



## ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Term 3 Week 7A

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

The formal academic lessons for Year 12 students are quickly coming to a close with their final day of lessons scheduled for Tuesday 16th September, 2014. All students have received their Trial HSC Examination Results, with many students compiling and submitting Early Entry University Applications or their UAC preferences.

These final stages of secondary education can be an unsettling time for some students as life beyond school may appear uncertain. The following pass by Thomas Merton (1915-1968) is a wonderful prayer to help keep the future in perspective.

### *Thoughts in Solitude*

*"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."*

Mr John Barrington  
Principal



### Relay for Life 2014

Join the fight against Cancer and walk in the St Joseph's Relay For Life Team. Relay is an opportunity to raise important funds for the Cancer Council whilst remembering loved ones who have passed away from cancer. Walk by showing your support for people who have cancer and celebrate survivorship.

**When:** 20th and 21st September (Walk for an hour during this time)

**Where:** Kerryn McCann Athletics Centre Beaton Park, Wollongong.

**How to Register:** Go to the St Joey's Team Page  
[http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR/RelayforLife/CCNSW?team\\_id+7763&pg+team&fr\\_id=1842](http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR/RelayforLife/CCNSW?team_id+7763&pg+team&fr_id=1842).

Donations and messages of support can also be made at the above link. For more information, please contact Michelle Garbutt via the school office or email [michelle.garbutt@dow.catholic.edu.au](mailto:michelle.garbutt@dow.catholic.edu.au).

Mrs Michelle Garbutt.





**Pastoral Care**  
**Mrs Schibeci**

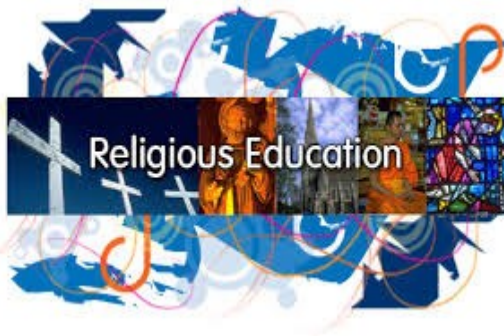
Yes, the world has changed, yes, our students sometimes have to navigate a minefield which is their adolescence and there are many things parents and educators are not sure about. One thing we are sure about is the power of resiliency.

In the boys group the other day, we had just watched segments of “Who Do You Think You Are”, and “Australian Stories” based on Adam Goodes and Ricky Ponting respectively. We talked about the fact that both of these men had challenges growing up and some young men have even more serious challenges. We discussed what makes some young men make it through to a decent life, while others fall by the wayside, slip into drugs, unemployment, dependence on welfare and, sadly, a life with no prospects or happiness. We settled on a few things including good family support, choosing our social circle carefully, looking for role models and that untouchable, special thing called resiliency.

I explained to the boys that resiliency is like a big muscle. As we go through some tough things and make it, we’re exercising it and we are getting it into tip top condition. Building resiliency in our children is as vital as vaccinating them. I may have published this article outlining resiliency robbers before, but it’s just so important and well worth a read, even if it’s again!  
*Mrs Megan Schibeci, Pastoral Care Coordinator*

### **Important Information regarding Year 11 Exams**

Year 11 Exams will commence on Wednesday 10th September (Week 9) and continue until the end of the term. The exam timetable will be distributed to students early Week 7. Students in Year 11 are required to attend school as normal on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th September. When exams commence on the Wednesday 10th, Year 11 students are only required to attend school when they have scheduled exams.



### **Year 8 Religion**

Year 8 students in Religion have been working very hard over the past few weeks on Part B of their Religious Literacy Assessment Task. Students have been given the task of examining what it meant to live as a Christian in the early Church. They have chosen a mode of presentation such as artwork, creative writing, music, dance, drama, film and eMedia to show their understanding of significant people, important events and how men and women in the early Church expressed their commitment and vision. Mr Comensoli and the Year 8 Religious Education teachers are looking forward to

collecting the presentations this week and marking the creative pieces of work. It has been wonderful to watch the students engage in this task, work independently during class time and deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Early Christian Communities Unit.  
*Mrs Garbutt, Year 8 Religion Teacher*



On Friday evening, 12th September, St Joseph’s Creative and Performing Arts Department will be holding our annual Year 9 and 10 Elective Music and Drama Performance Showcase. This showcase will be supported by a display of students artwork of students from Years 7-10. The showcase will be held at the Kiama Showground Pavilion and will highlight the amazing talent being demonstrated in our Creative and Performing Arts classrooms. More information will be coming out in next week’s newsletter. No charge. All are welcome.  
*Mr Michael Shanahan, Creative Arts Coordinator*

### **Student Exchange ~ HOST FAMILY NEEDED!!**

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is looking for a volunteer host family for a 17 year old Italian Boy who arrived in Albion Park in July 2014 and is currently attending St Joseph’s Catholic High School. He is interested in Music, Sport and learning about the Australian culture. Together with his new host family he would love to experience new activities and simply be part of his host family’s daily life.

We are looking for a family able to host him from the end of September until April 2015.  
If you can help, please phone Marg at the student Exchange Office 1300 135 331.



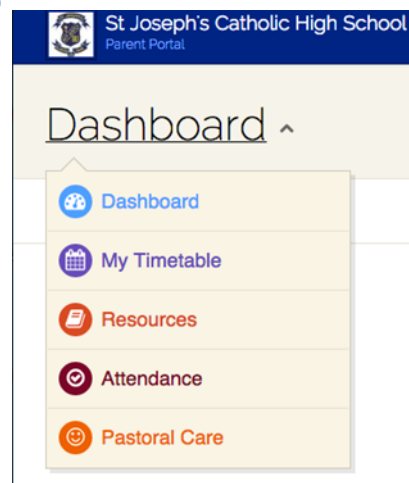
## Student and Parent Portal-RELEASE!!

We are pleased to inform parents that from Week 7 (25th August, 2014) students will be able to log into their Student Portal and parents will be able to register and log into our new St Joseph's Catholic High School Parent Portal. The portal will provide parents and students with a new level of customised access to school information for every family in our St Joseph's community. The features to be initially released for the Parent Portal will include:

- ◆ **Dashboard** for access to Student/Family Access Key to register, your child's timetable for the current day, the current School Newsletter and recently posted school notices.
- ◆ **My Timetable** to see your child's timetable and teachers for the fortnight cycle.
- ◆ **Resources** access to other school documents and archived Newsletters.
- ◆ **Attendance** to view an overview of your child's attendance record, including late arrival and early leave, explained, unexplained and exempt (excursions, sporting events organised by the school) and absences.
- ◆ **Pastoral Care** tallies of merits and demerits received by your child for each term.
- ◆ **School Interviews** online bookings for Parent Teacher Interviews to be added in Term 4.

In the student Portal, each student will have access to their daily timetable, daily notices, messages from teachers, their attendance record, merit and demerit tallies and other resources such as school documents relevant to their learning.

We trust that the student portal will enhance communication between teachers and students, and hope that as many parents as possible will register their access to the parent portal using your own family access key, to be provided to parents next week. A reminder that registration will be required in order to book your Parent Teacher Interviews at the end of Term 4. In the meantime, all parents are encouraged to register and login to view the current information that is available to assist you in monitoring your child's progress and attendance at school. More features will be released in due course. Should you have any questions regarding the use of the Student and Parent Portals next week, please feel free to contact me on 4230 8500.



*Mrs Deb Boughton, Learning Technologies Coordinator*

## Year 10 Food Technology– Food for Special Occasions

Our Year 10 Food Technology Class are currently studying a unit of work entitled "Food for Special Occasions". As a class we have been learning how food is an important component of many special occasions. As part of our skill development during practical lessons we have been learning about the importance of menu planning, resources including ingredients, equipment and skills as well as time management and workflow planning. During this term we have made a variety of recipes including finger sandwiches, tartlets and bruschetta but this week we prepared food that would be suitable for a child's birthday party. The menu included meat pies, chicken nuggets, potato wedges, rocky road, fairy bread and cinnamon scrolls. Safe to say that the entire class had a fun time making the menu and an even better time eating it.



*Montana Cook, Year 10 Food Technology*

# SPORT REPORT

## NSWCCC Basketball Championships

Last week the Junior Girl's Basketball team set their alarms very early to meet at school at 5:15am to head to Penrith for the NSWCCC Championships. The first game tipped off at 8am against MacKillop College, Bathurst. The girls tried their hardest, despite being half-asleep, but lost 22-51 to the team that went on to finish first in our pool. Player of the match went to Keeley Merceica for being everywhere on the court seemingly at once. The team started off really strong in our second game against Xavier High School, Albury. We

matched them basket for basket for the first 10 minutes. Unfortunately, the opposition had some experienced players and were too good for the Joeys girls who lost again. Players of the match went to Samantha McGlashan and Isabella Dallas for their constant hustle against much taller opposition.

In our third game for the day against John Paul College, Coffs Harbour, we were very determined to end the day with a win. The game started off close. The girls tried their hardest and had heaps of fun, but were outplayed by a more experienced opposition. Rachael Thompson and Nikita Harding were players of the match, being really tough rebounding and defending. However, this toughness resulted in Rachael badly injuring her elbow and a trip to hospital ruling her out of the rest of the tournament. The team then went back to our accommodation in cabins on the Nepean River. We had plenty of delicious dinner, thanks to Sarah Johnston's mum. Everyone was exhausted after a massive day and was asleep by the end of House Husbands!!

The next morning the girls were pumped for their first match against local rivals St Mary's who had also not won any games. The game was close throughout but, without Rachael, we struggled for height and eventually ran out of legs. Player of the match was Sarah Johnston for some beautiful shooting and rebounding. Jenna Irish and Gabrielle Jayme were the most improved players of the tournament. Although we did not win any games, the girls were wonderful sports on and off the court. They were courteous to the referees and the other teams and had beautiful manners at our accommodation. They were excellent representatives of St Joseph's and should be very proud to have even made the State Finals, competing against the best teams in the state. We will certainly be competitive at the upcoming Diocesan Gala Day.



A huge thanks to the P&F who generously funded the entire trip. This took a big financial burden off parents and allowed us to stay the night. We are very grateful for your generosity. Thanks also to Mrs James (Keeley's mum) who gave up her time to drive the girls up to Penrith, do bench duty, be manager and stay the night with us and Mrs Musgrave who organised the trip, trained the girls each week before school and battle illness and time away from her family for the two days.

## Term 3 School Sport

The inter-house competition continues during school sport with the recent wet weather halting the progress of some houses towards top position on the house point score! With two weeks remaining the point score has now gone behind

'closed doors'. The Champion House for 2014 will be announced at the school assembly in Week 9.



## Diocesan Volleyball Gala Day

In Week 5 our Boys and Girls Volleyball teams attended the Diocesan Volleyball Gala Day at Unanderra. The girls took to the court with a young team of mostly Year 10 students. The girls played with heart and had a good time. They did not manage to win any games, but hopefully learned a lot and will be better for the experience next year. The boys team had a good day for their first volleyball competition ever. By the end of the normal round they were in third position and went very close to beating Edmond Rice with a spirited come back, but just fell short of time. Heading into the 3 v 4 playoff the side had high hopes of beating Corpus Christie but were far too relaxed as the boys were enjoying themselves almost too much! We lost the first set badly, reclaimed the second but again fell short in the final set 9-15. Still a good effort on the day with the boys playing some great volleyball and most of all having a great time winning or losing. Reece O'Sullivan receives the award for best sportsmanship with the most fouls/freebies given to the opposition with his 'technically incorrect' digs!! I think maybe he took our motto 'Act Justly' a bit too far! Thanks to Mr Plattner and Mr Phipps for training the sides and taking them on the day.



**Congratulations** to *John Iafolla* who won the Northern Territory State Go Kart Titles in Junior National Heavy and Junior National Light in Darwin recently. He also won the South Australian State Titles in Junior National Heavy. John has now been classed as one of the highest achieving juniors with 6 title plates with plenty of racing left in the year!!

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

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## Attention Students who travel on Bus 15!!!

Due to the closure of Shone Avenue between Horsley Drive and West Dapto Road on 1st September, changes will apply to the morning and afternoon school services. Bus 15 will commence **15 minutes earlier (7:30am)** from West Dapto Road and Princes Hwy and proceed along West Dapto Road to Jersey Farm Road and return West Dapto Road to the Princes Hwy then along the Hwy turn right at Bong Bong Road then left into Shone Avenue and resume normal route. In the afternoon Bus 15 will leave school at the normal time and follow the normal route via West Dapto but instead of going along Shone Avenue, will return via Bong Bong Road to the Hwy at Dapto and turn left at the Hwy then left at West Dapto Road to Jersey Farm Road and return West Dapto Road to the Princes Hwy. If you have any questions or concerns with regard to this information, please contact Premier Illawarra directly on 4271 1322.

## Sports Calendar 2014

### Term 3

- 29th Aug-Diocesan Athletics Carnival
- 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)

## 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
- Friday 19th Sept-Year 12 Final Assembly
- Friday 19th Sept-Last Day Term 3

## Elevate Leaders Day at UOW

Five students represented the school last Thursday at this event. They learned valuable ideas and were inspired by the day. To *Brittany Ryan, Talin Kennedy, Davide Zanatta, Melanie Bletas and Damien Pulido*, well done and thanks for representing St Joseph's.





### Vinnies Winter Appeal 2014

The Vinnies Winter Appeal last days!!! Please keep bringing in your cans of soup, scarves, socks and knitted squares (12 x 12cms) for the Winter Appeal. Our collection is in it's final week. Thank you to all our school families who have supported this year's appeal.

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

*Please follow these procedures:*

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!!

\*\*Note: If your hard drive is not backing up, you need to bring it along with your laptop to the IT Office for assistance as soon as possible.  
*Mrs Boughton, Information Technologies Coordinator*



Pictured above is our Year 12 Hospitality Class who have just been given a 'Mystery Box' to work with for their practical lesson!

### Canteen Roster 2014

1st Sept	Karen Davies, Janelle Johnston, Norella O'Sullivan, Kim Power, Rebecca Subotic, Vanessa Schofield, Sharni Barton
2nd Sept	Joanne Glackin, Hilary Tavernese, Danelle McNeilly
3rd Sept	Pat Faye, Romana Meta, Carmen Formosa
4th Sept	Christine Callaway, Christine Brown, Karen Thompson
5th Sept	Mary Johnston, Nicole Roach, Rebecca Hill

### Uniform Shop 2014

1st Sept	Help Required
4th Sept	Janelle James

### Science Week and Expo

Visit [http://youtu.be/iTsHswfDR\\_U](http://youtu.be/iTsHswfDR_U) for a summary of some of the happenings on the day!!

One of the categories of the Science Expo is called Fast Science where students need to submit a 60 second movie about science. Visit the below address for a playlist of the winning entries of the Fast Science category.

<http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLoEdfN92SexIHiWe1q1fmd04LE25Cai9H>

What a great week!!



**UOW Reminder** that Early Admission closes this Friday at 5pm. Scholarship applications close Tuesday 30th September.

**UOW Women in Engineering Summit** 12-16th January, 2015. Girls doing well in Maths and Science in Year 10 should consider this. Go to UOW website to register or for more information.

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

**Apprenticeships 2015 HVTC** application close 3rd September, 2014. If you are interested in Engineering, Mechanical Fitting and Machining, Engineering Fabrication-Boilermaker or Electrotechnology-Electrician, apply online at [hvtc.com.au/jobs](http://hvtc.com.au/jobs).

**MIGAS Apprenticeships and Trainees** Visit their website at [www.migas.com.au](http://www.migas.com.au).

#### **Illawarra Trade Roadshow**

A couple of positions still exist if you are keen on attending this event. Please see Mrs Kennedy for permission notes and further details.

**UNSW Art & Design Open Day** 6th September, 2014.

#### **Attention Year 11**

This summer, UOW is expanding the Summer Master Class Program that previously offered the ARTS001 subject 'Belonging in the Community' and they are now offering five new subjects across all five UOW Faculties. Students starting Year 12 in Term 4 of this year are invited to apply. This subject will support their HSC marks, establish connections with Faculty staff and reward students with 6 unspecified credit points towards their UOW degree and will guarantee them an Early Admission Interview! Over 3 weeks in January 2015, students will be enrolled as a university student and will take part in lectures, tutorials and master classes. They will be supported by a current university student who will be assigned to a small group of students and will act as their mentor throughout the course. To apply for the Summer Master Class Course students will be required to complete an online application form from Monday 1st September at the Summer Master Class website.

#### **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 or returned your form by Friday 29th August, you put at risk the chance of participating in this program.

#### **Dapto Dominos Thanks to Marty McCloin**

A couple of weeks ago we sent out a call for help to any business owners that may be able to talk to Year 11 Business Studies students. Marty McCloin owner of Dapto Dominos came and spoke with our students and for that we offer our sincere thanks to Marty for his time, effort and experience. Marty also donated gift vouchers to the students as incentives. It is with pleasure that we announce that our first voucher will be presented to Katherine Siuchnicki. Katherine has entered the competition for Business Studies Plans offered by CPA Australia.

All Business Studies students are invited to enter. Well done and thanks again Marty!

#### **Zoo Careers Day**

Fifty students travelled to Taronga Zoo last Wednesday for an informative day. The students found out about careers relating to the Zoo. All returned to school with fond memories and inspiration for the future. Thanks to Miss Jansen and Mrs Gregory for accompanying the students.

#### **Conversation with Stephen Jones**

Last Wednesday *Jonathan Pica, Kyle Waples and Erin Levy* represented the school at Dapto Ribbonwood Centre. The students were commenting on issues which affect youth. All returned saying how much they enjoyed the day.

