



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Term 3 Week 9A

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

Year 12 Class of 2014

Next week the school farewells the Year 12 Class of 2014. We will celebrate the end of school for this group of students with a number of important events:

- ◆ Wednesday Morning: Year 12 Breakfast
- ◆ Wednesday Evening: Commencing at 6pm, the Graduation Mass to be held in St Paul's Parish Church, Albion Park, followed by the Awards Presentation in the School Hall.
- ◆ Thursday: Celebration/Picnic Day
- ◆ Friday Morning: School Farewell Assembly commencing at approximately 9:30am.

Child Protection Sunday

This Sunday has been designated as Child Protection Sunday with its theme for 2014 being:

"Protecting Children is Everybody's Business-Play your Part"

Each person in every Catholic church community is asked to play their part in making our church a safe community for all by working to prevent abuse. Our aim is to ensure that all communities and organisations within the church are safe and enriching environments for people of all ages, with special concern for children, young people and vulnerable adults.

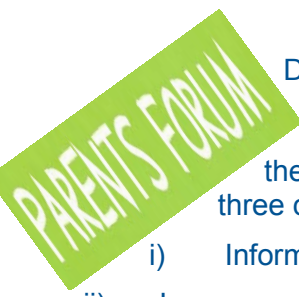
What can each of us do?

- ◆ *Be aware of and abide by Parish/Diocesan policies and procedures that aim to make our church a safe place for all.*
- ◆ *Respect the dignity of each child, young person and adult in the community.*
- ◆ *Be aware of the possibilities of abuse, not overly suspicious.*
- ◆ *Trust our instincts, avoid gossip and consult with appropriate persons if you have concerns about the safety, welfare and wellbeing of a child, young person or vulnerable adult in our community.*
- ◆ *Be open to acquiring a deeper understanding of the harm caused by abuse.*
- ◆ *Undertake willingly the checks required by State and Church agencies.*
- ◆ *Abide by Codes of Conduct and follow conscientiously Risk Assessment procedures.*
- ◆ *Give of our time and offer to help.*
- ◆ *Make a personal commitment to ensuring that our church is a safe community for all.*

Let us Pray.....

Loving God, we pray that the leaders of our Church will always work to foster justice for all. May they lead our Church in the way of truth, and may they follow the example of Pope Francis and reach out to all survivors of abuse with the love and compassion of Jesus. We also pray that all families grow stronger in their love for one another so that children are raised in safe and nurturing environments. Amen.





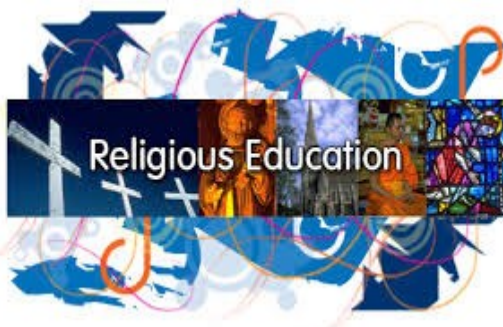
During the coming week selected parents will receive a personal invitation to attend a Parent Forum on Wednesday evening 15th October, 2014, in the school Library. The school would like to receive feedback from the parent community in response to a proposed change in the Half Yearly and Yearly Student Reports. Commencing at 7pm, the meeting will involve three components:

- i) Information presentation regarding proposed changes.
- ii) In groups of approximately 8 to 10, parents will discuss with each other the proposal; and
- iii) Feedback from each group for all present to hear views.

The meeting will promptly finish at 8pm.

If you are one of the 20 families in each year group invited to attend, would you please RSVP via the tear-off slip provided or by email. It is very important that the parent group have an input as the school moves forward with various curriculum and other initiatives.

Mr John Barrington,
Principal



Year 9 Religion

In Religious Education, junior classes are raising money for the Mary MacKillop Foundation. Each class has chosen a specific project that they would like to raise money for and have come up with various ways in which to raise the money. 9.1 Religion have decided to raise money for the Corryong Attree Park All-Abilities Adventure Playground. This project aims to create an active, inclusive and safe play space within the Corryong Township and surrounding area for children with disabilities, rurally isolated children and their families, culturally and linguistically diverse children and those who are socially and economically

disadvantaged. The total cost of the project is \$5,000 and the class hopes to raise at least \$150 to contribute towards the final cost. The class is currently in discussion as to how they are going to raise the money and are playing with the idea of running a cinema experience during lunchtime. Watch this space for further details!!

Miss Senitta Hurley, Religion Teacher

Year 10 Religion

The 10.5 Religious Education class has spent time over the last few weeks discussing and planning our fundraiser for the Mary MacKillop Foundation. A guessing competition was decided upon and each student donated funds to purchase lollies for this competition. The competition will commence on Monday 15th September and students at the school will have the opportunity to purchase guesses at recess and lunchtime. The purpose of this fundraiser is to donate funds to the 'Educational Hothouse' project by the MacKillop Foundation. We will be supporting the 'Education Hothouse' project by whose commitment it is to build a self-sustainable village with extensive accommodation, food growing programs and initiatives to support disadvantaged and seriously ill children and broaden their education opportunities. We empathise with these children and therefore think it is important to ensure their health and ability to thrive. We encourage all students of the school to contribute to this cause by bringing some coins during Week 10 for the chance to win delightful lolly jars.

*Mrs Sue Biddle, Religion Teacher,
Sarah Cassell and Sienna Casolin of Year 10.*



Left: 'Education Hothouse'

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Pastoral Care
Mrs Schibeci

Today I start with the task of informing our school community that we currently have a student who is receiving treatment for Cancer. Currently, she is actively involved in the school community in between having treatment and dealing with and recovering from the side effects. As this student has a compromised immune system (which makes her more vulnerable to disease), it is important that you do not send your child to school if they are unwell. For example, if your child has an infectious disease (such as measles, chickpox, shingles or diagnosed flu), they should stay at home until no longer contagious. For more information about how long an illness is contagious,

contact your GP or visit the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au. I would also appreciate if you would notify me if your child has an infectious disease. This will allow me to assess the potential risk of the disease and if necessary, to notify the student's parents and medical team. I appreciate your cooperation and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

This week's assembly was a big one!!!!

The theme of our assembly was "Community". We were reminded of what a community is and does for each other and of the fact that the St Joseph's community is made up of many micro communities. It was appropriate that during this assembly the winning sport house was awarded the School Shield. Our community shared and celebrated this traditional and important event together. See Sport Report!

The point was also made that as community members and as modelled by Jesus, we have a responsibility to look out for and care for each other. This is especially poignant when one of our members is battling a serious illness as is the case with one of our current students, Jenna Golub. Please keep Jenna and her family in your prayers.

Our parent community is an important micro community of St Joseph's. A united front when it comes to setting limits at home, especially around technology. Don't let your family be the one that is being referred to when your children utter the age old phrase "... is allowed to have her laptop in the room and her mum lets her do whatever she likes...". Limit setting is a great tool and studies prove that it does help families with managing some of these tougher issues. The "Generation Next Blog", which can be seen [attached](#) is well worth the read. Parents unite!!

Mrs Megan Schibeci, Pastoral Care Coordinator

South Coast Public Speaking Competition 2014

Good Leadership requires good communication skills and being able to articulate yourself clearly and succinctly. Being a positive role model and creating a shared sense of purpose. Leadership also requires developing a 'team' approach and having a vision and connecting with those around you. Good leaders are flexible, are able to adapt and use a variety of styles depending upon the context. Good leaders also lead from the middle and empower others to achieve their goals. Leadership is about leading by example, having positive relationships, mentoring others and being a good role model. The following group of students each has these qualities and they demonstrated their skills at the recent South Coast Public Speaking Competition that was held on the evening of Tuesday August 18 at Holy Spirit College, Bellambi. These students spoke about issues from 'Depression' to 'Global Warming' and 'Family Relationships'.

- * Year 11- Bronte Willis
- * Year 10 - Laura Markowski - 3rd Place
- * Year 10 - Ellie Dixon
- * Year 9 - Bailey Ryan and Joseph Timpano
- * Year 8 - Abbey Quintal - 1st Place
- * Year 7 - Jessie Raftery



This entire group of students spoke extremely well and proudly represented our school. A big thank you to the parents who transported and supported our students on the night of the competition.

Mrs Frances Schneider, Teacher Librarian

School Fee Reminder!!

The last instalment of school fees was due last Friday. If you have not done so could you please finalise any outstanding payment as soon as possible. Parents paying fees weekly, fortnightly or monthly, please continue as normal.



SPORT REPORT

Spirit of St Joseph's Shield

On Monday the school held a Gala Ceremony to proclaim the Champion House for 2014. The Spirit of St Joseph's Shield is steeped in history and has been awarded to the Champion House within the school every year for the past 31 years. Our Champion House is determined based on points received for various school based activities throughout the year (from Term 4 the previous year). These activities include our 3 major sport carnivals and other activities such as our House Based School

Sport Competitions during this past term. Marshall House were the overall winners for this year in a battle that went right to the wire and their House Captain Ashleigh Mulligan spoke well congratulating the students from Marshall on their efforts this year. With Year 12 about to leave us, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our Sport Captains, *Whitney Noone and Matthew Arblaster*, as well as our Year 12 House Captains *Kyle Garcia, Katie Hayes, Jack Schneider, Aimee Marchesi, Ashleigh Mulligan and Declan Boyle* on their efforts for the past 12 months as well as the Year 11 House Captains who ably assisted them. The final point score and positions for 2014 were as follows:

House	Position	Points
Marshall	1st	145
Kembla	2nd	129
Macquarie	3rd	123
Keira	4th	121
Murphy	5th	105
Warrigal	6th	74



Congratulations to Maddison Smith who recently returned from representing NSW All Schools at the School Sport Australia U/16 Hockey Championships in Adelaide. Maddison had a strong tournament and was an integral part of the NSW side in both attack and defence. Maddison often found the back of the net and was strong in defence. The NSW side made the final but were not able to overcome Queensland for the title. As Maddison is only 14, she will no doubt have further opportunity in the future to claim the title.

Sports Calendar 2014

Term 3

12th Sept-NSWCCC Athletics Carnival

9th Oct-Diocesan Basketball Gala Day

10th Oct-Closing Date NSWCCC Boys Cricket Selections (U/15 & Opens)

23rd Oct-Diocesan Cricket Gala Day (Boys & Girls)

Good Luck to *Taylah Vella, Ben Niceforo, Mitchell Johnston, Jarrod White and Joshua Lambert* who have been selected to represent Wollongong Diocese at the NSWCCC Athletics Championships at Sydney Olympic Park on Friday!

Remember- **'Too much sport is never enough!!'**
Brett Moran, Sports Coordinator

Please click [here](#) to see highlights of recent sporting events such as St Joseph's Catholic High School Annual Swimming Carnival, Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals. Thank you to Anthony Gay of Year 9 for piecing together the highlights from the footage taken by staff and students at these events.
Mr Casolin



Congratulations Marshall House





Year 9 and 10 Creative arts Showcase

An invitation is extended to all St Joseph’s families to attend the Year 9 and 10 Art, Music and Drama Showcase at Kiama Showground Pavilion, this Friday 12th September, 2014 commencing at 6pm. A range of talents will be on display which relate directly to the work students are completing in class. Some Year 7 and Year 8 students will have their art work on display as well. Supper will be provided. Please come along and support the talents of our fine Creative Arts Students. Hope to see you there!!

Mr Michael Shanahan, Creative Arts Coordinator

Year 12 Students-Important procedures to follow BEFORE Sign Out Day!!

Please follow this procedure:

When you have completed your final HSC Exam, your laptop will need to be returned to the IT Office and school textbooks will need to be returned to the Library.

- ◆ Your LAPTOP will need to be re-imaged so that you can be made an administrator and allow you to manage your computer. This process may take a few days.
- ◆ All school/site licensed software is also removed, as this is a legal requirement.
- ◆ Re-imaging wipes the computer hard drive**, so it is crucial that you backup your data first.
- ◆ Your laptop may ONLY be picked up from the IT Office, if you have finalised all laptop payments.

You will not be signed out until this process is complete!!

Important Dates for your Diary

- 10th-19th Sept-Year 11 End of Year Exams**
- Tuesday 16th Sept-Last day of lessons for Year 12**
- Wed 17th Sept-Year 12 Breakfast and in the evening**
- Year 12 Graduation Mass and Presentation**
- Thurs 18th Sept-Year 12 Picnic Day**
- Red and Blue Day**
- Friday 19th Sept-Year 12 Final Assembly**
- Friday 19th Sept-Last Day Term 3**
- Tuesday 7th Oct - Staff Development Day**
- Wednesday 8th Oct - Students commence Term 4**
- Monday 13th Oct - HSC Exams Commence**
- Wed 22nd October - Year 9 Camp & Senior Retreat**

Canteen Roster 2014

15th Sept	Cathy Whiteman, Leanne Greathead, Lindy Verryt, Rachael Scremin, Janelle Davis
16th Sept	Colleen Walsh, Wayne Thomas, Rebecca Buchanan, Belinda Elliss
17th Sept	Kellie Mundt, Rachael Woolfe
18th Sept	Leisa Smith, Joanne Hunt, Christine Brown
19th Sept	Jenny Quinn, Agnes Gibbons, Cathy Tagliaferro, Jaime Hart, Linda Doonan

Uniform Shop 2014

15th Sept	Linda Doonan
18th Sept	Jill Neumann

YEAR 11~2015 UNIFORM FITTING DATES!

Appointments can now be made for Year 11, 2015 Uniform fittings. Please make your appointment by contacting the school office. Students can go to the uniform shop in their allocated time, parents are NOT required to attend the fittings. All orders are to be paid for and picked up by Week 8, Term 4. The following dates and times are available for bookings:

Mondays –6th Oct, 13th Oct, 20th Oct and 27th Oct from 12noon-4:15pm; and

Thursdays-9th Oct, 16th Oct, 23rd Oct, and 30th Oct from 8:30am-1:45pm.

Please call the school office to make your appointment.





UOW Reminder Scholarship applications close Tuesday 30th September.

UOW Business School Open Day 30th September. Visit the website for further details.

MIGAS Apprenticeships and Trainees Visit their website at www.migas.com.au.

Notre Dame Open Day 30th September –visit the website for further details.

Year 11 Work Experience Program 13th-17th October, 2014

All Year 11 students will be involved in either Work Experience or Work Placement at this time. All students have received the work experience placement form. This is the yellow form that must be filled in by parents, students and employer. This form was due on 26th August to Mrs Kennedy. Students must find their own placement for the week. All students are covered by insurance for the week. If you have not contacted me about Work Experience please see me before the end of this week.

Australian Careers Business College

Open Day is Friday 26th September. Courses in Marketing, Accounting, Business Administration, Childcare, IT, Legal Services, Tourism– NO ATAR REQUIRED. To register your attendance call 1300 COLLEGE or email contact@acbc.nsw.edu.au.

Interested in a Career in Interior Design??

Two day program 29th/30th September 10am till 4pm. For further information contact wollongongdesignstudio.com.au or call 4227 1510.

Sydney TAFE is conducting a pre-apprenticeship program for women seeking to enter the Automotive trades. The Women in Auto Trades program has been developed in partnership with NSW Automotive Training Board, Women NSW and is funded by DEC State Training Services under their Strategic Skills Program. Find out more by visiting the Sydney Tafe website or email enquiries to Glenn.Martyn@tafensw.edu.au.

Illawarra Trades Roadshow

This event was held last week at Five Islands Secondary College. The students who attended were given valuable information about many trades. We even had Reece Chandler win a competition in the Plumbing area where we caught up with ex student, Terry Tomkin.



CareSouth are looking for families who are interested in Fostering a child. To find out more, visit the website or contact CareSouth on 1300 554 260. You can make a difference!

The Early Start Research Institute at the University of Wollongong is seeking volunteers for a new study examining the acute effects of reduced sitting time on adolescents during a school day. For participation in the study adolescents will receive 2

x \$20 vouchers and parents will be given \$20 for travel costs. You and your child will visit UOW three times. On the first visit you will be familiarised with the study and on the second and third visit you will be involved in mimicking a school day. During the activities students will wear several activity monitors while in the calorimeter. If your child is aged between 12-15 yrs old, does not suffer from multiple food allergies, diabetes, coeliac disease, PKU, cystic fibrosis, does not have a physical and developmental disability and has a BMI which is above the healthy range for their age and gender, then we would love to hear from you!! Please contact Ann-Maree Parrish on the study hotline 4221 5098 to register or find out further details.

Excursion Name	Date	Payment/ Permission Note Closing Date
Yr 9 Child Studies	28.8.14 to 04.12.14	11.09.14
Yr 9 Marine & Aqua	15.09.14	CLOSED
Yr 12 Picnic Day 2014	18.09.14	CLOSED
Strictly Ballroom Musical	24.09.14	CLOSED
Secondary Diocesan Boys Basketball Gala Day	9.10.14	19.9.14
Secondary Diocesan Girls Basketball Gala Day	9.10.14	19.9.14
Yr 10 English Performance Macbeth	13.10.14	02.10.14
Yr 12 Formal	21.11.14	05.11.14
Elevate Young Leaders Forum Leadership Program	05.11.14	CLOSED

NO LATE PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED. PLEASE DO NOT PLACE INTO THE BOX AFTER CLOSING DATE

St John's Spring Fair

Saturday, 13th September 2014

Jerematta & Werowi Street, Dapto

EVERYONE WELCOME

Amazing Rides

Money Tree

Photo Booth

Dancing

Basket Stall

Cake Stall

Treats

Trash n Treasure

Great Food

Show Bags

Tattoos

Hair Spray

Plants

Pony Rides

Mr Icee

Chocolate Wheel

BBQ

Craft Stall

Face Painting

Reptile Displays

Farm Animals

Hair Bling

09:00am – 1:30pm St John's School Performances

09:00am – 2:00pm Carnival Rides

11:00am Walkabout Reptile Display

12:00pm Vanessa Lee Dance Academy

12:30pm Walkabout Reptile Display

01:00pm Street Beatz Hip Hop

02:00pm Major Raffle Drawn

9:00am Opening

Major Raffle Prize \$5000 (tickets sold on the day)