Last Friday was a great day for all the “Diggers” across Australia and New Zealand and it was a great to see around 200 “Johnnies” students march in Nambour on ANZAC morning. I acknowledge that all schools generally do get involved in some way for ANZAC Day and I may seem a little one – eyed, but the manner in which St. John’s students turn up and take part makes all of us very proud. This is indeed a fine tradition.

Thank you to the parents for encouraging your children to march on ANZAC Day and for transporting them to the march. This aspect of Australian culture and of course the reinforcing of St. John’s culture, is integral to our young people and their maturation and development. I believe we served our community of Nambour well and respected the honour of the “Diggers” in turning out in such numbers and participating so reverently and proudly. Well done to all.

This week is quite a significant one in the life of St. John’s with staff interviews, an External Review, Parent/Teacher Interviews and the Annual X Country. During this week we will be interviewing for five new teaching positions for 2015. We were inundated with 153 applications for these five positions. It has been a very difficult task shortlisting and I look forward to the interviews at this most exciting time in our history of expansion when Year 7 arrives next year.

This Wednesday we will be hosting a panel of five representing BCE and the Non State Schools Accreditation Board for our External Review. These reviews are conducted every four years and even though it takes place on a given day, the Leadership Team has been diligently preparing documentation on our previous four years. I am indebted to Dave, Mark and Fiona for their detailed work in this area and to Maree Cuthbertson for her involvement with arrangements. Another thank you must go to the seven parents who have volunteered to be part of a discussion group on this day and to those parents who replied and have been put on the bench. Thank you for your great support.

Tuesday night will be the first of our Parent/Teacher interview nights. It certainly looks like a very full evening of interviews for staff and parents. These nights are essential in providing feedback in relation to your child’s academic progress. If you have yet to book using the PTO system, please do so before all available places are booked. If you cannot be present on the night, you are always welcome to contact your teachers for feedback and progress reports.

On Friday we will hold yet another infamous X Country day at Mooloolaba. This is another great House competition that is not to be missed. Unfortunately, I will not be able to be present this year as I will be attending my daughter’s wedding. This will be a proud day for me and one that just highlights the fact that I am getting older.

Last week’s rugby fixtures against James Nash were well attended and the new “ANZAC Day Trophy” was secured by James Nash in the dying seconds of the 1st XV game as they crashed over for the latest of tries to defeat our 1st XV 20-19. The 13’s had a convincing win and the 15’s were defeated 26-10. Our 15’s play two games this week in a catch-up round vs Maleny SHS today at Witta, and on Wednesday at Maroochydore vs Maroochydore at 4pm. Our 1st’s will also play Maroochydore at 5pm. The 13’s have a bye.

Netball resumes today and these last games before the semi - finals are crucial. Good luck to all the girls as they put the many hours of practice into action on court. It was great to see some of our past students from two years ago play our current Open Netball team last week. The current team were victors by two points.

Now that Term 2 is underway and ANZAC Day has past, it is timely to remind students that we are now in a “winter” uniform. This basically means that boys must wear ties with their formal uniform. It would be even better if some boys would actually do up their top button when wearing the tie. Year 12 have no excuses as we have provided them with their ties.
From the Assistant Principal

Parent / Teacher Night - TOMORROW:

Parent / Teacher Interview night is tomorrow night, Tuesday, April 29.

Many teachers already have very full schedules and it is encouraging to see so many parents and carers taking a keen interest in their student’s progress.

Should you find that you are unable to meet with teachers of your choice at these times, we would encourage you to contact the relevant staff member as soon as possible. You are welcome to contact our staff at St John’s any time throughout the year and this may be a more convenient method of obtaining feedback some family circumstances. Our staff are outstanding in regards to responding to all phone and e-mail contacts, with our guideline being that responses are made within 24 hours of the initial contact wherever possible.

Assessment Schedules and Policies:

Assessment Schedules are now available on the College website at:


Please note the following changes to dates from these published schedules:

Year 9 Maths exams will be held in Week 3 due to a clash with NAPLAN in Week 4

Nominations for QCS Chief Community Representatives:

Nominations are now open to fill these very important roles in the implementation of the Year 12 QCS Tests. Full details and application forms are available at:

https://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/memos/14/024-14.pdf4

These are paid positions and require a time commitment which is outlined in the documents which are contained at the link above.

Applications must be received by the College before 9am on May 23

If you require any further information, please contact me through the College.

Date – claimers:

Please be aware of the upcoming events and mark on your home calendars to attend where possible:

- Parent Teacher nights – Tuesday, April 29 (Term 2) and Monday July 21 (Term 3)
- Thursday, May 8 - Subject selection information night for Years 9 and 10 prior to selections for Semester 2
- Wednesday, June 25 - SET Plan Information night for Year 10

Reminders:

Parents are reminded that the term dates for the Academic years of 2014 and 2015 are now available on the Brisbane Catholic Education website at: http://www.bne.catholic.edu.au/students-parents/Pages/TermDates.aspx

Please ensure that you have checked these before making any bookings as early departures and late returns can have a negative impact on student workloads and achievement. **Year 11 and 12 students will always have the bulk of their assessment due in the final two weeks of EVERY term.**

Year 12 - Special Consideration for QCS Tests - Below is a link for a memo about applying for any special provisions for the QCS Tests. There are a variety of options available and we certainly encourage all students to read this carefully and make applications if they believe this will assist them in maximizing their results.

http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/qsa_secure/memos.act

Assistance can be obtained from Ms Rowe; Mrs Jenner; Mrs Pinese; Mrs Doblo; Mr Cuskelley or myself if you would like to discuss options further or make an application.
KEEP
CALM
AND
COME TO
MASS

St John’s College
Mass
Thursday 1st May,
8.10 am

You and your family are invited to
celebrate the Eucharist
before school in the GSC
Celebrant: Father Graham Gatehouse.
Finishing time approximately 8.30 am
St. John’s College
THEATRESPORTS
Thursday 1st May
Fairy Tales/Urban Legends
6:00 - 9:30pm
Performing Arts Block
TOTALLY FREE!
FUN FOR EVERY-ONE!
You are cordially invited to the Mother’s Day fashion parade and High Tea to celebrate the wonderful Mothers in our community. This event will be hosted by the year eleven hospitality students and the year 9 fashion students.

Important Information:
- **Where:** St John’s College Library
- **When:** Tuesday 6th of May
- **Time:** 9:00am-11:00am
- **Please RSVP by:** 30th April
- **Cost:** $15

From this small cost you will receive:
- A delicious High Tea
- An entertaining Fashion Parade
- A beautiful Flower
- A heartfelt Card

Options for making $15 payment:
- Pay at the school office (cash or card)
- Over the phone (card)

For further information contact:
- Email Tracey Langford: tlangford@bne.catholic.edu.au
- School Phone: 5441 5666
WHERE: St John's College Nambour
WHEN: Friday 6th June
TIME: 6.30PM for a 7PM start
COST: $10 per person - Tables of 10 for a full team
(Dress up from the “Days of the Old School Yard” encouraged)

Tickets available at St John’s School Office Ph 54415666

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd teams
Random prizes during the night
Mystery questions with prizes between some rounds

Silent auction running all night
Cheese and assorted platters supplied for each table at start of night
BYO alcohol - Soft drinks, juice, water and snacks available for sale
St John’s Cross Country

The School Cross Country will be held at the MOOLOOLABA SPIT on Friday 2 May. This is a compulsory school day. The arrangements for the day are outlined below:

Uniform
1. Students to wear their sports uniform.
2. Suitable running attire, including shoes, must be worn during the race and, if possible, students should try to wear a colour associated with their house.

Travel Arrangements
1. All students will travel to school as normal.
2. Students will be transported to the spit by bus.
3. All students will travel back to St John’s at the end of the day where they will travel home at the normal end of school time (2.45pm).
   If any parent would like to collect their son/daughter from the cross country venue this can occur after 2.00pm. Students are asked to bring a letter indicating that they will be collected from the cross country venue after 2.00pm to school prior to the cross country day. Students waiting to be collected will be supervised to 3.00pm.
4. Supervision will be provided at the site 9am until 3.00pm.

Lunch Arrangements
1. Students may bring a cut lunch.
2. BBQ facilities will be available to students wishing to have a BBQ lunch. Students can supply their own meat, sauce, bread etc. Sausages/bread/sauce $2.00 each. Soft drinks and water $2.00 each. Chips and lollies from .50 cents.
3. Drinking water is available.

General Comments
Suitable protection from the sun (or rain) is also essential for all students. During the course of the day a number of activities such as swimming, beach volleyball, tug of wars will also occur. The events during the day unless medically unfit. Students are expected to remain at the cross country until the completion of awards at the end of the day.

Length of Course:
All girls will run approximately 4kms
Boys 13 – 15 years will run 4kms
Boys 16 years + open will run 5.5kms.
The course is flat including sand, boardwalk, grass and footpath surface.

Mr Ian Nankervis
Sports’ Coordinator

Attention all Year 8 Parents and Carers- Especially our new families

Friday 2 May is our annual Cross Country at Mooloolaba Spit. Parents and Carers are invited to come along for a morning coffee. We will meet at the BBQs (at the end of Parkyn Parade) at 8.45am on the day of the cross country. This is an opportunity to meet other Parents and have a chat.

Every year we supply a sausage sizzle to the students and staff and always appreciate extra hands to help cook and serve and monies raised this year will go to our Good Sam’s Vinnies group. The year 8’s will be running at around 11.25am and you are more than welcome to stay on and watch your child race.

We hope to see you there!

Lisa McNicol
Year 8 Co-Ordinator

Tracey Langford
Campus Minister
UNIFORM SHOP and TEXT HIRE
OPENING TIMES
TUESDAY 8.00am - 4.00pm
and
WEDNESDAY 8.00am - 4.00pm

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