In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus continues his teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark’s Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time.

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.

Farewell to our Year 12’s Tonight we say farewell to our graduating class of 2015. As our ‘Jubilee’ class, these young men and women hold a very special place in the life and history of the College. Together they have forged friendships, loyalties and memories that will live with them (and me) forever. I want to take this opportunity to express to the entire College community my absolute admiration and respect for each and every one of them. They have been an integral part of my time here and have left an indelible mark on me and the College in general.

To each of them I say “Thank you, good luck and best wishes”. I pray that each of you finds your gifts and talents in life and shares them in abundance with the world. It could only be a better place if each and every one of you did that.

St Paul’s College expresses sincere sympathy to Bob Brennan and the families of Matt, Jodie, Paula, Shellie and Katie on the passing of their mother Cherie. Cherie is the grandmother to Claire in Year 10 and Patrick Brennan in Year 8. The Brennan family were very active and supportive of the school. As we are celebrating St Paul’s Jubilee, we are grateful for and celebrate, the contribution of families like the Brennans who have been a big part of our school history. I know she will be missed by many and with that we join you in prayer in celebration of her life.

Opening of the Trade Skills Centre Next week we officially open our Trades Skills Centre. Minister Luke Hartsuyker will visit as the official representative of the Federal Government to celebrate with us this momentous and joyous occasion. With him, Fr Jim Griffin as the Bishop’s representative and Ricki Saunders as President of our College P & F, will preside over the proceedings. The College has been blessed in recent years with support from a number of agencies and we look forward to repaying that support in kind via the wonderful outcomes on offer for our students.

INVITATION TO CELEBRATE

Everyone is invited to celebrate Fr Paul’s 25th Anniversary as a Priest

Sunday 29 November 9.30 am Mass
followed by Morning Tea in the Parish Hall

If anyone can help on the day please contact Isabel on 6562 6303
Also for those attending, please bring a plate to share
**ST PAUL’S COLLEGE**  
**2015 END OF YEAR EVENTS**

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| Friday, 4 December to Tuesday, 8 December | Normal lessons for Year 11 students. All Year 11 must attend.  
Years 7 – 10 not required at school.                                                      |
| Wednesday, 9 December to Friday, 11 December | Normal lessons for Year 11 students. Normal lessons for Years 7 – 10 (exam feedback).  
**All students are expected to attend.**                                                      |
| Monday, 14 December           | Normal lessons for Year 11 students. Normal lessons for Years 7 – 10 (exam feedback).  
**All students are expected to attend.**                                                      |
| Tuesday, 15 December          | Awards Ceremony to be held at 11 am in Edmund Rice Hall.  
Years 7 – 10 reports will be distributed. Students may leave at the conclusion of the ceremony if they are signed out through the front office by their parents. |
| Wednesday, 16 December        | HSC results available to students.  
Reports which are not collected at the Awards Ceremony can be picked up from the front office after 10 am only.  
School Community Day will be held at Trial Bay, South West Rocks. Students will travel by bus from school at 9 am, departing SWR at approximately 2.30 pm. Lunch (sausage sandwich and drink) will be supplied. All other food or specialty diets will need to be catered for by students individually. Casual but appropriate sun safety beachwear is required (hat, sunscreen, water etc is compulsory for all students). Enclosed footwear (no thongs) is required for the beach walk. Swimming is allowed, and beach walking will be essential as all students are expected to walk from the SWR Surf Club to Trial Bay. Any students who will be unable to do this, will need to see their Year Co-ordinator prior to the event where alternative transport to Trial Bay will be arranged. Students who live at SWR may meet teachers at the Surf Club at 9 am, and be picked up at Trial Bay at 2.30 pm, however, the full cost of the day will still apply. If a student has not been picked up prior to the buses departing at 2.30 pm, they will return to school on the bus. Cost of the day will be approximately $15. |
| Thursday, 17 December         | ATAR results will be available from 9 am.  
Parent/Teacher interviews are available by **APPOINTMENT ONLY** from 9 am – 1 pm. Please ring the College to make an appointment.  
HSC/ATAR morning tea for all 2015 Year 12 students. Starting at 11 am.  
**No normal lessons will be held, supervision will be provided.** |
| Friday, 19 December           | Staff Professional Learning Day. No students                                                |
Good Luck Jessica Grant who will fly out to Adelaide to participate in the Pan Pacific Games in swimming.

Good Luck also to Peter Garty, whose years of dedication and expertise in the sport of Softball, have been acknowledged by his appointment as Assistant Coach to the NSW Softball Team. Peter will attend the Pan Pacific Games in this capacity.

Remembrance Day This week our new College Captains and I attended the annual Remembrance Day ceremony at the RSL (see photo). It is a timely reminder of all those who willingly gave of themselves for the freedoms and graces we enjoy in this country. May we never forget...

Rescheduling of Year 6 Orientation Day For those families with children coming into Year 7 next year, the message went out, via a number of means, to inform of our new date for orientation: Thursday, 19 November from 8 am. Please let others know who need to know.

Student Proclaim Next week, the College will welcome two dynamic and inspirational young priests as part of Student Proclaim initiative. On Tuesday, 17 and Wednesday, 18 students will be treated to outstanding presentations on faith, youth and opportunity. These are events not to be missed and students will be touched, inspired and moved by what they see and hear. All schools in the Diocese have put together some sort of celebration for Student Proclaim and this will be our offering for our students.

Continuing Support In light of last week’s events, Fr Paul and I would like to offer our continued support to all students and their families at this difficult time. Students and their families who continue to struggle or find difficulty in coping are encouraged to call either of us at any time to discuss how we can provide the services you require to help you through this process.

Please be mindful of using these numbers in the manner they are intended:
Fr Paul: 0418 652 920
Mr Lewis: 0438 004 412

Student Voice Today I launched a short survey to students to give them the opportunity to voice their concerns about bullying, classroom behaviour, student issues and other areas of concern for them. I am a believer in students having the opportunity to share their thoughts with the Principal in a regular and systematic fashion. I have spoken with and asked all students to take due care with their responses and hope to be able to act on them in the coming weeks. If you have concerns that you feel should be addressed, please speak with your child or contact me directly via email. It is my intention to ensure all concerns are properly considered.

God Bless

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

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Deodorants at School The policy for the use of deodorants at school is as follows:

In keeping with College Policy, aerosol products such as deodorants, hair spray and body spray are banned. However, in the interests of hygiene, the use of roll-on deodorants is permitted in an appropriate venue. Students may wish to refresh themselves at recess or lunch with the use of roll-on deodorants. This is
to occur in the school toilets and not in the classrooms. Students are to keep their bag with them with the deodorant in it at recess and lunch in order to access it. They are not to be late for class.’

Owing to the serious nature of the allergic reactions of some members of the St Paul’s community to aerosol products, such as deodorants, hair spray and body spray, the school community is banning these products.

**Examination/Assessment and Staff Professional Learning dates for 2016**

Below are the examination and assessment dates for 2016. These can also be found on the live College calendar. Please note, both the HSC Trial Exam and HSC Exam dates are tentative only, and will not be published until 2016.

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<td>Staff Professional Learning Day</td>
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Mr Guy Campbell – Assistant Principal

**RECI MINISTRY**

**All Saints Sunday Mass** On Sunday, November 1, parents and families attended a special Sunday Mass. St Joseph’s and St Paul’s staff came together to help celebrate the Feast of All Saints. This was in recognition of the role that the parish plays in supporting the catholic schools in the Macleay Valley. Staff from both schools participated in the liturgy. Afterwards, a BBQ with bacon and eggs was held next to the parish hall. An enjoyable time was had by everyone there.

**Year 11-Year 6 Mass** The date of this Mass is Friday, November 20. Year 11 students will be buddied with Year 6 students to celebrate Mass together. Afterwards, the Year 6’s will host the Year 11’s for morning tea. Parents and friends are warmly invited to attend this Mass at 9.30 am at the All Saints Church, Kempsey.

**November** Mo bros and Mo sistas (amongst the staff and senior students) will again start to grow their hair during the month of November. The men will grow moustaches and the ladies, the hair on their legs. This action is to raise awareness and also to raise money for research into prostate cancer.

**Bandanna Day** Bandana day was held and the Year 10 CSYMA students raised $500 that has been forwarded to support young people affected by cancer.

**Festa Christi** Twelve Year 8 students will be accompanied by Mrs Stubbs and Year 11 students, Zoe Yarwood and Ethan Hodges, to attend Festa Christi in Coffs Harbour, next week. Festa Christi is a gathering of Catholic students from each parish in the Diocese to share their faith. A big thank you to Mrs Stubbs for giving up her own time to go away with the students.

**Catherine McAuley** On Wednesday, 11 November, we remembered Catherine McAuley, founder of the Sisters of Mercy. The Sisters of Mercy played an integral role in the formation of St Joseph’s and St Paul’s in Kempsey. We are very lucky that the sisters continue to play an active role at both parish schools.

**Kempsey Proclaim** A special program of events will happen at the College next week during November 17 – 18. International guest speakers include Fr Rob Galea (X – Factor fame) and Fr Bony Abraham. Parents and friends are cordially invited to attend. Contact Mr Tamblyn for more information.

**Christmas Appeal** The St Vincent de Paul Society and the 2016 Ministry Leaders are organising this year’s Christmas Appeal (see next page). Each student will be asked to bring in a small non-perishable food item or something else suitable for inclusion in Christmas hampers. These will be presented to representatives of St Vinnie’s at our end of year Giving Mass on Thursday, 26 November, for distribution in our local community. Please give generously to this appeal.

Mr Conrad Tamblyn – Leader of Evangelisation
Christmas Hamper

It has become a tradition at St Paul’s for each Pastoral Care Group to collect a hamper of groceries to be presented to St Vincent de Paul Society at the offertory procession during the final School Mass of the year – the Giving Mass, 26 November. Please consider one item from the accompanying list. Two or more students can amalgamate for the more expensive items. Suggested contributions are $3 – $5 per student.

Suggested Hamper List - Non Perishable

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(Please do not donate alcoholic beverages and PLEASE check the use-by date)

CURRICULUM

From the BOSTES – 2015 HSC Results  This year HSC results will be available online, by SMS and telephone from 6 am, Wednesday, 16 December. To access results online:

1. Visit one of the results websites:
   - www.hscresults.nsw.edu.au OR
   - www.hsc-results.nsw.edu.au OR
   - www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au

2. Enter your student number and HSC PIN.

I would personally like to thank Ms Ann Lunt and all of the HSC Examination supervisors. Ann and her team voluntarily supervise the Trial HSC Examinations to prepare themselves for the real HSC and this service is really valued by the teaching staff at St Paul’s College. Ann has also asked me to pass on her thanks and congratulations to Year 12, who were immaculate in their behaviour throughout the entire HSC Examination period.

Semester Two Examinations  The following is from the College Policy Handbook:

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 Semester 1 or 2.

Guidelines for Illness/Misadventure Exams  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.
A. There will NOT be any misadventure exams for any other reason. Students who are aware 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.

B. 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.

C. 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.

**Examination Penalties Years 7-12**

Penalties will apply for students who, during an examination:

- Communicate with other students (either verbally, non-verbally or by using technology)
- Are found to have been cheating. For Years 10 – 12, this is outlined in their Assessment Handbooks as follows:

  "In any instance where a student is shown to have cheated or there is conclusive evidence that the student intended to cheat or there is conclusive evidence that the student inappropriately colluded, then a mark of zero may be recorded for that assessment task. If it is shown that a student has gained an unfair advantage in an assessment task, a zero may be recorded".

- Disrupt or cause disruption in the examination venue.

Penalties Depending on the nature of the incident, penalties will be applied after discussions between any or all of the following have occurred: the exam supervisor, the relevant Leader of Learning, the Leader of Curriculum and the Assistant Principal. If the incident is deemed severe enough, then the Principal may also be consulted.

**Study Guides (Years 7 -10) and Assessment Notifications (Year 11)**

All students in Years 7 – 11 will be given digital access to, or paper copies of Study Guides (Years 7 – 10) or Assessment Notifications (Year 11) which contain the content, length and question types that will be asked in their end of year assessment tasks in each subject. Students need to refer to these documents when preparing for their assessment tasks. All students will have access to these documents by Friday, Week 6.

**Year 11 Assessment Block**

Year 11 will begin their assessment block on Friday, 27 November and will conclude Thursday, 3 December. Some assessment may also occur before or after this assessment block.

**Year 10 Examinations and All My Own Work**

Semester 2 examinations will begin Friday, 27 November and will conclude Tuesday, 1 December. Year 10 will be having English, Mathematics, Science, HSIE and Catholic Studies Examinations. The ‘All My Own Work’ program will be completed Friday, 11 December. This is a compulsory program which must be completed by all students before they can be enrolled into Year 11.

**Year 7-9 Examinations**

Semester 2 Examinations will begin Friday, 27 November and will conclude Thursday, 3 December.

Mr Leon Robinson – Leader of Curriculum

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**LIBRARY MATTERS**

**RETURNING TEXT BOOKS**

As we approach the end of the year, students in *Years 7 to 10* should start giving some thought to **organising their textbooks**. They will need them for exams and then they will need to be returned to the Library.

**Please note…** any overdue loans originating this year will mean that textbooks may not be issued to those students next year. This policy will only be altered on the rarest of occasions, so start searching desks, classroom cupboards, lockers and, of course, at home.

Year 11 retain any books issued this term (along with Religion and Maths texts) as they will be needed for their HSC.

Any overdue texts will generally have to be replaced or paid for before further ones are issued.

Mr Peter Garty – Librarian
**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 pm. 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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**Special Provisions for Exams**

If you believe your child should be supported during the coming Semester 2 Exams, please contact me at school.

If your child is a particularly slow reader or gets highly anxious about exams, these could be grounds for support.

The support offered could include a reader or writer, partial reader and/or writer, extra time, separate or small-group supervision, seating in a suitable situation etc.

Please feel free to contact me at the school if you have any enquiries.

**Mrs Jan Stubbs – Additional Needs Teacher**

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**SPORT NEWS**

**Water polo** Last Tuesday our College was represented by four teams at the Lismore Diocese Water polo Championships. All teams showed great sportsmanship and improved throughout the day. Our open girl’s team were our most successful team and made it to the semi-final but were narrowly defeated. I would like to thank Mr Crowley and Mrs Comish for giving up their own time to travel and coach our teams.

**Cricket** Last week Ben Pierce, Kaine Parkinson and Corey Crotty trialled for the Lismore Diocese U15’s Northern Country Cricket team to trial for NSWCCC. Congratulations to Ben and Kaine who were successful and will now head to Auburn later this term. Good luck boys.

At the time of writing, our 7-12 girls and 7/8 boys cricket teams will be competing at the T20 Regional Finals in Port Macquarie. We wish them well and I will have a report of their games in the next newsletter.

**Swimming** From 21 November, Jessica Grant and her family will travel to Adelaide in order for her to compete at the Pacific School Games, where she will compete against the best swimmers in her age group from all around Australia. Jessica will compete in her pet event 100m butterfly and represent NSW in the 4 x 50 Freestyle Relay. On behalf of the College community we wish Jessica all the best and safe travels.

**Miss Dianne Lawrence – Sports Co-ordinator**
**CANTEEN ROSTER**

16 Nov
- Mon: Terry Alsford
- Tue: Lisa Nemme, Donna Farrawell
- Wed: Rani Nagra
- Thurs: Sue Young
- Fri: Sue Young, Di Whalen

23 Nov
- Mon: Terry Alsford
- Tue: Lisa Nemme, Donna Farrawell
- Wed: Rani Nagra
- Thurs: Sue Young
- Fri: Sue Young

**BAKING ROSTER**

16 Nov
- Mon: Helen Cosic
- Tue: Maree Ward
- Wed: Cate Madden
- Fri: Debbie Hackenberg

23 Nov
- Mon: Gail Irvine
- Tue: Shalini Anand
- Wed: Kerry Delaforce
- Thurs: Julie Farah-Halls

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**CALENDAR**

November
- 16-18: Hospitality Industry Tour – Sydney
- 17: Proclaim Rob Galea Concert
- 18: Whole Day Proclaim Student Event Fr Bony Abraham
- 18-19: Year 8 Festa Christi
- 19: Years 7-11 Creative Arts Workshop Grafton
- 20: Year 11/6 Mass
- 30: Year 11 Assessment Week

Next P & F Meeting: 9 December START: 6 pm
Fr Bony Abraham
Key Note Speaker
WEDNESDAY
18th NOVEMBER
12 noon
St Paul’s College
Kempsey
EDMUND RICE
HALL
KEMPSEY STUDENT
PROCLAIM

beyondblue Support Service
1300 22 4636
Email or chat online
www.beyondblue.org.au/getsupport
Southern Cross University is pleased to extend an invitation to attend one of our Info Days at the campus of your choice. SCU Info Day will provide the opportunity to find out more about our courses, university life and the types of services and support SCU offers to help students achieve their potential. You are welcome to bring along friends and family to explore our beautiful campuses and facilities, meet our staff and student ambassadors.

Coffs Harbour campus, December 7, Lismore campus, December 9 and Gold Coast campus, December 11.

More information is available on the SCU webpage: http://scu.edu.au/scuinfoday

ST PAUL’S COLLEGE ATAR/HSC BBQ

Year 12 2015

You are invited to the Annual ATAR/HSC RESULTS BBQ

When: Thursday 17 December @ 11am

Where: St Paul’s College

What to Bring: Yourselves (BBQ supplied)