This week we farewelled a kind-hearted and much-loved friend of the College, the Parish and the Diocesan community. Fr Crowley was in past years a frequent visitor to the College and always took time out to spend with the students, speaking to them about their lives and offering help and advice whenever he could. Fr Crowley served the Catholic community of the Lismore Diocese over many years in various parishes up and down the coast and held many positions of responsibility and service during that time. Fr Crowley retired to Kempsey in 1992. He spent his later years at Vincent Court and enjoyed the many opportunities our students took to chat with him and other residents, during class visits. Fr Crowley passed away quietly in his sleep. He will be sadly missed.

**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:

- 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

**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.

**Thanks for Catholic Schools Week:** Last week was a great success for the College with well over 100 families taking the opportunity to visit the school, check out our facilities and speak with our dedicated staff. I take this opportunity to thank all of my staff and the many community members who made it such a strong and welcoming place last week. The enrolment process continues now with interviews throughout the remainder of this term.

**Feedback from Legacy Luncheon:** Many times throughout the year we take the opportunity to give back to the community, or to host events supporting worthy groups. Last week we hosted Legacy Mid North Coast for their annual luncheon and handover of Office Bearers. Below is a short note of thanks from just one of the attendees. I felt it worth sharing to the community:

“Dear Kevin:

I just wanted to pass on our sincere thanks to all staff and students responsible for the Legacy Luncheon on Friday, 8 May. (Name) and I were both extremely impressed by the preparation, presentation and the meal itself. It was a credit to you all. The students who served deserve special mention because of their genuine consideration of those attending. We certainly came away from the day with a new respect for your school, the staff and students and of course the Kempsey area. Congratulations again to all concerned.

Kind regards”

**Race Day:** It was a shame that Mother Nature ‘rained on our parade’ as it were last week with our planned race day. Of course the races did go ahead, but not at a time when the College was able to
participate. I take this opportunity to thank our hard-working P & F members for their dedication and determination to provide fun opportunities for the community to gather together and celebrate. We now focus on the Jubilee Mass and Gala Dinner which are coming up in late June.

**Gala Dinner and Mass:** Mark these dates in your diary:
- Thursday, 25 June – Jubilee Mass
- Friday, 26 June – Jubilee Gala Dinner

Further details will appear in the coming weeks

**Raffles and Auction Items:** Parents will soon see books of raffle tickets coming home. Our P & F has secured a number of prizes as fundraising opportunities for the College this year. I encourage all families to support this activity and dig deep to support our efforts. If, for some reason, you are not able to help us out with raffles, I ask that you simply return the unused tickets with your child to the front office.

**EREA – Chris Smith:** Part of our goals this year was to re-establish our traditional links with the founding Christian Bros and subsequently, the Mercy Sisters who helped build the College. This year, I renewed our association with EREA – Edmund Rice Education which is the group formally created to represent the Christian Bros. This week I met with Chris Smith, leader of that group, and look forward to further cooperation and development with EREA in the future.

God Bless

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

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**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

“Give thanks to the Lord, proclaim his greatness” Psalms 105:1

Our Year 6 parent information session, incorporated within our College Open Evening, was very popular last week, and I thank all the parents who attended this evening. We are very proud of our facilities which we were able to showcase throughout the night.

A uniform committee has been established within the College to look at the current uniform. Our brief is to propose one which is modest and equitable, remains neat and formal, is practical for many aspects of College life and maintains a College feel.

The uniform committee is seeking input from all members of the College community to help guide them through different options and configurations in order to make a useful and relevant proposal.

A digital survey is available for all parents, students and members of staff to complete. The short survey can be found on the College web site home page (http://moodle.kmpsism.catholic.edu.au/), and contains nine optional multiple choice questions with room for an optional comment.

**Exams:** The Year 8 to 11 examination block will be occurring in Week 5 this term, 18 – 22 May. Year 7 will have normal lessons for this week, however, some courses may run assessments during their regular timetabled lessons.

Student examination timetables are available on the College web site. They can be accessed directly from the home page and from the students tab under assessment. All students (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 student diaries.
Students in Years 9 and 10 PASS will need to note that this exam will be held on Monday in the Hall. Likewise for the Year 11 Hospitality classes who will sit their exam on Monday during Periods 3 and 4.

**Adolescent Vaccination Program:** On 2 June, Year 7 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.

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 these students who are required to see the nurses. Parents have been sent a letter at the end of last year stating that their child will be given these catch up vaccinations in 2015.

**Mr Guy Campbell – Assistant Principal**

**RE MINISTRY**

**Brainstorm Productions:** Brainstorm Productions have been regular visitors to St Paul’s College for a number of years. On 26 May they will be presenting the production ‘Cyberia’ to Years 7, 8 and 9 students for an hour from 1.50 pm in the school hall. Parents and friends are cordially invited to attend. The performance deals with social networking issues such as the misuse of technologies, like Facebook and Twitter. There is no cost for students as this is covered by the RE subject levy.

**Years 9 and 10 Sunday Mass:** A special mass for the families of Year 9 and 10 students is looming at 9.30 am on Sunday, 31 May, at the All Saints Parish Church. Please keep this date free in your diary so that you can join us on the day.

**Preparation for Sacraments:** Any students who are interested in preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist or Holy Communion please contact the College or parish office as soon as possible. A program is starting soon.

**Project Compassion:** St Paul’s College raised approximately $2,000 through Project Compassion this year. The money has been forwarded to CARITAS Australia, who will use the funds to support projects in less developed countries. A big thank you to all of the students and parents who got behind Project Compassion this year.

**Mr Conrad Tamblyn – Leader of Evangelisation**

**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, exam time clash or questions in regards to the timetable, or 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 BOS 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 5 (Monday 18 May - Friday 22 May)**

**Year 8-11 Study Guides/Assessment Notifications:** Year 8-11 Study Guides/Assessment Notifications have all been issued. Years 8-11 have hard copies of the guides available from their Year 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 8-11 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 ‘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 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 complete 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.

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.

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Mr Leon Robinson  – Leader of Curriculum

SCIENCE REPORT

International Science School: Ethan Hodges in Year 11 has been selected to take part in the prestigious International Science School at the University of Sydney during the next school term holidays.

Only one hundred and forty Year 11 and 12 students from across Australia are selected to take part in this program every two years.

Ethan will hear presentations from leading world scientists about their work and cutting edge research. He will be able to undertake experiments and other hands-on activities with expensive equipment, experience university life and be involved in a range of city outings. Ethan will be given university accommodation and all costs will be covered by the university.

I am sure he will find this whole experience very rewarding.

Mr Steven Ilsley – Leader of Science

LIBRARY NEWS

Exam Study: It’s great to see that a number of students have been making use of our extended hours of operation (8.15 – 4.30 pm) in the build up to next week’s exams. These will continue next week, of course. And remember, it’s an iPad-free-zone for the duration, unless they are at the desks and being used for silent reading, study or revision.

Overdue Books: Congratulations to MacKillop House, which earned 100 points for having the cleanest record for overdue books. They were closely followed by McAuley (75 points). A bit of a way back was Farrelly (50) with Edmund rounding things off (25).

Students are still asked to respond to the issue of overdue books (some going back two or three years) in one of three ways:

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

Anzac Display: More than thirty students have already placed acknowledgement cards on the wall of our ANZAC display, which will remain in place until December 20…the date when our troops were withdrawn from the Dardanelles. Everyone should feel free to come, browse and borrow. Students are still welcome
to collect a card from us, fill it in and return it in order to recognise the efforts of any of their relatives as members of our armed forces, past or present. Feel free to bring in photos or other memorabilia as well.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**: Unfortunately, we are still experiencing difficulty with the website. In the meantime, keep reading and recording your efforts manually.

Mr Peter Garty – Teacher/Librarian 😊

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**STUDENT SERVICES**

**HOMEWORK CLUB**: Homework Club is continuing 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 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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**SPORT NEWS**

**Cross Country**

On Thursday, 30 April, we held our annual Cross Country carnival at our North Street Agricultural Farm. The day was a success as we were very lucky that the rain held off until the last race. I was impressed with our students’ behaviour and participation on the day. I’d like to congratulate the following, who were awarded runner up or age champions:

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Overall house winner on the day was Farrellley, closely followed by McAuley, then Mackillop and Edmond.

Any one who finished in the top six of their age group has qualified to compete at the Lismore Diocesan Cross Country Carnival in Grafton on Thursday, 21 May. These students need to come see me as soon as possible and register their interest.

I’d like to thank Mr Bramley and Mr Conomos for allowing us to use the farm and giving up their own time to help me create the new track. I would also like to thank all the staff who assisted me on the day to help it run as smoothly as it did.

**Swimming**: On Monday, 4 May, our College had five swimmers compete for the Lismore Diocese at the NSWCCC Swimming Championships: Kolby Wood, Ashleigh O’Meally, Hugh Shannon, Jessica and Rebecca Grant. Each of these students should be extremely proud of their efforts and performances at such a high level. I would like to congratulate Jessica Grant and Hugh Shannon who both received medals and will now compete at NSW All Schools. Jessica came 2nd in the 200IM and 3rd in 100m butterfly
and Hugh came 3rd in 50m Freestyle. We wish these two all the best for training and for the upcoming competition.

**Touch:** On Tuesday, 5 May, our College was represented by four teams at the Lismore Diocesan Touch Carnival. Every student who participated should be proud of their efforts and the sportsmanship they demonstrated on the day.

Although our junior girls were up against some very tough competition they tried very hard and were competitive in every game. Our junior boys made it to the semi-finals but were beaten by St Joseph Regional 4-1. Our senior girls all played 100% throughout the day and ended up finishing 6th. Our senior boys also made the semi-finals and played extremely well all day. However too many dropped balls in crucial times during the semi-final had them narrowly lose 5-4.

It was exciting to see our students be competitive against other schools in the Diocese as we do not have a local touch football competition like many others do. It goes to show the raw talent many of our students have. I’d like to congratulate the following students who were selected in possible/probable teams: Junior Boys - Nathan Phillips, Senior Boys - Angus Bird, Toby Reardon and Bailey Harris and Senior Girls – Chloe Saunders. Nathan Phillips and Angus Bird were successful and will now play for the Lismore Diocese at the NSWCCC Touch Championships in Port Macquarie next month.

I’d like to thank my fellow coaches Mr Moorehead, Mr Love and Ms Cornish for giving up their own time to coach and travel away. I’d also like to give a big thanks to Vincent Smith for umpiring all day.

**Basketball:** Last week Mr McManus took a boy’s basketball team to the Lismore Diocesan Championship in Coffs Harbour. The players were: Matthew Edwards, Reece Connor, Reece Griffin, Katanyu Watthanakun, Adrian Bacani, Patrick Brenton, Daniel Emery and Aiden Eldridge. Our boys were up against some very strong competition as the majority of our team played up a division. From all reports each player should be proud of their efforts and the way in which they conducted themselves throughout the championship. I’d like to thank Mr McManus for giving up his own time to take these boys, especially because this was the first time in many years we were able to compete.

**Sporting Notices:** I’d like to remind all students to keep listening to morning notices for any sporting opportunities.

**Coming Events:**
Lismore Diocesan Cross Country Carnival, Grafton, 21 May 2015
Lismore Diocesan Open Football (Soccer) Championships, Kempsey, 9 June 2015
Lismore Diocesan Year 7-10 Football (Soccer) Championships, Coffs Harbour. 23 June 2015

Miss Di Lawrence – Sports Co-ordinator

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**Did you know?**

The Parents and Friends Association was officially formed in June 1965. The inaugural office bearers were:

- **President** – Mr P.J. Chisholm
- **Vice-Presidents** – Mrs H Hay and Mr P Hudson
- **Secretary** – Mr Britt, assisted by Mrs R Henshaw
- **Treasurer** – Mr G R Flanagan.

*Their first item of business was preparations for the Official Opening and Blessing of the College and monastery – just four weeks away.*
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