

NEWSLETTER No. 13 – Thursday, 14th May 2009

*“How can we teach the love of God if our own hearts are cold?”
Catherine McAuley (1778-1841) Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy*

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

On Friday, senior students participated in Seminar Days. The Year 12 Seminar Day challenged the students to investigate an issue about which they had a passion and work towards making a difference. The Year 11 Seminar Day had a focus on leadership and especially Christian Leadership. The students were fortunate to have guest speakers Mr Luke Guthrie talk about his volunteer work in Lima; Father Matt allowed the students to ask challenging questions about the priesthood; and Mrs Jill Joslyn talked about her life and work in our community with adolescents. Thanks to these individuals for their generosity with their time.

This week we have been very fortunate to have Sister Cathy Solano rsm in our community. Cathy has a history at St Joseph's College as a teacher, but has been working in very demanding circumstances in the Sudan and other areas of great need over the past few years. Cathy has been sharing her incredible experiences with students and staff this week. Sr Cathy's presentation on her work with refugees from war ravaged countries helped to put our economic downturn into some perspective.

Another past member of our community was also in the news this week. Past student, Monsignor Les Tomlinson (1957-63) has been appointed by Pope Benedict as the next auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne. We congratulate Bishop-elect Les Tomlinson on his appointment and wish him well for his ordination at St Patrick's Cathedral on June 17th.

Grade 5 Orientation Day takes place on Tuesday. This is the second year that we have invited our Catholic primary schools to bring their Grade 5 students to the College. Our feedback from last year's group was that it helps to demystify the secondary school setting for the students and smooths the transition from primary to secondary school.

Mr Darren Atkinson, Principal

IMPORTANT DATES - ADVANCED NOTICE

Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May – Year 8 Camp (Grampians)

Monday 1st June – Portrait Photo Day

Thursday 11th June – VCE General Achievement Test (GAT) – **No VCE classes on this day.**

Friday 12th June – Report Writing Day (**Student Free Day**)

Monday 22nd June to Friday 26th June – Year 12 Retreat (Anglesea)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

YEAR 11 AND 12 COMMUNITY SERVICE

The White Elephant Sale this weekend is in need of helpers. Students can contact either the Sacred Heart Primary School on 5023 1204 or St Pauls Primary School on 5023 4567 to offer their services. Students can also help out at the Mildura races on Saturday, 23rd May at 4.30 replacing divots in the track. If you are interested please contact Mr Gary Huxtable on

5023 5035. These are both great opportunities to give support to groups who contribute widely to our community and there are students who still need to commence Community Service. The St Vinnies store in Pine Avenue is also in need of helpers, as are many other local support agencies. This program is putting what we discuss in Religious Education into practice in a spirit of Catherine McAuley, who founded the Sisters of Mercy to respond to the needs of the less fortunate in her community. We are challenging students to move outside their comfort zones to make a difference in the local community.

YEAR 12 RETREAT

Letters will be going home this week with details of the Retreat along with parent permission slips which are to be completed and returned by the end of next week. Please make this a high priority to assist us in planning for the week in Anglesea in June.



SALVATION ARMY APPEAL COLLECTION

Students in Religious Education classes in VCE will be involved in a collection for the Salvation Army in the next two weeks. This is an ongoing program to engage students in raising awareness of the needs of those less fortunate. Students will door knock in the local area near the College where they have done so for a number of years.

Mr Tony Finn, Director of Religious Education

BINGO

THURSDAY, 21ST MAY

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

LOCAL EXCURSIONS

Monday, 18th May

Periods 6 & 7 MESV00A to Sunraysia Skills Centre (Mr Doyle)

Tuesday, 19th May

SSSSA Cross Country (Mr McCormack, Ms Cross, Mr Smith, Mr Collins, Mrs Minter)

Periods 2 & 3 REL091B to Regis Nursing Home (Mr Opie)

Periods 6 & 7 PEDHF1F to MADEC (Mrs Pike)

MWS081E to Round Again (Mrs Knight)

MWS081C to Botanical Gardens (Mr McCormack)

PEDSK0B to Sunraysia Ten Pin Bowl (Ms Howley)

MWS081D to Princes Court (Mr Towns)

Wednesday, 20th May

Periods 4 & 5 ARTPH0A to Lock 11 (Miss Hagen)

Periods 4 - 7 PEDOE0A to Stadium / Apex Park (Mr Doyle)

Thursday, 21st May

Periods 1 - 3 MSC Careers Talk (Mr Paolucci, Mrs Lewis)

Friday, 22nd May

Periods 2 & 3 PEDSC0A to Sacred Heart Primary School (Mr Ficarra)

Periods 2 - 4 SSC Try A Trade (Mrs Lewis)

PHOTO DAY - 1ST JUNE

Envelopes for Portrait Photo Day will be distributed to students via their homerooms at the end of this week. Envelopes **MUST** be returned to the Student Office by **Monday, 25th May** even if photos are not being purchased.

KEYS PLEASE

REMINDER

Date: Wednesday 20th May

Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Place: St Joseph's College - Rooms LP10 & LP11

Remember to return your permission slips by Monday, 18th May to the Student Office.

INTERMEDIATE GIRLS HOCKEY REPORT

On Monday, 27th April the Intermediate Girls Hockey team competed in the Interschool Hockey Tournament. The first game was against Merbein Secondary College and the girls fought hard against the more experienced team but unfortunately lost. Goalie, Samantha Hogan played a good game with a lot of defensive play in the goal circle and Centre Half Melinda Casey attacked hard in her attempts at goal. In the second and final game, the girls played Irymple Secondary College. The game commenced quite evenly and then St Joseph's started to attack and moved to the lead. Goals were gained by Melinda Casey and newcomer Elisabeth Davison. It was fantastic to see so many girls taking up the opportunity to play hockey for the first time. The McAuley medal was awarded to Melinda Casey for her support and leadership throughout the day. The MVP was awarded to Elisabeth Davison. Special thanks to Alison Eddie who provided support and guidance on the day.

Mrs Mary-Lou Towns, Coach

CAREERS INFORMATION

UNIVERSITIES OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA TERTIARY INFORMATION EVENING

University Tertiary Information Evening will be held at the Mildura Senior College Hall on **Wednesday, 20th May** from 7.30pm - 9.00pm. All are welcome and no registration is required. On **Thursday, 21st May** the Year 12 students who have volunteered will attend a session with the three Universities from 9.00am - 11.00am.

DEFENCE TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP

A Defence Technical Scholarship (DTS) is a fantastic opportunity for Year 11 and 12 students intending to pursue an ADF technical trade career after completing Year 12. The DTS rewards technically savvy students for staying on at school and enrolling in specific subjects. Year 11 recipients will receive \$2000, paid over two semesters and successful Year 12 students will receive \$3000, paid over two semesters. Although there is no obligation to join the Navy, Army or Air Force after finishing school, you will be required to inform why you are interested in an ADF technical trade career as part of the selection process. For more information please go to website <http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/dts/#> or contact Mrs Lewis.

TRY A TRADE

Try A Trade conducted by the Sunraysia Skills Centre will be held on **Friday, 22nd May** from 10.30am - 12.00pm for Year 9 and 10 students. Please see Mrs Lewis or email jlewis@sjcmda.vic.edu.au as

places are very limited. It will cover the following industries: Carpentry, Bricklaying, Plumbing, Plastering, Painting & Decorating, Automotive, Engineering, Electrical, Horticulture, Hospitality, Hairdressing and Beauty.

CAREERS FORUM FOR YEAR 8 STUDENTS

To be held at the Mildura Senior College on **Wednesday, 27th May** from 9.30am – 11.15am. The focus of this forum is to expose Year 8 students to what is available in key skills shortage areas. Any Year 8 student who wishes to attend should see Mrs Lewis or email jlewis@sjcmda.vic.edu.au.

ADF GAP YEAR

Due to the enormous popularity of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) Gap Year, the application process has changed and improved from previous years. The process is designed to provide a fairer selection by considering a complete pool of applicants and the abilities they can bring to the experience.

What Has Changed?

Instead of calling 13 19 01 to apply, the only way to apply for the ADF Gap Year is to complete an

online application. The application will ask you a range of questions to determine your eligibility, suitability and to determine what sort of Gap Year roles may suit you.

When Can You Apply?

Applications open from 1st May and close 3rd September. This year, the application process will move away from the previous model of 'first in, first served', to assessing all candidates for suitability. Defence Force Recruiting (DFR) will compile a list of candidates to move to the next stage of the recruitment process. We still encourage all candidates to apply early and not wait until the last minute to apply.

What If I Already Have A Gap Year Application?

If you have already been recommended for Gap Year (this would be prior to February 2009) you should contact your local Defence Force Recruiting Centre or ring 13 19 02 for further information. If you didn't attend an assessment day or were not recommended, you will need to reapply using the Gap Year online application. For further information, visit www.defencejobs.gov.au/gapyear or see Mrs Lewis.

Mrs Julia Lewis, Careers Coordinator

JUBILEE SUNDAY

DIGGING TO THE ROOTS OF POVERTY

SUNDAY MAY 17

In churches and communities around Australia, we will remember the Gospel challenge of Jesus, to love one another as Jesus loved.

The Scriptures tell us the Spirit of God has called us to be good news to the poor, to forgive each other's debts, to heal the broken, to announce freedom to all those who are imprisoned by suffering, to proclaim the Jubilee. Right now, there are millions of people in the world oppressed by extreme poverty because their countries are caught in a debt cycle not of their own making.

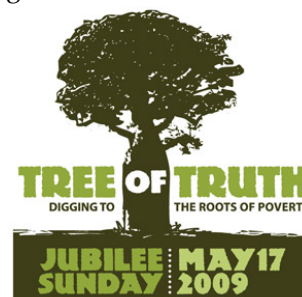
Resources: www.treeoftruth.org.au/jubilee-sunday

Campaign with us

Join Jubilee's 2009-2011 Tree of Truth project by visiting www.treeoftruth.org.au

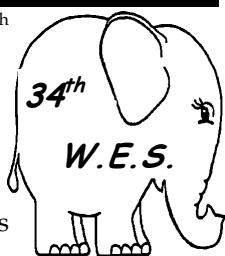
Jubilee Australia Drop the Debt www.jubileeaustralia.org

Tel: 02 8060 4404 Email info@jubileeaustralia.org



WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

You are invited to attend the 34th White Elephant Sale at St Paul's Primary School on Sunday, 17th May. There will be activities for children as well as delightful stalls for all. The gates open at 9.00am and the auction commences at 9.30 am.



CHARLIE KEDMENEK

Charlie Kedmenec, a past St Joseph's College student, is moving to Germany next month to undertake a 12 month contract with Opera Cologne. A farewell concert is being held for Charlie at the Arts Centre Theatre on Saturday, 23rd May at 8pm. The concert will be a mixture of Art Song, Musical Theatre and Opera and will also feature Siobhan Stagg and Esita Morgan. Tickets are available from the Art Centre Box office on 5018 8330.

PARENTS VICTORIA ONLINE CONFERENCE

18TH - 24TH MAY 2009

Register online at www.cybertext.net.au/pv09.htm


The conference will feature seven 'live' daily online discussions, each of them hosted for several hours each day by a member of Parents Victoria or expert staff from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development or the VSCA. Each day will focus on a topic that is currently of concern to parents.

The online discussions will be very easy to join in, and guidelines about how to participate will be provided.

**A THOUGHT FROM THE URSULA FRAYNE WELL-BEING CENTRE
ALPHABET OF PRAISE**

 **A**lthough things are not perfect

 **B**ecause of trial or pain

 **C**ontinue in thanksgiving

 **D**o not begin to blame

 **E**ven when the times are hard

 **F**ierce winds are bound to blow

 **G**od is forever able

 **H**old on to what you know

 **I**magine life without His love


 **J**oy would cease to be

 **K**eep thanking Him for all the things

 **L**ove imparts to thee

 **M**ove out of "Camp Complaining"

 **N**o weapon that is known


 **O**n earth can yield the power

 **P**raise can do alone

 **Q**uit looking at the future

 **R**edeem the time at hand

 **S**tart every day with worship


 **T**o "thank" is a command

 **U**ntil we see Him coming

 **V**ictorious in the sky

 **W**e'll run the race with gratitude

 **X**alting God most high

 **Y**es, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but...

 **Z**ion waits in glory...where none are ever.

MILDURA & DISTRICT LITTLE ATHLETICS INC.

Mildura & District Little Athletics Cross Country season commences on Sunday, 17th May at 1.30pm (registration). For further information ring Sean Brown on 5025 6544 or 0434 566 053 or Steve Erlandsen on 0427 233 504.

PRAYER



Jesus, friend of all in need,
May we Seek out issues of injustice;
May we See how we can do something practical about these;
May we Act to enable change.
We ask this in the name of all who cry out for help.
Amen.

