

St Joseph's College

NEWSLETTER



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THIS WEEK AT THE COLLEGE

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ~ 22-28 MARCH

DAY 1 ~ MONDAY 23 MARCH

- HPV / Hep B / Boosterix Vaccinations

DAY 2 ~ TUESDAY 24 MARCH

- Year 11 Local Environment Study
(Biology and Senior Science students)

DAY 3 ~ WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH

- Soccer & League Trials
(selected students)
- Industrial Technology Multimedia
Presentation (selected students)

DAY 4 ~ THURSDAY 26 MARCH

- Zen Zen Zo Breaking Boundaries 2
(selected students)

DAY 5 ~ FRIDAY 27 MARCH

- Year 9 Reflection Day

Principal's Message

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

Welcome to Week 9! The significant focus of last week and this week is the proclamation of the faith community that lives among us, commencing with the celebration of St Joseph's Day last Thursday, leading into Catholic Education Week this week. In particular we are conscious of the faith of many lives lived in service that have given Catholic schools the life, energy and learning we have today. One such group is the Josephite sisters who have been strongly active in our Lismore Diocese for many years, founding schools and dedicating their lives to the care of young people. 2009 is significant for the Sisters of St Joseph as they commemorate this Anniversary Year: 100 years since the death of the Blessed Mary MacKillop. We ask God's richest blessings upon them as we give thanks for their enduring ministry.

Catholic Schools Week: The theme for this year of *Youth in Action: Active in Faith, Active in Learning* was chosen to link to the 2008 World Youth Day message: 'You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will be my witnesses' (Acts 1:8). These powerful messages provide the opportunity to reflect on the response we are all called to make to the action of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We are grateful for the commitment made by parents and staff, supported by the Lismore Catholic Education staff, to excellence on behalf of our students.

St Joseph's Day: During our Liturgy we showed photos of fathers and their children together, highlighting the theme of the gift of fatherhood, especially as shown by St Joseph - 'a father and man of humility, compassion, care, strong accepting faith and love of Jesus'. This reminded us all of the strong contribution made by people, many of whom are no longer visible or present to us who have allowed us to enjoy what we now have.



We celebrated with Di Pinkstone, our Canteen Supervisor, 10 years of service to providing nutritious food to students, along with the remaining founding staff of the College: Helen Bissell, Andrew Chambers, Debra Dawson, Helen Gooley, Fiona Murray, Peter Serone and Colleen Waide.

We enjoyed a special morning tea cake made by Vitina Camp, had celebratory ice blocks, were entertained by the CAPA Department and played the customary captain ball. Enjoy the photos of our celebration shown in today's Newsletter.

Student Sporting Excellence - Matt Kirsner: Only 3 years ago our energetic Matt commenced playing AFL, and in that time, has played representative football for the Northern Heat region as Captain of the U13 and U14 team for the last two years. Now training with the Gold Coast U16 Stingrays squad, he will participate in selection trials to compete as a member of the NSW Schoolboys team in May. We wish him well. His long term goals include either playing professional football or becoming a PE teacher.



We support Scott McDermott's family in our thoughts and prayers during their loss as they celebrate the life of his grandmother, who died on Thursday last.

God's abundant blessings be upon us for the week.

Alain

Alain Sauvage



**ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PARISH**
TWEED HEADS CATHOLIC
PRESBYTERY
PH: (07) 5536.7522

PARISH YOUTH MASS

Our **Next** Youth Mass will be held
this Sunday, 29 March 2009
in the Holy Family Chapel,
St Joseph's College,
Doyle Drive, Banora Point
commencing at 5.30pm

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Attendance: It's Not OK To Be Away!

While the effects of irregular attendance adversely impact directly on a student's current progress and understanding, the long term scars to his/her learning are devastating.

Just as research has proven that exposure to the sun as a youngster can cause irreparable damage to his/her skin that will emerge later in life, poor attendance mirrors this.

The gaps in knowledge and understanding accumulated in Years 7 to 10 become a glaring problem in Years 11 and 12. Subject development is a sequential building process that relies heavily on a firm grasp of each section of material. When part is missing the student finds immense difficulty in learning the work and real frustration sets in; this effectively makes school life a genuine chore.

In many senior classes across all subjects, teachers spend much valuable class time trying to fill in the gaps in students' knowledge caused through condoned parent absences. Time is lost on teaching the Years 11 and 12 subject material; a real disadvantage to our students.

This situation can be substantially reduced if not eliminated by saying NO to any student absences other than genuine illness or serious family issues.

Should you require support in saying NO to your son/daughter on their attendance or any other issue please contact us immediately.

We all can work together to make a difference to your student's future.

**Be on time, Be at school,
That's the rule!**

REMINDER - STUDENT ABSENCES

As parents and carers are aware, the College has a policy regarding student absences where the parent/carer is to telephone the College between 7:45am and 9:30am on the day of the absence.

The second requirement of this policy is that a written note is also required on the first day of the student's return. This explanation note is a legal requirement of the student's attendance record at school.

REMINDER - MOBILE PHONES

Students and parents are reminded that it is College policy that mobile phones are not to be brought to school. Camera phones present a threat to privacy and mobile phones in general are coveted by others and become a target for theft. They also cause disruption to the College program.

Students who need to contact parents throughout the day can do so via the blue phone outside the Library, or report to Student Reception. Parents can leave messages for their children also via Student Reception.

If a student has a special need for bringing a mobile phone to school, a note of explanation from the parent should be given to the Deputy Principal. The phone can then be left at Student Reception at the start of the day and collected after classes.

Students found in breach of this policy will be subject to the disciplinary processes of the College. Repeated breaches could well mean suspension.

COMING EVENTS

Don't forget to check this week's coming events on the front page of today's Newsletter. This information is updated as new events arise, so please always refer to the latest Newsletter on the College website for the most up-to-date information.

WEEK 10

Friday 3 April (Day 10)
⇒ Lifeskills Maths Excursion (selected students)

WEEK 11

Thursday 9 April (Day 4)

⇒ Holy Thursday
⇒ FNC Regional Surfing (selected students)
⇒ **TERM 1 ENDS - THIS IS A NORMAL
SCHOOL DAY**

Friday 10 April

⇒ Good Friday

Mr Peter Lyon
Deputy Principal



LETTER BOX

The following letters were sent home with your child/ren last week:

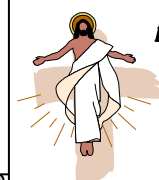
- [16 March]: Year 9 - Proposed trip in November to New Caledonia (in addition to their French class studies).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

YEAR 9 REFLECTION DAY

Year 9 will have their Reflection Day this coming Friday, 27 March. As attendance at the Reflection Day is mandatory and held at the College, no permission note will be required.

Students will need to wear sports uniform and are to bring something for a shared recess. Lunch will be provided and each student is asked to pay \$1.00 to help cover this cost. (*Bring the \$1.00 on the day.*)



Easter Liturgy
Thursday 9 April
in the Doyle Centre
commencing at 11:55am

Mr Scott McDermott
RE Coordinator-Ministry

READING OF THE WEEK

This Wednesday we remember God's announcement to Mary that she would be the mother of Jesus. We celebrate Mary's faith and pray for that same gift in our lives. Today's reading comes from the Holy Gospel according to Luke:

God sent the angel Gabriel to the town of Nazareth in Galilee with a message for a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to Joseph from the family of King David. The angel greeted Mary and said, "You are truly blessed! The Lord is with you." Mary was confused by the angel's words and wondered what they meant. Then the angel told Mary, "Don't be afraid! God is pleased with you and you are going to have a son. His name will be Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of God Most High." Mary said, "I am the Lord's servant! Let it happen as you have said." And the angel left her.

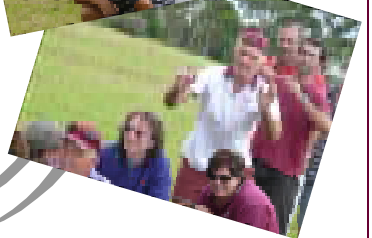
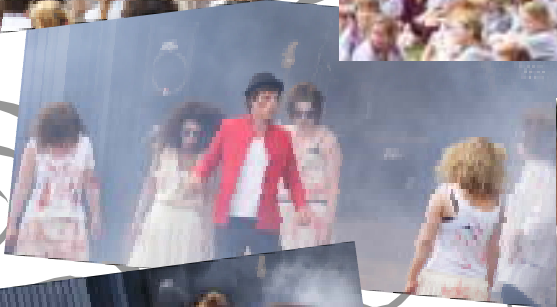
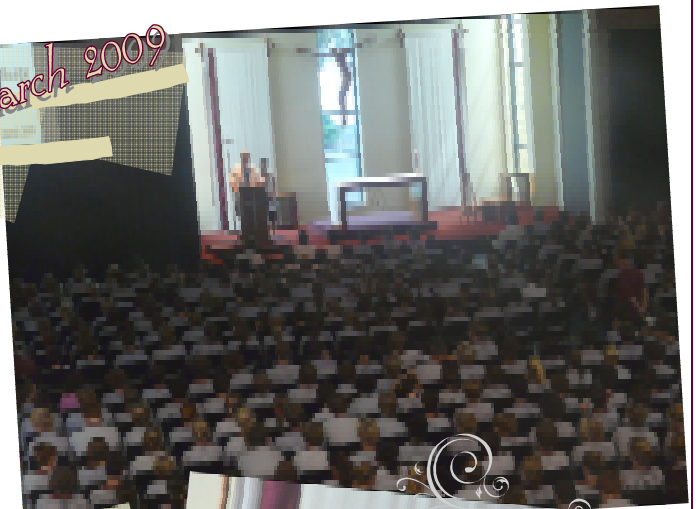
Ever-loving God, may we follow the courage of Mary and say 'yes' to your will. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Visit the College website for more information about SJC or for back copies of the Newsletter



Saint Joseph's Day
Thursday 19th March 2009



WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Joseph's Parish	St Anthony's Parish
<u>Saturday Vigil:</u> 6:00pm	<u>Saturday Vigil:</u> 6:00pm (Kingscliff)
<u>Sunday:</u> 7:00am & 9:00am	<u>Sunday:</u> 7:00am (Pottsville)
<u>Sunday:</u> 9:00am (Bilambil)	<u>Sunday:</u> 9:00am (Kingscliff)
Fr Michael Brady Parish Priest	Fr Jim Griffin Parish Priest

PROJECT COMPASSION



Project Compassion Week 4 brings you the story of Ipau.

Ipau is a member of the indigenous Maratus Dayak community in South



Photo: Andrew Molen

Kalimantan, Indonesia. Her community has long struggled against large scale forestry which causes damaging landslides and flooding. With the support of Caritas Australia, Ipau and her community are working to protect their forest, secure their livelihoods through income generation activities and build a just and sustainable future.

Your donation to Caritas Australia's Project Compassion Appeal helps Indigenous Indonesian communities protect their rights and forests for the benefit of us all.

Our collections now total \$1,015.70. Many thanks to all.

Ms Allira Eppich
Mission and Values Facilitator

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY MULTIMEDIA NEWS

As a Bond University Collegiate School, we gain access to Bond's Blue Sky Lecture Series.

This year, students studying Industrial Technology-Multimedia in Years 9-12 will be given the opportunity to attend a lecture given by Dr Geoff Brand entitled, "Five Steps to a Career in Games and Multimedia". The lecture is designed to inspire students and to provide information about potential careers whilst enhancing the school curriculum.

There is no cost to students and the lecture will be held in the Doyle Centre this coming Wednesday, 25 March 2009, during Periods 1 and 2.

Mr Dean Robinson
Industrial Technology-Multimedia Teacher

CAREERS NEWS

Please see me about either of the following matters or about any careers concerns you may have.

Mr Matt Hall
Careers Advisor



GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY -
PATHWAYS TO MEDICINE

There are a number of programs at Griffith that can lead you to Medicine.

1. **Bachelor of Biomedical Science** - Gold Coast and Nathan campuses (3 years full-time). Biomedical science helps society through the application of new scientific knowledge to the practice of medicine and healthcare. This is a challenging program that prepares graduates for careers in biomedical research and the applied health sciences and, as a pre-medical degree, is excellent for entry to graduate medicine.

2. **Bachelor of Medical Science** (MBBS provisional entry for school-leavers) - Gold Coast and Nathan campuses (2 years full-time). This program provides secondary school-leavers with an intensive two year degree that allows guaranteed entry into the Griffith Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery on achieving a GPA of at least 5.0 for the program.

Entry requirements: Selection is based on academic achievement, performance in the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) and personal qualities as evidenced in an interview. The degree is restricted to high achieving Year 12 students or previous Year 12 students from two years prior to application who have not previously attempted a university degree program.

The final date for lodging a Griffith University Application for interview for Bachelor of Medical Science is 31 July 2009.

Pathways to Medicine Information Evenings:
Nathan campus: Wednesday 13 May 2009; and
Gold Coast campus: Wednesday 20 May 2009.
For further information contact Griffith University on phone Number: (07) 5678.0305, via email: medscience@griffith.edu.au1 or go to the website: <http://www.griffith.edu.au>.

BOND UNIVERSITY - HEADSTART DAY

If you are an ambitious Year 10 or 11 student seeking a successful career, then Headstart Day is a great way to experience life as a university student and get a head start on your career choices by hearing a range of presentations to see what topics you might be interested in pursuing.

It can be difficult to know exactly what you'd like to study when you leave high school, so Headstart Day provides lectures on a range of interesting topics designed to give you a taste of what it would be like to study a degree in a particular topic.

Grade 11 Headstart Day -
Monday 20 April 2009



Grade 10 Headstart Day -
Monday 19 October 2009

To Register: Interested students should contact their Career Advisor to register and receive more information about the program. Spaces are limited so it's best to apply quickly so as to not miss this excellent opportunity.

For further information, contact Charlotte King on telephone (07) 5595.1114, via email: charlotte.king@bond.edu.au or visit the website: <http://www.bond.edu.au>

If you would like the College to apply for Special Provisions for your child for the 2009 School Certificate exams or Higher School Certificate exams, please contact Mrs Karen Evans.

HUMAN SOCIETY IN IT'S ENVIRONMENT (HSIE) NEWS

ATTENTION: YEAR 9 FAMILIES

History excursion notes have been sent home and Geography excursion notes will arrive shortly. The deadline for the return of money and notes is Thursday 9 April 2009.

Mr Tony Channell
HSIE Coordinator

ANZAC DAY MARCH

Over 140 students have signed up already for the ANZAC Day March. If there are others who wish to add their names they can do so at the table near parent reception. Full details regarding the March were printed in last week's Newsletter.

Many thanks,

Miss Helen Gooley
ANZAC Day March Organiser

Do you know the meaning of this word?

Education: (n.) the act or process of acquiring knowledge; the act or process of imparting knowledge, esp. at a school, college or university; the theory of teaching and learning; a particular kind of instruction or training.

**Education is vitally important to all of us here at SJC . . .
How important is it to you?**

Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.

Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is, not a preparation for life; education is life itself.

Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.

SPORTS NEWS



DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all our swimmers who represented the College so well at the Diocesan Carnival at Club Banora on **Wednesday 11 March 2009**. Congratulations to all, but especially to:

- Dominic Cormack Boys 14 Years Age Champion
- Shanice McCarthy Girls 13 Years Age Champion
- Jake Thrupp Boys 12 Years Age Champion

Over the course of the carnival, St Joseph's College had a total of 155 individual entries, as well as 6 relay teams - an outstanding effort by our students. Qualifying swimmers will now attend the NSWCCC Swimming Carnival to be held at Homebush on **Wednesday 6 May 2009**. Good Luck!

Event	Name	Time	Placing
50m Freestyle			
Boys 12 Years	Jake Thrupp	31.03	1 st
Girls 13 Years	Shanice McCarthy	30.49	1 st
Boys 13 Years	Mitchell Littler	30.80	1 st
Boys 14 Years	Dominic Cormack	29.75	2 nd
Girls 16 Years	Amy Elkington	29.78	3 rd
50m Breaststroke			
Girls 12 Years	Kristyn Baker	49.50	2 nd
Boys 12 Years	Jake Thrupp	43.24	1 st
Girls 13 Years	Jamie Lahrs	41.34	1 st
Boys 14 Years	Dominic Cormack	42.16	3 rd
50m Backstroke			
Boys 12 Years	Jake Thrupp	37.09	1 st
Girls 13 Years	Shanice McCarthy	37.12	2 nd
50m Butterfly			
Boys 12 Years	Jake Thrupp	36.79	1 st
Girls 13 Years	Shanice McCarthy	34.79	1 st
Boys 13 Years	Jayden Mandall	34.59	2 nd
Girls 14 Years	Kendal Fitzgibbons	34.88	2 nd
Boys 14 Years	Dominic Cormack	32.09	1 st
Girls 16 Years	Amy Elkington	31.91	3 rd
100m Freestyle			
Boys 12 Years	Jake Thrupp	1:09.51	1 st
Girls 13 Years	Shanice McCarthy	1:06.31	1 st
Boys 14 Years	Dominic Cormack	1:06.78	2 nd
Girls 16 Years	Amy Elkington	1:03.88	2 nd
100m Backstroke			
Boys 14 Years	Dominic Cormack	1:23.25	3 rd
100m Butterfly			
Boys 14 Years	Dominic Cormack	1:15.88	1 st
Girls 16 Years	Amy Elkington	1:11.72	1 st
200m Freestyle			
Girls 13 Years	Shanice McCarthy	2:28.01	2 nd
Boys 14 Years	Dominic Cormack	2:23.91	1 st
Girls 16 Years	Amy Elkington	2:20.26	1 st

Dominic Cormack, Boys 14 Years Age Champion



Shanice McCarthy, Girls 13 Years Age Champion



Jake Thrupp, Boys 12 Years Age Champion

Event	Name	Time	Placing
200m Individual Medley			
Girls 13 Years	Shanice McCarthy	2:57.76	3 rd
Boys 14 Years	Dominic Cormack	2:46.48	1 st
Relay Teams			
Girls 14 Years	200m Freestyle	2:09.10	2 nd
Boys 14 Years	200m Freestyle	2:05.12	1 st
Boys 17 Years	200m Freestyle	2:03.22	2 nd

Our students were great ambassadors of the College and are to be commended on their achievements and behaviour.

Mr Peter McLaughlin
Sports Coordinator

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Could this be a picture of you?

The nominated student is required to present herself to the College Principal before Friday of this week.

If this student does, she will receive a voucher to the value of \$5.00 for purchases at the Canteen.

Last week's Student of the Week was Dean Robinson (12A).

Student Council

KEEP WATCHING THIS SPACE - THE NEXT TIME IT COULD BE YOU!

Artist of the Week . . .



There are many students at St Joseph's College who do outstanding work in the Visual Arts. We will be recognising these student's talents and giving you all an opportunity to view their work. Each week one student's work will be selected and displayed in the weekly newsletter.



Artist of the Week: Jared Prince Year 11 Visual Arts, and his most recent artwork:

As a part of a year 11 unit of work students have been working on a number of still life sketches as well as various sketches of objects. Jarred has been incorporating his own style into some of his works and the results are excellent. Well done and keep up the good work.



Ms Jenna-Lee Mepstead
Visual Arts Teacher

CANTEEN NEWS & ROSTER

WEDNESDAY IS SUSHI DAY

Sushi is available every Wednesday, for the very reasonable price of \$2.50 per roll.

You can choose from the following six varieties: Tuna Delight; Salmon Delight; Beef Teriyaki; Chicken Teriyaki; Chicken and Avocado; or Sweet Chillli Chicken.

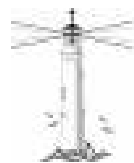
You can also pre-order on the form at the front of the Canteen. *Please order early to avoid disappointment.*

CANTEEN ROSTER

WEEK 9	Monday 23 March Sheree Lynch & Lyness Fox
	Tuesday 24 March Mandy Barone
	Wednesday 25 March Jo-Anne Meredith & Jo Whalan
	Thursday 26 March Margaret Putland & HELD
	Friday 27 March Shirley Clarke & Lauren Ahern
WEEK 10	Monday 30 March Anne Riddell-Rogers & Susan Klein
	Tuesday 31 March Chantrel Thrupp
	Wednesday 1 April Linda Prince and Donna Fien
	Thursday 2 April HELP! & HELP!
	Friday 3 April Michelle McLennan & Melissa Wright

Mrs Dianne Pinkstone
Canteen Manager

PARISH NEWS



St Joseph's Parish
Tweed Heads

**ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PARISH
TWEED HEADS CATHOLIC
PRESBYTERY**
PH: (07) 5536.7522

UNIDENTIFIED SCHOOL FEES PAYMENTS

This notice is for the attention of all parents and carers of St Joseph's College students.

The following payments have been received into the Schools Board Bank A/c, however we are unable to identify the family:

DATE	DETAILS ON STATEMENT	AMOUNT
09/03/09	Netbank tfr	\$ 200.00
23/02/09	Netbank tfr	\$4,392.16

Please contact either John Klein or Sue Heffernan (07) 5536.7522 should this payment belong to you.

John Klein

School Fees Manager

Phone: (07) 5536.8701 / Email: sfm@stjosephs.org.com.au

Do you know that Daylight Savings finishes in April nowadays?

☀ Daylight Saving Time concludes on the first Sunday in April, which is **next Sunday, 5 April 2009.**



OTHER NOTICES



Rotary Youth Exchange is seeking applicants for the 2010 program
Students from Years 9-12 are able to apply

As a Rotary Youth Exchange student, you will spend one year living in another country, usually with three or four host families. You will become part of those families and their community. These Rotary families are volunteers who will welcome and care for you, supervise your year and introduce you to their culture and lifestyle.

In your host country you may learn another language, experience cuisines, study different subjects, enjoy a new culture and discover another way of living. In addition you will learn a great deal about yourself and gain confidence and self-sufficiency.

You will attend school in your local community, as well as participating in Rotary activities and civic functions. At the same time you will make new friends, see exciting places and experience adventures that will take a lifetime to recount.

Any students or parents interested in finding out more about this wonderful

Youth program can contact yep@yep.rotary9640.org

or go to the District Webpage - http://www.rotary9640.org/youth_exchange/index.php to download a brochure and application form.