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Calendar Dates

December

- 1 Yr 10 Canberra Trip
Surf Lifesaving @
Terrigal Beach
- 2 Yr 10 Canberra Trip
- 3 Yr 10 Canberra Trip
Yr 8.1 & 8.3 Science
Excursion to Japanese
Gardens
- 4 Yr 8.5 & 8.6 Science
Excursion to Japanese
Gardens
- 5 Water Polo Wyong Pool
- 8 Yr 8.2 & 8.7 Science
Excursion to Japanese
Gardens
- 11 Advent Assembly P4.
Presentation Evening @
7pm
Last day of school for
students

2015

January

- 27 Staff Professional
Learning Day
- 28 First day of school for
Year 7 students
- 29 Years 8-12 students
return to school

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A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

Announcement of the New Bishop of Broken Bay

News came through on Thursday of last week that Pope Francis has appointed Most Rev Dr Peter Andrew Comensoli as the third Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay. Bishop Peter is currently Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Sydney and has most recently been Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese. Bishop Peter was born in the Illawarra on 25 March 1964. After school, he worked for four years in the banking sector while studying Commerce at Wollongong University. Ordained in 1992 for the Diocese of Wollongong, he served as Assistant Priest and then Administrator in a number of parishes of that diocese and was Chancellor for six years before being ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney in June 2011. Bishop Peter will be installed as the third Bishop of the Diocese of Broken Bay on 12 December 2014, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, under whose loving protection he has placed his ministry.

Advent

Last Sunday we celebrated the Solemnity of Christ the King which draws us to the question of the characteristics of 'kingship' or leadership that Jesus exemplified. Jesus' humility and example of service leads us to the notion that power is not about glory but about making life better for those in your care. This feast also drew to a close the Church year and this coming Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new liturgical year. As such it invites us to new beginnings, to revitalisation and renewal in our faith and in our spiritual life. It is a time of preparation for the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

To celebrate the season of Christmas we will be having our own Advent liturgy at the college on Thursday 11th December.

Staffing for 2015

It is with much pleasure that I welcome the following staff to positions at the College for 2015. The first six appointments were acknowledged in a previous newsletter.

- Mrs Cathy Toby: Permanent role as Leader of Student Wellbeing
- Mr Kirk Mercer: Permanent role as Leader of Administration
- Mrs Michelle D'offay: Permanent role as Leader of Management Systems
- Ms Adriana Vladika: Permanent role as Leader of Learning HSIE
- Mrs Natalie O'Dell: Permanent role as Mathematics Teacher
- Mrs Samantha Andersen: Permanent role as Japanese Teacher
- Miss Joanna Baxter: Temporary role as PDHPE Teacher for 2015
- Mrs Philippa Mercer: Temporary role as Religious Education Teacher for 2015
- Mrs Janine Wedmore: Temporary role as Religious Education Teacher for 2015

Years 7 – 11 Presentation Evening

The Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 Presentation Evening for 2014 will occur on Thursday evening, 11th December. On the evening we will acknowledge the students who have achieved excellence in their studies this year as well as showcase some of the wonderful talents of some of our students in the area of Performing and Creative

Arts. We congratulate all students who have achieved success in their studies this year and encourage all students to continue to work hard and to achieve their personal bests in all their endeavours. More information concerning this presentation evening will be sent home in the coming week.

School Uniform

As the year quickly comes to an end it is an opportune time to remind students and parents of a couple of key expectations concerning the college uniform. For the most part the uniform is worn very well with the majority of girls taking pride in the way they present themselves each day. One area of constant concern is the length at which some girls wear their school skirt. The college uniform requirement is that the skirt is to be worn so that it sits **5cm above mid knee when standing**. I am aware that some girls like to roll their skirts so that it sits more comfortably around the waist. This process is fine as long as the skirt hem is lowered enough that the above requirement is met. From the beginning of 2015 we will be doing regular uniform checks and will resort to sending girls home from school who do not comply with our expectations on uniform. We would ask that parents become very involved in ensuring that their daughters adhere to our uniform rules.

One change to our college uniform requirements for 2015 will be the compulsory wearing of **black 70 denier stockings in winter**. This requirement will be communicated further to parents throughout Term 1 of 2015.

Sports Presentation Assembly

The St Joseph's Sports Presentation Assembly for 2014 was held last Thursday, 20th November, to acknowledge and reward the students who have represented the college in sport during this year. It is continually pleasing to see so many students give of their time and efforts to represent the college in the array of sports on offer. A number of students received special awards for their efforts in being crowned swimming and athletics age champions, as well as a number of other students who gained representative honours at Diocesan and State levels.

Our major award winners were;

- Year 7 Sportswomen of 2014: Christiana S
- Year 8 Sportswoman of 2014: Meagan S
- Year 9 Sportswoman of 2014: Jasmyn G
- Year 10 Sportswoman of 2014: Lilly G
- Year 11 Sportswoman of 2014: Tara A
- Year 12 Sportswoman of 2014: Riley E
- The 2014 St Joseph's Catholic College Sportswomen of the Year: Meagan S

Special thanks go to Mrs Northey, the College's PDHPE staff and the many teachers who have coached sporting teams at the College this year. Without their efforts students would not have the opportunity to participate in sporting competitions at the College.

Connected Learning Expo

A Connected Learning expo was held at the college on Tuesday evening, 18th November. This expo was a showcase of the work completed by our Year 7 students in their project called WOW (Wonder of Water). The night was an enormous success and the girls did a wonderful job in presenting their WOW projects to interested parents, family members and teaching staff. My thanks go to our Year 7 students and to the Connected Learning team of Mrs Powers, Miss Vladika, Mr Back, Mrs Eades, Mrs Hili, Miss Daly and Ms Woodhouse.



Year 12 HSC Results

Our Year 12 students will receive their Higher School Certificate results on Wednesday, 17th December. We hold high hopes for our students and pray for their success on receiving their reports and into their future.

Return Dates for 2015

A reminder that all students entering into Year 7 for 2015 begin their school year on Wednesday 28th January, whilst students in Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 all begin back at school on Thursday 29th January 2015. Staff will be involved in planning activities on Tuesday 27th January 2015.

I hope the final two weeks of school for Term 4 is very productive and rewarding for all our students and teachers. I also wish all of our students, their families and our teachers a very relaxing, enjoyable and safe holiday break and a very happy and holy Christmas.

I would also like to pass on my appreciation to all of our families for the wonderful support you have given me and our college throughout 2014. I look forward to seeing you all again in 2015.

Tony McCudden
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

We have much to accomplish in the nine days of lessons remaining in the 2014 school year. Representatives from St Vincent de Paul will be at the college assembly on Monday to collect the baskets of toys donated by pastoral classes during the Christmas toy drive over recent weeks. Pastoral teachers report that because of the generosity of our students, many have had to purchase an additional basket to hold the huge variety of toys. We thank families very much for this demonstration of giving during the season of Advent.

Year 10 students were busy running a cake stall this week for funds to purchase paint for the seven girls travelling to Hillston with Miss Daly and Mrs Mercer tomorrow morning. The girls will be involved in some painting projects, assisting with the school's fete and spending time in the classroom supporting children as they complete final lessons for the year. The remaining

Year 10 students and seven teachers are preparing to leave for a three day excursion to Canberra on Monday. Students in Year 12 are very busy completing HSC assessment tasks in many subjects in this coming week and are experiencing the importance of managing priorities and time.

Teachers are marking assessment tasks, finalising reports and preparing learning and teaching programs for 2015.

Locker clean-up

Lockers must be completely emptied of all contents before students leave for the holidays and the combination lock provided to every student at the beginning of the year must be returned to her pastoral teacher. Students will be asked to clean out their locker according to the following schedule but ensure they have the essential equipment with them for all lessons until the following Thursday:

- Year 7 – Thursday Dec 4
- Year 8 – Friday Dec 5
- Year 9 – Monday Dec 8
- Year 10 – Tuesday Dec 9
- Year 12 – Wednesday Dec 10

Parents can assist with this very important 'job' by reminding daughters to bring an extra bag or box to school on their scheduled day to carry books home.

Presentation Evening for Years 7-11

The College will celebrate the success and achievements of the girls for 2014 on Thursday December 11 from 7pm in the ERC. An invitation to presentation evening was emailed to all families earlier in the week. Families of award winners will receive written notification of this early next week so you can attend with your daughter and share in her achievements. There will be a rehearsal for all award recipients at the beginning of the day on the Thursday

morning. We hope as many parents as possible will join us for presentation evening.

2014 has been a very busy yet successful year at the college. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with our teachers and with our wonderful students. I wish all students and their families a safe, happy and holy Christmas and my very best wishes go to those students who are leaving the college for a new school.

Helen Love
Assistant Principal

FROM THE RE LEADER

Interfaith Symposium at Parliament House

On Wednesday 12th November the Year 12 2 Unit Studies of Religion class was invited to attend the WATAC (Women and the Australian Church) Interfaith Symposium at NSW Parliament House in Sydney.

The speakers on the theme '**Religion and Peace – What are the Challenges and Implications for us all?**' were:

- **Tamkin Ansari**, a Muslim Australian-Afghan woman Tamkin and executive member of ISRA Australia – Islamic Sciences and Research Academy
- **Rabbi Jacqueline Ninio** from Emanuel Synagogue. Jacqueline was one of the first female Rabbis in Australia
- **Sr Jan Barnett rsj**, the social justice co-ordinator for the Sisters of St Joseph who works with Young Christian Workers and Josephite Community Aid as a facilitator and consultant
- **Graham Toomey** from the Wiradjuri and Wongaibon countries of Western NSW Graham is Director of Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative

The event was relevant to the current Studies of Religion syllabus as well as an enriching and challenging experience for all who attended. Because the course has a mandatory unit entitled Religion and Peace, it was a most suitable experience for our students.

The girls later met Sr Jan and had their photo taken with her. In all, it was an informative and fascinating day!



Nicole Harrison
RE Leader

FROM THE BUSINESS MANGER

School Fees

At this stage all fees should have been paid off for 2014 unless you have spoken directly with the college and have a payment schedule in process. If you are behind with your payments and need extended time to clear your account please contact the college and let us know when payment can be expected. Payments can be made throughout the holidays via Bpay.

There is an expectation that fees are paid within the current year as this income is vital for the day to day operations to the school.

We are mindful that some families are under serious financial stress and the college is willing to discuss a manageable payment plan with you if this is the case. While for some, this may be an uncomfortable conversation all financial discussions are treated with the utmost sensitivity and privacy. We can only help if you approach us and let us know of your situation.

If your account is in arrears please make it a priority to address this situation over the next fortnight. Unpaid accounts will be forwarded to the Catholic Schools Office for debt collection.

Family Registration Forms

There are a number of families yet to return the orange Family Registration Form. A Family Registration Form is required from all families and essential if you are eligible for a sibling discount to be applied to your 2015 fees. The form was due back to the college by November 25th 2014. If you have not returned your form please do so this week. If you do not have a form please contact the college and one will be emailed to you directly.

Nicole Murphy
Business Manager

FROM THE LEADER OF LEARNING AND TEACHING

2015 textbook lists for Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 will be sent home with your daughters over the next week. These lists will also be available on the college website.

Kathy West
Leader of Learning and Teaching

FROM THE MATHS DEPARTMENT

Maths tutorials have finished now for the remainder of 2014. We wish to thanks all those interested girls who have supported these tutorials throughout the year.

FROM THE LEADER OF YEAR 7

Year 7 have been incredibly busy these last weeks. Our biggest highlight was Wet and Wild – a hugely successful day with so much fun and laughter despite the cold weather. The girls were fabulous and an impressive reward for their hard work in the ‘WOW’ - Wonder of Water, Connected Learning unit. The expo night was another success showcasing the huge amount of work the girls have committed to throughout the year. Thank you to parents who came to share the expo night.





We have also been out in the field for Geography on the hottest day this year and I must acknowledge how brilliant they were outside most of the day in the less than favourable conditions.



Year 7 almost over.
Thank you for your support
Merry Christmas, stay safe and see you in year8

Lisa Parsons
Leader of Year 7



It's time to farewell Garry Hansford!

Dear Parents, Grandparents & Carers,
The P&F would like to invite you all to an informal farewell
celebration for Garry Hansford who has been principal at
OLR Wyoming for 10yrs!

WHEN: Wednesday 10th December 2014

WHERE: In the school hall

TIME: 9am

A presentation for Garry and please join us for morning tea.
Please extend this invitation to past students and
families!

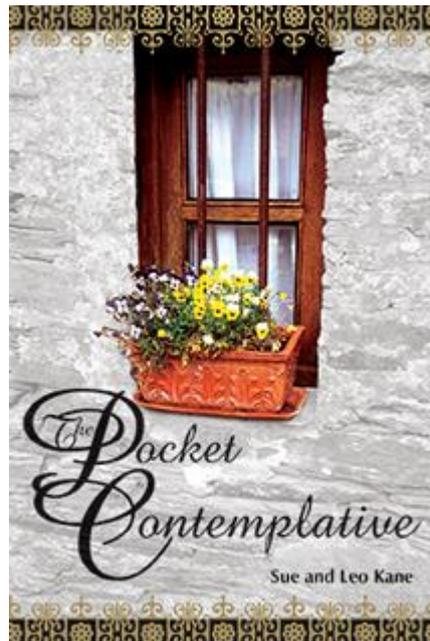
If you have any photos of Garry please email to me at
gsansotta@bigpond.com

Look forward to seeing everyone!

Your P&F committee

A Special Invitation to Parents

*The Sisters of St Joseph
Cordially invite parents of students at the college
To attend the launch of
The Pocket Contemplative
by
Sue and Leo Kane
on
Monday December 15, 2014
at
Mary MacKillop Place
7-11 Mount Street North Sydney
at 1.30*



The Pocket Contemplative is a little book designed to fit into the pocket or bag. It can be taken with us into our busy day, so that we don't miss the many opportunities for prayer that come our way. It offers us inspiration from the writings of the great Christian mystics, past and present. There are thirty different themes, enhanced by photographs, to help the reader find a prayer focus. Each theme includes a thought from Pope Francis and St Mary MacKillop.