

## NEWSLETTER No. 30 – Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2009

*“It is not sufficient that Jesus Christ be formed in us;  
He must be recognized in our conduct”*

*Catherine McAuley (1778-1841) Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy.*

*Dear Parents, Students and Staff,*

*Welcome back to Term 4. As we resume this term in summer uniform, it is timely to remember that St Joseph's College is a Sunsmart school. To this extent, we expect all members of our community to be wearing a broad brimmed hat whenever they are at risk of exposure to the sun. We also encourage the wearing of sunscreen and sunglasses. It is not always easy to convince an adolescent of the importance of sun protection, as the damaging consequences of sun exposure are often felt later in life; however, we do request your assistance in ensuring that your son/daughter does have a College hat in good condition.*

*I would like to thank the many staff and students who participated in activities such as work experience and practice exams over the holiday period. I trust the students involved appreciate the dedication of their teachers. This is also an important week for students in Year 11 studying commerce subjects as they participate in Australian Business Week. Again, I would like to thank those involved in the organisation, especially the numerous parents who volunteer as business mentors to share their invaluable expertise with our students. I am sure there will be a report about this program in a future newsletter.*

*We have a busy few weeks coming up and included in this newsletter is a calendar of the key events. I encourage each student to remain focussed on working to the best of their ability this term and finishing the year with results of which they can be proud.*

### **NATIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS COMPUTER FUND**

The roll-out of computers funded by the Australian Government has continued during the holidays and students will notice that each room in Langtree Park now houses six computers for student use. We have also added computers to the VCE Common Room and other areas of the College that students can access. This means that we are now at our 2:1 ratio as per our commitment under Round 2 funding. We have further made a commitment under the guidelines for Round 3 funding to be at a ratio of 1:1 by the end of 2011. An implementation plan as to how we will deploy these extra computers is currently being considered by the Learning Technologies Committee. Thanks to Integrating Technology Mildura and resident technician, Mr Phil Currah, for the smooth roll-out.

### **CLASS 8K – MONDAY'S AT THE STADIUM**

With the change of timetable for Term 4, class 8K will now finish their Monday down at the Stadium. A College bus will return students back to the Twelfth Street site at 3.15pm. With parental consent only, a student can be dismissed directly from the Stadium by the subject teacher Mr Ian Smith. Should you wish to give said permission and acknowledge that teacher supervision will finish at 3.15pm, please contact the Student Office on 50188051 or email [studentoffice@sjcnda.vic.edu.au](mailto:studentoffice@sjcnda.vic.edu.au).

### **COLLEGE AND HOUSE CAPTAINS**

The process to nominate and elect the College and House Captains for 2010 will commence this week. Students should check their emails for directions as to accessing the application form.

*Mr Darren Atkinson, Principal*



### PLEASE NOTE: OFFICE CLOSURE

The St Joseph's College office will be closed on **Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> October** until 12.30pm due to Staff Professional Development.

### YEAR 7 - 11 PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

These will be held on **Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> October** from 4pm - 7pm in Langtree Park and the Hall. This will be the last formal opportunity to discuss student progress before the end of the year. Reports were mailed home during the September holidays and these gave an indication as to progress and if the teacher considers an interview necessary. However, parents are always welcome to come to parent teacher interviews to discuss their son/daughter's progress. Bookings for these interviews will be the same process as was used at the end of Term 1. Parents are able to make appointments to see teachers of their son/daughter by calling 5018 8009 **BY 3PM FRIDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER.**

*Mr Greg Kluske, Director of Curriculum*

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

As we enter the final term for 2009, it is important to examine how Religious Education is integral to the nature of our College. Newly approved Doctoral research has indicated that the parents of students in our College strongly support the work of the Religious Education faculty and staff generally, in our endeavours to promote the Catholic ethos and traditions that reflect our Catholic heritage brought to Mildura and nurtured for many years by the Sisters of Mercy. Their commitment and achievements we remembered especially at our Mercy Mass in the final days of last term.

This Mass celebrated the Mercy culture of our College, based on the vision of Catherine McAuley in Dublin, Ireland, early in the nineteenth century, when she worked tirelessly to bring God's love to the poor and homeless. She believed in education and hospitality to awaken in people a sense of the justice and compassion that God called her and her Sisters to show to others in need. She fought politics inside and outside the Church; she took risks by empowering young women to start new convents, schools, hospitals and works of charity throughout Ireland and beyond, including Australia.

Our Religious Education program is living witness to this vocation to proclaim the Gospel of Mercy and compassion in the name of a loving God who sent Jesus to show us how to live fully among others. If it is so important to the College, what do you know about it? When was the last time that you asked your son or daughter about what is happening in the Religious Education classroom?

Parents of the College expressed an interest in their children to be able to critique how society treats its citizens and expected the College to encourage the students to engage in social justice action.

Religious Education is attempting to support the views of parents through a comprehensive and sequential program of units of work designed to

encourage students to explore their own faith within a respectful and informed environment which, while strongly supportive of the Catholic tradition is also very respectful and supportive of other faith traditions present in our society. This again supports the desire of parents for their children to become more tolerant and informed about other faith traditions present among their friends and in society generally.

This term, we will be exploring the fundamentals of the Religious Education curriculum at St Joseph's College, so that all families are better informed about the nature of the curriculum and more fully equipped to raise issues and show support for what is being done to assist your families, as you assist in the spiritual development of your sons and daughters.

Further information about the Religious Education curriculum and more details of the recent research into parental views on Religious Education can be obtained from Mr Tony Finn, [tfinn@sjcmda.vic.edu.au](mailto:tfinn@sjcmda.vic.edu.au), 50188044.

*Mr Tony Finn, Director of Religious Education*

### LOCAL EXCURSIONS

#### Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> October

- Period 1** ARTPH0C, HISAM0A, GEOIN0C, ARTVO0A, MATA92B, FTY092B to Solar Car Presentation
- Period 1 - 3** LSTVO0B to Magistrates Court (Mr Opie)
- Period 6 & 7** HUM082C to Woolworths/Fishers (Mrs Chamberlain)  
PEDSK0B to Ten Pin Bowling (Mr Collins)

#### Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> October

- Period 4 & 5** PEDOB0B to Rays Tent City (Mr Ficarra)
- 12.30 - 2pm** Year 7 to Drug Seminar - Stadium

#### Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October

- 8.30 - 10.30am** MAT942A to Mildura Senior College (Mr Wilson)
- Period 2 & 3** PEDOB0B to Aussie Disposals (Mr Ficarra)
- Period 6 & 7** RELV22A to Ten Pin Bowling (Mr Eddie)  
GEO222A to CBD (Mr Liepins)

#### Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> October

- Period 2 & 3** MWS082E to Botanical Gardens (Mrs Knight)  
MWS082C to Etiwanda Wetlands (Mr Finn)
- Period 2 - 2pm** RELV22A, MWS082G to Mildura Show (Mr Eddie/Mr Towns)
- Period 4 & 5** PEDST0B to Waves (Mr Collins)
- Period 6 & 7** GEO222A to CBD (Mr Liepins)

**A THOUGHT FROM THE  
URSULA FRAYNE CENTRE**

**KEEPING A HEALTHY BALANCE**

Your relationship with your teenager is like a bank account. You make deposits by doing things like spending time, showing interest, accepting, listening, encouraging, having fun, and providing help and support when needed. You make withdrawals by criticising, blaming, being sarcastic or complaining. Refusing a request, correcting a mistake, or asking your teenager to do something they don't want to do, are also withdrawals. When the account is in the red (you have made more withdrawals than deposits) both of you will feel unhappy. When the account is in the black your relationship will be stronger, and your teenager will be more committed to the family. Maintaining a healthy account balance also helps your teenager to accept the inevitable times when you must make a withdrawal.

**BINGO**

**THURSDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

Kara Toms	0414 778 178
Pam Gooding	0400 277 995
Craig Stanbridge	5021 1417
Richard Bryans	5024 7800
Emergency: Di Eagle	5024 2667

**THURSDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

Margaret Burton	0409 502 414
Sally Fishwick	5024 7299
Robert Burton	0409 502 414
Ron Leamon	5022 1904
Emergency: Alan Cameron	0429 201 326

**PRAYER**

*Dear Lord,*

*I ask for you to look after those people that have died  
in the Samoan Tsunami and the Earthquakes in Indonesia.  
I ask for you to bless those people that have lost their families  
and friends in these horrible tragic disasters.*

*I pray every day that you guide these people through  
heaven and show them the way as if they were children.*

*Our Father, who art in Heaven  
Hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not in to Temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.*

*That is what I pray for in Jesus name, Amen.*

*God bless Samoa and Indonesia!!*

*"Family for Life"*

*Clive Fungavaka, Year 8*

## **TERM 4 CALENDAR 2009**

### **OCTOBER**

Monday 12	Portrait Photographs Re-shoot
Tuesday 13	Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews – Years 7 to 11 (4.00 – 7.00pm)
Tuesday 13	College Assembly (Sacred Heart Church)
Tuesday 13	Drug Education Seminar – Year 7
Friday 16	MILDURA SHOW DAY – Student Free Day
Friday 16	Staff Professional Development – Office closed until 12.30pm
Saturday 17	VCE Psychology Revision Lecture
Sunday 18 – Monday 19	Minyip Field and Game Shoot
Monday 19 – Tuesday 20	Introduction Outdoor Education Camp 1
Thursday 22	Year 12 students – last day of formal lessons
Friday 23	Year 12 students – celebration day including Homeroom and House Farewells and presentations
Tuesday 27	SSSSA Junior & Intermediate Boys and Girls Cricket
Thursday 29 – Friday 30	Seeds of Justice Student Conference (Templestowe)
Friday 30	VCE Unit 4 Examinations Commence

### **NOVEMBER**

Monday 2	Student and Staff Free Day
Tuesday 3	Melbourne Cup – Public Holiday
Wednesday 4 – Friday 6	Advanced Outdoor Education Camp 2 (Grampians)
Monday 9 – Tuesday 10	Introduction Outdoor Education Camp (Hattah Kulkyne National Park)
Tuesday 10	College Assembly (Sacred Heart Church)
Tuesday 11	Remembrance Day
Tuesday 11	Catherine McAuley – Anniversary of Death (1841)
Wednesday 18	SSSSA Junior & Intermediate Boys and Girls Lawn Bowls
Wednesday 18	SSSSA Junior & Intermediate Boys and Girls Touch Football
Wednesday 18	Xavier House Celebration Day
Friday 20	College Mass – End of Year (Stadium) (9.00 – 11.00am)
Friday 20	VCE Art Exhibition (TBC) (6.00 – 8.00pm)
Monday 23 – Friday 27	Years 10 and 11 Examinations
Monday 26 – Friday 30	Year 9 Examinations
Thursday 26	Year 12 Graduation Dinner
Monday 30	Head Start Week commences

### **DECEMBER**

Tuesday 1 – Friday 4	Year 9 Examinations
Tuesday 1 – Friday 4	Head Start Week
Friday 4	Years 9, 10 and 11 students finish
Tuesday 1	Grade 6 Orientation Day
Wednesday 2	FREE2DRIVE – Year 11 students (9.00am – 1.30pm)
Thursday 3	St Francis Xavier Feast Day
Friday 4	Sponsors' Cocktail Evening (Stadium)
Sunday 6 – Saturday 12	All Schools Volleyball (Melbourne)
Friday 11	Years 7 and 8 students finish
Monday 14	VCE/VCAL results available
Tuesday 15	Awards Evening (Stadium) (7.00 – 9.00pm)
Wednesday 16	Office Closed
Thursday 17	END TERM 4

### **TERM DATES 2010**

Term 1	Wednesday 27 January – Friday 26 March
	Friday 29 January – Year 7 and VCE/VCAL students commence
	Monday 1 February – Years 8, 9 and 10 students commence
Term 2	Monday 12 April – Friday 25 June
Term 3	Monday 12 July – Friday 17 September
Term 4	Monday 4 October – Friday 17 December