



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Term 2 Week 8A

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

Advanced Notice - Monday 18 July and Tuesday 19 July 2016

As explained at the last Parents and Friends Association meeting, Term 3 will commence with Parent Teacher Interviews on Monday 18th July, 2016. This will be a Pupil Free Day.

This will be followed by a Staff Professional Development day on Tuesday 19th July, where staff will focus on diversification in the curriculum. This unfortunate combination of dates has occurred due to the high demand for the educational presenter who will conduct the day with staff. Students will commence Term 3 on Wednesday 20th July, 2016.

Year 7 ~ 2017

All families who applied for a placement in Year 7, 2017 will receive letters informing them of enrolment placement decisions next week. Parents are encouraged to return their acceptance forms before the end of Term 2.

Building Project Application

Yesterday the school received a visit by the State Priority Committee from the NSW Catholic Block Grant Authority to assess our building application for Government funding. The project involves the construction of ten (10) new classrooms with an approximate value of \$2.5 million (as well as the removal of the four demountable classrooms which have been in use since the school's inception).

Whilst the committee is unable to give any feedback from their visit they were appreciative of the efforts made by the school, supported by the Catholic Education Office, to ensure that we are providing up-to-date learning facilities for students. The school will be notified of the outcome of the application during Term 4.

Mr John Barrington, Principal



Tickets on Sale NOW!!! Don't miss out!

Show Times

**Wednesday Evening 29th June, Friday Evening 1st July, Saturday Matinee 2nd July
and final show Saturday Evening 2nd July**

Go straight to the school website - notes and payments - Hairspray the Musical to purchase your tickets. Check out with booking code 185627



Year 11, 2017 Subject Selections

Following our busy day of workshops and our information evening last night, Year 10 students should now be familiar with the outline of courses on offer for their pattern of study for Years 11 and 12. On Friday, all Year 10 students will be emailed a link from where they will make their subject selections. All students will have until Friday 24th June to access this link, at which time it will then close and we will set about making the line structure for subjects. Students will be informed of their successful subject selections in Term 3.

Year 9, 2017 Elective Subject Selections

Year 9 students and parents have been emailed the Year 9, 2017 Subject Selection Handbook. I ask that you please read over this document and discuss possible elective selections for study in Years 9 and 10. Year 9 students will be informed next week with further details and information regarding the selection process.

If you have any questions that were not addressed at the Information Evening or workshops, please do not hesitate to contact the KLA Coordinator of the subject or Mr Hughes.

Student Academic Reports Years 7-10

Academic Reports for all students in Years 7-10 will be distributed this year via the Student and Parent Portal. These will be published in the portal and available for viewing after Friday 1st July. In contrast to previous years, students will not receive a hard copy of their report. However, any reports that are published in the portal, will remain there for viewing and/or printing for the duration of the child's time at St Joseph's.

Parent Teacher Interviews Monday 18th July

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Monday 18th July for students in Years 7-10 and their parents. Interviews will commence at 1pm and continue through to 8pm, in the school hall. I encourage students to attend the interview with their parents/carers so that feedback is received first-hand by all parties. Bookings for interviews can be made through the Parent Portal and will open on Monday 20th June at 9am and close on Friday 15th July at 3pm. Students attending are required to wear full winter uniform.



Elevate Leadership Program

Year 11 students Chelsea Jensen, Nathan Marecic and John-Paul Ong all attended a Leadership Program known as "Elevate" which was hosted by the University of Wollongong and included around 250 students from around the Illawarra. This program is aimed to develop leadership skills and promote a deep realisation of life and its values with the aid of keynote presentations from speakers from the United Nations and "Batyr". There was also a small presentation that promoted "living below the line" which moved the students and brought forward a new perspective of life.

We enhanced our leadership skills in small groups whilst doing engaging activities, which gradually led to a development of multiple friendships with students from other schools. Whilst meeting new students, each of us became aware of the world outside St Joseph's. It was amazing to comprehend the fact that it is those people we saw at the Elevate Program that are going to be ranked against us in the HSC. Days like elevate make you aware of the vast amount of students just like us and proves that the competition extends beyond the school walls.

Thank you to Mrs Markwell for putting forward such an opportunity. Thank you to our new Year Coordinator Mr Brown for coming along with us on the day (even though he could've left) and giving us full support, we wouldn't have been lost without him (literally).

John-Paul Ong, Year 11.

**Remember the difference
between a boss and a leader:
a boss says go- a leader says
"Let's go!"**

E.M. Kelly

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School Social

Last Wednesday 8th July, our first school social for 2016 was held. The theme “Bring your school spirit” encouraged students to foster community spirit by wearing their house colours. We raised a total of \$1,929.30 on the night for Little Joeys and Caritas! Thank you to Billie Boag Year 9 who was the DJ on the night. Billie spent many hours putting together a playlist of songs and ensuring that all his equipment would work on the night by bringing

it in for test runs and sound checks. The students loved the music and the night could not have gone ahead without him! Thank you Billie! Further thanks to the staff who attended that night. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Vinnies Winter Appeal

As the nights grow colder, we should consider those who have to brave the chilly weather because they do not have a home. Vinnies seeks to help those who are homeless in the Illawarra through their Vinnies Van, which operates out of the Wollongong and Shellharbour regions. All cans of soup donated to Vinnies is used by the Vinnies Van to provide a warm dinner for those who need it most in our local community. So far, we have 47 cans of soup that have been donated, but it would be great if each student could bring in at least one can of soup by the end of the term so we can reach just under 1000 cans in total. Woolworths and Coles have some great specials this week....so please help support this worthwhile cause.

Senitta Hurley, Mission Coordinator



← Coles

▲ Woolworths



Expression of Interest for Assisted Travel Support Officer (ATSO) Position

The Assisted School Travel Program (ASTP) often provides additional support to students with disabilities on transport. Assisted Travel Support Officers (ATSOs) support students with complex health or behaviour needs to ensure their safe travel to and from school. If you are interested in temporary part-time work as

an ATSO [click here](#) for information on how to apply for the position. Further information can be obtained by contacting ASTP on 1300 338 278 or email ASTP at atso.astp@det.nsw.edu.au.

SCREENAGERS - Growing Up in the Digital Age

St Patrick's College invite Parents to a special screening of *Screenagers* - a documentary that looks at the impact of the amount of time teenagers look at screens each day! This impacts every household in Australia and poses a concern for every family and school. The evening is free and refreshments will be available. All attendees will be given a fact sheet to take home. The documentary will take place on Tuesday 21st June commencing at 7:30pm in the Mary Sheil Centre, St Patrick's College. The St Patrick's P&F look forward to your attendance.



School Photos Tuesday 21st June

School Photos will be held on Tuesday 21st June. Students are required to wear Full Winter Uniform, including Blazer for school photos. Girls are required to have their hair tied up and no make-up is permitted. Normal School Uniform Policy applies. Individual and Siblings photos can be purchased. Students have been supplied with an envelope for photo day which they will need to present to the photographer in the hall when they go to have their photo taken. Payments can be made online prior to photo day by visiting www.advancelife.com.au and entering the online payment code (which can be found on your child's envelope).

Mr Brett Moran, Administration Coordinator

SPORT REPORT

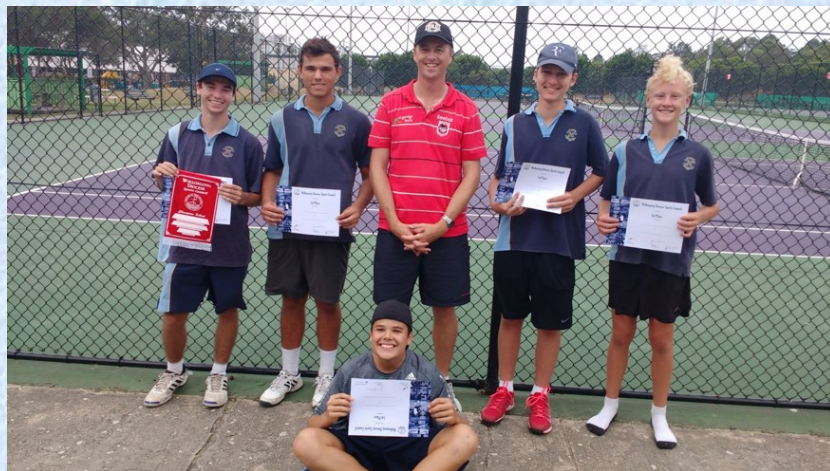
Mrs Michelle Garbutt ~ Sports Coordinator

Good Luck

It's shaping up to be a busy week this week with many of our St Joseph's sporting teams representing the School and Diocese at NSWCCC. Firstly, best of luck to the following students who are representing the Diocese of Wollongong at the NSWCCC Cross Country Championships at Eastern Creek this Friday 17th June - *Martin Lavin, Chloe Pateman, Jayden Allen, Ruby Sawtell and Danica Thomas.*

Next - to our Open Boys Tennis Team who are also representing Wollongong at the NSWCCC Tennis Championships in Bathurst on Monday. The boys have been training hard and are well prepared for the event. Thank you to Mr Phipps for training the team and to Miss Popovska for volunteering her time to accompany the boys on the trip.

The team is: *Paul Mulligan, Nicholas Battaglia, Nicholas Lord, James Connelly and Michael Whiteman.* Best of luck boys!



And finally to our Open Boys Basketball Team who are competing in the NSWCCC Basketball Championships in Penrith on Monday and Tuesday next week. Thank you Mr Plattner for all of your hard work coaching the team in preparation for the championships.

Thank you to Mayha Podolski and Jasmine Hunt who have volunteered to umpire at the South Coast Primary Netball Gala Day at Berkeley on Tuesday 21st June. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations!

Over the long weekend, Lavina Woolfe represented NSW at the National Judo Championships in Geelong. She won 2 Gold Medals (in the Junior Kata and Kyu Grades), 1 Silver Medal in the Cadets and a Bronze Medal in the Junior Women's event. This is an outstanding achievement. Well done Lavina!



2 days, 11 fights, 1 round if Kata = 2 gold, 1 Silver and a Bronze.



2016: COMMUNITY



What did you miss at Joeys this week?



Y9 Commerce Market Day in the COLA
Catholic Mission Missionaries from Cambodia Visit
Lavina Woolfe wins GOLD at National Judo Championships
Claude Harris awarded OAM for his service to community
Y11 outstanding projects using recycled timber
St Joseph's display at Kiama Parrish Expo
Mr Lemmon's classroom fishtank
more crazy rockets launch in Senior Science
and much much more... (click on link below or scan QR code)



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Second Hand Uniforms

If you have SOLD your uniforms on the school website, could you please let the Uniform Shop know so that your details can be removed from publication.

uniformshop@sjchsdow.catholic.edu.au

Important Dates for your Diary

21/06 - School Photos
29/06 - 2/07 - School Musical
1/07 - Last Day of Term 2
18/07 - Year 7-10 Parent Teacher Interviews (Pupil Free)
19/07 - Staff Development Day (Pupil Free)
20/07 - Students return for Term 3
1/08 - P&F Meeting
8/08 to 19/08 - HSC Trial Examinations

Canteen Roster 2016

20th June Leisa Smith, Jodie Duff
21st June Kellie Mundt, Rachael Woolfe
22nd June Angela Walker, Jan Collins
23rd June Sandy O'Connor, Lee-Ann Ginsburg
24th June Amanda Walker, Nicki Collingburn

