



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Term 3 Week 9B

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

Assistant Principal Appraisal - Mrs Jenny Bell

Please use the following link to access the Parent Survey for Mrs Bell's Appraisal, being conducted by the Catholic Education Office. Full details were outlined in last week's Newsletter. Please access the [link here](#). Surveys need to be completed before Monday 17th October, 2016.

The information you provide will be kept confidential to the Panel members who will be facilitating the Appraisal. If you are unable to access the electronic tool, hard copies of the survey will be available from your school's front office.

SRC and Student Leaders 2017

This week the school held the Annual Induction Ceremony of new student leaders for the next 12 months. It has been wonderful to see so many students in all year groups putting themselves forward to be representatives of their respective groups. Congratulations to all SRC Representatives and the Senior Student Leadership Team for 2017.

School Captains 2017	<i>Felicity Abel and Bradley Schmidt</i>
School Vice Captains 2017	<i>Chelsea Jensen and Yianni Bletas</i>
Sport Captains 2017	<i>Sophie Edwards and Nathan Marecic</i>
Mission Councillors	<i>Ashley Cummins and Lauren Milligan</i>
Senior Councillors	<i>Bailey Ryan, Tori Sears and Joseph Timpano</i>
Year 10	<i>Lleyton Callaway, Teresa Carter, Ryan Castles, Jessica Dowsett, Ashley Hayes, Bridget Hennah and Chelsea Poidevin</i>
Year 9	<i>Marcus Chieffe, Nathan le, Miranda Moffatt, Adam Pigram, Kristina Puljak and Brooke Smith</i>
Year 8	<i>Simon Berto, Bianca Cacciola, Thomas Di Pietro and Mayha Podolski</i>
Year 7	<i>Riley Johnson Noah Lepre, Ruby Oliver and Isaac Villela</i>

Congratulations! Please see some photo's of the Induction Ceremony over leaf.

Mr John Barrington,
Principal



Congratulations SRC 2017

2016: COMMUNITY

Assistant Principal

Skirt Length for Girls

Parents are reminded that the regulation length for girl's skirts is just below the knee. Girls will be returning to school in socks at the start of Term 4. I ask all parents to please check your daughter's skirt length. If it is not just below the knee, please take the hem down during the upcoming school holidays in preparation for the new school term.

Boy's Hair Length - above the collar!

Boys hair length will need to be cut in the upcoming school holidays if it is touching your son's collar. The length of boys hair needs to be above the collar and extreme styles are not acceptable.

Earrings and No Facial Piercings

A reminder as we approach the upcoming school holidays that facial piercings are not permitted at St Joseph's. Furthermore, boys are not permitted to wear earrings. Girls are permitted one small sleeper or a stud in each ear.

Thank you for your ongoing support because when we have all parents, students and staff working together, demonstrating respect for, and pride in how we as a school community present ourselves, we can make a very significant positive contribution to the reputation of our school in the wider community. I look forward to seeing all students presenting themselves impeccably next week and throughout Term 4.

Mrs Jenny Bell, Assistant Principal



School Photo Retakes!

The retaking of selected school photos will take place today. The usual requirements for students will be in place ie full winter uniform (blazers, ties with top button done up etc), hair tied back off the face, no make up, facial piercings etc. Thank you to those parents who contacted the school regarding this matter and for your understanding.

Mr Brett Moran, Acting Administration Coordinator



When does "kids being kids" turn into Cyberbullying?

Young people like to go online and use iphones to email, chat, watch videos, send messages, play games and do homework. But sometimes the language they use with each other can be mean or rude. It's important for young people to appreciate that their words can cause unintentional harm, whether used online or in person.

And that's really the difference between "kids being kids" and cyberbullying: intention. Sometimes meanness is accidental, but, when people use digital tools such as the internet or text messages to deliberately upset someone else over and over, that's cyberbullying.

No matter what, if someone says or does something that makes your child feel bad, they should tell a trusted adult. If your child hurts a peer, they should apologise and refrain from doing so again.

Mrs Gail Tarrant, Pastoral Care Coordinator

Canteen Roster 2016

19th Sept	Nicole Norris, Patricia Zanatta
20th Sept	Volunteers Required!!
21st Sept	Leanne McMillan, Oriana Dimise, Amanda Quintel
22nd Sept	David Smith, Valerie McMillan
23rd Sept	Mary Daly, Wayne Thomas, Nicole Roach

Important Dates for your Diary

15/09 - Parent Forum Assessment 7pm

19/09 - Sports Awards Presentation

1:45-3:15pm

21/09 - Year 12 Breakfast and

@ 6pm - Graduation Mass and Presentation

22/09 - Year 12 Picnic Day

23/09 - Year 12 Final Assembly

Term 3 concludes

10/10 - Term 4 commences

Staff Development Pupil Free Day

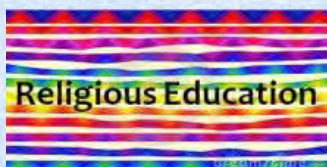
11/10 - Pupil Free Day 7-10

11/10 - Year 11 Exams commence

13/10 - HSC Exams commence

25/10 - Yr 7 Vaccinations

26-28/10 - Senior Retreat



IT'S OUR SCHOOL MOTTO! SO, WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ACT JUSTLY?

Everyone likes to be treated fairly. We all value equality, fairness, justness and rightness; but at times, life isn't fair! Hard workers can lose their jobs; drunk or careless drivers at times kill innocent people; powerful people and organisations can manipulate the system to get what they want. What should our response be in the face of such widespread injustice? How do we seek justice? In the Old Testament, the Prophet Micah provides us with an answer: "He has shown you, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6: 8)

Only God is perfectly just and our desire for justice comes from Him. Justice is not merely about defending personal rights and condemning social evils. Biblical justice starts in the heart. It is inseparable from love and humility. This verse explains what God expects of a person who seeks Him. God requires three ongoing actions from us: Act justly. Love mercy. Walk humbly with our God.

1. ACT JUSTLY: (Our School Motto!)

Acting Justly means making fair decisions in our lives. James instructs us not to show favouritism to beautiful, important, or rich people (James 2:1-13). Do I show more courtesy to a well-dressed business person than I do to a homeless person or someone who appears less fortunate? God stamped His image on every human being and that gives each and every person great dignity. The Bible provides our moral standard; it defines right and wrong. The words and actions of a person of integrity align with God's truth. He or she does what is right even when no one is watching; even when it takes more time or costs more money. Acting justly requires action, not mere talk. Biblical justice is never divorced from acts of love and mercy. In this Year of Mercy may we all grow as a school community in practicing acts of kindness and showing Mercy.

2. LOVE MERCY: (This year is the Year of Mercy!)

Everyone likes to escape the negative consequences of wrong behaviour. Whether a sigh of relief or the thrill of a narrow escape, averting punishment feels good. But is that mercy? Mercy doesn't mean letting injustice prevail. Paul tells us that "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:21). God's mercy for us cost Jesus His life. Jesus took the penalty and punishment that we deserved.

Mercy will cost us comfort and time. It will cost us money and status. And it will give us heartache. As a follower of Jesus, the command to love mercy reveals my heart. Too often I love justice and am rather miserly with mercy. My skewed idea of justice lets me demand my rights, but makes other people face the consequences of their actions. At times we can find ourselves living the exact opposite of God's desire, which is why humility is so important.

3. WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD (Great advice from the Prophet Micah!)

Though the world tries to tell me otherwise, I didn't make myself. God created all things, including me. When I acknowledge that everything I am and have comes from God, I understand His authority to lead me and I discover my need to surrender again. God created all people in His image. Intelligence, beauty, and physical ability all come from Him. So, no person is worth more than another person. I walk humbly with God by valuing each life and respecting all people. As well, God entrusted the care of the earth to people. Seeing ourselves as stewards; not owners, keeps us from exploiting the world for our profit. Protecting earth's beauty and carefully managing its resources are ways to walk humbly with God.

ACTING JUSTLY in action: On Saturday 10th September St. John's Dapto held their annual SPRING FAIR and we had 17 students from Joeys volunteer to help out on the day. What great examples they are to all of us in living out our school motto. Special thanks to each of these students; Niamh McNamara, Carlin James, Alyssa Anderson, Amy Snowdon, Hannah Walker, Monique Ward, Hana Brownlee, Abby Thomas, Lily Nicholl, Grace Lawler, Sophia Davlouroos, John-Paul Ong, Thomas Wira, Chris Davis, Leon Hatcher, Jarrod Cann and Phoenix Box – you've all done us very proud!

Mr Martin Pannell, Religious Education Coordinator

Thank you from St John's Dapto

St John's Parents and Friends' Association would like to send a big THANK YOU to the St Joseph's students who assisted at the Spring Fair last Saturday. You were a pleasure to work with. Your positive attitudes, wonderful smiles and generous hearts were clearly evident on the day. You all demonstrated the true Joey's Spirit of Service and Acting Justly. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

Mr Paul Murphy, President of St John's and St Joseph's P&F Associations



P&F Meeting
A reminder that our next
Parents and Friends Meeting
will be held on
Monday 17th October, 2016

Years 7 and year 9 History Competition

On Wednesday 25th May, all students in Years 7 and 9 competed in the Australian History Competition. The Australian History Competition is a contest for Australian secondary school students, assessing their historical knowledge and skills. Over the next few weeks students will be receiving their competition certificates from their HSIE Teacher. The following students are to be congratulated on their outstanding achievement :

Year 7 Distinction - Harry Barnett, Sarah Walker

Year 7 Credit - Addy Abarcia, Felicity Gilmore, Carlin James, Claudia-Lorraine Lucas, Zeke Markwell, Jade McEvoy, Zane Mitchell, Hanzel Pador, Benjamin Puljak.

Year 7 Merit - Alexander Bierzynski, Aidan Dickerson, Cameron doyle, Lara Hallam, Colby Hurst, Bureieta Kibaimoa-Teatu, Emily Maidla, Jayden McGilchrist, Lily Mundt, Jessica Sargeant, Dylan Simmons, Alexander Smith, Brian Su.

Year 9 Credit - Noah Casolin, Emily-Rose Mitchell, Adam Pigram

Year 9 Merit - Juliana Avtarovski, Zali Markwell, Annelissa Ryan, Cameron Storch, Addy Thomas.

Years 8 and 10 Geography Competition

On Wednesday 25th May, all students in Years 8 and 10 completed the Australian Geography Competition. The Australian Geography Competition is a contest for Australian secondary school students, assessing their geographical knowledge and skills. The following students will receive their certificates shortly and we congratulate them on their efforts.

Year 8 High Distinction - Katie Conway, Ebony Hol

Year 8 Distinction - Zachary Johnson, Oliver Lambert, Aaron Massey, Hannah Walker

Year 8 Credit - Cayleb Dixon, Maxwell Flynn, Taneaa Kibaimoa-Teatu, Patrick Ong, Talyse Rimmer, Jessica Rossi, Lilli Staff.

Year 10 Distinction - Lleyton Callaway, Liam Thippavong, Charlie Windle,

Year 10 Credit - Samuel Apps, Chelsea Babis, Angus Barnett, Teresa Carter, Darcie Clarke, Mathew Connelly, Sophia Davlourous, Grace Harrison-Lee, Ashely Hayes, Sophie Lamont, Chellsea Mitchell, Jacob Nunes, Sophie O'Connor, Chloe Pateman, Kyle Quinn, Aris Seitaridis, Kielely Walker.

Miss Sarah-Jane Janson, HSIE Coordinator

Year 12 Industrial Technology HSC Major Projects!

Congratulations to Year 12 Industrial Technology students on their high standard of work for Major Projects for their HSC 2016. *Hayden Byrne, Matthew Gaynor, Jasmine MacDonald, Andrew MacLeod, Aaron McMillan, Jordan Mendez, Jesse Stanway, Amalia Tavernese* - Good Luck!!



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Olympic Games Update

USA is streaking ahead in the Olympic Games Tournament after Week 8 of competition. With only 2 weeks remaining, they are looking comfortable on top of the leaderboard. With 144 points on offer each week, Japan and Germany are still in contention for the ultimate glory of being crowned the 2016 Gold Medalists and pizza party recipients!



1st Place USA	650 points
2nd Place Japan	588 points
3rd Place Germany	563 points
4th Place Qatar	523 points
5th Place Jamaica	489 points
6th Place China	444 points

Congratulations to Lavina Woolfe who competed in the Sydney International Judo Tournament on the weekend and came away with a Gold, a Silver and a Bronze Medal!! This is an outstanding achievement. Congratulations Lavina.

Good Luck to Danica Thomas, Jye Shumack and Chloe Pateman who are competing at the NSWCCC Athletics Championships in Sydney on Friday.



Relay for Life 2016

The Cancer Council's Relay for Life is a 24 hour event that raises much needed funds for research, the development of prevention programs and to provide vital support services. Why 24 hours? That is how long someone with cancer has to deal with the disease every day. The 2016 Wollongong (Illawarra) Relay for Life will be held at Beaton Park on 17 and 18 September (Week 9). Join the St Joey's team, make a donation or join us at Beaton Park on the day. Walk a few laps around the track, say hello at the St

Joseph's tent, join in with the children's activities, be entertained at the stage area. It is a great family day! To register or donate, [please click here](#).

Mrs Michelle Garbutt, Sports Coordinator

Uniform Fittings for Year 11, 2017

Uniform fittings for students continuing to Year 11 in 2017, will be held in the first 4 weeks of Term 4 during normal Uniform Shop trading hours. Bookings for these fittings must be made at the front office. All uniforms are to be collected before the end of November, 2016. If you have any enquiries regarding the fittings please contact the Uniform Shop on 4230 8590 or by email uniformshop@sjchs.dow.catholic.edu.au.

Senior Boys Ties are now back in stock at the Uniform Shop!!

Uniform Shop Trading Hours

Monday
12 noon - 4:15pm
Thursday
8:30am - 1:45pm



Australian Air Force Cadet City of Shellharbour Squadron

We are conducting a recruitment morning on 17th September, 2016 at our squadron building - Illawarra Regional Airport, Airport Road (Northern end), Albion Park Rail commencing at 9am. If you are between the age of

13 and 18 years' old and wish to join, please attend our presentation and display with a parent or guardian. For further information and expressions of interest please email our Commanding Officer, Flight Lieutenant (AAFC) Adrian Miller on co.338sqn@aafc.org.au