



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Term 1 Week 2B

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

A Student's Prayer (St Thomas Aquinas)

Creator of all things,
true source of light and wisdom,
origin of all being,
graciously let a ray of your light penetrate
the darkness of my understanding.

Take from me the double darkness
in which I have been born
an obscurity of sin and ignorance.

Give me a keen understanding,
a retentive memory, and
the ability to grasp things
correctly and fundamentally.

Grant me the talent
of being exact in my explanations
and the ability to express myself
with thoroughness and charm.

Point out the beginning,
Direct the progress,
and help in the completion.

I ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Building Works

The refurbishment of the office and the construction of a new staffroom and new car parking facilities have commenced. **Due to the presence of construction vehicles in the carpark, parents are requested NOT to drive onto the school property until the new carpark is complete in Term 2.** The safety of students and staff is paramount.

Mr John Barrington, Principal

PRAYER VIGIL

A Prayer Vigil for our Australian Brothers

Andrew Chan

&

Myuran Sukumaran

Facing the death penalty in Bali.

Saint Francis Xavier Cathedral, 36 Harbour Street, Wollongong

Tuesday 10th February at 7:30pm

This Vigil is open to people of all Faiths who wish to pray for these young men and their families and who oppose capital punishment.

For Enquiries contact Father Ron 4228 6511

Year 12 News!!

Welcome to Year 12. This is big year for your child! Our school community will support your child and your family in any way we can so that they achieve their best through the year. Each week I will provide information to help you understand what is happening in the school life of your child. This week:

- ◆ Talin Kennedy is representing our school on Thursday evening at the Gerringong Lion's Club Youth of the Year Contest. We all wish Talin the best of luck!
- ◆ Next week at our Year Meeting our guest will be Mr Michael Addicoat. Mr Addicoat will speak to students about the importance of team work and positivity to do well in the HSC.
- ◆ Just a reminder that Year 12 senior jackets are only to be worn on Fridays.
- ◆ If your child is experiencing a problem which is preventing them from doing their best at school, please ring me and together we will try to solve the problem.
- ◆ Counselling services are available for students - please contact me for further information.
- ◆ Period 1 now starts at 9am everyday except Wednesday. Please ensure your child is on time for classes.
- ◆ Driving to school??? Students need to complete a form and submit to Mrs Bell if they drive to school.
- ◆ Please sign your child's diary each week.

Our Year Team (Homeroom Teachers and KLA Co-Ordinators support) is: *Mrs Biddle, Mrs Gannon, Mr Brown, Mrs Oliver, Mrs Watson/Ms Thomas, Mrs Davis and Mr Lowe. Please give any absent notes to your homeroom teacher.*

Mrs Sue Kennedy, Year 12 Coordinator

"It's amazing what we can accomplish when we are in it together"

School Tennis

Tennis trials and training are on starting in Week 3 for all students interested in trying to make the school girls or boys tennis teams. We have been very successful here in past years as many students have supported tennis at St Joseph's. Please come along and have a go! We are extreme needy of any female players who may be interested in trialing for the team. Will you be the next Casey Dellaqua, Samantha Stoser or Lleyton Hewett.?? See you at the courts!

Mr Michael Phipps, Tennis Coach

Year 10 ~ 2015!!

Year 10 students- you have now reached the half way point in your secondary education journey. The mandate I would like to set for each and everyone of you this year is for you to rise to the challenge and ensure that your learning and personal growth is paramount in all that you do! This year a major focus will be on developing a growth mindset.

To help you rise to this challenge it is imperative that you and your parents are made aware that you will be expected to complete **a minimum of 1.5 hours homework/study each night**. You may be thinking 1.5 hours every night is going to be difficult to manage. My advise to you is it will be necessary to approach this expectation with a positive attitude. The goal is to keep your mind open to what new things you might learn. Students who work like this find they actually start to question how they can improve their approach to their school work and in doing so discover new ideas and techniques that really make a difference.

What do we mean by study? To assist the development of your knowledge and understanding of study skills, you will be required to complete certain modules from the Study Skills Handbook each fortnight. Each fortnight, an email will be sent to all students in Year 10 with instructions informing them of the fortnightly task. These tasks are compulsory and will be extremely beneficial for student development and will assist the learning of explicit strategies and study techniques leading into their senior years of study. As the students work through the modules they may find some units we set are more relevant for their current personal situation than others and they are probably right, however, students will still be asked to work through all set units of work over the course of the year.

As Year 10 embark on the final year of Stage 5 schooling it is so important that they commence the year with a sense of commitment and a strong work ethic. Parents, please ask your child to show you the email and share the login details for the online Study Skills Handbook as there is a wealth of information available to support parents.

Details of the first module have been emailed to all students in Year 10. The first module of work is relating to Working Better at School with a particular focus on using class time wisely. If you have any questions relating to the expectations of studying for your child in Year 10 please do not hesitate to contact me at school.
Mrs Louise Markwell, Year 10 Coordinator



Year 10 Laptop Rollout and Bootcamp!!

The Year 10 Laptop Rollout evening will be held on Tuesday 10th February from 6-7pm. All students and parents/guardians must attend this evening to sign the documentation and take possession of the laptop. Laptops cannot be issued until all documentation has been signed by both parents and students. If you and your child are unable to attend the rollout evening, please contact Mrs Deb Boughton at school.

Year 10 Laptop Bootcamp will be held on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th February. Students are to bring their laptop for the Bootcamp. It is compulsory that all students attend Bootcamp.

Mrs Deb Boughton, Learning Technologies Coordinator



2015 School Fees

Attached to this week's newsletter is the schedule of School Fees for 2015. Due to students changing subjects in the first few weeks of Term 1, fee statements will not be sent home until week 5. Please note that there is a change in the fee structure this year with the Building Levy now being applied per student **NOT** per family. There is also now an 80% discount on the Building Fee for the second child and 100% on the Building Fee for all subsequent children.



A reminder that an SMS will be sent to parents when their child is absent from school. The SMS is sent at the completion of roll marking. If your child is absent, please reply to the SMS with a reason for the absence and this will replace the need to send a note on your child's return to school!



Year 7 –10 Recreational School Sport

Permission notes for Recreational School Sport for students in Years 7-10 can now be accessed from the 'Notes and Payments' link on the homepage of the school website. It is important that ALL students and their parents read this information carefully as it outlines the various activities, arrangements and requirements for the various sport programs students will undertake during 2015. The permission notes are required to be completed and returned by the indicated due date to allow organisation of activities to be finalised and ensure that each students safety and wellbeing is maximised.

Swimming Carnival 2015 - Parent Helpers Needed!!!

The School Swimming Carnival will be held at Albion Park Swimming Pool on Thursday 19th February, 2015. This will be a competitor's only carnival. We are seeking parents who are able to help out on the carnival day by being time keepers, starters etc. If you are able to assist please email:

penny.corradini@dow.catholic.edu.au and provide your contact details. Many hands make light work so the more volunteers we can gather, the smoother the event!

Thank you from the PE Faculty!



Diocesan Gala Days

The Diocesan sports program gets under way with gala days for girls soccer and boys touch on Monday 23rd February (week 5). Students wishing to participate in these events are asked to register by adding their name to the sign up sheets outside the PDHPE Staffroom by this Friday 6th February.

NSW All Schools Triathlon

The NSW All Schools Triathlon will take place at Penrith in week 5. The individual event will take place on Thursday 26th February. Students wishing to enter this event must do so via the NSWCCC website. The team event will take place on Friday 27th February. Students wishing to enter a team for this event need to see Mrs Garbutt or Mr Moran before Friday 13th February (week 3) to enter. Please be aware that no teachers will attend this event and all competitors will be required to make their own transport arrangements to and from Penrith in order to participate.

NSWCCC

A reminder that those considering attending NSWCCC events or trials need to register for the event via the NSWCCC website (www.cssss.nsw.edu.au). Information regarding this process can be found on the school website.

Cross Country Carnival

The Cross Country carnival will be held on Friday 6th March (week 6). Students are encouraged to start thinking about undertaking a regular training program to assist them in their efforts on the day and reduce the risk of injury. Week 2 Sample Program: Continue with a 20-30 minute session every 2nd day but look to increase the length of running time to 5-10 minutes and a comfortable pace. This can then be followed by a 1-2 minute rest/recovery if required. For those looking for more of a challenge and/or structure in their program consider downloading a training app to your phone to assist your preparations.

Remember—*"Too much sport is never enough"*

*Mr Brett Moran and Mrs Michelle Garbutt
Sports Coordinators*

Sport Calendar Term 1 2015

- 9/10 Feb - NSWCCC Open Boys Cricket Selections
- 17 Feb - NSWCCC Girls Softball Selections
- 19 Feb - School Swimming Carnival
- 23 Feb - Diocesan Girls Football Gala Day & Diocesan Boys Touch Gala Day
- 26 Feb - NSW All Schools Triathlon (Individual Event)
- 27 Feb - NSW All Schools Triathlon (Team Event)
- 2 March - NSWCCC Tennis Selections
- 3 March - NSWCCC Girls Cricket Selections
- 6 March - School Cross Country Carnival

Canteen Roster 2015

9th Feb	Janelle Johnston, Norell O'Sullivan, Kim Power, Vaska Kitanovski, Sharni Barton
10th Feb	Colleen Walsh, Dianne Meharg, Kirsten McIntosh, Jan Collins
11th Feb	Karran McIlvain, Angela Walker, Joanne Wallace
12th Feb	Sandy O'Connor, Lee-Ann Ginsburg, Karen Ladlow
13th Feb	Tracey Teixeira, Nicole Oswald, Susan Rayner, Michelle Partridge, Tracey Sumner

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UOW Discovery Day

Year 12 students have the opportunity to travel by bus to visit the University of Wollongong. The UOW Discovery Day should motivate students to set goals for courses they are interested in doing at University. Our 67 Year 12 students who are attending this event will be involved in lectures and getting to know the University campus. Lecture topics include: Nursing - What's it all about? Economics - The creative Economy, IT & Computer Science - Gaming Basics, Engineering and Social Work - Change the world and make a difference. Payment for the bus was accepted until 30th January, no late applications will be accepted.

I hope you all enjoy the day! *Mrs Kennedy*

**THINK
POSITIVE,
&
POSITIVE
THINGS
WILL
HAPPEN**

Important Dates for your Diary

- 5 Feb - 7.1-7.3 iPad Bootcamp
- 6 Feb - 7.4-7.6 iPad Bootcamp
- 12/13 Feb - Year 7 Getting to Know You Days
- 19 Feb - Swimming Carnival
- 23 Feb - P&F AGM
- 25 Feb - HSC Class of 2014 Achievers Assembly
- 27 Feb - Pupil Free Day
- 6 March - Cross Country
- 11 March - International Women's Day
- 17 March - Year 7/2016 Information Night
- 19 March - St Joseph's Day
- 23 March-4 April - Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
- 25 March-27 March - Year 10 PASS &
Year 11 PDHPE Outdoor Camp
- 30 March - Blood Bank Visit

**EDUCATION
IS OUR PASSPORT
TO THE FUTURE, FOR
TOMORROW
BELONGS TO THE
PEOPLE WHO PREPARE
FOR IT TODAY.**
— Malcolm X —
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Education is the
most powerful weapon
which you can use to
change the world.

— Nelson Mandela



Position Vacant

An Insurance Business in Kiama has contacted us about a position as a Clerical/Administration Clerk which is available. This is open to Year 11 and 12 students who are searching for a full time position. If you are interested please see Mrs Kennedy by Friday 6th February.

UMAT 2015

UMAT is a test that is used specifically to assist with the selection of students into the medicine, dentistry and health science degree programs at undergraduate level at the universities listed on the website.

Registrations for UMAT 2015 are now open and close 5pm 5th June, 2015. The test takes place nationally on Wednesday 29th July, 2015. Click [here](#) for further details.

HTN Apprenticeship Services

HTN provides the hospitality and related industries with apprentices and trainees. Apprentices looking for a work placement can apply to join HTN's program where they are able to rotate through a range of different businesses while undertaking their apprenticeship. Contact 1300 139 108 or apprenticechefs@htn.com.au. Click [here](#) for further details.

Pre-Apprenticeship Course Finder

A pre-apprenticeship course aims to develop skills that can lead to an apprenticeship or traineeship. They are looked at favourably on a resume and are often required for an apprenticeship or traineeship. This course finder allows you to search for a pre-apprenticeship course in a specific region and select an industry group that interests you. Click [here](#) for further information.

Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School: Leura Campus Open Day

Saturday 21st February - 10am to 1pm. 1 Chambers Road, Leura.

An interactive hands-on day where students can view the campus with a guided tour from a current student and also experience work making cocktails and lattes!! Click [here](#) for further details.

The school is now subscribing to a company who have a comprehensive list of all sorts of Career events and information. To view career events click [here](#) or to receive the careers news by email, send your name, school name and email address to mhscareers@internode.on.net. To view the new pages and calendar on the website, please ask me for the login and password.

The Careers Room is open every day at Lunch 2. Please visit for help with Career planning in Room 54 (the yellow door)!!!

Mrs Sue Kennedy

Careers Advisor

sue.kennedy@dow.catholic.edu.au

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2015 Fee Information	
Resource Fee	All text books and Information Technology resources required by students are covered by this fee. (The exception is Year 12 English text books which vary from year to year). School gift for Year 12. Pastoral Care fee for presentations at school.
Tuition Fees	Teachers' salaries not covered by government funding and day to-day running costs, e.g. electricity, paper.
School Building Levy	This fee pays for our loans on the schools building and is equivalent to a mortgage payment. This is per child with an 80% discount on the second child, third and subsequent children are free.
Library/Text Book Deposit Fee	This is a security DEPOSIT which is fully refundable when a student leaves, providing all books have been returned and the school fees have been paid.
Parents & Friends Levy	The P&F Levy has replaced fund raising events and spreads the burden more fairly. This very important fee, combined with our Working Bees, is allowing us to do much needed maintenance of school buildings. The P&F normally contributes to one or more major projects in the school each year.
School Magazine	Each family is provided with a copy of the School Annual Magazine which becomes a valuable memento of school life.
Sports Fee	Year 7 – Includes AFL Development coaching, Rugby Union & Swimming Carnival. Year 8 – Includes Tennis Coaching, Ten Pin Bowling, Fitness, Surf Awareness & Swimming Carnival. Year 9 - Includes Yoga, Self Defence, Ten Pin Bowling, Gymnastics, Fitness, Tennis & Travel Costs. Year 10- Includes Yoga, Self Defence, Ten Pin Bowling, and Fitness & Travel Costs.
TVET and other provider courses	TVET courses will be 30% of the course cost with a maximum of \$750 being charged. These fees will be billed separately to all the other school based fees
Course Fees	Many courses are required by the syllabus to include practical experiences. Fees cover the cost of consumables in these courses (Woodwork, Food Technology, etc.).
Retreat Fees	This fee covers the costs related to the retreat.
Laptop Fee	This amount covers the parent's contribution to the student laptop programme.
First Aid Course	First Aid Course: It is compulsory for all Year 10 students to participate in the first aid course.

Payment of fees	
<p>The school invoices the fees in February for the total amount for the year. Fees are payable over three instalments due on 6th March 2015, 5th June 2015 and 4th September 2015. Calculation of instalments is simple. All you need to do is DIVIDE the total fees by three.</p> <p>The school offers the following options for payment: Bpay, Credit Card, Eftpos, Cheque, Direct Debit and Cash. If arrangements are made with the school the fees can be paid off over the full year.</p> <p>All parents on enrolling their child agree to pay the fees. However, as a Catholic school we will not turn away families who are facing genuine difficulties in meeting their commitment. Any parent experiencing difficulty regarding payment of fees must discuss alternative arrangements with the Principal.</p>	
Discounts	
<p>There will be a discount on the tuition fee for the second and subsequent children attending the school at the same time. These discounts are: 25% for the second child, 50% for the third child 100% for the fourth child.</p> <p>The School Building Levy is per child. There will be an 80% discount on the second child, third and subsequent children are free.</p>	
Family Fees	
School Magazine	25
P&F Levy	150
Year 7	
Resource Fee	331
Bible	45
Calculator & Geometry Set	30
Creative Arts	60
English	20
Mathematics	20
Music Performances	10
PDHPE	35
Red & Blue Day	5
Religious Education	5
Retreat Days	65
School Building Levy	780
School Diary	20
School Musical	7
Science	6
Sport	55
Technology Mandatory	50
Library /Text Book Deposit Fee	20
Tuition Fee	1515
Total (including family fees)	3254

Year 8	
Resource Fee	381
Creative Arts	70
English	20
Mathematics	20
PDHPE	35
Red & Blue Day	5
Religious Education	5
Retreat	13
School Building Levy	780
School Diary	20
Science (Includes Science Board for Expo)	15
Sport	130
Technology Mandatory	50
Library /Text Book Deposit Fee	20
Tuition Fee	1515
Total (including family fees)	3254
Year 9	
Resource Fee	381
Careers - Job Guide	23
Child Studies	40
Drama	15
English	20
Food Technology	75
Industrial Technology Metal	60
Industrial Technology Wood	60
Information Software Technology	20
Italian	25
Marine & Aqua Technology	60
Mathematics	20
Music	20
Physical Activity & Sports Studies	35
PDHPE	35
Religious Education	5
Retreat	10
School Building Levy	780
School Diary	18
Science	6
Sport	225
Visual Arts	65
Camp	190
Camp Food Component	70
Library /Text Book Deposit Fee	20
Tuition Fee	1637
Total (All fees, excluding electives)	3615

Year 10	
Resource Fee	331
Child Studies	50
Drama	15
English	20
Food Technology	75
Industrial Technology Electronics	50
Industrial Technology Wood	50
Information Software Technology	20
Italian	25
Laptop	420
Marine & Aqua Technology	60
Mathematics	20
Music	20
Physical Activity & Sports Studies	35
Physical Activity & Sports Studies Camp	320
Physical Activity & Sports Studies Camp Food	80
PDHPE	10
Religious Education	5
Retreat	25
School Building Levy	780
School Diary	20
Science (Includes Science board for expo)	15
Sport	225
Tas Life Skills	70
Visual Arts	70
Careers Expo	7
Elevate Education	20
First Aid Course	88
Library /Text Book Deposit Fee	20
Tuition Fee	1637
Total (All Fees, excluding electives)	3818
Year 11	
Resource Fee	331
Biology	6
Chemistry	6
Construction	100
Design and Technology	70
Elevate Education	20
Food Technology	100
Hospitality	120
Industrial Technology	70
Information Processes & Technology	40
Italian Beginners	25
Italian Continuers	30
Laptop	420
Mathematics	20
Music	90

PDHPE	50
PDHPE Camp	320
PDHPE Camp Food Component	80
Physics	6
Photography	50
School Building Levy	780
School Diary	20
Senior Science	6
Tas Life Skills	70
TVET Courses see note	
Visual Arts	70
Retreat	140
Retreat Food Component	95
Ryda (Rotary Youth Drivers Awareness)	15
Work Placement Insurance	25
Library /Text Book Deposit Fee	50
Tuition Fee	2044
Total (Family Fees, Retreat Costs, Work placement insurance, Laptop Fee, School Diary & Ryda exclude subjects).	4115
Year 12	
Resource Fee	351
Biology	6
Chemistry	6
Design and Technology	70
Hospitality	120
Industrial Technology Timber	70
Information Processes & Technology	40
Italian Beginners	25
Laptop	420
Mathematics	20
Music	15
PDHPE	50
Photography	70
Physics	6
School Building Levy	780
School Diary	20
Senior Science	6
Tas Life Skills	70
TVET Courses see note	
Visual Arts	70
Careers Expo	7
Library /Text Book Deposit Fee	50
Tuition Fee	2044
Total (Family Fees, Retreat Costs, Work Placement Insurance, Laptop Fee, School Diary & Ryda excludes subjects).	3847

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2015 School Fee Schedule

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