

NEWSLETTER No. 34 – Thursday, 5th November 2009

“Each day is a step which we take toward Eternity and we shall continue from day to day until we take the last step bringing us into the Presence of God”.

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

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

As we return from our Melbourne Cup holiday I trust that both students and staff are well rested and ready to make the most of the few weeks that remain in this academic year. It is unbelievable to think that we are already in November and that Year 10 and 11 students only have two full weeks until their exams commence on **Monday, 23rd November**. Year 9 students commence their exams shortly thereafter on **Wednesday, 25th November**. The week commencing **Monday, 30th November** is Head Start Week and students studying a Year 12 subject in 2010 will be involved in a program to introduce these subjects as well as further develop their study skills. Year 9 students finish school on **Tuesday, 8th December** and Year 7 and 8 students on **Friday, 11th December**.

Mr Darren Atkinson, Principal

YEAR 8 AT STADIUM

Year 8 students will not go to the Stadium on **Monday, 9th November** due to VCE Exams. Please come to the Twelfth Street site instead.

REMEMBRANCE DAY



At 11am on Wednesday our students will gather at the flagpole for our Remembrance Day ceremony. A small group of students have been invited to Henderson Park by the Mildura RSL for a dedication ceremony of a new WWI monument and to lay a wreath on behalf of the students of the College. Of special significance is our consideration of past students who have made the ultimate sacrifice in war.

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAYS - NOVEMBER 1st & 2nd

This week we are called by the Church to remember, celebrate and pray for those who have died. Some in the Church have been recognised as particularly holy people and are given the title Saint. It is good to reflect on the lives of many of these good people who lived simply according to how they saw God calling them in their lives. We all know others who have lived good lives – parents, grandparents, quiet achievers, those who carry large burdens in life without complaining, those who devote their lives to others out of love for God and other people. These people we remember especially at this time and we pray that God will give them eternal rest with him as reward for their lives here on earth.

EXAMS

Exams commence for all students in Years 9 to 11 in the next few weeks. As was the case for mid year, exams will not be included in the report, but instead the exams will be reported on separately.

Dates:

- Year 10 & 11 - Exams commence on **Monday, 23rd November** and continue until **Friday, 27th November**.
- Year 9 - Exams commence on **Wednesday, 25th November** and continue until **Friday, 4th December**.

All students will have received individual exam timetables via their homeroom roll. Copies of these timetables and a general exam timetable will also be available on the school's network (SIMON > SJC Hub > Student).



Times

Year 11

Exams will be 10 minutes reading time and 90 minutes writing time, except for Year 11 English which will be 120 minutes writing time.

Exams commence at three times during the day:

* 8.50am to 10.30am * 11.30 am to 1.10 pm * 1.50pm to 3.30pm

Year 9 & 10

Exams will be 10 minutes reading time and 90 minutes writing time.

Exams commence at three times during the day:

* 8.50am to 10.30am *11.30 am to 1.10 pm *1.50pm to 3.30 pm

Students need to be at school at least 10 minutes prior to the exam start time to allow for preparation of materials, toilet break, etc.

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

Clothing

Exams are to be completed out of uniform. Students are requested to wear appropriate clothing that will allow them to sit comfortably for the duration of the exam.

Expectations in the exam room

These exams will be run under the same conditions as the Unit 3 / 4 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 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.
- More detailed information about expectations of behaviour and requirements of exams is included with individual exam timetables.
- **Students will not be permitted to leave exams early**, even if they have finished early.

One of the real difficulties we have experienced in past years with exams has been when students have made alternative arrangements for sitting exams due to not being able to attend at the correct time. We strongly encourage students to do whatever they can to ensure they sit the exam with the rest of the class.

Alternative arrangements will not be made for students who cannot attend an exam except when there is a medical reason. In this case, Mr Kevin Towns will need to be contacted. If for some other reason a student is unable to attend a scheduled exam, alternative arrangements will not be made. Any student absence from scheduled exams will require a medical certificate or parental note outlining the reason for non attendance. Notes are to be passed onto Ms Emily Coffey in the Student Office or to Mr Kevin Towns.

HEAD START WEEK (STUDENTS UNDERTAKING VCE UNIT 3 / 4 SUBJECT AT SJC IN 2010)

Monday, 30th November to Friday, 4th December – this will mark the beginning of Year 12 classes for those students undertaking Unit 3 / 4 subjects at St Joseph's College in 2010. All current Year 11 and any current Year 10 students who are undertaking a Unit 3 / 4 (Year 12 subject) in 2010 will be expected to attend Head Start classes during this week, on those times when classes are scheduled. A timetable for Head Start week will be distributed shortly.

Mr Greg Kluske, Director of Curriculum

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

All Year 7 and 8 students will have attended the weekly parish Mass on Wednesday mornings by the end of this term. This has been an opportunity for students to engage with the parishioners and to grow in their awareness of the larger Catholic community which gathers to celebrate its identity each day at Mass. Classes lead prayers and readings during the liturgy. This programme is supportive of research indicating that local parents want their children to experience Catholic liturgy and to become more aware of Catholic practices. It also supports the curriculum of both year levels in building understanding of parish and Eucharist.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thank you to those students and families of students who have completed their Year 11 and 12 Community Service projects for 2009. All Year 12 students who have not yet completed this must make contact with Mr Finn as soon as possible. It is now time for Year 11 students to hand up paperwork so that credit can be given for completed service to the community. If parents know of any worthwhile community projects that would be suitable for our students to support, please contact Mr Tony Finn on 50188044.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL



Students from Years 7-11 will be invited to participate in our annual Christmas gift appeal for the local St Vincent de Paul Society. This involves students, in class groups, bringing money, usually around \$5 (if this is not too demanding on families) and forming partnerships to buy gifts that are then collected and given to St Vinnies for distribution locally to families in need of support at Christmas. We would like to thank families for their continued support of this valuable project which allows students to become really involved by actually purchasing the gifts themselves.

Dr Tony Finn, Director of Religious Education

LOCAL EXCURSIONS

Monday, 9th November

Period 4 & 5 PEDSK0C to Ten Pin Bowling (Mr Doyle)

Tuesday, 10th November

Period 1 & 2 HUM082L to Rio Vista (Miss Quick)

Period 4 & 5 Year 10 RE to Centro (Miss Cox, Mr Eddie)
PED082L to Apex Park (Mrs Sharman)

Wednesday, 11th November

Period 4 & 5 Year 10 RED to Centro (Miss Cox, Mr Eddie)

Thursday, 12th November

Period 2 & 3 MWS082F to Mildura Special School (Mr Wolfe)
MWS082G to Sacred Heart Primary School (Mr Towns)

Period 4 & 5 PEDSK0C to Ten Pin Bowling (Mr Doyle)

Period 6 & 7 HUM082D to Rio Vista (Miss Quick)

Friday, 13th November

Period 6 MWS082G to Sacred Heart Primary School (Mr Towns)

BINGO

THURSDAY, 10TH DECEMBER

Ruth O'Donnell	0407 491 143
Elvira Mazza	5021 1922
Dennis Homfray	5024 5526
Russell Ford	0418 315 938
Emergency: Monica Nash	5023 5839

ART AND RE ART ANNUAL ACQUISITION PRIZE 2009

The final date for submission of artwork for 2009 is 4pm, **Friday, 20th November** at the Creative Arts Centre Office. Students must attach an application form to their artwork. The application form can be obtained from the Creative Arts Centre Office or from the Student Office.

Winners announced on Awards Night. The two winning entries become the property of the College and displayed with previous winners.

There are 2 prizes:

Religious Art Prize: \$150

General Art Prize: \$150

A panel of judges will select the artwork. This panel will consist of:

- The Arts Domain Leader
- The Director of Religious Education
- An external Artist

Miss Andy Higgins, Arts Domain Leader

ART AND RE ART PRIZE

SUBMISSION CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES

- All artwork entered for selection must have been created as part of the Visual Arts curriculum during 2009.
- The student's subject teacher must authenticate the artwork.
- Artwork may be either two or three dimensional. There is no limit to the size of artwork.
- Students from all year levels may enter artwork.
- Students must submit an entry form with their artwork. Failure to do this will result in the entry not being judged by the panel.
- **Artwork must be submitted by Friday, 20th November, 4pm.** Submissions after this time will not be accepted for judging
- If the judging panel does not deem any artwork to be worthy of a prize no artworks will be selected that year.
- The Judges decision is final.
- The Visual Arts faculty will set criteria for prizes annually.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Jack Saunders who has been selected to represent Victoria in the U16 State basketball team. He will travel to Albury in January 2010 and participate in the Australian Junior Basketball Cup against other states of Australia and New Zealand.

COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to past student, Elizabeth Hender, on her receipt of a Commonwealth Scholarship to assist with tertiary studies.



IRYMPLE SWIMMING CLUB

The Irymple Swimming Club is holding a 'Registration Day' and 'Come and Have a Try Day' at the Irymple Swimming Pool, Fifteenth Street Irymple on **Thursday, 5th November** at 4.30pm.

If you are a keen swimmer and interested in becoming involved in a swimming club, come and experience the fun of the Irymple Swimming Club. If you have any enquiries please contact Lyn 0411 726 630 or Robyn 0438 110 497.

END OF YEAR MASS AT THE ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE STADIUM

FRIDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER

Please remember to inform Mrs Tracy Aston at the College of the numbers attending, so that suitable seating arrangements can be prepared.

PRAYER

The Gospel for Sunday, 1st November, all Saints Day, was Matthew 5:1-12, The Beatitudes.

This is a direct call for those who heard Jesus to place a priority on helping those who were genuinely poor; there was praise for those who place the pursuit of justice high in their lives; there was compassion for those who mourn; and there was acknowledgement of those who constantly stand up for what is right, without self-interest, but with strength of character and commitment to building the Kingdom of God.

Lord, we pray that we too will be sensitive to the needs of those who require our generosity and time.

We ask for the courage to stand by those who are poor and troubled, as you stand by them.

May we be your hands and feet as we do our best to improve our world.

Amen.

Debutante Presentation Ball 2010

The St Joseph's College Debutante Balls continue the fine history of providing a wonderful and memorable evening of tradition and ceremony.

Planning has commenced for 2010 and two dates have been selected ~ **Saturday 24th & Saturday 31st July**. We are currently seeking expressions of interest from young ladies who will be in Year 11 in 2010. At this stage it is envisaged that debutante training will be conducted on Wednesday evenings commencing in May. It is preferred that debutantes choose partners from the College. Partners are to be Year 11 onwards only.

Please complete the form below and return to the Student Office as soon as possible.

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St Joseph's College Debutante Presentation Ball 2010

Debutante Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

Debutante Telephone No: _____

Partners Name: _____

Partners Telephone No: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

PLEASE RETURN TO THE STUDENT OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.