PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

LENT IS A TIME to look at how we can change and follow the teachings of Jesus more carefully. Lent is a time for us to act in ways that will turn our hearts towards God and share what we have with those in need. Lent is a time when we are encouraged to “turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.”

Lent is a time when we reflect on the way we live and try to make ourselves the best people we can be. Lent is a serious season ~ a time for spiritual growth ~ a time when we are spurred on to live our lives as followers of Jesus. Lent is an encouraging season, giving us fresh heart to begin again.

Year 7-8 Mass: As a parish community, it is very important to show our solidarity, support and commitment to those who support us. Once a year, students and parents are invited to special Masses to allow this to happen. This weekend, I invite all families of students in Years 7 and 8 to join with me in thanking the parish of the Macleay Valley for their unwavering support by attending Mass with us at the 9.30am celebration.

Staff Development (Staff Learning) Day: Next week all St Paul’s staff will be engaged in a learning day directed towards differentiation in the new Australian Curriculum. A key component of the new curriculum is providing opportunities for different instruction and opportunities for students with varying learning needs. This is a key opportunity for our staff to upskill and continues to provide the excellent educational outcomes for all our students.

THINK: This week I had reason to speak to the assembly about the proper and polite way to use social media. The point I was making was an encouragement to THINK before you send. The THINK acronym has a special meaning which was pointed out to students and is shown below:

Before you

THINK

T = Is it True?
H = Is it Helpful?
I = Is it Inspiring?
N = Is it Necessary?
K = Is it Kind?

If your answer is NO to any of these – DON’T DO IT

P & F Annual General Meeting: All interested parents are invited to attend and nominate for positions on the St Paul’s College P & F for 2015. The AGM will be held in the College Board Room on Wednesday, 11 March at 6pm. Positions up for selection:

- President
- Vice President x 2
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Treasurer
- Treasurer

God Bless

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

CAI TELL CLOTHING POOL
Donations of pre-loved uniforms are very welcome as stocks are getting low.

CALENDAR 2015

TERM 1
March
11 Diocesan Swimming Carnival Kempsey
12 NRL 9’s Rugby League Gala Day
13 Staff Development Day
14 P & F Mother’s Day Photo Shoot
18 Parent/Teacher Evening Years 7-12
Year 11 Extension History Excursion

Next P & F Meeting: 11 March
START: 6 pm

CAI TELL ROSTER

9 March
Mon Terry Alsford, Natalie Allan
Tue Lisa Nemme
Wed Rani Nagra, Sheena Clarke
Thur Sue Young
Fri Sue Young, Di Whalen

16 March
Mon Terry Alsford, Kirsten Hartveit
Tue Colleen Harradine
Wed Rani Nagra
Thur Sue Young
Fri Sue Young

BAKING ROSTER

9 March
Mon Janelle Cook
Tue Robyn Eller
Wed Penelope Georgas
Thur Megan Barber, Sally Irvine
Fri Jeanette Dening

16 March
Mon Natalie Chadwick
Tue Naomi Keast, Jennifer Bird
Wed Donna Patterson
Thur Git Sadler
Fri Tracey Swan
2015 NRL Footy Doubles

Footy season is here again.
Due to low numbers, the 2015 St Paul’s P & F Football Doubles have been put on hold until we sell enough tickets each week. Tickets cost $1 each @ 34 weeks (Aust vs NZ Test, Origin games & Finals included).
There is no need to pick teams. All the hard work is done.
All you need to do is grab a refreshment, watch the Friday night 7.30pm game on Channel Nine and match the first try scorers from each team, too easy.
All money raised goes to the P & F and your children are the beneficiaries of your ongoing support.
Please fill in the reply slip below or send an email to tmc67@live.com with your details so this year’s Footy Doubles can kick off.

Go the Panthers
Trisha McHugh

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ST PAUL’S COLLEGE P & F
JUBILEE NRL FOOTBALL DOUBLES 2015

Dear Parents & Friends,

A fundraiser conducted each year by your P & F is the sale of Football Doubles. This fundraiser has been going for many years and has raised a substantial amount towards the provision of equipment for our children.
You are invited to be part of this fundraiser by either selling some tickets each week or simply purchasing tickets for yourself, family or work-mates.

Football Doubles are run on Friday Night Football (Game 1 – 7:30pm), Channel 9 telecast each week. The winner is determined by the number worn by the first try scorer of each team in the match.

The tickets are sold weekly for the NRL premiership season (34 weeks). Also State of Origin Series, NZ vs Aust Test and Final Series are included.

Tickets sell for $1.00 each and the weekly winner receives an $80.00 cash prize. This footy season football doubles will kick off in Round 1 of the competition (6 March).

If you choose to participate, tickets are sent home each Monday with your child and simply return the money to school the following week in the previous week’s envelope.

Please support your school activities and fundraising. The children are the beneficiaries of your ongoing support.

If you require further information please phone the school office on 65627200.
Trisha McHugh (Co-ordinator) on 0407842760 or 65684778 or email tmc67@live.com.

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I will help with the sale of Football Doubles this year.

Name: ____________________________ Phone: ____________
Address: ___________________________________________

No. tickets each week: ____________
Child’s Name: ____________________________ Homeroom: ____________
Email: ____________________________

Please return this slip to the school office by Monday, 9 March.

Email is optional as I will email the results each week directly to you. Also results are published in the newsletter and on the following round’s envelope.
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

We are now over the half way mark of the term and students have settled back into the routine of College life and are busy participating in the many events on offer, as well as completing assignments and assessment items. The Academic Detention program and late bells are working well and, along with your help and support, will aid in all students achieving their full potential by being on time to class and completing all expected work. All students are expected to be indicating whether or not they have homework in their student diaries each lesson. Parents, we ask that student diaries are viewed and signed each week. This will help you track the work your child is bringing home each night as well as indicate when it is not being completed.

Parents, if you are picking your children up in Sea Street in the afternoons, can you please see that they use the designated crossing. Several students are crossing the road at the top College gate, which is a safety issue.

**Parent-Teacher Evening:** Parents, we have organised a Parent/Teacher Evening for Years 7 to 12 to give you the opportunity to discuss your child’s progress with us or to inform us of any relevant information that would assist us in your child’s education. We believe it is essential all parents have the opportunity to speak with their children’s teachers. The Parent/Teacher Evening will take place on **Wednesday, 18 March 2015**, in the Edmund Rice Hall, from 3.45 pm to 6.00 pm. The parent information letter and booking sheet is available on the College web site under ‘Parents / College Information/Forms’. A hard copy of this information was sent home this week.

**Parents of Year 12 Students:** Many of you who have been following the school calendar on the College web site will be aware that Year 12 students will be sitting for their Higher School Certificate Mid-Course Examinations in Week 9 of Term 1, commencing Monday, 23 March and concluding Friday, 27 March. Please note that Wednesday, 25 March will be a study day for Year 12 students and as such they are not expected to be present. A copy of the timetable will be available on the College web site. These exams are significant for each student’s final HSC Internal Assessment mark and rank.

Students will be required to attend these exams in full school uniform and are only required to attend school for each timetabled examination. If students are only involved in the morning exam session and choose to go home they must receive a pass out in order to identify that they are off College premises. If students have two exams scheduled on the same day they must not leave the school during the break between exams. Students remaining at school outside of an exam block are to report to the senior study room or an alternate scheduled room for silent study. All students are to attend PC for roll marking if they are at school for the entire day or for the morning exam session. All students arriving at school for afternoon scheduled exams are to report directly to the front office in order to be marked present.

All students should be at the exam centre approximately 20 minutes prior to the commencement of each exam (students are to refer to the exam timetable for more accurate times). If a student is ill or has a misadventure during these exams he/she must complete an Illness/Misadventure Appeal Form (found in their HSC Assessment Guide booklet, or on the College web site), and let the school office or Mr Robinson know immediately. This form requires that they also supply a Medical Certificate, or a Police Report or Funeral Notice etc. Failure to do this and provide adequate written support may result in a zero result for that task. Please refer to the *Illness/Misadventure Provisions* section found in the HSC Assessment Guide booklet.

Mr Guy Campbell – Assistant Principal

**Photos:** from time to time throughout the year, children may have their photo taken during various College activities. These photos may be published in our College Newsletter, on the College website or in the local paper. Parents who have concerns regarding the publication of their child/children’s photo are asked to contact the College office.

**REC MINISTRY**

**Years 7 and 8 Sunday Mass:** Fr Paul and the parish community invite all St Paul's students and their families to attend Mass this Sunday at 9.30am. This will be an expression of support for our Year 7 and 8 students and strengthen our links with the parish community. All Year 7 and 8 students, in particular, and their parents are invited to attend. A morning tea will follow in the parish hall.
**Project Compassion:** Students and teachers are supporting CARITAS Australia through Project Compassion during this period of Lent. Students have begun fundraising activities and donating money through the collection boxes that are in their PC rooms. Jennifer Miller, a guest speaker from CARITAS, addressed Year 9 and 10 students last Wednesday.

**Brainstorm Productions:** The Brainstorm Production Company presented ‘Wired’ to Year 10 – 12 students last Monday. There was no charge to students as this was covered by their Pastoral/Care levy. The performance highlighted the academic, social and family pressures that senior students can experience and strategies for dealing with these. Feedback from the students was that the show was excellent. Brainstorm will also perform for Years 7 – 9 later in the year.

**Year 7 Belonging Day:** The Year 7 Belonging Day was held at South West Rocks Surf Club last Friday, February 27. The students had a great time getting to know people who came from other primary schools. The teachers and Year 12 Ministry Leaders who ran the day were full of praise for the way that the students behaved and participated. Thank you to SWR surf club for allowing us to use their facilities.

**Meditation Mondays:** Students across the College have been introduced to Christian meditation as a form of prayer. Each Monday, students spend five minutes of PC time allocated to this. Feedback from teachers and students about this has been very positive.

**Mr Conrad Tamblyn – Leader of Evangelisation**

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**Did you know…**

The correct title for the Christian Brothers, when they established St Paul’s, was Congregation of the Brothers of the Christian Schools of Ireland.

The order was founded by Edmund Rice in 1802 in Waterford, Ireland. **He was 27 years old, a widower with a sickly daughter, and a successful businessman who devoted his life to charitable works. Edmund Rice wanted to join a contemplative religious order but the Bishop of Waterford convinced him to work with local groups of homeless youth by opening a school.**

*He took religious vows in 1808 and took the name Brother Ignatius.*

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**CURRICULUM**

HSC Board of Studies enrolment confirmations will be completed next week. Those HSC students wishing to discuss their pattern of study and/or marks in respect to their ATAR in more detail are asked to make an appointment to see Mr Robinson.

**Year 12 Examinations:** Students should actively be preparing and revising for the Mid-Course examinations which run from Monday, 23 March – Friday, 27 March (Term 1 - Week 9), remembering that last term’s work is just as important as this term’s. It is expected that by now all Year 12 students are completing on average at least three hours of study per night five days a week. HSC style questions are available from the following web sites: [http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/), [http://www.boredofstudies.org/](http://www.boredofstudies.org/) and [http://www.csu.edu.au/hsc/](http://www.csu.edu.au/hsc/). All students are strongly encouraged to complete past papers as a part of their revision and study.

**Year 9, 10 and 11 Course Changes:** The deadline for any course change in Year 9, 10 and 11 has expired. All students should be settled into their chosen courses.

**ATAR Subject Bonuses (Information from UAC for 2015 admissions):** All UAC institutions recognise performance in Year 12 subjects relevant to the course/s for which students have applied. Some have formal bonus points schemes, while others consider students individually. For more details of subject bonus points for 2015 admissions, check the relevant institution website/s using the link below. Some of the institutions include details of other types of schemes, such as EAS and Regional bonuses. [http://www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/atar/bonuses.shtml](http://www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/atar/bonuses.shtml)

**Parents:** Pamphlets are available from the Board of Studies which provide advice to the parents of HSC students on HSC assessment tasks and submitted works. The pamphlets titled ‘Advice to Parents’, are also available on the Board’s web site at [http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/manuals/#advice](http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/manuals/#advice). Parents, please also make note that Year 10-12 Assessment booklets and Years 7-9 Assessment Summaries, as well as many curriculum forms are available on our moodle website at [http://moodle.kmpslism.catholic.edu.au/](http://moodle.kmpslism.catholic.edu.au/), under the Student Tab.
Academic Detention  We have Academic Detention at St Paul’s College for thirty (30) minutes at lunchtime four days per week. If when checking your child’s diary, you find that they have homework incomplete stamps in a particular subject then your child is in danger of receiving an Academic Detention and needs to be reminded to keep up to date with homework and assignment expectations. Homework is given to strengthen student learning and assignments are given as part of the schools internal assessment program. When on Academic Detention students are required to complete the homework they have missed or the assignments that they have failed to submit.

Mr Leon Robinson – Leader of Curriculum

STUDENT SERVICES

HOMEWORK CLUB: Homework Club will once again be operating in 2015 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

I give permission for ..................................................to attend Homework Club on Wednesday afternoons.

He/she will be collected/ walk home (cross out whichever does not suit).

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

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

Mrs Jan Stubbs – Additional Needs Teacher

FREE WORLDWIDE AUTISM COURSE

Swinburne University of Technology is offering a free six week online course to assist parents, families and carers who live with individuals with Autism. The course is scenario based and aimed to provide a range of solutions. The course starts on Thursday, 2 April - World Autism Day.

For more information and to register, please visit: http://www.swinburne.edu.au/media-centre/news/2015/02/swinburne-offers-free-course-on-autism.html

Mrs Jan Stubbs – Additional Needs Teacher

SPORT NEWS

Sport is well and truly warming up at St Pauls, with many selections taking place and the College swimming carnival over for another year.

Cricket: Continuing St Paul's success in girl’s cricket, two students, Chloe Saunders and Rilee O’Loughlin were selected to trial for the NSWCCC Cricket team in Sydney. The girls played extremely well and represented our College with pride. Chloe was successful in selection and will now play for NSWCCC at the upcoming NSW All Schools Cricket Championship. We wish her all the best and congratulate Rilee on her efforts.

Golf: Angus Bird and Malcolm Ramsay have been selected to trial for the NSWCCC team in Golf. The pair will travel to Taree next week to compete. We congratulate them on their selection and wish them all the best in their trial.

Winter Sport Selections: We had a large number of students who nominated to trial for the Lismore Diocesan Open Soccer teams and Open and U15 Rugby League teams. This week we were notified by the selectors that the following students were successful and will now travel to Woodlawn on 17 March to trial for their respective sports. Congratulations to:

Open Girls Soccer - Abigael Baker, Olivia Creswick, Lindsay Morrison and Liana Tyne
Open Boys Soccer - Daniel Baker, Tristan Bonds, Evan Clarke, Mitch Clarke, Lachlan Galea, David Henry, Jesse Kerfoot and Dylan Whalen.
Open Boys Rugby League - Corey Stocks, Brayden Daniels and Michael Mackenzie
U15’s Rugby League - Nathan Phillips

We wish all these students the best of luck.
Swimming: Last Thursday the College held its annual swimming carnival. There were some fantastic races, many records broken and lots of participation. I would like to thank all those parents who helped out or came to support their child at the long course event and/or the major carnival. It was greatly appreciated. I would like to congratulate each and every student on their behaviour and participation on the day to make it such an enjoyable one. To all the staff at St Paul’s, I thank you for your support and hard work to make this day run so smoothly. As I mentioned before, there were many records broken and I congratulate the following students:

Cara Rudder  Junior Girls 200m Freestyle, New Record of 2.28.40
Rebecca Grant  13yr Girls 50m Backstroke, New Record of 35.99
              13yr Girls 50m Freestyle, New Record of 29.84
              13yr Girls 50m Butterfly, New Record of 33.50
Jessica Grant  15yr Girls 50m Butterfly, New Record of 31.97
              Intermediate Girls 100m Butterfly, New Record of 1.14.44
Hugh Shannon  Intermediate Boys 200m Freestyle, New Record of 2.12.47
              15yr Boys 50m Freestyle, New Record of 27.40
Kolby Wood    17+ Boys 50m Freestyle, New Record of 26.87
              17+ Boys 50m Butterfly, New Record of 28.47
              17+ Boys 100m Freestyle, New Record of 59.37

I would also like to congratulate the following age champions and runners up:

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The overall boys champion is Hugh Shannon and overall girls champion is Jessica Grant. Still on swimming, next Wednesday, 11 March, St Paul’s will hold the Lismore Diocese Secondary Swimming Carnival. All students who placed first or second in the ‘competition heat’ in any event are eligible to compete at this carnival and have been notified. I urge these students to have their permission notes back to me by Friday, 6 March and/or notify me in which events they wish to compete. I wish all these students the very best.

In conclusion I would like to congratulate all athletes on their performances already this year and I’d like to wish all students the best for their events still to come.

**Coming events:**
- Lismore Diocese Secondary Swimming Carnival, 11 March, Kempsey
- NSWCCC Golf Selection, 9 March, Taree
- Lismore Diocese Winter Trials, 17 March, Woodlawn
- Lismore Diocesan Touch Championship, 28 April, Ballina

**Miss Dianne Lawrence**
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