

Newsletter

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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

BEHAVIOUR STANDARDS AT ST JOSEPH'S

Our College holds itself to high standards in everything we do. We are regarded as a leading school in Toowoomba in our Four Pillars (Compassion, Respect, Dignity and Endeavour).

Unfortunately, there is a wide view currently held among staff that some of the behaviour of a minority of students is not of the high standard we expect. I personally take this very seriously. I have met with senior staff to plan how we will go about addressing this issue. We will not contemplate any drop in standards whilst we have oversight of the College.

We are all very conscious of the right of every student to a safe and productive work environment, free from distractions of misbehaving students. Every staff member has the right to a pleasant work environment and to be respected at all times so that they are free to inspire young minds. No one likes having to divert energy and waste time with students who continually disrupt. I expect that all parents will continue to support the values and behaviour standards of the College they have chosen for their children.

From this term, the College will institute formal year group reviews. The progress of individual students who have come to our attention as not behaving in a manner befitting a St Joseph's student will be reviewed. The House Leaders will monitor any students who are consistently disrespectful or misbehaving and will provide them with a behavioural process to improve. As ever, we will ensure that no student slips through the cracks. Students who are a continued disruption will be jeopardising their position at St Joseph's.

TERM 3 - A TIME TO RESET GOALS

I hope all of our families had a wonderful break. I hope you enjoy reading the school reports with your child/children. Please remember parent teacher interviews on 18th July.

This is a great opportunity for students to stop, reflect and reset their goals.

It is vital that we have goals to move towards. These goals allow us to keep our eye on the prize and avoid side-tracks. It is also important that the goal is beyond our current reach - or how else do we improve?

John F. Kennedy (JFK), the audacious young Catholic President of the United States in 1961, set the goal of "putting a man on the moon and returning him safely to earth before the end of this decade." This was a huge, bold goal. There were no calculators then. Computers were as big as houses. The technology at that moment was primitive by today's standards.

LAPTOPS: Year 7 and Year 10

Next week our Year 7s and Year 10s will be the first group to have a one-to-one device (Surface Pro4). The students will be receiving paperwork for students and parents to sign. It is important that you read this carefully before you sign. In the documentation will be outlined rules and regulations of use for students and the terms and conditions of warranty and finances. In short, the device costs approximately \$1,700, but with educational discounts etc. it is down to \$1,500. Once the paperwork is signed and returned to the school the student will be issued with a laptop, carry case etc.

The college will cover this cost minus the service fee; the service fee being \$30 per term. This means over three years parents will pay \$360 instead of \$1,500 plus service fee. The service fee includes the first excess fee (\$99) if the device receives accidental damage and is replaced. Breakages after this will be borne by the parents. After the three years, the device is totally owned by the family.

This week's reflection

"Don't try and be a Saint. It won't work. Just try and be a human being. That's harder." - John Dufresene

Nicholas Lynch, Principal





Serenity Prayer – Full Version

(composed in 1940s)

God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can;
And wisdom to know the difference.



Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
Taking, as He did, this sinful world
As it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things right
If I surrender to His Will;
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life
And supremely happy with Him
Forever and ever in the next.
Amen.

NAIDOC Celebration 21st July, 2017

Next week at assembly, the College will celebrate NAIDOC. Mr Damon Anderson is our invited guest. He will present some traditional indigenous dances for us. We will also play the Two Worlds video produced by Josh Arnold and indigenous students from around Toowoomba including Shainia Smith and Manson Carmody from St Joseph's College.

St Vincent de Paul

Julie Inskip, the Youth Engagement Officer from SVDP, spoke on assembly about the work of St Vincent de Paul and in particular the second hand shops. Our clothing bin is here for two more weeks and is nearly full. We would like to fill it at least twice more. So, please bring in your items either to the Front Office or to the bin (on a weekend, not during school time).



(Julieanne Rasmussen, AP – Mission)



Uniform Shop 4631 8514

UNIFORM SHOP TRADING TIMES:

- » Tuesday - 7.30am – 10.30am
- » Wednesday - 1.00pm – 4.00pm
- » Thursday - 7.30am – 10.30am



Author Speaks to Students

On Thursday and Friday the Year 12 Religion & Ethics classes were visited by Irena Kobald, author of the multi-award



winning picture book, **My**



Two Blankets. The story is one of moving to a new country where being different can be a barrier, but being welcomed and taught the new language can mean so very much. (Incidentally, the story had its genesis in Toowoomba!)

Irena shared with the students her journey in writing and publishing her book as well as some of her life's journey. She was born in Austria and has lived in a number of countries, currently being settled in Alice Springs where she teaches Special Education students.

My Two Blankets

is the perfect dovetail between Year 12 Religion & Ethics' last term's unit of work on Social Justice and this term's unit of work on Sacred Stories. In the lead-up to Irena's visit the



students experienced the fact that reading is much more than just words. Indeed, to read a picture book one must read the words *and* the pictures to have a better understanding of the text, i.e. the entire picture book.

Irena was well received by the students, many of whom were enthralled by the story in and of the book, as well as her life journey.



(Chris Fitzpatrick, Teacher)



School-based Apprenticeships/ Traineeships

Please see Ms Masters in the Voc. Ed. room if you wish to apply for any of these positions. Work experience may be required before a successful applicant is selected. Please ensure that an opening letter is attached to your resume when applying for these positions.



- **Certificate II in Hairdressing.** Joel's Barber has a vacancy for a Year 10 or 11 school-based trainee to work one day per week. The successful applicant will learn how to perform a range of tasks including interacting with clients, hair care advice and hair styling including cutting, drying and colouring techniques, in a friendly, relaxed environment. Applications close 19th July.
- **Certificate III in Business.** A local gift shop has a vacancy for a Year 10 or 11 school-based trainee to work one day per week. Applicants should be interested in a business career path, have a positive attitude and be reliable, punctual and a quick learner. The successful applicant will learn customer service techniques, product recommendations, point of sales systems, effective communication, teamwork and workplace health and safety practices. Applications close 19th July.
- **Certificate II in Tyre Fitting.** Ryanie for Tyres is seeking Year 10 or 11 students to work one day per week in Warwick and Clifton locations. The successful applicant will learn how to fit and repair tyres on vehicles and identify faults in vehicle stability and tyre wear. Applications close ASAP.
- **Boiler Maker Apprenticeship.** Loughlin Transport Equipment is seeking a first year boiler making apprentice. Applications close ASAP.

Year 10 White Card Construction Safety Course

The satisfactory completion of this course is compulsory for any person who has to go onto a construction site. Students undertaking work experience in the following areas: Electrical, Construction, Painting, Cabinet Making, Tiling etc. will need to register to complete this course at school on:

Tuesday 22nd August

8.45am – 1.00pm.

Seminar Room 2, Library.

The cost is \$40.00 and student identification is required.

Training is delivered by Blue Dog Training.

Payment is to be made prior to the day to the Front Office.

Year 10 Work Experience

All Year 10 students will be undertaking Work Experience in Activities Week: 11th – 15th September 2017. Agreements are due back to the College this week. Information and the Work Experience Agreement is available for students to access on the College Intranet – Student Links.

TAFE at School Program 2018

Expressions of interest will open on 24th July for 2018 Year 11 and 12 students. The Guide is available online: <http://tafesouthwest.edu.au/study-with-us/school-students/tafe-at-school/>. Please see Ms Masters if you would like to register. Limited places per class are available.

Structured Workplace Learning – SWL

This is available from 24th – 28th July for Year 11 and 12 students. Please see Ms Masters ASAP if you would like to undertake.

TAFE Southwest Trade Taster Programs

The programs include an industry tour, the completion of the Discover My Career powered by Harrison tool and

hands-on workshop sessions delivered by qualified TAFE Queensland teachers and trainers.

Who can attend?

Students currently enrolled in Year 10.

What's the duration of the program?

Two days, 9.00am – 2.30pm

What's the cost?

\$33.00 per student for the Discover My Career session – the remainder of the program is funded by the Department of Education and Training.

Health: Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th July 2017

Rural: Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th August 2017

Engineering: Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th August 2017

Automotive: Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th September 2017

Electrotechnology: Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October 2017

How to register:

Please use this link: <http://bit.ly/2rDfpLD>

For further enquiries please email:

GOTAFE.SouthWest@tafe.qld.edu.au

(Angela Masters, Voc. Ed. Coordinator)

FROM THE CAREERS COUNSELLOR

Year 12 Students

This is the Term when many of the major universities will be holding Open Days and there are Career Days such as TSXPO. I strongly recommend you attend at least one event. It is an opportunity to find out more about: accommodation availability and cost, scholarships on offer and how to apply, how a degree will make you more employable, and what you can do if you are not accepted into your preferred program.



It's not too early for **Year 11 students** to attend some of these information days while they are in the process of researching options, without the stress that some students feel in Year 12. These days are often fun and a good day out for the family as well as being informative.

For information on all the upcoming Open Days, please follow this link:

<http://www.qtac.edu.au/courses---institutions/open-days-expos>.

TSXPO is on this weekend!

The Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO) is an exciting event for anyone seeking to explore their tertiary studies, training and career options.

To find out more: <http://www.careersevent.com/tsxpo/>.

Year 10 Students

Subject Selection Information evening is fast approaching on Monday 7th August at 6.00pm, in the MacKillop Centre.

When selecting subjects for Year 11 and 12 consider the following, in this order:

1. Interests, aptitudes,
2. Achievements and career goals
3. OP vs OP-ineligible
4. Pathways
5. Prerequisites
6. Subjects you will do well in
7. Bonus schemes
8. Field Positions (for competitive courses)

News from UQ

Young Scholars Program - This program is designed to nurture and develop future leaders. It presents students with an exciting opportunity for academic extension and enrichment and is designed to ignite young change-makers' passion for leadership, academic achievement and community development in today's global society.

What is involved?

- A five day residential camp at the St Lucia campus (Sunday 26th – Thursday 30th November)
- A reunion at UQ Open Day 2018
- Online engagement activities and networking through the exclusive Facebook group
- Newsletter

Please let me know if you are interested in this program. I have further information, application forms, etc.

News from UNE

UNE Science Pathways – this program is designed for students who may not have the traditional educational background required for direct admission into a University science degree. The one year Science Pathways program within the Bachelor of Scientific Studies includes foundation studies in basic sciences, including mathematics, physics and chemistry, which prepare students for further University study. Upon completion students have the opportunity to transfer into one of UNE's more specialised science degrees.

Here is a new government website to give you tips and ideas about jobs and careers - Job Jumpstart:
www.jobjumpstart.employment.gov.au.

Careers Event	When	Who
TSXPO - Brisbane Showgrounds	15 th and 16 th July	General public
Bond University Twilight Open Day – Gold Coast Campus	Saturday 22 nd July	Open to all
Australian Catholic University Open Day – Brisbane	Saturday 22 nd July	All welcome
Griffith University Open Day (Gold Coast, Nathan and South Bank)	Sunday 23 rd July	Open to all
QUT Open Day – Gardens Point Campus	Saturday 30 th July	Open to all
USQ Indigenous Connections – Toowoomba Campus	Tuesday 10 th October	TBC

(Fabiana Wilson, Careers Counsellor)



Curriculum Matters

Subject Selection Evenings

On Monday 7th August, all Year 10s and parents are encouraged to attend the Year 11 Subject Selection evening. This evening will commence at 6.00pm in the Mackillop Centre. Middle leaders Curriculum, Ms Masters (VET Coordinator) and Mrs Coulston (Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office – School Based Apprenticeship Program) will all be available to answer questions about different subjects and pathways for students continuing in 2018.



On Monday 14th August, all current Year 8 and 9 students are invited to attend the 2018 Year 9/10 Subject Selection evening. Again, this evening will commence at 6.00pm in the Mackillop Centre and relevant Middle Leaders and teachers will be available to answer questions about the different elective subjects on offer next year. Core subjects will also be on display to answer any questions.

I hope you find these evenings valuable to assist you and your child in selecting the subjects they would like to continue next year. Information will be provided about not only the course offerings but also how to select the subjects online.

(Kerrie-Anne Fellenberg, AP – Curriculum)

GRANDPARENTS DAY



Thursday 27th July

Mass, morning tea and concert beginning at 9.35am

RSVP: 21st July, including dietary and mobility needs, to jramage@sjc.qld.edu.au or call 4631 8500.

FORMS TO BE RETURNED:

- Years 7, 8 11 and 12 Activities Week permission forms need to be returned to Student Entrance ASAP.
- Year 10 Work Experience agreements.

Tuckshop Roster July



Monday	17 th July	→ June Brady
Tuesday	18 th July	→ Help Required
Wednesday	19 th July	→ Bec Lightfoot
Thursday	20 th July	→ Susan Baird
Friday	21 st July	→ Fiona Lehfeldt

The Diary

Day	Date	Event
Monday	17 th July	Shijonawate arrive
Tuesday	18 th July	Parent Teacher Interviews 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Tuesday	18 th July	Board Meeting 7.00pm
Wednesday	19 th July	Athletics Events
Wednesday	19 th July	Debating Finals 3
Friday	21 st July	Year 11 Geography
Friday	21 st July	Earth Environment Day
Friday	21 st July	Year 11 Furnishing Excursion
Sunday	23 rd July	Catholic Education Week begins
Monday	24 th July	Structured Workplace Learning Week begins
Monday	24 th July	Boys Hockey Cup
Tuesday	25 th July	Girls Hockey Cup
Tuesday	25 th July	Year 10 – 12 Drama Workshops
Wednesday	26 th July	Athletics events
Wednesday	26 th July	Rosies Outreach
Wednesday	26 th July	Debating Quarter Finals
Thursday	27 th July	Grandparents' Day Mass and Concert 9.35am
Thursday	27 th July	Instrumental Eisteddfod concludes
Friday	28 th July	Bishop's Inservice Day (pupil free day)
Friday	28 th July	Shijonawate students depart



QISSN REPORT

Another week of QISSN has come and gone. The girls travelled down to Boondall Entertainment Centre for the competition this year. One change to the overall competition is that we invited 60 teams to be part of the competition, as some teams had been on standby lists for four or five years and were not able to get in as no one wanted to leave. Because of the increased teams this meant no rest day on the Wednesday and an increased number of round games before the finals commenced.



Our week started with the opening ceremony at Mount Alvernia College at 3.00pm on the Sunday afternoon, so the girls packed up the bus around 12.30pm and off we went.

Monday morning, we were up early to get ready for our first game at 8.30pm against St Ursula's College Yeppoon. It was a tough game and we went down 15 to 11. At 10.00am we played St Michael's College, losing 20 to 15. Game three at 11.30am was Mercy College Mackay, going down 15 to 7. Our last game for the day was at 1.00pm where we played St Teresa's Catholic College, losing 21 to 12. We also lost Megan Pretorius to a rolled ankle in this game.

Tuesday, another 8.30am game. We lost this game 21 to 13 against St Margaret's Anglican Girls School, then the 10.00am game was a loss of 21 to 14 against Mercy College Mackay. Our third and final game for Tuesday was against St Andrew's Catholic College Redlynch where we finally had our first win, 18 to 14. It's not that we had been playing badly, we just couldn't finish off the games, but we were finally pleased we had won one.

Wednesday was a 9.00am start so we had a bit of a sleep in. Carmel College was our biggest losing margin so far of 24 to 15. Time spent on the court was starting to tell but then we came up against Mount Alvernia College and our biggest margin blew out again to 21 to 9. Bodies were tired and we just needed a good rest after 9 games of 12 minute halves.

Thursday saw the cross-over pools begin. As we had only won one game we were placed in an elimination final, meaning if we lost we had one more game on the Friday or if we kept winning we would find ourselves in the grand final of pool D – so fight they did. First game was against Good Sheppard with us winning 14 to 11. Next game was Assumption College Warwick, which in the past have always been very close games, and this one was no different. The final score was 14 to 13 in our favour – no nails left on either hand after this one. Then for the

cruncher – to beat Ryan College for a place in the grand final. This was a topsy turvy game with the lead changing many times but Ryan College had one less game than us to play and legs were a bit fresher and they beat us 19 to 17. The girls were disappointed but they tried their best and that is all that matters.

This meant that on Friday we had to play Mount Maria for third or fourth place. Unfortunately, our bodies were too tired to keep going and we lost 24 to 9. The girls were brilliant all week and can be congratulated on their representation of the College. After each game a player is selected from the opposition coach as player of the game and these are added up throughout the carnival. At the closing ceremony the player from each team is awarded the player of the carnival and this year the award went to Jada Ferguson – well done.



Many thanks goes to Mr Wheeldon who came as our umpire, which meant that he had to also umpire 13 games for the week. We really do appreciate his efforts as umpiring is one of those tasks that is not always appreciated by everyone. Also a big thank you to Mrs Parker and Mrs Ferguson who came along and looked after the girls, making sure they were well fed and had clean clothes - your efforts were well appreciated by the girls.

Next year the competition will see us in Townsville so fundraising, here we come.

Congratulations

A huge congratulation to Amy Nunn, who travelled to Mackay during the holidays, representing Queensland in the under 17 girls indoor cricket national competition. Queensland won the grand final against Victoria, taking out the title of National Champions. Amy was named in the Australian All Stars team, one of only ten girls from across the country. An amazing effort, Amy, well done.

Congratulations also goes to Will Suey who was named as Shadow player for Queensland from the club hockey championships held over the holidays. He was representing Toowoomba at the Queensland State Championships in Gladstone. Looks like we could have another young hockey star on our hands. Well done, Will.

Equestrian News

Emma Dimech has been invited to attend the 2017 Australian Equestrian Championships to be held in Sterling Crossings outside of Gympie. This is a trans-Tasman competition held against New Zealand on 17th and 18th of August. This means she is now part of the Australian team in Equestrian – well done, Emma.

(Debbie Newton, Sports Leader)



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2017

AGE	LONG	HIGH	TRIPLE	SHOT	DISCUS	JAVELIN	800M	HURDLES	3000M
13 BOYS	WED 12 TH JULY	WED 19 TH JULY	CARNIVAL	WED 26 TH JULY	WED 2 ND AUGUST	IN CLASS	CARNIVAL	WED 26 TH JULY	WED 19 TH JULY LUNCHTIME
13 GIRLS	WED 26 TH JULY	WED 2 ND AUGUST	CARNIVAL	WED 19 TH JULY	WED 12 TH JULY	IN CLASS	CARNIVAL	WED 26 TH JULY	WED 19 TH JULY LUNCHTIME
14 BOYS	CARNIVAL	WED 26 TH JULY**	WED 12 TH JULY	WED 2 ND AUGUST	WED 19 TH JULY	WED 26 TH JULY**	CARNIVAL	WED 26 TH JULY	WED 19 TH JULY LUNCHTIME
14 GIRLS	WED 19 TH JULY	CARNIVAL	WED 2 ND AUGUST	IN CLASS	WED 12 TH JULY	WED 26 TH JULY	CARNIVAL	WED 26 TH JULY	WED 19 TH JULY LUNCHTIME
15 BOYS	WED 26 TH JULY	WED 12 TH JULY	WED 19 TH JULY	CARNIVAL	WED 2 ND AUGUST	IN CLASS	CARNIVAL	WED 26 TH JULY	WED 19 TH JULY LUNCHTIME
15 GIRLS	CARNIVAL	WED 12 TH JULY	WED 26 TH JULY	WED 2 ND AUGUST	WED 19 TH JULY	IN CLASS	CARNIVAL	WED 26 TH JULY	WED 19 TH JULY LUNCHTIME
16 BOYS	WED 26 TH JULY	CARNIVAL	WED 2 ND AUGUST	WED 12 TH JULY	TUES 25 TH JULY	WED 19 TH JULY	CARNIVAL	WED 26 TH JULY	WED 19 TH JULY LUNCHTIME
16 GIRLS	WED 26 TH JULY**	WED 2 ND AUGUST	MON 17 TH JULY	CARNIVAL	WED 26 TH JULY**	WED 19 TH JULY	CARNIVAL	WED 26 TH JULY	WED 19 TH JULY LUNCHTIME
OPEN BOYS	THUR 13 TH JULY	CARNIVAL	TUES 18 TH JULY	FRI 21 ST JULY	FRI 14 TH JULY	THUR 27 TH JULY	CARNIVAL	WED 26 TH JULY	WED 19 TH JULY LUNCHTIME
OPEN GIRLS	MON 31 ST JULY	CARNIVAL	MON 17 TH JULY	TUES 1 ST AUGUST	THUR 20 TH JULY	TUES 25 TH JULY	CARNIVAL	WED 26 TH JULY	WED 19 TH JULY LUNCHTIME

Aerosols are **BANNED**

Using aerosols at school can have serious health consequences for severe asthmatics.

