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Term 3 Week 10B

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

Farewell Year 12

This week marks the end of thirteen years of schooling for our Year Twelve students as they prepare for their HSC exams. Congratulations to the students and their families on achieving this milestone. The event is marked by various formalities and presentations, culminating in the mass and presentation on Wednesday night. We pray that our graduates take the lessons they have learned along the way and make a difference in the world ahead of them.

Jesus you speak to me through the words of the Gospels. May I respond to your call each day. Teach me to recognise your hand at work in my daily living.



I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and safe school holiday break.

Mr Neil McCann
Relieving Principal



Year 12 Farewell Breakfast

Check it out at

<https://goo.gl/z7e0kR>



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Pastoral Care
Mrs Schibeci

This week's article is all about raising children who are givers, not takers.

As Michael Grose points out, children begin their life as very egocentric little beings, with little thought given for those around them. Their movement out of this phase, thank goodness, is developmental. Most start to see that they are not the only person in the world. Those who aren't guided through this end up with an inflated sense of entitlement which results in all sorts of issues.

It pays to encourage your child to be a giver. Michael Grose goes on to say that children who can give of their time, space and self, will often have more friends and may even turn out to be leaders. The article outlines ways that you can help encourage your child to be a giver.

Also, today is the last day of official lessons for our Year 12's. It is such a privilege to see students transform from eager, shy little things to young adults, with the world at their feet. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the lovely Year 12 students I've come in contact with over the last six years and wish them well.

Congratulations to their parents who have made it successfully this far, you must have raised givers!

Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 Holiday Reading

Years 7, 8 and 9 will be studying a novel in English during Term Four and students have been allocated their text this week to allow them time to complete their reading of this. They may like to use the break to get a head start on their reading. Students who find reading a challenge should arrange with Mrs Schneider in the library to access a audio version of the text.

Year 7 should be reading "Blueback" by Tim Winton

Year 8 should be reading "Trash" by Andy Mulligan

Year 9 should be reading "The Hunger Games" by Suzanne Collins

Thank you for your support with the students' reading. Classroom teachers will expect that the reading has been completed by Week 4 next term.



Reminder!

Keep collecting your stickers and don't forget to submit your Woolworths Earn and Learn Sticker sheets @ the

School Library!

Thank you!

***** Important Dates for your Diary ****

16th Sept - Year 12 Graduation Mass and Presentation Night

18th Sept - Year 12 Final Assembly Farewell Year 12!!!!

Last day Term 3

6th Oct - Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day)

12th Oct - Year 11 Work Experience

20th Oct - Year 7 Vaccinations

21st Oct - Senior Retreat & Year 9 Camp

Canteen Roster 2015

5th Oct	Labour Day
6th Oct	Pupil Free Day
7th Oct	Kellie Mundt, Rachel Woolfe
8th Oct	Christine Brown, Leisa Smith, Lorraine Grimson
9th Oct	Amanda Walker, Nicki Collingburn

Uniform Shop Helper
8th October - Karen Edwards



I'd like to remind **Year 7 & 8 parents** that they should have received a letter in the mail recently regarding our first parent forum that the school is organising in the area of iPad use in education. We would really like for you to attend this evening as we feel it is particularly important that all members of the community collaborate to bring about the best results for our students.

On the letter there was a link that will take you directly to a brief survey that will provide you with the opportunity to share some of your thoughts, concerns and questions around the use of such devices in education. Once you've registered your interest you will be emailed before the end of term with the details for the evening.

I ask that parents take 5 minutes to provide their thoughts on this survey, as it is hoped that the night satisfies the needs of all attendees and ensures that it is the beginning of solid working relationships throughout each child's secondary education.

Just in case the link is <http://bit.ly/ipadparentforum>

Mr Paul Hughes, Curriculum Coordinator

"What happened at school today dear?"

BREAKING NEWS & EVENTS...

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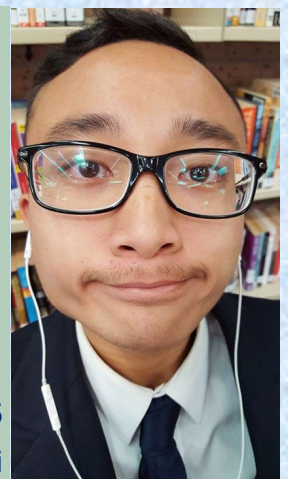


"The teachers are responsive to the needs of their students"

Daniel Kniepp.

Photo by Ben Townsend

Students at
St Joseph's



Adrian Villano Year 12 2015

Photo by Jayden Tamburini

SPORT REPORT

Congratulations to the students in Brazil for cementing an early lead in the tournament and finishing strongly. A pizza lunch will be held in the hall first day back on Wednesday 7th October for the students who represented Brazil in the competition. Students will need to have their name marked off at the door to enjoy this special celebration.

Thank you to the students in Years 7-10 for making the tournament a success by displaying good sportsmanship, skills and assisting as officials. We hope everyone enjoyed the competition as much as the staff enjoyed supervising it.

The results of the World Cup tournament have been tallied and the final scoreboard is as follows:

up Tournament Update

Due to some outstanding Ten Pin Bowling scores by the Year 10 Boys in Brazil and Latvia, Brazil has cemented a 95-point lead and looks

Brazil	1st	369points
Japan	4th	290 points
Spain	2nd	283 points
Tonga	6th	2 points
Latvia	3rd	279 points
Greece	5th	275 points



unbeatable in the World Cup Tournament for school sport. Latvia made an incredible climb on the ladder moving from 6th to 3rd place. This is a fabulous achievement. The scoreboard after Week 8 is as follows:



Relay For Life Only 2 Days To Go!

The 2015 Wollongong (Illawarra) Relay For Life will be held at Beaton Park this weekend the 19th & 20th September. The theme for Relay this year is SUPERHEROES. Join the St Joseph's team or make a donation by clicking on the link:

http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR/RelayforLife/CCNSW?pg=team&fr_id=2570&team_id=15443

Registration price includes a relay t-shirt which can be collected from the St Joseph's tent which will be track-side at the Athletics Centre. Please help us by joining the fight against cancer. Contact Michelle Garbutt if you have any questions about the event or are able to help.

NSW CCC Athletics Carnival

This year we had a number of St Joseph's students representing the Diocese of Wollongong in the NSW CCC Athletics Carnival at Homebush.

Congratulations to Jye Shumack who gained selection in the All Schools High Jump by placing 2nd in his event. Jye jumped a staggering 1.81m. Hard work and a lot of training has paid off for Jye. We wish him every success his next event.

Whilst performing very well, Mitchell Heffernan, Grace Shaw and the boys intermediate relay team (Mitchell Heffernan, Ryan Castles, Matthew Sharp and Joshua Lambert) and did not qualify for the NSW All Schools event. Well done on making it this far. We are very proud of you all.





UOW: Bonus Points

UOW offers bonus points to local and regional students who live within the University's catchment area and to students who do well in HSC subjects relevant to their chosen undergraduate degree. Students can receive a maximum of 6 points, 3 points if they live within the UOW catchment area and up to 3 points for students who do well in subjects relevant to their chosen UOW degree.

Students who qualify to receive bonus points will automatically have them added to their ATAR by UAC for that UOW preference.

<http://www.uow.edu.au/future/pointstouow/index.html>

UOW: Preparation Program & Summer Master Classes Applications Extended

Applications close: Friday 18th September

Year 12 University Preparation Program – Students receive tailored study sessions over two terms with trained In2Uni mentors for HSC subjects through an on campus study centre.

Year 12 Master Classes 2016 – A three-week intensive course, held over the summer school holidays designed to give students the opportunity to experience university while getting a head start for the HSC.

<http://www.uow.edu.au/in2uni-myway/year12summer/index.html>

Defence Careers Information Session

Wollongong – Australian Defence Force Academy: Thu 24th September, 6.00pm, 25 Atchison Street

Canberra – Trade Careers: Tue 29th September, 6.00pm, Level 2, 64 Northbourne Ave

Wollongong – Defence Careers: Wed 30th September, 6.00pm, 25 Atchison Street

<https://www.facebook.com/DefenceJobsAustralia/events>

UNSW: Taste of Electrical Engineering

Mon 21st September – Wed 23rd September, School of Electrical Engineering and Telecommunications, UNSW, Kensington

A three-day exploration of electrical engineering for Year 10 and 11 high school students with an aptitude for mathematics, a passion for science, and a love of problem solving. Workshops will include challenges and an introduction to the basics of several electrical engineering disciplines.

<http://www.engineering.unsw.edu.au/all-events/september-school-holidays-taste-of-electrical-engineering-0>

UTS Big Day in 2016 – Save the Date

Tue 1st March, Great Hall, UTS

An IT conference for high school students interested in careers in technology.

Contact: 02 8296 4444 or kerrie.bisaro@acsfoundation.com.au

<http://acsfoundation.com.au/bdi/>

UTS: Stroud Field Station Open Day

Sat 26th September, 11.00am – 3.30pm, Buckets Way Stroud

The Field Station is used as an environmental teaching and research facility, as well as a field base for further studies in the surrounding region. The Open Day program will appeal to people of all ages, with hands-on activities, competitions, scientific equipment displays, tours of the bushland site, and the chance to test a water sample.

<https://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-science/events/stroud-field-station-open-day>

Western Sydney University Scholarships

Vice Chancellor's Leadership Scholarship and Aspire (Group A) applications close: January 2015

UWS Sports Scholarship (Group A) applications close: January 2015

Donor Funded Scholarship (Group B) applications close: January 2015

Western Sydney University awards a number of scholarships to recognize attributes including leadership, academic excellence, sporting achievement and community involvement, as well as a number of equity scholarships to support students.

http://www.uws.edu.au/informationforcareersadvisers/welcome/why_recommend_uws/scholarships

CQ University: Online Information Session

Tuesday 1st December, 3pm - 6pm (AEST) @ Online

This online information session allows students to have questions answered without attending an information session in person.

https://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar/event-items/graduation/cqu-online-information-session2?SQ_CALENDAR_DATE=2015-12-01

Western Sydney University: HSC Study Sessions

Mon 21st September – Tue 29th September, Campbelltown and Parramatta Campuses

Western Sydney University will be offering free HSC study sessions for students in year 12 in the upcoming September school holidays. These study sessions have been developed to help students maximise their academic performance in the HSC.

http://www.uws.edu.au/hsc_study_sessions

Country Education Foundation of Australia: 2016 Tertiary Scholarships Guide

A comprehensive list of tertiary scholarships developed for rural and regional students. The CEF Guide includes a wide variety of scholarships which range from a \$500 textbook or accommodation grant up to \$50,000 per year for education and living costs.

<https://cef.org.au/students/scholarships/>

TAFE & Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships Plus

Apprenticeships Plus match prospective mechanic apprentices with the best mechanic career options in NSW. They regularly have apprenticeships/traineeships available in the following areas:

- Light Vehicle
- Heavy Vehicle
- Motor Cycle
- Paint & Panel
- Marine
- Auto Electrical
- Car Detailing

<http://www.mtaplus.com.au/>

The NSW Department of Justice Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander School Based Traineeships

Applications close: Fri 9th October

The NSW Department of Justice is offering school based traineeships commencing in 2015 for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students studying for the HSC entering year 11 in 2016. Students will gain a nationally accredited qualification as well as technical, personal and organizational skills required for some roles in administration and customer service areas.

Contact: 8688 7325 or mark_wenbergs@justice.nsw.gov.au

Sydney TAFE: Apprenticeship Days

Tue 10th November, 1.00pm – 7.00pm, Sydney TAFE, Gymea Campus, Cnr of Hotham Rd and the Kingsway

Thu 12th November, 1.00pm – 7.00pm, Sydney TAFE, Ultimo College, Jones Street Mall, Ultimo

An opportunity to speak to staff, graduates, employers and current students. Information sessions, demonstrations and tours will be held throughout the day.

Gymea: <http://sydneytafe.edu.au/newsevents/events/sydney-tafe-apprenticeship-day-gymea>

Ultimo: <http://sydneytafe.edu.au/newsevents/events/sydney-tafe-apprenticeship-day-ultimo>

Western Sydney Institute: Career Readiness Program

Mon 21st September – Fri 25th September, Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park

Cost: \$375 - \$450

A program for Year 9 and 10 students interested in a career with animals and the environment to learn more about a career path across the equine, agriculture, horticulture or animal care industries.

Contact: Nicole Pearce on 9208 7071 or careerreadiness.wsi@tafensw.edu.au

<http://wsi.tafensw.edu.au/courses-and-careers/special-promotions/24440/>

Academy of Music and Performing Arts: Scholarship Showdown

Entries close: Mon 26th October

An opportunity to win a full scholarship for an Undergraduate degree worth \$50,000.

Musicians are required to submit two videos of two varied music performances. These can be in any genre and should showcase the applicant's ability and personality.

Dancers are required to submit a video of a choreographed solo 'Dance'. The piece should 3 – 5 minutes in length and may be in the genre of the applicant's choice. Dancers are also required to submit a second video explaining their piece and why they would like to study dance at tertiary level.

<http://www.ampa.edu.au/index.php/scholarship-application>

Top Education Institute: Law Bonus Points Scheme

Top Education Institute recognizes and rewards outstanding performance in the HSC by awarding up to 20 subject bonus points. Bonus points are awarded automatically to qualified students.

To view the points available, visit:

<http://www.top.edu.au/school-of-law/bonus-points-scheme>

William Blue College of Hospitality Management: HSC Revision Workshop

Fri 2nd October, 9.30am – 3.00pm, 1-5 Hickson Rd, The Rocks

Hear from top industry lecturers, go over the curriculum, ask questions, and go over trouble areas in detail.

Contact: 1300 851 23 or enquiries@williamblue.edu.au

<http://www.williamblue.edu.au/about-william-blue/upcoming-events/hsc-revision-workshop>

Macleay College: Evening Classes Available from February 2016

From February 2016 Macleay College will offer evening classes four nights a week from 6.00pm – 9.00pm. Evening classes will be available for all Diploma and Bachelor courses at both the Sydney and Melbourne campuses. Students who enroll into the evening course will study two nights a week during the trimester period.

<https://macleay.edu.au/news/evening-classes-available-from-february-2016>

Parenting *ideas*

INSIGHTS

Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Michael Grose

How to raise a child to be a giver

Michael Grose highlights why it is so important to teach your child to be a giver not a taker, and gives five practical ways to develop a sense of generosity in kids.

Young children are egocentric by nature. As any three-year old knows only too well the world revolves around them. "I want..." "Give me..." "It's mine!" and other variations are the mantras for this age group. This self-centredness is developmental, which means its something they grow out of...or they're supposed to.

But some kids never bridge the gap from self-centredness to generosity. They become takers with an inflated sense of entitlement rather than givers who do all they can to accommodate the needs of others. While it can be argued that some children maybe self-centred by temperament I'm not convinced that we can blame Mother Nature entirely. There is no doubt that parenting impacts enormously on a child's propensity to give rather than take.

In the eagerness to get kids off to a good start in life, a spirit of generosity is one quality that parents can easily overlook. Developing children's personal competencies tends to be higher on most parents' wish lists for their kids than developing a generous spirit.

But developing a sense of sharing in kids has plenty of positives. Children who are able to share their time, their space and themselves generally have more friends and experience more success than those who are self-centred and mean-spirited. Quite simply, they are leadership material!

Like most facets of child rearing developing a community ethos in kids can be a frustrating task but perseverance, modeling and expectations are parents' greatest allies when it comes to things that really matter.

Here are five practical ways to develop a sense of generosity in kids:

1 **Expect kids to help**

With families shrinking, kids get fewer opportunities to help at home than before. With this in mind expect your kids to help without being paid. Regular chores and activities that benefit others such as setting the meal table or helping a younger sibling get dressed teaches them that their contribution is valuable and very much required.

2 **Think 'gang'**

It's a quirk of modern life that parenting is an individual endeavour. "What's in the best interest of my child?" has replaced "What's in the best interest of the family?" as a key parenting principle. Encourage children to make allowances for each other which may mean everyone watches a sibling's special concert rather than some children missing it because 'it's boring!' 'We put ourselves out for each other' is a wonderful family strength that often needs to be reinforced by parents.

3 **Don't let them get away with meanness**

Children wear L-Plates when it comes to behaving generously. They don't always get it right, which means that parents as the wise adults need to remind children when their words and actions are intolerant or mean-spirited, or when they need to put their own needs behind the needs of others.

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4 Develop a sense of other

Children and teenagers don't live in a bubble. The socialisation process demands that kids be accountable for their poor behaviours. "What does this social situation reasonably require of my child at his or her age and stage of development?" is a great question to ask yourself to develop a sense of other, rather than entitlement in kids.

5 Encourage giving

During the Victorian bushfires a few years ago I heard the story of a nine-year old whose mum went into his bedroom to growl at him for being up too late. She found him busy emptying his moneybox into little plastic bags, ready to donate at the school bushfire appeal next day. There were plenty of stories like this showing the generosity of Australian kids, we just need to encourage them in everyday life, rather than wait for a tragedy, to give their generosity a kick start. You can begin by encouraging them to give toys, books and clothes away when they have finished with them, or doing a good deed by a neighbor or friend.

The skills that kids need for future success are changing as technology, greater flexibility and mobility, and new economic forces are transforming workplaces at an astonishingly rapid rate. But the basic attitudes and character traits needed to succeed such as teamwork, initiative and generosity haven't changed too much over time. Ask any employer and I'm sure they'd say they'd hire a giver over a taker any day as they are just so valuable to have on a team. Hopefully they are not becoming a rarity as well!

Michael Grose



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