



# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Term 2 Week 9B

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



**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**

### Reminders

- \* Monday 18th July, 2016 - Parent Teacher Interviews
- \* Tuesday 19th July - Pupil Free Day
- \* Wednesday 20th July, 2016 - Lessons commence for Term 3
- \* Year 7/2017 - Please return acceptance forms before the end of Term 2

**Mr John Barrington, Principal**

### Important Dates for your Diary

- 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**

*Act Justly  
Love Tenderly  
and  
Walk Humbly  
with God*

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### Year 11, 2017 Subject Selections

Year 10 students are reminded that the online selection for your pattern of study for Years 11 and 12, will close at 12noon on Friday 24th June. At this time we will set about making the line structure for subjects. Students will be informed of their successful subject selections in Term 3. If you have any concerns regarding your selections, please see Mr Hughes as soon as possible.

### Year 9, 2017 Elective Subject Selections

Year 8 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 8 students will be attending information sessions this week and the online selection process will take place in Week 10. Full details will be provided to students at this week's information session.

### 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 are now open. They will close on Friday 15th July at 3pm. Students attending are required to wear full winter uniform.

*Mr Paul Hughes, Curriculum Coordinator*

### 2016 South Coast Public Speaking Competition

Each year Holy Spirit College hosts a Public Speaking Competition aimed at encouraging young people to express themselves and share their skills with the local community and speak publically upon a variety of topics. This year's competition is open to students in Years 7 - 11 from high schools in the Illawarra, Southern Highlands, Nowra and Campbelltown areas. It will be held on the evening of Tuesday 16th August from 6:45pm-10:00pm at Holy Spirit College, Bellambi.

We encourage all students to 'step outside their comfort zone' and challenge themselves and become involved in this worthwhile competition. It is a fantastic way to develop and nurture our talents and gifts and to show our support for our school community. Please come to the library for more information and further details about the competition.

*Mrs Francis Schneider, Teacher Librarian*



### The University of Wollongong ConocoPhillips Science Experience

The Science Experience is a fun three day of activities for students in Year 9 and 10 held at Universities around Australia.

This year it will take place from Wednesday 13th July—Friday 15th July, 2016. Sessions include :

Cool Physics: Measuring the temperature of absolute zero  
Chemistry Creations: An incredible concoction of chemical combinations and a field trip to the Science Centre.

You must register before 30th June, 2016. You can click [here](#) to register or see Mr Pope. As there are a limited number of applications, don't leave it too long!

*Mr Matthew Pope, Science Coordinator*

### Year 10 Marine and Aquaculture Technology

Year 10 Marine and Aquaculture students has been studying the effects of plastics on humans and the environment. Please see Olivia Hunt's Informal Assessment Task Response which is attached to this week's Newsletter. Congratulations Oliva for your detailed report! Job well done!!! *Mr Glenn Lowe, TAS Coordinator*





### Vinnies Winter Appeal

There is very little statistical data available regarding the homeless in the Illawarra. In 2006, 1338 people were identified as homeless in the Illawarra which increased by 84.8% by 2011. The most recent Census data tells us that there are over 105,000 people who are homeless on any given night in Australia. At the moment, our generous school community has donated a total of 236 cans of soup. That's one warm meal for 236 homeless people in our

region! Special mention goes to 12.1 who have donated 27 cans, 9.1 who have donated 22 cans and 8.5 who have donated 21 cans of soup so far. Those who have not yet donated a can of soup are encouraged to bring one in by the end of term. We are hoping to reach 1000 cans donated by the end of the Appeal.

Refugee  
Week  
2016



*“Refugees are not a number, they are people who have faces, names, stories and need to be treated as such.” - Pope Francis*

Refugee Week is an annual week-long celebration of the positive contributions of refugees to Australian society. The ultimate aim is to facilitate better understanding between communities and encourage successful integration, enabling refugees to live in safety and to continue making a valuable contribution to Australia.

This year, Refugee Week is being celebrated from Sunday 19th June to Saturday 25th June. The Refugee Council of Australia has chosen **“With courage let us all combine”** as the theme for Refugee Week in Australia for 2015 to 2017. Taken from the second verse of the National Anthem, the theme celebrates the courage of refugees and of people who speak out against persecution and injustice. It serves as a call for unity and for positive action, encouraging Australians to improve our nation's welcome for refugees and to acknowledge the skills and energy refugees bring to their new home. As a Catholic school community, we are called to be a people of mercy, hospitality and hope for those who seek our protection and care. Jesus our model, was also a refugee and needed the generosity of others to assist him.

This week, Years 7-10 Religious Education classes will participate in a range of activities which seek to inform them about refugees and celebrate the positive contributions made by refugees in Australian society. Furthermore, the English Faculty is holding a Poetry Writing Competition whereby students in Years 7-9 can compose a poem about the refugee experience in Australia. A \$30 iTunes gift card will be awarded to the winner of each grade. We can't wait to include the winner's entries in next week's newsletter.

#### Scope of the Worldwide Refugee Crisis

- As of 2014, there were 59.9 million people who were identified as a refugee, asylum seeker or internally displaced person
- 1 in every 122 people is displaced by war, violence and persecution
- Worldwide refugees equal the population of Sydney, New York and London combined
- Only 0.5% of refugees were offered UNHCR resettlement worldwide in 2014
- In 2014, Australia accepted 13,756 refugees and asylum seekers and will settle an extra 12,000 refugees in response to the conflicts in Syria and Iraq
- Children constituted 51% of the refugee population in 2014
- Refugees make up less than 10% of our total migration program.

Source: UNHCR - The UN Refugee Agency [www.unhcr.org/statistics](http://www.unhcr.org/statistics)

Miss Senitta Hurley, Mission Coordinator





# SPORT REPORT

## Congratulations

Ruby Sawtell finished 8th out of 61 competitors in the U14 Girls event at the NSWCCC Cross Country at Eastern Creek on Friday. Wollongong won the U14 Girls Team event, bringing home the gold medal. This is an outstanding achievement. Congratulations Ruby and all the best as you prepare and train for the NSW All Schools Cross Country Championships in July. Martin Lavin finished 11th in the NSWCCC Cross Country. Another outstanding achievement. Well done Martin.



Further congratulations to the Boys School Tennis Team who made the semi-finals of the NSW State CCC Title in rainy and cold conditions in Bathurst on Monday. Unfortunately they were rained off the court in the semi-final whilst starting to beat their opposition. If this had not occurred I believe our boys would have possibly taken the State Title again, so commiserations to these boys who trained so well in readiness for this event and who were playing excellent tennis!

The Team: *Paul Mulligan, Nicholas Battaglia, Nicholas Lord, James Connelly and Michael Whiteman.*

Special commiseration to Paul Mulligan who has represented St Joseph's so gallantly since arriving in Year 7 and unfortunately did not get the chance to win his third title in this event! Thank you to Mr Phipps for giving up his valuable time to coach the boys and accompany them to the NSWCCC Tennis Championships in Bathurst. The team left on Sunday with Mr Phipps driving the team in wet conditions and staying with them overnight. Miss Popovska also volunteered her own time to accompany the team on the trip. St Joseph's is incredibly fortunate to have two highly dedicated, committed and passionate tennis coaches. Thank you Mr Phipps and Miss Popovska.



**Good Luck** to *Danielle Vasquez* who is competing at the NSW All Schools Golf Championships in Tamworth next week.



And special thanks to *Jasmine Hunt, Mayha Podolski, Grace Harrison-Lee, Abbey McGuigan and Jessica Pateman* who umpired at the Netball South Coast Primary Gala Day on Tuesday.

### Uniform Shop

#### Trading hours

**Monday 12noon - 4:15pm**

**Thursday 8:30am - 1:45pm**

**[uniformshop@sjchsdown.catholic.edu.au](mailto:uniformshop@sjchsdown.catholic.edu.au)**

### Canteen Roster 2016

27th June Terry Thomas, Christine Callaway

28th June Vickie Austin, Rachael Woolfe

29th June Leanne McMillan, Oriana Dimise,  
Amanda Quintel

30th June David Smith, Valerie McMillan

1st July Christine Brown, Agnes Gibbons,  
Tracey McLaughlin, Linda Doonar



## Year 9 Commerce

As part of the Year 9 Commerce Course, students were required to develop, plan and run a small business. Over the past few weeks students have been busy conducting market research, developing business names, logos, promotion and selling techniques and identifying target markets. On Wednesday 14th June, our budding entrepreneurs successfully ran their businesses in the COLA and raised a profit of \$628.05 for Caritas. The students spent many hours preparing for their market stalls and their hard work was rewarded with success and support from the school community - all stalls were sold out before the end of lunch! Well done to all students involved.

*Mrs Leanne Gregory and Mr Simon Quinn, Commerce Teachers*

