Advent: For us Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday of Advent. In this new liturgical year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense endeavours to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent Season will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a ‘vigilant’ disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming:

‘Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob", is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.’

The Season of Advent is therefore a season of vigilant waiting, that prepares us to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate, who will give the ‘Light’ to the womb of the Virgin Mary, but essentially this time prepares us not only to welcome this great event but to incarnate it in our lives.

Best Wishes Mr Mark Priddis: Some of you will be aware that the Principal of St Joseph’s Primary School, Mr Mark Priddis, recently announced his resignation. I want to take this opportunity to wish him well for the future and to thank him for his camaraderie, support, advice and friendship over my last three years at the College and I certainly hope to see him return to Catholic Education sometime in the future. His genuine compassion and love of young children and the nurturing of their future in the Catholic tradition will certainly be missed.

Uniform and Jewellery: Over the last month or so there has been a proliferation of personal preference of presentation by a number of students. What do I mean by this? For some, the traditional school shoe has been replaced by gym boots. This is NOT uniform. Similarly, we have had many who have added additional piercings to their ears, nose and face. This is NOT uniform. As we come into the Christmas holiday period, it is tempting to arrange for new piercings as a gift for some families, and for others new clothing, including school clothing, is sometimes an option. I ask that all families ensure the correct uniform and jewellery requirements are met for their child before laying out your hard earned dollar.

Year Co-ordinators for 2015: I congratulate and thank the following for their dedication to your child’s ongoing welfare:

Year 7 – Mr Tim Moorehead
Year 8 – Ms Joanna Kenafick
Year 9 – Mr Tom Salter
Year 10 – Mr Darren Love
Year 11 – Mr Brad Taylor
Year 12 – Mr Graham Bramley

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<td>St Paul's College Giving Mass 9.30 am All saints Catholic Church.</td>
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<td>Monday, 1 December</td>
<td>Year 7-10 Examination Block and Year 11 Assessment block commences.</td>
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<td>Year 7-9 Examination Block and Year 11 Assessment block concludes.</td>
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<td>Normal lessons for Year 11 students. All Year 11 must attend. Year 7-10 not required at school.</td>
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<td>Thursday, 11 December to Friday, 12 December</td>
<td>Normal lessons for Year 11 students. Normal lessons for Year 7-10 (exam feedback). All students are expected to attend.</td>
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<td>Monday, 15 December</td>
<td>Awards Ceremony to be held at 11 am at St Paul's College Hall. Year 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.</td>
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<td>Tuesday, 16 December</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Wednesday, 17 December</td>
<td>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. Parent/Teacher interviews are available by appointment ONLY from 9 am-1 pm. Please ring the College to make an appointment. No normal lessons will be held, supervision will be provided.</td>
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<td>Thursday, 18 December</td>
<td>ATAR results will be available from 9 am. HSC/ATAR morning tea for all 2014 Year 12 students. Starting at 10 am. No normal lessons will be held, supervision will be provided.</td>
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<td>Friday, 19 December</td>
<td>Staff Development Day.</td>
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**Positions Vacant**
The College will shortly be advertising for two cleaning shifts to take over the current contract from 2015 onwards. Interested persons should watch the Argus for details or contact the school directly.

**Newsletter**
The next newsletter, December 12, will be available on the College website as usual. If you would like a printed Newsletter, there will be some available in the College office for your child to collect.
Miss Di Lawrence will remain as part of the pastoral care team taking on the role as Leader of Sport, while Mr Mitchl Picker joins the team as an Assistant Co-ordinator. I wish them well in their roles next year.

**Uniform Shop:** The canteen is open each day until 2 pm and will be open on 21 – 23 January 2015 for uniform purchases until 12.30 pm.

**New PE Uniform:** Over the past three years I have fielded many calls of complaint about the quality of the PE / Sport uniform for our students. Whilst we still have some old stock, and would like to ensure it is moved on, we have begun negotiations to replace it with a better quality, similar priced local product. More information about this will come to families in the New Year.

**Congratulations:** All students in Year 8 recently sat for the Bishops RE test in NSW. Results for St Paul’s College showed a high degree of competence in religious knowledge with at least one student scoring the equal top score in the Lismore Diocese. Congratulations to Mr Ron Walker and our teachers of Catechesis on a wonderful achievement.

**Trade Skills Centre:** Construction for the new TSC (Trade Skills Centre) will commence on January, 5 with an eighty four day expected completion time. We look forward to this exciting new phase in the life of the College. Those who have driven past our North Street facility will already have seen some marked changes. I thank Mr Graham Bramley for his hard work and dedication in making this project come to fruition.

**Booklists:** Booklists for 2015 are available via the College website. Those families who would prefer this in hard copy should ask their child to collect one from the office.

**Principal’s Appraisal:** I thank sincerely all parents, staff and students on my recent appraisal feedback. It was most humbling and affirming. Copies of the document are available to families on request.

**Year 7 2015:** Our enrolments for Year 7 have now been completed and I am pleased to announce that we have been required to add an additional class for 2015, such was the demand for places in the community. I pay tribute to the teaching staff for their hard work and dedication in ensuring that your child receives the best education possible. It is clear that the community is supporting this in voting with their feet.

**Jubilee 2015:** A reminder to you that 2015 is our Jubilee year. We have a number of activities planned and will announce these in the near future. We also plan to offer a calendar of events for families as a fridge magnet. We are calling for interested parishioners, families or parents wanting to support the program next year with ideas, organisational skills and solid work ethic to come on board and help make it a celebration to remember. Interested people can email me at my address shown below.

God Bless

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

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**BOOKLISTS**

2014 Booklists are available on the College public website under ‘Parent Information’.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

The Canteen will be open 21 – 23 January 2015 from 9am – 12.30pm for the sale of uniform items. Senior girl’s blouses and Sports Uniforms are only available at Canteen.

Mrs Christine Hawtin
Canteen Supervisor

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Kids Helpline
1800 55 1800

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youth.beyondblue.com
Reminder

Years 7-11 Examinations and Assessments: Semester 2 examinations for Years 7-10 and HSC assessment tasks for Year 11 will be occurring in Week 9 this term. The exam/assessment block will be running from 1-5 December, however, different year groups will begin their exams on different days:

- **Year 7** students will have normal lessons on the Monday and Tuesday, with their exams beginning on Wednesday, 3 December.
- **Year 8** students will have normal lessons on the Monday and Tuesday morning, with their exams beginning Tuesday, 2 December, Periods 5 and 6.
- **Year 9** students will have normal lessons on the Monday morning, with their exams beginning Monday, 1 December, Period 5 and 6.
- **Year 10** will have exams from 1-3 December. This includes the Board of Studies mandatory program called, ‘All My Own Work’. The HSC: ‘All My Own Work’ program is designed to help Higher School Certificate students to follow the principles and practices of good scholarship. This includes understanding and valuing ethical practices when locating and using information as part of their HSC studies. Year 10 are not required to attend school 4-5 December.

In Week 10 (8-12 December), there will be no school for Years 7-10 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Year 11 who are expected to attend normal lessons. These three days allow teachers to mark exams and write reports in order to have distributed on Monday, 15 December at our Awards Ceremony. All students are expected back at school on Thursday, 11 and Friday, 12 December for normal lessons which include exam feedback, a vital aspect of learning.

The Student exam/assessment timetable can be found on the College web site under the ‘student’ tab, then under ‘assessment/study guides’.

**Study Focus:** All students should now be turning their academic focus over to study and preparation for their exams and assessments. The key elements to a successful study program are not only doing the right thing but also doing the thing right. At times, students have the best of intentions and are prepared to commit themselves, but unfortunately are let down by ineffective and unproductive study habits. All students (7-10) have in their Student Diary a ‘How to Study’ section. This can be found on pages 5-6.

In addition to this, students should have a copy of their exam timetable easily accessible so they are preparing for the right exams at the right time, and should map out a study timetable which includes rest, and relaxation. Students should make sure they get a good night’s sleep the night before an exam, with no text, or social networking interruptions, and should start any exam day with a good solid breakfast. Studying is personal, and one person’s study routine may not work for another, as some people learn by rote, others are visual, etc. So, all students should now be revising their work using their study guides to help them know exactly what they need to know.

Remember, every student should be striving for their personal best.

**End of Year Events:** A table which outlines the College’s End of Year Events can be found on the College web site home page under the heading ‘End of College Year Dates and Events’. A copy is also included on page 2 in this newsletter.

Mr Guy Campbell – Assistant Principal

REC MINISTRY

**Christmas Hampers:** The St Paul’s tradition of collecting non-perishable foods and gifts for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal is continuing this year. Each student has been asked to contribute a small item for the ‘Giving Baskets’. These baskets are highly valued and make a real difference to those families who are struggling to make ends meet at Christmas time.

**Giving Mass:** The final school Mass for the year was held at the All Saints Parish Church this morning. A wonderful array of Christmas hampers that have been collected in each Pastoral Care (PC) Group were presented to representatives of the St Vincent de Paul Society, who were most grateful to receive them.

**Year 9 CSYMA Class:** I would like to thank all of the students in the Year 9 CSYMA class who have been fine ambassadors of the College in recent weeks. This week they planned and ran a reflection day for Year 5 students at St Patrick’s Primary, Macksville. Prior to that, they visited the students at St Mary’s, Bowraville, to share cultures. On both of these occasions they personified our school motto of ‘Let Your Light Shine’.
**Sr Cabrini:** The staff and students, led by Mr Lewis, sang happy birthday to Sr Cabrini this week. Not only was it her birthday but she celebrated 60 years as a Mercy nun. The whole of the college community feel blessed by the input and energy that she provides for us. Thank you, Sr Cabrini.

**Mr Conrad Tamblyn – Leader of Evangelisation**

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**CURRICULUM**

**From the BOSTES 2014 HSC Results:** This year HSC results will be available online, by SMS and telephone from 6.00 am, Wednesday, 17 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.

**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 regarding Examinations**

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 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 do 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 Rules:** 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. (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 Subject, 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 have been 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.

**Year 11 Assessment Block:** Year 11 will begin their assessment block on Monday, 1 December and will conclude on Friday, 5 December.

**Year 10 Examinations and All My Own Work:** Semester 2 examinations will begin Monday, 1 December and will conclude Wednesday, 3 December. Year 10 will be having English, Mathematics, Science, HSIE and Catholic Studies Examinations. The ‘All My Own Work’ program will be completed Wednesday, 3 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 Monday, 1 December and will conclude Friday, 5 December.

Good luck to all students throughout their end of year tasks.

Mr Leon Robinson – Leader of Curriculum

PEDAGOGY

Exam Preparation Begins Now!!!
The way you perform in life is highly dependent on how well prepared you are. This is true whether you are facing an Olympic race, a driving test, a job interview or school exams. Failure to prepare = preparing to fail. The tips below can help with exam or assignment preparations for Week 9.

Construct A Timetable: Devise a timetable in which you are able to allocate time for your study. This does not include your regular homework. You should allocate approximately one to two hours of study per day.

TIP: Don’t study similar subjects on the same day – it may confuse your memory.

What To Revise: For each subject, you will need to decide what topics you will focus your revision on. You should make this decision based on the exam format. Study guides are called this for a reason. Follow them closely to be clear on what work you need to revise.

TIP: See if you can find some past exam or test papers to get used to the format. Complete them in exam conditions. You will get a good sense of what you know well, and what you need to spend more time on revising.

Find A Good Place To Study: Your dedicated study area should be uncluttered, well-lit and free from distractions. While you should get into the habit of studying in the same place, occasionally some students find it motivating to change their place of study to different rooms at home, the garden or even a library.

TIP: Make sure your place of study is organised with everything you need such as pens, paper, calculator, textbooks and notes.

Keep A Regular Routine: Just like an athlete training for a special event, your body and mind will be at its maximum efficiency if you stick to a routine. The timetable you have created should come in handy for this. Try to go to bed at the same time each night and wake up at the same time each morning, and don’t forget to eat regular, nutritious meals.

TIP: Keep a copy of your timetable on the wall above your desk so that you can refer to it easily.

Take Regular Short Breaks: Take regular SHORT breaks every twenty minutes or so, as this will maximise the effectiveness of your study.

TIP: Go for a short walk to another room in the house to help stretch your legs.

NOTES: Make sure you have all your subject notes and handouts in a logical order. Your teachers will have given you everything you will need to know for the exams, but speak to them if you find that something is missing.

Summarise your notes under key headings (study notes) and read them over several times. Then put your notes away and write down as much as you can remember about each topic. Once you have finished this, refer back to your notes to see if you have left anything out. Keep doing this until you feel confident that you are familiar with all the information related to that topic.

Drawing a mind map of the main concepts in a topic is also very useful, especially if you can draw arrows between the concepts and explain how they are connected or influence each other.

TIP: Have someone read the key headings aloud to you and, one at a time, tell them everything you know about that topic. Let them ask you questions about it – you’ll refresh your memory while teaching them at the same time.

Reduce Your Social Activities: While this can be difficult, your priorities for the weeks leading up to and including the exam period should be focussed on doing the best you can with the limited time you have. The great news is, this is only for a few weeks, and it is a small price to pay for the great exam results that await you. REMEMBER THIS INCLUDES TV, INTERNET AND SOCIAL MEDIA LIKE FACE BOOK AND YOUR PHONE!!

TIP: Pre-plan and timetable your social and “downtime” activities during this period. You will have something to look forward to and still be able to prioritise your study.

Happy Studying

Mr Rob Mahon – Leader of Pedagogy
LIBRARY NEWS

Firstly, another reminder to parents to feel free to borrow books, magazines or DVDs from the Library. Just drop a note via your child, or make the request via email - pgarty (or cwhalen) @lism.catholic.edu.au – being sure to state your child’s name and PC group. You can conduct a search via the Library Homepage which can be accessed on the College’s Moodle page.

Thanks again, Year 11 and 12, for tidying up your overdues. Some are still out there, however, and it’s fast approaching that time where personalised letters or phone calls are needed, which is best avoided wherever possible.

Students in Years 7 to 10 need to bring their books in next week to coincide with the exam they are sitting. Textbooks should be dropped into the Library on your way to the exam or placed in boxes that will be supplied at the front of the classroom.

Our final display for the year has materialised...Christmas! Many thanks to the dedicated group of elves who gave up their Friday afternoon today to put it in place. And while on the subject of Christmas, and the holidays that go with it, don’t forget that you can borrow up to five items to help get you through those reading withdrawals that so many of you will no doubt experience. And come Monday, there’ll be lucky draw prizes to help usher in the festive season. Also, don’t forget the Summer Book Club, a great initiative being conducted by Kempsey Shire Library over the break.

Finally, how good to see those enthusiastic students making the most of things before school (and with complimentary orange juice on offer), at recess and lunch, and after school in the build up to next week’s exams and assessments. I hope each and every one of you see the benefits of your efforts come report time.

Thought for the Fortnight: Come up with your own. No googling!!! A prize to the most creative, thought-provoking and original submission! Entries can be emailed (see above) or dropped into the Library until the end of term.

Happy Reading!

Mr Peter Garty – Teacher/Librarian 😊

HOSPITALITY REPORT

Hospitality Industry Tour - It Was All Worth It!!!!

It is with much excitement that I write to inform our College community of the wonderful experience the Year 11 Hospitality students, and Mr Graham Bramley and I were able to enjoy during our recent Hospitality Industry Tour. The excursion was a little unique in the fact that students had worked during their lunchbreaks throughout Terms 2, 3 and 4, selling frappes and hot food to raise the $5000 required. This high end excursion was made possible due to this fundraising effort, alleviating the pressure of parents, particularly at this time of the year with Christmas fast approaching.

The three days was an intensive look at the Hospitality and Tourism industry taking in our stay at the 5 star casino with an abundance of world class facilities which the students, Mr Bramley and myself were able to enjoy. A tour of the Sydney Fish Markets at 6.30 am was certainly informative and enabled the students to view the million dollar daily auction which sees the product sold that morning and arrive at Sydney restaurant kitchens to be prepped for lunchtime diners. We dined at award winning restaurants including Osteria Balla, meeting celebrity chef, Stefano Manfredi. Stefano took the group on a private tour and autographed a copy of recent cookbook for each member of the group. The Star afforded our group a back of house tour including a visit to one of the luxury penthouses which had recently been refurbished. The executive chef of the casino, which employs 6,500 employees (a city within a city), offered the students to return for a work placement visit in 2015.

I am most grateful to the students for their commitment and display of work ethic in raising these finances, in addition to the exemplary way in which they represented St Paul’s College throughout the tour. What a wonderful part of our role as teachers is being able to view our students’ maturation allowing the friendship and respect between teacher and student/s to blossom. These opportunities are valuable in developing these relationships, concurrently establishing experiences which will be written about during Higher School
Examinations but spoken about for far longer. Well done Year 11. I would like to sincerely thank you, Mr Bramley and Shaun Brady for your company throughout the three days. It was an absolute privilege and pleasure to go away with such beautiful young men and women. (Daniel Baker, Luke Blanch, Zoe Clarke, Mitch Clarke, Edwina Elsley, Lexie Ferris, Tahni-Lee Griffiths, Grace Hoffman, Ashley Keane, Emily Millar, Laura Raison, Jordan Ryan, Tahlia Webster). I would also like to acknowledge the College community who purchased items throughout the year, enabling the finances to be raised. (Photos on page 10)

The full itinerary is available on the College website and may be of interest to you.

My sincerest best wishes to you all for a happy and holy Christmas ahead.

Mrs Belinda Mainey – Leader of Vocational Education & Training

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**STUDENT SERVICES**

**Sustained Silent Reading:** As you would be aware, we have been conducting this program four mornings a week with our students. It is a wonderful opportunity for them to sit quietly before their first lesson of the day and to read something they enjoy.

We thought it would be good to conduct a survey of a random selection of our students to see how they feel about it. We asked what they enjoyed reading, and a majority indicated that they would appreciate having the choice to read either fiction or non-fiction. It was therefore decided that students should have the option to read either. It must still be a book with a reasonable amount of text however, not a magazine. Unfortunately, students often distract others when they read a magazine and we want this to be a quiet, focussed time.

We also looked at the use of iPads for reading eBooks. We realise that a number of students handle this very well, while others are unable to resist playing a game or checking social media. With this in mind, we have decided to leave it to the Pastoral Care Teacher’s discretion as to whether a student in their class can use the iPad or not. If it is observed that a student cannot remain focussed on their reading, then they will be asked to have a hard copy rather than an eBook. We anticipate your support in this regard.

Overall, the program has been well received and most of our students are benefitting from being given extra reading time at school.

Maybe you could keep this in mind when buying for Christmas.

Thank you

Mrs Jan Stubbs – Literacy Co-ordinator

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**STUDENT SERVICES - HOMEWORK CLUB**

Homework Club is operating on 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 students 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 – Literacy Co-ordinator

I give permission for ........................................ to attend Homework Club on Wednesday afternoons. He/she will: be collected or walk home. (cross out whichever does not suit).

Parent’s name: ....................................................... Phone no.: ........................................................

Parent’s signature: ........................................................

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**SPORT NEWS**

The College has once again achieved great success in T20 cricket. Several weeks ago, our boys 7-8 team and girls 7-10 each competed in the Mid North Coast Final of the CNSW T20 High School Competition. In the boys, we took on St Paul’s, Port Macquarie, and Great Lakes College, Forster. In what were two closely contested games our boys won both narrowly to qualify for the Northern Zone final. In the girls, we took on Wingham High School. Our girls dominated throughout the game and were convincing winners, to also qualify for the Northern Zone final. We congratulate both teams and wish them luck in their upcoming finals.
This week saw an exciting development on the girls sporting calendar come to fruition. As part of the NRL’s push for more female participation, the College hosted a League Tag gala day with Melville High School. The response to this day has been terrific with the College fielding two teams in both the U14 and U17 divisions. I look forward to reporting on the results from this gala day in our next newsletter.

UPCOMING DATES
Wednesday, 3 December – Northern Zone T20 Final – Sawtell
Please keep cricketer Phillip Hughes and his family in our thoughts and prayers and he recovers from serious injury.

Mr Tim Moorehead – Sports Co-ordinator

Macleay Valley Parish Sesquicentenary Committee
Invites you to attend ‘Carols by Candlelight’

When: Saturday 13 December
Where: St Joseph’s Primary School grounds
Time: 7 to 8.30 pm (following 6 pm Mass)
Featuring ‘St Paul’s College Men’s Choir’, ‘St Joseph’s Primary Choir’
and ‘Silver Band’ and ‘Wednesday Night Choir’
Sausage sizzle, glow sticks available, cold drinks on sale.
Santa will be there too!
Bring a blanket or fold-up chair, a picnic basket if you wish, and ENJOY!
Will be undercover

Congratulations

... to Abigail Baker, Clair Brennan, Tess Harwood and Rilee O’Loughlin
& to Mr Marks

With the support of their Mathematics teacher, Mr Marks, these four Year 9 girls have made a three minute video depicting a mathematical concept to enter a state wide competition run by the University of Wollongong.
Along with only three other schools in their division (Years 9 & 10), they have made it into the finals.
The winners of each of the three divisions will be announced at a presentation in Wollongong on 10 December.
Volunteers Needed
The Relationships Program (Choices, Decisions and Outcomes) has been presented to the Year 7 to Year 10 students of St Paul’s College for the past 10 years. The program deals with moral responsibility and is age-appropriate for the students.
This program can only continue if we recruit more helpers. The presenters and helpers are just ordinary mums and dads like yourself. The presentations are non-religious, take less than an hour each, about once or twice a term and a travelling allowance is available. We know from feedback from teachers and students that the program is well received and needed. We feel greatly rewarded for our involvement. For more information phone Jill Bishton on 65624502.