PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Parent Proclaim: The Lismore Diocese sincerely want parents to be partners in designing a new vision for Catholic schools in the future.

To do this we need to hear your voice during this unique conversation between parents, the Director of Catholic Schools and his Executive Team at the Proclaim Lismore Parents 2014 Gatherings.

The gatherings are a series of community forums spanning how we run our schools, what role religion plays, how we can better educate our children and above all, how we can equip our children for a fulfilling life beyond school.

The evenings will be held in October and will run from 5.30pm – 6.15pm for a barbecue dinner followed by the community forums from 6.15pm - 9pm.

The locations for the evenings are:
- October 14 St Joseph’s Primary School Port Macquarie
- October 15 St Augustine’s Primary School Coffs Harbour

http://proclaimlismore.com.au/proclaim-parent-gatherings-2014/ I would encourage you to take this opportunity to be part of the conversation and the journey.

College Leaders for 2015: Congratulations to the following Year 11 students who have been elected by students and staff to lead the College in 2015:
- James Barron
- Sally Eller
- Evan Clarke
- Josie Clarke

I look forward to working closely with these fine students in 2015.

Term 4 Return: Tuesday will be the last of our school Professional Development Days. The Catholic School’s Office requires all schools to undertake four days of Professional Development and a fifth is provided for schools undertaking School Review as we did this year.

Uniform: Students will return to College on Wednesday, 8th October, in summer uniform. Now is the time to make sure those dresses and other items of summer uniform are in good repair and fit in the correct manner. An opportunity to purchase new items will be available on Tuesday, 7th October, for parents who need to update uniform items.

Parish 150 Years Dinner: I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our parish 150 years dinner in October. It is certain to be a memorable event.

Data Collection Privacy Notice: The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has requested that schools provide some information to assist them in determining the Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage for schools. Please see the accompanying ACARA Privacy notice for further information.

Good Luck to Year 12 and Final Reminders: I take this final opportunity to wish all of our graduating Year 12 students all the best in their exams next
term. I have enjoyed your maturity and friendship over the last three years and will be saddened by your absence next term.

- A reminder to you all that computers issued by the College remain the property of the College until they have been officially purchased and reimaged. This can be done via the front office and will incur a $5 fee.
- Students not wishing to purchase their device should return it immediately ensuring that all data has been backed up.
- Unwanted student uniforms will be greatly appreciated for our clothing pool. Old items must be in good repair and can be dropped off at the canteen or front office.
- Final reports will be issued to Year 12 students this week. These reports will contain results and ranks from Trial HSC exams, as well as final ranks for courses. Board of Studies regulations prevents us from issuing a final assessment mark to students.
- Parents are reminded that reports are only issued if students have no money owing to the office or books to the library. Invoices have been issued to parents, and students can check with the office or library at any time if they are unsure if they have anything owing. Current textbooks are exempt from this requirement.
- Parents are also requested to finalise all accounts before graduation tickets are collected.
- Order 2014 College Magazine if wanted.

### Assistant Principal’s Message

“Give Thanks To The Lord, Proclaim His Greatness”

We are at the end of yet another term, and have said farewell to our Year 12 students via a farewell assembly, Graduation Mass and Major awards ceremony in which Year 12 received their final reports. While seeing well rounded and educated young men and women off into the world is partly what we are here for, I know, that for all our staff, seeing these students grow and develop from eager Year 7 boys and girls into positive examples of what St Paul’s College does is both a very happy and sad occasion.

So, to all our Year 12 students, current and future, ‘make the most of every opportunity you are given. Do not be afraid to fail and always aspire for greatness’.

Finally, to the HSC class of 2014, best wishes for the future and I hope there is always a little space left in your heart for St Paul’s.

### Uniform Policy Change For Term 4:

As was already reported in Week 2 of this term, the College Executive, in consultation with staff, have added wording in respect to swimming attire into the Uniform Policy. This will come into effect next term. 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.’

Still on uniform, just a reminder that in Term 4 we will return to summer uniform. Uniform expectations can be found in the ‘Junior Student Diary’, and a link to the uniform policy can also be found on the College web site homepage. Thank you for your support.

Mr Guy Campbell – Assistant Principal

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**REC MINISTRY**

**Kindy/Year 12 Mass:** On Friday September 5th, St Joseph’s Kindergarten hosted our Year 12 students for a special mass. The Year 12’s were buddied with a Kindy student and they celebrated the mass together. Afterwards, the Kindy kids escorted the Year 12’s to a sausage sizzle and cordial and then they played around in the playground. Thank you to St Joey’s staff for organising the day.

**St Aloysius Students Visit:** Six Year 9 boys from St Aloysius College, Sydney, visited Kempsey 1st – 12th September. A big thankyou to the host families – Mr and Mrs Moore, Mr and Mrs Hodges, Mr Richards, Mr Mayne and Mr and Mrs Nugent – who provided board and accommodation for the boys for two weeks. Without your support the visit would not have been possible.

**Parish Sesquicentenary Mass:** The Macleay Valley Sesquicentenary Mass will be held on Sunday, 5th October (the last weekend of the school holidays), 9.30am at the All Saints Church. This will be followed by a morning tea in the Parish Hall and a BYO family picnic in the St Joseph’s School grounds. Parents, families and friends are invited to support this significant parish celebration.

Mr Conrad Tamblyn – Leader of Evangelisation

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**Indigenous Literacy Foundation**

As part of the Indigenous Literacy Foundation, we were selected as ambassadors for the Macleay. The requirements of this position is to raise funds and awareness for this foundation, which is aimed to give Indigenous children in remote Australian communities the opportunity to better their literary education.

We and our teacher, Mrs Jan Stubbs and a parent, Lisa Perkins, were invited to the Opera House on 3 September to attend a celebration hosted by the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

We were met by a number of passionate advocates for the foundation and shared the day with enthusiastic primary school children who participated eagerly in the Great Book Swap.

Andy Griffiths, Alison Lester and a school group of girls from the Tiwi Islands, who had written their own book in partnership with the foundation, were just some of the honoured guests invited to participate in the processions of the day.

We left Sydney full of innovation, inspiration and hope for the future for both the Foundation and literacy on a national level.

We would like to thank the foundation for this opportunity and also all those who donated to the Foundation and an extended thank you to Mrs Stubbs for her generosity and dedication.

Amy Robinson, Tilly Shepherd and Jai Thompson (Year 10)

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**CURRICULUM**

**HSC Practical Submissions:** Congratulations to all the students who have successfully completed the HSC practical submissions aspects of their courses for Industrial Technology, Visual Arts, English Ext 2, Textiles and Design, Drama and Music 1.

**Year 12 Final Reports:** The Year 12 Reports went home yesterday. Students must turn all comments into a positive, and increase their study and consolidation in order to maximize their results and ATAR. Year 12 students are asked to view their HSC Assessment ranks for each course found on their reports, and see Mr Robinson on the first school day next term if there are any disputes or concerns.

**2014 HSC Examinations:** HSC Examinations begin with English paper 1 on Monday 13th October. All St Paul’s College HSC Examinations will be held at the Edmund Rice Centre. All students were given an official
Board of Studies timetable, however dates and times can be found on the internet at http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/events/, and at BOS Students Online.

Students must ensure that they are aware of all their examination times. Not sitting or arriving late to an examination because you misread the timetable is NOT a reason for misadventure appeal. Students must arrive thirty minutes before the examination is scheduled to begin, and forty minutes before English papers 1 and 2, Mathematics, General Mathematics and Studies of Religion I and II exams.

**Year 11:** Year 11 students have now finished their Preliminary Examinations and have received feedback during the past week on most of their examination results. Year 11 reports will go out to parents early in Term 4. Some Year 11 students have already begun their HSC course work and all students will be launching into HSC studies as soon as they return to St Paul’s as College leaders in Term 4.

**IMPORTANT DIARY DATES**

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Mr Leon Robinson – Leader of Curriculum

**HSC TEST YOURSELF APP – GET IT FROM THE SOURCE**

The NSW Minister for Education, Adrian Piccoli, recently announced availability of a Higher School Certificate (HSC) Test Yourself App using multiple choice questions from HSC exams.

The HSC Test Yourself App’s content comes direct from BOSTES and is based on the most current HSC syllabus for each course.

A mobile App, it works on Android phones and tablets, iPhones and iPads, so students can access the tests whenever and wherever they want, such as on the bus or train travelling to and from school.

The HSC Test Yourself App is the brainchild of 2013 HSC Greystanes High School student Shubham Shah who saw the value in the range of BOSTES study materials on offer and devised a way to make them available to students to access when and where they wanted.

There is no cost to download the App from either Google Play or Apple’s App store and once downloaded, students can test themselves with a free set of questions included in the App and then decide which subjects they want to purchase. The download will indicate how many questions are available for that subject and the price for the subject pack. The cost ranges between $1.99 to $3.99 a subject.

The HSC Test Yourself App will also be of value to teachers so they can test student understanding of what has been taught.

The App contains 2010 - 2013 exam questions from popular HSC courses including:

- Automotive
- Business Services
- Chemistry
- Economics
- Entertainment industry
- General Mathematics
- Hospitality
- Legal Studies
- Mathematics Extension
- Physics
- Retail Services
- Studies of Religion
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Construction
- Electrotechnology
- Financial Services
- Geography
- Human Services
- Mathematics
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
- Primary Industries
- Senior Science
- Senior Science

The HSC Test Yourself App can be downloaded from Google Play or the App Store on Apple’s iTunes.

For more information, contact: Mark Focas, Project Manager, e-Syllabus, Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW or mark.focas@bostes.nsw.edu.au (02) 9367 8352

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Farewell, Year 12, and best of luck in your exams. Don’t forget that extended hours will operate from now until the end of the HSC in order for you to study, study, study. You’re always welcome! Also...just a
reminder to you all to **bring in your textbooks** on the day of the corresponding exam for that subject. Boxes will placed outside the hall for the purpose of collection. You should all have received a letter this week outlining what resources are out in your name.

And in news we’ve all been waiting for... **the Chisholm Library has gone digital!** This is our first tentative foray into providing electronic resources for you. In short, you may borrow one item at a time for a maximum of three weeks, after which it will just disappear from your device and return to our “digital shelves”. Feedback is most welcome, so let us know how things go over the holidays!

To access the collection, follow these simple steps:

- Go to the **Library Homepage** via the College Moodle Page.
- Click on the link **“Visit our Overdrive site to see what’s on offer.”**
- Once into our Digital Library, type in your **User Name** where it asks for “Library Card Number” and your **Password** where it asks for “PIN”.
- Navigate the site in order to familiarise yourself with it. A **grey book icon** means that title is already **on loan**. A **black book icon** means you can **borrow it**. A **headphone icon** means it’s an **audio book**.

Finally, in an interesting marketing initiative, last Friday I was invited to the Brisbane display centre of one of our regular suppliers of library books. Making use of part of our pre-existing budget, as well as specially marked funds made available from Mr Mahon for just such purposes, quite an **extensive array of both fiction and non-fiction** resources was purchased, aimed specifically at the implementation of the new **Years 7 to 10 Australian Curriculum in English, Science and History**, as well as senior **Community and Family Studies**. Students and staff can look forward to these making their way onto our shelves early next term.

**Thought for the Fortnight:** “A reader lives a thousand lives before they die, said Jojen. The person who never reads lives only one.” George R.R. Martin, *A Dance With Dragons*.

Happy Holiday Reading!

Mr Peter Garty – Teacher/ Librarian 😊

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**NORTH STREET AGRICULTURE**

Our calves have begun to arrive in the past few weeks. We have had an influx of Charolais x Drought - master calves, with one set of twins arriving on Sunday. We have had seven calves born so far (see photo below), with five more to calve.

Our Broccoli and Cauliflower crop is all but finished. This year we grew about six hundred plants and these were sold to our staff as fresh produce or as yummy Broccoli and Leek Soup and Cauliflower and Broccoli pickles made by our clever Food Technology and Hospitality students under the guidance of Mrs Hume and Mrs Mainey.

Mr Graham Bramley – Agriculture Teacher

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**SPORT NEWS**

The recent run of sporting success here at St Paul’s has continued. This time the sport involved is rugby union. Last week, the College was represented by an U14 team in the Mid North Coast regional qualifier of the Coast 2 Country Cup. The team went through the day undefeated winning games against St Joseph’s
Regional College, Port Macquarie 64-0, Wauchope High School 51-10 and a tight win in the final against John Paul College, Coffs Harbour 14-10. As champions of the Mid North Coast region, the team went on to the State wide final held at Forster on Tuesday where we won two games and lost two. Congratulations to the boys on making it to the Plate semi-finals.

Congratulations to Mr Tamblyn and our Open boys soccer team on their performance in the semi-final of the CCC Cup. It was a terrific achievement to win through to the final stages of the competition. The team performed admirably despite several challenges, including a long and arduous bus trip on the morning of the game, ultimately losing narrowly to a well drilled St Edward’s College, Gosford team 1-0. After conceding an early goal the team fought back strongly and were unlucky not to level the score. The College is extremely proud of this achievement and thoroughly enjoyed sharing the experience in the team’s tight quarter final win here at the College oval.

In netball, St Paul’s was represented by three teams at the Diocesan tournament held in Port Macquarie. Each of these teams competed well on the day, with tremendous team spirit on display in challenging weather conditions. Thank you to Eloise MacDonald, Ebony Squires and Audra Scobie for umpiring.

Congratulations to Rebecca Grant, Jessica Grant, Olivia Creswick, Brandon Clarke, Josh Swan, Luke Parkinson and Kaine Parkinson who competed in the CCC Athletics Championships last Friday, 12th September.

**UPCOMING DATES**

Friday 10 October – T20 Cricket Boys 7-8 and 9-10 divisions– Kempsey  
Monday 13 October – T20 Cricket Girls 7-12 division – Port Macquarie  
Thursday 23 October – Diocesan Surfing – Cabarita Beach  
Monday 27 October – CCC Cricket Regional Selection Trials U15 and U19 – Coffs Harbour  
Tuesday 4 November – Diocesan Water Polo – Alstonville and Ballina  
Thursday 20 November – Diocesan Surf Life Saving – Byron Bay  
Friday 21 November – Diocesan Golf – Casino

Happy Holidays  
Mr Tim Moorehead – Sports Co-ordinator

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**PARENT INVITATION TO PROCLAIM LISMORE PARENTS 2014 GATHERINGS**

What will effective partnership between families and schools look like in the years ahead? The Catholic Schools Office, in partnership with parish schools, invites the co-operation of parents and caregivers in this exciting program of building a stronger parental partnership for the 21st Century.

The first steps in building this stronger partnership are to listen to parents and enter into dialogue so that we can build common understanding around where we are at and where we want to be, in time, with partnership.

In this commitment to listen to parents, the Catholic Schools Office is currently conducting a survey in which all parents are invited to participate in. The next step in this process of listening and entering into dialogue will be the Proclaim Lismore Parent 2015 Gatherings which will be held from 5.45 pm -9 pm including dinner in the following regions:

14 October - Port Macquarie St Joseph’s Primary School  
15 October - Coffs Harbour – St Augustine’s Primary School

We know how busy you are, but it’s never been more important to put in the time and effort to foster open and honest communication with each other. So please register your interest in attending these meetings at http://proclaimlismore.com.au/proclaim-parent-gatherings-2014 (remembering that only ten parents can finally be selected to represent each school)

**PLEASE NOTE:**
Registration for Proclaim Lismore Parents 2014, Gathering nights will close on 19 October, 2014.
St Paul’s College Yearbook is an annual publication, bringing together samples of the multitude of talents that are evidenced within the St Paul’s Community. It is a publication of close to a hundred pages that is highly valued by students, parents and staff alike.

Families wishing to order a copy of the St Paul’s College 2014 Yearbook are asked to contribute $30.00 towards the cost of each copy.

To obtain your copy/copies please complete the attached order form and return to the College Office, with your payment enclosed.

Year 12 students who may be away from the area when the Yearbook is distributed will need to arrange a ‘courier’ to collect their copy. Please fill in their name and contact number on the order slip below.

All orders MUST be placed by the Friday, 10 October, 2014.

Thank you kindly for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Kevin Lewis
Principal

YEARBOOK ORDER

Reply Slip:

I ____________ would like to order______ copies of St Paul’s 2014 College Yearbook.

I enclose $_______

My eldest child is __________________________

Signed: _____________________________

Year 12 students: Collector’s Name: ___________________________ Ph: _______________
Dear Parents

Donations are being sought for the 2014 St Paul’s College Yearbook. Donations of $35.00 are acknowledged at the bottom of one of the pages and will be printed with a message stating your business has donated. In order to achieve a more uniform presentation in the Yearbook, these will all be printed in the same style. Your business name will also be included in the alphabetical list of supporters at the back of the Yearbook. If you make a donation, the business will receive a free copy of the College Yearbook.

**Donation Acknowledgement:** Simply complete the blanks in the spaces below. There are approximately 90 pages available for business name display.

Donations may be sent to school with your child. You will be issued with a receipt. Otherwise you may deliver/post your donation to St Paul’s College Office where a receipt will be issued.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this matter. The College is grateful to parents, families and local businesses for their ongoing support in making the production of the Yearbook possible. If you have any inquiries please contact Mr Lewis or Mr Crowley.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Kevin Lewis  
Principal

Mr Angus Crowley  
Yearbook Co-ordinator

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