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Term 2 Week 4A

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

I am printing below for your information from two recent emails that I received : (i) the *Catholic Education Response to 2014-15 Federal Budget* prepared by the National Catholic Education Commission, and (ii) a request for support for *Vinnies Van Illawarra*.

Media Statement 13th May 2014 Catholic Education Response to 2014-15

The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) has expressed strong concerns with the Government's decision to use the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as the basis for school funding indexation after 2017.

Catholic education welcomes the funding certainty for Catholic schools confirmed in the 2014-15 Federal Budget through to the end of the 2017 school year. This funding certainty will help systems and schools to plan for the next three years and assist school and system leaders to focus on the learning needs of students.

In the context of the Government's priority to reduce spending in many policy areas and reduce the budget deficit, the commitment to fully fund the Australian Education Act arrangements from 2014 to 2017 for all schools in all states and territories is welcome.

However, based on recent experience, the school funding assumptions contained in the Federal Budget for 2018 and beyond will not meet the needs of schools and students.

In the last decade the CPI has averaged less than 3%. This contrasts with school funding increases reflecting real costs in schools of almost 5.5%.

NCEC Executive Director, Ross Fox, said that limiting the rate of school funding increases to the CPI will likely mean funding would not keep up with school costs.

"School funding must keep up with real school costs. For the last ten years CPI has been around half the rate of school cost increases including teacher salaries and access to technologies that support learning.

"Using CPI after 2017 is likely to increase school fees, and strain the needs-based funding approach of Catholic education," said Mr Fox. "If funding fails to keep pace with true costs, the fee increases needed to cover the shortfall could put a Catholic education out of reach for some families."

Catholic education welcomes the capital funding in the Budget for non-government schools. This is important funding that will help build new schools and expand school facilities in growing areas. The number of students in schools is projected to increase by more than 25 per cent in the next ten years. This growth in student numbers will present a huge challenge for all school sectors.

"Hundreds of new schools will be required for new students in the next decade and without additional capital funding it is difficult to see how school places will be found for all students."

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School funding arrangements for Catholic schools for 2018 and beyond will need careful consideration. The review of funding indexation scheduled to begin this year will be an important starting point. Funding arrangements for 2018 and beyond must provide certainty and sufficient funding to meet the true costs of delivering education across Australia.

“The NCEC will continue to work with the Government to achieve fair funding beyond 2017 that reflects the long-standing commitment to a needs-based funding approach and ensures funding keeps pace with real school costs.”

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About the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC)

There are currently 1,706 Catholic schools across Australia, educating almost 750,000 children every year. One out of every five school children attends a Catholic school.

Most Catholic schools (96 per cent) are systemic, with the Catholic education system being a significant education provider – for example, the Catholic Education Commission of New South Wales is the fourth largest education provider in Australia and the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria is the sixth largest.

In cooperation with Catholic education commissions and diocesan education offices NCEC seeks to make a significant contribution to national education policy development. This is achieved by:

- Working towards a national policy consensus between Catholic Education Commissions in all states and territories on issues of national significance, that best reflects contemporary Catholic teaching on the nature and purpose of education;
- Providing members of the Commonwealth Parliament and the Commonwealth bureaucracy with accurate and up-to-date information;
- ◆ Acting as an effective contributor to the national education policy debate; and
- ◆ Contributing to the public good in Australia by enhancing the quality of Australian education guided by the mission of the Catholic Church.

Vinnies Van Illawarra

Dear Colleagues,

My budget for 2013-2014 financial year is at its limit and I've only got a really small amount of money left until the end of June. A few volunteers suggested sending out an email regarding items we really need to get us to the end of June.

Things I really need are: Biscuits, Long Life Milk, Mayonnaise, Pickles, Tomato Sauce, Sugar, Vegemite, tins of tomatoes, corn, beans, peas etc that I can use to make soup with and packets of small pasta shapes, lentils, soup mix etc, Vegetable/Chicken/Beef stock packets and large tins of tuna or salmon.

Would you be able to help me with this please as I am under some pressure to bring the Van in on budget for the year.

Regards, Meredith Duncan

Coordinator Vinnies Van Illawarra

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John Barrington, Principal.



School Athletics Carnival

Our annual Athletics carnival will be held at John O'Dwyer Oval (Croome Sporting Complex) on Friday 6th June (Week 6). Due to issues with school buses we have had to change our program a little. Some of the changes include:

- The 1500m race will be run at 8:45am. Students wishing to enter this event are asked to make their own way to the track and be ready to race by 8:30am.

- Students wishing to participate in the triple jump event are asked where possible to arrive directly at the track. This event will be run between 9-10am.

- Students who can make their own way to and from the track are asked to do so and arrive by 9am.
- Students in Year 12 who can drive are asked to drive themselves to the track and arrive by 9am.
- Students who walk or get buses to school and are unable to get their own way to the track are asked to come to school as normal. Buses will shuttle students from school to the track from 8:50am. These students will then be shuttled by bus back to school from 2:15pm in time to get normal buses home.

Detailed information will be provided on the sport section of the school website next week once all arrangements have been finalised.

Netball – Students wishing to try out for school netball teams are reminded to complete the online nomination form that was emailed to them this week. Nominations close this Friday. Please see myself or Mrs Garbutt if there are any issues regarding this process.

Good Luck to our U/16 Girls Hockey team who travel to Lithgow this week to play in the NSWCCC Hockey Championships, to Kade Sampson who will attend the NSWCCC Rugby League Trials this week and to Jacob Lester and Kaelah Austin who travel to Coffs Harbour next week to represent Wollongong Diocese at the NSWCCC Football trials.

“Remember - Too much sport is never enough!!”

Brett Moran, Sports Coordinator.



Spotlight on Technology!!

Year 9 student Lara Alfiero was recently presented with an iTunes card on behalf of the CEO Spotlight on Technology Organising Committee for her graphic work on the website for the upcoming Spotlight on Technology at Wollongong CEO. Since the upcoming Expo in November is based on technology in education, Lara created the picture on her iPad with the Sketches App. Lara's work and more information on the upcoming website can be seen at the Expo website: <http://spotlight14.dow.catholic.edu.au>.



A big thankyou to *Felicity Abel, Brydie Stewart, Joseph Timpano and James Connelly* for their assistance at the St Paul's Parish "Biggest Morning Tea" on last Friday. As Father David said in a thank you email, "They were wonderful ambassadors for your school and they are to be commended on their behaviour and good work".



Sports Calendar 2014

Term 2

22nd/23rd May-NSWCCC Hockey Championships

29th May-NSWCCC Rugby League Cup (Opens) and Open & U/16 Girls Rugby 7's

3rd June-NSWCCC Touch Selection Trials

NSW All Schools Rugby League Knockout

5th June-Opens Rugby Union –Waratah Cup

6th June-School Athletics Carnival

12th June –U/16 Rugby Union

13th June-NSWCCC Cross Country

19th June-U/14 Boys and Girls Rugby 7's Gala Day

Canteen Roster 2014

26th May Antonella Adams, Nicole Norris, Patricia Zanatta, Helen Cheetham, Marina Chang, Mary Daly, Domecia Prince

27th May Joanne Glackin, Hilary Tavernese, Danelle McNeilly

28th May Pat Faye, Carmen Formosa, Romana Mete

29th May Christine Callaway, Christine Brown, Karen Thompson

30th May Mary Johnston, Nicole Roach, Rebecca Hill, Jennifer Nelson

Uniform Shop 2014

29th May Janelle James

Important Dates for your Diary

Monday 26th May-Year 11 VET Work Placement

Friday 30th May-P&F Trivia Night 6:30pm School Hall

Tuesday 3rd June-Year 7 and Year 9 Immunisations

Friday 6th June-School Athletics Carnival

Monday 16th June-School Photos

Tuesday 17th June—Year 11, 2015 Subject Information Evening

25th-28th June-School Musical 'Happy Days' @ the Roo Theatre

Friday 27th June– Last day Term 2!



SMS Absence Notifications

You can now notify us of your child's absence via SMS.

Once you receive the SMS from St Joseph's you just need to REPLY to that message with the reason for your child's absence and you will no longer need to send in a note. If you are not receiving SMS's and would like to, please email tanya.dipietro@dow.catholic.edu.au with your updated mobile number.

Year 11 and Year 12 Mundy Initiative

The Mundy Initiative is working well. Last Monday there were over 40 students who were either studying or being tutored in the Library or were attending Chemistry or Industrial Timber. Next Monday 26th May, the teachers who will be offering supervision and/or tutoring in English, Mathematics and Chemistry.

As well as the Monday afternoon study opportunity, there are also individual teachers and faculties offering extra tuition in their subject areas:

Physics every Monday morning from 8-9am.

Maths support for Extension 1 every Thursday and Friday morning before school.

The PDHPE Faculty run tuition every Wednesday at 8:15 till 9am.

Society and Culture class every Wednesday from 3:30-5pm. (Parents are welcome to sit in on this class)

Revision lessons every fortnight (Week B) on Wednesday morning at 8am for Biology students in Room 53 covering skills like how to answer HSC Biology questions and other tricky concepts from the syllabus.

Mathematics tutorial/lesson before school on Tuesdays each week at 8am in Room 1.

HSIE Staff and many other teachers hold tutorial groups in their subject areas at lunch times.

Students have many opportunities to augment their knowledge in every subject. We encourage students to talk to their teachers and take responsibility for their learning and development. If you have questions please email helen.sara@dow.catholic.edu.au.
Mrs Helen Sara, Year 12 Coordinator



Creative Arts News....

Last Friday night the Wollongong City Gallery opened the 2014 Art Express exhibition featuring exemplary works for HSC students last year. Two St Joseph's students were selected to show their Bodies of Work this year. *Chloe Seritti and Sam Miletich*. Sam photographed the rock platforms at Shellharbour and drew them up onto lino tiles. These carved lino blocks were then pushed into porcelain slabs which were then rolled and formed into conical shapes. The colours represent the edge of the rock platform where it joins the ocean. The forms are re-treated with ink and shellac. The forms are stood in an arc to suggest coastal coves.

Chloe's work is called "What the Water Gave me". It is a series of self portraits over time, using the symbols of objects from the water as she matures toward adulthood. In each image her relationship with water is explored culminating in the water becoming a metaphor for her flow into adult life. The works were done in graphite and coloured pencil on Stonehenge papers.



If you get a chance, visit the exhibition which runs from 17th May-13th July. Congratulations to Sam and Chloe.

Mrs Danielle Oliver, Visual Arts Teacher.

Vaccinations

The first round of school vaccinations will take place on Tuesday 3rd June (Wk 6). Vaccinations are scheduled as follows:

Yr 7 (Boys and Girls)

- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) **dose 1** (3 dose course)
- Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis booster vaccine (single dose)

Yr 9 (Boys only)

- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) **dose 1** (3 dose course)

Yr 8 (Boys and Girls)

- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) catch up – for those who missed last year

Each student eligible for a vaccine will receive a Parent Information Kit this week. It is recommended that parents read this information carefully and complete the **Consent Form (in blue or black pen only)**. This completed form is to be handed to the front office by Friday 30th May (Week 5). Further information regarding vaccinations and how to complete the consent form are attached to this newsletter and have also been emailed to all students.

Mr Brett Moran, Administration Coordinator

Careers!!!

University of Sydney Early Offer Year 12 (E12)

To be eligible to apply for E12 applicants need to be in Year 12, doing HSC and experiencing financial hardship. E12 applications open 6 August-12 September. If you require any additional information please contact Fabi Fugazza on 0286270123 or email fab.fugazza@sydney.edu.au.

UNSW

If you need help finding out more about opportunities at UNSW visit www.whatson.unsw.edu.au for a list of their Information Evenings.

Engineering & Technology Cadetship (ETCAD) Program

Applications are now open and close on June 13. For more information visit www.etcad.com.au.

University of Technology Bachelor of Accounting

Applications for the UTS BACC course will close Friday June 6. Visit www.bachelorofaccounting.com.

Apprenticeships & Traineeships Information Sessions

Improve your chances of getting an apprenticeship... Find out What employers want! Where do I find the jobs?... Strategies and Resources.... Hear from and talk to: Employers, Group Training Companies, TAFE and more. WHERE and WHEN -Tuesday 17th June 2014 Wollongong Master Builders Club 6pm- 7.30 pm and Wednesday 18th June 2014 The Shellharbour Club 6pm -7.30 pm. Bookings 0242252526 or email tracey@iswlp.org.au.

Wollongong City Council

Applications close May 23 for Traineeship in Business Administration and Civil Labourer. Call HVTC on 42717051.

Mechanical Engineering Apprenticeships in the machine shop at Mainteck, with the opportunity for development in both machining and fitting, through Mainteck's maintenance workshop. See Mrs Kennedy or Mr Milburn for appropriate forms if interested.

The Design Experience DesignEX @ Sydney Exhibition Centre Glebe Island May 28-30, 2014.

Visit Designex.info/getting there.

Raffles College of Design & Commerce

Courses in Graphic Design, Fashion Marketing, Fashion Design, Commerce, Digital Media, Accountancy and Photography. Course Information Evening June 11, 2014 6-7 pm

Also School Holiday workshops available so visit www.raffles.edu.au.

MIGAS Vacancies please log onto www.migas.com.au

Mrs Sue Kennedy
Careers Advisor

SRC News!!!

On Tuesday 27th May (the night before State of Origin) we are holding a special
"Social for "Little Joey's"

For those of you who are not aware of our commitment to St Joseph's
Charity School and Orphanage in Southern Vietnam.....

We have been supporting our namesake little school since 2006 and we have proudly provided education and food for some very needy orphans and little children. Without our help, which is again so desperately needed, these beautiful children would be living and trying to survive on the streets. We are BIG JOEY'S to their LITTLE JOEY'S and we have been very proud to support them over the years.

You can help support them by coming to the social next Tuesday.

The theme for Tuesday's Social is "Being part of a TEAM"

You can come dressed up with friends as part of any team—sporting, from a movie/TV Show, popular characters, part of a music group or band, a work group- whatever you can think of!

Cost is \$6 and the Canteen will be operating all night.

Please see Mrs Pitt in the
HSIE Staffroom if you know you will be arriving late.

Same rules apply.

- ◆ Parents are urged to bring and collect their children from the school hall or to arrange transport with other parents.
- ◆ Students will be required to be at the hall no later than 7.10pm and may not leave until the end of the dance unless collected by a parent. Students who will be late because of prior commitments should inform Mrs Pitt well in advance by supplying a note. Late students who have not informed Mrs Pitt will not be admitted unless accompanied by a parent.
- ◆ Only current students are permitted to attend.
- ◆ Smoking is not permitted. Any student who is suspected of consuming alcohol or illegal drugs will be denied entry. Parents will be contacted and asked to collect any such students.



Each year NSW Health offers the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2014 the following vaccines will be offered to students at St. Joseph's:

Year 7 students*

- dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough) as a single dose
- varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose; and
- human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months for male and female students (students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 but do not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school into Year 8)

Year 9 students*

- HPV vaccine in a 3-dose schedule, at 0, 2 and 6 months for male students only (catch up vaccination).

* The Parent Information Kits contain a consent form, information sheet and privacy statement that details how personal information will be collected, stored and utilised. Parent Information Kits will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form by ticking (✓) the vaccines they would like their child to receive
- return to their child's school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at:

www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible. Please note that for HPV vaccine only, parents/guardians must record their Medicare Number (all 10 digits and the 11th number beside the child's name) on the consent form, as this is required to record the student's information on the National HPV Vaccination Register and link to the National or State Cervical Screening Program.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at the clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination. It is important that students receive all 3 doses of the HPV vaccine to complete the course.

About the speakers



The Good Life - What Makes Life Worth Living?

Hugh Mackay is a renowned social researcher and author of over 14 books. He will specifically speak about his most recent book, "The Good Life" – What Makes a Life Worth Living?, which contains powerful insights for parents into what constitutes a "good" life. He defines a good life by our capacity for selflessness, the quality of our relationships and our willingness to live a life lived for others. He explores how we distract ourselves from this central principle through our pursuit of pleasure, our attempts to perfect ourselves and our children, and our conviction that we can have our lives under control.

Hugh is a high profile media personality and a highly engaging and inspirational public speaker who is gifted in articulating common sense wisdom in an easily accessible way. www.hughmackay.net.au

Catholic Education in the "real world" -



Being on Mission with Christ

Fr Richard Leonard SJ is a Jesuit priest, author and educator. As Director of the Australian Catholic Office for Film and Broadcasting for the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference,

he keeps abreast of current trends and thinking in the media. He is also a very accomplished theologian and it is this combination that helps him deliver a message to parents that is real, engaging and highly relevant in our times.

Fr Richard reinforces that Catholic Education is meant to change the world for the better. Our schools receive students and families from the real world and send our graduates into it to bear witness to live and proclaim our faith. What does the world look like to which they are sent? How does their Catholic education help them respond to this?

Parent Conference Saturday 19 July 2014

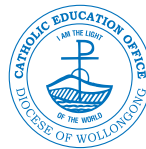
Chifley Hotel,
Harbour St, Wollongong
\$35 per person

The Chifley Hotel is located in Harbour St Wollongong adjacent to the Wollongong Entertainment Centre and WIN Stadium.

Directions can be found on the Chifley hotel website at <http://www.chifleyhotels.com.au/wollongong/chifley-hotel-wollongong/>

Parking is available at the Chifley at \$7 per car for the day. There is a public carpark across the road from the hotel with limited spaces, and two Wollongong City Council carparks (free on Saturdays) located close by in Stewart St and Burelli St East.

All conference information can be found at www.dow.catholic.edu.au/parentforum.htm
call 42530 993
or email parentforum@dow.catholic.edu.au



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How do our children find meaning in their life?

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS, WORKSHOPS, INFORMATION & MORE



All Parents & Carers Welcome



About the workshops

A *"I have come that you will have life and have it to the full."* – The Good News About Catholic Social Teaching

If a good life is a life lived for others, how is this notion of the 'good life' expressed through Catholic Social Teaching? This workshop will explore the question, "What does Catholic Social Teaching have to say about a life lived for others and how is this imparted to our children at school?"

B *Treat other people as you would like to be treated - antibullying and cybersafety*

This workshop will give parents practical strategies to encourage children in the responsible and ethical use of technology, as well as how to be an empathetic and proactive witness to bullying behaviours.

C *21st Century Learning in the Australian Curriculum*

This workshop will provide parents with insight into the new NSW Syllabuses for the Australian Curriculum and how it assists children to develop an understanding of contemporary issues.

D *How can parents support the social and emotional wellbeing of their child?*

This workshop will introduce parents to strategies that support the social and emotional well-being of their child or adolescent. The workshop will look at contemporary theory in the area of child and adolescent development and will provide parents with practical strategies to foster resilience, develop positive coping skills, and build optimism, confidence and gratitude in children and young people.

Further information on the workshops can be found at www.dow.catholic.edu.au/parentforum.htm

Schedule

8:30 -9:00am	Registration Tea and Coffee available
9:00 -9:30am	Prayer and Welcome Opening address Peter Turner, Director of Schools, Diocese of Wollongong
9:30 -11:00am	Keynote Speaker Hugh Mackay <i>The Good Life – What Makes a Life Worth Living?</i>
11:00 -11:30am	Morning tea
11:30 -12:15pm	Workshop 1
12:15 -1:00pm	Workshop 2
1:00 - 1:30pm	Lunch
1:30 - 2:30pm	Keynote Speaker Fr Richard Leonard SJ Catholic Education in the <i>real world</i>
2:30 – 3.00pm	Closing prayer and thanks

The 2014 Parent Conference is an opportunity to acknowledge, support and celebrate parent involvement in education. It allows parents and educators access to high profile speakers on issues relevant to families today as well as to understand in more detail some of the initiatives happening in our Catholic schools.



Registration

Registration closes Friday 4 July 2014

1. Register online

Go to <http://www.trybooking.com/84228> for electronic registration and payment

OR

2. By mail

Fill in the form below and forward with payment to:

Diocese of Wollongong Parent Forum
Attention Rebecca Hill
LMB 8802
Wollongong NSW 2500

Name: _____

Phone or Mobile: _____

Email: _____

School: _____

School Suburb: _____

Cheque (payable to Catholic Education Office)- ATTACH OR

Charge my Credit card

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Please nominate your preferred 2 workshops:
(each workshop will be repeated)

Workshop 1 A B C D
Please tick

Workshop 2 A B C D
Please tick