

NEWSLETTER No. 2 – Thursday, 12th February 2009

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Well done to all for having successfully navigated the first two weeks. It was a busy Week 1 with a VCE and VCAL Information Evening on Tuesday; Year 9 Retreat and Year 10 OH & S day on Wednesday; and Year 11 and 12 Retreat days on Thursday and Friday. In Week 2 we have had our Year 7 Information Night on Monday and our first College Assembly on Tuesday. All reports suggest that the students have participated fully and with great energy at each event. Thanks to the staff who make these experiences possible.

Thank you to each family for ensuring that your son/daughter has all of the necessary uniform and booklist requirements to commence the new year. We fully appreciate the financial implications in acquiring these materials and will endeavour to help you keep all property in good order. Each student has a locker at the College that must be secured with a padlock. Already we have had intruders at night and fortunately they were apprehended by our security. However, they had already accessed 50 lockers and most were not padlocked!

Next Wednesday is our annual Swimming Carnival at the Irymple Pool. It is a twilight event and students are asked to be present from 4pm. To allow time to prepare for the event we have an early closure that afternoon and students will be dismissed at 1.20pm.

Mr Darren Atkinson, Principal

We welcome the following students who are new to our community and hope that they settle in well.

YEAR 7 STUDENTS

Atelea	Mapapalangi	HCH01	Grace	Miles	HCH09
Alexandra	Morello	HCH01	Ralph	Mislang	HCH09
Madison	Orchard	HCH01	Louis	Sarrou	HCH09
Vincent	Tassone	HCH01	Riley	Williams	HCH09
Montana	Andriske	HCH02	Gemma	Cesco	HCH10
Patrick	Gray	HCH02	Isabella	Fiorenza	HCH10
Kaitlin	Scopelliti	HCH02	Nathan	Forrest	HCH10
Joshua	Cirillo	HCH03	Joshua	Rogers	HCH10
Madeline	Halton	HCH03	Stephanie	Scopelliti	HCH10
Alexandra	Theodoulou	HCH03	Ryley	Barrack	HCH11
Jordan	Adams	HCH05	Shayne	Bates-Gilby	HCH11
Olivia	Argiro	HCH05	Sophie	Fox	HCH11
Catherine	O'Callaghan	HCH05	Anthony	Pollifrone	HCH11
Benjamin	Stoeckel	HCH05	Chelsea	Bryans	HMC02
Luke	Bergens	HCH06	Aaron	Darling	HMC02
Elisha	De Amicis	HCH06	Jessica	Littore	HMC02
Alexander	King	HCH06	Franky	Sbaglia	HMC02
Tess	Prosser	HCH06	Ostynn	Sutherland	HMC02
Ilker	Tikiz	HCH06	Chantel	Cameron	HMC03
Matthew	Dichiera	HCH08	Regan	Gordon	HMC03
Tayla	Healy	HCH08	Cody	Smith	HMC03
Shaun	Pragt	HCH08	Vincenzo	Tuccio	HMC03
Emily	Seymour	HCH08	Brooke	Audino	HMC04
Emine	Dolek	HCH09	Raphael	Capogreco	HMC04



Kathryn Whitton

HCH09

YEAR 12

Jake Kerr

HCH08

Amy Langford

HMC08

Jane Strickland

HCH11

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY - FEBRUARY 18TH

St Joseph's College students and families will be able to support the fundraising efforts by participating in a casual clothes day on Wednesday, 18th February. While we usually have only one out of uniform day per term, it is agreed that we are indeed dealing with special circumstances and students have requested the opportunity to respond to the disaster.

On Wednesday, students will be permitted to attend school out of uniform by making a gold coin donation to their Homeroom Teacher in the morning. As this is the day of our swimming carnival, students are requested to wear clothing in house colours to show support for their house and build house spirit. The money collected on the day will be forwarded to the Bushfire Appeal.

VICTORIAN BUSH FIRE APPEAL

How you can help:

Donations to the Red Cross: www.redcross.org.au

Donations can be made to The Salvation Army Disaster Relief fund by calling 13 Salvos (137 258) or at www.salvos.org.au. Monetary donations are preferred.

All NAB branches will collect donations from today, or donations can be made using online banking. Victoria Bushfire Relief Fund; BSB: 082-001; Account: 860 046 797.

Donate at any Commonwealth, Westpac, ANZ, National, Salvation Army or Red Cross. Salvos and Red Cross are credit card only, all bank branches accept cash.

BLOOD can be donated, not just this week, but over the next few months. Call the Red Cross on 131 495. www.donateblood.com.au

Offer help with accommodation, bedding, tents http://blogs.abc.net.au/victoria/2009/02/offer-help--or.html?program=melbourne_bushfires

And for the animals: Wildlife Victoria - www.wildlifevictoria.org.au

Animal Aid - www.animalaid.com.au

St Vincent de Paul - www.vinnies.org.au

ADVISORY COUNCIL VACANCY

At present we have a vacancy in our College Advisory Council with the resignation of Robyn Napoli. Any parent who would like to be considered for membership is asked to email principal@sjcmda.vic.edu.au or contact Mrs Tracy Aston - 5018 8034 by **Monday, 23rd February**. Meetings are held on Monday commencing at 7.30pm on the following dates this year: **2nd March**,

27th April, 1st June, 27th July, 7th September, 9th November, and 5th December.

The purposes of the Council include:

- To act as a consultative council for the school and the Principal in the provision of Catholic education by the school.
- To assist the Principal and staff, when requested by the Principal, in policy making.
- To assist in the preparation of the school budget and to recommend its adoption.
- To take part in strategic planning for the future operation of the school.
- To assist generally in developing relationships between the school and the parents and the school and community.

TOP CLASS MUSIC PERFORMANCE GROUP

Congratulations to 2008 graduates, Stephanie Rogers and Sam Rogerson, on being invited to perform as part of the VCE Seasons of Excellence on 28th February. This is quite an honour and they join a very select group as nearly all of the other performers come from metropolitan or Geelong schools. Stephanie has joined our staff for 2009 as a Music Aide.

STUDENT ABSENCE

The College uses a sophisticated roll marking system that records student attendance for each lesson. It also has the capacity to inform the class teacher that a student is absent and the reason for the absence. To use the system effectively we would appreciate early notification if your child will be absent for the day. Please contact the Student Office on 5018 8051 or email ecoffey@sjcmda.vic.edu.au

MEDIA RELEASE: OUR RESPONSE TO THE BUSHFIRES NOVENA OF MASSES

The Sacred Heart Parish will celebrate a Novena of Masses at 6.00pm each day beginning today Wednesday, 11th February until Thursday, 19th February. (On Sunday the Mass will be at the usual time of 5.00pm)

These Masses will be offered for all people affected in any way by the bushfires. Everybody is welcome to attend any or all of these Masses.

SUNSMART

My introduction to both the St Joseph's College and wider Mildura community has been very pleasant. Thankyou to all those who have made my family and I welcome.

My introduction to the community has also coincided with the longest period of consecutive days over 40 degrees. Even Sunraysia locals aren't used to those extremes. Whilst the College survived the heat wave quite well it was a stark reminder of the need to be Sunsmart.

Extreme levels of UV radiation exist right throughout the Australian summer and not just during heatwave conditions. UV levels can be very high even on cloudy and overcast days. As such, all students need to wear their hats when outside during recess and lunch – even when in the shade. In line with Sunsmart recommendations, we advise all students to also use sunscreen, wear sunglasses and stay in the shade when outside. Students are also encouraged to maintain their water intake. I encourage parents to reinforce these Sunsmart guidelines with your children in order to support and reinforce the College's endeavours.

Mr Kevin Towns, Deputy Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE CURRICULUM

The new school year has started well in Religious Education with Years 7 to 11 commencing classes and Year 12 completing two seminar days. The following is an outline of the units being covered at the moment in Religious Education:

YEAR 7: HOW DO WE BELONG?

This is a unit introducing students to the Catholic nature of our College, with a particular emphasis on the Mercy heritage of over 100 years of Catholic education in Sunraysia.

YEAR 8: A JUST WORLD

This is a unit focusing students on the need to become aware of issues of justice and then to respond to these issues that affect people in local, national and international locations. This unit links closely with the new Mercy Works unit undertaken by many Year 8 students.

YEAR 9: WHO IS JESUS?

This unit examines the key relationship between Jesus, His life and the events of Easter – the death and resurrection. The Gospels are the foundation of the unit, with students some of the contemporary Scripture scholarship related to the founding writings of the Christian community.

YEAR 10: DEATH AND NEW LIFE

In this unit students examine the Christian understandings of death as part of the journey to new life with God after death. It covers beliefs and rituals associated with dying, with an emphasis on the Christian hope of resurrection.

YEAR 11: RE ART AND ETHICS

Students commence their VCE studies and work towards a greater understanding of the role of God in history and in life decisions. Other students have commenced Religion and Society Unit 3 and are completing Outcome 1, which deals with Catholic beliefs and the expression of these beliefs.

COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR YEARS 11 AND 12

Congratulations to those students who have successfully completed the 20 hours of community service for 2009. There are not many of these students and it is hoped that many other students will soon arrange and complete a range of projects that will assist the local community through

voluntary service. Service forms are available outside Mr Finn's office where students may collect any of the envelopes, ignoring the names on them. We remind students that all Community Service should be completed by the end of Term 2.

RETREATS AND SEMINAR DAYS LAST WEEK

Year 12 completed two seminar days focussed on relationships, values and service to others.

Year 11 completed a two day retreat on Christian values in relationships and community.

Year 9 discussed relationships and the need to accept others in a spirit of Mercy hospitality and community.

There were some students who did not attend the seminar or retreat days and who have not offered satisfactory reasons for their absence. These students will be required to complete an alternate task to compensate for what they missed as the seminar and retreat days are essential and compulsory parts of the Religious Education program at Years 9, 11 and 12. Parents are reminded that these days are compulsory and that the support of parents is necessary for the successful functioning of the senior school Religious Education program. If any parents wish to discuss the Religious Education program, you should contact Tony Finn on 5018 8044 or email the College.

Mr Tony Finn, Director of Religious Education

SUNRAYSIA MASSES

Last December, Bishop Peter Connors sent us a Pastoral Letter for Advent. In this he wrote, *'In the coming months, a number of the priests of the Diocese will be retiring, which will require various other priests to move to new appointments ... I regret that at this time it will not be possible to replace all of the retiring priests ... These changes will impact on many, for a pastoral change in any of our communities reaches far beyond the individual community initially affected.'*

We, in the Sunraysia parishes of Merbein, Mildura and Red Cliffs, are about to be affected by the changes our Bishop mentions as he has now asked us to take on responsibility for the sacramental life of the Ouyen parish. This requires us to look at the needs of our parishes as well as those of Ouyen, the welfare of the priests involved and the practical issues of a new Mass timetable.

The present situation is that Mass is celebrated eleven times at various communities in Sunraysia and Ouyen on the first and third Sundays of the month, and seven times on the second and fourth Sundays. We are able to cope with this at the moment, as we have four priests with the presence of Fr Michael Madigan SVD here on a visit. His last Sunday with us will be 22nd February.

Diocesan and Roman directives inform us that priests are not to celebrate more than three Masses on a Sunday (including the vigil) and we are not to have Lay-led Assemblies of the Word and

Communion in the same church in which Mass is celebrated on that day.

The priests and parish leaders have met, the respective Parish Pastoral Councils have been consulted and we have come up with the following arrangements, conscious we have three priests, increased travel and wish to have as little disruption as possible to our present timetable:

The 8.00am and 10.00am Masses of a Sunday in Mildura will disappear and be replaced by one at 9.00am. The other Masses will remain the same i.e. Mildura - 6.00pm vigil and 5.00pm, Irymple - 8.30am, Merbein - 10.30am and Red Cliffs - 10.30am. **This change will be effective from Sunday, 1st March.**

On the first and third Sundays of the month, one of the priests will celebrate three Masses in the parish of Ouyen - Ouyen itself and either Underbool & Patchewollock or Walpeup & Tempy. (The return trip from Mildura last weekend was 355 kms!) The other priests will celebrate the Masses in Mildura, Irymple, Merbein and Red Cliffs. There will be nine masses celebrated all together.

On the second and fourth Sundays, Masses will be celebrated in Mildura, Irymple, Merbein, Red Cliffs and Werrimul - a total of seven Masses. Lay-led liturgies will be held in Ouyen and it's out churches.

On the fifth Sunday, six Masses will be celebrated in Sunraysia - Mildura (3), Irymple, Merbein and Red Cliffs as there will be no Masses in Ouyen or Werrimul on that day.

This proposal is designed to enable the priests to cope with the extra work load and the people to continue their lay-led assemblies in the parish of Ouyen. It will also enable us to partly cover for each other when one of the priests is on holidays, including Fr Paul at Wentworth. With a smaller number of available priests, it is becoming increasingly difficult for us to get a holiday supply. At such times, lay-led liturgies of the Word and Communion will also be offered.

We are fortunate to live in an area where we have choices as to which Mass we can attend, unlike most parishes in the Diocese, for Mildura itself will still have three Masses and there will be a number of Masses nearby - Irymple (8.30am), Red Cliffs (10.30am), Merbein (10.30am) and over the river at Wentworth (6.00pm Vigil), Dareton (8.00am) and Buronga (10.00am).

To help you appreciate these changes and their effects on parishioners, the priests will speak about these at each Mass this weekend and invite your questions and comments after Mass.

Bishop Peter concluded his Advent Letter, '*Change is difficult for everyone as it always brings sadness and regret. But we have much to be grateful for and celebrate. As I travel around the Diocese I see evidence of the wonderful work of the laity who contribute to the day to day life of our parish communities and beyond ... (and) I am heartened by the on-going commitment of the clergy*

who serve the people of the Diocese so generously, spreading their energies and presence wider and wider ... As we celebrate Advent and the Christmas season, may our following of Jesus be a time of peace, hope and trust in God's future for us. May God bless you all abundantly in the coming year.'

Thank you for your understanding and support at this time.

*Sisters Marion and Joyce
Fathers Pat, Matthew and Tom*

LOCAL EXCURSIONS

Friday, 13th February

Periods 6 & 7 PED081K to Waves (Mr Ian Smith)

Periods 4 & 5 ART081A to Art Centre (Miss Munro)

Monday, 16th February

Period 3 & 4 HCH08 to Meals on Wheels (Mr Forrest)

Tuesday, 17th February

Periods 2 & 3 PED071M,R to Waves (Mr McCormack & Ms Minter)

Periods 2 & 3 PED0E0A to Waves (Mr Doyle)

Period 3 & 4 HCH03 to Meals on Wheels (Mr Paolucci)

Wednesday, 18th February

Periods 6 & 7 POD111A (Mr Reece)

Period 3 & 4 HCH06 to Meals on Wheels (Mr McGlashan)

Thursday, 19th February

Periods 2 & 3 PED081L to Waves (Mrs Sharman)

Periods 4 & 4 PED081C,D, M to Waves (Mrs Howley, Mr Ficarra, Mr McCormack)

Period 3 & 4 HCH03 Meals on Wheels (Ms Jones)

SENIOR SCHOOL COORDINATOR INFORMATION

Welcome to the 2009 school year, my name is George Paolucci and I am the Senior School Coordinator. The role of the Senior School Coordinator has changed this year and been broadened to include responsibility for students in Years 10, 11 and 12. My role is broadly to look after the pastoral needs of students in their senior years at the College and to help build and maintain year level identity.

I look after the variety of matters that relate to the VCE Students, from attendance issues to general management and wellbeing of the VCE student body, to the administrative side of VCE with regard to subject enrolment with the VCAA and ensuring that teachers and students are kept up to date with changes that relate to VCE and generally overseeing the conduct of the VCE within the guidelines set by the Victorian Education Department. I also oversee the conduct of Year 12

exams and the provision of information to students relating to Year 12 exams and results.

My responsibility extends to organising what is known as "Special Provision" applications for VCE students, these could relate to such things as being granted special conditions upon which to complete tasks, taking into account absences due to illness or other family circumstances that can arise from time to time. I also oversee applications for "Special Exam Arrangements" for Year 12 students. It may sometimes be necessary for students to be given permission for special conditions in exams that are "out of the ordinary" and outside of the typical exam guidelines. All of these applications are processed through me. If you believe that your son/daughter may require special exam arrangements to be put in place please contact me as soon as possible.

There will be further information next week and in other newsletters regarding VCE matters. I wish you all well as you negotiate the VCE and sincerely hope that each and every student can achieve their personal learning goals in 2009.

BUS & CAR CONVEYANCE FOR 2009

Students who live further than 4.8km from the College may apply for a student bus pass or car conveyance payment. Car conveyance is available only to those students not on a bus route.

Students who were at the College in 2008 do not need to re-apply in 2009 unless there is a change to any of their details or circumstances.

Bus and car conveyance forms can be collected from the College Reception. If you require any further information please contact Tracey Atkinson at the College Reception or email tatkinson@sjcmda.vic.edu.au.

DEBUTANTE BALL 2009

The first meeting for all intended Debutantes, Partners and a representative parent of each is to attend a meeting on **Wednesday, 18th March** at 7.30pm. The meeting will be held at the Sacred Heart Hall. Expression of interest forms are to be received by **Friday, 13th February**.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent/guardian of a primary and secondary school student up to the age of 16; **and**
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or

valid Pension Card. The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (28th January 2009 which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (13th July 2009).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 20th February 2009 for the first instalment and 7th August 2009 for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of \$443.00 for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. The amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school.

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

INSTALMENT	SECONDARY SCHOOL
One	\$155.05
	\$155.05
Two	\$66.45
	\$66.45
Total	\$443.00

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2009 through this school, will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents, who transfer children to another school after 27th February 2009 and prior to or on 7th August 2009, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment. **EMA application forms for 2009 are available from the College Office.**

COLLEGE STUDENTS THANKED FOR DESIGNING TRAIL BROCHURE



Students at St Joseph's College were thanked on Tuesday for their role in designing a brochure for the Sunraysia section of the Murray Valley

Trail.

Mr Brian Grogan OAM of Mildura, Chair of the Murray Darling Environmental Foundation, presented the college with a framed certificate and a cheque at the College Assembly. It is anticipated that the funds will assist the College with its Visual Communication and Design Program. The format for the full colour brochure was designed by Year 10 Visual Communication and Design students under the supervision of Miss Andrea Higgins. Students undertook the project as part of their graphic design studies at the College. Designing the brochure was commissioned by the Murray Darling Association as part of its Murray Valley Trail project along the Murray River. It is the first time that College students have attempted to design a brochure for wide public use.

Mr Brian Grogan said that the students had done an outstanding job in completing the second of about eight such brochures along the Murray River. Our students not only designed the brochure but took most of the photographs. It was a very complex task but ultimately a very satisfying outcome for the students, College and the Murray Darling Association.

Mr Grogan advised that this type of project gave students the opportunity to do real work, develop their skills and knowledge, and contribute to a project that will benefit their communities, the environment and tourism. The brochures have been available from visitor information centres since December. They will complement signs being installed in the Mildura Rural City and Wentworth Shire.

The Murray Valley Trail is an initiative of the Murray Darling Association. The natural resource management trail is being implemented in stages.

The Sunraysia section is the third section along the Murray.

Miss Andrea Higgins, Arts Domain Leader

SOUTH MILDURA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB REGISTRATION DAY

A registration day will be held on Sunday 15th March, from 12.00pm to 3.00pm at the No 3 Oval.

All new and existing players are welcome. Payment of registration fees would be appreciated on the day. For further information please contact Phil Newey on 0421 618 201.

ROTARY MURRAY DARLING SCHOOL OF FRESHWATER RESEARCH 2009

If you are currently studying **Year 11** with a particular interest in environmental sciences, the Rotary Club of Albury in conjunction with Murray Darling Freshwater Research Centre, supported by LaTrobe University and Charles Sturt University is providing an outstanding opportunity to work alongside some of Australia's leading environmental scientists. The school will be held from 14th to 19th April in Albury, Wodonga. Sponsorship from the Rotary Club is available. Please contact Rupa Oberoi, Science Domain Coordinator for nomination forms and sponsorship details.

*****BINGO*****

THURSDAY, 19TH FEBRUARY

	Marita Jensen	5023 7208
	Ann Timmons	5022 8155
	Grant Forrest	5021 1057
	Graeme	0409 228 557
	Polkinghorne	
Emergency:	Mark O'Donnell	0407 491 143

THURSDAY, 26TH MARCH

	Dianne Glacken	5024 8535
	Monica Nash	5023 5839
	Michael Shugg	5022 7278
	Shane Carmichael	5024 8982
Emergency:	Erin Dyason	5023 7218

MEDIA RELEASE:

PARENTS AND TEACHERS WARNED OF BACK-TO-SCHOOL ASTHMA SPIKE

The Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Ageing, Senator Jan McLucas, today urged parents and teachers of children with asthma to ensure they have an up-to-date Asthma Action Plan as students begin a new school year.

The Australian Government has allocated \$5.4 million to the Asthma Management Program (AMP) in 2008-09 to produce best practice treatment, encourage proactive management and reduce the personal, social and economic impact of asthma.

An important component of the AMP is the Asthma Friendly Schools Program. This program, which will receive around \$1.4 million in Australian Government funding in 2008-09, provides training for teachers and asthma management guidelines for schools.

Senator McLucas said that an Asthma Action Plan could prevent serious attacks by helping people with asthma recognise worsening asthma symptoms and giving them clear instructions on what to do in response.

"In February each year, we see a dramatic increase in the number of school-age students being hospitalised and attending Accident and Emergency departments due to asthma-related illnesses," Senator McLucas said.

"People with asthma, particularly children, are more vulnerable to the extreme temperature changes and respiratory viruses which students can be exposed to when they return to school.

"I urge parents and teachers of children with asthma to reduce their risk of having asthma attacks by ensuring they have an up-to-date Asthma Action Plan."

Senator McLucas said the risks of asthma attacks among children increased at the start of the school year and it was important to prepare as a family.

"The spike in asthma-related hospitalisations among school-age students at the start of each school year is a stark reminder that asthma is a serious health condition which can, at times, be fatal," Senator McLucas said.

"Children with asthma can lead full and healthy lives with the help of their GP, but we cannot afford to be complacent."

“Developing a written Asthma Action Plan with your GP is an integral part of asthma management. It is a must for every child with asthma to have a current plan.”

The Australian Government has allocated \$5.4 million to the Asthma Management Program (AMP) in 2008-09. The AMP aims to facilitate best practice treatment, encourage proactive management and reduce the personal, social and economic impact of asthma.

“Eighty-five per cent of schools across Australia are involved in the Asthma Friendly Schools Program, which provides training and support for staff to deal effectively with asthma,” Senator McLucas said.



“It is important that school staff are prepared to deal with asthma, particularly during these periods of increased risk.”

Further information on asthma management is available through Asthma Foundations Australia (www.asthmaaustralia.org.au) and the National Asthma Council Australia (www.nationalasthma.org.au).

BINGO ROSTER

Thank you to those dedicated families who have given their time to support the running of Bingo in previous years. The three Catholic schools jointly undertake this venture to enable extra funds to be made available for the benefit of all of our students. We are currently compiling the parent roster for April 2009 to March 2010.

Bingo is held in the Sacred Heart Hall (behind the Church) each Thursday evening. Parents are responsible for the running of the kiosk and the selling of bingo tickets. Bingo is now also a smoke-free zone. We realize that all parents are busy people, however to maintain the smooth running of Bingo we require each family to volunteer their time. If we could achieve this, each person would only need to be rostered once a year. Please complete the form below and return it to the College as soon as possible so that a roster can be drawn up. Alternatively please email tatkinson@sjcmda.vic.edu.au.



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ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE - BINGO ROSTER 2009/2010

Please include the following names on the Bingo Roster for 2009/2010 (April to March):

Ladies Roster: _____ Telephone (A/H) _____

Men's Roster: _____ Telephone (A/H) _____

Is there any particular time of the year that you will not be available: _____

Will you have students at the College in 2010? _____

PLEASE RETURN TO TRACEY ATKINSON AT THE COLLEGE OFFICE

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On **Wednesday, 18th February** the College will be holding the annual Swimming Carnival. The Carnival will be held at the Irymple Pool from 4.00pm onwards. Students will be dismissed from school at 1.20pm on this day to allow time to prepare for the evening Carnival. Swimming events will commence at 4.30pm and are expected to conclude at approximately 8.30pm. Students are required to make their own way to and from the pool. All students must organise themselves to be picked up at the completion of the Carnival. The pool kiosk will be available for students to purchase food/drinks and staff will also be cooking a BBQ.

Students will need to bring bathers, a towel, sunscreen and a hat. We encourage students to dress in their house colours. Please be aware that it is pool policy that students wear appropriate swimwear whilst competing in the Carnival. **Denim, belts and shorts below the knees are not acceptable.** Balloons of any type and crepe paper streamers are also not permitted.

Parents/Guardians and other family members are most welcome to attend the Carnival if they wish. Parents/Guardians who would like to assist at the Carnival need to complete the form below and return it to the College as soon as possible to be assigned a job. Further information can be obtained from Josh McCormack or Karyn Cross at the College.

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SWIMMING CARNIVAL

I would like to volunteer to assist with the Swimming Carnival on Tuesday, 18th February.

Name: _____

Student's name: _____

Homeroom: _____



CANTEEN HELPERS REQUIRED

Thank you to those dedicated families who have given their time to support the running of the Canteen in the past and those who have already put down their name to help this year. Your efforts are truly appreciated by both staff and students. The roster for term two is currently being compiled and we are in great need of more volunteers. Any time that you can give (1/2 hour to a maximum of three hours) would be wonderful.

We realize that all parents are busy people, but to maintain the smooth running of the canteen we require as many helpers as possible to volunteer their time. If we could achieve this, each person would need to be rostered on only once. If you are able to help, please complete the following form and return it to the College as soon as possible.

Mrs Sandra Tiver, Canteen Manager

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Yes, I am able to help in the Canteen.

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Student's Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

Preferred Day: _____ 2nd Preferred Day: _____

Is there a time when you are not available? _____

PLEASE RETURN TO MRS TIVER VIA YOUR HOMEROOM ROLL