

# Newsletter

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## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### Maintaining and Raising Standards

Over the next term, there will be changes being communicated to the school community ready for the start of 2018. These will be in the form of a Uniform Policy, Mobile Phone Policy and standards of behaviour. Most of these won't be new but will be clarified with a high expectation of conformity.

Most students at St Joseph's have shown they are responsible and are making positive choices. The clear expectations and guidelines will be excellent for teenagers as it gives them the parameters to operate in. Other changes will be in the delivery of the curriculum and how we operate pastorally – more information will follow.

### Attendance

Each year, every school must submit a return to Government authorities about the rate of attendance of students. Over the years we monitor the attendance rates of students at the College and always strive to lift their overall attendance rate.

While there are often serious illnesses that cause students to miss lengthy periods of school, we have many our students, especially in Years 8, 9 and 10, who have attendance rates below 90%. This is one day a fortnight that they are absent, a week a term, a month a school year (which is ten months) and by the time they reach Year 10, they have missed a year of school.

This cannot be good for their academic progress or their engagement with their peers. While we have not correlated our data, many studies have demonstrated the positive relationship between high attendance and academic progress. I encourage all students and parents to consider any absence from school very carefully (especially those not related to medical issues). So much of life depends on simply turning up and doing your best wherever you are.

### Success

Australia's education system is often compared unfavourably with Finland. Speaking at the annual Ann D. Clark Lecture to more than 700 teachers and Principals in the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta, Finnish education expert, Dr Pasi Sahlberg, said the success of his country's schools is based on more than academic achievement.

"It is not about human capital, or what teachers know, or how well they can teach. It is about social capital and how teachers engage with one another and the students," he said. "The culture of the school is most important. I would spend more money on developing social, collaborative, and networking skills among teachers themselves."

While we use the overall measures from NAPLAN to measure our progress in our educational aims, and we strive to ensure every student meets literacy and numeracy targets, my view is that we need measures of progress as long as we don't allow this to diminish the opportunity to offer a rich and vibrant curriculum to all students. We also need to build their capacity in relevant and employable skills (NAPLAN results can be a great source of guidance in this area).

### This week's reflection:

*Hope is not a matter of waiting for things outside of us to get better. It is about getting better inside about what is going on outside. (Sister Joan Chittister)*

Nicholas Lynch, Principal





**Teagan Currie**

As you would be aware Teagan Currie (Year 11) passed away on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2016. Teagan's mum, brother, nephew, grandfather, family friends and staff and students gathered in Week 2 to remember and to give thanks for the life of Teagan. Fr Ray led us in a very simple but moving prayer. During this, we dedicated a memorial park bench in honour of Teagan's life.



Mr Tony Puhakka designed and made the bench using an actual piece of Teagan's writing of the word 'smile' as a template for the back. The College presented Karen with a smaller version. We thank Tony for generously using his time and talents in the construction of this chair.



The bench is placed outside the chapel, a place where Teagan found peace and friendship and where her friends still sit today.



*Come away to this quiet place for awhile and be refreshed. (Mark 6:31)*

At the beginning of the term, Ms Minns found the following lyrics written by Teagan for a rock song she was composing.

**I'm the Perfect Me**  
*(Words by Teagan Currie)*

**Verse 1**

People want to be unique  
To be different from the rest.  
So why is it 'cause they're not the same  
They think they're second best?

Whatever!

**Chorus**

I'm the perfect me  
I'm the perfect me  
There is no other substitute  
Cause I'm the perfect me

**Verse 2**

So don't try to tell me I've got to change.

Don't try to fit me into your mould.  
I'm happy just the way I am  
I'm strong, I'm ready, I'm bold

**Note: Teagan wrote these words in April 2016 in class as part of writing her own Rock Song.**

**Breakfast Club**

Thank you to Murphy House and especially Mrs Davis and M4 for supporting Breakfast Club. It is a wonderful opportunity for our students to 'Serve Him in Others'. Thank you also to Mr O'Neill for driving the bus.

*(Julieanne Rasmussen, AP - Mission)*



Curriculum Matters

**Senior Subject Selection Evening**

Thank you to the families who attended this week's Senior Subject Selection Evening.



Students have received their web preference access code and password. A copy of the material presented on the evening is located on our website along with a copy of the Senior Subject Handbook:

<http://www.sjc.qld.edu.au/learning/senior-curriculum.html>.

Students need to finalise their subject preferences by **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August**. All students need to print their Web Preference receipt and return signed to Student Services. A copy is also required with their SET Plan. Students have received an appointment time for their SET Plan interview which will be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August. Parents are welcome to attend.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate in contacting Mr Keightley or myself at the College.

**Junior Subject Selection Evening**

You and your son or daughter are invited to attend the Year 9 -10 Subject Selection Evening to be held Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August, **from 6.00pm to 7.30pm at the Mackillop Centre**. During this evening, you will receive information regarding the subject selection process for your child as they move into Year 9 and 10. We are aware that some parents may not be able to attend, so all subject information will be available online for families and you are welcome to contact the College to seek clarification. The evening will involve general information about subject choices, followed by an opportunity to speak to Middle Leaders - Curriculum and/or junior subject teachers.

Your child will have access to the College Junior Handbook (located on the College Website) that will assist them in making decisions on their elective pathways. On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August, all Year 8 and 9 students will receive their individualised Web Preferences Access Guide to enable them to enter their subject preferences online. These will be distributed by their Pastoral Care teacher.

The Middle Leaders and junior teachers look forward to seeing you at the Junior Subject Selection Evening on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 6.00pm.

*(Kerrie-Anne Fellenberg, AP - Curriculum)*

**Tuckshop Roster August**



Monday	14 <sup>th</sup> August	→ Leigh Tunstead
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup> August	→ <b>Help Required</b>
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup> August	→ Bec Lightfoot
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup> August	→ Susan Baird
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> August	→ Fiona Lehfeldt



## Science News

Over the past two weeks, Year 6 students from St Thomas Mores joined us in the Science Department for an afternoon of science exploration. The College has the facilities and the talents of Mrs Geldard to guide the students through an exciting introduction to the world of chemical change.



Students had a taste of what it's like to participate in a high school science lesson. The experiments were very visual, giant frothing Elephant's toothpaste, brilliant burning magnesium, exploding hydrogen gas and the weird and wonderful processes that can be performed with dry ice.



The afternoon was completed with the students conducting their own chemical reaction where they collected gas by the displacement of water. They then needed to prove this colourless gas to be carbon dioxide by using the splint test.



### See you at USQ Open Day!

Ensure you [register and plan](#) your day at one of USQ's Open Days to make the most of your time on campus. Don't forget, by registering your attendance, there's the chance to win a \$1000 gift card. Make sure you check out Tash's top [5 reasons to attend a USQ Open Day](#). We can't wait to see you at USQ Toowoomba on 13<sup>th</sup> August, USQ Springfield on 20<sup>th</sup> August and USQ Ipswich (featuring All Things Healthy Expo) on 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

*(Nicole Davies, Science Leader)*

# Aerosols are BANNED

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



### FORMS TO BE RETURNED:

- Years 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12 Activities Week permission forms.
- Year 9 Retreat forms.
- Year 10 Work Experience agreements.

### OZCARE CATCH-UP CLINIC

For students who missed the recent vaccinations held here at the College, an Ozcare catch-up Clinic will be held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August from 3.00pm – 4.15pm.

For an appointment, call 4639 7888.



Healthy relationships are what makes life great, and this topic is currently being discussed in many classrooms. One form of unhealthy relationships is called bullying. This is quite an emotive term and can be easily misunderstood. Through the newsletter over the next few weeks we hope to provide some clarity on what bullying is and what we can do about it.

The following is from <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au>: Bullying is an **ongoing misuse of power** in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert).

Bullying has three main features:

- It involves a misuse of power in a relationship
- It is ongoing and repeated, and
- It involves behaviours that can cause harm.

Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.

**Not all conflict is bullying** - Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.

**Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include:**

- mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
- not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
- one-off acts of meanness or spite
- isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

However, these conflicts still need to be addressed and resolved.

Next week: More on power imbalance and managing misuse of power.

*(Trish Roache - College Counsellor - Wednesdays and Thursdays)*

## The Diary

Day	Date	Event
Friday	11 <sup>th</sup> August	Year 11 Geography CBD Field Trip
Friday	11 <sup>th</sup> August	IEP Meetings
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup> August	Science Week
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup> August	IEP Meetings
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup> August	Year 8 and 9 Subject Selection 6.00pm
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup> August	Feast of the Assumption
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup> August	IEP Meetings
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup> August	ICAS Maths Competition
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup> August	Board Meeting 7.00pm
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup> August	IEP Meetings
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup> August	TSSS Athletics Carnival
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup> August	Debating Grand Finals
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup> August	IEP Meetings
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup> August	Year 12 Recreation Camp
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> August	IEP Meetings
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> August	Year 12 Recreation Camp
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup> August	Children's Book Week begins
Monday	21 <sup>st</sup> August	IEP Meetings
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> August	Year 10 Metalwork Excursion

## ORAL HEALTH CARE FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS

Free dental care is offered to all Queensland students from the age of four to the completion of Grade 10 through the School Dental Service. The dental team consists of a dentist, dental therapists, oral health therapists and dental assistants. You will be advised if your child needs specialist dental treatment.

Students in Years 7, 8, 9, and 10 at St Joseph's College are being offered dental treatment at the Rangeville School Dental Clinic, South Street, Toowoomba.

If you would like your child to participate in the free dental care program, please complete each section of the Registration for Oral Health Services form, sign and return it to the School Office by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

Please note that by signing this form, you are only advising the service of your wish to participate in the dental care program and providing personal information to allow them to contact you. Using the information that you provide, a staff member will contact you to arrange an appointment.

**Please remember:**

- The dental van will not be coming to the school.
- Appointments are at Rangeville School Dental Clinic, South Street, Toowoomba.
- There are limited appointments available before and after school and most appointments will have to be during school time.
- Oral Health does not accept any responsibility for transport of the children to and from their appointments.
- Parents/Legal Guardians are responsible for getting their child/children to all appointments.

## SAFE DRIVE TRAINING

Each year we organise participation in a Driver Safety Program through Safe Drive Training at their training venue at Willowbank. The course aims to improve driving skills and teaches how not to become part of someone else's accident. It will run on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October at a cost of \$195.00, which includes bus transport to/from Willowbank, departing St Joseph's at around 7.00am and returning approximately 5.00pm.

To participate, students need to hold either a Learners Permit or Provisional Licence by that date. Enrolment forms are available from the Front Office.

To avoid disappointment in not being part of this great opportunity, forms and payment must be received by **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**. No forms will be accepted after that date. We are also looking for at least two parents to volunteer their time to accompany the students. This could be a lifesaving opportunity.

If you would like your son/daughter to participate and/or are interested in helping with supervision, please contact Jodie Ramage on 4631 8506.



Uniform Shop 4631 8514

## UNIFORM SHOP TRADING TIMES:

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



### 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 III in Cabinet Making.** A local cabinet maker has a vacancy for a Year 10, 11 or 12 school-based apprentice to work one day per week (either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday). Please be aware that the employer will be transitioning the successful applicant to a full time apprenticeship in 2018 regardless of current year level. The successful applicant will learn how to communicate with clients to determine specific job requirements, estimate job costs, measure and draw plan layouts, use computerised design programs and manufacture products to customer needs. Applications close 23<sup>rd</sup> August.
- **Diesel Fitting school-based apprenticeship.** Position based in Toowoomba. Applications close 25<sup>th</sup> August. For more information please register and apply directly for the position online at <http://apply.goldenwest.org.au/vacancycurrent.aspx>.

### Work Experience

Calan Wilson undertaking Work Experience with Airways Aviation Academy Gold Coast.



### School Leaver Automotive Employment Opportunity for 2018

Vantage Automotive Pty. Ltd. is a major provider of Government-funded vocational learning and outsourced services to major vehicle manufacturers with an extensive client list across Australia. They are currently seeking applications for employment for early 2018. Please visit [www.vantageautomotive.com](http://www.vantageautomotive.com) for more information and to apply.

(Angela Masters, Voc. Ed. Coordinator)

### **FROM THE CAREERS COUNSELLOR**

As parents of Year 12 Students would be aware, the QTAC dates for study preferences for 2018 are looming. Year 12 students are encouraged to see me if they require support or guidance with the application process or with decision making. Go to <http://www.qtac.edu.au/key-dates-fees>.



### USQ Update

- USQ Toowoomba Campus OPEN DAY this Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2017
- Springfield Campus Open Day Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August
- Ipswich Campus Open Day Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

### Scholarships Workshops

USQ will hold a Scholarship Workshop for interested Year 12 students during their Study Line on **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>**

**August (Day 9), Period 5 in Seminar Room 2.** There will also be time for general Q & A. Those who come prepared with questions will gain the most from the session. Parents are welcome.

### Scholarships - USQ Early Round Scholarship applications are now open

There are 50 Early Round Scholarships on offer to Year 12 students before they finish high school. Students have the opportunity to receive an offer for a scholarship, even before they know their OP results.

#### **What scholarships are available?**

There are two types of scholarships available which have different benefits for different students; one which rewards **academic excellence** and the other for **community leadership or involvement**.

These scholarships are for students intending to study with USQ in 2018, so **students must list USQ as a preference in their QTAC application and intend to commence full-time study in 2018**. Full eligibility criteria are listed on the USQ website.

- **Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship** - 40 x \$12,000 scholarships are available for students who have a high level of academic achievement.
- **Future Community Leader Scholarship** - 10 x \$6,000 scholarships for students who demonstrate potential to be a community leader through active involvement in their community.

### USQ Head Start Semester 3, 2017

Applications close: 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017

Semester starts: 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Exam Period: 29<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Semester 3 would suit Year 10, 11 and 12 students who are achieving 'B' grades or better in their Semester 1 report card.

### Griffith University (GU) Update

A team from Griffith University will be at the College next week talking about courses, QTAC, elite athlete program, scholarships and pathways to courses such as Griffith College.

When: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 1:20pm, Seminar Room 2.

Who: Year 10, 11 and 12 students, and their parents are invited.

### Griffith University 'Midwife information session'

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 at 6.00pm at My Midwives, 331 Margaret Street, Toowoomba.

This information session is designed for potential students and will provide an overview of the Bachelor of Midwifery Program, including admission processes and academic, clinical and Continuity of Care requirements. You will hear from the program director, lecturers and midwifery students.

Please let me know if you are interested in attending and I will RSVP for you (or, if you prefer, you can register for yourself) - **RSVP by 14<sup>th</sup> August to** [bmidcpo@griffith.edu.au](mailto:bmidcpo@griffith.edu.au).

### Subject Selection

The *myfutures* website is an excellent career education resource for students and parents who are having 'career' conversations and looking for up-to-date information and inspiration. It will assist with subject selection decisions. I **highly recommend it for all year levels**. Go to <https://www.myfuture.edu.au/career-insight/details?id=help-your-child-choose-school-subjects#>.

The section, 'My Career Profile' will help identify occupations for your child by guiding them through activities that explore career directions.

When students visit 'My career profile' it will be important that they work through the activities to enable them to:

- generate career ideas
- explore the ideas that suit them

If your child already has a clear idea about the career direction they want to take then visiting the 'Occupations' section will provide them with information to explore the subjects associated with the occupations of interest to them.

### **Australian Catholic University Update**

**Information for Education Students** - ACU have a four year primary pre-service program which is unique among Queensland universities as their students will graduate with a specialisation in literacy or numeracy or inclusion/diversity and ACU is currently developing other specialisations to ensure their primary graduates have a depth of knowledge in at least one significant content area aligned with the needs of primary schools and students. Students can also study a Bachelor of Education (Primary and Early Childhood) that incorporates both Primary and Early Childhood in the one program to make them doubly attractive to schools. ACU secondary students can major in any Australian Key Learning Area as well as unique double degrees such as the Bachelor of Teaching/Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Teaching/Bachelor of Exercise Science; Bachelor of Teaching/Bachelor of Science.

### **Lara's Story:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=036EqQZriA>.

Careers Event	When	Who
USQ Toowoomba Campus Open Day	Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	All
Griffith University Information Session – Seminar Room 2 1.20pm	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	Year 10, 11 and 12 students and parents
USQ Scholarships Workshop – Seminar Room 2 2.00pm	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	Year 12 students and parents
Griffith University Midwife Information Session	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	Interested students
USQ Springfield Campus Open Day	Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	All
USQ Ipswich Campus Open Day	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	All
USQ Indigenous Connections – Toowoomba Campus	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	TBC
USQ Headstart (Semester 3, 2017) Applications close	23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Year 10, 11 and 12 students

(Fabiana Wilson, Careers Counsellor)

## SKITS & SEMIQUAVERS

**St Joseph's College  
Variety Night Concert**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August  
Mackillop Centre  
7.00pm**

Entry is a gold coin donation at the door.



### **Newest Queensland**

Congratulations to Jada Ferguson who was named in the under 15 Queensland Touch football side after the State Titles last weekend. Jada will participate in the Pacific School Games in Adelaide in December and we wish her all the best.



### **Darling Downs**

Also congratulations to Taylah Baxter who has made it into the Darling Downs 15 years' girls team. We wish her all the best for a successful state championship.

### **Athletics Carnival**

Last Friday the annual athletics carnival was held. We have had almost perfect weather for the first few weeks of the term but Friday it decided we would have a curve ball and throw in some cool breeze and give goose bumps to all the students. It did warm up towards the end of the day but was a little unbearable in the shade.



It was great to see so many students here and competing. After finalising events over the last four weeks our age champions were:

	GIRLS		BOYS
12 years	1. A. Caporn 201 pts (R)	12 years	1. C. Galvin 216 pts (M)
	2. G. Gregson 148 pts (R)		2. C. Wright 198 pts (B)
	3. S. Van Dongen 133 pts (M)		3. A. Wiggins 162 pts (B)
13 years	1. S. Teakle 184 pts (R)	13 years	1. B. Smith 157 pts (M)
	2. A. Grangos 160 pts (A)		2. M. Bloom 127 pts (M)
	2. C. Middleton 160 pts (R)		3. N. Lawson 123 pts (R)
14 years	3. E. Schuh 158 pts (B)	14 years	1. N. Ganly 193 pts (M)
	1. K. Brighton 229 pts (R)		2. N. Nugent 166 pts (M)
	2. A. Costigan 219 pts (M)		3. J. Wright 165 pts (B)
15 years	3. P. Baird 192 pts (A)	15 years	1. J. Nolan 168 pts (A)
	1. L. Hegarty 184 pts (A)		1. C. Uprichard-Green 168 pts (M)
	1. J. Bolton 184 pts (B)		2. N. Uprichard-Green 145 pts (M)
16 years	2. E. Young 153 pts (R)	16 years	3. M. Ashton 114 pts (M)
	3. M. Lockwood 106 pts (M)		1. J. McGovern 225 pts (B)
	1. M. Higgs 219 pts (M)		2. D. Buckley 195 pts (R)
17-19 years	2. K. Greer 176 pts (R)	17-19 years	3. C. Donaldson 145 pts (R)
	3. B. Moran 162 pts (M)		1. K. Smapson 197 pts (R)
	1. J. Sullivan 246 pts (A)		2. J. Moran 122 pts (M)
	2. S. Stokes 202 pts (B)		3. D. Maroulis 118 pts (B)
	3. M. Pretorius 198 pts (B)		

This means that our Iron woman of the carnival goes to Jordyn Sullivan with an amazing 246 points and the Iron man of the carnival goes to Jack McGovern with 225 points. Congratulations to both competitors.



The overall points for the day were: in fourth place McAuley on 5,666 points, in third place Brennan on 6,261 points, runner-up was Murphy on 6,800 points and the overall winners were Rice house on 7,289 points.

Many thanks to the tuckshop ladies who provided lunch for everyone on the day – it was very tasty. To the groundsmen for preparing the oval. To the parents and grandparents who attended on the day



it was great to see many sitting and watching the events. To the teachers for their tireless efforts to allow the carnival to run smoothly. Without everyone working together as a team the carnival cannot take place.



### All Schools Touch

This annual event will take place at Kearney Springs on Sunday. We have six teams participating in the various divisions so we wish all teams the best of luck. The draw can be found on the Swans Touch website.

### Red Lion Cup

This event was held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August at Captain Cook Ovals. The boys had a tough draw but never gave up all day. Their results were as follows:

- Game 1: versus OLOSC, won 6 – 1
- Game 2: versus Lockyer District, lost 0 – 1
- Game 3: versus St Joseph's Stanthorpe, lost 0 – 1

This unfortunately means that they do not go any further forward.

The girls had a tough first game but will now advance to the semi-finals to play St Ursula's on August 24<sup>th</sup> at our College.

- Game 1: versus Harristown State High School, draw 1 all
- Game 2: versus COC, won 2 – 0
- Game 3: versus OLOSC, won 6 - 0
- Game 4: versus Glennie, won 4 – 0

The girls had a great time playing so we hope that they can have a win and advance to the grand final.

*(Debbie Newton, Sports Leader)*