PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

All Saints Day: All Saints’ Day, is a solemnity celebrated on 1 November by parts of Western Christianity, and on the first Sunday after Pentecost in Eastern Christianity, in honour of all the saints, known and unknown.

All Saints Mass: Once again this year, St Paul’s College and St Joseph’s Primary School will join together to help the parish celebrate All Saints Day. This coming Sunday, I invite all families to celebrate with us this special day in the calendar of the parish, and afterwards join with us in a BBQ breakfast of bacon and eggs.

Principal Appraisal: During my first official year as Principal it is the Catholic Schools Office Policy that all Principals undergo a first year appraisal. Some parents may receive a survey via email and I ask all to take the time to give your honest feedback. I am a firm believer that all feedback is positive and an opportunity to grow. I look forward to working with our school’s consultant and reviewing responses from staff, students and parents to continue my journey as a leader in the community.

Christmas Hampers And Giving: Shortly all students will be asked to bring items for our annual Christmas Hamper Appeal. Christmas time can be a time of great joy for families, but for those who cannot afford to make it a special time for their families, it can be a time of great pain. Our chance to alleviate just some of that pain comes along with our Christmas hamper appeal. I ask all families to give generously for this cause.

A family in our community has also established a mission opportunity to support a community in New Guinea. If you feel you are able to support this cause, please read below.

Papua New Guinea Sister Schools Scheme: As you may be aware from a recent newspaper article, one family from our College is establishing a sister school scheme with PNG and sending them some much needed resources. St Paul’s College is happy to support this scheme and will be providing some school resources that we no longer use. We would also encourage families to send in any goods they no longer need that may be of use. These goods could include clothing, school uniforms, books, school resources (pens, pencils, exercise books, stationary etc.) hand and agricultural tools, sporting goods and uniforms, reading glasses, basic medicines and first aid, musical instruments - but are not limited to these. If you have a quantity of these goods you may wish to compile a ‘family’ box, destined specifically for a family in one of the villages. You could also include a ‘letter’ and photos to personalise the exchange and we will endeavour to obtain a similar reply of gratitude, thus establishing a relationship between families that could evolve. Alternatively you could send in what you have and the students can compile a PC Class box along similar lines. If you require further information, or would like us to provide a suitable box and contents label, please call Mark on 0434 799970. Goods can be dropped at the front office.
Christmas Hamper

It has become a tradition at St Paul’s for each Pastoral Care Group to collect a hamper of groceries to be presented to St Vincent de Paul Society at the offertory procession during the final School Mass of the year – the Giving Mass. Please consider one item from the accompanying list. Two or more students can amalgamate for the more expensive items. Suggested contributions are $3 – $5 per student.

Suggested Hamper List - Non Perishable

1 Tin Ham
1 Tin Salmon / Smoked Oysters
1 Tin Fruit
1 Packet Savoury Biscuits
1 Packet Sweet Biscuits
1 Box Christmas Crackers (Bon Bons)
1 Jar Coffee
1 Packet Tea
1 Packet Icing Sugar
1 Christmas cake
1 Christmas pudding
Lollies
1 Tin Soup
Soft Drink
Sugar
1 Packet Jelly
Chips
Nuts
Serviettes
Decorations
1 Packet of Dried Fruit
1 Packet of Flour
1 Jar Mayonnaise
1 Bottle Tomato Sauce
1 Salad Dressing
1 Packet of Pasta or Rice

(Please do not donate Alcoholic Beverages and PLEASE check the use-by date)

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

When: Thursday
18 December
@ 11am
Where: St Paul’s
What to Bring:
Yourselves
(BBQ supplied)
Students Leaving: The parents of students not returning to St Paul’s next year are asked to notify me, in writing, as soon as possible. We are currently in the process of planning for 2015. This information is essential as we are setting up classes and considering the enrolments of prospective students for next year.

Congratulations to Josh Needs who has been nominated for an Encore Nomination (see Music Report)

Congratulations to Year 9 Agriculture class for their outstanding success in the regional Cows Careers Project (see North Street Farm report).

Protecting Children and Youth Online Conference: During the week, I attended a very important conference on protecting our children in our online world. Speakers included Dr Ken Rigby, from Adelaide University, Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, famous adolescent psychologist, as well as other leading experts on policy, law enforcement and parent support. A number of key messages came out of the conference which I would like to explore further with staff, parents and the student body. Central to all of this was the notion that any action in schools, whether proactive (before) or reactive (after) must involve collaboration from all groups. Having the best policy does not in or of itself create a bully-free community. The implementation and commitment to the policy by all stakeholders is the key.

For this reason, through the rest of this year and into next year, we will be reviewing our policy and asking input from all groups. A further point that was made is that a specific policy on cyber bullying is not required when a well-structured and properly implemented strategy to address bullying in general is in place.

Technology is something that is not going to go away and can have a real positive impact on the educative lives of our students. Many speakers referred to their general thoughts around this as a ‘cyber smart’ rather than ‘cyber safety’. We all need to take a smarter approach to cyber issues and work with our young people to make them responsible and smart users of the devices they have in their hands. I look forward to exploring this with you all in the future.

New SMS Absentee Alert: After a few minor hiccups, the new SMS absentee text notification which we are trialling for the Diocese, is generally receiving positive feedback.

If you wish to reply by text, it is very important that it is done on that day.

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 Year 6 orientation program concluded on Wednesday this week with a successful and enjoyable learning day for the students. Our Year 6 students experienced five activities encompassing many aspects of the Secondary school curriculum, Physical Education, Geography, History, English and Drama activities. All students are noticeably feeling very comfortable in the College environment, which will place them in good stead for the beginning of next year.

Parents were also welcomed and introduced to the College by myself, Mr Moorehead, Mr Westman, a representative from the College P & F, the Parish Council and the Parish Office. Morning tea concluded the information session and for those who could, a chat was enjoyed.

Year 7 will begin the 2015 school year on Thursday, 29 January.

Mr Guy Campbell – Assistant Principal

REC MINISTRY

Combined Schools Sunday Mass: On Sunday, November 2, parents and families are warmly invited to attend a special Sunday Mass. St Joseph’s and St Paul’s staff will come together to help celebrate the Feast of All Saints. This is in recognition of the role that the parish plays in supporting both Catholic schools in the Macleay Valley. Staff and students will participate in the liturgy. Afterwards, there will be a bacon
and egg BBQ, as well as morning tea, served next to the parish hall. Parents and friends are warmly invited to attend this Mass at 9.30am at the All Saints Church, Kempsey.

**Year 11/Year 6 Mass:** The date of this Mass is Friday, November 7. Year 11 students will be buddied with Year 6 students to celebrate together. Afterwards, the Year 6’s will host the Year 11’s for morning tea. Parents and friends are warmly invited to attend this Mass at 9.30am at the All Saints Church, Kempsey.

**Movember:** Mo bros and Mo sistas (amongst the staff and senior students) will again start to grow their hair to raise money for prostate cancer during the month of November. The men will grow moustaches and the ladies, the hair on their legs. This action is to raise awareness and also to raise money for research into prostate cancer.

**Festa Christi:** Six boys and six girls from Year 8 will be invited to attend Festa Christi, which is a faith development workshop for Year 8 students at Coffs Harbour on 11 – 12 November. Interested Year 8 students have been asked to apply now.

Mr Conrad Tambyln – Leader of Evangelisation

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**Festa Christi**

Festa Christi is a gathering for selected Year 8 students from Parish Secondary Schools in the south of the Diocese, to celebrate their faith at a Diocesan level.

The gathering will be a chance to bring students together with other young people who practice their faith to meet like-minded peers and to celebrate. The activities will be a mixture of large and small sharing groups as well as celebrating the Eucharist together. The program has been geared to meet the needs of these Year 8 students.

This overnight experience will allow students to build relationships with other students, as well as a chance for students to talk and share their faith journey.

**What:** Festa Christi – a youth gathering for students from every Parish school in the Southern Region of the Diocese.

**When:** 11 –12 November 2014

**Where:** Coffs Camping and Conference Centre, Bonville

**Cost:** Nil. All transport, food and accommodation expenses will be met by the Catholic Schools Office.

In discerning which students might participate in this retreat experience, the CSO has recommended the following criteria:

- Core catholic students
- Students who exhibit the following attributes:
  - initiative
  - common sense
  - a mature character

A large number of St Paul’s students have already expressed an interest in this event. We can, however, only offer twelve places (six males/six females). Any student who would like to be considered is asked to write a brief statement supporting their nomination on the information sheets provided by Mr Tamblyn, and available at the front office. Attention should be given to the stated selection criteria. Nominations should be handed to Mr Tamblyn no later than Tuesday, 4 November.

Mr Conrad Tambyln – Leader of Evangelisation

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**CURRICULUM**

**From the BOSTES**

**Access To 2014 HSC Assessment Ranks and Results**

HSC students will able to access their assessment rank for each course in Students Online from 3 pm on Wednesday, 5 November. Students are advised to check their ranks in each of their courses, and to contact their school if they have any questions. HSC results will be available online, by SMS or telephone from 6 am Wednesday, 18 December. Students need their Student Number and HSC PIN to access Students Online and their HSC results. Find out how to recover an HSC PIN and update personal details in Students Online.
As we approach the end of the year, students in Years 7 to 10 should start giving some thought to organising their textbooks. They will need them for exams and then they will need to be returned to the Library. Please note…any overdue loans originating this year will mean that textbooks will not be issued to those students next year. This policy will only be altered on the rarest of occasions, so start searching desks, classroom cupboards, lockers and, of course, at home.

Year 11 retain any books issued this term (along with Religion and Maths texts) as they will be needed for their HSC.

Students Online Now Open For Year 10 Students
Year 10 students can now activate their Students Online account. Once logged in, students can view their enrolment details. From Wednesday, 10 December, students will also be able to view their grades in their Stage 5 courses and download their e-Record of results.

To activate their account, students enter their school, name, and date of birth on the account activation page. BOSTES will then send the student an email containing a link that allows them to log in with their student number and choose their PIN. All Year 10 students will receive an e-mail inviting them to activate their account so that they will be able to log in to view and download their results in December.

HSC Examinations 2014
The last of the HSC examinations for 2015 will finish next Wednesday. To all HSC students: You are invited to the Annual ATAR Results BBQ on Thursday, 18 December starting at 11 am at the McAuley Centre, St Paul’s College.

Year 12 Students
If you have any school text books or library books, can you please return them to the library as soon as possible please, as some Year 11 students are waiting for the return of these texts in order to have their own copies.

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 two examinations will begin on Monday, 1 December and will conclude on 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 on 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 two examinations will begin on Monday, 1 December and will conclude on Friday, 5 December.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES
Year 12 HSC Exams conclude 7 November

Mr Leon Robinson – Leader of Curriculum

LIBRARY NEWS

Who is Malala Yousafzai? If you said the girl who stood up for education and changed the world, you’d be right. If you also said she recently shared the Nobel Peace Prize, you’d be right again. And we have her book in the library. In fact, we bought it BEFORE the prize committee made its announcement. Feel free to borrow it, or any of the many other recently acquired resources, any time you like. On that point… parents, feel free to borrow or inquire. 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. Thanks again, Year 12, for returning your books during your exams. In fact, a number of you have returned everything. Much appreciated! With only a few exams to go, things haven’t changed...just use the boxes provided.

Thanks, also, to those Year 11s who have been returning their preliminary texts. A number are still out there, however, so be sure to keep them coming in order to make life easier for you, us and your families.

More and more staff and students have been accessing returning their textbooks. As we approach the end of the year, students in Years 7 to 10 should start giving some thought to organising their textbooks. They will need them for exams and then they will need to be returned to the Library. Please note…any overdue loans originating this year will mean that textbooks will not be issued to those students next year. This policy will only be altered on the rarest of occasions, so start searching desks, classroom cupboards, lockers and, of course, at home. Year 11 retain any books issued this term (along with Religion and Maths texts) as they will be needed for their HSC.

ANY OVERDUE TEXTS WILL HAVE TO BE REPLACED OR PAID FOR BEFORE FURTHER ONES ARE ISSUED.
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.

Two displays are currently on show. One consists of three of this year’s **HSC Textiles** projects. The other is a collection of resources dealing with the **war in Vietnam**, presently being studied in Year 9 History classes. Feel free to come and browse.

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

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**DUNGHUTTI NEWS**

I would like to share this amazing story about two of our former students, Kygim King and Jake Witchard. Kygim attended St Paul’s College before going to Sydney in Year 9. Jake Witchard completed Year 12 in 2011 at St Paul’s. Kygim and Jake are both studying Law at the University of Technology Sydney.

We would like to wish them both success for their future.

**Personalised Learning Plan**: Invitations have been sent out to all parents of Aboriginal students regarding a meeting on 11 November, 2014, to discuss and develop community engagement by involving the College, parents and community in decision making. For catering purposes, the College needs to know attendance numbers by 6 November, 2014.

Ms Sharon Kelly – Aboriginal Co-ordinator

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**NORTH STREET FARM**

Our calves have begun to arrive. In the past few weeks; we have had an influx of Charolais x Droughtmaster calves, with one set of twins arriving on Sunday. We have had eleven calves born so far, with four more to calve. The latest to arrive is a bull calf to ‘Tallowood Janet’ pictured right.

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.

Every year, our HSC Agriculture class undertakes a farm product study as part of the Syllabus. Students have to study a farm product in depth. This year our class travelled to Yarrahapinni to Burrawong Gaian, a pasture raised poultry farm and abattoir operated by Mrs Beth McMillan and her husband Hayden.
Kim Honan from ABC Mid North Coast covered the visit and conducted some interviews with yself, Darcy Argue and Winsome Harradine. The visit was filmed as well and uploaded to the ABC website, subsequently the story was selected for ABC Country hour, a programme which goes statewide. You can watch the story by using the following link: http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-10-21/pasture-raised-poultry-school-for-next-generation/5757666

Mr Tamblyn’s Year 9 Ag class were awarded first and second place in this year’s regional Cows Careers Project. St Paul’s College was also awarded the Champion Senior School and received a $500 prize. The students competed against students from Melville and Kempsey High as well as other secondary schools in the region. They had to rear three Friesian poddy calves and conduct independent research into an aspect of the dairy industry.

The Project was sponsored by Dairy Industry Australia. A big thank you to Mr Mike Jeffrey for allowing the students help raise his replacement heifers.

Mr Graham Bramley – Agriculture Teacher

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**MUSIC REPORT**

Congratulations to Josh Needs, who has been accelerated in Music 1 and completed his HSC in Performance. He was awarded an Encore nomination, which means he may be selected to perform at the Opera House next year. Josh has also been nominated to perform at ‘Bravissimo’ 2015 at the Glasshouse, held by Mid North Coast music departments showcasing local musical talents.

Congratulations also to Ella Scoles and Rhiannon Edwards, who have been selected for the standby list to perform subject to available time. The selected students have been drawn from fifty schools in the area and were nominated as outstanding performers in their 2014 HSC Music course.

Tickets are now on sale at the Glasshouse: adults $25, concession $15 and school groups $10.

Mrs Beth McMillan – Music Teacher

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**LOTE NEWS—GERMANY EXCURSION**

We’ve already heard about a fantastic excursion to Germany in the spring vacation, where Year 10 German students, four parents and two teachers, travelled to many historic towns and cities, viewing castles, cathedrals and museums as well as a homestay with penfriends in Bavarian town of Khan.

Now Herr Preston and the Year 10 team have attained second place in the Goethe Institut School Film Festival. They travelled to Sydney last Thursday for the viewing and presentation and were thrilled to come second, beaten by Pymble Ladies College.

Mrs Beth McMillan – Leader of Learning Languages

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**STUDENT SERVICES**

**Reminder for Parents**

As the school nears the end we breathe a sigh of relief that we don’t have to worry about buying books, pens etc. Right?

Well, sorry Mums and Dads: we are finding that many students do not have the equipment they need. This means that class work cannot be carried out effectively.

Could you please check for pens, pencils, ruler, glue, rubber, scissors and calculator in your son or daughter’s pencil case?

Thanks you so much for your support.

Mrs Jan Stubbs – Additional Needs Teacher
**HOMEWORK CLUB**

Homework Club will once again be operating in 2014 every Wednesday afternoon from 3.25pm till 4.25pm in Student Services. Students can complete homework or assignments with the support of a teacher and with access to computers and reference books. The Library will also be open five days a week until 4.30. All students are welcome and encouraged to make use of this valuable service. Those 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 - Additional Needs Teacher*

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**SPORT NEWS**

If you missed the sport report in our previous newsletter it was certainly not due to a break in the calendar but due to the birth of my daughter, Scout. As I have been busy attending to the needs of Scout and my son, Buddy, the students of St Paul’s have been enjoying the return of summer sport.

In T20 cricket the College was represented by three teams: boys 7-8 and 9-10 divisions and girls 7-12. Competing in the Cricket NSW High School T20 Competition each of these teams performed well. Our boys 9-10 team were unfortunately defeated in two close games while our boys 7-8 and girls 7-12 teams were successful in winning their respective Macleay and Hastings competitions to qualify for the North Coast final in a few weeks.

In more cricket news, the College was represented by 11 students at the CCC Country North U15 selection trial. The following students were successful in achieving selection and will now participate in the NSW CCC selection trial: Austyn Nugent, Ben Pierce, Rhys Swan.

In surfing news, Finn Askew competed in the junior U15 division of the Diocesan Surfing Titles held at Cabarita Beach. Competing against older surfers, Finn excelled on the day, finishing tied for first. Unfortunately, following a count back, he was relegated to second which is still a significant achievement.

**UPCOMING DATES**

- Tuesday 4 November – Diocesan Water Polo – Alstonville
- Friday 14 November – Mid North Coast T20 Final – Port Macquarie (Boys), Kempsey (Girls)
- Thursday 20 November – Diocesan Surf Life Saving – Byron Bay
- Friday 21 November – Diocesan Golf Championships - Grafton
- Wednesday 3 December – Northern Zone T20 Final – Sawtell

*Mr Tim Moorehead – Sports Co-ordinator*
ST PAUL'S COLLEGE P & F NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING SPONSORSHIP

The Newsletter cover sheet has room for two more sponsors. The advertisement is approximately 9.5cm by 3.5 cm and costs $60 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.

A receipt for taxation purposes will be issued on payment.

ST PAUL’S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER 2014-15

I am interested in advertising in the Newsletter cover sheet for 2014.

Name: …………………………………………………………………………………..

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Phone contact: ………………………………………………………………………

Student (if applicable): ……………………………………………………………...

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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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Item 1 - “When does school supervision stop and parenting begin” and
Item 2 - “Medical cannabis getting lost in the smoke and forgetting that the drug can be highly problematic for some”.

(If you need the links they’re here:


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CYBER SAFETY FOR PARENTS

Are you struggling to keep up with the changes in this highly technological age ......
Are you worried about your child being online........? 

Andrew Burgess from the Catholic Schools Office in Lismore will be presenting to parents on up to date and current Cyber trends and information regarding:

- Digital Citizenship;
- Safe use of technology and the internet;
- Children's use of the internet and emerging technologies;
- Potential risks for adults and children online;
- Tips to help children and adults stay safe online;
- Where to get help.

Please register for this informative 1 hour session by returning this slip to your school office by Tues 28th Oct.

We look forward to seeing your there.
Thank you for your support.
Parent Assembly
Hastings Macleay Region

SKATE BOWL OPENING DAY

Sunday 9 Nov
11am

Stalls
Music
Family FUN

ALL Wheels WELCOME