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News Sheet

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Principal's Honour Award 2008

Congratulations to
Bernard Tsang
recipient of the
2008 Principal's Honour Award
presented at the final College Assembly
for 2008, Friday 12 December.

Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Supporters of St Joseph's College,

Welcome back to the gathering of our community called St Joseph's College as we commence the academic year for 2009! As the calendar clicked over to 29 January on Thursday morning, students put on their uniforms, came to school and cheerfully began the new things required of them for this new year.

We shall adopt the theme 'Doing whatever it takes' as an inspiring thought for 2009, encouraging us to take responsibility to persist in what we do until we see the change we desire. More to follow.

College staff have been busy ensuring the brightest start to the year for learning to take place. Debra Dawson and her parent and students volunteers have been equipping our students in their finery; the College library team have been active getting endless resources ready. Commissioned in our opening mass, College staff began a round of preparatory meetings and spent a day sharpening the Information and Communication Learning Technologies skills so that we might successfully enhance our teaching practices with more powerful resources. My thanks here to Craig Heufel, our ICLT Coordinator and the ICLT team from the Lismore Catholic Education Office who organised and delivered the workshops.

Welcome to new staff, and to those taking up new positions:

- Natalie Bryett joins us as Curriculum Coordinator – Teaching and Learning, and teaches in the RE and TAS Faculties.
- Jeremy Lovejoy teaching in the Mathematics faculty.
- Michelle Delaney also teaching in the Mathematics faculty.
- Amy Nugent returning from maternity leave and teaching in the Science faculty.

As I told students on Thursday, I had the best Christmas holidays ever, not because of what my family did, but because of the great sense of excitement I was experiencing at coming to join St Joseph's College. In my first few brief days, I have found a deeply caring community, seriously committed to doing whatever it takes to help shape students for their future.

More news to share: Nicole Taylor had a baby boy, Byron and Serena Rose had a baby girl, Laura. We share the joy of new life with these two members of staff, and wish them a rich time together.

Congratulations to our seniors of 2008 who achieved quality results. Of significance was the improvement and upward movement through the bands for students, with some particularly outstanding results achieved in the Mathematics department. Well done to staff and

students, and I trust students have been given an excellent foundation upon which to commence the next phase of your lives.

Over time I wish to meet all our families and welcome the opportunity to say hello in whatever way presents. Can I suggest coming to Sunday night Youth Mass at the College may be a great way to say hello over a cuppa.

I wish all our families good courage to do what it takes, wisdom to find a way forward and persistence to keep on going through the dry patches, imbued with the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Best wishes and God bless,

*Mr Alain Sauvage
Principal*

DEPUTY'S NOTICES

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

Week	Date	Event
1	Thursday 29 January	School Begins Years 7-12
3	Thursday 12 February	Commencement Mass
4	Wednesday 18 February	College Photo Day
	Thurs 19 & Fri 20 March	Year 12 Visual Arts Excursion
5	Wednesday 25 February	Ash Wednesday
	Thursday 26 February	Year 12 University Showcase
	Friday 27 February	College Swimming Carnival
6	Mon 2 to Fri 6 March	Year 12 Retail & Hospitality Work Placement
	Tuesday 3 March	Year 10 S/Certificate Information Evening
7	Tuesday 10 March	Year 11 Parent/Student Information Evening
	Wednesday 11 March	Diocesan Swimming Carnival
8	Sunday 19 March	St Joseph's Day
9	Monday 23 March	HPV/Hep B Vaccinations
	Wednesday 25 March	Diocesan Soccer & League Trials
10	Monday 30 March	Boosterix Vaccinations
11	Wednesday 8 April	NSWCCC Opens & 15s Rugby League
	Thursday 9 April	Holy Thursday Term 1 concludes
	Friday 10 April	Good Friday

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please take note of the following information as it will assist all students throughout the school year:

ATTENDANCE

Students need to be at school by 8:30am. For students to be eligible for the '100% Attendance Award', partial absences (arriving late/leaving early) for the year must not exceed 6 periods (the equivalent of one whole day).

ABSENCES

Parents/Caregivers are asked to telephone the College before 9:30am and notify us of your child's absence. Regular attendance is essential, so please keep absences to a minimum.

DEPUTY'S NOTICES

APPOINTMENTS

Please try and avoid making appointments during school hours unless it is absolutely necessary – this includes Sports Days.

UNIFORM

Students are to have a parental/caregiver note if out of uniform. Lunchtime detentions will be issued if otherwise. All students are required to have a College cap.

BODY PIERCING

Please note that visible body piercing (including the 'clear' variety) is not permitted.

AFTERNOON DETENTIONS

These are held each Monday 3:30-4:30pm. Students placed on these detentions are required to attend on the date specified. If there are exceptional circumstances, then a note is to be submitted by 8:30am on the Monday to the Deputy Principal.

SCHOOL DIARIES

This year, we have a Junior College Planner and a Senior College Planner. Each contains a lot of relevant and useful information in the body of the diary for both students and parents in getting the most out of the school year. We hope you use this most helpful tool.

Again this year we will be focusing on the manner in which the students use their diary. A greater emphasis will be placed on the use and care and entering details of homework issued. Please support us by reading and signing the diary each week. **If the diary is subjected to graffiti, a replacement diary will need to be purchased.**

NON-SUBMISSION OF ASSESSMENT TASKS

Students who fail to submit an assessment task on the due date are required to remain behind each afternoon (Monday to Thursday) from 3:30-4:30pm until the task is submitted.

PARENT AND STUDENT GUIDE TO ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

Last week, all students received a copy of the 'Student/Parent Reference Guide 2009', outlining the College's policies and procedures.

Parents please familiarise yourselves with how the College operates and keep this booklet as a handy reference. Many potential problems can be avoided if we are all familiar with the uniform code and procedures.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL SUPERVISION

Teachers are on supervision duty from 8:20am in the morning. All students are required to remain in the quadrangle until the movement bell at 8:35am. In the afternoon, teachers will be on duty until the last bus leaves at 3:45pm. Please note that the College Office is open until 4:00pm. If a student misses his/her bus or transport home, they should report to the Office.

CAR PARK REMINDER

Parents are reminded NOT to drop off or pick up their children from the Administration carpark area in front of the Technology & Applied Studies Building.

STUDENT PHOTO DAY

- When:** Wednesday 18 February (Week 4).
Cost: Dependant on individual order.
Dress: Full school uniform. Boys will need to wear their **tie** for the photo.
Payment: On the day – and directly to the photographer.
Please note: Every student will have an individual photo taken for their Student ID card. The cost of this is borne by the school.

Mr Peter Lyon
Deputy Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

2009 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

If there are any students who are baptised Catholics but have not been confirmed or received their first Holy Communion and would like to do so, would you please contact me at the College.

Mr Scott McDermott, RE Coordinator - Ministry

Commencement Mass

Thursday 12 February 2009
11:45am in the Doyle Centre

Australia Day Awards 2009

Caitlin McGibbon-Goode (10E) was awarded the Young Achiever in Community Service by the Tweed Shire Council.

Caitlin's community work has included working in the "You Have a Friend" project and organising the Gulu Walk to raise awareness of the plight of children in Uganda. She has also been a member of the Youth Mass Committee, attended the World Youth Day and the Festi Christie Programme in Lismore. Caitlin marches in the Anzac Day parade and is an active debater and public speaker.

Congratulations Caitlin on your participation and leadership in these areas.

Mrs Michelle Heazlewood-Ross, Year 10 Coordinator

COLLEGE CHOIR

Choir rehearsals will continue to run at 8:00am on Tuesday mornings in Music Room 1.

Any Year 7 students or students from any year group are welcome to join for 2009. The College Choir provides music for masses and liturgies as well as community-based events. Participation in the Murwillumbah Eisteddfod is also a significant feature of the musical calendar. Membership of the choir provides the opportunity to gain more experience and understanding of music, and to just simply enjoy the chance to sing as part of the group. **Our first session for 2009 is tomorrow, Tuesday 3 February.**

Mrs Louise McLaughlin, Choir Director

Unidentified Payment



A payment was received into the College Bank Account on 16 December 2008. Please advise the College if this payment is yours, as we are unable to determine to which family this payment belongs.

CANTEEN ROSTER

WEEK 2

Monday 2 February
Michelle McLennan & Hayley Mandall
Tuesday 3 February
Jo Anne Meredith & Robyn Crowe
Wednesday 4 February
Kathy Bush & TBA
Thursday 5 February
Julie Crouch & Lyn Klein
Friday 6 February
Donna West & Jan MacQueen

WEEK 3

Monday 9 February
Fran Smith & Sheree Lynch
Tuesday 10 February
Cathy Jamieson & Sandra Hughes
Wednesday 11 February
Mandy & Michelle Swaney
Thursday 12 February
Marcus & Christine
Friday 13 February
Shirley Clark & TBA

Mrs Dianne Pinkstone, Canteen Manager

A UNIFORM THANK YOU

Thank you so much to all the wonderful helpers who gave up their time and packed and/or sold uniform shop items for the start of the 2009 school year. *I really couldn't have done it without your help!*

Ms Debra Dawson, Uniform Shop Manager