PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Pentecost  Pentecost Sunday is often called the birthday of the Church. For the ancient Israelites, Pentecost (meaning ‘fiftieth’) was a harvest festival celebrated fifty days after the harvesting of the first sheaf. The Jews of the first century, including Christian Jews, celebrated the great pilgrimage feast of Pentecost. Several decades after the death of Jesus, the early Christians reflected on their origins and chose this feast to mark the birth of God’s new covenant with God’s people.

For the content of the new covenant, we turn to the gospel reading from John 20:19-23. The risen Christ appears to the disciples who are huddled behind locked doors. He offers the simple greeting: “Peace be with you,” the greeting we offer each other at every Eucharistic celebration. He sends them on a mission of peace in continuity with his own God-inspired mission. He breathes on them the gift of the Holy Spirit and tells them that God will forgive those whom they forgive, and will “retain” or “seize hold of” the transgressions of those whose sins or transgressions they “retain”.

To seize hold of evil-doing is to expose it and deal with it. Sometimes it is best to forgive and simply allow everyone to move on. In other situations, amnesty only exacerbates the problems. Much of the enduring conflict in our world derives from the inability of ordinary people and of leaders to know how to deal with transgression. The Holy Spirit is the unique source of our power to forgive, of our power to refrain from vengeance, and of our capacity to deal with or “seize hold of” the sins of the perpetrators of violence and abuse in our Church and in our world.

Baylin Hoskins  Today we said goodbye and shared a sad period of remembrance for Baylin Hoskins who graduated from the College last year. I extend my sincerest sympathies to Gerald and Hayley, his family and to all of those affected by this terrible tragedy. Our College and our community are much poorer for the loss of this wonderful young man – may he rest in peace.

Uniform  As we move into the cooler months, a few foreign items of clothing are starting to appear. I remind parents that only uniform items are to be worn to school. If for some reason an item cannot be worn or another non-uniform item must be worn, the following is required by a parent or caregiver.

- A note to the PC teacher in your child’s diary explaining the reason for the incorrect item
- A further notation explaining when the error will be corrected
- Explanation must be signed and dated

College Enrolment Interviews for Year 7, 2017  This week I commenced interviews with eager and enthusiastic young students from Year 6 hailing from a number of schools across the valley. I am excited by the prospect of these young men and women joining our community and excelling in their chosen areas. Interviews will continue over the coming weeks and will, I am sure, provide us with a bright bunch of new faces for 2017.

NAPLAN  Congratulations to our Year 7 and Year 9 students who sat their annual NAPLAN tests this week. There has been lots of talk in the media this week about schools reassuring students that they are not judged or critiqued on this one test and that they should remain positive about their true selves. Much of the hype comes from over-zealous media, and others, placing this unwarranted pressure on students. This is not the case at St Paul’s. As with all formal assessments, students are encouraged to rise to the challenge and set high standards for themselves. When all is done, we get on with the business of teaching and learning.

God Bless

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

May
17  Year 12 Ag Farm Study
    Science and Engineering Challenge
18  Diocesan Cross Country
20  Years 10 and 11 Brainstorm Productions
    Year 11 Environmental Earth Study Field Trip – Nambucca
23 – 27 Year 12 Hospitality and Construction Work Placement
24  Year 7 Vaccinations
26  National Sorry Day
27  Years 7 – 9 Brainstorm Productions
29  Year 9 and 10 Parish Mass

**BAKING ROSTER**

16 May
Mon  Gail Irvine
Tue  Shalini Anand
Wed  Kerry Delaforce
Thur Amanda Preston
Fri  Julie Farah-Halls

23 May
Mon  Jennifer Bird
Tue  Amber Steger
Wed  Penelope Georgas
Thur Megan Barber, Karina Daniels
Fri  Julie Dyson

**CANTEEN NEWS**

School socks are now in stock at the canteen.

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**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

**Year 7 Enrolment Information Night** Our Year 6 parent information session, incorporated within our College Open Evening, was very well attended last week, and I thank all the parents who came. We are very proud of our facilities which we were able to showcase throughout the night.

**Exams** The Year 8 to 11 examination block will be occurring in Week 6 this term 30 May – 3 June. Year 7 will have normal lessons for this week, however, some courses may run assessments during their regular timetabled lessons.

Examination timetables will soon be available on the College website and students will also be emailed a copy. Everyone in Years 7-12 will require the timetable as it also contains room changes. I suggest that students in Years 8-11 transcribe their exams into their diaries.

**Adolescent Vaccination Program** On 24 May, Year 7 will be having their second round of vaccinations this year. These will be for Gardasil and Varicella (chicken pox). Boostrix and HPV will also be given for catch ups if required.

*If you do not wish your child to be vaccinated, do NOT complete or return the Consent Form*

There may be a small number of Year 8 students who need to catch up throughout the year to complete their Gardasil. The College will be issued with a list of those who are required to see the nurses. Parents were sent a letter at the end of last year stating that their child will be given these catch up vaccinations.

Mr Guy Campbell – Assistant Principal

**REC MINISTRY**

**IGNITE Conference** This is the premier student discipleship event of the year. More detailed information is included as part of this newsletter. Please contact Mr Tamblyn or Miss Zoe Clarke at the College if you require more information. Closing date is June 3. (Details on the following page)

**Street Retreat** Year 11 students are encouraged to apply to be part of Street Retreat this year. Four students will be selected to be part of a diocesan team that will work with agencies who support people who live on the streets in Brisbane. (More details below)

**Sunday Mass Years 9 and 10 Students** A special Mass for the families and friends of Year 9 and 10 students is approaching on Sunday, 29 May, 9.30 am, at the All Saints Parish Church, Kempsey. Please keep this date free in your diary so that you can join us on the day.

**Brainstorm Productions** Brainstorm Productions have been regular visitors to St Paul’s College for a number of years. On 20 May, they will be presenting the production ‘Cheap Thrills’ to Years 10 and 11 students for an hour from 9.25 am in the school hall. The performance deals with issues related to alcohol, drugs and motor vehicles. Parents and friends are cordially invited to attend. On 27 May, ‘The Hurting Game’ will be presented to Years 7 – 9, at 1.50 pm. This deals with issues such as teasing, bullying and the use of social media. There is no cost for students for either performance, as this is covered by the RE Subject Levy.

**Preparation for Sacraments** Any students who are interested in preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, the Eucharist or Confirmation, please contact the College or parish office for more details.

Mr Conrad Tamblyn – Leader of Evangelisation

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**Year 11 Street Retreat – A Pentecost Experience**

Lismore Proclaim Students aims to provide a comprehensive continuum of Intentional Student Discipleship Programs across the Diocese for students from Year 5 to Year 12. These gatherings aim to bring Catholic secondary students together to meet like-minded peers and to celebrate and meet with other young people who practise their faith.

In 2016, four Year 11’s from St Paul’s will join students from each of the other parish secondary schools in attending the Street Retreat experience in Brisbane. This experience will form, equip and empower students to return to their parish communities with a passion for social justice and a greater sense of the call of Jesus Christ to serve the poor.

Participants in the Street Retreat will spend from Thursday night, 16 June, to Sunday evening, 19 June, working with a range of social justice initiatives in Brisbane. Their participation may make a small contribution to those being served – but the event is first and foremost an exercise in faith development.

Participants will find the activities on the street retreat challenging and possibly confronting. Many activities run either very late at night or very early in the morning. The retreat will culminate in a celebration of Sunday Eucharist. In addition, all participants must commit to a follow-up Social Justice activity to be held in their own
parish/school community following the Brisbane formation experience. Details of these activities will be made available to students upon their selection.

In discerning which students might participate in this retreat experience, the Diocese has recommended the following selection criteria:

- Catholic students who can demonstrate involvement in their parish.
- Catholic students who have attended previous student discipleship programs.
- Students who exhibit the following attributes:
  - a strong sense of social justice
  - initiative
  - common sense
  - a mature character

A large number of St Paul’s students have already expressed an interest in this event. We can, however, only offer four places. Any student who would like to be considered is asked to write a brief statement supporting their nomination on the information sheets provided by Mr Tamblyn, and available at the front office. Attention should be given to the stated selection criteria. Nominations should be handed to Mr Tamblyn no later than **Monday, 16 May**.

Successful applicants will be asked to make a contribution of $50 towards the cost of this experience.

Mr Conrad Tamblyn – Leader of Evangelisation

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This exciting conference is back again in September, starting at the end of the last week of Term 3. The CSO will be organising a trip which is open to students from Year 7-12. The trip will be subsidised by the CSO to make it more affordable and accessible. Student participants will be asked to make a co-contribution of $150.00. This cost will help subsidise travel, accommodation, registration, and most meals.

To secure a place on the trip, students will need to collect a form from the front office and return it by Friday, 3 June, as a commitment to organisation is required. Please include $150.00 payment with permission note and return to the school office. We will complete registration as a group once we have an idea of numbers. Further details on the conference are below:

**Ignite Conference 2016: “Revelation”**

**22 - 25 September 2016**

Mueller Performing Arts Centre, Rothwell (Redcliffe, Brisbane)

The Ignite Conference is the largest Catholic event of its kind in Australia for young people - adults, teenagers and children. The conference includes live bands and awesome speakers, with streams and workshops in areas such leadership, worship, creative arts, mission, culture and prayer!

Full information online at www.igniteconference.com.au.
PEDAGOGY

If your child is in Years 8 – 11 they will, in the next week, bring home study guides to assist them in preparation for their half yearly exams. These guides set out the equipment they will need and the content that will be covered in these exams. It is beneficial to your child if you encourage them to revise and be ready for exams. In the last newsletter I offered some suggestions to help you with this support. These were:

- Eliminate distractions
- Have a designated place where your child can study
- Ensure the study is active such as
  - Flashcards
  - Mind maps/charts
  - Summaries
  - Break down (chunk) the information to a manageable amount.
  - Have them teach/explain the content to someone/pet. Studies have shown that people recall more information if they have to explain/teach the content.

If we can assist your child in preparation for these upcoming exams or any assessment tasks, please let us know.

Mrs Lesa Morrison – Leader of Pedagogy

CURRICULUM

HSC External Timetable

Year 12 students all have access to their HSC examination timetable through Students Online. Students must be aware of their exam dates and are asked to see Mr Robinson if there is a problem or questions in regards to the timetable. Students also need to see Mr Robinson if they cannot access Students Online.

Parents and students of Year 11 and Year 12

Did you know that marking guidelines and sample answers are available for many HSC courses, along with other important information? Visit the BOSTES website and check out what is available at: http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/hsc_exams/

Years 8-11 will be sitting Semester 1 Examinations in Week 6 (Monday, 30 May – Friday, 3 June)

Year 8 – 11 Study Guides/Assessment Notifications will be available next Monday. Years 8 – 11 will have hard copies of the guides available from their Pastoral Co-ordinator if required and all years can access Study Guides (Years 8 – 10) or Assessment Notifications (Year 11) via their notebook computers or i-pads. All Study Guides/Assessment Notifications can be found on the College Moodle site: http://moodle.kmps.lism.catholic.edu.au/ under Students/Assessment Notifications/Study Guides/Semester 1 Exam Study Guides/Year 8 etc.

Please read the following ‘Absentee Policy for Examinations’. If a student is absent and this hasn’t been approved by the Principal, then a mark of zero is given for any exams missed, regardless of whether this occurs in Semester 1 or 2.

Guidelines for Illness/Misadventure Exams

A. Misadventure (catch-up) exams or an estimate will be allowed for funeral attendance, school approved activities, illness (with a Medical Certificate) and Cases for exceptional circumstances [see point C.]. Misadventure exams must occur within the exam period, or an estimate will be given. See ‘The Assessment Guide Handbook’ for specific conditions for students in Years 10 to 12.

B. There will NOT be any misadventure exams for any other reason. Students who are aware that they will be absent for exams may be eligible to complete a Misadventure (catch-up) exam prior to their departure or upon return, as long they occur within the exam period, or an estimate will be given.

C. Cases for exceptional circumstances will be reviewed by the Principal upon written application and, if approved, a misadventure exam or an estimate will be allowed.

D. Students who receive an estimate or sit a misadventure exam, and wish it to be used in the calculation of Year Dux, are to make written application to the Principal. This application will be reviewed by an Executive Panel.

Important Diary Dates

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**Year 7-10 Reports** Parents can request, in writing, that their child’s progress not be reported on using the common grade scale. In these cases, the student is not counted in the cohort and he/she must receive a written report in a form decided upon by the school.

Please contact Mr Lewis or Mr Robinson if you have any questions or concerns in regards to this.

**Mr Leon Robinson – Leader of Curriculum**

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**LIBRARY MATTERS**

**Premier’s Reading Challenge** Participants are making steady progress in their reading, with seven into double figures. The Challenge finishes on August 19, so there’s still plenty of time to reach the target of twenty titles. Look for those books with the green dots on their spines, many of which are on display. Or simply search “PRC” on the Library homepage to see the hundreds of titles on offer. And remember, the rules allow you to go all the way back to Term 4 last year.

**Overdues** Term 1 House Points will be calculated next Wednesday for those with the cleanest borrowing records, so get those overdues in. It’s most important that students do one of three things:

- Return or renew the borrowed item/s
- Pay for their replacement. If this is done online, please inform the office via a phone call, email or note or
- Come and talk to Library staff to explain any mitigating circumstances.

**Happy Reading!**

**Mr Peter Garty – Teacher/Librarian 😊**

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**STUDENT SERVICES**

**Homework Club**: Homework Club is continuing every Wednesday afternoon from 3.25 pm till 4.25 pm in Student Services. Students can complete homework or assignments with the support of a teacher and with access to computers and reference books. The Library will also be open five days a week until 4.30. All students are welcome and encouraged to make use of this valuable service. Those being picked up should do so from the car park behind the Science Block.

Please complete the form below and return it to the Student Services Centre.

**Mrs Jan Stubbs - Additional Needs Teacher**

I give permission for ....................................................to attend Homework Club on Wednesday afternoons.

He/she will be collected/ walk home (cross out whichever does not suit).

Parent’s name: ............................................................ Phone no.: ..................................................

Parent’s signature: ..........................................................

**Mrs Jan Stubbs – Additional Needs Teacher**

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**SPORT NEWS**

There has been a lot happening in the world of SPC sport. Our touch football players went to Ballina last week to contest the Diocesan championships. The open boys were the best performed team on the day with two wins and a draw. The junior boys had one win and, although our girls teams did not win a game, they continued to improve over the course of the day. There is a lot of lost property left over from the trip also.

We had four students attend the NSW CCC swimming championships in Homebush recently, Hugh Shannon, Jessica Grant, Rebecca Grant and Adam Grant. Unfortunately, Hugh had a poor meet by his standards and was disappointed with his results. Rebecca managed to gain personal bests in all her events and Jessica got a bronze in the 50m Butterfly. Adam was outstanding with Gold in the 100m free, 50m breast stroke and 50m butterfly, and won bronze in the 50m free. He was also crowned 12 Years boy champion, which is a fantastic result. Well done Adam!

He went on to compete at NSW All Schools with the following results:

- 9th in 50m freestyle
- 9th in 100m freestyle
- 6th in 50m freestyle

Angus Bird competed in the NSW Catholic College Golf Championship in Week 2. He was pleased with his performance in a very strong field of golfers.
Last week, Mr Garty was the Assistant coach for the NSW All Schools Boys Softball Team which won the School Sport Australia Championship. Well done, Mr Garty!

Our next major event is the Diocesan Cross Country on 18 May. There are also plenty of Rugby League matches coming up – stay tuned.

**Miss Dianne Lawrence and Scott Edwards – Sports Co-ordinators**
We are a school family located on the north coast of NSW and over the last year we commenced a project to help the children in the remote islands of Papua New Guinea. Many schools, individuals and businesses are now involved, with all goods and shipping being donated. Last September we landed 20 tonnes of these resources into this region and successfully distributed them personally by open boat across rough seas to villages that rarely receive such help. We have the support of both PNG and Australian governments, and the media is also right behind us. It was such a success in fact that it has inspired us to take it so much further this coming year and expand our area of operation both here and in PNG.

Our aims are threefold:
Firstly, to provide these children with resources which increase their opportunity to learn and flourish.
Secondly to recycle goods and resources in our community that otherwise would be wasted.
Thirdly to teach our children and community respect and appreciation for what we have.

We aim to do this without influencing or changing the unique cultural lives these people lead.

We seek your help in achieving this by continuing your support of what we do at any level you choose:
* Firstly you could supply us with no longer needed goods and resources, a guide to which is attached here.
* Secondly you could promote our project and request unwanted goods be donated from school homes.
* Furthermore, we would love to make a presentation to your children and show them what we do in PNG.
* If you wanted to become really involved, we could actively engage your children in an exchange of culture via letters, photos and videos - in other words, a Sister School Association.
Kids Connect - PNG Sister Schools

Do you have any of these goods that are no longer needed and in reasonable condition? We are sending these goods to less privileged schools and communities in the remote islands of Papua New Guinea. This is just a guide and not limited to these items.

*School Uniforms & Sports Uniforms* - single items OK - but full sets to equip a small school of 20 or sports team similar would be very good.

*Footwear* - simple shoes, trainers, sandals, thongs, footy boots.


*Books* - Preschool to high school and beyond. Learn-to-read books, simple chapter books and resource books such as dictionaries, atlases, text books.

*School resources* - paper, exercise books, pens, lead and coloured pencils, crayons, chalk, rulers, rubbers, geometry tools etc. **No textas** or other short lived pens.

*Sporting goods* - balls, boots, bats etc. Bicycle pumps to inflate balls. ANYTHING!

*Diving gear* - masks, snorkels, fins, light-weight short wetsuits etc.

*Fishing gear* - line, hooks, sinkers. Old sails, good tarps. Nets.

*Tools* - saws, pliers, spanners, knives, axes, spades, rakes, hoes, buckets, ANYTHING!

*First Aid materials* - bandages, antibiotic creams, antiseptic, basic first aid books. Mossie nets.

*Reading Glasses* - and sunglasses

*Simple toys & games* - little or no plastic. No batteries

*Sewing materials* - sewing machines, scissors, cotton, needles, pins, buttons, material, craft materials.

*Kitchen & Catering Items* - pots, pans, crockery, cutlery etc

Please phone **0434 799970** or email **pnsisterschools@gmail.com** for more details or arrange collection of goods.

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FIRE AND RESCUE NSW OPEN DAY 2016

Fire and Rescue is hosting its annual Fire Station Open Day on Saturday, 21 May between 10 am and 2 pm. You are invited to come along and watch fire safety demonstrations, road crash rescue scenarios, hop aboard a fire truck, and learn about becoming a firefighter while chatting with firefighters about fire safety and what they do. Winter is just around the corner and it’s the worst time of the year for house fires, so come along and learn as much as you can. Visit www.fire.nsw.gov.au for 2016 Open Day participating fire stations near you and join us on Saturday.
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