A Parent’s Prayer

Loving God,
You are the giver of all we possess,
The source of all our blessings
We thank and praise you
Thank you for the gift of our children
Help us to set boundaries for them
And yet encourage them to explore
Give us the strength and courage to
Treat each day as a fresh start
May our children come to know you,
The one true God,
And Jesus Christ, whom you have sent
May your Holy Spirit help them to
Grow in faith, hope and love,
So they may know peace, truth,
And goodness
May their ears hear your voice
May their eyes see your presence in all things
May their lips proclaim your word
May their hearts be your dwelling place
May their hands do works of charity
May their feet walk in the way of Jesus
Christ your son and our Lord
Amen.

Parent Proclaim: I had the absolute pleasure this Tuesday evening just gone, to attend the first of the Lismore Parent Proclaim evenings held in Port Macquarie. You will recall last newsletter I made known to you the opportunity to sign up for this unique event. Along with me other members of our school and parish community engaged with other like-minded parents from schools in the region to discuss what is going well, what we needed to work harder at and where our true values lie in regard to the spiritual development of our young people. It was an inspiring evening.

From the evening it was clear from all groups that:

- Our schools are places of great welcome
- Pastoral care and concern for others is a foundational value
- Communication is abundant and relevant
- Schools provide wonderful example and education in the faith traditions and values of our Catholic community

It is also clear that we need to work harder at:

- Engaging increasingly busy parents in a more meaningful way
- Providing opportunities for inclusion and idea sharing for our parent partners

CALENDAR 2014

TERM 4

Next P & F Meeting:
12 November 2014
START: 6 pm

OCTOBER

21 Senior Schools Day – Coffs Harbour
23 Enrichment Day
28 Year 7 Boys/Year 9 Girls – Vaccinations
29 Year 6 Orientation Day – Day 2 (Parent Information Session 8-9am

CANTEEN ROSTER

20 October 2014
Mon HELPERS URGENTLY NEEDED
Tue HELPERS URGENTLY NEEDED
Wed HELPERS URGENTLY NEEDED
Thur Rani Nagra
Fri Di Whalen

27 October 2014
Mon Natalie Allan
Tue Olivia Mainey, Colleen Harradine
Wed HELPERS URGENTLY NEEDED
Thur Sue Young
Fri HELPERS URGENTLY NEEDED

BAKING ROSTER

20 October 2014
Mon Helen Cosic
Tue Pauline Rixon
Wed Maree Ward
Thur Cate Madden
Fri Debbie Hackenberg

27 October 2014
Mon Gail Irvine
Tue Shalini Anand
Wed Kerry Delaforce
Thur Clare Alfords
Fri Julie Farah-Halls
PARENT TALKS

Paul Dillon from Drug and Alcohol Research and Training, Australia is the keynote speaker at the RRISK Seminars.

The parent session is offered free of charge in the five localities that the RRISK Seminars are running.

Paul provides the latest drug and alcohol research and information of interest to parents and anyone who works with adolescents.

An invitation with the topics for this year’s sessions will be provided closer to the dates.

**Parent Talk Venues And Times**

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Year 12 Graduation Dinner
Please purchase tickets at the College Office by 24 October.
$25 student, $50 Guest

ST PAUL’S COLLEGE
Year 12 2014
You are invited to the Annual ATAR/HSC RESULTS BBQ

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Where: St Paul’s
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Pope Frances recently spoke about the renewal of the Church in the world. He described it as ‘opening a window to let in the fresh air’. The College and the Diocese have started the process of opening the window on our Parish schools to let in the fresh air that is the parent partnership.

SchoolWorx: The College is trialing an absentee reporting system (SchoolWorx) for the Catholic Schools Office whereby parents are asked by phone text to explain their child’s absence from school. In the message, parents are to reply by text or by contacting the College Office. So far, favourable comments have been received.

School Review and Development: We are at the end point of our school review and development process and the final draft of our Strategic Management Plan has now been presented to Fr Paul. Next week we will present this document to the Catholic Schools Office for validation and feedback, from which we will be able to publicise it full to the wider community. I take this opportunity to thank those who have contributed in some small way to the development of this important document. You have helped me and the College community to develop a plan to guide us into the next five years.

To quote Pope Frances once more, he said “I would rather have a church of a thousand mistakes than a wounded or sick church”. In a similar fashion this SRD process has allowed us to be brutally honest with ourselves and to identify where we need to improve. And we will go forward, strong of heart, to improve the outcomes of our students, with all the mistakes that may entail, knowing we have the support of our parent community.

Farewell Year 12: Congratulations to our final award winners from the Graduation Assembly for Year 12:

Academic Excellence: Ella Scoles, Aaron Christensen, Lukas Love, Audra Scobie, Ian Bool, Joshua Walker, Simone James, Chiara Moore (in top 10% of four or more subjects).

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St Paul's Commitment to Study Award

Darcy Argue and Samantha Ryder

Chris Mavin Memorial Award for Best All Rounder (sponsored by P & F Association)

Ella Scoles

The Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards Year 12

Audra Scobie

The University of Newcastle Year 12 Award for Academic Excellence 2014

Lily Barrow

The University of NSW Academic Achievement Award 2014

Chiara Moore

The University of New England Vice Chancellor’s High Achievement Prize 2014

Samantha Ryder

Awards to Ministry Leaders

Aimee-Anne Clenton
Tania Dixon
Colleen Glover
Lincoln Jones
Emily Jordan
Luke Parkinson
Michael Phillips
Madeline Pratt
Daniel Underhill

Awards to House Captains

Edmund Farrelly
McAuley
MacKillop

Nicholas Irvine & Ella Scoles
Daniel Saul & Tahlia Webster
Lukas Love & Danielle Turnbull
Luke Blanch & Clancey Irvine

Awards to College Captains

Matthew Keane
Chiara Moore
Audra Scobie
Joshua Walker

God Bless

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

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

“Give Thanks To The Lord, Proclaim His Greatness”

Year 6 Orientation Day: Our first of two Year 6 orientation days occurred this week. This is a day where we invite all our 2015 Year 7 students to come and find out exactly what being a student at St Paul’s College is all about. It is designed to alleviate the anxiety traditionally experienced by students transitioning from primary to secondary school. Our Year 6 students had a great time, cooking pizza in Food Technology, making videos in Information Technology, learning the intricacies of Science experiments and being young artists in Visual Arts.

All students manoeuvred themselves across the day throughout the four disciplines, culminating in a group liturgy where the Catholic faith of the College was acknowledged.

Our next orientation day will be held 29 October. A Parent Information session will be held in the morning at the McAuley Centre at 8am, after which a quick breakfast will be available.

Safe Schools Hub: I would like to make you all aware of a resource and information program known as the Safe Schools Hub. Information from which I have outlined below:

As a parent, you want your child to feel safe and to be safe at school.

The National Safe Schools Framework values the vital role that you play in supporting your child, in connecting and communicating effectively with your child’s school, and in building and nurturing positive relationships (web: http://bullyingnoway.gov.au/teachers/nssf/)

The Safe Schools Hub for Parents provides you with a guide to the Framework, and with information and resources that you may find useful in helping to make your child’s school experience a positive and happy one (web: www.safeschoolshub.edu.au). The Hub suggests steps that parents can take if bullying or cyberbullying is being experienced by their children. These include ideas on:
- helping children learn to manage feelings
- encouraging self-respect and protective behaviours in children
- recognising signs of anxiety and depression
- staying safe both online and offline.

Find out about the Framework, and explore its background, guiding principles and nine elements. You'll learn what a safe school looks like, and you can go to a glossary of key terms.

Find information on positive strategies to connect with your child's school, build your child's wellbeing, communicate with your child, and manage your feelings and skills.

Get ideas on how to stay cybersafe, and how to deal positively with bullying and harassment. You'll also find out about encouraging self-respect and protective behaviours in your child.

**School Measles Vaccination Catch-Up Program 2015**: NSW Health will be offering a single dose of measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine to students in Years 11 and 12 in 2015. MMR vaccination will then be offered to students in Years 10 and 11 in 2016 and Year 10 only in 2017. This is in addition to the routine program offered to students in Year 7 involving human papillomavirus (HPV), diphtheria-tetanus-whooping cough (dTpa) and varicella (chicken pox) vaccines. Consent material will be sent home as the vaccination dates near.

**Mr Guy Campbell – Assistant Principal**

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**CURRICULUM**

**FROM THE BOSTES**

**HSC 2014 Students**: Students can access their HSC results online, by SMS or telephone from Wednesday, 17 December 2014. Students should visit Students Online for more information. Students can also access HSC results from this date using Schools Online.

**HSC Appeals Due To Illness Or Misadventure**: The following extract is from the Board of Studies ACE Manual Section 11.3:

"Students may lodge an illness/misadventure appeal if they believe that circumstances occurring immediately before or during a Higher School Certificate Examination, and which were beyond their control, diminished their examination performance. The right to submit an illness/misadventure appeal and the responsibility for doing so rest with the student, except where it is impossible for the student to do so, such as in cases of severe illness."

Appeal forms can be obtained by contacting Mr Robinson.

"The Board recommends that where at all possible students should attend examination sessions. The Board does not, however, expect students to attend an examination against specific documented medical advice." Where students are in doubt they are advised to contact Mr Robinson.

**Closing Dates For Appeals**:
- **Practical Examinations**: One week after the examination or submission date.
- **Written Examinations**: Within one week of the student’s last examination, and no later than the day of the last HSC examination.


**HSC Visual Arts Major Work Marking**: HSC Visual Artworks Major Works will be marked at school on 31 October.

**IMPORTANT DIARY DATES**

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**Mr Leon Robinson – Leader of Curriculum**

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**LIBRARY NEWS**

Thanks, Year 12, for returning your books whenever you show up for an exam. Just use the boxes provided. And it’s great to see so many of you using our extended hours which will operate until the end of the exam period.
Thanks, also, to those Year 11s who have been returning their preliminary texts. Be sure to keep them coming so as to make life easier for you, us and your families.

It’s good to see that some staff and students have been accessing our newly acquired digital collection of books. There are over 50 titles from which to borrow, fiction and non-fiction, classics and current. REMEMBER...it’s your collection....if we are to purchase more titles then we need to do so on the basis of how well it’s being used. So vote with your finger tips and get borrowing. 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.

**Thought for the Fortnight:** “Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.”
Joseph Addison, 1672-1719, English essayist, poet, playwright, and politician.

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