



# St John's College Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Students, Staff, Friends and Carers,

This week, we have hit top gear in many areas. The production cast have had their final rehearsals, ready for the Opening night next Friday. Students and staff have spent many hours working on this adaptation of Oscar Wilde's works and are ready to bring the house down. What we need now are for people to come along on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> to the Nambour Civic Centre and fill the theatre. To allow the full impact of the show to reach people it is being performed in what I call the small theatre. We have put on three shows to accommodate everybody in this more intimate space but the two night performances will fill up very fast. Tickets are available at the theatre but pre purchase will be needed to guarantee a seat.

This week all of the sporting rounds are underway. For the next five weeks there will be Girls Football (soccer really) on Mondays, Boys Soccer Tuesdays, AFL and Girls Rugby and U 14 Boys Rugby on Wednesdays, 6 Basketball games on Fridays all jostling for attention as the Athletics season kicks off with our Carnival. I would invite parents to come along and support the students in all these endeavors. As a group of parents and I discussed while watching our Under 16 girls throw themselves into rugby for the first time, it is all about having a go, learn a new skill, doing something with friends and challenging yourself to do something different. The huge score against us doesn't really matter in the long run.

With so much happening we sometimes have to remind our young people that their core business as students is to study. That is the main game and everything else has to fit in around it. As we enter week five of the term we are close to the half way mark and assessment pieces are becoming due.

This week our College community has been saddened by the passing of Ms Rowe's mother and Mrs Thompson's Father-in-Law. Our prayers and thoughts are with both families at this time.

Next Tuesday evening, the year 8 and 9 students and their parents are invited to an information session for selecting elective subjects for 2014. With the Year 7s coming to secondary we are trying to put a few new structures in place now so as to minimise the changes in 2015. At the moment, the plans for our new buildings are before the Grants Authority waiting for approval. Once that comes through and the minister signs off on it we will be trying to get the buildings under way as soon as possible. Western Australia has moved their year sevens into secondary school over the past few years. Mr O'Connor and Ms Lusk will be going on a fact finding mission to look at their best practices in the week after next. Our teachers are currently drafting what will be taught in the various subjects for year 7 and so we are well into the planning phase.

Where in the World is Mr Gold? This week he has moved into the biggest country on the Iberian Peninsula. First answer on Monday morning gets the prize.

Dave Cuskelly

## **From the APA**

### **Elective Subject Information Year 8 and 9 students:**

Students who are currently in Years 8 and 9 have received their new subject handbooks and letters about choosing electives for next year. Please take the time to read these books carefully before making any decisions about which subjects will be studied.

Parents have already been e-mailed a letter about the information night on Tuesday, August 6 from 5pm – 6:30pm. Further information relating to this evening is contained in this letter students received this week. We would encourage you to attend at some point during this time if possible.

A number of staff from a variety of subject areas will be available in the GSC on this night to discuss the elective options at this night. They will be able to assist with any questions that you may have, distribute additional information and provide more details on the content and processes related to these subjects.

There will be no formal presentations on this evening, but you are encouraged to come at any time throughout this one and a half hour session to see the staff to ensure you are fully informed before making any subject selections.

Subject selection choices will be accepted at the Office commencing from Wednesday, August 7 and are due back by Friday, August 9, 2013. Please do not attempt to return the preferences sheets before this date.

Students are reminded that they **MUST INCLUDE 6 PREFERENCES** on their selection forms and that may be allocated **ANY OF THE 6 PREFERENCES WHICH THEY SELECT ON THESE FORMS.**

### **Reminders:**

- Year 12 students please remember that the week when the QCS Tests are sat is a **REGULAR SCHOOL WEEK ON THE REMAINING THREE DAYS.** All students are expected to be in attendance on those days as per normal school requirements.
- Assessment Schedules for this semester have been published and are now available on the College Website under the “School Life” section.
- 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> Parents are asked to check these dates carefully **BEFORE** booking any travel plans which take students out of school before the end of term.

### **Date – claimers:**

- **Tuesday, August 6** – Elective Subject Information Evening for students currently in Years 8 and 9 – 5:00pm – 6:30pm  
This will be an opportunity for parents and students to come and ask questions of staff involved in the Elective subject areas before students make those choices for 2014.
- **Wednesday, August 7** - Year 8 2015 Information Evening - 7.00pm in the GSC  
An evening for parents and students who are currently in Year 6 to come and learn more about St John’s in preparation for their enrolment interviews. As interviews for this cohort will be held towards the end of August and early September, this is a great opportunity to come along and ask all those questions you have about joining “Johnnies”.

**Mark O’Connor - APA**

## **DENTAL VAN**

Forms have been handed out to the Years 8, 9 and 10s this week in preparation for the Dental Van visit to our school. (Year 11 and 12 are not eligible for treatment through the School Dental service).

Please return medical/consent forms promptly to the school office, so paperwork can be sorted prior to our arrival.

Any questions, please phone the Dental Van - 0407 126 138.

## **LOVE GONE WILDE**

Could I personally appeal to parents of students from all year levels to support the latest and major production LOVE GONE WILDE.

The quality of productions and to rewards the efforts of students and staff are renowned. The BONUS this year is the sartorial eloquence and clever witty comedy of Oscar Wilde... combining the two plays The Perfect Husband and The Importance Of Being Ernest !!! ALL for the price of a 3D Movie. Live theatre has much much more than 3D .....it is 4<sup>th</sup>D "THE VIBE" with live audience reaction .....

Hope To See You There For Yet Another POSITIVE ST JOHNS YOUTH EXPERIENCE . Many Thanks To All The Efforts By The Teachers and Students that make the MAGIC for US to enjoy....all we have to do is come along and enjoy!!!

Regards  
Damien Quinn  
P&F PRESIDENT

## **SJC GYM**

The gym is up and running and will be available for use on Monday 5th August onwards.

Opening times at this stage are:

Monday 3.00-4.00pm  
Tuesday 7.00-8.00am  
Wednesday 3.00-4.00pm  
Thursday 7.00-8.00am and 3.00-4.00pm.

The gym can only be used by students who have been licensed and when a teacher is present. You must bring a towel and wear closed in shoes.

A general program is available and can be collected from the gym at your first session.

Aaron Deckys  
Gym Committee Chairperson

Hi All,

Please see below a Novena through the intercession of St Mary MacKillop for the healing of **Cathie Menck**. *Cathie is a Teacher Librarian at St Joseph's Primary School and has been there for about twenty years.*

A Novena is a prayer that is said for nine continuous days. It does not have to be said at the same time or for everyone to be together. The Novena will begin on 29th July and end on 6th August. The Sisters of St Joseph in Mount Street, North Sydney, their Mother House, will be praying with us also. This is not compulsory but please feel free to join in prayer with us. Cathie is very happy for this to happen and has chosen the date.

Thank you one and all.

*Lyn Elson (Teacher St Joseph's School)*

## Novena Praying with Mary MacKillop



*For*                      **Cathie Menck**

*Commencing on*    **29 : 7 : 2013**

*Concluding on*     **6 : 8 : 2013**

### *Novena Prayer*

Ever generous God,  
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop  
to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
and constant in bringing hope and encouragement  
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.  
With confidence in Your generous providence  
and joining with Saint Mary MacKillop  
we ask that You grant our request .....

### *Cathie*

We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh  
by the Holy Spirit so that we too, like  
Mary MacKillop, may live with courage,  
trust and openness.

Ever generous God hear our prayer.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen

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### Year 8 Enrolments 2015

St John's College is a Catholic co-educational college for Years 8-12 where students achieve outstanding OP, Vocational and NAPLAN results within a supportive, caring and contemporary environment.

### Parent Information Evening

The Parent Information Evening will be held at the college on Wednesday 7 August at 7pm.

Interviews conducted Monday 26 August through to Wednesday 4 September.

Please call the college on 5441 5666 for enrolment packages.

### 2013 Important Dates for Senior Students

18 <sup>th</sup> August	USQ (10am-2pm)	Toowoomba	<a href="http://www.usq.edu.au/openday/">www.usq.edu.au/openday/</a>
24 <sup>th</sup> August	CHC Open Day		
25 <sup>th</sup> August	USQ Open Day	Springfield	
31 <sup>st</sup> August	ADFA Open Day	Northcott Drive, Canberra	<a href="http://www.openday.adfa.edu.au">www.openday.adfa.edu.au</a>
Late September	UMAT results released		<a href="http://www.umat.acer.edu.au">www.umat.acer.edu.au</a>
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Billy Blue Open Day CATC Design Open Day	10 Costin Street, Fortitude Valley Brisbane	<a href="mailto:info@billyblue.edu.au">info@billyblue.edu.au</a>
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	SCU Info Day	Coffs Harbour	<a href="http://www.scu.edu.au">www.scu.edu.au</a>
4 <sup>th</sup> December	SCU Info Day	Lismore	<a href="http://www.scu.edu.au">www.scu.edu.au</a>
5 <sup>th</sup> December	SCU Info Day	Gold Coast	<a href="http://www.scu.edu.au">www.scu.edu.au</a>
16 <sup>th</sup> December	CHC Options Evening CQ University Information sessions	Carindale Noosa	<a href="http://www.chc.edu.au">www.chc.edu.au</a> <a href="http://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar">www.cqu.edu.au/calendar</a>



# ARTSPACE

St John's College  
presents

## *Love Gone Wilde*

SAVE THE DATE

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August, 7pm

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August, 1pm & 7pm

**MOUTH-WATERING  
CANAPES WILL BE  
SERVED BY THE  
YEAR 12  
HOSPITALITY  
STUDENTS ONE  
HOUR PRIOR TO  
FRIDAY'S EVENING  
PERFORMANCE  
AND THE  
SATURDAY  
MATINEE  
PERFORMANCE**

### Tickets on sale NOW for

9<sup>th</sup> August 7.00pm

10<sup>th</sup> August – matinee 1.00pm, evening 7.00pm

**Nambour Civic Centre Box Office - 5475 7777**

[www.scvenuesandevents.com.au](http://www.scvenuesandevents.com.au)

Adults - \$20

Students, concession - \$15

OR

**tickets can be purchased through the school office BUT ONLY IF  
STUDENTS OR PARENTS CANNOT PURCHASE THEIR OWN  
TICKETS ONLINE OR DIRECTLY FROM THE NAMBOUR CIVIC CENTRE.**

The following form must be completed and the correct money (cash) must be in the envelope.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE THIS IS CASH ONLY AND CHEQUES CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ PC: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets:

Adults: \$20 per ticket \_\_\_\_\_

Student/concession: \$15 per ticket \_\_\_\_\_

**Performance Date: (please circle)**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> at 1.00pm

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm

If students use this method to purchase their tickets, seats will be allocated by the Nambour Civic Centre staff and held at the Civic Centre to be picked up on performance date or beforehand.

## L œG œneW ilde

Wild rumours surround the closed set of St John's L œG œneW ilde final rehearsals. The cast and crew's much anticipated move to the Nambour Civic Centre has set tongues wagging around the college grounds. All we know so far is that during the course of the play, seven lovely ladies find their perfect partner. Who flirts with whom? Who will end up with whom? And which couple will finally get to kiss on stage?

You can still find out! There's only one more week to go before the Civic Centre's doors will be wildly flung open to welcome audience members.

**Friday 9 August 7.00pm**  
**Saturday 10 August 1.00pm matinee**  
**Saturday 10 August 7.00pm**

The college's Year 12 Hospitality students are providing a sophisticated array of canapés in the foyer prior to the Friday performance and the Saturday matinee performance.

Tickets are selling very quickly. To buy your tickets, please phone the Nambour Civic Centre on 5475 7777 or visit their website:

[www.scvenuesandevents.com.au](http://www.scvenuesandevents.com.au). \$20 for adults and \$15 for student/child/concessions

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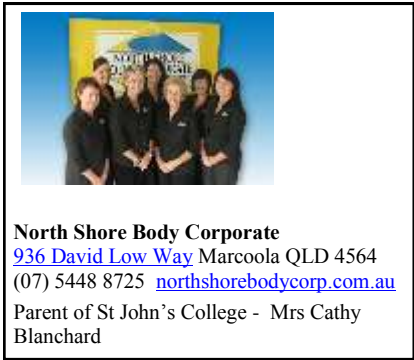
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