Dear Parents, Students and Staff

Pentecost - The Holy Spirit at Work

The coming of the Holy Spirit dramatically changed the lives of early Christians. The Acts of the Apostles is filled with accounts of the early Church’s remarkable spiritual impact on the surrounding society. A transformation was so evident that non-believers accused the Christians of "turning the world upside down". Such was the dynamic, miraculous power of the Holy Spirit.

This coming Sunday, 8th June, is the birthday of the Church - Pentecost Sunday. The reason this has been identified as the birthday of the Church is because it is the time that Peter and the apostles discovered their courage and went out to start spreading the news that the world could be a better place if we acted as a community that was just, that cared about one another, particularly those who were disadvantaged, the sick, the poor, those who need protecting!

With the Ascension just past, the apostles knew that Jesus was truly risen and would be no longer with them in a physical sense. They could now accept they were on their own but had a mission. Until this time, they were grief stricken and afraid. They had lost their leader and their inspiration. They really were feeling very lost, but somehow, around this time they were inspired. This inspiration is identified as the Holy Spirit coming to them, giving them courage to carry on the work of Jesus.

As Catholics, we are part of that Church. It is our heritage and we are now responsible for making sure that as a community, we look after those who are in need, those who are poor both in material goods and in spirit, and those who are sick. It is now our responsibility to ensure that we have a just world. Pentecost is not some magical event where there are ‘tongues of fire’ descending on us, or great gusts of wind to move us from our lethargy, it is an inspiration that comes from others we meet, things we read, the environment around us. It is when we get an idea that we have to do something ourselves to make our world a better place and to develop a sense of responsibility as a community.

The Catholic Church is not only about a relationship of the individual with God, it is not just about prayer. It is about action. It is about being a community and looking after those in need. It is about having the courage to challenge that which is not right with society.

Let’s all think about what we can do to make Pentecost have genuine meaning for us at St. Joseph’s in 2014.
Supporting Your Adolescent’s Learning at Home
A reminder that St. Joseph’s will be hosting a Free Seminar for Parents and Students: Year 5 to Year 8 – ‘Supporting your Adolescent’s Learning at Home’ on Wednesday 18th June from 7pm – 8:30pm.

“Supporting Your Adolescent’s Learning at Home” with Angie Wilcox from High Hopes Educational Services will be a practical night for both parents and their children in Year 5 to Year 8.

It will look at the important role parents still play even as their children are seeking new independence; give an understanding of learning and development during these years; and insights into learning and practical strategies for time management and organizational skills that are vital for effective learning during secondary school and beyond.

All parents and their children are welcome, there is no cost and includes a booklet of strategies to take home. To assist with numbers, please visit the DPC website to RSVP www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com.

God bless and best wishes for the fortnight ahead.

Tony McCudden
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Examinations are over; we take a breather for JJAMM
We teachers finish off examinations with the instruction ‘time is up so put down your pens’. We said this to the last group of students as they completed their final Semester 1 examination paper today. It has been a busy time for the students and equally busy for teachers as we finalise our marking and begin the report writing process to complete the term.

Our College community took a very welcome break this afternoon to commemorate JJAMM (Joseph, Julian and Mary Mackillop) Day which celebrates the leadership of students and the community within Josephite schools. We shared a variety of snacks, participated in a couple of challenging activities, planted a tree, and enjoyed the much anticipated music of Winterbourne. An essential feature of JJAMM afternoon is for the community to have fun at the same time as we raise funds to support communities less fortunate than ours. All money raised today will be used to support the Warmun community in the Kimberley region where eight Year 11 students travel for an immersion experience later this term. We thank our students and families for being incredibly generous.

Raising the uniform standard
I think more is written in school newsletters about the school uniform than almost any other topic. To have or not to have a school uniform has been debated for decades throughout the world. It is the topic we refer to most when addressing the girls at College and year assemblies. The point is we have uniform, and full descriptions of the summer and winter uniforms are clearly presented in the student Planner and uploaded to our College website. There is an expectation that students in Year 7 through to Year 12 comply with these standards. There may be exceptional and temporary circumstances that prevent a student from being in full uniform. Parents are requested to explain this in writing please.

We met Year 12 students today as part of a planned approach to raise the uniform standard across the College. We are focusing on three aspects of uniform that students must ‘get right’:

- skirt hem length that is no shorter than five centimetres above the middle of the knee
- black leather school shoes with white socks or black stocking
- removing all jewellery that does not comply with College standards

Students in breach of these minimum standards are expected to correct the problem as soon as reasonably possible. Parents will be notified in writing and are asked to return an acknowledgement of the notification to Mrs Toby or to me. A meeting of each year group is scheduled for next week. Thank you in advance for supporting our drive to raise the standard of uniform and presentation.

Tuesday June 10 – a normal school day
The rumour that Tuesday was a student-free day started to travel through sections of the student body on Thursday. We quickly corrected this misunderstanding through Daily Notices and a PA message so please disregard any suggestion from your daughter that she does not have to attend school on Tuesday after the long weekend. Tuesday is a normal school day for us. All students will be in Day 7 lessons.

Rugs and soup
The last two weeks have been dominated by examinations and assessment tasks for Year 12 so the three day long weekend should be a welcome break before we brace ourselves for the last few weeks of the term. Winter temperatures seem to have arrived so rugs and soup may be the order of the day! Thank you for supporting our College community.

Helen Love
Acting Assistant Principal

FROM THE RE LEADER
The Power of Persistent Prayer
Dr Evangeline Sita and Mr Sanjay Isaiah with their mission, spirituality and compassion for humanity gave all students of Year 10 a deeper understanding of how to interpret our school motto of ‘act justly’. The power of prayer is truly displayed listening to the remarkable
beginnings of how Saint Andrew’s School in India was built in the slums of Hyderabad. What started off as classes under a tree, Dr Evangeline has expanded the school to provide a quality education to underprivileged children from preschool to year 10, through her driving connection with God. Through her dedication 600 students and 40 staff attend Saint Andrew’s and all have expanding relationships with Christ and many have accepted the Lord Jesus as their saviour with their school being built by prayers from the ground up.

Dr Evangeline’s compassion also extends within the community to allow approximately 15 destitute women and orphans accommodation within the school. Through the grace of God, she has built a dedicated team of teachers who work in unity with students to reach outstanding and academically high results. Many who were privileged enough to hear Dr Evangeline’s inspiring story and words, felt incredibly motivated towards her efforts to help the less fortunate people of India and felt inspired by such a remarkable woman whose driving devotion to God has enabled the cycle of poverty of her students to be broken. Her connection to Jesus was one we students of St Josephs strive to achieve in our life and demonstrated how each and every one of us can make a positive difference within the world. Her message and her kindness towards people and her passion to make a positive impact inspired many students to be more active Christians and made an impression on us which lasted long after her speech had ended.

Tegan T
Year 10

Nicole Harrison
RE Leader

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Sport & Special Event Payments
Can you please ensure that all money and/or permission slips are sent through to the Finance Office and are in an envelope clearly marked with the student’s name, pastoral class, a dollar value of what is enclosed and what the money is for. Please do not send money in unmarked zip lock bags.

School Fees
All families should have received their May Fee Statement last Monday. If you are not receiving statements each month please contact the Finance office as a matter of priority. It is important that payments are made as they fall due. If your account is in arrears please address it now, or if you are unable to correct your account immediately please contact the College to advise when payment can be expected. It is vitally important that you communicate with the office if you are in financial difficulty as payment plans are available if required.

Trays & Tubs for Science
The Science department would greatly appreciate any large foam meat trays and 1lt and 4lt ice-cream tubs without lids for experiments. These recycled containers would be most welcome.

Nicole Murphy
Business Manager

FROM THE LEADER OF LEARNING AND TEACHING

Well done to all students in Years 7 – 11 who gave their very best effort in their preparation and performance for the half-yearly examinations.

YEAR 11 2015 Subject Selection Evening

The subject selection information evening will be held on Tuesday 17th June at 7pm for all Year 10 students and their parents.

On this night information packages containing Stage 6 Curriculum Handbooks, subject selection sheets and other relevant information will be distributed to each Year 10 student. The evening will commence with a presentation detailing the NSW BOSTES and college Stage 6 regulations and requirements for both the Preliminary and HSC years. Parents and students will then have the opportunity to meet with Leaders of Learning and teachers to view presentations and have discussions about various Preliminary and HSC courses. The Stage 6 Curriculum Handbook for 2015-2016 is available on the college website at: http://www.sjcc.nsw.edu.au/learning-and-teaching/dsp-collection.cfm?loadref=158

Year 7 - 11 Parent Teacher interviews
Parent Teacher interviews for Years 7 - 11 will be held early Term 3. This is a valuable opportunity for Parents and Carers to meet with teachers and discuss your daughter’s progress this semester. Interview times can be made via the online booking system, Parent Teacher On-Line (PTO). All students were given letters to take home today with a unique login PIN and detailed
information about how to access the online bookings. Dates:

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**Year 12 HSC Study Guide 2014**

This year’s Sydney Morning Herald HSC Study Guide for Year 12 students, teachers and parents will be available in both print and digital format on **Monday 16 June**. HSC students will receive an email from BOSTES on **16 June** containing a link to access the digital version. A great range of resources for most subjects will be included such as:

- Videos of teachers answering HSC type questions
- HSC test yourself quizzes
- Links to relevant BOSTES endorsed resources
- Videos with comments from 2013 First In Course recipients.

**Kathy West**

Leader of Learning and Teaching

**FROM THE LEADER OF CAPA**

On behalf of the CAPA faculty I would like to welcome Ms Carole Witton Drama teacher, Ms Michelle Dainer Photography and Digital Media and Visual Arts teacher and Mr Kane Charles Music teacher to the department in 2014. All have offered their creativity, talent and knowledge to enhance our girls’ knowledge, skills and learning.

As always the CAPA faculty have been busy creating and developing performances. Currently students are working on the musical Alice in Wonderland to be performed in Term 3. There will be two major performances; the first a matinee performance for primary school students on Wednesday 16th July, followed by an evening performance on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th July. The performance will be held at Holy Spirit Church Hall Kincumber. Tickets are on sale now so please contact our office to purchase tickets. The students and teachers have been working hard to create a memorable performance full of engaging songs, comic moments, extravagant costumes and energetic dancing. We hope that you are able to come to view the performance and admire our creative and multitalented girls.

If entering the school please ensure you take time to view art works that are displayed in the foyer. A new artist is recognised every few weeks and their artwork positioned at the Reception foyer. This is a positive initiative by the Art department to ensure the school community is aware of the imaginative and talented students we have at the College and to enlighten us on the range of work explored in Visual Arts and Photography and Digital Media classes.

Kathy West

Leader of Learning and Teaching

**Sue Lockwood**

Leader of CAPA

Year 10 Drama students have been working collaboratively with St Edward’s Year 10 Drama students developing their skills in improvisation and Theatresports. The committed group are currently workshopping and developing their skills with the intention of holding Theatresports competitions in Term 3. The Drama students are dedicating their own lunchtimes towards this initiative. It has been a rewarding experience for students of both schools to share ideas and collaborate creatively with those from another school. Judging from the workshops, the Theatresports competitions should be hilarious and well received by both students and teachers of both St Joseph’s and St Edward’s.
FREE SEMINAR for PARENTS and STUDENTS - Year 5 to Year 8
Supporting Your Adolescent’s at Home
* What’s a parent’s role? Time to step up or step back?
* Understand the ‘Middle Years’ development
* Insights into learning and practical strategies for vital time management & organizational skills.

The transition from the primary school years to secondary school is a process, not an event.

Join Angie Wilcox from High Hopes Educational Services for a very practical evening with your child.

WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE 7 – 8.30 pm
St Joseph’s Catholic College,
EAST GOSFORD
ALL WELCOME – NO COST
RSVP DPC website www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com
Proudly sponsored by the Diocesan Parent Council
HEART CHANGING

Year 7 Twilight Retreat
3 pm to 6.30 pm

The Youth Ministry Team are running a fun after-school retreat filled with games, craft, friendship, conversation and prayer time. It’s at school. DINNER INCLUDED. For more information please contact Mrs Green (Youth Ministry Coordinator).

TO BOOK RETURN THE ATTACHED PAGE AND $5 TO THE FRONT OFFICE BY 19TH JUNE
2nd June 2014

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The college Youth Ministry Team will be running a Twilight Retreat for Year 7 students. This retreat is an optional event that we encourage your daughter to attend. This will be on Thursday 26th June 2014 from 3 pm to 6.30pm at school.

The retreat is a fun evening of games, craft, friendship, conversation and prayer. The night also includes dinner.

Your daughter will need to bring comfortable clothes to change into after school and closed in shoes suitable for games. She will also need to bring afternoon tea.

Please fill in the permission note below, detach it and return it to the finance office along with $5 immediately. For further information regarding this day please contact me at school.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Green
Youth Ministry Coordinator

I give permission for (daughter’s name)

To attend the Twilight Retreat on Thursday 26th June, 2014 from 3 pm to 6.30pm at school.

(Signature of parent or guardian)

If your daughter has any dietary requirements please include details here:

Emergency contact number:
A Social Justice event for students and their families. Come along to learn and be inspired.

At College in Shekinah

7 to 9 pm

Purchase dinner from Year 12 Food Market

(Proceeds go to the Catherine Hamlin fistula Hospital in Ethiopia)

Live music

Inspiring speakers

Fair trade stalls

16th JUNE 2014

GIRLS...

WHY BOTHER?

Did you know? “The equivalent of 5 jumbo jets worth of women die in labour each day... life time risk of maternal death is 1,000x higher in a poor country than in the west. That should be an international scandal.” Nicholas D. Kristof, Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women

Please note: DINNER MUST BE PREORDERED BUT DRINKS AND CAKES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ON THE NIGHT

Saint Joseph’s Catholic College
Russell Drysdale Street, East Gosford
43244022
http://sjcc.nsw.edu.au

Please RSVP for this event by 6th June 2014 to
fiona.green@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Or return the attached page.
GIRLS...WHY BOTHER

SOCIAL JUSTICE EVENING MONDAY 16th JUNE 2014

RSVP FORM and DINNER ORDER FORM

Please complete this form and return it to the finance office by 6th June 2014
(Please include payment for dinner if you are ordering dinner)

RSVP:

Name: ....................................................................................................................

I will be attending this event. The number of people from my family attending this
event is: ..........................................................

DINNER ORDER FORM:

DELICIOUS CHICKEN KEBAB IN A SOFT WRAP WITH YOUR CHOICE OF TZATZIKI,
TABOUJI, HUMMUS - $5 each

Name: ....................................................................................................................

I would like to order ...................... (Number) Chicken Kebab(s). I have enclosed
payment for dinner.

Thank you for your support of this initiative.

Fiona Green

(Youth Ministry Coordinator)