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Term 3 Week 6B

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

Administration Office and Staffroom Refurbishment

Last Friday the builders handed back the buildings marking the completion of the refurbishment of the office and staffroom. The many months of inconvenience during the construction phase has certainly been well worth it. Students, parents and visitors have a very modern facility to attend to their needs. The staff now have a very modern and functional space to prepare lessons and to collaborate on school matters, all with the focus of providing improved learning outcomes and opportunities for the students.

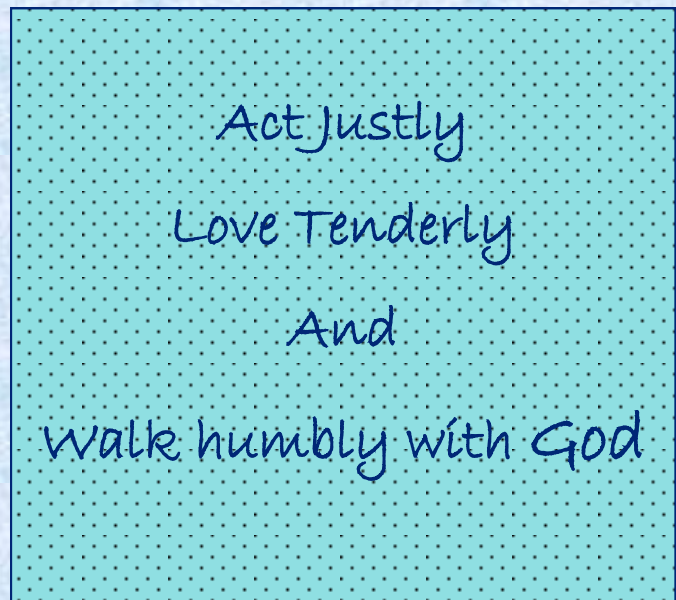
The school is still waiting for further approvals for the carpark to be extended. As soon as this work is completed, the school will be able to complete the landscaping works around the new buildings and student playground areas. In the coming months planning will begin on the refurbishment of classrooms and student facilities.

Principal's Professional Renewal Leave

As previously communicated to parents at the last Parents and Friends' Association Meeting, I will be undertaking a period of Principal's Professional Renewal Leave commencing on Monday 24 August and concluding on Friday 30 October, 2015. I am taking the opportunity to participate in an international leadership conference, visit schools in other systems as well as having a period of spiritual renewal.

During my absence Mr Neil McCann will take on the role of Relieving Principal. Mr McCann is currently working as a Project Officer at the Catholic Education Office, Wollongong. Immediately prior to this role, Mr McCann had spent seven years as Principal of St John the Evangelist Catholic High School, Nowra. I am sure that the St Joseph's community will make Mr McCann feel very welcome.

Mr John Barrington
Principal





Year 12 have returned from their Trial exams and now for the most part can concentrate on addressing the issues within their courses that need work as they move towards the HSC examinations. This is a critical time for Year 12, now that ranks and final marks have been finalised. To improve their overall results it is in

their best interests to support each other as the gains of every student will have a positive effect so that all students can make significant gains in their overall achievement.

Our Year 11 students are preparing for their end of Preliminary Examinations. This can be challenging as it is their first attempt at a whole course examination. Year 11 have been encouraged to prepare the best they can so they can evaluate the techniques employed and refine them for the HSC year. Avoiding procrastination, completing regular revision in the weeks leading up to the exams and not leaving it to the days just before is a proven technique that assists achievement.

Years 7-10 are busily working through the course work that has a range of informal and formal assessment activities taking place in lessons. For each student it is important to understand that learning is an ongoing process and it can be enhanced within each lesson they undertake. The learning statements that are used on reports come from the demonstration of skill within all of the classroom activities.

Finally, please check assessment schedules for upcoming tasks to avoid not submitting work on time and make sure that every lesson counts!

I encourage all of our students to continue working at their highest levels.

Mr Paul Hughes, Curriculum Coordinator



Year 12 Year Meeting

At our Year meeting this week we had two guests from UOW. Students who are interested in Early Entry and UOW College benefited from our guests address. Thanks to representatives from UOW for attending our meeting. Other items of discussion were: "Kindy Photos" and end of year gifts to teachers and the school. As well as this we addressed lateness to school and continuing to strive for your best.

Year 12 Picnic

Payments are now closed for our Picnic Day at Taronga Zoo. The students who did not opt to enjoy the day at the Zoo are required to be at school for private study.

Late Arrival to School

Students who are constantly late to school can expect phone calls home to parents. All students are required at school everyday making the most of opportunities in the last few weeks. All teachers have a schedule of study to follow in each Year 12 class.

References

Students have been asked to fill in a blue form in preparation for their school reference. Forms are available from Mrs Kennedy or Mrs Corradini and are due at the very latest by next Wednesday 26th August.

Mrs Sue Kennedy, Year 12 Coordinator

Year 11 Work Experience—Urgent Attention Required!

Parents are reminded that all Work Experienced Placement Forms should now have been given to Mrs Kennedy. During Week 7, a meeting of all students in Year 11 will be held with final details about their week coming up in October from 12-16th, 2015.

If your child has not submitted work experience information, please assist them to do so as a matter of urgency.

School Fees

The last instalment of school fees is due Friday 4th September. If you are paying by the three instalments, please make payment by the due date. Your prompt attention is appreciated.

Mrs Cathy Bagnall, SSO Finance

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2015 St Joseph's ScienceExpo—Thursday 20th August

To enter this year's ScienceExpo follow these simple steps!

1. Decide if you are entering a science project on a board; entering a project on a Scientist of your choice; entering Fast Science (iMovie 60 seconds) or entering Science Master Chef!
2. View the SJCHS 2015 ScienceExpo categories information sheet attached to the email sent to all students on Tuesday 28th July. Read the details carefully. If you don't satisfy the criteria, you may not be eligible for a prize.
3. Click [here](#) to access the website and complete the online entry form. Make sure you follow all instructions.



Remember - you don't have to 'get science' to get involved! From the Science Team!

Uniform Shop News!

Fittings for Year 11, 2016 will take place in the first 4 weeks of Term 4, on Monday and Thursday during normal trading hours. Bookings are essential by calling the school office. A reminder also that there is a limited number of Size 14 Junior Boys Long Trousers now available from the Uniform Shop.

Uniform Shop Helper
27th August - Karen Edwards



!Reminder!

Keep collecting your stickers and don't forget to submit your Woolworths Earn and Learn Sticker sheets @ the School Library or while your at Woolworths Albion Park!

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

- 2nd Sept - School Induction Ceremony for 2016 School Captains and SRC**
- 9th Sept - Final Preliminary Exams**
- 16th Sept - Year 12 Graduation Mass and Presentation Night**
- 18th Sept - Year 12 Final Assembly Last day Term 3**
- 6th Oct - Staff Development Day**
- 12th Oct - Year 11 Work Experience**
- 20th Oct - Year 7 Vaccinations**
- 21st Oct - Senior Retreat & Year 9 Camp**

Year 10 News

Imagine living overseas attending a local high school, staying with a host family and living like a local. This is what I will be doing for the next 5 months; living as an exchange student in Ontario, Canada. I have been looking forward to doing this for years! Being able to experience a new culture, meet new people and make unforgettable memories. (Thanks Mum and Dad for paying).

There are going to be many ups and downs ahead. Being away for Christmas and New Year are certainly some downs but there are going to be so many positives like experiencing homecoming, Halloween, Thanksgiving, a white Christmas and of course the locker filled hallways and catching the big yellow bus!

I decided to travel with Student Exchange Australia New Zealand, as they were very friendly and offered exactly what I wanted. They have been supportive with my preparation and organisation of my trip and both my family and myself are happy with their services. The staff at St Joseph's have also been very helpful and supportive of my travels. I was worried about missing the end of Year 10 and how this would affect my senior studies, but they have helped me with everything that needed to be done and made sure things will be perfect when I come back next year and start Year 11.

Being an exchange student is a challenging, rewarding and fun experience. You're not a tourist or a guest. You're actually living in your host country as a member of the community. If you are passionate about traveling and being immersed in a new culture or language, I suggest looking into being an exchange student. Click [here](#) for further information.

Madelyn Burns, Year 10.....See you all next year!



World Cup Tournament Update

There has been no change to the leaderboard for the World Cup for school sport this week. Brazil is still in the lead on 182 points with Spain 31 points behind in 2nd place. This equates to only two wins so it is still a close competition. Japan is in 3rd place with Tonga very close behind. Come on Latvia, you are still in it!!

The leaderboard is as follows after Week 5 which includes results from Year 7 and 8 Touch Football and Year 9 AFL.

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| Brazil | 1st | 182 points |
| Spain | 2nd | 151 points |
| Japan | 3rd | 145 points |
| Tonga | 4th | 125 points |
| Greece | 5th | 122 points |
| Latvia | 6th | 107 points |

Good Luck!!

Good luck to the St Joseph's Athletics team competing at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival at Campbelltown this Friday 21st August. Thank you to the students who are competing in additional events due to students withdrawing from the team. Please be advised that the estimated time of arrival back at school on this day is 4pm. Students are asked to report to Mrs Linsley upon arrival at the track, prior to their event and afterwards to have their results recorded.

Congratulations to Ben Lavender of Year 7 who has been selected in the Cricket NSW Male Under 13-16 Academy Squad!

Stars of the Month for July

Ruby Sawtell (Year 7) and Danielle Vasquez (Year 10)

Ruby won the U13's school Cross Country and went on to finish 3rd at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival. She placed 10th at the NSWCCC Championships gaining selection in the NSWCCC team. At the All Schools Cross Country championships, Ruby finished a credible 93rd place out of 193 competitors, suffering from an injured heel throughout the race. We are really proud of Ruby's achievements and congratulate her on receiving the Junior Sports Star of the Month Award for July.

Danielle is an extremely talented Golfer. Back in Term 1 she won the Jack Newton Junior Golf Tournament. This tournament was conducted over 5 days and held across five different courses which is a true test for all players in different conditions and under physical and mental fatigue. Danielle strolled to victory by 8 shots in the Girls Championships finishing with a personal best round of four under par (71). Danielle then went on to represent NSW at the Australian Junior Championships in South Australia. She gained selection in the NSWCCC Southern NSW Golf Team. She placed 2nd in the NSWCCC and 4th overall at the NSW All School Golf Strokeplay Championships. She represented NSWCCC at the NSW All Schools Trials and was selected in the NSW Combined High Schools State Team. Danielle performed extremely well at the School Sport Australia Golf championships in Canberra last week. The Girls NSW Team won the championship with Danielle winning all of her matches against the girls from the other states. We are very proud of your efforts and outstanding achievements Danielle!





Munday

It has been great to see many senior students continuing to avail themselves of the opportunity to further their study and refine their skills each Monday afternoon, after school. Even throughout the trial exam period, students gathered together in the library filling the whiteboards with Maths formulas and literacy techniques in preparation for exams. Many thanks to Mrs Stewardson, Miss Gazzola and Mrs Williams for giving up their time each Monday afternoon to support our senior students. Also, a huge thank you to Mrs Stewardson for the endless number of hours she devoted to our students over the Trial Examination period, in providing them with extra tuition in Mathematics.

South Coast Public Speaking Competition

Next week a bright, talented and very brave group of students from our school will participate in the annual South Coast Public Speaking Competition, to be held in preparation for Book Week, at Holy Spirit College. We wish the following competitors all the very best and we are sure that they will proudly represent their families and our community. Best of luck to *Simon Berto, Jessica Raftery, Abbey Quintal, Bailey Ryan, Tamiaka Garcia, Anthony Gay and Josie Hallam.*

Book Week - Saturday 22 August to Friday 28 August

This year the Children's Book Council of Australia celebrates its 70th Anniversary and the book week theme is "Books Light Up Our World". In preparation for book week, the library in conjunction with the English Faculty, is holding a competition to promote, encourage and embrace a love of reading amongst our school community. There are two aspects to the competition, a visual and a written component.

Written- Write a speech based on the topic: "Books Light Up Our World". Your speech may be up to 1000 words in length.

Visual - Devise a new front cover for one of the books shortlisted for this year's CBCA Awards. You may use any format you choose - "Pages" on your iPad or traditional colouring pencils and paper!



Students may enter either or both categories and we have great prizes on offer to students from each year group. Please speak with your English teacher for more information. Entries close Friday 21 August, 2015.

A huge thank you to Mrs Vlaski and her Year 7 English Class for the wonderful entries that we have received so far. Come into the library and see them on the screen above our 2015 Children's Book Council display!

Can Saver Plus assist you with high school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Lindi Jamieson-Brown, your local Saver Plus Worker: (02) 4254 4505 / 0427 439 234 or lindi.jamieson-brown@thesmithfamily.com.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in Illawarra and Wollongong by The Smith Family. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

Canteen Roster 2015

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| 24th Aug | Leanne Greathead, Lara Podolski, Nerrisa Hartley |
| 25th Aug | Vickie Austin, Marina Chang, Kellie Brown, Rachel Parkes |
| 26th Aug | Kellie Mundt, Rachael Woolfe |
| 27th Aug | Christine Brown, Leisa Smith, Lorraine Grimson |
| 28th Aug | Amanda Walker, Nicki Collingburn |



UTS Engineering Bonus Points Questionnaire

Questionnaire closes Friday 11th December

Students applying to a UTS Engineering degree could be eligible for up to 5 bonus points by completing the UTS Engineering Year 12 Bonus Points Questionnaire. Early round offers will also be made on the basis of this questionnaire.

<http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/engineering/essential-information/year-12-bonus-scheme-questionnaire>

Sydney Conservatorium of Music Open Day

Saturday 29th August, Macquarie Street, Sydney.

Receive one-on-one advice, attend a lecture or masterclass, and bring an instrument to participate in the wind symphony and choir performances.

Contact: 1800 793 864

Charles Sturt University Pathways Options

Charles Sturt University has a range of pathway options for students wishing to gain entry into the university. This publication outlines these pathways.

http://www.csu.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0020/15365/F4077-CSU-PLUS-Pathways-FINAL-SCREEN.pdf

UNSW High School Scholarships Now Open

Scholarships for high school students are now open and close Wednesday 30th September, to access scholarships use the following search tool.

https://scholarships.online.unsw.edu.au/scholarship/sc_search.login

UAC Educational Access Schemes

Most of UAC's participating institutions have Educational Access Schemes (EAS) to help students who have experienced long-term educational disadvantage to gain admission to tertiary study. To be eligible for EAS consideration, student educational performance must have been seriously affected for a period of at least six months during Year 11 and/or 12 or equivalent, due to circumstances beyond their control and choosing.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/eas/>

UWS Get Ready for Study and Work: Student Workbooks and Parents Guide

Booklets which provide information, contacts and activities to help students make a successful transition from school into tertiary study, work or post school activities. The website has a number of booklets with individualised versions available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, as well as parents.

<http://pubsites.uws.edu.au/ndco/get-ready%20NDCO/index.htm>

JB Fairfax Award for Rural Journalism

Applications close Wednesday 30th September.

Prospective university students looking to enroll in a degree relevant to rural affairs and who possess a passion for rural journalism are encouraged to apply. The award includes a scholarship of \$10,000 and practical work experience with the winning article to be published in a major rural publication. <http://www.rasnsw.com.au/JP-Fairfax-Award-for-Rural-Journalism.htm>

TAFE & Apprenticeships

McDonald Jones Homes Brick Laying Apprenticeships

McDonald Jones Homes currently have two Brick Laying apprenticeships available. Apprentices will be required on sites around Western Sydney and South Western Sydney. It is advantageous if applicants have a current driver's license and their own transport, however this is not a necessity.

Contact: Gary Rudnick from HIA on 02 9978 3333

<http://mcdonaldjoneshomes.com.au/about/careers>

McDonald Jones Holmes Cadetships

The Cadetship program enables participants to work within different departments in the company including Sales, Customer Service, Sales Estimating and Production Estimating, while also completing a Certificate III in Business and a Certificate IV in Building and Construction (Estimating). Applications are open to those who will be completing the HSC this year, or have completed their HSC within the last two years. Contact: Mark Maguire on (02) 4918 2645

<http://mcdonaldjoneshomes.com.au/about/careers>

Raffles College of Design & Commerce: 8 Scholarships offered for 2016

Applications close Friday 6th November.

Applications are open to all current Year 12 Australian high school students for 2016.

Scholarship awards are based on outstanding creative abilities. One full-fee and one half-fee scholarship is available for the Bachelor of Design, Bachelor of Arts (Visual Communication), Bachelor of Accountancy and Bachelor of Commerce. Contact: jaimiwalker@raffles.edu.au

<http://www.raffles.edu.au/apply-now/3-scholarships>

National Art School Open Day

Saturday 29th August, 10.00am – 4.00pm

Explore real working artist studios, take part in a range of interactive art workshops, attend information sessions and view the campus. <http://seeinspiration.nas.edu.au/#>

Whitehouse Institute of Design: 2016 Bachelor of Design Enrolments Now Open

The Bachelor of Design is an industry-facing multi-disciplinary program designed to develop students' design thinking and creative output within a range of specialisations.

To apply, prospective students are required to attach their most recent academic results and resume, prepare a creative portfolio, and attend an interview.

<http://www.whitehouse-design.edu.au/courses/bachelor-of-design>

Macleay College: New Bachelor of Advertising and Media Degree

Developed in consultation with key industry leaders, the new degree aims to be up-to-date with dynamic industry change and prepare graduates for careers in the areas of marketing, management, creative, social media, digital production, and media.

<https://macleay.edu.au/news/macleay-college-launches-new-bachelor-of-advertising-and-media-degree>

HSC in the Holidays: HSC September Workshops

Monday 21st September – Friday 2nd October, Macquarie University, UTS Broadway, UOW Wollongong, UOW Southern Sydney, University of Newcastle. Learn about the most effective way to prepare fully for the final HSC exams, clarify course content, and work through potential HSC questions in small groups and with expert teachers. Workshops are available in a number of HSC subjects. <https://hscintheholidays.com.au/2015-workshops/>