

## NEWSLETTER No. 14 – Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 2009

*“Never speak with contempt of any nation, profession, or class of people...”  
Catherine McAuley (1778-1841) Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy*

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

This week saw the Public General Meeting for Mercy Secondary Education Incorporated. It was with great pride that I was able to represent St Joseph's College to members of the MSEI Board, other Principals, and a gathering of Mercy Sisters and friends. Some of the stories emerging from our Mercy schools were truly inspirational. I made a special mention of the work of Sr Rosemary Graham in Home-School Liaison. We are very fortunate to have Sr Rosemary to undertake this work and reach out to our families and, in so doing, extend our pastoral care beyond the school gate.

Grade 5 Orientation Day took 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. Early feedback suggests the students had a very enjoyable day. Thanks to the many staff and students that made the day for these Grade 5s.

*Mr Darren Atkinson, Principal*

### IMPORTANT DATES – ADVANCED NOTICE

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

Monday June 1 – Portrait Photo Day – **Please note: Year 8 students will not go to the SJC Stadium on this date, but will spend the day at the Twelfth Street site.**

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

Friday June 12 – Report Writing Day – **Student Free Day.**

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

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### SALVATION ARMY APPEAL

Students in Units 1 and 2 Religious Education will be collecting for the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal next week. This is an opportunity for the College to contribute to the wider community efforts to address poverty and injustice. Students will receive a letter this week explaining the process and parents are encouraged to support this service. This is one activity among many that we encourage students to assist through Mercy Works and other Catholic agencies and projects. This is a time contribution rather than a financial one.

### YEAR 12 RETREAT

Year 12 students should have received further information about the Retreat requirements this week. A special reminder is made for letters from parents, grandparents, or other special people in the students' lives to be delivered to the College as soon as possible so that we can ensure that each student has a letter. The focus of the letter is to acknowledge the goodness in students and to encourage them to pursue the future in a positive manner, with family support.

### SR CATHY SOLANO VISIT

Sr Cathy spoke to students in Years 7 – 11 last week about life and work in Mercy Works projects in Africa. Her first-hand experiences were a wonderful witness to the achievements and challenges of such work, which is sponsored by the College through various fundraising projects during the year. We encourage parents to talk to the students about Sr Cathy's presentations in order to bring a greater awareness of the works of Mercy in Africa and other countries to our families.

*Mr Tony Finn, Director of Religious Education*



## BINGO

### THURSDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Julianne Rigby	5023 2776
Debra Williams	5023 4704
David Anderson	0427 247 248
Steve Jensen	5023 7208
Emergency: Veronica Kidd	5021 3019

## LOCAL EXCURSIONS

### Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> May

Periods 6 & 7	MESVO0A to Sunraysia Skills Centre (Mr Doyle)
	LSTVO0A, LST111A to Sentencing Advisory Council Session - LP10/11 (Miss Chamberlain, Mr Opie)

### Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> May

Periods 6 & 7	PEDSK0B to Sunraysia Ten Pin Bowl (Ms Howley)
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### Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May

Periods 1 - 3	MSC Careers Talk (Mrs Lewis)
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### Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> May

Periods 2 & 3	PEDSK0A to Sunraysia Ten Pin Bowl (Mr Collins)
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### Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> May

Periods 2 & 3	PEDSC0A to Sacred Heart Primary School (Mr Ficarra)
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## PHOTO DAY - 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE

Envelopes for Portrait Photo Day have been distributed to students. **Envelopes MUST be returned to the Student Office by Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> May** even if photos are not being purchased as the photographers have a new scanning system and need to scan the whole school community regardless of whether you are purchasing a photo or not.

## HAENEN LIBRARY NEWS

On Monday and Tuesday last week the Haenen Library was the venue for Ballarat Books (who supply our school texts) to display a large range of teaching resources, student study material, fiction and information books. The benefit to our School Community was a donation of \$1,500 worth of books which will soon be on the library shelves for student use. Thank you to Ballarat Books for their generous donation to the College.

*Jane McEvoy, Head Librarian*



## CROSS COUNTRY 2009

This year saw the Cross Country take on a new venue and a new course, which was exciting but also nerve racking for both students and staff. On the morning of Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May, we had four houses battling for the right to claim the Cross Country trophy for 2009. Students had the option to run a Cross Country course or walk a different track for participation points.

Age Group Champions were as follows:

<b>13 Female</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Emily Lloyd 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chelsea Bryans 3 <sup>rd</sup> Lucy Sanderson	<b>13 Male</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> James Freeman 2 <sup>nd</sup> Layne Tankard 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wade Minter	<b>14 Female</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Melinda Casey 2 <sup>nd</sup> Julia Kingwill 3 <sup>rd</sup> Georgina Hewitt	<b>14 Male</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Lachlan Searle 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jacob Burford 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jacob Chisari
<b>15 Female</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Liz Hurley 2 <sup>nd</sup> Emily Bradford 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cara Meyer	<b>15 Male</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Donald Cameron 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ben Stevenson 3 <sup>rd</sup> Alex Swinburne	<b>16 Female</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Elly Davison 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nikita Scott 3 <sup>rd</sup> Olivia Kerr	<b>16 Male</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sam Kerridge 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nathan Hickey 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rohan Broadhead
<b>17 Female</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Hannah Priest 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bonnie Seymour 3 <sup>rd</sup> Amy Leamon	<b>17 Male</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Jake Barrack 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nick Twaddle 3 <sup>rd</sup> Adam Filippi	<b>20 Female</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Amelia Beer 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kristy Laird 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rachael Keogh	<b>20 Male</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Reece McNally 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tyler Martin 3 <sup>rd</sup> Patrick Kelly

The final house results were;

- 1<sup>st</sup> Xavier
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Padua
- 3<sup>rd</sup> McAuley
- 4<sup>th</sup> Chisholm

Congratulations to all age group winners and Xavier house for winning overall. We would like to thank all students who participated; they showed great determination and spirit which created an excellent atmosphere for the morning. The Cross Country was followed by St Joseph's Day Festivities which provided an excellent environment for students to relax and enjoy the company of friends and staff.

*Mr Josh McCormack, Sports Coordinator  
and Ms Karyn Cross, Sports Assistant*

**A THOUGHT FROM THE URSULA FRAYNE  
WELL-BEING CENTRE**

**FLORAL DELIVERY**

I would rather have one rose and a kind  
word from a friend while I'm here than  
a whole truck load when I'm gone.

THESE ARE FOR YOU!!!



Happiness keeps you Sweet,  
Trials keep you Strong,  
Sorrows keep you Human,  
Failures keep you Humble,  
Success keeps you Glowing,  
But Only God Keeps You Going!

**SUNRAYSIA TWIN GROUP**

Sunraysia Twin group has the following events planned:

- Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup> 2pm - Snakes & Ladders
- Thursday May 28<sup>th</sup> 9.15am - Coffee Morning at McDonalds Deakin Avenue
- Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup> 9.15 - Coffee Morning at McDonalds
- Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup> 3-5pm Park 4 Play - 11<sup>th</sup> Street
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 9.15am - Coffee Morning at McDonald's
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 9.15am - Coffee Morning at McDonald's
- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 11am - Ten Pin Bowling (RSVP essential)
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 9.15am - Coffee Morning at McDonald's

Coffee Mornings are a gold coin donation. Committee meetings are on the last Wednesday of the month at Mildura Gateway Tavern at 7pm. All multiple birth families are welcome.

Contact Di 5029 3383 or Chris 5023 2392, or email: [sunraysiatwins@live.com.au](mailto:sunraysiatwins@live.com.au) for further information.

**PRAYER**

**The readings for last Sunday focus on the love of God and our call to love God and others.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Letter of John, Ch 4**

*Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves comes from God and knows God.*

*Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.*

*In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him.*

*In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son.*

**Gospel: John 15**

*"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete.*

*This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.*

*No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

*It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.*

*This I command you: love one another."*

***Lord may we learn to love as you love;  
love that is aware of the goodness of others and  
which reflects our love of us. Amen.***