Dear Parents, Students and Staff

Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

On Friday 8th August, our school community will be celebrating the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop with a celebration of Eucharist at Saint Patrick’s Church, East Gosford at 1.30pm. All year groups from Year 7 to 10 will be attending. All students with their Pastoral teachers will be walking up to the Church and then back to school for normal afternoon buses.

As celebrations of this important event occur in our schools and churches next week it is timely to remember not only Mary but the significant contribution that she and her sisters have made to Catholic education in Australia. She was an extraordinary woman who ‘never saw a need without doing something about it.’ Like the many religious nuns, brothers and priests who were instrumental in bringing education to hundreds of thousands of children in Australia, she believed that it is through education that social inequality can be alleviated. So many of us have better lives and have had great opportunities because of the selflessness and courage of these fine men and women.

Term 3
Looking through our calendar for the 10 weeks of Term 3 it is clear to see that we are in for a very busy term ahead. Term 3 is a very significant one for our Year 12 students as it sees them finish their formal lessons at the College. Throughout this term they will be involved in trial HSC examinations, they will complete their major works for the HSC and their formal school assessment, and they will be involved in farewell ceremonies to make their end of schooling here at St Joseph’s. For our Year 11 students this term also marks the end of their Preliminary year, giving them the foundations for their HSC year which begins in Term 4. For students in Years 7 – 10, continued efforts are required inside the classroom and at home to ensure that significant progress is made in their learning this term. Added to this, many students will be involved in the many sporting teams and groups that will represent the college this term. Also this term, students in Years 8 and 10 will have the opportunity to make some decisions about subject selection for 2015. These major activities will be coupled with many daily activities that will, I am sure, make the term not only busy but also extremely rewarding for the students. We wish all of our students the very best for another very productive term. Remember that the effort and hard work that you put into your learning will be reflected in the results that you receive throughout the term and that the small daily efforts are often the most significant ones.

College Musical
An enormous congratulations and thank you to all involved in the production of ‘Alice in Wonderland’ last week. All 3 shows were brilliant and highlighted the wonderful talents and performance ability of our girls. The enthusiasm of the students and the obvious joy they had in performing to their audience was simply inspirational. The matinee performance on Wednesday afternoon was attended by approximately 500 Year 5 and 6 students from our 5 local feeder schools. This was
not only a great opportunity for our girls to perform in front of a live audience for the first time but was also a wonderful chance for us to promote our school to so many potential future students.

My thanks go to everyone who helped contribute to this production, whether it be via direct involvement or by support and attendance at the shows. Special thanks to Mr Reece, Mrs Barkel, Mrs Bartholomew, Mr Charles, Ms Goston, Mrs Lockwood and Mrs Stephens for their specific roles in making the musical so successful.

Sister School Visit - Hosen Gakuen Tokyo, Japan
We have welcomed to our St Joseph's Catholic College community this week our visitors from Hosen Gakuen School in Tokyo (our sister school). The 13 girls from Hosen Gakuen and their teachers, Mr Shimizu and Mr Nakano, arrived last Saturday and will remain with us until Monday 28th July. My special thanks to the following families who are hosting the Japanese students: Jones, Ofahengaue, Farrelly, Henry, Goodwin-Moore, Heward, O’Sullivan, Beattie, Bilham, Brown, Chau, Downey, Farrelly and Skowron. Special thanks also go to Ms Walsh who has done an amazing job in organising and hosting this exchange visit.

Year 12 Trial HSC Examinations
We wish all Year 12 students the best of luck as they prepare for their trial HSC exams, which commence on Monday 28th July (Week 3). These exams make up an important component of the student’s assessment marks for their HSC. They also serve as a valuable indicator of student progress towards their actual HSC exams in October/November. The rest of the school community can support our Year 12 over the two weeks of the exams by praying for their success and by being considerate towards them by keeping noise levels down around the examination rooms. Many of these trial HSC exams run throughout recess, lunch and after school, so being mindful of keeping noise down at these times will help the Year 12 to maintain concentration throughout their exams.

Advertising for the Permanent Role of Assistant Principal
The process for the appointment of a permanent Assistant Principal for St Joseph’s has begun. As you would be aware the role is being filled in an acting capacity by Ms Love for 2014. Applications for this role are being sort both internally from staff at St Joseph’s and externally from teachers in other schools. The role is currently being advertised on-line, with shortlisting and interviews expected to occur in early August.

Year 9 & 10 All-Schools Touch Football
On Tuesday 24th June I had the pleasure of working with a team of dedicated, skilled and determined girls who represented St Joseph’s at the Year 9 & 10 Central Coast All-Schools Touch Football Championships at Adcock Park, West Gosford. In very tough, windy and cold conditions, the girls performed exceptionally well to win their pool games 5-1 against Lake Munmorah, 9-0 against Narara Valley, 6-0 against Gosford High and 11-0 against Narara Valley for our second game against this same team. This put us first in our pool and ensured that we progressed through to a semi-final spot against Wadalba High School. In this game we dominated our opposition to record a 5-0 victory. Next came the final where we played against Berkeley Vale High. In a tightly contested game we led from the start to record a close 3-2 victory.

All the girls deserve congratulations for the way they performed throughout the carnival and for the wonderful spirit in which they approached each game they played. The girls scored a total of 39 tries and only had 3 tries scored against them all day. As a result of this achievement the girls will now compete in the State Finals at Penrith in November this year. Congratulations to Jasymn G, Lilli G, Jocelyn K, Charlie E, Rebecca E, Hayley N, Eloise T, Maddi M, Zali C, Chloe P and Ranni J on this wonderful achievement.

God bless and best wishes for the fortnight ahead.

Tony McCudden
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Term 3 is gathering pace with Year 12 students about to commence their HSC trial examinations and Year 11 students beginning the final topics in most of their subjects to complete their Preliminary HSC. Girls in Years 7 – 10 are settling back into the routines of class work and the variety of activities that are part of life here at Joeys. As soon as the curtain closed on Alice in Wonderland the girls settled back into study, continued to work on their HSC major works, took to the netball court and soccer field and hosted our visiting ‘sisters’ from Hosen Gakuen. It really is a busy place.

Student Leaders for 2015
Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 have begun the process of applying for leadership positions for 2015. Year 11 students who applied to be the college
leaders presented their speech to their peer group today before a secret ballot vote by staff and Year 11 students. A short list of candidates will be interviewed next week. Year 12 House Leaders, Year 11 House Leaders, Peer Tutors and Peer Mediators from Year 10 and Peer Mentors from Year 9 will all be selected in coming weeks. Pastoral classes have also elected their representative to serve on the SRC. It is a credit to our students that so many of them seek to serve in these positions. Our model of leadership is based on service and we constantly challenge our student leaders to use their position of leadership to ‘serve their community, and to aspire to making the community a better place through their leadership by encouraging all people in it to be better people today than they were yesterday’.

Uniform matters
As we experience the cold months of July and August, we remind parents that students must wear blazers to and from school every day throughout Term 3. Students should wear the college jumper or new college cardigan under their blazer on very cold days. Non-regulation jumpers or fleeces are not permitted and students will be required to remove them if they choose to wear them to school. Most parents will be aware of our recent emphasis on the length of students’ skirts. Many girls have been asked to lower their skirt hem. Thank you to parents for your support in this regard.

College disco
The next college disco will be held on Thursday 14th August in the ERC from 7pm. Around the World is the theme of this disco to tap into the spirit and sentiment of the Commonwealth Games. A dress code applies to all students attending the disco and we ask parents to ensure that girls are dressed appropriately for a school disco whether they dress at home or at a friend’s house. Girls who do not meet our dress standard will not be permitted to enter the disco and parents will be called to collect them. The dress standards include:

- Tops and bottoms (shirts and pants/skirts) must meet to cover the midriff.
- Backless or strapless tops and low cut tops are unacceptable.
- Skirts, dresses and shorts must be an appropriate length. Please note that the preferred skirt/dress length of the casual clothing worn by students outside school is considered too short for a school disco. Shorts will be judged ‘too short’ if they do not have a distinct leg length when measured from the crutch. Girls should wear tights underneath any shorts, skirts or dresses that may be considered too short.
- High heels (stilettos) are not permitted; they damage the floor in the ERC.

Attendance rules are put in place to ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable evening. These rules include:

- Students pay $10 to attend the disco. This covers the $7 entry fee into the ERC and a $3 donation to the charities supported by Year 12 and the college community. All students are provided with 3 raffle tickets and go into a draw for Erina Fair shopping centre vouchers to be drawn at college assembly the following Monday.
- St Joseph’s staff are responsible for the girls from the college’s front gate in Russell Drysdale Street. If girls are dropped off or picked up from anywhere else or not escorted to the gate, we cannot be held responsible for their arrival or attendance at the disco.
- Girls are to enter St Joseph's first, be signed in, have their dress checked and receive the entry symbol for the evening. Only then are they eligible to attend the disco at St Edward’s.
- Only current students of the college may attend the disco. Ex-students or visiting relatives and friends are not permitted to attend. Students must bring their college ID with them.
- Glow sticks and chewing gum are not permitted.
- Students may not leave the disco unless accompanied by a parent.
- Parents are asked to collect students promptly at 10.00pm. We ask parents not to enter the disco area, but to wait in the bus shelter area or outside the college grounds.
- Students may be breath tested as part of the entry procedure, or during the evening if there is a reasonable suspicion that alcohol has been consumed.

Students with an outstanding afternoon detention and students who have lost their privilege for disciplinary reasons are not permitted to attend the disco. If you have any questions or queries about dress or attendance at the disco please call me at the college.

Please remember also that the disco cannot run without the assistance of parents so if you can give a little time on the evening please leave your name, available times and phone number with college reception (43244022). We ask that you call the college in person or send a written note with your daughter so that we can be certain that you have agreed to be a volunteer.

Thank you in advance for your support of the disco and for all students and staff at the college. I hope it is a successful term for all.

Helen Love
Acting Assistant Principal

25 July 2014
FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Final Fee Instalment is Due
Please note that for families choosing to pay by the standard 3 instalments your final instalment is due today 25/7/2014. If you have chosen to pay off your fee fortnightly or monthly please continue to pay as per your payment schedule. Please ensure you adhere as best able to the payment schedule which is printed at the bottom of every statement sent out. If you are falling behind with your payment schedule please contact the college as soon as able so that we can note a reason for the payment delay and when payment can be expected. As accounts are regularly audited it is important to have communication recorded especially if your fees are in arrears. The college is willing to work with families in genuine financial hardship – please speak with me as soon as possible if you are in a stressful financial situation. All conversations regarding fees are treated with the strictest confidence.

Nicole Murphy
Business Manager

FROM THE LEADER OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The St Joseph’s girls gathered in the ERC at St Edward’s College to hear the Year 11 students from St Joseph’s who took part in immersion trips. Eight girls took a trip to India and another eight went to Warmun, a remote town in the northern part of Western Australia. The girls had a sparkle in their eyes as they spoke of their unforgettable time in these very different communities.

The Year 11 girls used words like ‘life changing’, ‘unbelievable’, ‘once in a lifetime’, and ‘memorable’ to describe how they felt about their experiences on these immersion trips. We heard detailed descriptions of the children from the orphanage, the games they played with these children, the beauty and quiet of nature in Warmun and the noise and colour of life in India.

I could really tell how much the girls loved these places with all their descriptive language. They spoke about how much they missed the children when it came to leaving.

Our school students listened attentively as the girl spoke of their new found knowledge and feelings. They mentioned the fact that they had arrived intent on teaching the children but admit that it was the children who in the end, taught them.

Fadzai K Year 8

Year 7 Twilight Retreat
On Thursday 26 June, 20 Year 7 girls attended a twilight retreat run by our youth ministry students and Mrs Green.
We started the night with some fun games, before sitting down to a craft activity. The pizzas arrived and we all enjoyed them. After, we watched a video about faith and we talked and reflected about it in small groups. We gathered around and listened to a testimony from Sam, one of the youth ministry students. We then sat in a circle and prayed.

It was a very lovely and mind changing night. All the girls who attended had fun and enjoyed the night. Thank you to Mrs Green and the youth ministry students for organising the evening.

Hannah B, Year 7
Project Compassion 2014
On Monday July 21 Jennifer Skelly from Caritas addressed our weekly assembly. She congratulated St Joseph’s Catholic College for raising over $6000 for Project Compassion. This was the largest amount raised by any school in the Diocese. Here is a little of what she said to the community...

Thank you to each and every one of you. Thank you for your response, your planning and the effort you each gave to raise this money for Caritas, which will help to combat poverty in the world somewhere.

Your contribution promotes justice and upholds dignity which is what Pope Francis is asking of us all ‘as travellers’ here on this Earth to do. Pope Francis says “men and women of all times and places deserve a full and beautiful life… a life not threatened by death, but one which can mature and grow to its fullness”.

Girls, you have led our Diocese of Broken Bay by your compassion, and as your school prayer asks, you have acted justly for people living in vulnerable communities to grow into fullness.

This is the ‘Joy of the Gospel’ Pope Francis advocates; girls you are the ‘Joy of the Gospel’.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing what you plan for 2015.

Nicole Harrison
RE Leader

FROM THE LEADER OF LEARNING AND TEACHING

Congratulations to all students on the successful completion of Semester 1. Half–yearly reports for Years 7 – 11 should have arrived home by now. Please take the time to read these reports carefully to reflect on areas of strength and to help recognise areas that can be improved upon.

Parent Teacher Evenings Years 7 – 11
Parent teacher evenings for Years 8, 10 & 11 were held over the last fortnight and Years 7 & 9 will be on Tuesday 29th July. These evenings are an opportune time to meet with your daughter’s teachers to discuss progress throughout Semester 1. Just a reminder that appointments are seven minutes in length and other parents will be waiting, so if you would like longer please arrange an additional time with your daughter’s teacher when you are speaking with them on the night. If you cannot attend this evening please contact your daughter’s teachers by phone.

Year 9 Information Night

The Year 9 2015 information evening will be held on Tuesday 12th August at 7pm in the Dewey Centre for all Year 8 students and their parents.

The evening will provide current Year 8 parents and students with information regarding elective choices for next year and the Record of Student Achievement (RoSA). On this night information packages containing Stage 5 Curriculum Handbooks, subject selection sheets and other relevant information will be distributed to each Year 8 student. The evening will commence with a presentation detailing requirements for the RoSA. Parents and students will then have the opportunity to meet with Leaders of Learning and teachers to discuss the elective courses on offer at the college.


Invitations letters for the Year 9 information evening were sent home with your daughter earlier this week.

Year 12 Trial HSC Examinations
Year 12 begin their trial HSC examinations on Monday 28th July. At this important time of their HSC year the students have been very busy preparing for their written trial examinations as well as completing major projects and performances. History Extension students have already submitted their major research project for the HSC. The Society and Culture Personal Interest Project, major works in English Extension 2, Industrial Technology Timber, Textiles and Design and Visual Art as well as the HSC practical examinations in Languages, Music and Drama will all be completed in the next few weeks. These major projects and performances form a significant part of each student’s overall HSC mark. Good organisation and planning over the last few
terms have been critical for students to be in the best place now in terms of their HSC preparation.

All Year 12s are requested to read their trial examination timetables including the printed instructions very carefully over the next fortnight. Best wishes to Year 12 for your trial HSC examinations and upcoming HSC performances.

Below is an article recently published by BOSTES: The HSC Journey

The last half of the school year is very much 'HSC focussed'. It is for the vast majority of school students the last step of a 13-year journey. From day one in Kindergarten to 'pens down' in the final HSC exam, schools and teachers are building knowledge and skills.

When primary school teachers talk to their Year 6 students, as they are now, about high school, it is their work over seven years that has prepared the students for what is an exciting and new experience.

When teachers of Year 7 students take their classes for the first time in January, and now six months on see how well the students have adapted to high school, it is their success that has readied the students for the next six years of their education.

For teachers of Year 10 students selecting HSC subjects and considering their options, their understanding of the individual student and the choices they can make plays a vital role in the decision making process.

It is the behaviours learnt in the early high school years that serve our students well when as young adults they start, as they are now, their last formal school term ahead of our internationally regarded NSW Higher School Certificate.

We celebrate the HSC because of how it connects the 13 years of schooling even for those students who choose a path other than the HSC. As for all students - whenever they leave school - the NSW and HSC syllabuses work to prepare them for life beyond school.

Year 10 Canberra Excursion
In December Year 10 will be participating in a three day excursion to Canberra. This provides students with the opportunity to visit the nation's capital and engage in a valuable range of learning experiences related to work from Year 10 and with curriculum links to future study in Stage 6 courses. More specific information will be sent home closer to the date.

Excursion dates:
Monday 1st December – Wednesday 3rd December, 2014
This excursion will to be a very enjoyable and valuable experience for your daughter as she concludes Stage 5 and prepares for her final two years at the college.

Year 7 Connected Learning Expo – Save the date
Year 7 have begun their major Connected Learning project for the year: WOW – the wonder of water. Each group will be presenting their WOW project at the Connected Learning Expo evening in Term 4. All families are invited to attend what will be an interesting and enjoyable evening. Please note the following Expo date in your diaries:
Tuesday 18th November, 2014.

Australian Curriculum Implementation
Teaching of the new NSW syllabuses incorporating the Australian curriculum commenced this year for Years 7 and 9 in English, Mathematics, Science and History. In 2015 these new syllabuses will be introduced in Years 8 and 10. Staff are currently planning, programming and developing resources for the implementation of the new courses in Years 8 and 10 next year.

The NSW BOSTES have published video resources and guides to help support parents understand the new K–10 syllabuses and these can be found on the BOSTES website at: http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/ and by clicking on the heading: NSW syllabuses for the Australian curriculum. The site includes the Parents Guide to the new NSW K-10 Syllabuses which gives clear information about the implementation of the Australian curriculum in NSW, what children will learn at school using the new syllabuses, cross curriculum priorities and general capabilities.

Kathy West
Leader of Learning and Teaching

FROM THE LEADER OF MATHS
Year 7 World of Maths
Wednesday 6th August 2014, is the date for the World of Maths Day for Year 7 students at St Joseph's. This is an exciting day for the students who will be using hands-on materials to apply mathematical skills and techniques to interpret practical situations and to solve problems in familiar and unfamiliar contexts. I am sure all the students in Year 7 will enjoy this day and view maths from a different angle after each class has completed their two period incursion.

International Competitions And Assessments For Schools (ICAS)
On Tuesday 12th August 2014, 30 students from St Joseph's will be participating in the ICAS in Mathematics. We would like to take this opportunity to wish these girls the best of luck and every success in this competition.

Year 12
Year 12 Mathematic General students who have ordered their copy of the Success One past papers booklet are asked to finalise their payment and
collection of this valuable revision material as soon as possible. Please see Mrs Hayes if you have not collected your book.

Ruth Hayes
Leader of Maths

FROM THE LIBRARY

Help with research tasks
Girls will soon be receiving Term 3 assessment tasks which require them to undertake research and inquiry. Students who usually perform best in these tasks are those who give careful thought to the inquiry process. Here are simple steps which will assist students with their research:

1. Starting with Google may not be the easiest or quickest way to find information. **Before you Google:**
   a. Ask if the teacher has provided any resources (websites, handouts etc).
   b. Check Lib Guides
      to see if there are any resources specific to the task (check the subject guides).
   c. Check if there are any books on Closed Reserve in the library.

2. **Search engines.** Google may be your favourite, but different search engines provide different results. If you can't find what you're looking for using Google, try the other suggested search engines on the research skills page of LibGuides: [http://libguides.sjcc.nsw.edu.au/researchskills](http://libguides.sjcc.nsw.edu.au/researchskills)

3. **Evaluate** your search results. Is the information you have found good information? Who is the author? What do they know about the topic?

Websites to avoid
An example of the need to evaluate the quality of information online occurs with “wisdom of the crowd” websites, or websites which invite users to share information. Examples are [answers.com](https://www.answers.com), [answers.yahoo.com](https://answers.yahoo.com) etc. When I mark student bibliographies, I note that some students like to use these websites, perhaps as the information appears “easier”. The problem is that these websites are not written by experts and often contain errors or misleading information. Students who use these websites usually do not perform well in research tasks as the information from answers.com may not be completely correct, or it may not provide enough depth for the student to give an adequate answer.

Instead of using “wisdom of the crowd” sites, students should look for educational websites, websites written by experts or online encyclopaedia. (This is why it is a good idea to start with websites provided by the class teacher or library website). Students should always consider who wrote the website.

What about Wikipedia?
Wikipedia can be useful, but students should still exercise some caution when using it for their research tasks. In recent years, Wikipedia has improved its standards and now attracts many qualified contributors. For example, there is a GLAM movement in which Galleries, Libraries and Museums are working together to provide accurate and reliable information as Wikipedia contributors.

However, Wikipedia itself states on the “About” page that “Older articles tend to be more comprehensive and balanced; newer articles may contain misinformation and/or unencyclopedic content. Any article may contain undetected vandalism”. So Wikipedia can contain useful information, but it should always be checked against other references to check that it is accurate. A good way to use Wikipedia is to read the information to get an overview of a topic, then use the links and references at the bottom of a page to find further information.

A reliable and excellent alternative to Wikipedia is World Book Encyclopaedia Online which is available through LibGuides. Students need to log in: username: sjcc; password: mackillop. This subscription resource contains articles of encyclopaedic quality, written by experts and checked by other experts. It can be used by students with confidence.

If you have any questions concerning the inquiry process or researching assessment tasks please do not hesitate to contact me.

English and Library News
On the first day of the school holidays the English faculty and Library co-hosted a creative writing workshop for Year 12 students.

The workshop was facilitated by author John Larkin. John is an award-winning author, screenwriter and teacher who has a Master's degree in creative writing. In his usual relaxed style John took the students through a series of writing exercises, supplemented by a number of humorous anecdotes. John began the first session with his top ten tips, sharing a practical list of useful hints about creative writing, expanding each point with clear examples.

In the latter part of the workshop, John helped the girls develop a framework for their own piece of creative writing, allowing them to develop their ideas in a structured and supported way. The atmosphere in the library was still and quiet as
students and teachers put pen to paper (or fingers to keyboards). Soft classical music played in the background to complete the creative atmosphere.

Staff and students all found the session extremely beneficial and left the day inspired by many of John’s insights such as “A good writer invites you to share the journey”.

Karen Powers  
Teacher Librarian

FROM LEARNING SUPPORT

If you are looking for an easy-to-use guide to help your child with their school work, then this is the app for you!

Do you struggle to understand your child’s homework? Does your child need to practice their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? Would you like an easy-to-use guide to help your child with their homework? If you answer yes to any of these questions then the Learning Support Department would like to suggest you take a look at the following app and see if it could be useful to you and your child.

The School A to Z app is a great tool for everyone. Produced by the NSW Department of Education and Communities, the School A to Z app brings together a wealth of resources to help students and their families to understand and support their child’s schoolwork.

For example - English A to Z has more than 350 definitions of commonly used English terms from primary and high school. Each word has an easy-to-understand definition based on the current school curriculum with graphic illustrations and help sheets to help you.

With nearly 300 definitions, Maths A to Z will help you understand what is happening in your child’s classroom. Each word has an easy-to-understand definition based on the current school curriculum, with graphic illustrations, help sheets and ‘how to’ videos to help you support your child.
School A to Z

Where do you find it? Type School A to Z - Android Apps on Google Play into your search engine or follow this link www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z

Homework Help Centre
The homework help centre will operate from week 2 of this term on Monday, Thursday and Friday lunchtimes in the Wood Centre. A games room will operate Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the Wood Centre. On occasions we will also run some workshops on different topics for example ‘How to make a successful PowerPoint presentation’. The workshop topics and dates will be announced in the morning notices. If you have any questions please contact me at the college.

Tracy Simpson
Leader Learning Support

FROM LEADER OF REP SPORT

Term 2 2014

Basketball
NSWCCC Regional Basketball Tournament
Mr Gahan and Ms Kelleher accompanied two teams to this tournament at Bathurst in May. The Year 7/8 team were semi-finalists after winning 3 of their 5 games. The Year 9/10 team were undefeated and now travel to Penrith in August to defend the State Champion title they won last year.

NSWCCC Team
We congratulate Riley E and Jasmine F on selection in the NSWCCC team and on being named in the NSW All Schools Team. Jasmine has had to withdraw from this team because of other basketball commitments. She was named in the Australian u17 team and travelled to Prague for the Junior World Championships in June.

NSWCCC Open Championships
Ms Preston took our open team to Penrith in June. Once again we were undefeated for all of the round games however we lost the final to Monte Sant’Angelo.

BBSSSA Gala Day was held last Thursday 19 June. These girls did exceptionally well. They were undefeated all through the rounds and went down in the final to MSB by 30-20.

Soccer
Congratulations to our girls….CENTRAL COAST WINNERS - BILL TURNER TROPHY

BBSSSA Open Soccer
Mr Grubba accompanied the team in May to The Broken Bay gala day at Cromer. The girls played brilliantly and went through the day undefeated. They then had a 1 all draw in the final. However, as the other team scored first they were declared the winners. Sabrina Z was named in the Broken Bay team.

Bill Turner Soccer
This is an u15 state wide competition and the St Joseph’s team have just won the central coast final of this event by defeating St Peters by 2 – 0. They are down to the last 32 teams in NSW (this event started with over 150 teams) and play the winner of the Sydney east area in Week 1 or 2 of next term. Mr Matthews and Ms Kelleher are the coaches of this very successful team.

BBSSSA u13 Soccer
This gala day was held in June at Manly Vale. Once again the girls went through the day undefeated and drew the final. They lost in a penalty shootout.

BBSSSA u15 Soccer
This gala day was also on the same day as the u13 gala day and the girls went through their rounds undefeated. Once again they drew the final and went to a penalty shootout. They won this and were declared the u15 champions. Congratulations to all of the students involved in these soccer events. There is obviously a lot of soccer talent at St Joseph’s.

Cross Country
Congratulations to Candice H (Year 12) on her 9th place at the NSWCCC Cross Country Championships. Candy now goes on to represent at the NSW All Schools Cross Country event.

Hockey
For the first time in a number of years St Joseph’s sent a hockey team and their coaches Mr Mercer
and Ms Stevens to the NSWCCC championships in Lithgow in May. They made the semi-finals and drew 0 – 0. However as they were the lower ranked team they did not progress through to the final. Congratulations to the team and their coaches.

**Touch Football**  
**NSWCCC Touch**  
Congratulations to Lilli G and Jocelyn K. Both girls played in the BBSSSA teams at the CCC championships with BBSSSA winning the u15 division.

**Years 9/10 Touch**  
Congratulations to the Year 9/10 team and their coach Mr McCudden on winning the central coast regional tournament in June. They now go on to represent the region at the state finals in November.

**Futsal**  
Congratulations to the Years 9/10 Futsal team and their coach Ms Kelleher on making the semi-finals of the Central Coast Regionals in May.

**Swimming**  
Congratulations to Keeley B and Katelyn S both of whom represented individually at the NSW All Schools Swimming Championships.

**Athletics Carnival**  
It was a fantastic day at the annual athletics carnival on 21st May. There was a very high rate of participation in events by the girls and enthusiastic cheering from all Houses making it a loud, colourful and memorable event. The following girls are the Age Champions:  
- 12 years: Christianna S  
- 13 years: Raquel A  
- 14 years: Erica D  
- 15 years: Jasymn G  
- 16 years: Lilli G  
- 17+ years: Riley E  

There were also 3 long standing records broken:  
- Tara A broke the 17+ years 100m record with a time of 12.71.  
- Christianna S broke the long jump record, set long ago in 1991 with a jump of 1.39m.  
- Christianna also broke the long jump record, set slightly more recently in 1992 with a jump of 4.38m.

The House Trophy was awarded to *Lonergan* and the Spirit Trophy to *Raftery*.

**Outside School Events**  
Congratulations to the following students for non-school sporting achievements:  
- Amelia M on representing NSW at the Synchronised Swimming Championships in Brisbane  
- Jasmine D from Year 8 who was named the Junior Lifesaver of the Year for the central coast region and attended a NSW surf lifesaving camp in the last school holidays  
- Baillie D-G, Sophie M, Meg H and Meg P who played in the u15 central coast hockey team at the NSW State Championships in June finishing in 3rd place
**Coming Up:**

**Wed 23 July**
BBSSSA Netball Championships at Pennant Hills

**Tue 29 July**
NSW All Schools Touch Regionals at West Gosford – Years 7/8

**Wed 13 August**
NSWCCC Netball Championships at Penrith

**Mon 18 & Tue 19 Aug**
NSWCCC Basketball Finals at Penrith (Years 9/10 team)

**Wed 20 August**
BBSSSA Athletics Championships at SOPAC Homebush

**Wed 3 September**
Central Coast Oztag Championships at Wyong – Open Girls
Central Coast Oztag Championships at Wyong – Years 9/10 girls
BBSSSA Surfing and Bodyboarding at Avoca

**Tue 9 September**
Central Coast Oztag Championships at Wyong – Years 7/8
BBSSSA Basketball at Terrigal – Years 7/8 & Years 9/10

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