

# St Joseph's College

# NEWSLETTER



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## WEEK 3 AT THE COLLEGE

- Year 12 Higher School Certificate Examinations continue this week (19 Oct to 12 Nov)

### DAY 1 ~ MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER

- Year 9 HSIE Excursions (History Site Study & Geography Field Trip)
- On-the-Job Training Program (2-6 Nov) (selected students)

### DAY 2 ~ TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER

- Diocesan Waterpolo (selected students)
- Diocesan Tennis (selected students)

### DAY 3 ~ WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER

- Year 11 HSC English Excursion 'The Crucible' (selected students)

## Principal's Message

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

Welcome to Week 3 of Term 4. Bouncing back from jetlag, I made my first appearance at the College on Thursday, after a life changing experience over the past 3½ weeks on a pilgrimage through Greece, Turkey and Italy.

For me the highlights were many, including:

- Engaging in the routine of daily Morning Prayer and Mass. These were held in many varied circumstances, from on board a Turkish Ferry, to ruins at Corinth, to the small Portiuncula church in Assisi and finally in large Cathedrals in Rome.
- Following the footsteps of St Paul, and standing at many of the places where he preached or wrote his pastoral letters.
- Visiting the cave where St John received through vision the Book of Revelations, which he dictated to his disciples.
- Hearing the story of the discovery of the remains of St Peter, and standing not more than a couple of meters away from them.
- Being a part of an audience with the Pope.
- Experiencing the magic of Assisi, a small hilltop town in Italy, where St Francis first heard God calling him to renew the Church of the day.
- Celebrating Mass at Lone Pine Memorial at Gallipoli.
- Walking around in underground Roman cities, excavated some 20 metres below ground level, with 3 layers of buildings above them!
- Expanding my understanding of biblical history, especially the number of events described in both the old and new testaments that took place in Turkey and Greece.
- Appreciating more fully the depth of contribution of especially Greek, but also of Roman and Turkish cultures, to our current way of life today.



In these experiences I encountered a God who asks of me to be present to him and give all I have, just like these holy men and women I encountered in spirit on our pilgrimage. It renewed my commitment to my College community as its spiritual leader.

In the spirit of fun we shared, I collected funny and quirky comments and our guides provided me with a few: The first was from our Greek guide, Jacobus, commenting on worry beads used by Greek men, especially while waiting in traffic jams: *'There is nothing religious (I thought they were a kind of rosary bead) about worry beads, everyone uses them. Some even use them to help them give up smoking, while others take up smoking to give up worry beads'*; the second was from our Turkish guide, Ilker, commenting on the importance of healthy eating: *'Skinny men are like a house with no balcony, of no use to anyone really. My father, he has a balcony and is working on his terrace.'*

I am grateful to staff who filled in during my absence, being Peter Lyon as Principal and Peter Serone as Deputy Principal. As it is near end of year, both Peters had long 'to do' lists, which they dispatched admirably. My deep appreciation!

**Staff Professional Learning Spirituality Day:** Please note that Friday 13 November will be a staff inservice day, and hence pupil free. The theme of this day will be exploring images of God and developing practices of prayer. This will enrich our lives as teachers and assist us in our task as faith leaders for our community. This date was unfortunately not able to be attached to a natural break, being the only available day for Martin Scroope, our guest speaker.

**World Teachers Day:** On Friday we celebrated the value teachers have in our world - they influence far into the future, to many generations time in ways unseen to them at the time. I am proud to be a member of a grand helping profession, especially here at SJC where we have a great band of dedicated teachers who do such a 'classy' job! Congratulations.

Blessings for the week.

*Alain*  
Alain Sauvage

## COMING EVENTS

## WEEK 4

**Monday 9 November**..... (Day 6)

- ⇒ School Certificate Exams
- English (9:20am-11:30am)
  - Science (12:50pm-3:00pm)

**Tuesday 10 November**..... (Day 7)

- ⇒ School Certificate Exams
- Mathematics (9:25am-11:30am)
  - Australian History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship (12:50pm-3:00pm)

- ⇒ Year 9 PASS 'Adventure' Excursion  
(selected students)

**Wednesday 11 November**..... (Day 8)

- ⇒ School Certificate Compulsory Computing Skills tests (11 & 12 Nov)
- ⇒ Remembrance Day Ceremony

**Thursday 12 November**..... (Day 9)

- ⇒ On-the-Job Training Program (12 & 13 Nov)  
(selected students)

- ⇒ Diocesan Softball Carnival

**Friday 13 November**..... (Day 10)

- ⇒ Staff Development Day

## WEEK 5

**Monday 16 November**..... (Day 1)

- ⇒ Year 10 Choicez Media Presentation

**Tuesday 17 November**..... (Day 2)

- ⇒ Year 10 Careers Day

**Wednesday 18 November**..... (Day 3)

- ⇒ Year 10 Barrista Training
- ⇒ Year 12 Graduation Formal

**Thursday 19 November**..... (Day 4)

- ⇒ Year 9 Festa Christie (19 & 20 Nov) (selected students)

**Friday 20 November**..... (Day 5)

- ⇒ Year 8 Debating Championships

## WEEK 6

**Monday 23 November**..... (Day 6)

- ⇒ Year 7 2010 Parent Overview Evening

**Tuesday 24 November**..... (Day 7)

- ⇒ Year 8 TAS Technology Excursion
- ⇒ On-the-Job Training Program (24 to 26 Nov)  
(selected students)

**Wednesday 25 November**..... (Day 8)

- ⇒ Year 7 2010 Orientation Day 1

**Thursday 26 November**..... (Day 9)

- ⇒ Diocesan SLS Carnival
- ⇒ New Caledonia French Trip (26 Nov to 4 Dec)

**Sunday 29 November**

- ⇒ Final 2009 Parish Youth Mass  
(5:30pm Holy Family Chapel)

## WEEK 7

**Friday 4 December**..... (Day 5)

- ⇒ Year 10 Farewell Liturgy and Presentation of Awards
- ⇒ Year 10 Semester 2 Reports distributed

## WEEK 8

**Monday 7 December**..... (Day 6)

- ⇒ Years 7, 8 & 9 Yearly Exam Week (7-11 Dec)
- ⇒ Year 11 Assessment Week (7-11 Dec)

## WEEK 9

**Monday 14 December**..... (Day 1)

- ⇒ Year 11 Hospitality Work Placement  
(14 to 18 Dec)

- ⇒ Year 7 2010 Orientation Day 2

**Wednesday 16 December**..... (Day 3)

- ⇒ Final school day for Years 7, 8, 9 & 11

- ⇒ TERM 4 ENDS - THIS IS A NORMAL SCHOOL DAY

## NEW SCHOOL LEAVING AGE

As of January 2010, New South Wales will have a new school leaving age, meaning students will complete Year 10 and then have a number of options in which to participate until at least age 17.

1. From 2010, all NSW students must complete Year 10.
2. After Year 10 and until the age of 17 students must be:
  - (a) in school, or registered for home schooling OR
  - (b) in approved education or training OR
  - (c) in full-time, paid employment (average 25 hours per week) OR
  - (d) a combination of these.
3. This applies to students who complete Year 10 in 2009 and to all subsequent years.

More information can be obtained at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au).

## STUDENT ABSENCES AND THE COURTESY SMS SERVICE

In last week's Newsletter I wrote of the new SMS service we are providing to our parents for student absences.

Please note that the SMS is sent in response to your child/ren being marked absent during morning roll-call - *it is a courtesy service only and is not to replace parents and carers phoning the College to advise of the student absence.*

As I mentioned in my article, this service is designed to text the first parent/caregiver entered into our database, so where our records show a two-parent family, the SMS message automatically goes to the father.

Mr Peter Lyon  
Deputy Principal

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Today we celebrate All Souls Day. We remember our friends, relatives, parishioners and leaders who have been models of faith for us.



Tomorrow all Australia watches a horse race. We celebrate an exciting and colourful part of our culture and heritage and gather our prayer for the safety of the horses and their riders. We share with you the following reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians:

*Brothers and sisters: I have not yet reached my goal, and I am not perfect. But Christ has taken hold of me. So I keep running and struggling to take hold of the prize. My friends, I don't feel that I have already arrived. But I forget what is behind, and I struggle for what is ahead. I run towards the goal, so that I can win the prize of being called to heaven. This is the prize that God offers because of what Jesus Christ has done.*

*God of all creation, teach us to respect your world and never cease to strive for your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Mr Scott McDermott  
RE Coordinator-Ministry

## READING OF THE WEEK


*Today's reading comes from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians:*

**My friends, we want you to understand how it will be for those followers who have already died. Then you won't grieve over them and be like people who don't have any hope. We believe that Jesus died and was raised to life. We also believe that when God brings Jesus back again, he will bring with him all who had faith in Jesus before they died. Encourage each other with these words.**

*God of the living and the dead, welcome all our departed brothers and sisters to your banquet in heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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



**ST JOSEPH'S  
CATHOLIC PARISH  
TWEED HEADS**  
Catholic Presbytery  
Ph: (07) 5536.7522

**PARISH YOUTH MASS**

The final Youth Mass for 2009 will be held at the end of Week 6, Term 4, on **Sunday 29 November** in the Holy Family Chapel, St Joseph's College, Doyle Drive, Banora Point commencing at 5:30pm

## CAREERS NEWS

Please see me about the following matters, or any careers concerns you may have:

Mr Matt Hall  
Careers Advisor



### Design

Opening: Saturday 14 November, 6:30pm  
Exhibition: 16-21 November  
Venue: The Lawn Area and Griffith Film School, Queensland College of Art  
Campus: South Bank

### Photography

Opening: Thursday 19 November, 6:30pm  
Exhibition: 16-21 November  
Venue: Photo Studios, White Box  
Campus: South Bank

### Visual Media - Gold Coast (Fine Art major)

Exhibition: Saturday 31 October -  
Sunday 13 December  
Venue: Gold Coast City Art Gallery, 135 Bundall Road, Surfers Paradise

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## SCIENCE NEWS

Celebrating the International Year of Astronomy . . . in the month of November:

- Saturn and Venus can be found in the Eastern sky before dawn early in the month.
- Quite a few meteor shows can be seen during the Month of November as long as you are patient enough and have good viewing. Look out from 15 November increasing to 18 November see [www.imo.net](http://www.imo.net) for details.
- Jupiter features in the early evening North-western sky and will be close to a crescent Moon on 24 November.

Happy Viewing!

Ms Fiona Murray  
Science Teacher



### SCHOOL HOLIDAY CSI WORKSHOPS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

- *How do you keep your children gainfully occupied during the school holidays?*
- *How do you find something to inspire and excite their imaginations?*
- *How do you get senior students engaged with science?*

The CSI:SYDNEY Programs have the answers:

- Forensics Crime Scene Workshop (2 days)
- Cyber Crime Investigator Workshop (2 days)

Presented on the grounds of the University of New South Wales, over 150 students have a "real" crime scene investigation experience using the latest techniques, equipment and led by qualified teachers. CSI:SYDNEY continues to give high school students aged 15 to 18 years, a real experience of crime scene investigation and laboratory activities.

Each two-day workshop costs \$300. Students should attend both days to investigate the crime scene, gather evidence and then interpret the results. **To Enrol:** call Freecall 1800 727 640.

### CSI:SYDNEY Summer Holidays 2010

- Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 January
- Thursday 14 and Friday 15 January
- Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 January
- Thursday 21 and Friday 22 January

**OPPORTUNITY:**  
Part time school and paid work??  
Is this for you??

*Great experience for future  
part-time work while you study*

### School based traineeship in Certificate II Community Pharmacy

A Kingscliff Chemist would like to take on two Year 10 students to undertake this certificate. The certificate is very handy for anyone interested in Nursing, Retail, Medicine or Aged care. Please see Ms Suzi Bourke on Tuesday morning if you are interested or email [sbourne@lism.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sbourne@lism.catholic.edu.au).

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**REDUCE RISK - INCREASE STUDENT KNOWLEDGE**  
**DRUGS, DRIVING AND ROADSIDE**  
**DRUG TESTING**

Cannabis or marijuana and other drugs as well as alcohol can impair many of the skills that are needed to be a good driver such as alertness, the ability to concentrate, and coordination. With cannabis, reaction time is slower so the ability to respond effectively when something unexpected happens is also impaired. These effects can last up to 24 hours after smoking marijuana. If drug use is combined with inexperience on the road and risk-taking behaviour, it is a recipe for disaster.

Police now have powers to carry out roadside drug testing on any driver, rider or supervising licence holder in NSW. The drugs that will be tested include THC the active component in Cannabis, Methylamphetamine known as ice, speed, crystal meth or base and MDMA also known as Ecstasy.

Suggestions for parents include:

- Keep up to date with the latest information on cannabis and other drugs, so you can have a credible conversation with the young person in your care.
- Remind your young person to never get into a car with anyone (another young person or even a parent) who has been using drugs or drinking.
- Discuss the physical effects that using marijuana and other drugs can have, like making it difficult to judge distances and react to signals and sounds on the road.
- Don't be afraid to ask where your young person is going, whom they'll be with and how they will get home.
- Use TV reports, anti-drug commercials, school discussions about drugs, or a website to help you introduce the subject in a natural, unforced way.
- Familiarise yourself with how drug education is being taught in your young person's school.

The upcoming RRISK Seminars for Year 11 students will discuss this and other important issues to do with alcohol and drugs, driving and celebrating:

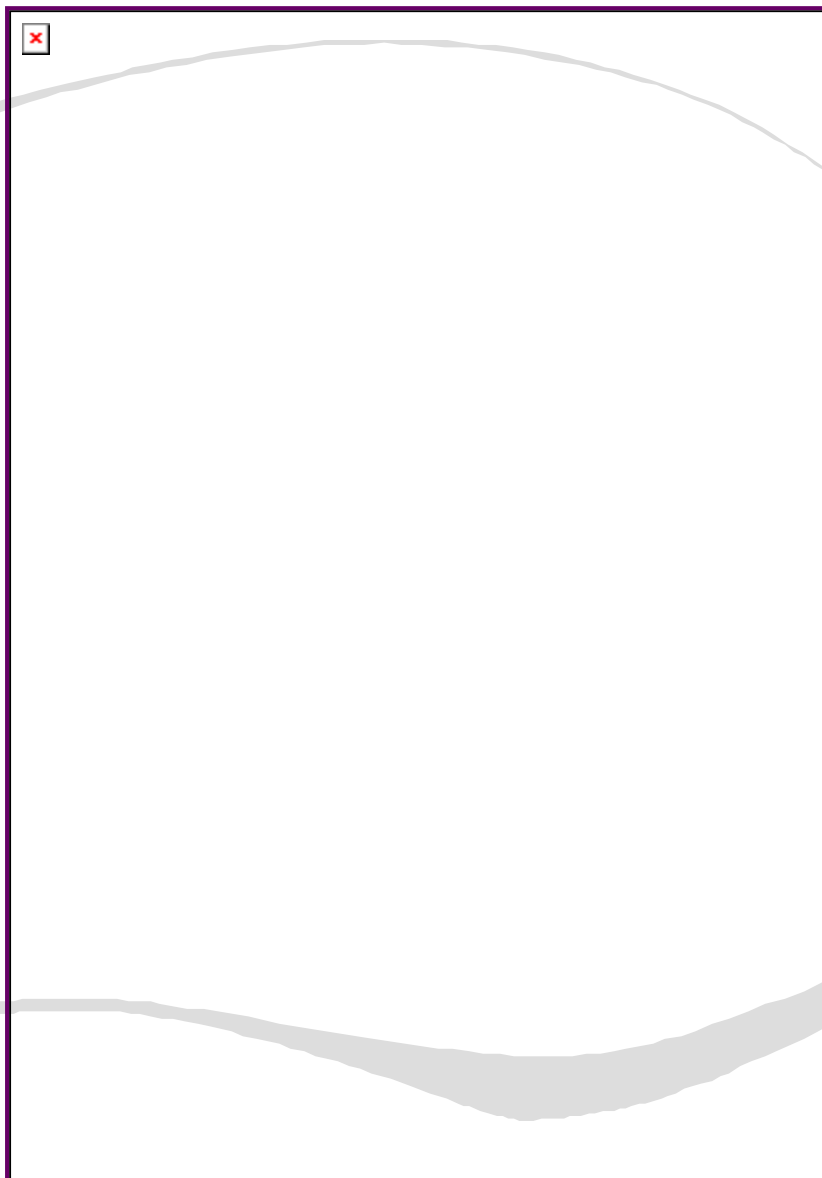
- [www.rta.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au)
- [www.drugsdriving.adf.org.au](http://www.drugsdriving.adf.org.au)
- [www.ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au](http://www.ndarc.med.unsw.edu.au) (Follow links to Drug Information: Fact Sheets)

Look for information about the RRISK Program and risk taking at our new website [www.rrisk.com.au](http://www.rrisk.com.au).



**Friday 20 November 2009**  
Year 11 students attending RRISK Seminar, Tweed Heads Civic Centre

Mr Peter Serone  
PD/H/PE Coordinator



## YEAR 12 NEWS



For the attention of all Year 12 students and their families:

Dress: Formal  
 Cost: Students: \$45.00  
 Adults: \$60.00 (Parents/Caregivers)

Please note:

- Tickets are limited to one student plus two parents or carers (total 3). If there are special circumstances, please contact Mr Rowland at the College.
- Ticket payments are still outstanding and, as numbers need to be finalised, would our Year 12 families attend to this as soon as possible.
- Tickets may be purchased from the College Office (student bookings are in tables of 8 or 10 and parent bookings in tables of 10 only).
- Due to this establishment being licensed, students will need to bring their proof of age on the night.
- Any enquiries regarding the Formal must be addressed to Mr Rowland.

## CANTEEN NEWS & ROSTER

As this is my final Newsletter for 2009, I would like to take the opportunity of thanking all this year's wonderful canteen helpers; you've kept our little canteen going every week and you've all 'made my day', truly!

I wish you all a very happy and peace-filled Christmas and a joyous New Year. To tide you over until I see your happy faces again, please enjoy reading my lovely daughter's poem from 2002 (with minor changes).

Mrs Dianne Pinkstone  
 Canteen Manager

## LOST PROPERTY

There are a number of unclaimed uniform items (eg. jumpers, shorts, sports shirts, hats) in the Lost Property section at Student Reception.

If you have lost such an item, please report to Student Reception to check in Lost Property.

### HELP!!

St Joey's Canteen is in a bit of a dilemma, Di's run off her feet with hardly anyone to help her. With too many hungry mouths to feed, Canteen helpers are definitely in need.

To do this you don't need a food science degree, Once you come and help, you'll easily see. You don't need to be a professional cook, Or know how to recite the Women's Weekly recipe book.

Basic skills are all that's required. Anyone with a smile will automatically be hired. We provide all training on the job; Soon you'll be able to feed any hungry mob.

You can be rostered with a friend, or meet some new faces; Monday to Friday, there are plenty of spaces. Our husband and wife combos are also great, So Mum bring Dad, your very best mate.

9 till 2, are the hours of the task, Twice a term is all that we ask. So if you're asking 'I can start when?' We'll see you at the Canteen in 2010!

By Kerry Pinkstone



**Wedding Notice:**  
 Congratulations to the new Mrs Baker in the College office. Helen Bissell and Rod Baker were married on 11 October. Congratulations Mrs and Mrs Baker!

**Engagement Notice:**  
 Congratulations to Charmaine Vella who announced her engagement last week. Congratulations Charmaine and Heath.



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