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February 2016—Term 1 Issue 1

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## KEY DATES

**Feb 15:** Chat Group 10am  
**Feb 16:** Year 11 2016  
Information Night @ Nirimba  
**Feb 19:** Photo catch-up day  
**Feb 22:** Swimming Carnival  
**Feb 24:** College Opening Mass  
**Feb 26:** Year 7 Immunisations  
**Mar 1:** Interviews for students'  
surnames A—K (3.30pm–7pm)  
**Mar 2:** Interviews for students'  
surnames L—Z (3.30pm—7pm)  
**Mar 4:** Pupil Free Day,  
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## FROM THE PRINCIPALS – MR JIM FANNING & MR PHIL SMITH



Welcome to 2016! We trust everyone in the community had a refreshing and relaxing Christmas and New Year. The students, both old and new, have arrived with vigour and enthusiasm for the year and are progressing well already. In particular we welcome the new Year 7 students to St John Paul II, all 210 of them, as well as the large number of new students in Years 8 -12! We have seen all the new students settling in well and being supported by their peers and teachers who care for them. As we progress through 2016 we will continue to emphasise to all students the need to do their best, care for one another and concentrate on their learning making the college a place which has a unique and dynamic learning experience.

One way of building upon the past and working towards the future was the High Achievers' Assembly held recently at Schofields which celebrated the fine results in the 2015 Higher School Certificate. [READ MORE >](#)

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Riseup is an acronym for a positive behaviour management approach at St John Paul II Catholic College. Each letter stands for an aspect of behaviour that we wish to support. R stands for respect, I for integrity, S for safety, E for effort, U for uniform and equipment, and P for punctuality. This school wide positive behaviour approach, along with our utilisation of Restorative Practices and Peer Support, aims to restore and build relationships and a positive school culture in the broadest sense. [READ MORE >](#)

## PRAYER

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption. While the ashes symbolize penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent as we seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance. [READ MORE >](#)

**Year 7 2017 Enrolments Open 15 February!**

### PARENT NOTICES

- [School Drop Off/Pick Up Zone:](#) Rose Cottage next to Schofields Campus
- [Term 1 School Fees:](#) Families should have received school fees statements and payment options in the mail. Term 1 fees are to be paid by 7 March.
- [Uniform Shop:](#) 2016 Blazer orders to be in by 25 February with \$50 deposit
- [Chat Group:](#) Join the Co-operating Principals for a chat on Monday, 15 February, 10am at Schofields to review the College goals and discuss relevant topics
- [Working Bee:](#) Join the StJP II community in painting/cleaning the College on Friday, 11 March at 3pm and end with a pizza dinner!

### Homework/Maths Assistance @ Schofields

Throughout the year teachers of StJP II run a range of events to assist in your child's learning. Please see these opportunities below and complete permission forms from the College website "School Notes" for your child to attend!

#### **Homework & Assessment Club:**

Term 1: Week 5, 7, 11

Monday afternoons 2.30pm—3.30pm

#### **Mathematics Assistance Club:**

Term 1: Week 4, 6, 8

Wednesday afternoons 2.15pm—3.30pm

These programs provide extra assistance in all areas of student learning with supervision and guidance from many teachers who attend. All students are welcomed!

### LATEST NEWS

#### HSC High Achievers Assembly



Each year St John Paul II Catholic College invites ex students from the previous year who achieved high results in their HSC to be acknowledged by the College for their great efforts and success.

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#### Introducing Tech: iPad/Mac Day



Year 7 and Year 9 participated in two very important days, Year 7 My iPad Day and Year 9 My Mac Day, in order to learn how to make the most of technology throughout the next stages of their education.

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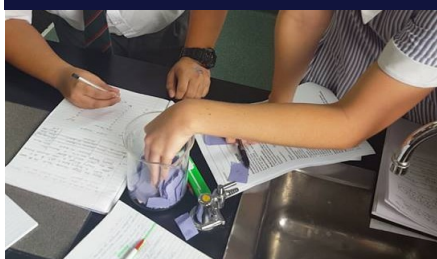
#### Year 7 Welcome BBQ



On Monday, 8 February the College welcomed all the new Year 7 students and their families for the 2016 Year 7 Welcome BBQ. Families met their child's teachers & learnt about the adventures ahead of them.

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#### Year 11 Biology & Senior Science



Year 11 Biology and Senior Science are all studying the local ecosystems, the links between all living things and the environment and the effects that humans have on the environment.

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#### Ash Wednesday



On Wednesday, 10 February, students and staff of St John Paul II Catholic College gathered for an Ash Wednesday liturgy at both campuses to receive ashes and reflect on the day.

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#### Year 9 Butterfly Ceremony



Year 9 students took part in a very special tradition at the College called the Butterfly Ceremony. The students gathered for a liturgy and placed their butterfly in their learning area.

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## StJP II @ Vinnies Van



Mr Lara, Mr Wijesekeera and a few of Year 12 students prepared the food at Merrylands and headed out to Mount Druitt and Parramatta last Wednesday for the first Vinnies Van of the year.

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## WATCH: Year 7's First Day @ StJP II



Check out what Year 7 got up to on their first day of high school at StJP II, including games, singing and more!

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## Teaching & Learning: Year 7 CORE Teaching



As part of the Learning Continuum Year 7 and Stage 4 are focused on Cooperative Learning which involves teaching students interpersonal and small group skills.

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## COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

One thing we all like to do is to avoid failure. For students of any age, there can be a tug-of-war between self-worth and failure. ' Teachers and parents/carers can help children by emphasising effort rather than ability, praising success rather than criticising failure, and maintaining positive relationships within and between school and home.

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## STAGE 4 UPDATES



Starting off the year is always an exciting time at the College. The Stage 4 team aims to help students feel safe, happy and stimulated at StJP II by giving them the best start for their exciting journey through secondary school. Take a look at what they have been up to so far including reflections from the students on events such as the Starfish Ceremony and cooperative learning.

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Showcases, tours, subject stalls, barbeque & all your questions answered!

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