PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Jubilee Mass and Dinner: I invite and welcome all families and the College community to join us in the celebration of the College Jubilee. Over the last fifty years, St Paul’s College (in all of its guises) has provided outstanding Catholic secondary education to the community, and now is the time to celebrate that contribution. I particularly invite all past staff and students to our Jubilee Mass on Thursday, 25 June and to our open-day and Gala Dinner on Friday, 26 June. Further details are on Page 2.

Celebratory events are progressing well. There are some wonderful prizes that have been donated to be raffled.

Congratulations Jessica Grant: Congratulations to Jessica Grant who competed recently at the All-Schools Swimming titles in Homebush. As a result of her fine efforts, Jessica will now travel to Adelaide to compete in the Pacific Schools Games. This will be a very expensive trip for the Grant family and there will be some fund raising activities at the College to assist them along. If there are any in the community who feel they can assist in any way, please get in touch with me here. We wish Jessica all the best.

Fees and Government Funding: I want to take time to thank those parents who have made a great effort in keeping up with College and Parish fees for 2015. Your efforts in doing so allow us to provide and maintain the wonderful resources and facilities that are enjoyed by our students (your children) each and every day.

Let me make this point clear for families. In all schools (Catholic, Government (or public) and Independent) students are funded to a degree by both levels of government. According to the Australian Government’s ‘My School’ website, Catholic school students receive **20% LESS** funding support than those in Government schools. Even the modest amount charged by most systemic Catholic Schools (like St Paul’s College) does not bring that amount up to the same level as public school students. We do things very efficiently and very well here at the College, however we rely on every dollar of these school fees to maintain that level of excellence. I ask all parents and care-givers to make every effort to maintain your financial obligation and commitment to the College.

Enrolment Interviews: Our Year 7 2016 enrolment interviews have been progressing with encouraging numbers. Notification of places will be made early in Term 3 so families who have not as yet had an appointment should do so as soon as possible.

Clothing Pool – Jumpers and Jackets: As the weather turns cooler and we head into the winter months, I am starting to see some odd items of clothing being worn by students. At the College canteen, there is a supply of good condition used clothing available. If you have any of these at home that you no longer require, please send them in and we will gladly accept them for our clothing pool.

College Facebook Page: Some families will have noticed that the College now has a Facebook page. Despite all those who believe social media is not useful, the College executive and I feel that it is a valuable and convenient way to publicise the College and get vital information out via a user-friendly forum. It will be used to show off student involvement in a variety of activities, including the most recent Coffs Harbour Show. Important information about College events, and the Jubilee will also be posted there. I encourage all users of Facebook to ‘Like’ our page and keep up
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2015

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Jubilee

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CANTEEN ROSTER

1 JUNE
Mon  Terry Alsford
Tue  Lisa Nemme
Wed  Rani Nagra
Thurs Sue Young
Fri  Sue Young, Dianne Whalen

8 JUNE
Mon  QUEEN’B BIRTHDAY
Tue  Karen Hodges
Wed  Rani Nagra
Thurs Sue Young
Fri  Sue Young, Donna Owens

BAKING ROSTER

1 JUNE
Mon  Helen Cosic
Tue  Pauline Rixon
Wed  Maree Ward
Thurs Cate Madden
Fri  Debbie Hackenberg

8 JUNE
Mon  QUEEN’B BIRTHDAY
Tue  Shalini Anand
Wed  Kerry Delaforce
Thurs Clare Alsford
Fri  Julie Farah-Halls

CALENDAR

JUNE
2  Years 7, 11 & 12 Vaccinations
3  Year 9 – Steve Jeffrey Police Liaison Officer
4  Years 7-12 Dungutti Performance
12 Year 9 Reflection Day – South West Rocks
16-20 Agriculture Excursion – Bourke
18-21 Year 11 Street Retreat

Next P & F Meeting: 10 JUNE  START: 6 pm
with what is going on. You can find it here at https://www.facebook.com/stpaulscollegekempsey.

God Bless

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

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Attendance: One of the most important things a student can do to achieve academic success is also one of the most basic: that is to attend school every day. In fact, research has shown that a student’s attendance record may be the biggest factor which influences their academic success.

At St Paul’s, we encourage all forms of achievement to be acknowledged as positive and inspiring. In keeping with the College’s push for maximum involvement and participation, it is important to recognise those students who have been able to maintain this impressive record. This term at a whole College assembly I acknowledged students who had perfect attendance across Term 1. Congratulations to all those students.

Just a note on attendance: Students who have been absent on school business, excursions etc. are deemed to be at school and therefore not counted as absent.

NAPLAN 2015: From 12 – 14 May, Year 7 and Year 9 students undertook National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing. Later in the year, parents will receive their child’s personal report. The report provides a snapshot of your child’s particular skills – at a point in time - in the four areas of literary and numeracy. This information should be interpreted in conjunction with school based forms of assessment, the results of which you receive on the College Semester reports.

For the College, NAPLAN data provides valuable information at the level of individual students and also year level information. It assists teachers to identify students’ strengths and weaknesses in literary and numeracy. It informs teacher judgements and shapes teaching strategies. At a College level we are provided with an overview of current performance for groups of students. Therefore, this data assists in school planning to improve Literacy and Numeracy performance over time.

Bullying: Bullying is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons. It can have long-term effects on those involved. Bullying has been spoken about across several forums outlining its effects and what bullying actually is and is not. Students have been made aware that although bullying does happen in all areas of society, it is not acceptable, and should not be allowed. St Paul’s is committed to the provision of a safe learning environment for all.

Bullying in any form will not be tolerated, however, in saying this, bullying can and does happen. It can happen; face-to-face (e.g. pushing, tripping, name-calling), at a distance (e.g. spreading rumours, excluding someone), through information and communications technologies (e.g. use of SMS, email, social media).

Some conflicts between children are a normal part of growing up and are to be expected. These conflicts or fights between equals and single incidents are not considered bullying, even though they may be upsetting and need to be resolved.

Identifying bullying can sometimes be difficult. Bullying is often conducted out of sight of teachers and children may be reluctant to report bullying.

Cyberbullying is a term used to describe bullying that is carried out through internet or mobile device technologies. Children who are cyberbullied are also likely to be bullied face-to-face. Cyberbullying is one potential cyber safety issue for children when they use computers and mobile phones. One very good resource is the ‘Bullying. No way!’ program. This can be accessed at the following link: http://bullyingnoway.gov.au/

All students have access to a google form called ‘Being Bullied’. By completing this form, students indicate to me incidents of bullying experienced or witnessed by them. This form of communication allows myself and the Year Co-ordinators to respond to any incidents of bullying straight away.
Uniform Survey: The uniform committee thanks all parents, staff and students who participated in the survey. The survey responses have helped guide us through different options and configurations in order to make a useful and relevant proposal.

Adolescent Vaccination Program: On 2 June, Year 7 students will be having their second round of vaccinations this year. These vaccinations will be for Gardasil and Varicella (chicken pox). Boostrix and HPV will also be given for catch ups if required.

Year 11 and 12 students will also receive vaccinations on this day for MMR.

Year 8 students that need to catch up throughout the year to complete their Gardasil. The College will be issued with a list of these students 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 in 2015.

I thank all parents for their support.

Mr Guy Campbell – Assistant Principal

REC MINISTRY

Year 9 and 10 Sunday Mass: Parents and families of Year 9 and 10 students are warmly invited to attend Mass at the All Saints Parish Church, Kemp Street, this Sunday at 9.30am. The Mass will be followed by a morning tea. Years 9 and 10 teachers will be in attendance. Years 9 and 10 students will be involved in the liturgy.

Year 9 Reflection Day: The Year 9 Reflection Day will be held at South West Rocks on Friday, 12 June. Notes will be sent home with students early next week with more details. The Year 9 Reflection Day is a compulsory activity of this College and all students are to attend. There is no cost as this is covered by the RE subject levy.

Year 11 Street Retreat: Four students from Year 11 students will participate in a Street Retreat on June 19 – 21. Jai Thompson, Callum Sinclair, Bridget Barber and Evronia Allan will represent the College. They will work with organisations that provide support for people who live on the streets of Brisbane. Selected Year 11 students from other Catholic schools across the diocese will also participate. Mr Edwards, Year 11 Coordinator, will accompany the students.

Year 10 Retreat: The Year 10 Retreat will be on 30 – 31 July, at the Coffs Coast Adventure Centre. Notes were sent home with students this week, to allow families time to budget for the $115 cost. The aim of the retreat is to get students to reflect on the life choices they will be making, to build on their relationships with each other and to help them to formulate their plans for the future. The Year 10 Retreat is a compulsory component of a student’s education at St Paul’s, and as such, prior approval must be obtained from the Principal for non-attendance. Non-attendance, without approval, will still incur the cost of the retreat.

St Paul’s Jubilee Mass: The St Paul’s Jubilee Mass will be at 9.30am on 25 June, at the Edmund Rice Hall. Parents and grandparents and other past students of the College, are especially invited to attend. Some past principals and teachers, as well as the current staff and students, will be in attendance. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Geoffrey Jarrett. The Mass will be followed by tours of the College and a student talent quest.

IGNITE and Australian Catholic Youth Festival: These national student discipleship events will be held in Brisbane and Adelaide in September and December, respectively, this year. Students who are interested in finding out more about these events are asked to contact Mr Tamblyn or Lucy Barber as soon as possible.

Mr Conrad Tamblyn – Leader of Evangelisation

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK VIDEO COMPETITION

The students from Mrs Morrison’s Year 9 CSYMA Catholic Studies class entered this competition and the group comprising Trinity Raison, Erin Whalen, Jack Keough, Harry Mainey and James Walker were competition finalists. They received a $100 voucher for their effort.

The task was to make a 30 second video showing ‘What will your Catholic school of tomorrow look like?’. The video can be viewed through the following link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yzbhSeOol2w&feature=youtu.be

Catholic schools from across NSW and the ACT produced 134 video entries this year and the judging panel were highly impressed with the outstanding quality of the entries, particularly in terms of the technical
execution and creative vision displayed. As one judge stated, 'We have some wonderfully talented children out there in our Catholic schools.'

I would like to congratulate these students for their success in the competition, the other students who entered, Mrs Morrison for providing the opportunity and Mr Westman for his technical support.

Mr Ron Walker – Leader of Catechesis

CURRICULUM

Year 7-11 Examinations: All Year 7-11 exams including catch-up exams were completed in Week 5. Students who missed exams with no supporting evidence will be awarded a zero grade. Students who were absent from an exam and had supporting evidence for this absence, either completed a catch-up exam or will be awarded an estimate mark. All supporting evidence must be directed to Mr Lewis or myself.

Course Selection Market for Year 11 2016 – Current Year 10 Students: A Course Selection Market will be held at St Paul’s College on Wednesday, 15 July (Week 1 – Term 3) between 4pm and 6pm for students who are currently in Year 10. The Market includes representatives from all of the courses which are on offer in 2016. There will also be opportunities for you to speak with Subject Co-ordinators and course teachers from all areas of the curriculum including the VET Co-ordinator and Careers Advisor. I strongly stress the importance of your attendance, and that of your son or daughter at this meeting. Please ensure that you bring the Course Selection Booklet which your child will have been issued.

Please Note: It is not necessary to attend the Course Selection Market for the entire time scheduled. Parents and students ask questions and visit booths at their own discretion.

Following the Course Selection Market, there will be an information session between 6pm and 7pm presented by the Leader of Curriculum, Mr Leon Robinson. Here, Board of Studies requirements for both the Preliminary and HSC courses will be discussed, and any questions or queries you may have will be answered.

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

NORTH STREET FARM

On Friday, 15 – 16 May, seven of our students exhibited beef cattle at the Coffs Harbour Show.

We exhibited six animals overall: four steers belonging to the College and a steer and a heifer belonging to Rebecca Ryder. Whilst our cattle were not quite finished enough for competition to obtain any ribbons they were commended by the judge.

Rebecca Ryder’s heifer placed 1st in the Shorthorn female under twenty-four months and her steer named ‘Captain’ placed 3rd in steer class.

In the parading and judging section, where the competition focuses on the abilities of the parader and not the animal, we fared much better. Elijah Walker, Year 8, placed 1st in Junior Parading Under 15 and 3rd overall in parading against all age groups. In the junior judging, the contestants had to class a group of four heifers of similar age and in this competition and verbally present their decisions and reasons to the judge. Callum Norton, Year 8, placed 1st in the Under 15 Junior judging, whilst Liana Tyne, Year 9, placed 2nd in the Junior judging and Elijah Walker placed 3rd. A great result for our students.

I would like to thank all the students who attended and would like to make special mention of the following students, Jay Foran Year 11, Ryan Brady Year 9 and Rebecca Ryder Year 11 who mentored the junior...
students. Cara Rudder in Year 7 also attended her first show and was very unlucky not to win a ribbon thanks to a very pedantic judge who was incredibly particular about the attire, of all the students, on that day.

Many thanks to the parents who took time away from their families and work commitments to come to the show and help with tasks such as transport, cooking supervision and coaching the students: Matt Norton, Rachel Rudder and Phil Ryder. Also, a huge thanks to Peter Richards and Jamie Mainey from Port Macquarie Rural Sales for the generous loan of their truck. Thanks also to Midcoast Rural agencies for donating two Black Limousin steers to the College.

We are planning to continue preparing these steers for exhibition at the Lismore show later in the year where we can compete with other schools from the Lismore Diocese.

Mr Graham Bramley – Agriculture Teacher

SPORT NEWS

Swimming: On Monday, 8 May, Jessica Grant and Hugh Shannon represented NSWCCC at NSW All Schools Swimming Championships. Both students should be congratulated on their achievement to make it to this level and to both finish in the top ten of their events. I am excited to announce that Jessica Grant was awarded a bronze medallion in 100m butterfly and will now compete at the Pacific Games in Adelaide in November. This is a massive achievement as Jessica will now compete against the best swimmers across Australia in her age group. Congratulations Jessica, we wish you all the best and also congratulations to Hugh for reaching NSW All Schools.

Cross Country: On Thursday, 21 May, our College was represented by twenty seven eager runners who braved the weather and conditions to take on the rest of the Lismore Diocese in the annual Cross Country Carnival in Grafton. It was a true cross country course with the rain not easing all day, creating a slippery and challenging course. All our students were a pleasure to take and represented our College with pride. They all gave one hundred percent and embraced the weather. I’d like to congratulate the following students who finished in the top six of their age group and will now compete at Eastern Creek in Sydney next month. Congratulations to Chloe Saunders, Finn Askew, Shanna Wood and Kolby Wood. I’d like to give a big thanks to Mrs Shannon Askew who assisted transporting our students and Mr Preston for braving the weather and assisting on the day.

Football: Early this week, our College had eight students represent the Lismore Diocese at the NSWC CCC Football Championships in Sydney. Our students were: Olivia Creswick, Abigail Baker, Lindsay Morrison, Liana Tyne, Daniel Baker, David Henry, Mitchell Clarke and Evan Clarke. As you could imagine, the level of football increases the closer you get to Sydney. From all reports I have received, each of these students performed well and matched the ability of their competitors. The girls had a win, a draw and two losses and the boys had three losses (against teams with Australian U20’s players) and a draw. I would like to congratulate all these students for their performance and also to Mr Salter, who coached the boy’s team.

Rugby League: Last week Nathan Phillips played for the U15’s Northern Country Team at St Mary’s in Sydney to trial for the NSW Team. Unfortunately, Nathan was unsuccessful in gaining selection this year, however from all reports he made an impact and he will be one the selectors will keep an eye on for the years to come. Congratulations Nathan for making it this far, you should be proud of your achievements.

Staying on rugby league, this week St Paul’s was represented in the Macleay Valley Country Cup in U13’s and U15’s divisions. Our boys were against some very strong competition, but were competitive, enjoyed themselves and represented our College with pride. Team photos are on Page 7.
I’d like to thank Mr Moorehead, Mr Robinson and Vince Smith for giving up their time coaching our boy’s teams.

Also, in a first for St Paul’s, this week, whilst our newsletter is going to print, our College is represented at the Girls Rugby League Gala Day in Coffs Harbour. Stay tuned to next newsletter for a full report.

Coming Events:
Lismore Diocesan Open Football (Soccer), Kempsey, 9 June
Lismore Diocesan Year 7-10 Football Gala Day/Championships, Coffs Harbour, 23 June.

Miss Dianne Lawrence – Sports Co-ordinator

Ignite Conference

This exciting student discipleship conference will be held in the September school holidays, in Brisbane. The Catholic Schools Office will be organising a trip which is open to students from Years 7-12 at St Paul’s, Kempsey. The trip will be subsidized 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 subsidise travel, accommodation, registration and most meals.

Students and parents who are interested should check out the full information online at the web address www.igniteconference.com.au

To secure a place interested students should collect a form Lucy Barber, Mr T. or from the front office. This must be returned by Friday, 5 June, as a commitment to organisation is required. The $150.00 payment should accompany the permission note. This will allow for group registration at the conference and to minimise the cost. Further details about the conference are below:

Ignite Conference 2015: “One”
24 - 27 September 2015
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!
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Callum Norton

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Liana Tyne
P & F EASTER EGG RAFFLE

A big thank you to those who donated so generously and to all who purchased tickets in our Easter Egg raffle last term.

We raised over $670.00.

Andrea Keast was our first prize winner with over 25 other prizes being given out as well.

A fantastic result all round.

Did you know?
The official Blessing and Opening of St Paul’s Christian Brothers College was held on Sunday afternoon July 18 at 2 pm. Most Rev. PJ Farrelly, DD, performed the ceremony. All students attended in full school uniform. A crowd of over one thousand people attended, including forty five visiting Christian Brothers.

Did you know?
Sport featured prominently in Brother Cryan’s inaugural principal’s address at speech night. He spoke of three main House contests: Swimming Carnival, Athletics Carnival and Cross Country. It is pleasing to note that, fifty years on, all three events are still keenly contested on a House basis.
Dear Parents

In ‘10 Conversations you must have with your Son’, author Tim Hawkes suggests there are 4 ways that parents show love to their children:

1. Through words Hawkes writes, “A son (child) dispatched to school with the reminder that he is loved is a son (child) equipped to withstand the emotional and social attrition wrought by a world given to withering putdowns.” Hawkes is so right, but ‘I love you’ are three simple words that can get caught in our throats.

2. Through deeds Hawkes says, “For a parent to be congruent with their son (child), there needs to be a congruency between that which is heard and that which is seen.” For some children a parent baking a cake for them is an act of love. They like the fact that you made it for them more than the cake itself!

3. Through presence “In a time-poor society that is given to showing love through the gift of material possessions, the greatest demonstration of love a parent can give is to offer their child the gift of time,” writes Hawkes. Effective parenting is about choices, and choosing to be a presence in the lives of kids is an act of love that may not be appreciated at the time but can have a profound impact.

4. Through providing, it’s easy to be dismissive of the provider role that we play, but psychologist Maslow reminded us that unless a child’s basic needs -food, shelter and protection – are met, he will struggle to have his higher order needs, such as self-esteem and a sense of belonging met. But parents need to attend to those higher needs by attending to positive values, developing a sense of purpose, and developing a sense of belonging to his family through contribution.

Here’s a task.

Score yourself out of ten against each of these four different ways of showing love. If the score is low in WORDS, commit to introducing more conversation into your family life.

Here are five ideas to get more talk going:

1. Share conversations through meals
2. Regularly talk about news items that would interest kids.
3. Practise shoulder-to-shoulder parenting by talking in the car, or while you are active together.
4. Text message or email your kids (if old enough), particularly if your child’s preferred ‘love language’ is WORDS.
5. Write a letter and post it to your child.
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