PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Good Luck To Year 12 And Final Reminders. I take this final opportunity to wish our graduating Year 12 students all the best in their exams next term. I have enjoyed your maturity and friendship over the last five years and will be greatly saddened by your absence next term.

Graduation marks a remarkable day in the chapter of a young person’s life. It is not only the culmination of many years of study, but is a coming-of-age, a moment when a young person is no longer a child and is now a fully-fledged adult.

For the parent, there are probably mixed emotions. There will be feelings of great pride, joy and thankfulness in their son or daughter and their achievements. There may also be thoughts of the future and their precious one spreading their wings, leaving the nest and finding a life independent of them. If that’s you, and it’s something you fear, you might want to take a moment to seek God’s peace first.

- Final reports will be issued to Year 12 students next week. These reports will contain results and ranks from Trial HSC exams, as well as final ranks for courses. Board of Studies regulations prevent us from issuing a final cumulative assessment mark to students.
- Parents are reminded that reports are only issued if students have no money owing to the office or overdue books to the library. Invoices have been issued to parents, and students can check with the office or library at any time if they are unsure if they have anything owing. They can, of course hold on to any textbooks required for study. These are to be returned on the day of relevant exams.
- Parents are also requested to finalise all accounts prior to graduation tickets being collected.
- Student uniforms will be greatly appreciated for our clothing pool. Old items must be in good repair and can be dropped off at the canteen or front office.

College Captains For 2017. It is my great pleasure to announce that the College Captains for 2017 will be:

- Abby Blanch
- Claire Brennan
- Nathan Douglas
- Harry James

These will be announced formally and presented at the Year 12 final assembly on Wednesday. I look forward to working with these fine young men and women next year as College Captains and leaders of the student body. In my experience over the last five years, our College Captains have shown great integrity, confidence and have represented the College with pride in all matters. I am confident this will continue into the coming school year.

THINK. Over the past few weeks I have become increasingly concerned with some of the ‘banter’ that is going on among a few students. Whilst many would feel that this is just good humour between friends, others can easily be offended and become quite upset by it. Over the years I have promoted the idea of T.H.I.N.K. to our students as a guide to determining whether they should speak or stay silent.

T = True H = Helpful I = Inspiring N = Necessary K = Kind

If what you were going to say fails to meet even one of these categories, you should give real consideration to not saying anything at all.

Term 3 End and Term 4 Return. The final day for students is next Thursday, 22 September. Staff will be writing Australian Curriculum documents for their teaching programs on Friday and the first Monday after the holidays. Students will return to College on Tuesday, 11 October in summer uniform. Monday, 10 will be the final of our
SAVE THIS DATE
FRIDAY OCTOBER 14, 2016

Twilight Bowls

ST PAUL’S COLLEGE P&F
BAREFOOT TWILIGHT BOWLS
KEMPSEY HEIGHTS BOWLING CLUB
5.30 PM START.
MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW
ALL WELCOME

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Sports jackets in various sizes NOW $50.00.
Girl’s winter blouses in all sizes NOW $25.00.
Girl’s Senior blouses in all sizes NOW $25.00.

COLLEGE CALENDAR

September
21 Year 12 Farewell Assembly - 11 am
22 Year 12 Graduation Mass - 9.30 am
Prize Giving Ceremony - Start 12 noon
23 Last Day of Term 3
Staff Development Day
Pupils Do Not Attend

October
10 Term 4 Commences
Staff Development Day
Pupils Do Not Attend
11 Students Return

NEXT P & F MEETING
12 October 2016
6pm Start
School Conference Room
Administration Building

CANTEEN ROSTER

19 September
Mon
Tue Maureen Wolff, Karen Hodges
Wed Rani Nagra
Thur Sue Young
Fri Staff Development Day

10 October
Mon Staff Development Day
Tue Maureen Wolff, Monique Alajdadia
Wed Rani Nagra
Thur Sue Young
Fri Sue Young, Di Whalen

BAKING ROSTER

19 September
Mon Gail Irvine
Tue Shalini Anand
Wed Kerrie Delaforce
Thur Amanda Preston
Fri Staff Development Day

10 October
Mon Staff Development Day
Tue Amber Steger
Wed Panelope Georgas
Thur Karina Daniels
Fri Julie Dyson

Save the Date
Year 12 Graduation Mass
Thursday, 22 September
school Professional Development Days. A reminder that the Catholic School’s Office requires all schools to undertake four days of Professional Development activities.

**Excellence In Catholic Education Awards** During Week 6 (final week in August), along with Fr Paul and Fr Joe, I attended the CSO Priest and Principals annual conference. A special part of this evening is the Excellence in Catholic Education Awards. There were well over ninety nominees from across the forty five Primary and Secondary Schools in the Diocese. From these a shortlist of four in each category was determined based on interviews with key personnel within the school. I am pleased and proud to announce that two staff members were nominated from amongst their colleagues and shortlisted for the following awards:

- **School Officer – Janet Zvirzdinas (finalist)**
- **Experienced Teacher – Graham Bramley (Winner)**

From those nominees Mr Bramley was also awarded as **WINNER** in his category. I take this opportunity to congratulate both Graham and Janet and thank them for their service to the College often above and beyond their employment requirements, simply for the love of the College and our children.

**A Final Quote For Our Year 12** “Don’t say you don’t have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Pasteur, Michelangelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson, and Albert Einstein.”

I wish you a safe and restful break.  
God Bless

Mr Kevin Lewis – Principal  
klewis@lism.catholic.edu.au

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

We are at the end of yet another term, and will be saying farewell to our Year 12 students next week in their farewell assembly (at 11 am for thirty five minutes) and Warwick Clarke Shield (beginning at 2 pm) on 21 September. On 22 September, we will be celebrating Graduation Mass (at 9.30 am at the All Saints Catholic Church) and Major Awards Ceremony (beginning at 12 noon in the College Hall), where Year 12 will also receive their final reports. All parents and friends of the College are welcome to join us for both the Graduation Mass and the Major Awards ceremony.

While seeing well-rounded and educated young men and women off into the world is partly what we are here for, I know that for all our staff, seeing these students grow and develop from eager Year 7 boys and girls into positive examples of what St Paul’s College does, is both a very happy and sad occasion.

So, to all our Year 12 students, current and future, ‘make the most of every opportunity you are given, don’t be afraid to fail and always aspire for greatness’.

Finally, to the HSC class of 2016, best wishes for the future, and I hope there is always a little space left in your heart for St Paul’s.

**Mobile Phone Reminder** I would remind parents and students that the College has a rule that mobile phones should not be seen or heard. If it is necessary for students to bring their mobile phones to school then they **ARE TO BE TURNED OFF AND OUT OF SIGHT AT ALL TIMES**. All students are asked not use their phones once within the College grounds. However, phones are permitted to be used by Year 12 students during recess and lunch in the McAuley Centre only, and by all students on bus lines in the afternoon in order to contact parents only.

If parents need to contact their child, we ask you to do so through the front office. We ask that parents support us in this request and not condone the use of mobile phones during the school day. If a student is ill and needs to go home, they are to come to the front office with a note from the class teacher and ask the secretaries to contact their parents. **We ask that students do not use their mobile phones to contact their parents during school hours.** A copy of the consequences, from the Policy Handbook appears here:

‘If a student’s Mobile phone or electronic device is seen and or heard during school hours, then it will be confiscated and kept at the front office until 3.25 pm, after which it can be collected by the student.'
The Pastoral Co-ordinator or Assistant Principal will contact parents, informing them of the action and consequence. As a consequence, the student will be placed on a lunch time detention by the Pastoral Co-ordinator the first time the offence occurs in any term and an afternoon detention thereafter.

This policy aims to reduce class distraction and cyber bullying, control inappropriate access to social networking sites and help to manage potential legal and sensitive issues that may arise. I appreciate your continued support in this matter.

Summer Uniform Summer uniform is to be worn by all students in Term 4.

2017 Uniform In general, all current uniform items (with the exception for sports uniform and jackets) have been changed for our new 2017 uniform. While I suggest you hold off purchasing new uniforms until later in the year, a decision has been made that there will be a phase-in period of at least two years; allowing families to utilise currently purchased items, which will remain accepted uniform in 2017.

Mr Guy Campbell – Assistant Principal

REC MINISTRY

Kindy/Year 12 Mass On Friday, September 1, St Joseph’s Kindergarten hosted our Year 12 students for a special Mass. The Year 12’s were buddied with a kindy student, then they celebrated the Mass together. Afterwards, the Kindy kids escorted the Year 12’s to a sausage sizzle and then had activities in the playground. A big ‘thank you’ to St Joseph’s staff for organising the day.

Year 12 Graduation Mass The Year 12 Graduation Mass is set down for Thursday, 22 September, 9.30 am, at the All Saints Parish Church. Parents and friends are cordially invited to attend. Guests are asked to be seated by 9.15 am to take up the reserved seating at the front of the church.

St Aloysius Students Visit Six Year 9 boys from St Aloysius College, Sydney, arrived in Kempsey 5 September and will be staying until September 16. A big thank you to the host families – Nicola and Jeff Moore, Carroll Townley, Peter Fletcher and Wendy Olden, Martin and Tania Galea and Karen-Louise Angus – for providing board and accommodation for the boys for the two weeks. Without your support their visit would not have been possible.

Mr Conrad Tamblyn – Leader of Evangelisation

CATECHESIS

Year 8 and Year 10 Religious Education Test 2016 On Tuesday, 18 October 2016, (Week 2, Term 4) Year 8 and Year 10 students from throughout the Diocese of Lismore and other dioceses in New South Wales will sit the Religious Education Test.

The questions are designed to assess knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith as taught in Catholic Secondary schools. Questions for Year 8 are based on the Stage 4 (Years 7/8) and for Year 10 the Stage 5 (Years 9/10) Catholic Studies Curriculum.

The test will consist of fifty multiple-choice questions and will be scored out of a possible fifty marks. Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) at the University of New South Wales will mark the test, analyse the results and produce the reports and certificates for students. These will be provided to parents/guardians in early December.

The tests will provide valuable information regarding your child’s understanding of the Catholic faith and their overall progress in Religious Education. They will also assist in student learning and for the planning and implementation of the Religious Education program throughout the state.

Mr Ron Walker – Leader of Catechesis

PEDAGOGY

Another key skill that students should develop across all of their subjects is the one of communication. This skill of being able to communicate clearly is essential for our students to have, both within school and the outside world. Some of the aspects to foster to ensure the student is a good communicator are to be able to:

- Articulate thoughts and ideas effectively using oral, written and non-verbal communication skills in a variety of forms and contexts.
- Listen effectively to decipher meaning, including knowledge, values, attitudes and intentions.
- Use communication for a range of purposes (eg to inform, instruct, motivate and persuade).
- Utilize multiple media and technologies, and know how to judge their
effectiveness a priori as well as assess their impact.

- Communicate effectively in diverse environments (including multi-lingual).


“Communication works for those who work at it” John Powell

Mrs Lesa Morrison – Leader of Pedagogy

CURRICULUM

HSC Practical Submissions Congratulations to all the students who have successfully completed their HSC practical submissions aspect of the course for Industrial Technology, English Extension 2, Visual arts, Textiles and Design and Music 1.

Year 12 Final Reports Year 12 Reports will go home next Thursday. Students must turn all comments into a positive, and increase their study and consolidation in order to maximize their HSC Examination results.

Year 12 students are asked to view their HSC Assessment ranks for each course found on their reports and see Mr Robinson on the first school day next term if there are any disputes or concerns.

2016 HSC Examinations HSC Examinations begin with English Paper 1 on Thursday, 13 October. All St Paul’s College HSC Examinations will be held at the Edmund Rice Centre. All students were given an official Board of Studies timetable, however dates and times can be found on the internet at http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/events/, and at BOS students online.

All students must ensure that they are aware of all their examination times. Misreading the examination timetable or arriving late to an examination because you misread the timetable is NOT a reason for misadventure. Students must be at all exams thirty (30) minutes before the examination is scheduled to begin, and forty (40) minutes before English Papers 1 and 2, Mathematics, General Mathematics and Studies of Religion I and II exams.

Year 11 Year 11 students have now finished their Preliminary Examinations and will receive feedback during the next week on most of their examination results. Year 11 reports will go out to parents early in Term 4.

Important Diary Dates

| Year 12 HSC Exams | 13 October – 4 November |

NAPLAN Results Parents will now have received NAPLAN results for children in Years 7 and 9; who have achieved very pleasing growth results. These results show that St Paul’s College Year 9 students have shown better than expected average growth in Literacy and Numeracy across all areas and Year 7 in most areas. Academic growth is measured by the NAPLAN Tests across Years 5 to 7 or 7 to 9.

The ‘No Hands Up’ Rule – Staff at St Paul’s are trialling a new teaching strategy that involves no hands up. This strategy is used to share learning opportunities throughout the class. Not being able to answer a question is not a problem and students can ask their peers for assistance. This new pedagogy is designed to aid instruction by involving all students in the learning process. Some students will try to avoid answering questions at all cost just in case they are wrong. They need to understand that making mistakes is part of the learning process and students will not learn unless they are prepared to make mistakes.

Mr Leon Robinson – Leader of Curriculum

LIBRARY MATTERS

Premier’s Reading Challenge House Points have been tallied and the results are: Edmund 564; Farrelly 522; McAuley 500; Mackillop 464. Well done everyone! Year 7 and 8 students please note that next year’s Challenge rules allow you to include anything you’ve read from the end of this term, so jot them down for next year. The launch will be sometime in March.

Year 11 Study What they might have lacked in numbers, the small group who turned up early this week certainly looked as if they knew why they were there. Well done. Hopefully such commitment to study will be rewarded come report time.

Year 12 Textbooks Year 12 students recently received a letter outlining procedures for the return of their textbooks. In brief, this involves: start now; return anything not needed as soon as possible, if not sooner; return relevant texts on the day of the corresponding exam; pay for any lost items. The letter also included a list of resources out in each individual’s name.

Chess Club With Year 11 exams over, this will operate next Tuesday and Thursday. Hopefully next term we get to visit St Joseph’s.
Laptops & iPads  An important *repeated* reminder about our rules to all those who borrow devices from day to day... please use them in the appropriate way. By this we mean: returning them (in person) after one period (or two at the most); authorised classroom use only; no downloading of non lesson-related apps; no social media; logging out upon return; and generally treating them like the costly resources that they are.

**On Display**  With “Wings Over the Macleay” happening these holidays (October 1 and 2) we have an aeronautical theme on display next week. All you plane lovers, come and have a browse and feel free to borrow. And be sure to get out to the air-show if you’re able. Where? Try the airport.

**Recent Resources**  Do you enjoy the classics, but the size and language tend to put you off? Come and borrow one of twelve recently purchased “Illustrated Classics”, adapted especially with the younger reader in mind. Titles include *The Time Machine, Around the World in Eighty Days, Robin Hood* and many more.

**Holiday Reading**  The more the merrier! Students can borrow up to five items to get through the holidays. Don’t be shy. Call in next week and load up those backpacks. You can borrow fiction, non-fiction, magazines, DVDs and lots more.

*Happy Reading!*

Mr Peter Garty – Teacher/Librarian 😊

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**WHAT’S HAPPENING ON FRANCIS FARM?**

**Spring Time!**
MMSM

Macleay Musical Swap Meet

Kempsey Racecourse
Saturday 15 October 2016
8AM - 4PM

Buy/Swap/Sell Musical Intruments
Hear Local Musicians and Bands
Meet Music and Dance Teachers
Network with other Musicians
Attend Musical Workshops

WORKSHOPS WILL INCLUDE:
Percussion with Paul Underwood
Instrumental with the Kempsey District Silver Band
Samba Drumming with Lara Wasilewski
Dancing with Karine Szita

INTERESTED IN HAVING A MARKET STALL?
Spaces are $25 for 2.5m x 2.5m. Bring your own gazebo, table and chairs.

Please contact Simone Farrell (0408 171 172), Leonie Capararo (0435 081 849), or email us at kempseysilverband@gmail.com
Supporting your child following the death of someone they love ...

provides an opportunity for you to reflect on the experience of bereavement from your child’s perspective, and to explore ideas and strategies that might help you support your child/ren through the loss and change they are experiencing.

Seasons for Growth Parent Program: Supporting your child following the death of someone they love is offered in one session for 5-12 parents and is for parents only.

Date: Wednesday, 21 September
Venue: St Joseph’s Primary School Library
36 Kemp Street, West Kempsey
Time: 5.30 – 7.30 pm
Cost: NIL

For more information or to express your interest in taking part in the Seasons for Growth Parent Program, please contact:

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