



Joey's Journal

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From the Principal

Dear Parents, Students and Staff

While the start to the year has been very busy it has also been very productive. Already this term we have had students involved in Peer Mentoring, a Mary Macs visit, training for Year 7 IT devices, house group activities, a scholars assembly, Broken Bay touch football for the Opens, Valentine's Day stalls and a JJAMM leaders conference. My congratulations go to all the students who have participated in these activities and to the staff who have assisted with the preparation and the organisation of these events. Within the next fortnight we will participate in our first major sporting carnival for the year, with our swimming carnival being held on Wednesday 2nd March.



Our 2015 scholars at the recent Scholars Assembly to acknowledge students who scored an ATAR above 90

Lent

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, our 40 days of preparation for Easter. We celebrated Ash Wednesday on 10th February with a number of year group liturgies and the distribution of Ashes. Lent is a penitential time in which we carefully consider how we are living as Christ's presence in this world. It is a season of renewal where we make a commitment to reform our life: to become a better witness to God's love for humanity.

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Last Friday students from Year 12 began their preparation for Lent by organising a fundraiser for Caritas' project compassion. The girls used Valentine's Day as a fundraiser venture and raised a total of \$1945. This was an outstanding effort by the students. It is evidence that the students are committed to 'good works' for others throughout this period of Lent.



School Fees

All families should have now received via email and in hard copy form their school fee account for 2016. Prompt payment of fees is very much appreciated. I take this opportunity of thanking you for your support of our wonderful college and in particular for the sacrifices you make financially to send your daughter to St Joseph's.

If at any time you have any concerns about your fee accounts please contact the college. In particular if you are finding it difficult to meet your financial obligations please as a matter of urgency contact Ms Nicole Murphy – college Business Manager who can assist you with payment plans and payment options or arrange a meeting for you to discuss your individual circumstances.

Tony McCudden
Principal

From the Assistant Principal

Some highlights from the last two weeks

1. Year 12 Valentine's Day stall to launch Project Compassion – Year 12 house leaders rallied their peers to bake, pack lolly bags and chocolates, 'vase' roses, write verses and prepare play lists to run the annual stall at the front of the college last Friday morning to launch our appeal for Caritas. The 'bakers' were so enthusiastic so there was sufficient stock to run more cake stalls at recess and lunch. Carroll Court was a vibrant, fun place to be during lunch that day.
2. Year 10 Peer Mentors have been preparing to present a lesson to Year 7 on 'the story of Joeys' next week. Mrs Toby prepared the Peer Mentors on the history of the college using a collection of wonderful photographs from our archives. These photographs, printed in last year's edition of the Journal highlight significant changes in the learning environment and college uniform over time and are worth reprinting this year.

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Calendar Dates

February

- 19 Yr 12 Hos work place
- 22-26 Yr 12 Retail work place
- 24 Parenting Teens 6pm
- 25 BBSSA Open basketball
- 26 Tuning into Teens 9am
- 29-4 Yr 12 BSE work place

March

- 2 Swimming carnival
- 3 Parenting Teens 6pm
- 4 Tuning into Teens 9am
- 4 Yr 7 and new parents Welcome BBQ 6pm
- 7 Yr 11 PDHPE Camp 7th – 9th
Yr 7 BBQ lunch at Eddies
- 8 Yr 12 parent teacher interviews



A 4th Form classroom in 1967



College uniform and sports uniform 1981



College uniform and crest in 1961



3. Mr McCudden and I spent last Tuesday afternoon with the student leaders of the Josephite schools throughout Australia and New Zealand. The student leaders meet every year under the direction of Sister Jan Barnett to develop their leadership skills by studying the examples of Julian Tenison Woods, St Joseph and Mary MacKillop. We listened as the student leaders pitched their ideas for the social justice initiatives they planned to take back to their schools and present to their principals. These young people were very impressive – articulate, informed and filled with ideas about how they could make a difference in their communities. Rebecca E, Tara W and Tegan T represented St Joseph's with distinction.

Swimming carnival

The college swimming carnival will be held in week 6 on Wednesday 2nd March. Parents will receive details early next week and are asked to let the college know if their daughter is finding her own way to the pool. A permission note to attend the carnival was included in the bundle of permissions provided to parents early in year. Please ensure all notes in that bundle have been returned to school. Please note that the **swimming carnival is a compulsory school event** and each student is expected to attend for the entire day. Students will not be permitted to attend the college disco on 17th March if they are absent from the swimming carnival without a justifiable reason. Also, please note that we cannot allow your daughter to leave the venue with a friend's parent unless we have written permission from you in advance.

Disco

The first college disco of the year is in four weeks - Thursday 17th March. The disco cannot run without the assistance of parent supervisors so if you can assist on the evening between 7.00 and 10.00pm please leave your name, available times and phone number with college reception on 43244022. We ask that you call the college in person or send a written note with your daughter as we cannot accept her verbal offer of your assistance.

School uniform matters

We regularly remind the girls about the standard of their uniform including the length of skirt hems. The published regulation hem length is '5 cm above mid knee when standing'. If there is insufficient hem to lower to this length the skirt must be replaced please. We ask for parent cooperation in this regard and to check when the girls are leaving home that their skirt is at the correct length and not rolled at the waist. Additionally, school shoes are to be lace-up style with a distinct heel and an arch support, hair is to be tied back, and only regulation jewellery is acceptable. As the weather changes girls are reminded to wear the college jumper or cardigan. Students representing the college in sport must be in full school sports uniform which includes the college tracksuit as the weather changes.

College website

Please bookmark the address of the college website (<http://www.sjcc.nsw.edu.au/>) to access publications such as Assessment Handbooks, the live calendar and news.

I hope the school year continues to be enjoyable for all.

Helen Love

Assistant Principal

From the Leader of Learning & Teaching

Year 12 parent-teacher interviews

The Year 12 parent-teacher afternoon/evening is **Tuesday 8th March commencing at 3.30pm**. Booking details with logins will be emailed home with your daughter during the next week. Hard copies will be handed to students from families who have not supplied the college with an email address. The interviews provide an important opportunity for you to meet with your daughter's teachers and discuss her progress during the HSC course. Strengthening the relationship between the student, teacher and family at times like this will assist in developing strategies to maximise your daughter's academic performance.



Year 7 parent-teacher interviews

The Year 7 parent-teacher interviews will be held on **Wednesday 23rd March 3.30- 8.30 pm**. Letters with information relating to the interviews and how to book appointments with class teachers will be emailed home with your daughter over the coming week. Hard copies will be handed to students from families who have not supplied the college with a current email address. The afternoon/evening is a wonderful chance for you to meet your daughter's teachers and to hear how she is settling into new learning routines at high school.



Assessment handbooks

All students in Years 7 – 11 have now received hard copies of their 2016 assessment handbook and copies will also be emailed home to families. Specific details of individual tasks, including percentage weightings, are listed individually per subject per page of the handbook. **A yearly assessment task planning grid is provided on the back page of all handbooks to help students with their organisation.** Please encourage your daughter to read through her assessment handbook and to become familiar with its contents. All assessment handbooks can be found on the college website <http://www.sjcc.nsw.edu.au> in the Learning and Teaching section.

Absence for an assessment task from illness/misadventure

When your daughter is absent on the day of an assessment task it is important that the college be notified. The front pages of each assessment handbook contain specific details in relation to the correct procedures to follow. It is recommended that you are aware of these, and if in any doubt, contact the college. Students in Years 10, 11 & 12 must also complete the college Illness/Misadventure form obtained from Student Services (or use the sample form at the back of the assessment handbook) and see the Leader of Learning of the relevant subject promptly on return to school.

Kathy West

Leader of Learning and Teaching

From the Leader of Year 11

It is my great privilege and pleasure to be writing my first report as the Year 11 Leader for 2016. This year is the first step in the beginning of the girls' Stage 6 education where the Higher School Certificate Preliminary courses are completed.



At our first assembly I spoke to the girls about the exciting challenges, events and experiences the next two years will bring. It is important for each student to realise they must keep everything in perspective. The journey to the HSC will be filled with lots of hard work, anxiety and many ups and downs but every girl should also take time to “smell the roses”. The senior years of high school will also provide students with many shared moments and experiences with their peers which will bring them great happiness and joy and memories they will treasure for life. It is essential that students strike the right balance between study, social activities and relaxation.

The theme “**Creating the Future**” has been selected for the cohort as we work together over the next two years. This theme was chosen because the best way to predict your future is the create it. You need to be doing things and making decisions now that your future self will thank you for. Students must strive to achieve progress and not perfection. They should try to be the best students they can be, and not be overly concerned about making comparisons with their peers. If you can look into the mirror at night and tell yourself that you gave it your best, there is no better compliment you can give yourself.

To achieve personal excellence students will need to establish a learning partnership with their peers, pastoral teacher, KLA teachers, parents and other support persons. You need to seek guidance and assistance from the right people, and most importantly, set realistic goals and work hard to achieve them.

Vince Lombardy, a renowned American football coach, once wrote “**perfect practice makes perfect**”. He said it was no use going the extra mile if you are running in the wrong direction. Try to work smarter and remember it is not always how many hours you put in – it is what you put into those hours. The Elevate Education study skills workshops held in Week 4 will hopefully provide students with some of the skills and techniques necessary to maximise their talent.

Erin W has been selected as Vice-Captain of the State under 21 archery team and she has made it to junior nationals over Easter. Erin has been involved in the sport for less than 3 years so this is an outstanding achievement. Congratulations and good luck.

In conclusion, I look forward to working together over the next two years. I am always available to chat to students and parents any time you feel a need.

Thank you to all the girls on a good start to the year. I ask parents to continue to assist us in striving to ensure high levels of attendance, punctuality and grooming.

Terry Grubba
Leader of Year 11

From the Leader of PDHPE, Dance and PSS

A big thank you to everyone who has sent in permission notes for sport and recreation and PSS classes for 2016. We would like to have these finalised by the start of next week so if you haven't yet had a chance to fill these in it would be appreciated if you could do so now. Also there have been some students wearing coloured socks with their PE uniform. Students are to wear plain white socks – not the black, coloured or patterned alternatives. We would also encourage girls to bring water bottles to sport especially in the hot, humid weather that we have been experiencing.

I would also like to repeat the message from the last Joey's Journal regarding check of uniform sizes. We would encourage parents and carers to check that PE uniforms fit students and allow for movement as students do “grow” out of them and tight fitting shorts and tops in particular do not let students work comfortably in physical activities.

At this time of the year we are busy in preparing for the swimming carnival and would encourage all girls to take part. There are swim trials for Year 7 students prior to the carnival which will allow both students and staff to record competency for safe swimming which is essential for not just the carnival but also camps and swimming programs.



At the carnival there is an opportunity for all skill levels from championship events to novelties in which points for house can be gained.

We look forward to 2016 with great excitement for the PDHPE and sport programs for the girls.

J Bartholomew

Leader of PDHPE, Dance and PSS

Uniforms and Lost Property

Parents, please ensure you label every item of your daughter's uniform so we can return it to her quickly if it is found. We collect a substantial number of mixed uniform items throughout the year and will endeavour to return them if the item is clearly labelled.

Also, please check that your daughter has her own uniform as we have been contacted by several parents whose daughters have taken the wrong blazer, jumper, tracksuit or other items home by mistake. If you notice that the uniform you are holding has another student's name on it please drop it to college reception to ensure it is returned to the correct owner.

As a special note, please ensure to label the inside of your daughter's shoes. The girls take shoes off as a group before entering the dance studio which increases the chances of shoes becoming mixed up. Correctly named shoes means it is easy for the girls to identify their shoes when they leave the dance room.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE TAKEN ON: Thursday 17th March 2016

Dear Parents,

School photographs are scheduled to be taken by advanced life Photography. An envelope and flyer will be distributed shortly. However, we strongly encourage parents to complete their order online. Online ordering minimises handling and administration and reduces security concerns associated with managing cash in envelopes on the day of the photos.

Orders for packages and sibling photographs can be placed securely online at www.advancedlife.com.au using our school's unique **9 digit Online Order Code**. Portrait and group package orders are due by photo day.

If you wish to purchase a sibling photograph online, please place your order the day before photo day. Sibling photographs will only be taken if an order has been placed in advance.

Please direct any queries concerning school photographs or online ordering to: enquiries@advancedlife.com.au



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Australia's Leading Parent Educator is coming to our Diocese

What really Matters as a Parent: We all want to be the best parent we can be but it can be sometimes confusing with so much information. A trailblazer in parenting education, Michael Grose is the founder of *Parentingideas*, appears regularly on television and radio discussing relevant issues for today's parents and has authored of eight parenting books including, *Teach your Child to Shrug* and *Does Your Child Learn the Hard Way?*

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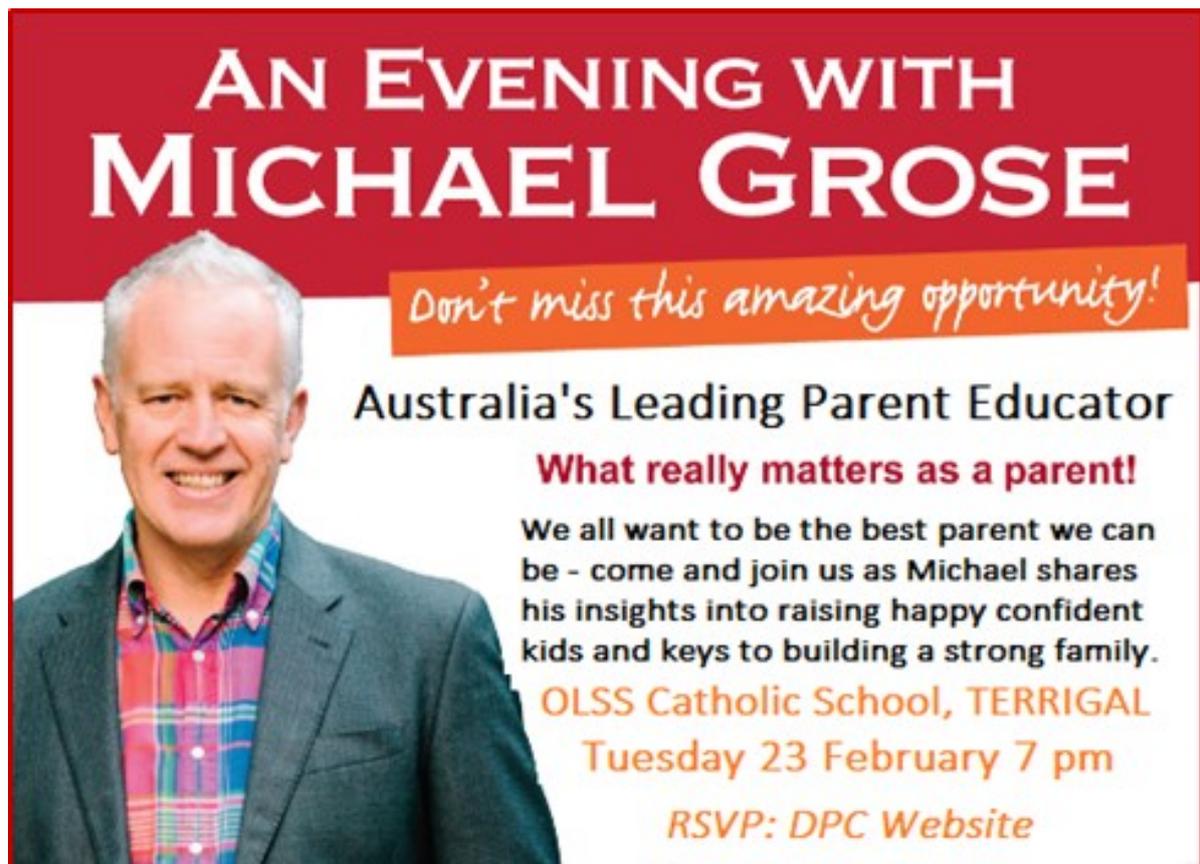


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Michael will share his insights into building a strong family, raising resilient confident kids and getting your kids to do more by doing less yourself! In fact he'll even have you working towards that forgotten goal - *redundancy* ... as a parent that is. You will leave the night energised, inspired and on a natural high!

The **Broken Bay Diocesan Parent Council (DPC)** provides seminars and workshops each term for all parents in schools across our diocese and are thrilled to be working with Michael in 2016. Michael will be presenting at **OLSS Catholic Primary, Terrigal** on **Tuesday 23 February, 2016**. There is no cost and all parents from schools across our diocese are welcome so spread the word

To get an insight into Michaels approach to parenting or to RSVP go to the DPC website www.brokenbayparentcouncil.com.



**AN EVENING WITH
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We all want to be the best parent we can be - come and join us as Michael shares his insights into raising happy confident kids and keys to building a strong family.

OLSS Catholic School, TERRIGAL
Tuesday 23 February 7 pm
RSVP: DPC Website



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