

NEWSLETTER No. 18 – Thursday, 18th June 2009

"Your whole life should be a continual act of praise, often in the day raising your heart to God and begging the grace to spend that day, at least, in His service"
Catherine McAuley (1778-1841) Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy.

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

We packed quite a lot into the short week that has just passed.

Many senior students undertook exams in their Year 12 subjects and all participated in the General Achievement Test (GAT). The Year 12's were able to celebrate the conclusion of this busy week with the Year 12 Regional Ball on Friday night and appeared to have an enjoyable evening. Thank you to Mr George Paolucci, Senior Student Co-ordinator, who both ensured that the students were provided the best environment in which to undertake their exams and also managed the Ball supervision. Year 12's soon depart for their retreat at Anglesea. It is valuable in the midst of such a busy year to be able to find time for reflection on their spirituality and the journey ahead. Feedback from previous years would indicate that the retreat is a highlight for the participants.

Practice is in full swing for the Year 11 students who have chosen to be debutantes this year. The committee is under new leadership, with Sally Fishwick and Terry Dyke leading an enthusiastic group of parent volunteers. There will be two Debutante Balls this year, July 25th and August 1st.

Grade 6 students visited the College on Thursday for the first of their orientation visits as they commence their transition process into secondary school. There was great excitement in the group and the feedback from the students indicated that they had a very busy and interesting day. We look forward to seeing the students and families again shortly for an interview to welcome them to St Joseph's College. If you know of families who are considering the College but are yet to enrol, please ask them to contact us immediately as available places are filling quickly.

Mr Darren Atkinson, Principal

PRAYER

God, we pray for the youth of the world.

For those taking the steps to becoming more mature, here in the classroom and here in this school.

Give them patience, obedience, openness, energy and joyful hearts.

We pray for the youth of the world.

What we have asked for, we need for ourselves too.

We make this prayer in faith.

Amen.

YEAR 8 STUDENTS - IMPORANT NOTICE

Year 8 students will come to the Twelfth Street site on **Monday, June 22nd June** instead of going to the Stadium.

IMPORANT DATES - ADVANCED NOTICE

Monday 22nd June to Friday 26th June -

- Year 12 Retreat (Anglesea)
- Mid-Year Exam Week (Years 9 - 11)

Friday 26th June -

End of Semester Reports posted



EXAMS

Exams commence for all students in **Years 9 to 11** next week.

Dates

Exams commence on **Monday 22nd June** and continue until **Friday 26th June**.

All students have received individual exam timetables via their homeroom roll. Copies of these timetables and a general exam timetable are also available on the SJC Hub on the school network.

Times

Exams commence at four times during the day:

* 8.50am * 10.40am * 12.30pm * 2.10pm

Students need to be at school at least 15 minutes prior to the exam start time to allow for preparation of materials, toilet break, etc.

Students need only attend school at the scheduled exam time. An attendance roll will be marked in the exam room. However, students are welcome at other times to study and can work in a supervised study room.

Students are expected to come directly to school before their exams and go directly home on completion of exams if they do not wish to stay on the premises. We do not expect to see St Josephs College students in the Mall, McDonalds, etc during the exam period.

Students are required to attend exams for all subjects they are enrolled in. If for some reason a student is unable to attend a scheduled exam, as a general rule, **alternative arrangements will not** be made. If students are not attending an exam, a medical certificate or parental note outlining reason for non attendance will be required.

Clothing

Exams are to be completed **out of uniform** and students are requested to wear appropriate clothing that will allow them to sit comfortably for 80 minutes. Dress rules are the same as those that are in place for St Joseph's College casual days. Thongs are not appropriate or safe footwear.

Expectations in the exam room

These exams will be run under the same conditions as the VCE exams and students need to prepare as such:

- Students must arrive at the exam in plenty of time to be seated and will not be allowed to leave until the official finish time for the exam.
- Students should bring all of the materials required to sit the exam. They will not be allowed to borrow equipment from other students. Students should also bring a novel to read should they finish the exam early.
- Mobile phones are not allowed in any exams and must be turned off and handed to the supervising teacher at the commencement of the exam.
- Students must remain quiet at all times when in the exam room in the interests of other students.

Mr Greg Kluske, Director of Curriculum

LOCAL EXCURSIONS

Monday, 22nd June

Periods 6 & 7 MESVA0A to Sunraysia Skills Centre (Mr Doyle)

Tuesday, 23rd June

Periods 6 & 7 MWS081E to Round Again (Mrs Knight)
MWS081C to Botanical Gardens (Mr McCormack)
MWS081F to Princes Court (Mr Towns)

Thursday, 26th June

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

BINGO

THURSDAY, 25TH JUNE

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

THURSDAY, 2ND JULY

Chris Carmichael	5022 1210
Maureen Livingstone	5023 6027
Alan Cameron	0429 201 326
Joe Circosta	0428 502 402
<i>Emergency:</i> Shane Kelly	5022 8578

CONGRATULATIONS

Rohan Broadhead came third in the Male Under 18 age group of this year's Mallee 12 (12km run) with a time of 52.27 minutes. The Mallee 12 was held last Sunday 7th June. Overall there were 108 entries for this year's event.