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Catholic Schools Week: ‘Walk With Me’ is the theme chosen for Catholic Schools Week in the Lismore Diocese. This theme has been chosen to reinforce the message for ‘Proclaim Lismore Student 2015’ which is based on listening to and engaging with students to consider how they can be best supported in a full and meaningful way in our changing world.

I extend an invitation to you and your family to join the College in the celebrations on Tuesday, 5 May, at 11.30 in the College hall in a combined Mass with St Joseph’s Primary and again on Wednesday, 6 May for our Open Night. Open Night will commence at 5.45pm with a parent presentation and classrooms tours. Gates will open from 4.00pm for browsing. Classroom tours will also be available for interested parents prior to 5.45pm if required.

This is an ideal opportunity to learn more about the great things that take place at St Paul’s every day and the work done by our community of teachers, parents, carers, P & F Committee clergy, parishioners and support staff, who work together to focus on giving our students the best Catholic education possible.

College Jubilee Race Day: The first of our major events to celebrate Jubilee happens on Saturday, 9th May, at Warwick Park race course. To commemorate this special year, we have sponsored a race and will provide activities and fun for the family throughout the day. There will also be raffles and prizes so please join us for this day of celebration. Gates open after midday and entry is free for St Paul’s students, staff and families, but you must show documentation indicating your association with the College. All other racegoers must pay entry fee.

St Paul’s College Expresses Sincere Sympathy to Mr Brambly and his family on the loss of his father and to Mr Peter McGregor and family for the passing of his mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with them during this time.

On a happier note, congratulations to Mrs Nicole and her husband James, on the arrival of baby Spencer and to Conrad and Simone Tamblyn on the safe arrival of another daughter.

Anzac Day March: Once again this year, St Paul’s College was well represented by students and staff at marches in Kempsey, South West Rocks, Bowraville and Crescent Head. It is wonderful to see many of our youth respectfully acknowledge and commemorate the efforts of our armed service men and women.

On Monday, we gathered as a College community to commemorate and consider the role played by Australian men and women throughout our nation’s history.

Year 12 Retreat: As another cohort reaches the final months of their education, I witnessed young women and men be challenged by Fr Ray Sanchez to know themselves and contemplate their future. I was extremely proud.

God Bless

Mr Kevin Lewis – Principal
klewis@lism.catholic.edu.au
KEMPSEY FAMILY RACE DAY
Saturday 9th May, 2015

Help us to Celebrate our 50th Jubilee at the races. St Paul’s College will be sponsoring a race at the Kempsey Family Race Day at Warwick Park.
Gates open at 12pm

Entry free for all St Paul’s family members and Staff
tickets available at College Office or use student ID card

Available from our tent on the day:
♦ Raffle Prizes
♦ Jubilee Memorabilia
♦ Face Painting / Hairspray
♦ Children’s fun rides

Or enter the Fashions of the Field !!!
Welcome back to Term 2, which is always the busiest term of the year, when events such as exams, Reflection Days, excursions and sports representation, always fill up the calendar very quickly. With the concern being that students can easily lose focus from their studies and feel overwhelmed, it is important that they begin planning for their Semester 1 Examinations now. For Years 8-11 there will be held in Week 5 (18-22 May). So, although it may seem early in the term to be talking about exam preparation, discussions with your children about study and time management may be required sooner than later.

In a web based article written by Colorín Colorado (2008), titled “School Attendance: A Key to Success”, the importance of school attendance is outlined. Within the article, it is stated that “one of the most important things your child can do to achieve academic success is also one of the most basic: going to school every day”. The article then goes on to outline the benefits of daily attendance, saying that “by attending class regularly, your child is more likely to keep up with the daily lessons and assignments.

Other benefits also outlined are:
- Your child is more likely to achieve his or her best by being at school.
- Your child will increase his or her literacy and numeracy skills.
- Opportunity improves: as being in school every day gives your child a chance to keep up with what is going on within the College.
- Just by being present at school, your child is part of the school community, where they learn how to be good citizens, learn social skills, and develop a world view.
- Your child’s commitment to school attendance mirrors the importance they place on personal responsibilities, such as their education.

With this in mind, on Wednesday during the College assembly, I congratulated students who achieved 100% attendance during Term 1. It was great to see such a large number of recipients.

Year 12 Reports: We are in the process of producing Year 12 Mid-Course reports. These are scheduled to be distributed on Friday, 8 May.

Uniform: During this year, College staff members were invited to join a uniform committee chaired by myself. The first point of call is to survey parents, students and staff about the uniform. A link to this survey will be posted on the College web-site home page. Please keep a look out for this in the upcoming week.

Mr Guy Campbell – Assistant Principal

REC MINISTRY

Our return to school has seen a number of ways in which the Spirit has touched our souls and been at work in our community. The day before the students returned, the staff spent Monday, 20 April, at the Outreach Centre on a Retreat Day. This was a very special opportunity for all of us to reflect upon our individual relationships with God and with His community.

Wednesday, 22 April, saw Year 12 head off to Bonville Adventure Centre for their three day retreat which was led by Father Ray Sanchez. The students explored their relationship with self, with others and with God. It was quite an emotional time and many of them were moved by the Spirit during the activities. I would like to thank the students for their excellent behaviour, and also Mr Lewis, Mr Brambly, Mr Edwards, Mrs Mossel, Lucy Barber, Ms Puzas and Mrs Mainey for their assistance on these days.

Monday, 27 April, saw a number of students from Years 12, 11 and 10 attend the LEAD Gathering in Port Macquarie where they learned how to be CSYMA ministry leaders. Thanks to Lucy Barber for her organisation of this event and to Mr Walker for attending with the students.

Congratulations to: Abbyghail Richards, who placed second in Miss Teen at the Kempsey Show and Eliza Connors, an ex-student, who became Miss Showgirl. Well done girls.
On the same day, the College assembled for the ANZAC service. It was both moving and inspirational, and I thank Mr Garty, Mrs Preston and Mr Westman for their work in producing this service. Mikayla Marr delivered the ‘Welcome to Country’ in the traditional language. Several other students also participated in the readings, prayers and in presenting the symbols of ANZAC.

With the news of the tragic events in Nepal, the Rosary has been said at lunchtime each day this week for those affected. The SRC also put faith into action by collecting money during recess and lunch. Next Tuesday, 5 May, St Paul’s will be hosting the Combined Schools Mass to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. This will begin at 11.30 and all parents and friends of both St Joseph’s and St Paul’s are cordially invited to attend.

Your prayers are asked for Mr Brambly and his extended family on the passing of his father and for Mr McGregor and his extended family on the passing of his mother.

Mrs Danuta Puzas – Acting Leader of Evangelisation

Students at Kempsey March

CURRICULUM

The beginning of Term 2 is always full of apprehension for students, as the focus for the next four weeks will be preparation for Semester Examinations in Week 5 for Years 7-11, NAPLAN testing in Week 3 for Years 7 and 9, and the second half of the HSC course for Year 12 which always includes several internal assessment tasks. Students should have all their examination and assessment task dates planned out in order to best prepare for each event.

Year 12 Students and Parents: Year 12 students will have received an E-mail from NSWBOS at their school E-mail address explaining how they can generate a HSC PIN. This allows students to log into the Board’s Students Online website (studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au), and also allows them to access their HSC results at the end of the year. From Wednesday, 29 April, students were able to access their personal HSC timetable, showing the dates and times for each of their examinations.

Students Online also allows students to access information held about them by the Board of Studies, including their enrolment details, and their personal details. Students are encouraged to check this as it allows for a further check on the accuracy of the information. Note: students are able to change email addresses and mobile phone numbers themselves directly via Students Online. Corrections to any other details are to be made through myself.

Year 7 and 9 NAPLAN: Testing will take place over three days:
*Language Conventions includes spelling, grammar and punctuation.
**Numeracy includes Number, Algebra, Function and Pattern, Measurement, Chance and Data.

Parents Please Note: There is one numeracy test where calculator use is permitted and one where it is not.

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Mr Leon Robinson – Leader of Curriculum
Free Online Tutoring For St Paul's Students!!!
The Future Moves team at Charles Sturt University has been working with our school since Term 4, 2014, on activities designed to help students build aspiration for tertiary study and then help them achieve these aspirations. As part of this program, Future Moves is providing our students with access to ‘YourTutor’ for the remainder of 2015 as part of a pilot study.

‘YourTutor’ is a live, one-to-one, on-demand online homework and study service. The moment your child has a question—English, Maths, Science, essay writing, assignment assistance and more – there is a real-life, expert Australian tutor online, ready to help, 3pm – 10pm Sunday through Friday. Tutors have a “No-Answers” policy, meaning that they are there to give feedback, assess weaknesses and make suggestions for student improvement, not to give answers to homework questions. In other words, students are trained to think for themselves.

Who are the Real-Life, Online Staff? The online tutors are all teachers or university experts, located across the country. The online staff must go through all necessary checks and a stringent application and training process, to make sure only the best are allowed in the network.

What Does this Mean for Families?
- Less stress during ‘homework time’ in your household
- The chance for every child to build up confidence, interest, and performance in subject areas
- No extra travel or appointments needed. Students simply use the service from a computer or device, from school, from home, or anywhere else with an internet connection.
- Access to learning support that is normally expensive.

Students will be able to access ‘YourTutor’ via the school Moodle page Quick Links tab. We have begun rolling out ‘YourTutor’ at St Paul’s and we encourage parents and students to take advantage of this very valuable opportunity while it lasts. Have a look at their website at http://www.yourtutor.com.au/

Exam Preparation For Week 5 Begins Now: Semester 1 exams for Years 7-11 are fast approaching (Week 5). As we all know, good exam preparation leads to best exam results. To help with this, students are encouraged to start preparing NOW. The following steps may help.

Step 1: Ensure your work for each subject is up to date and stuck in your book in correct order. Any missing work needs to be caught up on (photocopy a friend’s up to date notes)

Step 2: Prepare study notes. These are summaries of your class notes. Make sure you use your study guides as a map of what to cover. Include any important vocabulary, dates, people, characters, themes etc. Study notes should only be about 20% of the original volume. In other words: 10 pages of class notes should be condensed into about 2 pages of study notes.

Step 3: Master the content. Practise your vocabulary, re-do past tests and quizzes, work on improvements recommended by your teacher, memorise items needed for the exam, submit essay drafts or concept maps for checking, colour code your study notes, etc.

In the words of Winston Churchill:
“Continuous effort - not strength or intelligence - is the key to unlocking our potential.”
Mr Rob Mahon – Leader of Pedagogy

LIBRARY NEWS

Overdue Books: Letters were distributed last week, if not late last term. Thanks to all those students who have returned overdue items. We’ve reached the point where the recovery of resources to date is now being measured in thousands of dollars (one family accounted for over $300!). For the time being, you can still respond to this matter in one of three ways:

1) Asking for the loan to be extended
2) Returning the overdue item/s
3) Paying for it/them.

But not for much longer. The next batch of letters will be asking for items to be paid for rather than proposing options. At all times, however, those who genuinely believe that there are extenuating circumstances will always be given a fair hearing.
Finally, house points for those groups with the best records will be awarded late next week, so drop them in the box!

Anzac Display: Our display area is now dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli. And it will remain there until December 20...the date when our troops were withdrawn from the Dardanelles. Everyone should feel free to come, browse and borrow. Additionally, students have been invited to contribute to the display. Mrs Whalen kicked things off with the hand sewing of 100 poppies. What we want to do is attach one to a card acknowledging relatives of students who have served their country. All they need to do is collect a card from us, fill it in and return it. Feel free to bring in photos or other memorabilia as well.

Premier’s Reading Challenge: Unfortunately, we are experiencing difficulty with the website, but hope to have things rectified soon. Then we will be able to issue students with their user names and passwords. In the meantime, keep reading and recording your efforts manually.

Happy Reading

Mr Peter Garty – Teacher/Librarian ☺

**Did you know?**

St Paul's College Rugby League teams were so successful in their first year of competition (1965), that they were given a victory dinner. It was held in the school Assembly Hall (the current staff room) in August.

The event was sponsored by the P & F Ladies Committee and the College Staff.

Each team had their own table and the room was decorated in school colours of red and black with pennants and silver footballs adding to the festive atmosphere.

**SPORT**

**HISTORY**

On Friday, 24 April, Year 9 History and Year 10 Elective History represented the College at an ANZAC service at the Kempsey Macleay RSL Club. Students from St Joseph’s Primary also attended.

At the service, the students listened to Terry Hunt’s interpretation of what ANZAC means, as well as an account from a survivor of the non-combatant ship the Centaur. The students were allowed to ask questions during this time.

A presentation of photographs of ANZACS from the Macleay was shown, which was accompanied by a performance from the Kempsey Silver Band. Malcolm Capararo performed the last post and Jemma Edwards sang beautifully. James Walker read a speech commemorating the ANZACS.

Students had the opportunity to visit the RSL Memorial Hall where they spoke to soldiers and looked at artefacts and photographs from the wars. A highlight was seeing all of the photographs hanging on the wall of the ANZACS from the Macleay Valley that have streets named after them in Kempsey.

Ms Sarah Clarke – History Teacher

**TEXTILES REPORT**

Congratulations to Ally Dowdle (Year 10) and Winsome Harradine (Year 12, 2014) for their recent successes in the textiles field.

Ally’s quilt, named ‘Danny’s Quilt’, was one of 100 quilts selected to go on tour with the 100 Years Anzac Quilt Challenge. The competition was open to all ages from Australia and New Zealand. The theme was ‘Lest We Forget, what does Anzac mean to you?’.

Ally’s inspiration read:

“The theme Lest We Forget is shown in Danny’s Quilt from the use of embroidered poppies, which symbolise the fallen soldiers, the rising sun,
symbolising the Australian Army and the fabric soldier symbolising respect. The picture of Danny also relates to the theme, because we will never forget what he and other soldiers did for our country. Dedication: I dedicate ‘Danny’s Quilt’ to my Great Grandfather Ronald Palmer, also known as Danny, who served in WW2. Although Danny is not with us any more, he will always be remembered in our minds and within our hearts. Lest We Forget.”

Her quilt was displayed at the Australasian Quilt Convention in Melbourne on the 16-19 April, and will continue to tour and be exhibited at selected craft events around Australia and New Zealand.

Winsome entered her Major Textiles Project from 2014 into the Sydney Royal Easter Show. She was awarded third prize in Class: 519 - Any type of needlework incorporating hand stitching. People Aged 14 to Under 20 Years of Age. Winsome’s textile art piece incorporated hand embroidery, felting, hand dyed fabrics, appliqué, needle embellishing and a wide range of other creative techniques. She was inspired by memories from her childhood years.

Congratulations again to both Winsome and Ally.

Mrs Mary Walker – Textiles Teacher

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**Did you know?**

The first swimming carnival, held on Friday night, concluded with novelty events, including a Fathers’ race. There were so many entrants that two races were contested.

**Race 1:**
- J Barkley 1st
- B Henry 2nd
- J Turner 3rd
- P Hudson 4th
- Time: 21.1 seconds for 33 metres

**Race 2:**
- G Flanagan 1st
- C Henshaw 2nd
- P Chisholm 3rd
- J Henry 4th
- Time: 22.6 seconds for 33 metres

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**STUDENT SERVICES**

**Homework Club:** Homework Club is operating every Wednesday afternoon from 3.25pm till 4.25pm 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 students being picked up should do so from the car park behind the Science Block.

Please complete the form below and return 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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**NORTH STREET FARM**

This week, on the North Street Farm, we have been planting some winter feed. We have planted Tetilla Ryegrass, Tonic Plantain, Puna Chicory, USA Red Clover and Haifa White Clover. This has been sown with After Graze and safe fertiliser lime pellets. The seed and fertiliser was sourced from Kempsey Produce and Saddlery. We have used zero tillage techniques to plant the seed. This basically means that we don’t turn the soil and therefore expose it to erosion. It’s also a very quick method of sowing pasture that reduces fuel usage and maintains soil moisture.
The New Trade Training Centre buildings are taking shape quickly. These will provide us with a great area where we can run our classes from. We hope to be moving into this building in the near future.

This week, weather permitting, the College Cross Country will be run on the North Street Farm. James Conomos, our Primary Industries and Construction Trainee, has been mowing the course with the tractor. The farm is certainly starting to be utilised for a variety of uses.

Mr Graham Bramley – Agriculture Teacher
Welcome back to a very busy term for sport. This term has many representative opportunities for all students and I encourage them to listen to morning notices to ensure they don’t miss out.

**Cross Country:** On Thursday of this week we held our annual cross country carnival. The carnival will be at our North Street Agriculture Farm. The day is compulsory for all students in Years 7 – 10, and optional for Years 11 and 12. Any student who finishes in the first six of their age group has the opportunity to represent our College at the Lismore Diocesan Carnival in Grafton on 23 May. A note will be given to those students. Results from our carnival will be in our next newsletter.

**Rugby League:** At the end of last term, Nathan Phillips gained selection in the U15’s Northern Country Team. He will now travel to St Mary’s in Sydney and compete at the NSW Trials. We congratulate Nathan for this selection and we wish him and his team all the best.

**Coming Events:**
- NSWCCC Swimming Championships, Homebush, 4 May
- Lismore Diocesan Touch Tournament, Goonellabah, 5 May
- Lismore Diocesan Basketball, Coffs Harbour 6 – 8 May
- Lismore Diocesan Cross Country, Grafton, 21 May

Miss Dianne Lawrence – Sports Co-ordinator

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**INSPIRING PARENTING CONFERENCE - FREE OF CHARGE**

A number of **FREE** places are still available to parents who are interested in attending the NSW Parenting Conference jointly hosted by Lismore Catholic Schools Parent Assembly and Council of Catholic School Parents on 16th and 17th May.

The Conference features renowned parenting experts Michael Grose and Bruce Sullivan as keynote speakers and a host of other presenters providing workshops on issues such as parenting, mental health and wellbeing issues, connecting home and school learning and faith development.

Parent Assembly will cover **ALL COSTS** including your conference registration and accommodation at the stunning Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour.

To register your interest please contact your local Parent Assembly Cluster Organiser Peta Rourke 0400 420 614.

Register quickly as places will be allocated to those who express interest first. We look forward to seeing you there. 😊
It takes a Village to raise a child.

16 – 17 May 2015
Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour

11th Catholic Schools Parent Conference
“It Takes a Village to Raise a Child”
Hosted by the Lismore Catholic Schools Parent Assembly & the Council of Catholic School Parents NSW/ACT

Who is the conference for?
Parents, school staff, school executives!
Schools are encouraged to publicise the conference widely, through school newsletters, staff and parent meetings and local websites.
School parent associations, including P&Fs and school boards, are encouraged to sponsor parents to attend and then to report back to the parent associations or board to share their learnings from the conference.
All parents and staff are welcome.

Why should you attend?
The 2015 Catholic Schools Parent Conference is an opportunity to acknowledge, support and celebrate parent involvement in education.
It provides a wonderful opportunity to talk with other parents and educators, to share stories, gain new skills and understand what is happening in our Catholic schools and education today.
Come and meet other parents, parent educators and other specialists shaping 21st Century thinking about parenting, education and faith formation.

What will the conference involve?
The conference has a number of keynote sessions and a wide range of workshops and interactive networking sessions.
The conference runs over two days; Saturday 16th May 8.45am to 4.30pm and Sunday 17th May 9am to 1.30pm.
Mass will be celebrated on Saturday evening and will be followed by the conference dinner.

Where will it be held?
Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour

A Conference for Parents and School Staff

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Michael Grose
Australia’s No.1 Parenting Educator
A popular media commentator, Michael is the author of 8 parenting books, a columnist and parenting educator to over 1,500 Australian schools. He is also the first person to conduct a parenting seminar in Parliament House Canberra.

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Relationship Specialist
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