



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Term 3 Week 8A

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

Child Protection Sunday - 11 September, 2016



The images of child sexual abuse have continued to affect our communities and diminish the trust some have placed in our Church. That trust has been further eroded when the institution has failed to appropriately respond to the victim's needs.

Yet the Catholic church is in a unique position to offer much within this focus of creating stronger communities, safer Children. One such example can be seen in Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, in which families, and consequently communities, are encouraged through love, strengthened by the virtues of generosity, commitment, fidelity and patience to become stronger more capable and more resilient. Stronger families and Church communities can then help to keep our children safe.

As the Royal Commission begins to finalise hearings and close registration for private sessions, Child Protection Week, and in particular *Child Protection Sunday*, provides a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the steps we have taken to make children safer in our communities; at home, in our churches, schools and Catholic agencies.

A Prayer for Stronger Communities, Safer Children

Gracious God you said let the children come to me.

The hurt felt by those wounded by abuse weighs heavily upon us. Often trust has been eroded when institutions failed to appropriately respond to their needs. Lord, we as your Church stand in need of your healing and help.

We ask you God to strengthen and guide all in our Catholic communities. Grant us wisdom in our time to make decisions that protect children and the vulnerable.

May our families and communities, through love, generosity, commitment and patience build stronger communities safe for children.

Let your grace and love fall gently upon our children giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience they will need for their life's journey.

We ask you God to help our Catholic communities to be resolute in building a community where our children both flourish and are safe.

Amen

(Source: <http://www.catholicreligiousaustralia.org.au/index.php/document-downloads/downloads/101-download-the-resource-kit-from-the-ncps-for-child-protection-sunday-2016/file>)

Assistant Principal Appraisal - Mrs Bell

As part of the Catholic Education Diocese of Wollongong *Assistant Principal Performance and Development Plan Process*, an Appraisal occurs for each Assistant Principal every four years of his or her contract. This provides system and community accountability that is aligned with the School and Improvement process, focusing on the Assistant Principal's leadership achievements and strengths, as well as identify areas for growth and development and future directions.

The Appraisal will be occurring for your Assistant Principal, Mrs Jennifer Bell, over the coming weeks and parents are invited to participate via a short survey. We use an electronic tool for the administration of this survey with Parents and Staff using a link to SurveyMonkey. Please click or type this link to access the survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BellPCS> **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.

I wish to thank you in advance for taking part in this important process which is aimed at continual enhancement of the Catholic Education provided at your child's school.

Carolyn Hadley

Head of Human Resource Services

Catholic Education, Diocese of Wollongong

Mr John Barrington, Principal.

Assistant Principal

School Winter Uniform and Grooming Requirements Reminder

Parents and Carers are reminded that all students are expected to wear full winter uniform including ties and long pants (for boys), tights (for girls) and blazers right up until the end of Term 3. All students will, as usual, be changing into summer uniform at the start of Term 4. Our senior boys are expected to be clean shaven every day. Further to this, it is also our school's expectation that boys' hair length be above the collar and girls' hair be completely tied up off their face with no partially up styles permitted.

Thank you to all our parents/carers and students, who continue to value and understand the benefits of all students wearing their uniform with pride. Your support with these and other school expectations will continue to ensure long term benefits for all members of the St Joseph's School Community.

Mrs Jenny Bell, Assistant Principal

Canteen Roster 2016

12th Sept	Kim Power, Gianna Alexander
13th Sept	Kellie Mundt, Rachael Woolfe
14th Sept	Angela Walker, Jan Collins
15th Sept	Sandy O'Connor, Lee-Anne Ginsburg
16th Sept	Michelle Partridge, Nicole Oswald, Tracey Sumner

Important Dates for your Diary

- 14/09 - Induction Ceremony
2017 Student Leaders
- 15/09 - Parent Forum Assessment
- 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
- 26-28/10 - Yr 9 Aussie Bush Camp



Our next Parent Forum is fast approaching! The topic of this Forum is assessment. So many of you in the past year have asked for support when it came to supporting your children with their assessment work.

In the past few years, our school has undertaken the challenge that the Board of Studies has required to registered schools to reduce the amount of formal assessment (traditional end of unit assessment) to an ongoing informal form of assessment that takes into account all of the work being completed throughout all lessons. This Forum will explore this change, why we assess at all, showcase the ways assessment is now being completed at our school and will explain the process of allocating the A-E grades that appear on the biannual reports. We will also be very happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have about the learning and teaching that takes place at St Joseph's.



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| <p>1 What is assessment?</p> <p>Has the definition of assessment changed in education?
What is considered assessment in the 21st century educational setting?</p> | <p>2 Purpose of assessment</p> <p>Why do we assess?
What makes an assessment formal or informal?
Who benefits from assessment?</p> | <p>3 How do we assess now?</p> <p>What types of assessment are being used now in education?
How does this variety align to grades and reporting?</p> |
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When: 15th September 7:00pm
Where: St Joseph's Catholic High School
Registration @ the following address:
paul.hughes@dow.catholic.edu.au

Need more information feel free to call:
42 308500

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

Mr Paul Hughes, Curriculum Coordinator

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School Photos

Last week students were issued their school photo packages. It became apparent that there were a few issues with some photos this year such as some students missing from photos, some people ordering packs and not receiving them, some photos being of a poor quality. We have used the same company for some time and generally the service provided has been good. The concerns of the school and some families were passed on to the company and they have agreed to do what they can to address these issues. As such they have agreed to send a photographer to school next Thursday (15th September). At this time anyone who legitimately needs to have their photo taken will be able to do so. This includes students who missed out the first time, those whose photos were misplaced (due to technical or other issues) or those that may have other issues (eg: eyes closed etc). **It is not an opportunity for every student to have their photo retaken.**



If you require your child's school photo to be retaken can you please email me (moranbo1@dow.catholic.edu.au) or call the school with the name(s) of those needing their photo taken and the reason so that an accurate list can be made to assist with organisation before next Monday (12th September). The usual requirements for students will be in place ie full winter uniform (blazers, ties with top button done up etc), hair tied back of the face, no make-up, facial piercings etc.

Mr Brett Moran, Acting Administration Coordinator

RED and BLUE Day 2016

Year 7 and 8 students will be participating in an annual event with Corpus Christi on Thursday 22nd September at Croome Road Sporting Complex, Albion Park. Students will compete against Corpus Christi in a range of sporting activities throughout the day including Basketball, Netball, Soccer, Cricket, Touch Football, Oz Tag, Rugby League, Rugby Union and Dodgeball. There is also a photography competition that will be held solely on the day of the event. This is a community event that will help build school spirit and camaraderie. Parents are most welcome to attend to cheer us on and/or to volunteer to help us run the events. Please email Mrs Linsley (linsleyj01@dow.catholic.edu.au) if you are able to help out.

Mrs Jodie Linsley, Year 7 Coordinator



St Joseph's Trip to Italy - 2016

A group of very lucky Year 10 and 11 students will be embarking on a trip of a lifetime next week, travelling to Milan, Venice, Verona, Florence and Rome. They will have the opportunity to ride a gondola, visit Juliet's balcony and be a part of the Papal Audience at the Vatican. They will stay with a host family and attend an Italian school for part of their trip.

Good luck and safe travels to Amiee Henriques, Lleyton Callaway, Anthony Perini, Sophie O'Connor, Alexis Edwards, Bailey Lyndon, Elizabeth Giustiniani and Analise Evans.

Mrs Maria Oliverio, Italian Teacher

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@sjchsdown.catholic.edu.au.

Mrs Lina Schymitzek, Uniform Shop Manager

Uniform Shop Trading Hours

Monday
12 noon - 4:15pm

Thursday
8:30am - 1:45pm

SPORT REPORT

Olympic Games Update

Rain interrupted play again last Friday and resulted in a change to the Year 7 and 8 Olympic Games program from Touch Football to Indoor Volleyball. It didn't dampen any spirits though with another fun and competitive round of competition. Year 9 students enjoyed playing Putt Putt Golf, Ten Pin Bowling, Bubble Soccer, Rollerskating and Savvy Fitness Challenges with Mitch. It's still very close at the top of the leaderboard after 7 rounds of competition. Only 3 weeks to go!



1st Place USA	548points
2nd Place Japan	516 points
3rd Place Germany	458 points
4th Place Qatar	457points
5th Place Jamaica	435 points
6th Place China	392 points

Sports Star of the Month - August Junior Award - Tahlia Dole - Cycling

Tahlia Dole competed in the National Road Cycling Titles winning a silver medal for the Criterium. In a rough and tumble race where two riders hit the deck in front of her and she had to ride over one, she managed to stay upright. Coming into the bell lap, Tahlia was well positioned and hit the gas with around 250m to go. The 2 WA riders chased her and they all crossed the line at the same time. The officials spent quite some time studying the tapes and photos before declaring WA first, NSW (Tahlia) 2nd and the other WA rider third! This is as far as Tahlia can go for the time being as there are no international races for the U15's. Congratulations Tahlia on reaching the top in your age group.



Senior Award - Hayley Seeney - Swimming

Hayley Seeney won a silver medal at the State Swimming Championships in the 16 years Girls 100m Fly in a time of 1:02:09. Most of you know that Hayley has been a top class swimmer for many years, representing her club proudly at Country, State and National Championships. Hayley has regularly made state finals and she has won state medals as part of a relay team, however, before the weekend she had never won an individual medal. To win a silver medal at State Championships with such an amazing swim is a well-deserved reward for all the years of hard work Hayley has put into her swimming. We are very proud of her and we are sure it will not be the last medal she wins!



Good Luck

Best of luck to our talented athletes who are representing the Wollongong Diocese at the NSW Combined Catholic College Athletics Championships at Sydney Olympic Park on Friday 16th September. "Jumping" Jye Shumack and Danica Thomas will compete in the U16 and U12 Years High Jump respectively and Chloe Pateman in the U15 Years 800m and 1500m events.

Diocesan Hockey Reports

St Joseph's Girls' Hockey Team travelled to Narellan to partake in the Diocesan Hockey Gala Day on Thursday 1st September, 2016, for which they have been training hard every Wednesday. The girls had a strong start to the day with a win against Holy Spirit. Laura Markowski had the first goal of the day, which was followed by many from Maddi Smith, Taylah Gilbert, Katie Saunders and others. The girls followed with another well-deserved win against John Therry with an outstanding score of 6-0. The forward-line including Katie Saunders, Grace Shaw, Sarah Hilton, Grace Jensen, Taylah Vella and Taylah Gilbert ensured that the game remained in our attacking side for most of it. The girls then versed the strong St Mary's team. Pressure was put onto goalie Kirra Schofield who

made some incredible saves. Maddi Smith, Chelsea Jensen and Zali Markwell worked hard in defence, unfortunately the game went to St Mary's. Our final pool match was against Magdalene and we needed to win to progress through to the semis. Goals from Maddi Smith and Rylee Goodman ensured our spot. Second in their pool the girls fought hard in their semi against first placed St Benedict's from the other pool, but came out unlucky in the end with a 1-2 score. Some great defence from Rylee Goodman and Chelsea Jensen who put great pressure on the opposing team's forward line, intercepting some skilled plays. The last game was a fight against St Patrick's for 3rd position. Throughout the day our fullbacks, Zali Markwell and Zoe Imisides worked well together in defence ultimately causing 3 clean sheets and only 5 goals against them. Despite the final results, the girls had a great day and played some great hockey whilst showing excellent sportsmanship. Special thanks to Mrs Davis and Mr Armstrong for coaching both the girls and senior boys team and also the senior boys hockey team for their sideline support throughout the day.

Zoe Imisides - Team Captain



The Open Boys' Hockey Team travelled to Narellan Hockey fields for the Hockey Gala Day last Thursday 1st September. The weekly training sessions with both Mrs Davis and Mr Armstrong paid off as in their first game against Mt Carmel, the team came away with a win after a nail-biting finish due to excellent defence from Jarrod Cann and Isaac Lambert. A great pass from Clayton Ritchie allowed Martin Lavin to score in a short corner after the clock ran out. The boys' spirits were strong and their bodies filled with enthusiasm as they narrowly lost 1-0 against Magdalene with John Iafolla, Chris Milan and Ashton Gauci providing excellent opportunities to level the scoring. The next game was also as a loss, losing 2-0 to Holy Spirit, placing them 3rd in their pool overall. The team ended up drawing for 5th place against Corpus Christi, despite an excellent performance from Baylee Edlundh, Luke Arthur and Bradley Dowsett. With Matthew Sperring, Nick Brennan and Michael Whiteman displaying terrific skills throughout all games, next years boys hockey team is in good hands. Special thanks goes to Year 7 Goalkeeper Dylan Simmons and Mrs Davis who kindly helped out with our umpiring commitments.

Isaac Lambert - Team Captain

