries and their communities in Papua New Guinea, Cambodia and all around the world. Let us answer Pope Francis’ call to be instruments of peace this World Mission Month”.

Source:

Mr John Barrington, Principal

Diocesan Youth Event - ‘LIVE’ Festival
The Diocese of Wollongong Youth Festival is on Friday 2nd December! It’s going to be an amazing evening with inputs from Samuel Clear (WALK4ONE) and Sr Hilda Scott OSB as well as music from the Catholic Music Revolution and the Wollongong Youth Mission Team. The festival is open to all young people in the Diocese of Wollongong (aged 15-35) and we’re looking forward to seeing young people from all over the Diocese there! For any initial enquiries, please email Mr Pannell on pannellm01@dow.catholic.edu.au.

Mr Marty Pannell, Religious Education Coordinator

THINKUKNOW TOP TIPS for Young People!!
Please find below some tips on policing offensive and illegal content online.

1. Search for yourself online to find out what your ‘digital shadow’ looks like.
2. If an image of yourself appears on a website or app, and you have not consented to the use of this image, you should contact the administrator to seek its removal.
3. Contact the person who has shared the photo or video and ask them to remove it and delete all copies.
4. Keep evidence by taking screenshots and noting the web addresses of the content. You can also use another device to take photos of the content.
5. Google can stop specific pages containing inappropriate images appearing in image search results. This will only help with Google searches. The videos and photos will still be searchable using other search engines such as Yahoo.
6. Make sure webcams are covered when not in use.
7. If you need support, talk to someone you trust, or seek help. Kids Helpline is a great resource.
8. Remember, under Commonwealth law, a sexually explicit image of someone under the age of 18 may constitute child pornography. Young people need to be aware that they may be committing a crime when taking, receiving or forwarding sexual images of themselves or friends who are minors. This applies even if all participants are willing.

Offensive and illegal content can also be reported to the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner, who can investigate and take action on content that is likely to be prohibited under law.

Don’t Forget your Billy G’s Gourmet Cookie Dough order to support Catholic Mission!!!
Order forms and payments due to the Finance Office by Friday 4th November. Tubs sell for as little as $12!!
Year 9 and 10 Marine and Aquaculture Technology
Year 9 and 10 Marine and Aquaculture Technology classes have visited Shellharbour Beach and dune area to participate in clean-up and dune care activities. More than 4 large overflowing bags of rubbish was removed from the dune area in an attempt to improve the health of our coastal environment. Well done to all students who participated.

HSC Design and Technology
In 2015, Sydney Trains approached St Joseph’s with the offer of a “Fettlers Trike” that was in a state of decay. They offered to sponsor a student to take this project on and restore it to its former glory. One of our Design and Technology students, Hayden Byrne (Year 12, 2016), decided to take this on and manage the various tasks of stripping, salvaging, cataloging, outsourcing and rebuilding. Also writing his management folio at the same time!

Last Friday was the handback and Sydney Trains were over the “top engaged”! The Chief Executive Mr Howard Collins OBE was on hand to accept it! It now stands at the entry to Sydney Trains Depot, Wollongong. As you can imagine, the logistics for a student were enormous. He was very much supported by his Design and Technology Teacher, Mr Milburn. Congratulations Hayden - an absolutely fantastic effort.
Insight into Classrooms

Google Classrooms as a Learning Management System provides a secure online environment for teachers to post homework, assessments and announcements; as well as upload teaching resources, grade classwork and pose questions. Students are able to upload homework and assignments, receive prompt feedback and access resources both in and out of school. Each Google Classroom has its own secure Google Drive folder and Google Calendar.

Students are therefore able to organise their homework and plan for assessment tasks online. By viewing the Work Page (listed under the class list at the top left-hand side of the screen) students can view outstanding tasks (to be completed) and those that they have previously submitted (Done) for all classes or for specific classes.

You can access your child’s Google Classroom by logging in as them in Google, or by being invited by a teacher through guardian access.

Students in Year 9 have been testing Google Classrooms over Term 3, with all Year 9 teachers sharing a Google classroom or calendar with them. Over Term 4, students in Years 7-12 will all have Google calendars shared with them by their teacher to aid in planning and completing homework and assessment tasks.

Students requiring assistance using their Google Classroom can seek help from their teachers, the IT staff or Mrs Fraser.

Mrs Christina Fraser, Learning Technologies Coordinator

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Important Dates for your Diary

- 26-28/10 - Senior Retreat
- 26-28/10 - Yr 9 Aussie Bush Camp
- 4/11 - Last Day for HSC Exams
- 15/11 - Year 12 Sign-Out Day
- 18/11 - Year 12 Formal
- 18/11 - CDF Sports Awards
- 29/11 - Canteen Luncheon
- 5/12 - Year 10 First Aid Course
- 9/12 - Giving Mass
- 14/12 - Presentation Day and Final Day for Years 9, 10 and 11
- 15/12 - Presentation Day and Final Day for Years 7 and 8
- 16/12 - Parent Teacher Interviews
- 14/12 - BetaShare

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Canteen Roster 2016

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Uniform Shop - Last day of Trading for 2016 will be Thursday 1st December. The shop will re-open on Friday 27th January from 9:30am - 3pm and Monday 30th January from 12-4pm. Normal trading from Thursday 2nd February, 2017.

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As we head into the last week of this year’s HSC Examinations, we encourage all Year 12 students to stay focussed and continue to strive to do your best! (You’re almost done!)
Good Luck to our Basketball Teams who are representing the school at the Diocesan Basketball Championships on Monday 31st October. The boys are travelling to Campbelltown and the girls are playing at Berkeley. We wish them well and thank their coaches Mrs Linsley, Mrs Musgrave, Mr Lewis and Mr Plattner.

Diocese of Wollongong Sports Awards Presentation
The 20th Annual Diocese of Wollongong Sports Awards Presentation is being held at St Mary Star of the Sea College on Friday 18th November. This evening will bring together some 450 people to acknowledge the 2016 achievements at Diocesan, State and National level of the many gifted and talented sports people within our Diocesan School System. We congratulate the following students who have been invited to the awards night: Kaelah Austin (Cricket, Football and Touch), Blake Nikitaras (Cricket), Sione Lufe (Rugby Union), Ruby Sawtell (Cross Country), Hayley Seeney (Swimming), Maddi Smith (Hockey), Matthew Sperring (Swimming), Danielle Vasquez (Golf) and Tahlia Wilson (Cricket). Congratulations to these students on a highly successful sporting year.

Berg Shield Report
Last Friday the Junior Boys Cricket Team took on St John’s Nowra in the first round of the Berg Shield. Under some pressure to match the exploits of last years team, a simple game plan was proposed with a goal to score 120 runs from our allotted 30 overs. The talent in this side was quickly evident with the team racing to 2-126 after 15 overs. At the drinks break our goals were quickly revised and the runs continued to flow thanks largely to Callum Barton who made 88 with strong support from Blake Smith (34) who put on a 108 run partnership in just 10 overs. Brody Murrell (18) and Ben Lavender (17) also made positive contributions as the boys compiled a massive 9-227 off their 30 overs.

Taking to the field some inconsistent bowling saw a plucky St John’s top order get off to a brisk start however, Ben Lavender’s spin bowling proved effective in slowing the run rate and increasing the pressure on the St John’s batting line up. Blake Smith was the beneficiary of this pressure taking 2 wickets while Jackson Burns and Brody Murrell took a wicket each to restrict St John’s to 7-158 from their 30 overs and move into the second round. All up a great team effort with each player making contributions at various times throughout the game. Many thanks to the parents who turned up to both assist with scoring and supporting the side on the day.

Mr Brett Moran