Welcome back to all existing and new parents to what promises to be a fantastic year in the life of St Paul’s College.

**Our Theme: A Golden Year – Our Jubilee:**
Our theme this year takes us back to the origins of the College where we can delve into the great traditions of its establishment through the Christian Brothers and later the Mercy sisters. Throughout the year there will be activities, commemorations and various functions to celebrate our Jubilee. I invite all families to take advantage of these opportunities and to share in the great celebration this year.

**Annual Plan and Whole School Focus:**
Our College web-site now contains details of our annual plan and whole school focus for 2015. These come directly from our Strategic Management Plan and from data derived from our results in State and National testing. Full details can be found at http://moodle.kmpsism.catholic.edu.au/ under the College tab.

In summary though, we plan to address the following:

- Our strong Catholic identity
- Strengthening our resources
- Setting high expectations for teaching and learning
- Promoting a safe, happy and healthy community
- Setting in place routines for staff and students
- Strong focus on literacy and writing
- Understanding the importance of focused and directed homework
- Self-efficacy and self-understanding in goal setting

**New Staff:**
This year the College welcomes 11 new staff members in a variety of teaching and support roles

- **Mr Tom Degens** – has been a local of Kempsey having taught at Vocational College. Tom has travelled widely teaching in Broken Hill and other places. He will be teaching Visual Arts
- **Ms Cathy Eagan** – from the Macksville area has been a senior marker and taught Extension 2 English – she will be teaching English
- **Mr Alex McDowell** – comes to us from St John’s College, Woodlawn, as a Technology teacher. Alex is a new graduate but has worked in industry creating timber works for sale and show
- **Mr Damian McManus** – Damian has extensive experience in English and SOR and will be teaching Catholic Studies and Geography. Damian has also been an acting AP, Leader of Student Welfare and worked at CSO
- **Mr David Pugh** – Originally from Wales David has worked in a number of Diocesan schools since arriving. David will be teaching Mathematics
- **Mr Matt Wilson** – a graduate teacher who has also been working in industry, Matt is replacing Mrs Tovey while she is on maternity leave. Matt will be teaching Science.
**WHY CAN’T I SKIP MY 15 MINUTES OF READING TODAY?**

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By the end of Year 12 Student “A” will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student “B” will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school……and in life?

[Logo: youthbeyondblue.com] [Logo: Kids Helpline]
• Ms Georgina Sultana – very familiar to us all, Georgina will be running ‘Cafe on George’ and providing support in Food Technology – Hospitality as well as providing items for sale in the canteen. Georgina will also provide support for other functions and is employed as a trainee
• Mr James Conomos – another familiar face to us. A graduate of the College last year James will be working with Mr Bramley, Mr Tamblyn and Mr Stephen in Agriculture and Construction as a trainee
• Mr Jason Hobson – Jason will join us as our morning cleaner. He has worked with ISS cleaners for many years
• Mr Shane Wilson – Shane will be our afternoon cleaner and will take over many of the duties done by students during ‘charges’, hopefully keeping students in classrooms more regularly
• Mr Brett Iacono – Brett joins us for six months as a national partnership Community Development Employee working as a grounds and Maintenance Assistant.

We welcome each and every one of them and trust their time with us will be fruitful.

**Timetables:**
As mentioned above there have been a number of new staff to the College. Some of these were very late appointments and indeed didn’t happen until sometime during the Christmas break. For this reason, our timetable has been affected and one or two classes have ended up with some small anomalies. It was not possible during the holiday time to make adjustments and so the commencement of the year had to go ahead with errors simply to ensure students were in class with a teacher. Over the last 6 weeks, I have been working a new version which addresses these issues, and students should have a new ‘final’ timetable in the next week or so. I thank them for their patience during this settling in time.

**Attendance:**
I read recently the President of a Parent Association in NSW lamenting the falling rankings of Australian students in International tests and the correlation that he saw with an increase in the number of students missing school days for what he termed ‘trivial’ reasons. The fact remains that time in class is integral for all students to give them the best opportunity to succeed. I ask parents to give serious consideration to time out of school and to contact the College if any doubt exists.

**Manners, Cyber Bullying And Being A Good Citizen:**
This year I have made a commitment to staff and students to revisit and reinforce the basics. Students will get used to seeing this sign around the school and me giving constant reminders about standards. I firmly believe that civil society starts with good manners and this will be a focus (among many other things) throughout this year.

We are setting and enforcing standards with regards to:
- Quality of work – Nothing but your best
- Uniform – dress as if you are proud to wear the uniform
- Rubbish – keep the school clean – be proud of the new facilities that you have
- Completion of homework – take responsibility for your own education – NO EXCUSES
- Relationships – we say NO to bullying

This is St Paul’s and we are proud to be here.

**Rugby League Footy Doubles:**
The 2015 P & F Footy Doubles kicks off in Round 1 of the competition, 6th March, and is an important fundraiser for the College. Information and confirmation slip are on Page10 of the Newsletter.

**The Benefits of Reading:**
See poster opposite in Newsletter.

I am excited about this coming year and I look forward to working with you all for the benefit of our students.

God Bless

Mr Kevin Lewis – Principal
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learning opportunities and academic growth. It is my belief that in order to educate our students, it takes a community with a strong desire to achieve. Our teachers are committed to the personal success of all of our students, and we all recognise the important role of parents in being the prime educators of their children. I invite you to be involved in your child’s education and stay in contact with your child’s teachers throughout the year through the student diary, Semester reports, Parent/Teacher Information Evenings, phone calls and interviews. Staff email addresses are now on our web site for easy contact. They can be found on http://moodle.kmpsism.catholic.edu.au under ‘Parents’, then click on ‘College Information/forms’ then ‘Staff List 2015’. Please feel free to contact our staff with any concerns, questions or information.

At St Paul’s, we focus on Gospel values and personal excellence in a safe and supportive environment. Our staff strives for academic excellence but also recognises the importance of focusing on each child’s individual faith and academic development. We encourage all our students to be significant contributors to their learning as well as to the College. The classrooms are safe, creative, and engaging places where students can feel empowered to take risks and make positive choices.

This year, we are continuing with Silent Sustained Reading (SSR) within the Pastoral Care morning routine.

**Punctuality:**
The “late bell”, rings five minutes after the conclusion of both recess and lunch, and indicates when all students should be either in class or line up outside the classroom. All students have been reminded of this and the consequences of being late to class.

**Uniforms:**
The majority of the students wear the school and sports uniforms with pride, however I ask your support in the following matters:

- The length of the girls skirts and dresses should be no more than 10 cm above the knee when kneeling, shirts are always tucked in, only the correct jewellery is worn, shoes cleaned and polished and hair neat and tidy.
- Boys should be cleanly shaven, and no make-up of any description is permitted for Years 7-10.

School uniform and accessories can be found on Pages 103-106 of the junior student diary, and in the front of the senior diary. These may seem to be minor issues but they do contribute to the good standards that we strive to achieve here at St Paul’s. I thank you for your support in these matters.

**Student Pick-Up:**
A reminder to all parents that student drop-off in the mornings and pick-up at the conclusion of school is to occur from Sea Street. All buses for both drop-off and pick-up use the North Street entrance. Therefore, to minimise congestion, and for safety reasons, we ask that parents do not wait for children at this location. Sea Street has a designated school drop-off/pick-up zone outside the top gate so again for safety reasons we ask that this zone is utilised, not the driveway.

**Diaries:**
One of the most important organisational tools that students have at their disposal is the College Student Diary. Students need to learn the skill of using the diary for writing homework, assessments and other reminders in it. The other important function that the diary plays is that it is a quick and effective method of communication between students, parents and teachers. The diary is also a reference point for information about school policies. All students should have a diary and we ask that they use it correctly and that parents sign and sight it each week. Diaries will be checked during Pastoral Care time each Monday.

**Bullying** is not only unacceptable at St Paul’s, but is also unacceptable in society. We treat bullying very seriously. This year I have continued a google form called ‘Being Bullied’ which I outlined to all students last week. Students being bullied and students who know of bullying are asked to complete this form. We can’t deal with the problem of bullying unless we are aware of it. I thank you for your support in this matter.

**Exams:**
On their first day back this term, all students were asked to mark into their diaries the major examination blocks this year. They are for Year 7: Week 8/9 Term 4 (27 November - 3 December); Years 8-11 Week 5 Term 2 (18 - 22 May) as Exams and Week 8/9 Term 4 (27 November - 3 December) as Exam/Assessment
Absenteeism:
This year, parents will again be notified of student absences by an automated text message. If an acceptable reason is received on the same day as the absence, then this reply will be recorded. Notes explaining an absence are also acceptable if received within 7 days of the absence, after which an unexplained absence will be recorded. Text responses such as 'yes' for example, which do not explain the absence, will *not be deemed as an acceptable explanation for the absence* and will require a phone call or note in order for an explained absence to be recorded. Once again, I thank you for your support in this.

I look forward in supporting the teachers, staff, students, parents and community of St Paul’s College again this year and am confident that it will be a successful one.

Mr Guy Campbell – Assistant Principal
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SCHOOL EVANGELISATION

Ash Wednesday:
Lent is early this year. There will be an Ash Wednesday liturgy in the College hall at 11.30 am on Wednesday, 18 February. Fr Paul and Fr Joe will bless and distribute ashes to the students. This will be followed by the launch of Project Compassion 2015. Parents and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Induction Mass 2015:
Parents and friends are also invited to join the whole school to celebrate the beginning of the school year and to formally induct our School Leaders for 2015. This Mass will be held at the All Saints Church at 9.30 am, on Friday, 20 February. Fr Paul Gooley will bless the badges and these will be presented to our School Captains, Ministry Leaders, House Captains and School Council Representatives during the Mass.

Year 7 Belonging Day:
The Year 7 Belonging Day will be on Friday, 27 February at South West Rocks Surf Club. Notes will be sent home to parents next week. The theme is building a sense of community. Students will share ideas and spend time playing ‘getting to know you’ games – as many students are from different primary schools this year.

Year 12 and Year 10 Retreats:
Some advance notice about the dates for these retreats so that you can budget for them. Please note that these dates are recorded in the College calendar that can be accessed, if you follow the links, on the St Paul’s College Moodle page. The cost of the Year 12 Retreats will be $165 (three days) and the Year 10 Retreat $115 (two days). The retreats are compulsory for all Year 10 and Year 12 students. The Year 12 Retreat is looming; 22 – 24 April and Year 10 is later in the year, 30 – 31 July.

Mr Conrad Tamblyn – Leader of Evangelisation

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CURRICULUM

I would like to congratulate the HSC class of 2014 for the excellent results obtained in the Higher School Certificate.

Special congratulations go to Ella Scoles for her excellent ATAR of 94.9 which earned her the award of College Dux for 2014. Ella was also a ‘Distinguished Achiever’ in three subjects. A full list of Distinguished Achievers is provided below. Congratulations to all of these students, their families and their teachers. Two students achieved ATARS in the nineties and at least another five students achieved ATARS in the eighties. These excellent results were produced by the hard work and dedication of their recipients.

Distinguished Achievers – Students who achieved marks of 90 or higher in 2 Unit subjects or 45 or higher in 1 Unit subjects.

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Winsome Harradine - Textiles and Design
Lukas Love - Studies of Religion I
Joshua Needs - Music 1
Aimee Roesgen - Textiles and Design

From the Board Of Studies (BOS)
2014 HSC Exam Papers Now Online:
More than ninety five different 2014 Higher School Certificate Examination papers are now online. They include Ancient History, Biology, Community and Family Studies, Construction, Drama, English, Hospitality, Mathematics, Studies of Religion, Visual Arts, and some languages.

Marking guideline mapping grids and notes from the HSC marking centre will be added to the Board’s website by the end of February 2015. These resources are important learning and teaching tools.

Year 9 And 11 Course Changes:
Year 9 and 11 course changes are to be finalized by the conclusion of Week 3 Friday, 13 February. Students in Years 9 and 11 who wish to change their elective courses are to have done so before the start of Week 4 Term 1. Students need to see Mr Robinson for the relevant paperwork before any requests can be processed and approved. (Please note that the week just concluded is Week 2)

Year 10, 11 And 12 Handbooks:
Year 12 students have now been presented with their 2015 Assessment handbooks and Years 10 and 11 will receive their Assessment Handbooks next week. These booklets contain important information on Board of Studies and St Paul’s College requirements. It is an expectation that all students and their parents read and keep their handbook.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about your child’s courses. I will be holding information nights over the course of the year in order to give you information about Board of Studies courses and requirements.

Mr Leon Robinson – Leader of Curriculum

WELLBEING
To those of you I have already had the privilege of meeting, welcome to the 2015 school year. To our new parents and those whom I have not yet met, I extend to you a warm invitation to make yourself know to me at any time during the year. I serve the school in a dual role as Careers Adviser and College Counsellor and love talking with our parents as well as our students. If there is any way I can help you throughout the year it would be a privilege to do so. You can call the school office or email me on mllewelyn@lism.catholic.edu.au

Mrs Meredith Llewelyn – Careers Advisor/School Counsellor

LIBRARY NEWS
Welcome back to another new year.

Congratulations to all our students for the wonderfully co-operative way in which they collected their textbooks recently. Close to 2000 books were distributed and most students received them before the end of their second day at school. Once again, Mrs Cathy Whalen was a tower of support in this process. Thanks to her. And thanks, too, to Mrs Patrice Martin, who joins us in the Library once a week.

Overdue books continue to trickle in, and we’re very grateful for that. Thousands of dollars of resources have been recovered this way, and everyone is to thank for placing the necessary importance on such an undertaking. Keep looking, because the next edition of “serious” letters will be going out shortly. And a few students have not received this year’s text in the relevant subject if last year’s is still out there somewhere. Another good reason to get them in.

It’s wonderful to see so many people using the Library at lunchtime and before and after school. It’s a vibrant, friendly place where students, along with their books, magazines, iPads, texts and board games are making excellent use of this facility. We are also trialling staying open at recess, whenever possible, and will evaluate this initiative throughout Term 1.

Just a reminder about our hours of operation...we are generally open from 8.15 to 4.30 Monday to Friday. And if that’s not an option for some reason, Student Services, across the hall, can usually look after your needs, especially on Wednesday afternoons.
Don’t forget, everyone, you can access the **Library Home Page** via the designated drop box button on the right hand side of the College Moodle page (or under “Student”). There’s a wealth of helpful links there, just waiting for you to explore. This includes our **Overdrive eBook** site which was launched late last year. And stay tuned for details about the **Premier’s Reading Challenge** which should be launched quite soon now.

Finally, thanks and congratulations to Jacob Garrett (Year 7), Corey Gleeson, Flynn Keast and Madalynne Farah-Halls (Year 8) and Nick Garrett (Year 11) who have volunteered to be **Library Monitors** this year. Their interest and assistance is very much appreciated.

*Mr Peter Garty – Teacher/Librarian 😊*

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**NORTH STREET AGRICULTURE**

The Ag Faculty is looking for the following items:- Fish Tanks and filters.

We are on the hunt for larger tanks, 400mm wide, 400 deep and 600mm long. So if you have something resembling those dimensions taking up room in your garage or house that is no longer in use, contact Mr Bramley

*Mr Graham Bramley – Agriculture Teacher*

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**SPORT NEWS**

Firstly, as the new Sports Co-ordinator I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back students and their families who were part of the St Paul’s community last year and also extend a warm welcome to the new students and families who have joined us over the past week. The sporting year commences next week and the events come in thick and fast thereafter.

**Swimming:**
The most important upcoming event is the College’s Annual Swimming Carnival to be held in Week 5, Thursday, 26 February at Kempsey pool. It is a compulsory school day so all students are expected to attend. It is a fantastic day and all students are encouraged to get in and have a go and gain valuable points for their house. If there are any parents who would like to come and help out on the day, please contact me at the College. Parents are also most welcome to simply come and offer their support on the day.

The long course events that we do not have time to run on the day of the carnival will be run prior to this carnival on Tuesday, 24 from 9am to approximately 12pm. Students have to nominate in order to participate and can do so by registering their name with me. These nominations must be received by the strict deadline of Monday, 16 February. Following registration students need to collect a permission note which need to be returned to me by Friday, 20 February. Still on swimming, this year our College has the opportunity to host the Lismore Diocese Swimming Carnival on the 11 March. Once again, if any parents would like to help out on the day please contact me at the College.

**T20 Cricket:**
At the end of last year our junior boys’ and girls’ cricket teams travelled to Sawtell to compete at the finals of the North Coast T20 Championship. The boys won their first game convincingly against Bishop Druitt College, but were unsuccessful against Woodlawn who went on to win. Congratulations to the boys on their efforts to make the final 3 teams on the North Coast.

The girls’ first game was a forfeit. Therefore they went straight through to the final against Trinity. The girls were successful in the final and were awarded North Coast T20 Champions. Congratulations to Rilee O’Loughlin who was awarded player of the final. Congratulations must also go to all the girls who played throughout the competition.

**Cricket:**
Next week, two Year 12 students Joshua Swan and Daniel Baker, will represent the College as part of the U19 Northern Country cricket team at the NSW CCC selection trials in Wollongong. We wish these boys the best of luck and congratulations on their achievements so far.
House Captains:
Last week each house voted for their house captains and vice captains. Congratulations to the following students. I look forward working closely with them to encourage house participation in all facets of the College.

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Little Athletics NSW Region 1 Championships:
During our holidays, Kaine Parkinson, Year 8, and Lachlan Davidson, Year 11, had success at Little Athletics NSW Region 1 Championships. Lachlan Davidson, U17, placed first in High Jump setting a new record of 1.85m, breaking the previous record by 40cm. Kaine Parkinson placed 2nd in Triple Jump and 2nd in High Jump. Both these boys will now compete at Little Athletics NSW State Championships, held at Sydney Olympic Park. Charntaye Ritchie and Isaac Parkinson, both from Year 7, also competed at this event and both achieved personal bests. We wish Lachlan and Kaine all the best for their upcoming competitions and congratulate all who competed at this event on their achievements.

I would like to encourage any parents, students and community members to keep me informed on the successes of our students in out-of-school sports by either phoning the College or emailing me at dialawrence@lism.catholic.edu.au

COMING EVENTS
Long Course Swimming Carnival - 24 February
College Swimming Carnival – 26 February
Diocesan Swimming – Kempsey – 11 March

I look forward to much enjoyment and many successes in the sporting year ahead.

Miss Di Lawrence – Sport Co-ordinator
Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

The St Paul’s College Swimming Carnival will be run on the Thursday 26th February 2015. This is a normal school day and students are expected to attend and are encouraged to participate fully in the carnival in order to gain points for their House. All students will be required to come to school in the morning for roll call, which will occur in the Hall. If we have to postpone due to bad weather an announcement will be made over the radio on 2MC, Star FM and posted on the College website. Due to time constraints the carnival will only be called off due to very adverse weather so a spray jacket will be a good idea on the day.

Students will be transported to Kempsey Swimming Complex by Cavanagh’s Bus Company. Students are expected to return to school, and will not be allowed to leave from the swimming pool even if a note is presented. If it is necessary for a student to leave the pool we would ask that the parent pick up the student and speak to either Mr Lewis or the relevant Year Co-ordinator in order to mark the child off the roll.

Full sports uniform is to be worn to school, however students may bring appropriate clothing in their house colours to wear during the carnival. Remember that participation is the main focus so students are encouraged to get in and have a go, as many of the points come from house participation.

The cost of the day will be $5, which covers $2 bus fare and $3 entry to the pool. This money is to be paid on the day as the students board the bus and enter the pool, correct change would be appreciated. Students may also wish to bring money to use the canteen facilities at the pool.

We encourage as many parents as possible to come along and help with time-keeping or just support your children on the day. If you are able to help could you please contact me at the College or via email at dialawrence@lism.catholic.edu.au

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Di Lawrence
Sports Co-ordinator

Mr Kevin Lewis
College Principal
Dear Parents & Friends,

A fundraiser conducted each year by your P & F is the sale of Football Doubles. This fundraiser has been going for many years and has raised a substantial amount towards the provision of equipment for our children.

You are invited to be part of this fundraiser by either selling some tickets each week or simply purchasing tickets for yourself, family or workmates.

Football Doubles are run on Friday Night Football (Game 1 – 7:30pm), Channel 9 telecast each week. The winner is determined by the number worn by the first try scorer of each team in the match.

The tickets are sold weekly for the NRL premiership season (34 weeks). Also State of Origin Series, NZ vs Aust Test and Final Series are included.

Tickets sell for $1.00 each and the weekly winner receives an $80.00 cash prize. This footy season football doubles will kick off in Round 1 of the competition (6th March).

If you choose to participate, tickets are sent home each Monday with your child and simply return the money to school the following week in the previous week’s envelope.

Please support your school activities and fundraising. The children are the beneficiaries of your ongoing support.

If you require further information please phone the school office on 65627200.
Trisha McHugh (Co-ordinator) on 0407842760 or 65684778 or email tmc67@live.com.

I will help with the sale of Football Doubles this year.

Name: ____________________________________________ Phone: ________________
Address: __________________________________________________________________________
No. tickets each week: __________
Child’s Name: _____________________________ Homeroom: __________
Email: ______________________________

Please return this slip to the school office by Friday 27th February.

Email is optional as I will email the results each week directly to you. Also results are published in the newsletter and on the following rounds envelope.