Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This is our second last newsletter for 2014 and I can very clearly remember writing the first newsletter of the year! Now we are almost ready to farewell our wonderful Year Twelve students. Their Graduation Mass and Dinner will be held next Wednesday night with the College Farewell Assembly the morning of Friday 21st November. We pray that our young ladies will be safe as many of them head into schoolies week and this year in particular I share the anxiety of all parents as we also have a son attending that ‘rite of passage’!

Over the last few weeks the Year Eleven students have been working through a process to elect our student leaders for 2015. We have been very impressed with the way all the girls who were nominated conducted themselves through the process and all of them would have made great representatives for this community but unfortunately there can only be eight elected leaders. There will still be many opportunities for all Year Twelve students to step up and show leadership in 2015.

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A reminder to parents of the Year Eight and Nine students that we run an important Career Education program - Options Week and Futures Week - from Friday 29th November to Thursday 4th December and attendance over this week is very important as it leads up to subject selection and the SET Planning process in Year Ten.

Maree Messer

**Upcoming Diary Dates**

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On Friday 21 November, our College community will farewell our graduating Senior class at an assembly commencing at 9am. This assembly is hosted by our Year 11 students and every student in the school makes some contribution to the ceremony, whether it be to the prayer, the morning tea, the decorations, the gifts, the music, the dance. It is our way of saying thank you and blessings to our departing students. Parents and families of Year 12 students are invited to stay for morning tea. After this, parents will move to the roundabout and wait for their daughter to pass through the tunnel. To our parents who are also saying farewell to us I say thank you for allowing us the great honour of being a part of your daughter’s life. It is an honour that we do not take for granted and all of our staff feel truly blessed to spend their work day with such amazing young women. I am so proud of their confidence and courage and determination in facing the future and I hope that this has been a happy and memorable time in their lives.

All students including Year 11 students need to be in attendance at this event. As this is a special community day, we would expect students to make an extra effort with their grooming and personal presentation e.g. hair specially styled, shiny shoes, clean hat and so on. Year 11 students will be dismissed at lunch time.

ATTENDANCE
All students are expected to be in full attendance until their respective last days of the school year. Sometimes children pressure their parents for a day off in the last weeks. We go to a lot of effort to ensure worthwhile career education and pastoral programs run in these weeks as we believe these are vital to the welfare of young people. Thus, it is important that students attend school every day.

SUBJECT SELECTIONS 2015
All students currently in Years 8, 9, and 10 received a letter this week indicating the subject lines for 2015 and their allocated subjects. Students are welcome to come and see me to discuss any concerns that they may have. If they have changed their mind, they need to pick up a Subject Change form from the Student Reception, have it completed by their parents and return it to the office. Please contact me if you have concerns about this.

Regards & blessings, Sharee Lane

Important dates/events in the final few weeks of term:

FEEDBACK DAYS
This is a day when students meet with all their teachers at various times during the day to discuss results, determine areas for improvement and start planning how this can be achieved next year.

Year Eleven Feedback Day is Wednesday 26 November – students finish school at the usual time
Year Twelve Feedback Day is Thursday 20 November – students will be dismissed at 12.30pm

LAST DAY OF TERM
Year Twelve – Friday 21 November after Farewell Assembly and morning tea
Year Eleven – Thursday 27 November at 11.30am
Year Ten – Thursday 27 November at 3pm (after ‘Splash’ excursion)
Years Eight and Nine – Friday 5 December at 11.30am

ORIENTATION DAYS
In the next few weeks we will be welcoming our 2015 Year Seven and Year Eight students when we conduct our Orientation Days. We very much look forward to meeting the girls and their families as they begin their St John Fisher College journey with us.

Year 8 Orientation Day – 2 December Year 7 Orientation Day – 3 December

YEAR EIGHT OPTIONS WEEK/YEAR NINE FUTURES WEEK
This is held during the last week of term from Monday to Thursday for the Year Eight and Year Nine students. Many different activities and some guest speakers have been planned for the week which are centred around career planning.

AND FINALLY……..
It is that time of year when College rules and friendships are being put to the test. Our expectations are clear – girls do not have to be first best friends with everyone but they do have to co-exist and get along with each other. In many cases, students get caught up in the social media and mobile phone trap and post comments about issues that do not concern them or their friendship group. This leads to gossip which can be quite hurtful to others. Please reinforce the messages about tolerance and respecting College rules and processes as we work towards finishing the year well.

Kind regards, Carol Hoareau
OP Myths

With the allocation of OP scores by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority [QCAA] just around the corner I urge each Year 12 student and parent to read the following QCAA publication OP Myths https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/641.html. Topics in this publication range from poor individual QCS Test results to students who receive a level of achievement of VHA in five or more subjects. It is interesting and necessary reading for all and dispels many common fears and misconceptions about the OP system.

Subject Achievement Indicators (SAI)

SAIs will be available for viewing by OP eligible Year 12 students from November 26 at the College. For more information about SAIs and Op results please go to https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/downloads/senior/sai_factsheet_1_basics.pdf

Regards, Gary Conwell

Senior News Ryan Slavin | Senior Pastoral Care Coordinator

Let me begin by congratulating all the Year 11 leadership applicants on their professionalism and commitment to the process over the past weeks, showing the value and strength in our future student leaders of 2015. For those who were successful this week in their application, congratulations! And to those unsuccessful, I commend you on the mature nature in which you have received the information, and the fantastic way in which you have pledged your support to those successful in their roles for 2015. St John Fisher College is in good hands next year!

The Leadership Discernment Camp will be held from 26 to 27 November where the girls will be inducted into the St John Fisher leadership framework, working closely with the College’s Senior Leadership on goal setting for 2015. I wish the girls well on this, and I know they will find this to be a wonderful first step in their leadership journey for 2015.

Preparations are coming to final stages for the Year 12 Graduation Assembly which is organised and run by the Year 11 students, although all year levels have some involvement on the day. With only a week remaining until we formally farewell our Year Twelves, the Year 11 girls are working feverishly on the assembly preparations whilst balancing their academic commitments. The Graduation Assembly will be held on Friday 21 November commencing at 9am. Families of the graduating girls are invited to attend.

Another major event in the Year 12 calendar is the Graduation Dinner. The Dinner on the 19 November at Kedron-Wavell Services Club follows Graduation Mass at St Joseph’s Church, Bracken Ridge. Please note that on this day the students will all meet at St Joseph’s Church at 9.00am for a rehearsal and will be dismissed from there at approximately 12 noon. They are not required to come back to school. At 5.45pm they will assemble outside the church to prepare for the mass which commences at 6.00pm. Families are asked to be seated before 6.00pm. At the conclusion of the Graduation Mass we make our way to Kedron-Wavell Services Club to arrive by 7.30pm. You will be required to sign in downstairs before making your way upstairs to the Blue Pacific Room. I ask that everyone is seated by 7.45pm. Drinks will be available for purchase throughout the night.

Exams are well underway for the Year Twelves for their final step towards graduation in their secondary studies. The Year Elevens will join them in Exam Block from Thursday 13 November until Year 12 ‘Feedback Day’ on the 20 November – the Year Elevens will have their ‘Feedback Day’ on 26 November. Feedback Day will be the final time that students will consult with teachers on their grades and final academic placements. Year Elevens will break for the holidays on 27 November.

I sincerely wish the Year Twelves all the success that hard work can bring in their future endeavours and I look forward to hearing of their successes over time. And to parents, congratulations on such a significant milestone; you are sharing a momentous moment with your daughters and I know that you will cherish this time for many years to come!

Kind regards, Ryan Slavin
This week the Year Tens started their block exams. I wish them all the best of luck with their exams and encourage them to continue to study hard right up until the end of the term. The same applies for Year 9 students. Many subjects will have their exams or assessment in the following weeks, so I wish them all the best. During this time of year many students can become overwhelmed with stress. It is a great time to remind students to be organised with their work and prioritise, so maybe studying for an upcoming exam is more important than spending time on Facebook. Students also need to ensure that they are getting a good night’s sleep, drinking lots of water throughout the day and eating regularly.

Year 10 students were recently given their permission slips to attend their End of Year activity at Chermside Aquatic Centre. The day is held on their final day of school, which is Thursday the 27th of November. I have asked for students to have their permission slips returned to their PC teacher by the 21st of November. I would greatly appreciate your help in ensuring all forms are returned. It is always a great day for the girls and a fun way to end a busy year.

In the last week of Semester Two Year 9 students participate in Futures week, from Friday the 28th November to Friday the 5th December. The week is organised by Ms Sarah Meder (VET Coordinator) to further explore the career path options available to the students. For Year Nine especially, this week will be valuable to them in determining and researching pathways for the future. A lot of what is covered this week will impact upon them mid-Year 10 as they decide on suitable subjects for their senior years. With the right attitude and approach the girls will benefit from this week. School runs as per usual up until the last day of term.

Laura Chapman

Next week the Year Twelves will leave our community and this will be sad for many Year Eights. There have been great friendships developed this year between Year Eights and Year Twelves and I know the Year Twelves will be sorely missed for their care, friendliness and advice or guidance they have shown throughout the year. The Year Eights have made a present for their Year 12 sister in PSD lessons. These gifts will be given to them at the Graduation Assembly next Friday.

In keeping with the theme of giving this term, the girls have started collecting items for their St Vincent de Paul Christmas hampers. Please keep these items coming in! Around the Christmas period we try to donate extra special items to the charity as they make hampers to give as gifts to the less fortunate. These past weeks the girls have also discussed a PC community act of kindness to undertake. While the planning has only just begun, there have been whispers of fantastic acts that will make many in our community smile.

By now, the girls will have completed the majority of their assessment; however, they are still certainly going to be working in class until the last day of school! In the last week of school the girls will be involved in ‘Options Week’. During this time they complete activities designed to get them thinking about their future after school. They will all be given a hypothetical career and will complete online games and activities around budgeting and career choices. It is a great way to end the year!

I continue to speak to the girls about their behaviour as the weeks pass. As they get tired at the end of a hectic term and year they can become less tolerant and respectful with each other. I have encouraged them to be slow to judge and speak, and to be aware of their words and actions. I ask that you support us in making sure that your daughter continues to focus on school work and the activities provided. I appreciate and applaud the consistently excellent behaviour and impeccable grooming that the majority of girls show all the time, and I thank you for your ongoing support.

Nicole Garske
Home Economics News

We, the Year 9 Food Technology classes, have been given the opportunity to enter the 2014 McCormick’s Food Flavour Forecast Challenge. Our task was to develop our own recipes to support the future food trends identified by McCormick’s. Our recipes had to be designed to show consumers how the selected flavour combinations could be used to develop flavoursome dishes that can be made in the home kitchen. The selected flavour combinations and the trends we designed recipes around were Chili obsession, Modern Masala, Clever Compact Cooking, Mexican World Tour and Charmed by Brazil.

Chili Obsessions task required us to pick two different types of chilies and use two different cooking techniques (candied, dried, roasted, smoked etc). With Modern Masala the task was to make a dish that is modern, uses Kashmiri Masala and uses paneer cheese. With the Clever Compact Cooking students were to deliver a dish that was prepared in only one kitchen appliance and used tea, noodles and coriander. The Mexican World Tour required us to choose at least two ingredients from tomatillos, chamoy sauce or reado rojo and deliver a dish that would be served in a foreign country. Lastly, the Charmed by Brazil option was to choose two ingredients from black eyed peas, guavas, cassava and tempero baiano. The dish had to have an Amazonian, African, Asian or European influence.

Each recipe had to be original, produced within sixty minutes, serve two, cost less than $7.50 and comply with the Australian Dietary Guidelines! No easy feat. Our entries which included photographs and a written justification have been sent to McCormick’s in Victoria for judging and we eagerly wait to see how we went. The images included in this newsletter are just some of the entries we submitted.

Report written by Lauren S, Olivia T, Taelah R, Tianna M

Student comments about the task:

“"I liked the fact that we could be creative and invent a recipe instead of just getting given a recipe from online." Lily M

"I liked the independence and the ability to try new flavour combinations." Katelyn C

"I liked how we could experience different foods from different cultures." Emily L

"I was intrigued because we could present it our own way and add lots of flavour to the recipe." Louise D

The girls have been very creative with this task and have developed some interesting and commendable solutions in developing recipes using the predicted new flavours forecast for Australia. Also of note was the exceptional plating and presentation, with some being of an extremely high standard. What they produced as their final products was exceptional. Well done!

Mrs Michele Tillack
HELPERS NEEDED for Trading Days

Thank you to the volunteers who have already offered their help. Help is still needed during the following extended trading days:

**2014**
- Saturday 6 December 8.30am – 10.30am

**2015**
- Saturday 10 January 8.30am – 12.30pm
- Monday 12 January 3.00pm – 5.00pm
- Tuesday 13 January 8.30am – 10.30pm
- Wednesday 14 January 3.00pm – 5.00pm
- Thursday 15 January 8.30am – 10.30am
- Friday 16 January 3.00pm – 5.00pm
- Saturday 17 January 8:30am – 10:30am

If you are able to help with the outfitting of Year 7 and Year 8 students for 2015 please contact Maria on 3269 2129 (Uniform Shop Hours) | 3269 8188 (School office) or 0416 199 112 (Mobile). Thank you, Maria Wolf

Open Hours ~ Tuesday 3pm to 4pm & Wednesday 8am to 9am

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ~ PLEASE READ**

Parents/Caregivers

The end of the school year is fast approaching and it is time to start organising the return of textbooks currently on loan to your daughter.

Each textbook has a barcode starting with X. Students must return the textbook with the same barcode that was loaned to them. A list of items on loan will be given to students in plenty of time for them to check their books. If a student returns another student textbook they will still be responsible for the textbook that was loaned to them.

If books have been lost or damaged they must be replaced. Your daughter will be issued with an overdue notice and payment for the replacement of books must be made by the due date listed below.

Could you please assist me by ensuring that your daughter returns all of her text books by the following due dates:

- Yr 12 ~ Thursday 20th November 2014
- Yr 11 ~ Wednesday 26th November 2014
- Yr 10 ~ Tuesday 25th November 2014
- Yr 9 & Yr 8 ~ Friday 28th November 2014 by 3pm

Payments for Textbooks still outstanding by the due date will be charged to your family account at the end of the school year.

Thank you for your help in this matter. Maria Wolf

**TEXT BOOK COLLECTION HOURS**

For Year 9 to Year 12 in 2015

From Lab 4 in the Science Block during school holidays

- Monday 19 January 8:30am to 12:30pm
- Tuesday 20 January 8:30am to 10:30am
- Wednesday 21 January 12:30pm to 4:30pm
- Thursday 22 January 8:30am to 10:30am
- Friday 23 January 3:00pm to 5:00pm
- Tuesday 27 January 8:30am to 10:30am

*Year 7 & 8 will collect textbooks on their first day of school*