



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Term 4 Week 4A

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

Laptop Program - Year 10, 2017

The school has been operating a 1:1 Apple-Mac Laptop Program for the past five years for all students in Years 10 to 12. For the first three years of the program the chosen model was a 13" device with the preferred device changing to an 11" device for 2015 and 2016 due to its reduced costs and increased working capabilities.

Late last week the school was advised that the Apple Corporation will cease to produce the 11" device in the very near future. This leaves the school with a dilemma as to which device to replace it with as well as the method of purchase and ownership. A survey of other schools has found that a BYODD (Bring Your Own Designated Device) Program is worth considering at this point in time. Yesterday all Year 9 students were issued with a letter informing parents of this situation as well as inviting parent feedback. Students have been asked to return the feedback slip by next Monday 7th November, 2016. It is important that the school makes a decision, in partnership with parents, by the end of next week so that we can inform all persons in readiness for the 2017 school year.

St Joseph's Honour Board

Since the beginning of Term 4, all visitors would have noticed the installation of the school's Honour Board in the foyer of the Administration building. The Honour Board proudly records key aspects of the school's history since its establishment in 1982. By searching through archives, school magazines and previous honour boards, we have been able to collate most of this information.

However, we have been unable to locate information regarding 'Sportsperson of the Year' for the following years: 1987, 1988,

1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995 and 1997. As a significant number of current parents are former students, the school is appealing for any assistance in updating this part of the school's history. If you have any information would you please contact the school at your earliest convenience.



Mr John Barrington, Principal

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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.

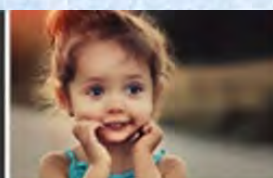
10 Most Violent Video Games of 2016 and What to Play Instead!!

As parents, we are well aware that at present there are many video games on the market which contain violent and disturbing content. [Click here](#) to view an interesting article which may assist parents to guide their children towards more appropriate online games.

Mrs Gail Tarrant, Pastoral Care Coordinator

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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 Bryne (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.



Year 9 Great Aussie Bush Camp

At 6:30am last Wednesday morning, 140 excited Year 9 students arrived at school to set off for our adventure at the Great Aussie Bush Camp in Tea Gardens. We had a great few days away, experiencing activities such as the Giant Swing, High Ropes Course, Lost World Mud Challenge, Raft Building, Flying Fox, the Vertical Challenge, Sea Kayaking and Sailing. The Year 9 students were given many opportunities to get to know their peers, challenge themselves and strengthen existing friendships. The bravery and courage of many students to push themselves outside of their comfort zone and try something new was very impressive. A huge thank you to Mr Milburn, Miss Conlon, Mr Lowe, Mr Quinn, Miss Hurley and Miss Madaschi who took time away from their families to accompany the students on camp. Thank you also to the parents for supporting your child's participation in this invaluable experience and for arranging transport to and from school outside of normal school hours. The Year 9 students were an absolute credit to the school, with both school staff and camp instructors commenting on the positive nature and excellent behaviour of our students!

Mrs Vicki Sproule, Year 9 Coordinator



From the Finance Office!

School Fees

Please arrange payment of outstanding fees as soon as possible or contact the Finance Office on 4230 8518 should you need to discuss your account. All fees are to be paid by Friday 2nd December.

The Finance Office will close on Friday 9th December, 2016.

No payments will be received after this date.



Italian Presentations

Congratulations to the large number of students who were acknowledged and presented with their Certificates of Achievement in the 'Assessment of Language Competence' at yesterday's full school assembly. This competition was generously offered to all students from Years 8-12, studying Italian at different stages. Beginning students undertook Certificate 1, Year 10 Elective Class - Certificate 2 and Year 12 Continuers class - Certificate 3 (Advanced).

The competition is rigorous and involves students completing a 2 hour Listening and Reading test on topics they may not have yet studied. St Joseph's students performed exceptionally well, given they were competing with students throughout Australia as well as from New Zealand, Fiji, Indonesia and other countries in the Asia Pacific region.

Certificate 1 - Credits in both Listening and Reading

Myra Apps, Hunter Bickford, Kirra Bourke, Chloe Brown, Emerson Coombes, Quinn Dall'Asta, Kaitlyn Fleming, Riley Henson, Cooper Jones, Daniel Franco, Maxwell Flynn, Caitlin Galea, Tegan Goudelis, Shania Hill, Oliver Lambert, Johnny Manessi, Aaron Massey, Sophie Mills, Ella Nixon, Caleb Nunes, Holly McGuigan, Ella Milligan, Cody Murrell, Sarah Palmer, Talyse Rimmer, Nicholas Riveiro, Dante Remondi, Jessica Rossi, Amy Snowdon, Ashlyn Stolk, Hannah Walker, and Mikayla Welch.

Certificate 1 - Distinctions and Credits in both Listening and Reading

Jayden Allen, Alyssa Anderson, Makenzi Arnold, Simon Berto, Emily Carter, Bianca Cacciola, Claudia Castelli, Tahlia Dole, Ashton Duley, Tenahni Fabrianesi-Swift, Lara Formosa, Taylah Gilbert, Ebong Hol, Keeley Hurry, Jose Jayme, Taneaa Kibaimoa-Teatu, Zak Kennedy, Bailey Lyndon, Rachel Maguire, William McLaughlin, Matthew Milevski, Adam Pascuzzo, Sharntel Mortimer, Jacina Olivieri, Ruby Sawtell, Jason Tanaka and Zoe Seitaridis.

Certificate 1 - Distinction in both Listening and Reading

Caitlyn Calleja (High Distinction in Listening), Elizabeth Giustiniani, Tiffany Gonzalez (High Distinction in Reading), April Hockey, Grace Jensen, Isabella O'Connor.

Certificate 2 - Combined Credits in Listening and Reading

Amiee Henriques and Zachary Naujok

Combined Distinctions and Credits in Listening and Reading

Lleyton Callaway (High Distinction in Reading), Olivia Guido, Isabella Marzano and Soumala Nachampassak.

Certificate 2 - Distinction in both Listening and Reading

Isabulla Giuri - Year 9 (High Distinction in Listening)

Certificate 3

These Year 12 students who are presently completing their HSC examinations, studied the Italian Continuers Course, competed in the 'Advanced Certificate' and achieved commendable results.

Josephine Hallam (High Distinction Listening / Credit Reading), Heather Burton (Distinction Reading / Credit Listening), Kirralee Shay (Distinction Listening / Credit Reading), Gabby Rosandic (Credit Listening / Credit Reading).

Complimenti a tutti questi studenti per I risultati magnifici!!

Ms Petra Born, Languages Coordinator



Last Chance to Purchase Fundraiser Cookie Dough!

Tomorrow, Friday November 4, is the final day to place an order for Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough. The eldest child from each family have received an order form but these can also be printed out by [clicking here!](#) For every order placed, a percentage of the money will go towards Catholic Mission who are working to provide funding for a Mobile Tuk-Tuk School in Cambodia. Tubs sell for around \$12 each and have around 40 cookies worth of dough. These make a

good present for Christmas or just a yummy treat to share with your family! Each tub sold earns incentives in the form of toys, sporting equipment and technology - even drones are available!

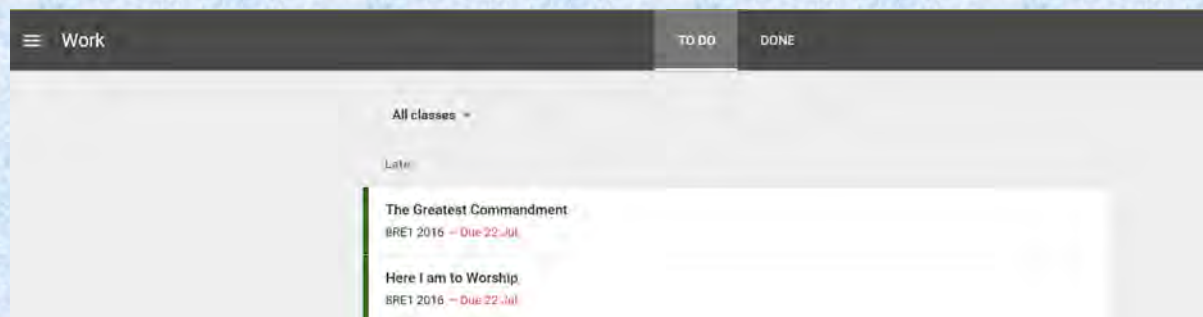
**Congratulations to all Year 12 Students who will complete their HSC Examinations tomorrow.
All students have displayed excellent attendance and behaviour throughout the exam period.
Congratulations and Good Luck !**

learning technologies

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.

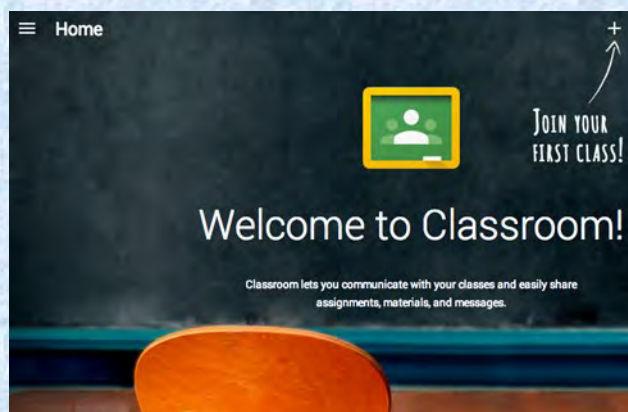


You can access your child's Google Classroom by logging in as them in Google, or by being invited by a teacher through guardian access.

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



Important Dates for your Diary

- 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 Years 7-10**

Canteen Roster 2016

7th Nov	Nicole Norris, Patricia Zanatta
8th Nov	Elizabeth Oiteirin, Vanessa Orlandi
9th Nov	Nicole Oswald, Wayne Thomas
10th Nov	Cathy Sperring, Sandy O'Connor, Joanne Barker
11th Nov	Amanda Walker, Nicki Collingburn

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.



Mrs Michelle Garbutt



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

On Friday 21st October, 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



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Junior Girls AFL

On Monday 24th October, the Junior Girls AFL Team played in a Gala Day at Oswald Reserve, Rosemeadow. The team consisted of Kirra Moylan, Ella Milligan, Grace Shaw, Lauren Johnson, Mayha Podolski, Gabrielle Jayme, Zali Markwell, Victoria Hamilton, Brooke Smith, Grace Warren, Jennifer Klepczarek, Zoe Parkes, Taylah Vella, Alyssa O'Sullivan and Kirsty Vezinias. The girls displayed exceptional sportsmanship and stepped up to the challenge of playing full-contact AFL, many for the first time. They were congratulated by umpires for being one of the most improved teams at the gala day - well done!

Mrs Jessica Jansson, Coach



Junior Boys AFL

The inaugural Diocesan AFL Gala Day was held for the Junior Boys on Thursday 27th October at Dalton Park in Fairy Meadow. The side trained in preparation for the event, under the expert guidance of Mr Simon Quinn. Unfortunately, due to the Year 9 Camp, our team was under strength, lacked size and was missing their coach! This cost us dearly as we faced Edmund Rice College, Corpus Christi and Holy Spirit College in our pool games. These teams are strong in both size and skill. They were well drilled and displayed excellent AFL skills. We finished 4th in our pool and played John Therry Catholic High School in the play off round. The boys played their best



each game, with lots of hard tackles, superb marks and great goals. Although we were defeated 43-28, the boys are to be congratulated on their persistence and positive attitudes. If the team can stay together for the next 12 months, they are sure to be a more competitive side next year. The team consisted of Harry Barnett, Aidan Dickerson, Thomas James, Rome McGrath, Mason Shimwell, Dylan Ahearn, Harry Chater, Luke Hren, Cooper Jones, Johnny Manessi, William McLaughlin, Harry Miles, Zachary Sheather, Zaiden Smith and Bailey Pobjoy. Special mention must go to Adam Hill-Harrison for his coaching tips and to Liam O'Sullivan for not only goal umpiring but for putting on a jersey to help the boys out. Edmund Rice College took out the grand final, scoring a goal after the siren. They defeated Holy Spirit College by 4 points.

Downie Shield Cricket

The Senior Cricket Team came up against Edmund Rice in the first round of the Downie Trophy at Wisemans Park, Wollongong. A great day for cricket and the boys were there early and keen to continue their form from last year. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be their day and although posting a solid 185 from 40 overs it was chased down in the 36th over by a dogged Edmund Rice top order. Blake Roach was the best of the batsman batting most of the day, not out 71. He was well supported by a flashy Nikitaras and the tail wagged with a crowd pleasing 38 (not out) from Callum Barton. The bowlers all contributed tidy numbers, but Edmund Rice just ticked the scoreboard over all day frustrating the joey's boys, that just needed a bit of luck that never came!

Mr Daniel Lewis, Coach

Congratulations to Matthew Sperring who recently represented NSW Surf Lifesaving in New Zealand for the Pool Rescue. He finished the meet with Gold, 3 silver and 3 Bronze medals. This is an outstanding achievement as Matthew was a 17 year old competitor in the 19's age group. Matthew also competed at the Coolangatta Gold as part of the Engine sponsored Under 19 Team. He completed the 2.5km swim leg for the team. The team took gold and their time was quicker than the open team winners!



Former student, Ali Day powered to his fourth Coolangatta Gold title on the Gold Coast on October 15. The Surfers Paradise ironman star crossed the line in the 41.8km endurance test more than 5 minutes ahead of his nearest rival. Ali's win in 3hrs 54 minutes and 29 seconds puts him one victory short of the record held by Caine Eckstein. This was a phenomenal achievement from Ali, who had battled a recent calf injury and only passed a fitness test the day before the race! The injury scare prompted him to write the word 'believe' on his left hand and he kept looking at it for inspiration throughout the race. This shows what can be achieved through determination and self-belief. Ali is a role model for young athletes and we are very proud of his continued success in this sport at a professional level.



Senior Boys Basketball

On Monday 31st October, the Boys Open Basketball Team attended the Diocesan Basketball Gala Day in Campbelltown. The boys had an intense day, playing 8 games with only 5 players. The boys began to hit their stride later in the day and show great promise for next year's round of tournaments. A big thank you to *Luke Barker, Callum Boyle, Jackson Green, Nathan Marecic and Rene Vescio* for their herculean efforts and determination over the course of what ended up being a very long day.

Junior Boys Basketball

The Junior Boys Basketball Team travelled to Campbelltown also for the gala day, with 8 other teams from the Diocese. Whilst the boys did not get a win during the day, they were competitive in their games, even against teams that play together in weekly external competitions. Certainly the highlight was only going down by a point to eventual place getters Corpus Christi with a buzzer beating 3 pointer from *Tom Blunden*. Tom was a rock at center in defence and attack, well supported by *Scott Murphy, Josh Apps, Jose Jayme and Matt Bevern*. There were 11 boys selected to play from the many who tried out and these boys should be congratulated for their commitment to learn new skills from Mrs Linsley on a Friday morning, as most had limited competitive basketball experience. They represented *Joey's* with great sportsmanship and never gave up the whole day. Also on display was their enthusiasm to assist the senior team who only had 5 players. Jose Jayme was a standout here playing both junior and senior games and it was wonderful to watch Jose weave his way through the 6 foot giants of other senior teams!



Senior Girls Basketball

Congratulations to the Senior Girls Basketball Team who represented St Joseph's at the recent gala day. The girls had a great attitude and tried their hardest against some talented opposition teams. Joeys started the day well with a close win over St Benedict's (10-9) meaning that the team progressed to the playoffs. Unfortunately we could not defeat Magdalene in the first playoff game, however we ended the day on a high with a close win over John Therry (12-7) meaning that we finished in 7th place. Thanks to all the girls for being good sports, willing to learn and for giving up some of their lunchtimes to train. Thanks also to Mrs Garbutt for organising the day. Most of the team are in Year 10 and so we are looking forward to another two years of them representing St Joseph's in Basketball.

The team was: *Sophia Davlorous, Rachel Formosa, Tameika Garcia, Bridget Hennah, Jenna Irish, Abbey McGuigan, Rachael Thompson, Keiley Walker and Kristen Zanatta.*

Mrs Clare Musgrave, Coach



Junior Girls Basketball

Congratulations to the Junior Girls Basketball Team who finished in 5th place in the recent Wollongong Diocese Basketball Gala Day. The girls had great wins against Magdalene and Corpus Christi in the round games. Unfortunately St Mary's and St Patrick's were too strong, winning these contests. 2 wins and 2 losses put us into the cross over games for 5th to 8th position.

Our first cross over game was against Mt Carmel. After a slow start at the defensive end, the team worked hard to win this game 11-3. Our next game was against Magdalene, where St Joseph's showed great defensive pressure and teamwork to win this game 15-3. Congratulations to all members of the team. Throughout the gala day the team improved in their understanding of the game and started to show great team work. This team consisted of players from Years 7-9 with most being new to Basketball. A huge congratulations to Sam McGlashan who showed leadership and a cool head to lead St Joseph's throughout the day. A special mention to Chloe Markulic who was everywhere on the court. Her defensive tenacity and willingness to learn saw her improve throughout the day.



*The team was Lily Mundt, Natarsha Rakovski, Sarah Walsh, Chloe Markulic, Jessica Pateman, Emily Carter, Lara Formosa, Sam McGlashan, Jennifer Klepczarek, Sarah Walker and Nikita Harding.
Mrs Jodie Linsley, Coach*

Senior Retreat 2016

Our senior students attended their Senior Retreat last week at two sites, Mittagong and Mulgoa. The students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunities to learn more about themselves, others and God. Here's what some of them had to say:

"I had such an amazing time at retreat. The site was full of beautiful wildlife and had a great vibe to it. I'm glad I could bond with people in my year in such an interesting way with all the games and activities we participated in. Talking more with our teachers was also great; we got to understand more about them and connect a whole lot more with them". "I gained a lot of trust and information from this retreat and overall had a really great time". "Retreat was a great experience where new relationships were formed. We were also able to connect with ourselves, others and with our spirituality". "Such a fun way to have a break from school". "Participating in activities that encouraged cooperation between peers resulted with closer friendships and deeper understandings of each other". "Our year group have become closer, the experience has brought us closer with ourselves, our friends and God! We have made some memories and life-long friends that we will cherish forever".

Special thanks to the following staff for giving up their personal time away from family and friends to facilitate the retreats: Mrs Emma Williams, Mr Paul Hughes, Mr Stephen Armstrong, Mrs Gail Tarrant, Mr Brian Hetherington, Ms Jamie Adams, Mr Nathan Milburn, Mrs Jessica Jansson, Ms Sarah-Jane Janson, Mr Gareth Reavell, Ms Melanie Muniz and Mr Kane Brown. Without the generosity of these staff we would not have had such a wonderful retreat experience for our students. Congratulations to the students who participated beautifully in all the meaningful and memorable activities. These experiences, lessons and memories from Senior Retreat will last a lifetime.

Take a look at the photo's!

Mr Marty Pannell, Religious Education Coordinator

~Senior Retreat 2016~

