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Term 2 Week 7B

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

School Musical

The annual school musical is fast approaching. Students and staff have been preparing tirelessly for months. The culmination of their hard work brings "Hairspray" for you to enjoy during the last week of this term.



Congratulations to all the hardworking students and staff being led by Mrs Elise Burns and the Creative Arts Faculty. I hope that all families will be able to support the musical by attending one of the performances. Please see the attached flyer for booking and show details.

Federal Election 2016

As part of the previously issued materials from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, please find below a prayer provided by the Bishops at this time.

A Prayer for the Election

Holy God, at the dawn of time you fashioned the world and set it on its course. In the fullness of time your Son took flesh and sowed the seeds of a new order, and day by day your Spirit works to bring to birth your realm of mercy, justice and peace.

We give you thanks for Australia, the Great South Land of the Holy Spirit. In this Spirit we pray for our land and all its people as the nation prepares to elect a new Federal Parliament.

We pray for the women and men who have offered themselves as candidates for public office. May those who are elected set their hearts always on honourable service and the common good.

We pray for the citizens of this much-blessed country, that they may take up their responsibility to vote with wisdom and freedom, and choose what is best for the whole community.

Loving God, to listen to your Son is to be moved to speak up for the unseen and unheard. Give us hearts to heed your Word and mouths to declare your truth. We pray that throughout this election campaign Christian communities will be a voice for the voiceless.

We especially remember refugees and asylum seekers, indigenous peoples, survivors of sexual abuse, those who suffer family violence, those in the womb, the elderly, those suffering mental illness, those suffering addiction, those entrapped in new forms of slavery and the desperately poor beyond our shores.

We hold before you the whole of our world, both social and natural. We pray for a healthy society in which marriage and family life is respected and supported. We pray for the earth our home - the land on which we dwell, the air we breathe, the water we drink - that creation's cry for healing and care is heard.

Bless all who are elected to serve the nation; may the wisdom and courage of the Holy Spirit guide them to govern for the good of all.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Mr John Barrington, Principal

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE



Prayer and Conversation with Bishop

On Thursday 2nd June, we attended an important function in the life of our Catholic Schooling. It was the 'Prayer and Conversation with Bishop Peter' day hosted by John Therry Catholic High School in Rosemeadow. The four Year 11 students who attended gained quite a number of things such as the following;

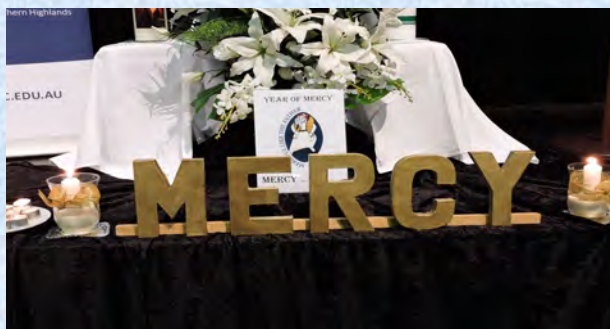
- * I learnt that we don't need to be scared to talk about our relationship with God at School
- * I learnt that we are not alone as much as we may feel alone and that God is always there looking over us giving us the guidance that we need to be better people everyday
- * We got to know Bishop Peter better through him sharing about his journey in life
- * We had the opportunity to talk to other people from other schools around the Diocese about our faith journey
- * The session where we learnt more about the Bishop's life was a great way for us students to get to know him better
- * Sitting in the groups and discussing the readings and quotes from Pope Francis was a great way to hear other students opinions and this was very insightful, especially when we were able to ask questions on the particular quote and how we can use that wisdom in our own lives



- * One of the things that I took from the day was the different aspects and circumstances on how people had developed their faith such as the Bishop where he developed his faith through many years of hard work and stuck with his faith even with significant struggles
- * Another topic that we covered during the day was about the youth in the church. The example of the Youth Mission Team and the many ways they make the church feel more inviting to the youth through implementing aspects such as games and plays to engage the people who attend.

Our students represented us beautifully last Thursday and we are very proud of the way that they engaged in both the prayers and conversations with the Bishop and with all the staff and students present from across the Diocese.

Mr Martin Pannell - Religious Education Coordinator





The subject selection process is here once again for our Year 10 and 8 students. The Year 11, 2017 Information Night is happening on Wednesday 15th June commencing at 6:30pm in the school Hall. To date there has been enormous amounts of information sent out to Year 10 students in the form of videos, Q&A Google documents, subject market place organisation and information about the evening. We ask that students and where possible parents engage with this information so that on the evening we can ensure that no student or parent leaves without all of the information that you need. The evening will become, for the first time, highly interactive with the opportunity to pose questions in a live forum. For this to occur I ask that students and parents bring with them their laptops or phones so that they can be used in this process. There will be opportunities both in the day and evening for discussions about the courses that are most suitable for your child in Stage 6.

The Year 9, 2017 process will also commence in the coming weeks. Students will be provided with subject selection booklets that outline the courses that we offer at St Joseph's and how students go about selecting those electives. This will all be sent out by email during school hours. If you have any questions about the process please feel free to contact me at school. I am most happy to assist in anyway.

Mr Paul Hughes, Curriculum Coordinator

"Did you see what happened at school today?"

BREAKING NEWS & EVENTS FROM JOEYS



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SMS

From the Office

We have been having some trouble with the processing of SMS replies from parents regarding your child's absence. The replies have not been coming back to us! Our phone supplier advises us that it is the return carriers problem and we cannot fix it. This problem does not occur often so we ask for your patience if you then receive a letter asking to explain the absence again. It just means we did not receive the SMS. I understand this is frustrating however we can only work with the technology we have been given. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.



Once again the lost and found clothing at the front office is overflowing! If you have lost an item of clothing, a drink bottle etc please visit the front office as soon as possible to perhaps retrieve it! Any items that are handed in which are labelled are returned however, those that are not labelled need to be collected by students.

A reminder also that we have a number of students who are allergic to peanuts (and similar products) and we would just like to ask students to be mindful of the medical conditions of others, by refraining where possible from bringing these products to school. For some students, even when traces of nuts are left on students' hands which then touch a desk - this can present a serious danger to someone with severe nut allergies. Thank you for your assistance in ensuring the welfare and safety of all students.



The Centre for Emotional Health has partnered with the organisers of *HSC in the Holidays* to offer students in years 10, 11 and 12 a 2 hour workshop which will teach them to change the way they view school and exam stress, deal with work avoidance and unrealistic expectations and how to tackle exam anxiety. There are two workshops being offered at Macquarie University campus on Thursday 7th July from 10am-12pm and Friday 15th July from 1pm - 3pm. Cost is \$40. For further information and to register contact barb.corapi@mq.edu.au



Mrs Michelle Garbutt ~ Sports Coordinator

Congratulations

Mr Moran has been appointed the Administration Coordinator at St Joseph's for the remainder of the 2016 school year. Mrs Linsley has also taken on a role in the Pastoral Care area and is Year 7 Coordinator. I would like to personally thank both Mr Moran and Mrs Linsley for the outstanding dedication, passion and commitment they have shown to sport at St Joseph's. I will miss sharing the sport coordinator role with them but I feel reassured knowing that they are not too far away and will still be on hand to offer their valuable support and advice (and to coach our sporting teams). Thank you and best of luck in your new roles.

NSWCCC Touch Championships

Our Wollongong Touch Football representatives braved the wet and cold weather to travel to Dubbo for the NSWCCC Touch Championships on Tuesday. Here is Kaelah Austin's report!

The teams arrived in Dubbo ready to play. In the first game the 15's Girl team had a 2-2 draw with Bathurst, the Open Boys lost 5-3 against Broken Bay and the Open Girls won against Canberra/ Goulburn 9-0. The 15's Girls then took on Armidale having a 2-0 win while the Open Boys lost 4-1 to CBSA. The Open Girls took on a very strong Parramatta side. The girls played well but lost 4-3. As the day went on the rain started.

Final results for the day - the 15's Girls had 2 wins and 2 loses, the Open Boys had 3 wins and 2 loses and the Open Girls had 3 wins and 2 loses. A big congratulations to Jennifer Klepczarek and Taylah Vella on making the semi-finals but unfortunately losing to a very strong Wagga Wagga side.

Kaelah Austin, Year 12



Upcoming Diocesan Sporting Events

Permission notes are now available online for the following Diocesan Gala Days:

Netball - Monday 25th July @ Berkeley Netball Courts. Note and payments due Friday 1st July.

Athletics - Wednesday 17th August @ Campbelltown Athletics Track. Note and payments due Wednesday 3rd August.

Sign up and selection trials are currently taking place for Open Hockey on Wednesday 24th August at Macarthur Regional Complex, Narellan and for Open Volleyball on Wednesday 24th August at BHP Stadium, Unanderra.

Students are asked to read the Sentral notices each day and check their emails for important messages from our sports coaches.

Sports Star of the Month

Do you know of any student who is achieving great things in their chosen sport? Why not nominate them for the Junior or Senior Sports Star of the Month Award? Please email nominations for the month of June to Mrs Garbutt at garbutto1@dow.catholic.edu.au. I would love a photo as well if you can get your hands on one!



Throsby Youth Roundtable

On Monday 6th June, Bradley Schmidt, James Connelly and Tahlia Wilson attended the annual Throsby Youth Roundtable event. This event brings together students from the region to discuss important issues facing the local community. It gives students an opportunity to participate in the local democratic process. Students discussed the top three issues that they felt the Federal Government should prioritise for the upcoming election.



Working hard is important.
But there is something
that matters even more:

Believing in Yourself.

- Harry Potter

Important Dates for your Diary

15/06 - Year 11, 2017 Subject Selection

Information Evening 6:30pm

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

19/07 - Staff Development Day (Pupil Free)

1/08 - P&F Meeting

8/08 to 19/08 - HSC Trial Examinations

Canteen Roster 2016

13th June	Public Holiday
14th June	Colleen Walsh, Dianne Meharg, Elizabeth Oiteirin
15th June	Carmen Formosa, Emma and Garry McLaughlin
16th June	Nell Derubeis, Linda Wilson
17th June	Mary Daly, Wayne Thomas, Nicole Roach

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.

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