

NEWSLETTER No. 7 – Thursday, 19th March 2009

"God does not look at the action, but at the spirit motivating it"
Catherine McAuley (1778-1841) Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Happy St Joseph's Day!

Today, the Calendar of Saints recognises St Joseph, the Betrothed or Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We, of course, celebrate the feast of our patron saint on his alternative date of May 1st. This is known as the feast of St Joseph the Worker. St Joseph is the patron saint for many schools and we recognise his willingness to immediately do as God asked despite his personal fears and doubts. We also appreciate his skills as a tradesman and capacity for labouring, as well as his sense of duty to his wife and child.

Our celebration of St Joseph's Day on 1st May will be slightly different this year to that celebrated in previous years. On Friday, 1st May, we will commence the day with our St Joseph's Day mass in the Sacred Heart Church. In previous years, we would have continued the day with our feast day celebrations and Carpenter's Classic Concert. In 2009, we will have the feast day celebrations on Thursday, 30th April and combine them with our College Cross Country event to commence the day. Planning has already begun to make this a great event and maximise participation from our whole school community in each of these important events.

Mr Darren Atkinson, Principal

PRAYER - DEDICATION

God, my Friend,
I offer You each moment of this day:
whatever comes – the unexpected challenges,
diversions from my plans,
the need-filled glance,
the expectations and complaints,
the being taken for granted,
the slights and sleights-of-hand.
I'd be grateful if You could keep me aware of my pesky
habits, like . . .
And, between us, perhaps we can enliven the spirits of
those I live and work with, like . . .
Whatever else befalls,
I trust we can cope with it,
together.
Amen.

Lenten prayers for busy people: a forty-day retreat wherever you happen to be - William J. O'Malley.

IT'S A GIRL!



Congratulations to Bianca and Mark Alvey on the safe arrival of
'ISABEL GRACE'
Wednesday 18th March weighing 8 pounds.



INSIGHT SRC SURVEY

A reminder to those randomly sampled families who were asked to participate in our school health survey, that these surveys need to be completed by **Friday, 20th March**. Your participation is greatly appreciated and will help us develop a more complete picture of areas that we can focus on for improvement.

SMS

There is the capacity in the software we use at the College to notify our families of unexplained student absences via SMS. We trust that this may be more convenient for all parties concerned; however, it is dependent on having a current mobile phone number in our database. Attached to this newsletter is a request to update your contact details and return it to the College as soon as possible. We intend to develop the capacity of this SMS service in time, to also notify families if important pieces of student work have not been submitted and to notify of other events that may be of interest.

THEOLOGY OF STEWARDSHIP

Last Friday, Mercy Secondary Education Inc offered a seminar for school council members and principals. Sr Jan Gray rsm, a lecturer at the Jesuit College of Theology in the United Faculty of Theology, presented a seminar on the "Theology of Stewardship". Sr Madeline Fox was able to join me in representing St Josephs College in what turned out to be a very uplifting evening. Despite the apparent complexity of the topic, Jan immediately engaged her audience and put our minds at ease that this was to be a discourse that would be both relevant and accessible. As the evening progressed, we were able to hear the great stories of how Mercy is being applied in our schools. Some of the examples included; the incredible efforts to support bushfire victims in schools heavily affected, to the response of a school community to the recent death of a student in a road accident. What became apparent was that calling yourself a Mercy Catholic School means more than achieving in Maths, Science and English. The important role of Business Managers in helping to keep our schools financially accessible was also highlighted. I would like to make special mention of our Business Manager, Anne Hoyle, in this regard, and her efforts to assist our families in need. Please do not hesitate to contact Anne if help is required.

Mr Darren Atkinson, Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PROJECT COMPASSION

During Lent St Joseph's College continues its tradition of generously supporting the work of Caritas Australia. What is Caritas? Can we be assured that the money we raise goes to the people who need it most?

Caritas Australia helps people help themselves - regardless of race, religion or political beliefs. Caritas Australia belongs to one of the largest international aid and development networks in the world - Caritas Internationalis (www.caritas.org) - a network of 162

Catholic relief, development and social service organisations working to build a better world in over 200 countries and territories. Caritas Australia also supports programs in Indigenous Australia as Indigenous communities are amongst the most marginalised within our country. Caritas Australia works hard to make sure that as much aid as possible actually reaches those who need it. The administration/aid ratio of Caritas Australia is one of the best in the world. Their mandate is to keep the administration and fundraising costs at or below 10% of our income.

Caritas need the support of families to maintain our commitment to ongoing projects to supply fresh water, sanitation, basic first aid training, educational facilities and help for women and children in areas of need. Please consider Project Compassion for your family's Lenten project this year.

WEEKLY MASS AND LITURGY IN THE ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE CHAPEL

We have commenced a weekly Liturgy in our Chapel at 8.15am Thursdays for staff, students and families. This will be Eucharist when Fr Matt is available and a prayerful liturgy at other times. The Chapel was the spiritual home for the Sisters of Mercy for over 60 years and we hope to rekindle that spirit of prayer and reflection during this time each week. The Chapel can be reached by entering the College along the driveway side of the Mercy Centre (convent) and entering the back door of the Chapel. The liturgy will be completed by 8.45am.

RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

There is an opportunity for individuals to become involved in a personalised program designed to allow for one-on-one support in exploring faith and life. This is being organised by the Sacred Heart Parish with a visiting Jesuit priest. Those who are interested can contact the parish office for further details.

SR NORA HEARN

Sr Nora was a member of the local parish for many years, involved in a range of services to the local community. Sr Nora's funeral was this Thursday in Geelong. We ask that you remember Sr Nora in your prayers. At this time, we remember and pray for all those Sisters of Mercy who have served our College and community so generously. There will be a Mass of remembrance for Sr Nora in the Sacred Heart Parish church next Tuesday, 24th March, at 7pm, followed by light refreshments. All are welcome to pay their respects and to give thanks for Sr Nora's life and example of faith in our community.

YEAR 12 RETREAT

We remind parents who have not returned permission notes and deposits for the Retreat in June to do so as soon as possible. If there are financial concerns please contact Mrs Anne Hoyle, the Business Manager, who will assist families to ensure that all students are given the opportunity to attend. As a Mercy school, we are committed to providing for all students and families, and we will do so

respectfully and confidentially. Thanks to those who have responded promptly.

Mr Tony Finn, Director of Religious Education

LOCAL EXCURSIONS

Friday, 20th March

Periods 6 & 7 PED081K to Waves (Mr Smith)

Monday, 23rd March

Periods 2 & 3 RELV21A to Buronga Primary School (Mr Eddie)
 PED0B0A to Rays Outdoor Centre (Mr Doyle)
 BMG111A to Mall (Miss Cox, Mrs Lewis)

Periods 6 & 7 REL01E to Funeral Home (Miss Cox, Fr Matt)

Tuesday, 24th March

Periods 2 & 3 PED071M,R to Waves (Mr McCormack, Mrs Minter)
 PED0E0A to Apex Park (Mr Doyle)

Periods 6 & 7 MWS081D to Salvation Army (Mr Towns)
 MWS081D to Christie Centre (Mrs Knight)
 MWS081D to Vision Australia (Mr McCormack)
 REL101C to Funeral Home (Miss Cox, Fr Matt)

Wednesday, 25th March

Periods 1 - 3 LSTV00A to Mildura Law Courts (Mrs Chamberlain)

Periods 4 & 5 PED071C,Y to Waves (Mr Smith, Mr Ficarra)

Periods 6 & 7 RELV1A Local Area Measurement (Mr Eddie)

Thursday, 26th March

VCE Dance Trip to Melbourne (Mrs Kerr, Mr Jack)

Periods 2 & 3 PED081L to Waves (Mrs Sharman)

Periods 4 & 5 PED081D,C,M to Waves (Mr McCormack, Mr Ficarra, Ms Howley)

Friday, 27th March

VCE Dance Trip to Melbourne (Mrs Kerr, Mr Jack)
 SSSA Volleyball to SJC Stadium (Mr Smith, Mr Eddie)
 SSSA Soccer to Aero Ovals (Mr Opie, Ms Howley)

Periods 6 & 7 PED081K to Waves (Mr Smith)

EARLY NOTIFICATION OF PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held on **Tuesday, 28th April**. Please mark this date in your diary. Prior to the interviews, parents will receive mid Semester reports which will be mailed home at the end of Term 1. You can make appointments to see teachers by calling a dedicated phone number in the two weeks prior to Parent Teacher interviews.

More detailed information will be included in the newsletters between now and the end of the term.

Mr Greg Kluske, Director of Curriculum

PROJECT COMPASSION EASTER RAFFLE

The College is running a Monster Easter Egg Raffle to raise money for Project Compassion. All students are asked to donate Easter eggs, baskets and wrapping paper for prizes. All donations will be greatly appreciated and can be left at the Student Office. The raffle will be drawn on **Wednesday, 1st April**.



BINGO

THURSDAY, 2ND APRIL

Jackie Bishop	5025 4300
Carolyn Theofelos	5021 5310
John Dyson	5023 7218
Brendan Sheahan	5022 7794
Emergency: Margaret Burton	0409 502 414

THURSDAY, 4TH MAY

Narelle Gallagher	5024 7136
Cveta McKeever	5023 3898
Wayne Nash	5023 5839
Larry Eagle	5024 2667
Emergency: Brenda Forrest	5021 1057

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to the many students and staff who participated in the final series of the Twilight Netball. Congratulations to the following students who won the Association Best and Fairest Award; Emily Symons - B Grade Women, Lucy Timmons - U17 Girls, Karlee Annesbury - U15 Girls and Tori Mammone - U15 Mixed.



NICHOLS POINT TENNIS CLUB

The Winter Tennis season will commence in early May and interested players can contact Val Munro on 5024 7550 / 0407 858 037 / bvmunro@internode.on.net or John Galbraith on 5022 1881 / 0408 437 935 / galy@ncable.com.au. Grading days will be held on 5th & 19th April between 1pm - 3pm at the Nichols Point Tennis Club.

**A THOUGHT FROM THE URSULA FRAYNE WELL-BEING CENTRE
WRITE HURTS IN THE SAND, CARVE BLESSINGS IN STONE**

Two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey, they had an argument; and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand: "Today my best friend slapped me in the face."

They kept on walking, until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone: "Today my best friend saved my life."

The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him, "after I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone, why?" The friend replied "when someone hurts us we should write it down in sand where winds of forgiveness can erase it away. But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it."

Learn to write your hurts in the sand and to carve your blessings in stone.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

UNIFORM SHOP	5018 8095
LEANNE	5021 2266
COLLEEN	5023 7907

REGULAR SHOP HOURS

MONDAY	3.00PM - 4.00PM
WEDNESDAY	1.00PM - 4.30PM
THURSDAY	8.30AM - 9.30AM

Although the weather is still very warm, it is time to plan and order your winter uniform requirements. **Students are required to wear their winter uniform from the first Monday in May (see student planner).** A winter order form is included with this newsletter. Your order forms are a very important guide for purchasing size and quantity of stock required.

ADDITIONAL OPENING HOURS FOR FITTING AND ORDERING OF WINTER UNIFORMS

Monday 23rd March - 1.00pm - 5.00pm

Wednesday 25th March - 1.00pm- 5.30pm

Thursday 26th March - 8.30pm - 10.30am

Monday 30th March - 1.00pm - 5.00pm

Wednesday 1st April - 1.00pm - 5.30pm

Please encourage your student to come in at lunchtime on **Monday** or **Wednesday** to size, order/purchase from the Uniform Shop, or plan now and phone and book an appointment. Most requirements can be supplied immediately, but for those that cannot, we need to know exactly what is required ASAP. Please return your form by **Wednesday, 1st April** to assist us in ordering. Orders can be sent with payment in an envelope via the student's homeroom. The student will then be notified via email when the uniform is ready to be collected from the Uniform Shop. Order forms are also available to download from St Joseph's College website. You can also e-mail orders with credit card payment.

UNIFORMS

We apologise to all students/families who are still waiting for supply of uniforms. Many PE uniforms are available for collection from the Uniform Shop and students have been emailed advising if theirs is available. Others are still waiting and we are expecting a follow-up delivery very soon. We apologise for the inconvenience to you. The new PE Rugby Jumpers are expected to be available early second term. Navy/VCE Jumpers have now arrived and all sizes are available for pick up or for purchase.



**ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE MILDURA
UNIFORM SHOP
WINTER UNIFORM ORDER – 2009**
Phone: 5018 8095 E-Mail uniformshop@sjcnda.vic.edu.au

Please consider your winter uniform requirements. Return your completed order form to the Uniform Shop or the College office BY WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL, as there is a manufacturing time for some garments.

FAMILY NAME:..... PHONE..... DATE OF ORDER:.....
 PARENT'S NAME:..... E-MAIL ADDRESS:.....
 STUDENT'S NAME:..... YEAR:..... HOMEROOM:.....

All students (Years 7 – 10)	Sizes	Price	Size	Quantity	Total
Navy SJC Jumper – Years 7 / 10	12/85, 14/90, 16/95	85.00			
	18/100, 20/105, 22/110	90.00			
	24/115, 26/120, 28/125	95.00			
College Tie	-	15.00			
Girls:	Sizes	Price	Size	Quantity	Total
Tartan skirt – Years 7 / 10	8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24	90.00			
Girls navy Pants	8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24	50.00			
Chambray S/S shirt (girls)	8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20	30.00			
Chambray S/S shirt (unisex)	10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28	30.00			
Chambray L/S shirt	12, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 24, 26	30.00			
Navy ankle sock twin pack	2-8, 7-11	6.00			
Navy Knee-Hi socks (smooth)	2-8, 7-11	6.00			
Navy Knee-Hi socks (ribbed)	2-8, 7-11	6.00			
Navy opaque tights (70 denier)	SM, ML, XL	8.00			
Boys	Sizes	Price	Size	Quantity	Total
Grey Trousers	10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26	50.00			
Chambray S/S shirt (unisex)	10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28	30.00			
Chambray L/S shirt	12, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 24, 26	30.00			
Grey Socks Trafalgar	2-8, 7-11, 11-14	4.00			
Grey Socks (3 pairs)	2-8, 7-11	10.00			
Grey ankle socks (Cushioned Sole)	2-7, 7-10, 10-12	5.00			
Sports	Sizes	Price	Size	Quantity	Total
PE polo shirt C, M, P, X	12, 14, 16, 18, S, M, L, XL	32.00			
PE shorts – SJC logo	14, XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL	32.00			
PE Rugby Jumper	8, 10, 12, 14, XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL	80.00			
PE track top	12, 14, 16, S, M, L, XL, XXL	55.00			
PE track pants	12, 14, 16, S, M, L, XL, XXL	55.00			
VCE (Years 11/12)	Sizes	Price	Size	Quantity	Total
S/sleeved white shirt (unisex)	12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28	30.00			
L/sleeved white shirt (unisex)	12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28	30.00			
Girls Navy Pants	8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24	50.00			
Boys Grey Trousers	10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26	50.00			
Jumper – maroon – VCE logo	12/85, 14/90, 16/95	85.00			
	18/100, 20/105, 22/110	90.00			
	24/115, 26/120, 28/125	95.00			
Navy ankle sock twin pack	2-8, 7-11	6.00			
Grey Socks (3 pairs)	2-8, 7-11	10.00			
MESSAGES					
				TOTAL:	
				LESS DEPOSIT:	
				AMOUNT	
				OUTSTANDING	
				PAID IN FULL	

I am willing to help in the uniform shop on a roster basis once a term once a month

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Would you like to learn a musical instrument?

Lessons are conducted at the College during a normal school day. Lesson times are rotated each week so that students do not miss the same class.

The College requests that music fees be paid direct to the instrumental teacher at the commencement of each term. An invoice and timetable will be sent home via mail.

**Alison McGann - \$25.00 per half hour lesson - Clarinet and Piano
(only available after school hours)**

Phil McDonald - \$20.00 per half hour lesson - Drums and Guitar

Kimberley Krul - \$20.00 per half hour lesson - Violin

Louise Judd - \$22.00 per half hour lesson - Piano

Ann Cook - \$25.00 per half hour lesson - Voice



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 2009

BOOKING FORM

Student Name: _____ Homeroom: _____ Year: _____

I wish to learn the following instrument: _____

- Please indicate
- I am a beginner
- I have been learning for _____ years
- I have my own instrument

I would prefer to have lessons with:

- Alison McGann - Piano/Clarinet (out of school hours)
- Phil McDonald - Guitar/Drums
- Kimberley Krul - Violin
- Louise Judd - Piano
- Ann Cook - Voice

Parent/guardian signature: _____

Student's signature: _____

PLEASE RETURN TO MRS JILL PETERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

UPDATE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION

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Name of Student/s: _____

Parent/Guardian (1)

Residential Guardian: Yes / No (please circle)

Name: _____
Residential Address: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Mobile Phone: _____
Home Phone: _____
Business Phone: _____
Email: _____

Parent/Guardian (2)

Residential Guardian: Yes / No (please circle)

Name: _____
Residential Address: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Mobile Phone: _____
Home Phone: _____
Business Phone: _____
Email: _____