Dear Parents, Friends and Carers,

I trust that all Mum’s had a great day with family yesterday and were served breakfast in bed, taken to lunch or dinner and received copious presents for being extraordinary. Above all, I hope that the next 364 days are just as joyous. We paid tribute to all our Mother’s at assembly on Friday and even if this becomes a little lost over the next year till Mother’s Day 2015, it is obvious that your children value you and love you. You Matter.

Today we welcome back our senior Geography staff and students from their camp and this week is our huge “interruption to normal classes week” for many of our students: Year 12 will be on Retreat Wednesday through to Friday, Year 9 have NAPLAN Tuesday – Thursday, Year 10 are on work placement all week and our leaders will be at Powerhouse of Leaders on Monday as well as the 11 Chemistry/12 physics excursion to Dream World. None of these things can happen without dedicated and talented staff and hours of collaboration and planning. Please make sure that your children continue the great tradition and practice of “Johnnies”, in thanking their teachers for their preparation, organisation, long supervision and running of these major occasions.

This may be the last of the Monday Newsletters. Due to popular demand we will return to a Friday Newsletter either this week or next once we have made the necessary adjustments in the office. This week also gives the Leadership Team a little time to catch up on some other developing matters such as the new Middle Leadership Structure, planning for increased traffic flow in 2015, our 75th year preparations, finalising new staff for 2015, our building applications for the next round of BGA applications, our Annual report to government Authorities and our safety audit next week.

Tomorrow night is our Board Meeting at 6pm and the Agenda includes some of the above as well as review of our over-arching school Policies. It certainly looks and feels like business as usual. We are also in the process of forming a committee for our 75th celebrations and even if you do not wish to be on this I would appreciate any ideas on what you think would be appropriate or what might work well, no matter whether a big ticket item or a small one.

The last couple of netball rounds will be played this week and next and the 13’s rugby are the only team with a game at hand, to be played this afternoon at 4pm on our oval. This team has only lost one game all season and will be playing semi-finals next week. Unfortunately the competition was too “hot” for us in the 15’s and First XV competitions and the boys will miss out on a top four finish. We have one final game left for the 15’s in the last week of term, June 25th, vs a team from Xavier College at Lennox Head, NSW.

I look forward with great anticipation to our Drama Theatre Restaurant nights to be held at the College on the nights of May 30th and 31st. Teachers and students are working hard preparing for this event and I think you might need to purchase a ticket early to confirm a seat.

“The job of a teacher is to teach students to see the vitality in themselves” Joseph Campbell

And remember this as our kids are doing NAPLAN this week:

Chris Gold
Principal

It’s about the LEARNING.
From the Assistant Principal

Years 9 and 10 Elective Subject Choices for Semester 2:

Forms for subject choices for next semester were due back today (Monday).

Any forms which are late in being returned may result in those students not being able to receive any allocated subjects which they would prefer to be placed in. Late returns may have their options limited as we will accommodate those students who have complied with the required timelines first wherever possible.

Assessment Reminders:

As we move into the busier assessment times of the term, Students, Parents and Carers are reminded that the College does have a number of documents which relate to Assessment issues which are available through School Life / Assessments and Exams section of the College website at:


In particular:

- If students require an extension for an assignment, the relevant form can be downloaded from here.
- If students wish to request a variation of assessment (for example, they will be away for an exam for family reasons), the relevant form can be downloaded from here.
- Should students be unsure about the expectations placed upon them in terms of assessment, the College Assessment Policy can be referred to through this site.

I would remind parents and carers that should an assessment issue arise, the first point of contact should be the Class Teacher. The procedures in place then require this teacher to liaise with the Learning Coordinator before any decisions are made. Should further assistance be required, Learning Coordinators or Parents / Carers can contact me as the final step in that process to make final decisions and recommendations.

For Senior Students in particular, it is a QSA requirement for suitable documentation to be supplied if there is any situation which causes a student to not complete assessment in the same manner as other students. A medical certificate is required for ALL illnesses which impact assessment – a note or phone call from a parent / carer is not sufficient documentation to satisfy those requirements.

Assessment Schedules and Policies:

Assessment Schedules are now available on the College website at:


Whilst we do try to stick to these dates as much as possible, sometimes circumstances do arise where changes do need to occur if it is determined to be in the best interests of those students affected by such changes. Such changes will be communicated by the Class Teachers and / or Learning Coordinators to all parents and carers.

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

- Year 10 Legal Studies – Group orals will commence on Tuesday, June 3 to allow students in this subject to attend the University activities in the following week.

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:

- Wednesday, June 25 - SET Plan Information night for Year 10
- Parent Teacher night –Monday July 21 (Term 3)

Reminders:

(a) 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.**

Mark O’Connor – Assistant Principal
Worldwide Marriage Encounter
A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings – away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again!

**Weekend date:** 13th – 15th June 2014

**Venue:** Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston QLD (on Brisbane’s bayside)

**For bookings/details contact:** Tamara and Scott Menteith, phone (07) 4634 3559, stjmen@aapt.net.au

Information website: [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

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eDiary

St John's College is trialing an electronic Diary (eDiary) for the remainder of this year. This is in addition to our paper diary and is not intended to be a replacement for the paper diary!

As it is a trial, feedback is welcomed throughout the remainder of this year to Mrs Sutton at emsutton@bne.catholic.edu.au

Students and parents should have received an email from noreply@myediary.com.au (check your junk folder!) with an activation link. If students or parents have not received this email please email Mrs Sutton to check your details.

The eDiary is web-based and is found at [https://stjohnscoll.myediary.com.au/](https://stjohnscoll.myediary.com.au/) The eDiary is very simple to use, but for any questions or support, please do not hesitate to ask. For all emails regarding the eDiary please use “eDiary” in the subject line of your emails.

An email with a letter outlining the eDiary was sent on Thursday 8 May and there have been a significant number of email replies with delivery failure notices. If parents did not receive an email invitation (from “myediary”) or the letter from Mrs Sutton, please email Mrs Sutton so your details can be corrected. Thanks.

Elizabeth Sutton

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SCIENCE EXPERIENCE

Applications are open now for the ConocoPhillips Science Experience 2014-2015. This is a fabulous opportunity for students with a keen interest in Science to attend a 3 or 4 day immersion experience at a University. There are a variety of options available to students who are currently in Year 9 or 10. The programs include hands on activities in laboratories, short interactive lectures and many programs include a visit to a local scientific site. All programs provide information on future study and possible careers. Participants also have the opportunity to meet with current University students. There is no selection process – entry is by application.

There is a cost involved: the 3-day program costs $115 and the 4-day program is $150. This is a Rotary supported project, so sponsorship is available through local Rotary groups. Application for sponsorship through Rotary is the responsibility of the student. There are a number of Rotary clubs across the Sunshine Coast and their details are readily available through a simple Google search.

Accommodation is generally not provided, however some universities offer it at an additional cost.

More details are available at [www.scienceexperience.com.au](http://www.scienceexperience.com.au) and online applications are available via the website. The attached brochure has full dates of the various options.

This is a really exciting and valuable experience for students and I strongly encourage any Year 9 or 10 students who have an interest in Science to seriously consider applying for one of these programs.

Elizabeth Sutton
TRIVIA NIGHT

"Remember the Days in the Old School Yard"
Get your team organized (10 people to a team at $10 per person; Book a table; If you haven't got a team of 10 no worries we will organise this for you just purchase your tickets then we know who is coming) and ready for a great night of fun, knowledge and entertainment.

June the 6th 6.30pm at the MPC ready for a 7pm start. Lucky Door prize, Guitar raffle, Monster raffle, Silent Auctions (there will be plenty of these) 1st, 2nd and 3rd team prizes. Entertainment between some rounds.

You'll need a long weekend just to get over the night, lucky we have organised one for you.
Tickets available from the school office, get in early to avoid disappointment as only 40 teams on the night and the last one sold out fast. Parents, students, friends, business teams, sporting teams...... all welcome. No students only tables.

All moneys raised on the night are to be used to purchase goods/build/paint or help in any small way we can schools and youth groups in Vanuatu.

Bruce King

SUNSHINE COAST SHOW GATES - 13th, 14th & 15th JUNE

ROLL UP ROLL UP ........HELPERS NEEDED.
The P&F have again accepted an invitation to run the two entrance gates at the Sunshine Coast Show, Nambour Showgrounds.

This is a major fundraiser for our school community. If you and your son/daughter are able to help, contact Tracey Langford via email (tlangford@bne.catholic.edu.au) and outline the preferred DAY (Friday, Sat, Sun), PREFERRED TIME (AM OR PM) and PARENT/TEACHER WITH A STUDENT NAME (contact details email, phone, and YEAR LEVEL) Other specific requests eg same shift as… should be included in the email.

God Bless and Thanks for your support.
St JOHNS P&F

YEAR 12 RETREAT

Year 12 Retreat this Wednesday - Friday 14th till 16th May
All Year 12 students will be out on Retreat this week participating in the annual Year 12 Retreat.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to continue to strengthen bonds with other students and staff. The Retreat is a compulsory part of our curriculum and all students will be attending.

If you have not received any communication as of yet, please advise either Mrs Baker of Mrs Pinese and a copy of the letter will emailed home.

We are looking forward to spending time with these amazing students as they head towards the final months of being a 'Johnnies'.

Fiona Baker
APRE
The school cross country was held on Friday 2nd May at the Mooloolaba Spit. After a rainy start, the weather remained cloudy but cool which was excellent running weather.

The results of the cross country are outlined below.

| 13 Yrs | 1st | Alex Bielby | A |
| 2nd    | Winton Brook | A |
| 3rd    | Beau Jefreries | A |
| 14 Yrs | 1st | Jesse Torok-Williams | A |
| 2nd    | Thomas McMillan | C |
| 3rd    | Jaykob Heathcote | B |
| 15 Yrs | 1st | Jackson Kemp | A |
| 2nd    | Adrian Fleming | C |
| 3rd    | Darcy Byrne | C |
| 16 Yrs | 1st | Isaac Masch-Pringle | C |
| 2nd    | Hyaden McNaughton | A |
| 3rd    | Isaac Condon | C |
| Open   | 1st | Mitch Kelly | C |
| 2nd    | Zac Epstein | B |
| 3rd    | Hamish Horsey | M |
| 13 Yrs | 1st | Caitlin De Paoli | B |
| 2nd    | Cartia Thompson | B |
| 3rd    | Kaycee Brady | C |
| 14 Yrs | 1st | Alanah Melville | B |
| 2nd    | Brittany Stark | B |
| 3rd    | Hannah Kiene | M |
| 15 Yrs | 1st | Laura Mitton | C |
| 2nd    | Jami Bachmann | C |
| 3rd    | Vanessa Martin | A |
| 16 Yrs | 1st | Jya Epstein | B |
| 2nd    | Eli McMenamin | A |
| 3rd    | Tahl Grant | C |
| Open   | 1st | Jakarra Brady | C |
| 2nd    | Hannah McNaught | A |
| 3rd    | Katie McGlynn | C |

**HOUSE POINTS**

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Congratulations to all of the students who have made the school team to compete at the North Zone Carnival that will be held at St Teresa’s School on Friday 23rd May.

All the students who have made the team have been given a training schedule which hopefully most students can attend.

The date of the Regional Cross Country is Wednesday 4th June.

Ian Nankervis
Sports Co-Ordinator
Theatre Restaurant

St John’s College is proud to present an evening at the

Blue Note Club

On Friday 30th May and Saturday 31st May, the Performing Arts block will be transformed into the exclusive Blue Note Club.

The night will include entertaining performances by a variety of students and a delicious four course meal prepared by Year 11 and 12 Hospitality students.

The evening will commence at 6:30pm.

Tickets are $20 each which includes the entertainment, a mocktail or soft drink, a 4 courses meal and tea or coffee.

Only 100 tickets will be available for each night.

Tickets will be on sale from Tuesday 13th May and are available from the SJC office only. Have your student pick up an envelope from the office for credit card and cash sales.
UNIFORM SHOP and TEXT HIRE OPENING TIMES

TUESDAY 8.00am - 4.00pm and
WEDNESDAY 8.00am - 4.00pm