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Term 3 Week 5B

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

Motivational Speaker

The visit on Tuesday this week by guest speaker Mr John Coutis was highly successful. Students and staff have commented on his positive attitude in facing enormous challenges in his life and how he is an inspiration to others. In addition to John's motivational talks he also has a website with other support materials that may be of interest to many people. His website is entitled 'Rolling Success'. [Click here to access!](#)



Parents and Friends News

The next P&F Meeting will be held on Monday 17th October, 2016 commencing at 7:00pm. We look forward to your company.

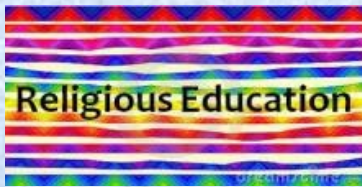
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Important Dates for your Diary

- 5/09 to 9/09 - Year 11 Work Experience and Work Placement
- 14/09 - Induction Ceremony
2017 Student Leaders
- 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

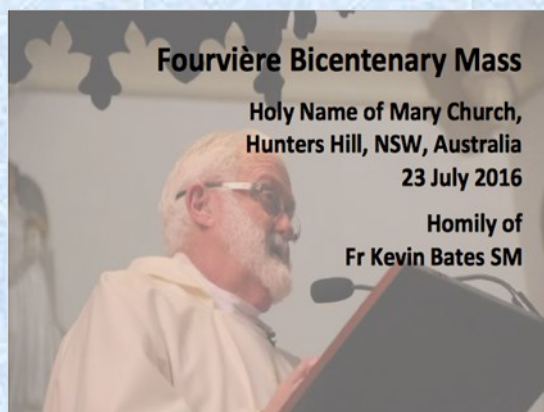


Food and Flicks Night | Freedom Stories | Refugee Awareness Film

St Paul's Parish are hosting the acclaimed film "Freedom Stories" which is a film that explores the achievements and stories of former 'boat people' who arrived in Australian waters seeking asylum from the Middle East. Locked in remote detention centres and then placed on temporary protection visas, their limbo lasted for years. Now Australian Citizens, they are finally building secure lives and contributing to their new country. "The collective wisdom of the characters is astonishing. They've had so much taken from them, yet they give so much". The film will be held on Thursday 18th August from 6:15pm-8pm at St Paul's Parish Meeting Room, Tongarra Road, Albion Park. A gold coin donation is requested for entry. Bookings are essential for catering purposes. Please confirm your attendance by Sunday 14th August via email to pannellm01@dow.catholic.edu.au.

200 Years of Marist Spirituality.

At the end of the summer of 1813 Jean-Claude Colin, at aged 23, set off for the major seminary at St Irenaeus, Lyons for the final years of preparation for the priesthood. There he met Jean-Claude Courveille, a fellow seminarian who spoke of an amazing encounter with the Blessed Virgin. Mary had spoken at the cathedral shrine of Le Puy. She wished to have a missionary society bearing her name: Marist. The idea spread amongst a dozen of the young men. They would form Our Lady's Society. It would be a tree with several branches: Priests, Sisters, Brothers and Laity. On July 22, 1816, several Deacons of St Irenaeus were ordained as Priests. They included Colin, Courveille and Marcellin Champagnat. On the next day, July 23, twelve Marist aspirants climbed the hill of Fourvière overlooking Lyons to the ancient chapel of the Blessed Virgin. The group solemnly pledged to establish the Society of Mary as soon as they could. Father Kevin Bates SM celebrated Mass in Hunter's Hill to commemorate the Bicentenary of the Fourvière pledge.



'We celebrate today the names of Jeanne Marie, Françoise, Marcellin, John Claude and their companions. We still claim their spirit as our own. We wish to honour their memory and more, to embody their vision... Our vision was about the transformation of the Church and world, not through a process of conquest from on high, but rather through the sowing of seeds that could grow from within and find a ready home in whatever hearts and whatever cultures they were sown. In this the Marist vision was counter-cultural to a prevailing vision of mission that was about winning and converting, rather than gifting... As we remember, honour and celebrate our history of two hundred years today, a little text from Ecclesiastes (6,10) could give us a little nudge as

we reflect on the present and face our future: 'Do not ask why earlier days were better than these, for that is not a question that is prompted by wisdom'... Our Brothers see us as continuing to develop as game-changers for young people in a world that itself is changing its game every few minutes. We hold an unshakeable belief in the beautiful spirit of Mary because we have seen with our own eyes the ways in which this spirit heals, comforts, challenges and enlivens even as it is passed on through our frail hands.'

Let us pray.

God of unconditional love, source of life, we ask that you bless and guide our work, so that everything we do is undertaken for the furtherance of love, justice and peace. Mary our Good Mother, teach us to appreciate the spirituality that you have endowed us with. Give us the vision to build a school that provides an environment in which students may develop their talents, for their own good and for the spread of the kingdom of God. Mary, Mother of Jesus; Pray for us. St. Joseph; Pray for us.

Mr Martin Pannell, Religious Education Coordinator



We would like to advise all school families that there has been a reported case of Mumps and of Whooping Cough, within the school community. Symptoms of Mumps may include: fever, headache, fatigue, weight loss, swollen glands, painful chewing and swallowing. An information sheet on Whooping Cough is attached to this Newsletter. If your child experiences any of these symptoms, please keep them at home and seek medical advice immediately.



Online Training and Courses for Parents / Carers in the Home

Raising Resilient children and Surviving the Final Years of High School

Ask some friends to join you each week, choose a time and have “kitchen table conversations” while you watch the videos, read articles and join in shared discussions together. These can be started at any time of the month and run over 4 weeks. Course

details and registration can be found by [clicking here](#).

Mrs Gail Tarrant, Pastoral Care Coordinator

2016 South Coast Public Speaking Competition and Debating

Each year Holy Spirit College, Bellambi, host a Public Speaking Competition showcasing the talent of our youth in the Illawarra region. Bailey Ryan from Year 11 represented the school on Tuesday evening in this event. Bailey was outstanding in his presentation and finished in 3rd place. Well done Bailey.



Debating

Debating raises confidence, promotes positive self-esteem and develops teamwork and collaboration amongst students.

Being able to articulate yourself clearly, develop a team line and persuade an audience are skills you will learn as a member of a debating team and these skills can be transferred into your writing, not only within your English lessons but also across the curriculum.

Over the last couple of weeks, the following students have been participating in our school debating competition. Thank you to all of these students for their efforts and interest in debating and we hope that new skills have been developed and new friendships formed along the way.

Students involved in Debating: *James Windle, Noah Lepre, Jaxon Liddle, Zeke Markwell, Sarah Walker, Lara Wishart, Maddison Mitchell, Corby Yanez, Grace Lawler, Gabrielle Varga, Jennifer Klepczarek, Bridget Hennah, Olivia Guido, Sophia Davlouros, Abbey McGuigan, Bailey Ryan, Joseph Timpano, Sarah Chandler.*

Book Week Poster Competition

Just a reminder that it is Book Week next week and our school Library is conducting a Poster Competition focusing on the Book Week Theme: **Australia! Story, Country.** Please submit all entries to either your English teacher or one of the library staff by Monday August 22, 2016. There are great prizes on offer to students who submit the best posters. Let’s be creative and celebrate Australian Children’s Literature!

What did you miss at Joeys this week?



- John Coutis motivational rolls into the school
- Mrs Berto Lunchtime Cardmaking Club
- Students at Singing in the Rain Musical
- Y12 Nick Marin's contribution to YMCA Youth Parliament
- Students visiting Wollongong Roller Hawks
- Y7 students visit to Sydney Wildlife World & Sydney Aquarium
- Combined staff/student rock supergroup
- Makerspace in action
- and much much more... (click on link below or scan QR code)



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This week has been another very busy week for school sport. Just like our Olympians, we have many students striving for success in their chosen activities. Special mention this week goes to former St Joseph's student *Blake Govers*, who is a member of the Australian Men's Hockey Team. Determination and hard work has enabled Blake to achieve his goal to be an Olympian. Current Year 11 student *Lavina Woolfe* manages her time between Judo and school studies, quite effectively. Lavina has recently competed in the Melbourne International Judo Championships, where she participated in 3 divisions and won 3 Gold Medals. Congratulations Lavina! Congratulations also to *Tahlia Dole* who has been selected to represent NSW in the U/15 Cycling Team at the Junior Road Championships at Bendigo in September. Good luck Tahlia!

Week 4 of our School Sport Challenge is shaping up to be a close competition. Students are thoroughly engaged and school house spirit is alive and well. Points update is below.

1st Place USA	304 points
2nd Place Japan	302 points
3rd Place Germany	283 points
4th Place Qatar	276 points
5th Place China	243 points
6th Place Jamaica	242 points

CCC Netball @ Penrith 2016

Three Netball Teams took part in the 2016 CCC Netball Carnival at Penrith on Tuesday 16th August. Each team played 7 games on the day and demonstrated great skill, sportsmanship and ability across the carnival. The following students took part in the carnival:

Junior Team: Ruby Sawtell, Myra Apps, Kaitlyn Fleming, Lilli Staff, Paris Abela, Savannah Cook, Chloe Brown, Mayha Podolski, Lily Mundt, Molly Sumner.

Intermediate Team: Brooke Guthrie, Emma Schloeffel, Alexis Edwards, Brooke Smith, Isabella Dallas, Rachel Formosa, Abbey McGuigan, Bridget Hannah, Jenna Irish.

Senior Team: Sophie Edwards, Bronte McNeilly, Olivia Sheriff, Brittany Stoker, Brittany Shepherd, Kiara Sumner, Georgia Greenland, Brielle Ryan, Renee Pulido.

The players would like to thank Mrs Staff for coaching and supporting the Junior Team on the day. Mrs Mundt, Mrs Sumner and family for coming and supporting the players and a big thank you to Miss Madaschi for umpiring the Intermediate Team and finally to Chris King and Diane Amatto from Illawarra Netball for umpiring the Junior and Senior Teams.

Miss Brittany Sharkey, Acting Sports Coordinator



Gluten Free Bread is now available from the School Canteen.

Canteen Roster 2016	
22nd Aug	Nicole Norris, Patricia Zanatta
23rd Aug	Volunteers Required
24th Aug	Leanne McMillan, Oriana Dimise, Amanda Quintel
25th Aug	David Smith, Valerie McMillan
26th Aug	Mary Daly, Wayne Thomas, Nicole Roach