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Thursday 19th March 2015

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Friday 27th March 2015
Dear Parents and Friends of Mt St Patrick College,

St Patrick’s Day

On Tuesday 17th March, the College celebrated the feast of our patron, St Patrick, with a Liturgy and Assembly in the Gilbey Multipurpose Centre. The celebration focused on the life of St Patrick and the many blessings the College has received in the last 89 years. The day was an opportunity to acknowledge the influence and dedication of the Presentation sisters. The sisters founded the school in 1926 and worked for more than sixty years to offer a quality Catholic education for the students of the Tweed Valley despite no government assistance. We also celebrated the present and gave thanks for not only the magnificent facilities we now enjoy but also for the unique spirit and culture that exists at the College.

Mt St Patrick College Day is a time to reflect, to ask ourselves, both students and staff, how do we show our appreciation for being part of such a wonderful school community? Does our presence in the College ‘day in and day out,’ make Mt St Patrick College a better school? What do we do to ensure the foundations upon which the school was established remain embedded in all we do?

Fortunately, many in our community understand that what we do does matter and doing the right thing ‘day in and day out’ does make Mt St Patrick College a better place for everyone. Our theme for 2015 ‘to serve’ calls us to serve this community so that is able to offer a high quality Catholic education for present and future generations. Good schools don’t just happen. They require a great deal of hard work and everyone has a responsibility to ensure that we are the best we can be. We are proud and fortunate to be part of the Mt St Patrick College community.

Statement of Strategic Intent

Many important events have been held on St Patrick’s Day throughout the history of the College starting with the blessing of Mt St Patrick Convent, now called Presentation House, in 1904. Many school buildings have been blessed and officially opened on St Patrick’s Day, trophies unveiled and important statements or policies commissioned on our name day.

This year is no exception with the official commissioning of our new Statement of Strategic Intent 2015 – 2019 at the St Patrick’s Day Assembly. The Statement is symbolic of a slight change in direction for the College as we endeavour to better achieve our Mission as a Catholic school in the Presentation tradition. It was developed during 2014 from an analysis of survey data collected from parents, staff and students. I thank the many staff, parents and students who contributed to the document.

The preamble to the Statement of Strategic Intent refers to a quote from the foundress of the Presentation Sisters, Venerable Nano Nagle. She said of her schools that ‘It is God’s work.’ With this quote always in our mind, and together with our College values, we attempt to find meaning in the Statement from a Presentation perspective. 2015 has begun focused on key elements of the Statement.
Wall of Excellence
During the St Patrick’s Day Assembly, a record nine students were inducted to the Wall of Excellence. The first Wall of Excellence induction ceremony was held in 1999 when three students were inducted for academic excellence dating back to our first Year 12 class of 1993. Since then 38 individuals or teams have been inducted for academic, sporting or cultural excellence. Before this year’s ceremony, nineteen students have been inducted for academic excellence, fifteen for sporting excellence and four for cultural excellence. Previous inductees have included our 2006 Australian Tournament of Minds Champions, eight NSW Catholic Schools’ Debating Champion teams as well as individual Swimming and Athletics State Champions.

Congratulations to the following students on their Induction to the Wall of Excellence:

Sarah Champley
2014
NSW Combined Catholic Colleges’ 16 Years 400 Metres Champion

Anthea Warne
2014
NSW Combined Catholic Colleges’ 13 Years 50 Metres Butterfly Champion
NSW Combined Catholic Colleges’ 13 Years 100 Metres Freestyle Champion
NSW All Schools’ 13 Years 100 Metres Freestyle Champion

Kate Wilson
2014
NSW Combined Catholic Colleges’ 16 Years Multiclass
50 Metres Freestyle and Butterfly Champion
Australian All Schools’ 15-16 Years Multiclass
50 Metres and 100 Metres Breastroke Champion
Australian All Schools’ 15-16 Years Multiclass
200 Metres Individual Medley Champion

Cassandra Avery
2014
NSW All Schools’ Under 16 Hockey Team

Chloe Saddler
2014
NSW Combined Catholic Colleges’ Under 15 Touch Football Team

Morgan Mathews
2014
NSW Combined Catholic Colleges’ 12 Years Cross Country Champion
NSW Combined Catholic Colleges’ 12 Years 1500 Metres Champion

Sylvie Kettle, Emily Keogh, Isobel Waugh
2014
NSW Combined Catholic Colleges’ Year 9 Debating Champions

Brodie Campbell
2014 HSC
3rd in the State in 1 Unit Studies of Religion

Emily Pratt
2014 HSC
4th in the State in Hospitality
Insight SRC

This year staff, students and parents will be surveyed as part of our ongoing data collection for school improvement. The implementation of the student, teacher and parent opinion surveys to support school improvement has provided a rich source of data for all diocesan schools. The Lismore Catholic Schools Office is committed to continuing to support schools in their ongoing pursuit of improving learning outcomes for all students.

The surveys are co-ordinated by Insight SRC and all individual responses from staff, students and parents will be kept confidential and will not be identifiable to any other person or body outside of Insight SRC.

All schools will be provided with the opportunity to survey all staff, a random sample of students in Years 7-12 and a random sample of parents. All staff and student surveys will be conducted online and parents will be provided with the choice to complete either an online or paper-based survey.

The timing for survey implementation is the two week period of March 16th to 27th March. A random sample of parents will be selected to participate in this survey. If you do receive a package, your support would be appreciated for the ongoing development of Mt St Patrick College.

Open Day

Parents and friends of the College are invited to attend the Mt St Patrick College Open Day, tomorrow, Thursday 19th March, 2015 from 9.30 to 11.30am and from 5.00 to 6.30pm. The morning session will follow the usual day’s timetable with visitors able to observe a typical school day at Mt St Patrick College. In the morning session only, Tour Guides will accompany visitors on an extensive tour of our facilities. They will provide an explanation of some of the main features of the College and answer any questions that may arise.

The evening session is activity-based with displays, Choir and Band performances, Science experiments, PDHPE activities, Art and TAS workshops, powerpoint presentations and much more. There is something for everyone! The night is a wonderful opportunity for parents and members of the public to see the many exciting things that are happening at Mt St Patrick College. Come along and bring a friend. I am sure you will be most impressed by what you see.

Enrolments 2016

Enrolment Packages for Year 7, 2016 are now available from the College Office. The closing date for receipt of Enrolment Application Forms for students wishing to enter Years 7 or 11 in 2016 is Friday 27th March, 2015. All paperwork must be competed and submitted with the Enrolment Application Form by this date. Failure to submit the necessary paperwork will mean the enrolment process will not commence. Applications received after the closing date will not be processed.

Year 12 Exams

Year 12 Half Yearly Examinations commence on Thursday 26th March and will conclude on Wednesday 1st April. The results of these exams contribute significantly to the school-based assessment for the Higher School Certificate. We wish Year 12 every success with their exams.

Staff Professional Development Days

Parents are advised of the dates of two Staff Professional Development Days:
  Term 1 Thursday 2nd April, 2015 – the last day of Term 1
  Term 2 Monday 20th April, 2015 – the first day of Term 2

Students are not required to attend the College on these days.

In Hoc Signo Spes Mea

Tony Daly
Principal
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

ANZAC DAY MARCH Saturday April 25th, 2015

Mt St Patrick College has once again been invited to participate in this annual event which will occur on Saturday 25th April which is after first week in Term 2.

The students and teachers of our College have traditionally expressed their appreciation of the great sacrifices of those who gave their lives and service for the benefit of our country and the preservation of peace. 2015 is the centenary of the landing at Gallipoli so it is particularly significant.

Students are encouraged to continue this tradition in Murwillumbah on Saturday April 25th, 2015.

Those wishing to march are to assemble at the Post Office at 10.00am. The March is due to begin at 10.30am. Full Dress uniform is to be worn, including hats. Do not hesitate to contact the College on (02) 66722340 if you have any questions regarding this event. There will be a permission slip at the end of the next Newsletter to give an indication of numbers.

Mary-Anne McShane
Assistant Principal

FROM THE LEADERS OF WELLBEING

YEAR 11 NEWS

Year 11 have settled in well to their Preliminary HSC year and their Senior studies. It is pleasing to see students adopting a diligent approach to their studies and having a positive and proactive approach.

Towards the end of this week students will receive a note allowing them to go “down town” on Thursdays at lunchtimes. This privilege will commence from the beginning of Term 2. It is essential that the permission slip is signed and returned. In return for this privilege all Year 11 students will assist Mrs Carmel Wilcox in the Canteen on a rostered basis. Year 11 students have already assisted throughout this term in a co-operative manner.

Kath Swift
Leader of Wellbeing – Year 11

YEAR 12 NEWS

All Year 12 students have received a Half-Yearly Examination timetable and a note to parents explaining the procedures for these exams. It is essential that all procedures are correctly followed to ensure all Board of Studies requirements are met. As indicated in the letter it is advised that all students are spending 3 hours per evening doing schoolwork, to be properly prepared. Students doing less than this amount on a consistent basis are highly likely to achieve poor results. Half-Yearly examinations are a vital assessment tool and are a thorough indication of where the students are at, at the midpoint of their HSC year.

Best wishes to every Year 12 student for these upcoming examinations. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact me at the College anytime.

Phil Bindon
Leader of Wellbeing – Year 12

FACULTY NEWS

RE NEWS

YEAR 10 RETREAT

The hunger-stricken words of Mr Lynch enveloped the room.

“Let the count begin….” 1…2…3……4…

As the tension started to polarize the dining hall, it suddenly became apparent that Year 10 lacked basic counting skills.

As challenging and hunger-inducing as the chirping chatter was, it reflected the growing bonds between Year Ten as a cohort. Nestled in the mountains of majestic Bornhoffen, the buzzing sounds of the rainforest mingled with our tears and laughter, creating a safe haven for stories to be told.

The teachers enriched our experiences, each on a personal and sometimes humorous level. The Deputy Principal could be seen in the oval knitting, an entourage hooked on her every word. Maths teachers were heard conducting a symphony of pots, pans and ladles, awakening the often sleep-deprived residents of Camp 2. English teachers were spotted outside their comfort zone engaging in physical activity, resulting in serious orthopaedic injuries. A variety of activities (individual, small group and communal) helped us discover who we were.

This experience has enriched our lives and sense of community, and we would give anything to, in the famous hunger stricken words of Mr Lynch, “Start again.”

Year 10 Retreat Comments

- an engaging and exciting journey that you must go on
- an experience that has made me overcome adversity and face challenges I never thought was possible
- best experience in my schooling life and will be forever a significant moment in my life
- I have changed for the best
- I have realised who I would like to be and what I’d like to be in life
- a magnificent experience
- enlightening and educating
- was undeniably one of the most enjoyable and emotionally supporting experiences I’ve ever had
- has changed my life and my perspective on myself and others
- an absolutely amazing experience

YEAR 12 RETREAT

On Wednesday 4th March 2015 Year 12 embarked on a transforming journey. It all started in the Gilbey Centre where Year 12 relinquished the shackles of electronics and embraced the opportunity to come together as a community. Nerves and fears started to kick in about what challenges we will face.
individually and as a year group over the next 3 days. We all started to peel back layers, some more literally than others, before we boarded the bus to Bomhoven.

As we arrived, we were forced to step out of our comfort zones and embrace new challenges. Year 12 expressed their hopes and fears together for the future and found that we had a lot in common. We took on activities which made us more cohesive as a group. New relationships were formed, existing relationships were strengthened and broken relationships were mended. The teachers were also very supportive and likewise came out of their comfort zone.

We enjoyed our recreational time together, with new friendships that were formed over the 3 days. Time was spent in the pool, on the basketball courts, singing and playing cards, all while taking in the beautiful landscape of the natural surroundings of Spring Brook and Lamington National Parks. The nights were cold, and the wind grew strong. 52 playing cards went flying as well as Miss De Maere’s washing. Mr Eaton watched through the night serenading us to sleep with his guitar.

The retreat will be something that Year 12 2015 will remember for a life time, as we finish our final school year together….. “Were all in this together”.

Year 12 Retreat Comments
- we entered the retreat as a group of people and we left the retreat as a group of friends
- gave me precious time to be quiet and reflect on my wants and how I act as an individual
- absolutely amazing …. loved it!
- a wonderful experience, one with fond memories I will carry for a lifetime
- unbelievably eye-opening experience
- had a major impact on my future
- allowed me to reflect on where I am emotionally and to think about where I’m going
  Mick O’Donohue
  Leader of Evangelisation

LEARNING SUPPORT
The Learning Support Centre has been busy with assignment and diary organisation assistance to students who are referred, and/or who seek help.

Teachers have been informed about the classes where Teachers’ Aide assistance is allocated so that they can plan to effectively use this support for students who have additional needs in the class.

Currently the College’s Additional Needs Teacher, and Mrs Karen Evans, Regional Additional Needs Officer from the Catholic Schools Office, are working with teachers and parents of eight Year 7 students to design 2015 Individual Plans to address their needs.

Mrs Kathy Cristini,
Additional Needs Teacher

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION
Indigenous perspective is being shared throughout the College this year throughout class lessons, creating better understanding and appreciation of Indigenous culture and strengthening community relationships. We have 18 students identifying with Indigenous heritage and the College provides support through the Indigenous Education Assistant and funding support from the Lismore Diocese. We look forward to sharing stories of Indigenous people through our Assemblies for Sorry Day (May 26th) and NAIDOC celebration at the end of Term Two, inviting staff and students to expand their experience of Indigenous Culture that ties in with the New National Curriculum.

Indigenous parents, staff and community members enhanced relationships through the College community to better assist Indigenous students and implement effective programs such as the Personal Learning Plans (PLP). The process of creating the PLPs for Year 7-10 students involving their parent/carer strengthens support for students, enhancing their focus towards achieving their desired learning and career goals.

Students have opportunities to participate in various programs offered through our community partnerships such as AIME (Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience) taking students to visit Southern Cross University to inform and inspire them in choosing career pathways. Tutoring assistance is available for our Year 11 Students to strengthen their various areas of study. Indigenous culture is evident and appreciated at our College by both the Lismore Diocese and Mt St Patrick teachers and staff, supporting students and parents/ carer in their educational journeys.

Colleen Poudal
Indigenous Education Assistant

PDHPE NEWS
YEAR 11 PDHPE CAMP
Wednesday 18th February 22 students arrived at school and jumped on the bus and made our way to Burleigh Christian Youth Camp were we stayed for the next night. Our first activity was a walk down to the Burleigh beach for a swim but due the massive surf the beach was closed so we made our way over to Tallebudgera Creek for a relaxing few hours, followed by lunch and moving into our rooms. We then walked back over to Tallebudgera Creek for stand up paddle boarding and games, at the end we raced back up the massive hill CYC is built on before the storm hit. Before dinner we had free time, which is where ping pong champions were made, followed by an early dinner.

After the delicious meal we headed down to the Prayer Room where we had a fierce game of trivia and watched Dumb and Dumber 2 as the massive storm came across. Day 2, due to the weather we couldn’t do the activities that were originally planned (mountain biking and canoeing) so we all jumped on the bus and made our way to Air Factory Burleigh. The trampoline park was overtaken by school students flipping everywhere and Mr McCormack being too scared to do anything. After two hours at Air Factory we all made our way back over to the bus for lunch. After lunch we drove all the way to Iceland in Bundall where we attempted ice skating. Some were naturals and others really struggled. After many stacks on the ice, especially from Bill Hampson, it was time to go. The teachers sat us all down and told us we had to go home a day early due to the sever cyclone that was going to hit and school being close on the Friday. So we
made our way back to CYC and packed our bags and made our way back home after two days of challenges and fun! A massive thank you to Mr McCormack and Mrs Fitzpatrick for organising and supervising the camp.

Jordan O'Brien, Sam Vrbanic (Year 11)

calculator! Year 7 will not use a calculator in their assessment tasks this year, but are required to have one with them for lessons and Naplan. As Naplan approaches we will be ensuring that the Year 7's have adequate skills for the calculator section of the Naplan examination.

After extremely successful results in the 2014 Australian Mathematics Competition, we are asking that all Accelerated Mathematics students in Years 7-10 participate again this year. The date for the competition is Thursday 30th August. The entry fee this year is $6.00 (no increase on last year!) and students may begin making payment to the office as soon as is convenient. Year 7’s will be notified of places in the Accelerated class at the end of this term and teachers will be encouraging all students to enter. This is a fantastic way to experience mathematics questions without the pressure of marks going towards grades. Any student in the school is most welcome to participate as well as it is possible for anyone to be successful!

As some students missed the cut off date for entering last year we are requesting that all payments be made by Friday 24th April 2015.

Sue Hoy
Leader of Learning - Mathematics

HSIE NEWS
AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION
The Australian Geography Competition is open to students of all ages. There are Junior, Intermediate and Senior levels. The competition will be held in Week 10. Students can enter by paying $3 at the front office.

YEAR 10 EXCURSIONS
Last Friday Year 10 students studying History visited the War Museum at Mudgeeraba while the Geographers studied coastal management at Cabarita and Kingscliff. A good day was had by all!

Chris Core
Leader of Learning – HSIE

MATHS NEWS
All the Mathematics teachers would like to congratulate those students who have been taking advantage of the free lunchtime tutoring on Thursdays in F31. Students are welcome to come for assistance for the whole of lunchtime, bringing their lunch with them, or only stay for the time they need. Either way, we are sure that students who make the effort will feel more confident with their Mathematical skills over the long term. TWO WEB PAGES that are great for help at home are Khan Academy and Splash ABC. Both are free, and both run little videos to assist students.

As everyone is approaching their first assessment task in Mathematics, it is a good time to remind all students to bring their maths equipment to the tasks (and classes!). Especially a
FROM THE SPORTS DESK

TOUCH FOOTBALL NEWS
Daryl Brooks from Year 10 attended the Junior State Cup Touch Football event and played for the Murwillumbah Mavericks. Daryl had planned to play with the U16 team but upon arrival at Port was asked to play in the U18 team, which he did willingly. His team played 8 games and by the end of the weekend, his efforts had earned him selection in the Northern Eagles team which will now travel to Sydney to play in the NSW Regional Championships on the 18th and 19th of April.

OPEN BOYS LEAGUE
On Tuesday 10th March the Open Boys Rugby League team travelled to South Tweed to compete in the Country Cup Carnival. In very hot and humid conditions the boys took the field against Mullumbimby High in their first Match. Mullumbimby dominated possession and field position and our boys were required to defend for a large portion of the match. Strong goal line defence deterred the Mullumbimby attack for a number of sets, but the number of tackles our team were forced to make took its toll. After conceding a number of tries, we finally retained some possession and crafty work from Jacob McRae out of dummy half resulted in a late consolation try.

With only 15 minutes to recover and catch their breath, the boys had to take the field against a classy St Joseph’s College squad. Our forwards worked tirelessly in defence, but again, we struggled to hold onto the ball and our backs were rarely presented with an opportunity to show their skills. Although St Joseph’s ran in 5 unanswered tries in a one-sided contest, our team displayed excellent sportsmanship and continued to compete until the final siren.

Well done to all players for their efforts in difficult conditions, in particular Russell Chandler, Sam Viglione and Otis Morrisey who were solid performers in each match with determined running and strong defence.

Diocesan Swimming Kempsey
Congratulations to the sixteen swimmers and their parents who made the long trip to Kempsey to attend the Diocesan Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 11th March. The College was represented by Lily Rainford, Alexandra Macdonald, Will Murnane, Matilda Nimmo, McKenzie Mehrten, Ruby Worthington, Liliana Evans, Reece Walton, Jared Carney, Anthea Warne, Cecilia Ryan, Josh Jones, Liam Wilson, Louis Hampson, Kate Wilson and Hayley Smith. Amazingly, Mt St Patrick finished third overall with only one swimmer, Kate Wilson, in the senior division and all other competitors in the 12, 13 and 14 year categories. Many of the older swimmers were involved in the NSW Surf Life Saving Carnival and were unable to attend.

To advance to the NSW Catholic Schools Carnival in Sydney is very difficult with only first and second in freestyle and first only in the other strokes and relays allowed to proceed.
Both the junior boys and girls 4 x 50m freestyle relay teams came first. The boys team was Reece Walton, Jared Carney, Liam Wilson and Josh Jones. The girls consisted of Anthea Warne, Hayley Smith, Cecilia Ryan and Matilda Nimmo.

The College had some excellent individual results as well. Anthea Warne had an outstanding Carnival with numerous Diocesan records and U14 girls Age Champion, closely followed by Cecilia Ryan who was Runner Up. Kate Wilson was the Senior multi-class champion. In the boys, Reece Walton, Liam Wilson and Josh Jones all had First Places. All of these swimmers advance to the Combined Catholic Colleges’ Carnival to be held in Sydney next term. A detailed report of each swimmer’s time and place can be found on the following website: http://sport.lism.catholic.edu.au/pages/secondary-sport/swimming.php

Anthea Warne swam out of her skin during the day and broke three Diocesan records:
14 Girls 50m Butterfly 30.67s the old record, 31.06s
12-14 Girls 200m Freestyle 2.16.41s, the old record 2.16.45s
12-14 Girls 100m butterfly 1.09.10s, the old record 1.10.72s
Well done indeed!!!!

A list of MSPC Students who finished in the top three places at the recent Diocesan Swimming Carnival can be found at the end of this Newsletter.

NSWCCC SWIMMING
From the recent Dio Swimming attended by 16 of our athletes, 10 have gained the chance to represent the Lismore Diocese at the upcoming NSWCCC Swimming Championships at Homebush on 4th May. Good luck to the following students:

AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR ATHLETICS
Congratulations to Sarah Champley in Year 11 who attended the Australian Junior Athletics Championships in Sydney last weekend. Sarah made her way to the U18 800m Final where she ran into 5th place, running a PB of 2.14. 5th in the country, an amazing result. Well done Sarah!!

TERM 2 SPORT ELECTIVES FOR YRS 10 & 11
During Term 2, students in Years 10 and 11 are involved in elective sports choices. Please discuss the option that your son or daughter will select as they have a weekly financial commitment. The students should select a sport to attend for the remaining two weeks of the term.

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Tweed Valley Trials
Although the Tweed Valley Competition does not run until Term 3 we will be holding team trials during Weeks 9 and 10 of this term. Students should have selected a sport to attend for the remaining two weeks of the term.

Tim Whitney
Sports Coordinator

College News

Beacon Overview

- This system recognises and rewards student effort.
- The students will be monitored for effort by subject teachers over a 3 – 4 week period. This is called a Beacon Cycle.
- The individual subject scores will be averaged to produce the Average Beacon Score for the Cycle.

The Score

- 10 – Outstanding/perfect effort in every aspect of the subject
- 9 – High level effort
- 8 – Sound/All round effort
- 7 – Satisfactory effort
- 6 – Limited effort/causing concern
- 5 – Poor effort
- 1 – Student fails to submit an assessment task.

Any score lower than a 7 – has consequences

- These scores will be sent home with your child in the form of a certificate to give you feedback.
- An Orange Card will be issued to your child if an individual subject has a score of 6, 5 or 1
  - The student needs to see the subject teacher to find out how they can improve their effort.
  - The student will then have a timeframe to improve their effort.
Failure to do anything to improve their effort can result in a Red Card and withdrawal from extra-curricular activities.

- **A Red Card will be issued if the average Beacon Score is below 7.**
  - The students will be withdrawn from extra-curricular activities until they make an effort to improve as instructed by class teachers.

- **This system should have a positive focus:**
  - Rewarding students for their hard work.
  - Recognising students who are trying to improve their effort
  - Motivating students to do their best

- **There will be 5 Beacon Cycles this year.**

**Beacon Cycle 1**
Closes this Friday 20th March and certificates will be sent home in Week 9 to give you feedback on your child’s progress.
Mrs Louise Shields
Leader of Wellbeing: Nagle

**OUR MUSICAL PROGRESS**
Seventy students and band members (including a 16 piece marching drumline) are excitedly rehearsing for our production of Disney’s High School Musical in a little over six weeks’ time. Many of the cast and crew travelled to Brisbane on 11th March to see the professional musical production of “WICKED” and they returned brimming and grinning with inspiration!

Mr James, Mrs Pratt, Miss Rennes, Mr Patterson, Mrs Bowe and Miss Pinkstone are very pleased with the enthusiasm and effort being put in at rehearsals, and grateful for how the whole College supports the musical production effort. A huge appreciation is acknowledged for the construction work of Mr Pratt, Mr Callaghan and Mr Keogh in TAS, for Miss Devine and Miss Gill getting the posters and ticketing organised, and for the hardworking, imaginative and very talented Ms Obrien and Mrs Storey who are the costumers.

We are anticipating a great response to ticket sales and hope to see many of the College’s families and community friends at the performances which are on in Week 2 of next Term. You can be assured that this will be super entertainment value.

*Keep checking the College’s website for a link to the online ticketing system.*

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**1996 Newsletters**
The College would like to obtain copies of the two December issues of the 1996 Newsletter.
If you can help, please contact the College on 02 66722340.

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**AWARDS**

**LISIEUX**

**CO-ORDINATOR’S AWARDS**

- **Year 7**
  - Chontelle Green, Zackery Ryan, Madison Wyborn.

- **Year 8**

- **Year 9**
  - Abigail Stratton, Zoe Zahra, Caitlin Arthur, Lauren Corby.

- **Year 10**
  - Jake Jackson, Nicole Dorfer.

**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS**

- **Year 8**
  - Zeta Zahra

- **Year 9**
  - Zoe Zahra, Lauren Corby.

- **Year 10**
  - Jake Jackson

**COLLEGE AWARD**

- **Year 8**
  - Zeta Zahra

- **Year 9**
  - Zoe Zahra

**LORETO**

**CO-ORDINATOR’S AWARDS**

- **Year 7**
  - Anna Smith, Sarah Cook (2), Olivia Newell, Joseph Warne, Therese Daley, Brooke Harvey, Ella Kent, Oscar O’Keefe.

- **Year 8**
  - Emily Gresham, Callum Moss, Luca Stella (2), Ruby Livesey, Georgina Avery, James Bagnall, Tara Minns (2), Brock Youngblutt.

- **Year 9**
  - Tahlia Hall, Sarah Guine, Heidi Jenal, Isabelle Woodford, Patrick Gresham, Julia McRae, Clara Withers.

- **Year 10**
  - Sarah Wilson, Sidney Ewing, Paige Waters.

**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS**

- **Year 8**
  - Emily Gresham, Callum Moss, Luca Stella, Tara Minns.

- **Year 9**
  - Tahlia Hall

- **Year 10**
  - Paige Waters

**COLLEGE AWARD**

- **Year 9**
  - Tahlia Hall

- **Year 10**
  - Paige Waters

**LUCAN**

**CO-ORDINATOR’S AWARDS**

- **Year 7**
  - Shakyra Gillard (2), Eden Davison, Rumi Hagedoorn-Storey, Luxe Lillis, Zac Macartney, William Townsend, Reece Walton, Jacob Chandler, Wraith Dare, Amber Percy, Clare Blissett (2), Kaytlin Harris, Mia Kirwan, Madelene Northeast.

- **Year 8**
Year 9
Adam Aboud, Charlie Browning, Brianna Dank, Keeleigh Fleming, Eden Folkers.

Year 10
Lillian Guinea, Evan Litchfield.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Year 7
Clare Blissett

Year 8
Billie Jacks, Brooke Metcalfe, Madelene Northeast.

Year 9
Adam Aboud, Charlie Browning, Brianna Dank.

Year 10
Lillian Guinea, Evan Litchfield.

NAGLE
CO-ORDINATOR’S AWARDS
Year 7
Lauren Cahill, Elise Lack, Oliver Walsh, Will Murnane, Brendan Piccini, Clayton Porter, Felicity Traynor, Katika Bele, Maddelyn Thompson, Finn Whitney.

Year 8
Jacob Pedlow, Alex Flannery, Yindi Morrisey.

Year 9
Lewis Hancock (2), Jasmin Rogan.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Year 8
Alex Flannery, Yindi Morrisey.

YEAR 12 AWARDS
LORETO
CO-ORDINATOR’S AWARDS
Tenille Stewart

NAGLE
CO-ORDINATOR’S AWARDS
Year 7
Laura King, Shaelee Mitchell, Dylan Prichard, Genevieve Waters.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS
Shaelee Mitchell, Genevieve Waters.

COLLEGE AWARD
Shaelee Mitchell

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2015 CALENDAR

Mar 19th
Open Day
20th
Beacon Cycle closes
Day of action against Bullying and Violence
Year 11 Oral English Assessment Task
23rd
CCC Hockey Selection, Newcastle
Yr 7 Workshops re Anti-Bullying
24th
Beacon results available
Evacuation Drill
26th
Yr 12 Exams, 5 days
27th
NOVO
Apr 1st
10.40am Holy Week Liturgy
Yr 11 Biology Excursion, 43 students
pm Newsletter available
Northern League Trial
Final day of Term 1 for students
2nd
Staff Development Day: Spirituality
20th
Staff Development Day: Curriculum
21st
First day of Term 2 for students
Sport Day, Day 7
24th
9am Anzac Day Liturgy, Church
10am Anzac Day March, Murwillumbah
pm Yr 11 Multimedia Industry Study Visit
25th
Diocesan Touch, Ballina, 52 students
28th
College production of ‘High School Musical’ Begins
30th
Musical
May 1st
Musical

TERM 1 2014 CANTEEN ROSTER

Week 9
23/3 Julie Van Den Driest
24/3 Fay Perry, Peter Hyde
25/3 Chris Reynolds
26/3 Lee Zara
27/3 Jodie Champley

Week 10
30/3 Krystann Alexander, Jane Clare
31/3 Peter Hyde
1/4 Chris Reynolds
2/4 Staff Spirituality Day
3/4 Good Friday
Harvesting food for life

Cristian’s community in rural Peru has always lived a traditional life, with simple diets and crops dependent on rainfall. Until recently, 33-year-old Cristian had to travel one kilometer to access running water.

With the help of Caritas Huacho, Cristian and 14 other young farmers have introduced running water and irrigation to their remote Andean village. They now grow and harvest a wide variety of high-value, sustainable crops, which provide them all with a secure income and a wide variety of food.

Your donation to Project Compassion 2015 helps farmers in Peru secure a food source and income that benefits their families and communities for life.

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Sustainable food for life

Until recently, the weather in Vinsen's small farming village in West Timor has been quite stable. However, in the last few years changing weather patterns have made harvests unpredictable and unprofitable.

To combat the variable weather patterns affecting farmers in Vinsen’s village in Indonesia, a local community program supported by Caritas Australia, is teaching farmers how to terrace land and grow sustainable crops for life — regardless of the changing weather.

Your donation to Project Compassion 2015 helps farmers in remote West Timor create a life-long source of food, improving the future wellbeing of their families and communities.

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MSPC Students who finished in the top three places at the recent Diocesan Swimming Carnival:

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CONVERSATIONS about CATHOLICS

If you have asked, or even given a passing thought to these and other questions then why not come along to ‘Conversations About Catholics’ and satisfy some of your curiosities!

Who is it for?
+ Parents with students in Tweed Catholic Schools
+ Catholics AND Non-Catholics
+ Catholics wanting to reconnect
+ Parents who want to understand their children’s faith education
+ Those wanting to understand better the community to which we all belong

What is it?
An informal program centred around small group discussions facilitated by a husband and wife team.

When is it?
Beginning in Term 2 (Dates and times are flexible and will depend upon the needs of the group).

How long is it?
There will be 4 sessions throughout the term (Each session will be between 60 and 90 mins long)

Contact
For more information or to show interest please contact Michael Martin (0419578740) or Rachel Martin (0423948431) - Not your school. If you know someone who might be interested please let them know. We need to organise numbers and preferred times.

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