PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A Time of Great Sadness: I invite all families and members of the College community to pray for the fallen in recent days. The tragedy of conflict touches all of us in many ways and it is in coming together that we remain strong. Our College will tie ribbons to the front fence in memorial to the children who perished.

Parent Teacher Interviews: It was wonderful to see so many of you at our interviews scheduled for Wednesday this week. Despite the disruption caused during the day, I was pleased to welcome so many of our parents during this important event.

NAIDOC: A big thank you to Mr Tamblyn and to our community elders who assisted in the running of this day. It certainly highlighted the wonderful efforts our indigenous brothers and sisters have contributed in the history of our region and our nation.

Year 12 Trials: I must wish all of our Year 12 students all the best of luck with their forthcoming Trial exams. To this point it will be the most important set of exams they have undertaken and I pray that they have patience and good judgement during each of their papers.

Year 10 Retreat And Year 11 Reflection Day: Next week our students will participate in their retreats and/or reflection days. These are wonderful opportunities to reflect on the blessings we have in our lives and also to ponder those who are less fortunate than ourselves. I spoke this week on assembly about the terrible tragedies befalling many around the world including the MH17 plane disaster, the Gaza-Israel conflict, war and famine in Africa and so on. We are indeed blessed to live in such a peaceful, accepting country and I asked students to consider this next time they had reason to complain that something doesn’t go their way. Many others have much more to complain about.

Subject Levy: Thank you to all parents who have been so prompt in settling their accounts. Both Parish school fees and St Paul’s College subject levies can be paid by BPAY. However, it is important to be aware that they operate with separate bank accounts. Can I ask that care be taken to use the correct references for both set of fees.

Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) Online - New Website For Parents To Apply Online For PVC Subsidy: Transport for NSW is launching an online service for families who wish to apply for the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy. There is no change to PVC subsidy policy. The PVC online website is designed to simplify the PVC subsidy application process for parents and for school staff.

NEXT P & F MEETING: 13 AUGUST 2014
START: 6 PM

CALENDAR 2014

TERM 3
JULY
28 HSC Trials Commence
29-30 Year 11 Reflection Day
AUGUST
4-8 Year 11 Work Placement
11 Years 7 and 8 Mass
14 HSC Trials Finish
12 Staff Development Day
14 Years 7-9 ‘Brainstorm’

CANTEEN ROSTER
28 July 2014
Mon HELPERS URGENTLY NEEDED
Karen Hodges
Tues HELPERS URGENTLY NEEDED
Rani Nagra
Thurs HELPERS URGENTLY NEEDED
Donna Owens, Michelle Ryan
Frias HELPERS URGENTLY NEEDED

BAKING ROSTER
28 July 2014
Mon Helen Cosic
Tues Pauline Rixon
Weds Maree Ward
Thurs Cate Madden
Frias Debbie Hackenberg

4 August 2014
Mon HELPERS URGENTLY NEEDED
Gail Irvine
Tues Shalini Anand
Weds Kerry Delaforce
Thurs Clare Alsford
Frias Julie Farah-Halls
For any questions about the PVC or the application process, please call Transport for NSW on 1800 010 123 or visit http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc. The PVC Online website became available from Monday, 21 July.

**Canteen Workers Urgently Needed:** We are in desperate need of volunteers to fill several days on our roster. Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer adequate service for our students on days where we do not have volunteers rostered. These days may see the canteen facilities unavailable for students. Your consideration of this matter would be greatly appreciated. Should you be able to spare just a few hours a month, please contact our Canteen Manager, Christine Hawtin on 6562-7200 as a matter of urgency.

God Bless

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

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**A MESSAGE FROM THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE NOTICE TO PARENTS**

The Catholic Schools Office representing the schools in the Diocese of Lismore together with eleven other dioceses of NSW and ACT are currently negotiating a new Enterprise Agreement. The Agreement seeks a number of terms and conditions that will improve flexibility in the management of schools and ensure that our teaching standards meet those set by the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership.

During the month of June, 26 of the 45 schools in the Diocese of Lismore balloted to participate in ‘Protected’ Industrial Action 2014 in opposition to the Catholic employers’ draft Enterprise Agreement. In order to vote for protected industrial action a staff member had to be an eligible employee, i.e. either a teacher or school support staff member of the union.

The Australian Electoral Commission has declared the results of this ballot, with eighteen schools out of the 26 in the Diocese of Lismore voting to take ‘protected’ industrial action. In order for the vote to be carried more than 50% of eligible union members had to vote in the ballot and a majority then had to support the type of industrial action to be taken.

We can now confirm that your school has elected to participate in ‘protected’ Industrial action commencing from Wednesday, 16 July 2014. Members of the union, at your school may choose to:

a) wear and display insignia, slogans and/or any other material concerning the Union campaign about the enterprise agreement;

b) provide information in a variety of forms concerning the views of members about any aspect of the union campaign to members of the community including parents and/or any other member of the community including the media; and

c) stop work from the commencement of duty for a total of three hours on Wednesday, 23 July 2014.

Eligible union members may have chosen to stop work on Wednesday, 23 July for three hours.

Please be assured that our commitment to your child’s education is central to everything we do, however we accept the right of staff to take ‘protected’ industrial action. We have worked with all staff not involved in industrial action to ensure the safe supervision of all students during the three hour stop work action.

If you have any questions about specific details please contact (School Principal or Assistant Principal).

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**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

“GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, PROCLAIM HIS GREATNESS”

**Uniform Policy Change For Term 4:** Parents, the College Executive in consultation with staff have made changes to the Uniform Policy in respect to swimming attire. While this will not come into effect until Term 4, I thought it would be good for you to have the information now. Please see below:

‘During all swimming activities, swimming attire must be appropriate for the activity being undertaken for the time of year. Rash shirts and board shorts may be worn by students. Female students are not, under any circumstances, to wear string bikinis or the type of bikini’s used for sun baking. ‘Sporting Bikinis’ will be allowed as in the type used in surf carnivals.’

Thank you for your support.

**Parent-Teacher Evening:** A Parent/Teacher Evening for Years 7 to 12 was held this Wednesday, in order to give parents the opportunity to discuss their child’s progress with us or to inform us of any relevant information that
would assist us in their child’s education. We believe that events such as this are essential for communication between home and school.

**Student Goal Setting:** While academic excellence is certainly one of our main priorities here at St Paul’s College, the ability for each student to achieve at their personal best is much more at our focus. Due to this, in Term One this year, all students, with the help of their Pastoral Care teachers, sat down and analysed their previous report in order to think about and set some academic goals. Following on from this, all students will once again set their academic goals for the remainder of the school year. Students are encouraged to set SMART goals. SMART goals are goals which are: Specific; Measurable; Attainable; Realistic and Timely. As in Term One, the results of this should be written into the College Student Diary for reference by students and their parents, to see when minor or major smart goals have been reached, or to stay on track in achieving goals. Parents, if you have not already done so, please ask your children about their goal setting, and in doing so, have them begin the process of thinking about possible Semester 2 goals. We also ask all parents to sign the goals worksheet the next time you sign the student diary. We encourage all students to refer to these goals at times throughout the remainder of the year.

*Mr Guy Campbell – Assistant Principal*

**REC MINISTRY**

**NAIDOC CEREMONY:** The College NAIDOC ceremony was held today in the Edmund Rice Hall at 10.45am. The theme this year was ‘Serving Country – Centenary and Beyond’. Guest speakers were Uncle Gilbert Griffin and Gerald Hoskins.

**YEAR 10 RETREAT:** The Year 10 Retreat will be held next Tuesday and Wednesday at Bonny Hills. Parents, please note that it is compulsory for all Year 10 students to attend. Notes were sent home last term. The cost is $155.

**YEAR 11 REFLECTION DAY:** This will be held next Thursday, 31st July, at Temagog. Please note that this event is also compulsory for Year 11 students. Notes went home earlier this week. It will conclude with a Mass, celebrated by Fr Paul, at Willawarrin church at 1.30pm. Parents and friends are invited to join us for this.

**ST ALOYSIUS STUDENTS VISIT:** Six Year 9 boys from St Aloysius College in Sydney will arrive in Kempsey, 3rd – 14th Sept. We are looking for host families for them to stay with. Please advise Mr Tamblyn if you can help with this.

*Mr Conrad Tamblyn – Leader of Evangelisation*

**CURRICULUM**

**HSC Trial Examinations:** Trial HSC Examinations will commence next Monday, 28th July and finish on Monday, 11th August, making Tuesday, 12th August a normal school day for Year 12. Students need to be assembled 30 minutes before exams are scheduled to start and 45 minutes before English, Mathematics and Studies of Religion exams. The exam centre shuts 60 minutes after the commencement of each examination and no acceptances after this time, for any reason, are allowed. It is a policy of St Paul’s College that no student is to leave any HSC Trial Examination room for the complete duration of any HSC Trial Examination. If students miss any Trial Examination(s), they must contact the Leader of Curriculum (Mr Robinson) straight away and complete an Illness/Misadventure form, a copy of which can be found in the ‘HSC Assessment Guide for 2014’ available on the Colleges moodle web site.

The Trial Examinations will be held in the Edmund Rice Centre (College hall). Students do not have to attend school during Trial HSC Examinations, however they are able to use the school facilities to work, study or complete major projects with permission and supervision from their respective course teachers. All students remaining on College grounds outside of an examination period are to be actively learning. All students, without exception, must be in full school winter uniform (not sports uniform) for all examinations, and if attending school during this period.

As the Trial Examinations are a part of the College’s internal HSC Assessment, unsupported reasons for absence often results in a zero grade. Students need to consult with their respective course teacher to determine the equipment needed for each exam. A guideline for which can be found on page 9 of the HSC Assessment Guide for 2014.

NOTE: Students cannot borrow any equipment under examination conditions even if their equipment fails. Students are reminded that, as with all HSC exams: mobile phones and electronic communication devices are not permitted in an examination room under any circumstances.
**Year 10 into 11 Course Selection and Interviews:** Last Monday, 21st July, Year 10 students and their parents attended school for interviews with the KLA Leaders and myself in regards to suitability of senior course choices.

This process is very important in order for both parents and students to have any questions or concerns answered and addressed. I would like to thank all parents who attended the information evening and interviews and hope that we have made a stressful and difficult process easier for you.

Any parents and students who did not attend interviews last Monday are asked to make an appointment at the front office to see me as soon as possible. I will be constructing elective lines using the information received on Monday very soon. Any course selections not received will obviously not influence the construction of these lines.

**Year 9 2015 Course selections:** Year 8 into 9 Course Selections will occur in a few weeks’ time. Year 8 students will be given a Course Selection hand book and be presented with information from all relevant courses. A letter to parents will come out outlining the process.

**HSC PROJECTS/PERFORMANCE MARKING**
- Textiles and Design Projects – completion and hand in date: 11 August
- Industrial Technology Major Work – completion and hand in date: 7 August
- Drama Projects – completion and hand in date: 18 August
- Drama Performance marking dates: 18 August – 30 August
- English Extension 2 Major Works – completion and hand in date: 15 August
- Visual Arts Body of Work – completion and hand in date: 25 August
- Music Submitted Works – completion and hand in date: 1 September
- Music Performance Marking dates: 1 – 13 September

**IMPORTANT DIARY DATES**
- Year 12 HSC Trial Exams: 28 July – 11 August
- HSC Practical Submission Dates: 7 August – 1 September
- Year 11 Preliminary Final Exams: 8 – 12 September
- Year 11 Work Placement: 4 – 8 August
- Year 12 HSC Exam: 13 October – 7 November

Students please note: all practical submissions with a completion and hand in date require the project to be handed in to the supervising teacher no later than 9am on the above dates. The Board of Studies imposes penalties for late submissions, including zeros for no supporting evidence. HSC major projects need to be in their final stages of completion before the beginning of the HSC Trials (28th July).

**Mr Leon Robinson – Leader of Curriculum**

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

Our World Cup display has given way to one marking NAIDOC to coincide with today’s ceremony in the College hall. Posters, flags, works of art, cultural items, books and DVDs have been on display since last week and, as always, students are welcome to browse and borrow.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge winds up in five weeks’ time. Keep reading folks, and be sure to get those titles recorded online. You can get a better idea of what we have on offer simply by typing in ‘prc’ as a search term on the Library homepage.

Also, the MS Readathon commences next Friday and runs for the month of August. Any students interested in participating in this worthy cause can get further information from the Library. Congratulations to those Year 12 students who have been taking advantage of the Library’s extended hours in preparation for their Trials which commence next week. You’re all reminded that this will continue over the next two weeks as exams take place.

Recent purchases of DVDs and student-recommended titles have proven popular with many of them being borrowed on a regular basis. Come and browse in order to see what’s available. For DVDs simply type ‘dvd’ into the Library search bar to access the full list.

Thought for the Fortnight: “I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading! How much sooner one tires of anything than of a book! -- When I have a house of my own, I shall be miserable if I have not an excellent library.” — Jane Austen, *Pride and Prejudice*.

**Mr Peter Garty – Teacher/Librarian**

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STUDENT SERVICES

Literacy week is coming up in August (25th-31st). If your child is a good speller, encourage him/her to practise, as there will be a ‘major spelling bee’. All students will have a chance to be involved and win points for their house.

This is a great opportunity to earn house points without being a sports person.

Mrs Jan Stubbs – Literacy Co-ordinator

YEAR 11 AG AND PRIMARY INDUSTRIES EXCURSION TO BOURKE

On Tuesday, 15th July, the Primary Industries and Agriculture students began their journey travelling to Bourke to experience the different varieties of agriculture. The first stop was Namoi Cotton gin where we witnessed the processing and classing of cotton.

Our first night was spent at Wee Waa showground where it was reasonably cold and rained all night. The next day was spent at Australian Cotton Research Institute, (ACRI) where we met Mad Max, a self-proclaimed genius who had all of the students in awe of his inventions in the Cotton industry. The next stop was Barren Junction Bore Baths, a haven for grey nomads. Here we swam in the 40˚C artesian water, which was quite amazing. From here we travelled to Kia-Ora which operates a feedlot. The property was quite large - the driveway itself was 16km long! At Kia Ora, we learnt about the feeding and husbandry processes associated with feeding 5000 head of cattle.

After the feedlot we travelled on to Bourke, arriving at Kidman’s Camp at 7pm. Our next visit was to Clyde Cotton, on the outskirts of Bourke, where we were taken to two of their cotton farms. Our guides were Zac and Dan, two agronomists who look after the valuable cotton crops. We got to see their gigantic irrigation dams and channel system. We were also allowed to climb all over their high tech tractors and harvesters.

We paid our respects at Dr Fred Hollows’ grave in the Bourke cemetery, where we learnt about his work as an eye surgeon and his deep connection with the indigenous people of Bourke. We then visited the Back O’ Bourke Exhibition Centre which showcases the history of Bourke. We even met some welcoming camels and long horned steers. The next day, we were rudely interrupted from our beauty sleep at 5 am to head off to “Kilberoo Station”, a two and a half hour journey from Bourke. Here we met Mick and Mikayla Fisher and their family, and were shown around the vast property – 88000 acres or 35000 hectares. Here we saw large mobs of cattle and encountered wild pigs and countless emus. Mick arranged for us to see some cleanskin cattle being branded in the yard and we had a memorable time around the camp fire with the Fisher Family.

On Saturday, we woke at 4am, leaving Kilberoo at 5am. From here we endured a 15 hour journey home, visiting the Brewarrina fish traps and the towns of Moree and Inverell. In total, we travelled 2556km.

We’d just like to thank Mr Bramley, Miss Lawrence, Mr Saul (Kempsey High) and Mr Anthony Simpson (Justin’s dad) We would also like to thank Mrs Mainey and her students who cooked cakes and meals for the trip. Thanks also to the parents who cooked lasagna and other treats.
The access and hospitality we were shown by the people on the trip was amazing. It was an eye-opening experience and I’m sure none of us will forget it. 

**Alysha Wynan, Josie Clarke, Sally Argue, Toby Reardon**

**INTERSCHOOL GYMKHANA TAREE**

Congratulations to Nicole Collins and Erin Whalen who represented St Paul’s College at the Gymkhana held in Taree recently.

The girls achieved some solid placings in a very large class of participants:

Nicole Collins  
- 4th Bending  
- 5th Barrel

Erin Whalen  
- 3rd Hack Class

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**SPORT NEWS**

As is the tradition at St Paul’s we started Term 3 with the Athletics carnival. We were blessed with fantastic weather and the spirit and co-operation demonstrated by students on the day was also fantastic. As is always the case, there were some outstanding displays of athleticism over the course of proceedings. In total, we had nine record-breaking efforts, with the following records being broken or equalled on the day:

Olivia Creswick – U/15 Long Jump – 4.91m (previous record Savannah Walker – 4.85m – 2009)
Katanyu Watthanakun – U13 Long Jump – 4.98m (Joel Stocks – 4.75m – 2011)
Cooper Nugent – U15 High Jump – 1.69m (Daniel Chambers – 1.68m – 1998)
Ruby Colling – U14 Shot Put – 10.05m (Tommaya Kelly-Sines – 9.69m – 2008)
Nathan Phillips – U14 100m – 12.00 sec (Jesse Polzin – 12.33 – 2013)
MacKillop – Junior Male 4x100m – 59.57 sec (McAuley – 1:00.09 – 2009)
Farrelly – Intermediate Male 4x100m – 53.50 (MacKillop – 54.26 – 2013)

I’d also like to announce the age champions and runners up from the day.

**U12 Champions** – Taylem Griffin, Rebecca Grant  
Runners Up – Joshua Lill, Jessica Thomas

**U13 Champions** – Kaine Parkinson and Katanyu Watthanakun, Lauren Renneberg  
Runners Up – Heath Lancaster, Madalynne Farah-Halls

**U14 Champions** – Nathan Phillips, Abby Jenkins  
Runners Up – Hugh Shannon, Alaya Donovan

**U15 Champions** – Jesse Polzin, Chloe Saunders  
Runners Up – Harry James, Olivia Creswick

**U16 Champions** – Isaac Robinson and Jake Conomos, Joanne Filipcic  
Runners Up – Braiden Daniels, Lucy Walker

**17+ Champions** – Luke Parkinson, Kaitlyn Fisher  
Runners Up – Kolby Wood, Rhiannon Stevens

Last term, our Open Boys Soccer team played in the final of the Diocesan Championships against Trinity, Lismore. The boys were comfortable 2-0 victors, with Kurt Riordan and Jordan Ryan scoring goals. This was
the first time the Open Boys Championship shield has resided south of Lismore for over 10 years. This is not only another example of the strength of sport here at St Paul’s College, but is also reflective of the strength of soccer in the Macleay area. These boys now progress to play the champions from the Armidale Diocese, McCarthy College, Tamworth and we wish them the best of luck as they continue to move through the rounds of the Combined Catholic College Cup.

Congratulations, also, to Nathan Phillips who played in the Country Catholic Schools U15 team in the holidays. His team was undefeated over three games, beating teams from the St George Dragons, Illawarra Steelers and Penrith Panthers. Nathan was also successful individually, scoring four tries over the three games.

Congratulations, also, to Finn Askew who last week competed in the NSW All Schools Cross Country as part of the NSW CCC team.

The ‘City2Surf’ team is currently selling tickets in a raffle that continues our fundraising effort for Caritas. The prizes on offer have been kindly donated by Carve surf wear, Trent Munro surf academy, Stormriders and Nestle. These tickets can be purchased from me or from team members during lunch times over the next few weeks. Team members will be running one lap of the oval for each ticket sold, so please support our fundraising and training efforts.

Mr Tim Moorehead – Sports Co-ordinator

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**ST PAUL’S COLLEGE P & F NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING SPONSORSHIP**

The Newsletter cover sheet has room for two (2) more sponsors. The advertisement is approximately 9.5cm by 3.5 cm and costs $50 for the year. There are approximately 16 newsletters published per year. If you are interested in advertising, please complete the form below and include a business card for scanning, or ring the College on 6562 7200.

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**PROCLAIM LISMORE PARENTS 2014**

In the latest edition of the Proclaim Lismore Parents e-bulletin, we explore the Be-Happy-Attitudes and what it means to be happy through the eyes of Samuel Foggingsworth III - an animated story specifically designed for Proclaim Parents.

You can now register your interest in attending the Proclaim Parent Gatherings 2014 which will be held over six separate days across the Diocese of Lismore in October (numbers are limited).

Proclaim Lismore 2014 is an unprecedented opportunity to join with us as partners in co-designing an even stronger and more effective Catholic schooling for each child.

Please visit the Proclaim Lismore website to find out more: [www.proclaimlismore.com.au](http://www.proclaimlismore.com.au) or subscribe to our monthly e-bulletins by emailing proclaim@lism.catholic.edu.au.
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