

## NEWSLETTER No. 10 – Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2009

*“Try to act at all times and places, that if our Divine lord were to appear on earth again, He might not be ashamed to point you out as one intimately united with Him.”  
Catherine McAuley (1778-1841) Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy.*

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Welcome back to the start of Term 2. I hope the Easter break was a joyful celebration for your family and a chance for the students to recharge their batteries ready for a busy term.

Parent-Student-Teacher Interviews will be taking place on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April and this is a **student free day**. We do encourage parents to bring students to the interviews to participate in the discussion as to how they are progressing.

We also commence Catholic Education Week this Friday with the theme “In the Footsteps of St Paul”.

Mr Larry Burn, Director of Education Ballarat Diocese says:

*“Paul was the great apostle to the Gentiles and spread the good news about Jesus around the Greek and Roman world of his day. He was a fearless preacher and defender of the faith. He is a most appropriate patron for all involved in Catholic education in our Diocese today. We are called to be fearless and inspired as we take our part in spreading the gospel of Jesus through our work as Catholic educators.”*

The culmination of Catholic Education Week will be our St Joseph's College Feast Day on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> May. St Joseph's Day commences this year with our Cross Country event and students need to arrive at SJC Stadium at 8.45am on Friday, 1st May in appropriate house colour attire to participate in the Cross Country.

Changeroom facilities and showers will be available for students to change after the Cross Country. Parents who wish to view the finish line of the Cross Country will need to assemble at the Riverside Ave side of the Stadium at approximately 10am when the runners are expected to start returning.

### 30 YEARS SERVICE

During Catholic Education Week the diocese recognises those staff members who have served 30 years in Catholic education. This year, St Joseph's College has two staff members who qualify – Mr Kevin Towns and Mrs Barb Collins. We congratulate both Kevin and Barb on this outstanding commitment to Catholic education. A mass, celebrated by Bishop Peter and a dinner to recognise this contribution will be held in Ballarat. Guest speaker for the dinner is Sr Sylvia Williams.

### STAFF CHANGES

We farewell Miss Stephanie Rogers this week who has been working with us in Term 1 as a Music Aide. Stephanie has worked closely with the VCE students. We wish her well with her future endeavours.

### NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL COMPUTER FUND



I am pleased to announce that we have been successful in receiving funding from the Australian Government to improve our student to computer ratio. Over the next few months we will be adding another 149 computers to our network. Most of these new machines will be located inside our general purpose classrooms to assist teachers to integrate ICT into the curriculum to accommodate diverse learning styles and enhance student engagement. We need to develop our network capacity to cope with this extra demand and the roll out will take place slowly so that users are not adversely effected.

Mr Darren Atkinson



# OPEN DAY

## TUESDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY

### 4.00 – 7.00PM

Feel free to visit the College and speak to staff or have a tour of our facilities.  
Please report to reception on arrival.

**ENROLMENTS FOR 2010 ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED.**

For further information, contact Mrs Tracy Aston on 5018 8034 or [taston@sjemda.vic.edu.au](mailto:taston@sjemda.vic.edu.au)

#### LOCAL EXCURSIONS

**Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> April**

**From 12pm** DRA331A to Mercy Theatre (Mrs Kemp)

**Periods 6 & 7** MESVO0A to Sunraysia Skills Centre (Mr Doyle)  
REL101F to Funeral Parlours (Miss Burke, Fr Matt)

**Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April**

**Period 2 & 3** PEDOE0A to Stadium (Mr Doyle)

**Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> April**

DRAMA to Irymple Leisure Centre (Mrs Kemp)

#### BINGO

**THURSDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

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

**THURSDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY**

Lisa Robbins	0417 897 300
Meridie Polkinghorne	5022 8523
Patrick Timmons	5022 8155
Craig Stanbridge	5021 1417
<i>Emergency: Debra Williams</i>	5023 4704

#### ST JOSEPH'S DAY – FRIDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY

##### PROGRAM OUTLINE FOR ST JOSEPH'S DAY – FRIDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY



10.30am

- Students start returning from Cross Country.

- Students allowed access to Riverside change rooms and toilets.

11.00am

- Students access bags to take morning tea, and money to purchase tokens.

- In House Bag Area, a selling table will be present to sell tokens.

- Homeroom teachers/students start setting up stalls.

11.30am – Activity stalls only open

12.00noon – Food stalls open

12.45pm – Stalls close and clean up begins

1.00pm – Students and staff enter the Stadium to be seated in stands and concert begins

2.50pm – Presentations

3.15pm – Dismissal

Note: the College Office will be closed on this date as all staff will be at the Stadium.

Tokens will be the official currency on St Joseph's Day. Tokens will only be sold from 11.00am onwards in booklets of \$5.00 or individual amounts. There will be a \$10.00 limit per person for any purchase. No refund will be given for unused tokens. Think about the amount you require before purchasing your tokens.

#### NSW BUS TRAVELLERS

Sunraysia Bus Lines have been successful in receiving approval for the use of a second bus on the Mildura/Irymple/Parangi line. Based on a survey of parents held last month it was



apparent that some students were not using the bus because it was overcrowded and was not arriving at some schools on time.

Below are detailed destinations of the buses:

From the start of Term 2, the N3 bus from Paringi will pick up as normal until it reaches the Gol Gol Post Office which will act as an interchange point. Students from Chaffey SC, Mildura SC, Irymple and Henderson College will then transfer to bus N12 and travel the same route. Students from St Joseph's College, Sacred Heart, Holy Trinity and St Pauls will stay on the N3 and continue along its same route picking up only students for these schools. The bus will depart the first bus stop in Pitman Avenue at 7.59am and will depart the Gol Gol Post Office at 8.05am. If you have any further queries please contact Sunraysia Bus Lines on 5023 0274.

## YEAR 7 GIRLS IMMUNISATIONS - ROUND 2



Round two of Immunizations for Year 7 girls will take place on **Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May**. Students will be immunized for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) and Chicken Pox.

Chicken Pox Immunization cards have been placed in all Year 7 girls Homeroom rolls this week. Please remind your daughter to collect this card from their Homeroom teacher if they have not already done so. Cards must be returned to the Student Office by **Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> April**.

## PRAYER

In this time of Easter, we are reminded that the Christian message is one of hope coming from death. This message has special significance for many finding life after the bushfires and for many of our families coping with a range of losses in their lives. The resurrection of Jesus gives hope that life will continue and that we are loved through those tough times by a God who will never forget us.



*Father of life, creator of all that is seen and unseen  
We give thanks for your love that blesses us each day  
We pray that we will come to more fully see today,  
and the future,  
As opportunities to grow closer to you,  
and to each other, in love.  
We ask this through Jesus, the risen Lord,  
Amen.*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### YEAR 11 AND 12 SEMINAR DAYS - FRIDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY

All Year 11 and 12 students will be at the Stadium on this day for separate seminar experiences. Students are to arrive by 8.50am and will be dismissed at 3.15pm. Food and drink will be provided for recess and lunch. Students are permitted to wear casual clothing, but to maintain the normal College standards in what they wear. No students will be permitted on the courts with inappropriate footwear. This is a compulsory part of the Senior Religious Education program and as such, all students are expected to attend. If a student is unwell on that day, please contact the College by 9am on 5018 8051, and a doctor's certificate is expected to be presented upon return to school

### YEAR 11 AND 12 COMMUNITY SERVICE

All students who have not completed this aspect of the Religious Education curriculum are reminded to ensure that it is attended to by the end of Term 2. The White Elephant Sale for the local Catholic primary schools is coming up and these schools can be contacted with offers of help by students.

### YEAR 12 RETREAT - JUNE 22-26

Thank you to all families for your support of the Retreat this year. There will be a letter sent home soon providing further details for the week. Please be prompt in responding to the requests in this letter so that final arrangements can be completed.

### YEAR 10 SEMINAR DAY - MONDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY

This day in the calendar has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Year 10 students will attend school as normal on 4<sup>th</sup> May.

## JUNIOR SCHOOL CORNER

### NAPLAN - YEARS 7 & 9 STUDENTS

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May will see all Year 7 and Year 9 students complete the National Assessments for Literacy and Numeracy. The tests will be conducted across Australia on the same days for all students.

**Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May** - Language Conventions test (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and a separate Writing test.

**Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May** - Reading test.

**Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May** - Numeracy test. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a scientific calculator is allowed and one test without a calculator. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

St Joseph's College students will complete the National Tests at the St Joseph's College Stadium on Eleventh Street.

- **Year 7 students** will begin each day at the Stadium. This requires all Year 7 students to be at the Stadium, Aero Ovals side entrance, by 8.50am each day of the tests. Year 7 students will then be transported back to the Twelfth Street site at the conclusion of their assessments each morning.

- **Year 9 students** will be transported to and from the Stadium during the day to complete their assessments.

After the assessments, each student/family will receive a report that will show their results in comparison with all other students from the same year group in Australia. It will include information about the national average, the range for the middle 60 per cent of students and whether they achieved the national minimum standards in Literacy and Numeracy.

If you have any questions about the tests, please contact me at the College or alternatively, information regarding NAPLAN can be found at <http://www.naplan.edu.au/>.

### JUNIOR SCHOOL EVENTS

Term Two has some important Junior School events coming up!

- **Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> April** - Parent / Student / Teacher Interviews: hope to see all of you there!

- **Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> May** - College Feast Day: a huge day to be held at the Stadium. Cross Country Carnival in the morning and fete type activities and concert to be held in the afternoon.

- **Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May** – NAPLAN: National Literacy and Numeracy Tests for all Year 7 and 9 students.

#### Year 7

- **Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April** – Community Day at the St Joseph’s College Stadium. Students to arrive and be collected from the stadium at 8.50am and 3.00pm respectively. Please refer to the note sent home earlier this week. Full and correct sport uniform is to be worn. Please make sure you remember your items for the shared lunch.

#### Year 8

- Term Two will see Year 8 students heading off to the Grampians for their camp in the last week of May (25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>). Please make sure you keep your permission notes and payments coming in. If you are experiencing difficulties with payment, please contact our Business Manager, Anne Hoyle alternate arrangements.

#### Year 9

- Year 9 will have a half day Community Day at the Stadium on **Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May**. More information will come home via Homeroom closer to the date.
- **EXAMS!** Year 9 will get ready to sit their first BIG exams during the last week of term. Remember these exams cover the semester’s work, so it’s now time to start getting those study notes up to date.

*Mr Nigel Reece, Junior School Coordinator*

### YEAR 9 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

How did Patch Adam’s story relate to that of Jesus’? How was Patch Christ-like? (Patch Adams is a film covered in class). Below is one example of a student’s response to this question:

*Patch Adams was a man on the brink of suicide after a rough patch in his life, yet he was able to pick himself up and tried to help other people. He decided to become a doctor in order to help others. He wanted to make their quality of life great and not just prevent death. For example, in the movie there was a scene where a woman’s dream was to swim in noodles. As weird as this may seem, Patch made her dream come true and gave this woman happiness in her life. His story relates to Jesus’ in the way that they both had hardships in order to practice what they preach. Jesus went against the law to practice what he preached, when he went against the teachings of the high priests. So did Patch, when he opened the hospital that was free of charge. They both wanted to give people faith and hope that there is more to life than just being. Patch Adams is Christ-like because he helped people and wanted to bring joy and hope to their lives. He had the same passion that Jesus had to make the world a better place for people to live in.*

### THE HAENEN LIBRARY NEWS

This Term we are running the Boys, Blokes, Books & Bytes Reading Program aimed at middle year school age boys. This mentoring program is organised in collaboration with Mildura Rural City Council Library. In order for the program to be a success, we need the interest of role models (preferably male) who can partner up with a student in Year 7-10 and attend BBB&B activities (which will include refreshments) organised for the participants. Boys reading anything from the sports section of the newspaper, magazines, graphic novels, books online or just a “good read” can partner up with a role model with whom they can share their reading interests. If you are interested in participating, please contact Mrs McEvoy in the Haenen Library either by phoning 5018 8038 or e-mailing [jmcevoy@sjcmda.vic.edu.au](mailto:jmcevoy@sjcmda.vic.edu.au) with your name, and the name of the student you wish to mentor.

### INTERMEDIATE BASEBALL REPORT

On Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March, the Intermediate baseball team competed in the Interschool baseball Tournament at the Aero Ovals. The first game was against a professional Chaffey outfit and under urging from their coaching panel to slow the timed game down after hitting the lead, Chaffey managed to scrape home by a single run. Kieren Munro and Thomas Lanyon were among the best in this game. Our second game resulted in a hard fought draw with Irymple. Among the highlights of this match was the steady and lethal pitching of Daniel Slorach. One disastrous innings cost us dearly in the next match against Merbein with the ‘all batters home’ rule turning a likely victory into a disappointing defeat. The effects of a long day showed in the final game as Red Cliffs proved far too good for a tired St Joseph’s team.

The MVP was awarded to Ben Harris, while Mahayla Pay was awarded the McAuley Medal for her tireless leadership. Special thanks also to Jordon McPhee for scoring on the day.

