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March 2016—Term 1 Issue 2

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## KEY DATES

**7 March:** Year 12 Mid Course Examinations Commence  
**11 March:** Twilight Working Bee 3pm Schofields  
**14 March:** Chat Group 10am  
**14 March:** Open Afternoon/Evening, 4pm—8pm Schofields  
**17-18 March:** Year 7 Camp  
**18 March:** Year 12 Mid Course Examinations Conclude  
**24 March:** Holy Thursday Liturgy  
**25 March:** Good Friday  
**28 March:** Easter Monday  
**8 April:** Term 1 Concludes

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## FROM THE PRINCIPALS – MR JIM FANNING & MR PHIL SMITH



As we write to you the term is rapidly progressing and it is evident that our staff and students are engaged in exciting teaching and learning. Part of this process is the parent/caregiver/teacher/student interviews which were held at Schofields where there was meaningful feedback for work completed and assisting the work for the rest of the year.

Although the year has really only just commenced we are already looking to the future and so in week four we visited our feeder primary schools, St. Joseph's, St. John's, Mary Immaculate and Our Lady of the Angels, with some of our Year 7s to talk about St John Paul II Catholic College. If you have any questions regarding enrolments please contact Mrs Fay Lovett, Enrolment Secretary, on 92087205.

Finally we highly recommend the Assistant Principals' article in this newsletter as it deals with the need for students to attend school every day.

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## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

"Going to school every day is the single most important part of a child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind." *Every Day Counts* Victorian Department of Education Latest research shows clearly that school success is strongly linked to school attendance. Not only do students learn new things at school every day, they develop resilience and other social skills that contribute to positively to mental health.

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## PRAYER

Jesus said, "The Son of God is going to have to suffer a lot and be put to death. But three days later he will be raised up. If you still want to follow me, you have to take up your cross and follow in my footsteps. If you lose your life for my sake, you'll actually save it. What good will it do you if you gain the wealth of the whole world and lose yourself in the process?" Luke 9:22-25. Read and learn about the Lenten focus, the challenge, the action and the question.

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**COLLEGE OPEN AFTERNOON/EVENING, MARCH 14!**

## News, Updates and Reports

### PARENT NOTICES

- [Working Bee:](#) Join the StJPII community in painting/cleaning the College on Friday, 11 March at 3pm and end with a pizza dinner!
- [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.
- [50% Off Terra Sancta Uniforms:](#) Follow the link to see what clothes and sizes are available.
- [Clothes Collection Bin:](#) now located at Schofields campus for donations

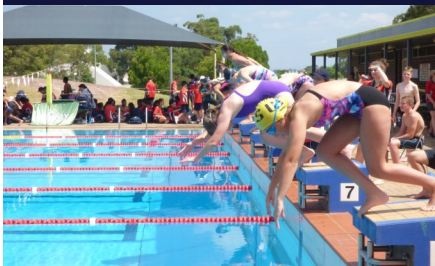
### NOTICE FROM THE OFFICE

**NOTE TO LEAVE EARLY:** The office staff also advises parents to please send a note to school with their children if they plan to pick them up early so they can have permission to leave class at the time indicated by their parents.

**LOST PROPERTY:** There is a large amount of lost property that has been collected and kept in the Schofields Office including all items of clothing, pencil cases, jewellery, keys and recently two new pairs of leather school shoes. If your child has lost an item at school, please advise them to check with the Schofields Office for their belongings!

### LATEST NEWS

#### WATCH: Swimming Carnival



On Monday, 22 February, staff and students from St John Paul II Catholic College gathered at the Nirimba Education Precinct Swimming Pool for the annual StJPII Swimming Carnival.

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#### 2016 College Opening Mass



On 24 February, all staff and students from the College gathered at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown, for the 2016 College Opening Mass. This year's theme was "my life is in your hands, deliver me O'Lord".

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#### Year 9 Child Studies Bath Time



Year 9 Child Studies had some very LITTLE visitors. As part of their unit around caring for newborns, the students had the opportunity to experience bathing and dressing the babies!

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#### Year 11 Biology/Senior Science



Year 11 Biology and Senior Science students attended a field study at Penrith Lakes, researching and testing ecosystems, linked to their first unit on the local ecosystem.

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#### Year 11 & 12 Music @ Encore



The top HSC music performances from 2015 were called to showcase their successful pieces in "Encore" to students who will be preparing their major HSC music pieces.

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#### Peer Support BBQ



Year 7 and their Peer Support Leaders gathered for a BBQ sausage sizzle and games to celebrate the completion of their Peer Support Program. Students left the program with new friends and new confidence!

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## Public Speaking 2016



On Friday the 26th February 2016 our 10 strong team headed to Bede Polding College, South Windsor to represent our school in the opening round of the CSDA Public Speaking competition. [READ MORE >](#)

## Teaching & Learning: Kahoot, Active Learning



A Kahoot is made before class and is then used to review work. A question is shown on the board and they select a multiple choice answer on their iPad. Students love to get involved and compete against each other in this game! Also learn about Active Learning. [READ MORE >](#)

## ICT UPDATE



The ICT team can happily say that every student in the College is now equipped with a device! In the recent weeks students have been introduced to new technologies, applications and learning techniques with the help of ICT. [READ MORE >](#)

## CAREERS REPORT

Students and parents/caregivers that the college continues subscription to the comprehensive and well regarded careers website MHSCareers (My High School Careers). It is the go to place for current and detailed information on all things careers career related material. Students, parents/caregivers are encouraged to visit the site and become familiar with its offerings. You can access the website at no cost! [READ MORE>](#)

## WHAT'S THE SRC BEEN UP TO?

The SRC have been busy so far this year with many events and fundraising happening around the college. Many members presented themselves fantastically at events such as our Year 7 Welcome BBQ. The SRC students also ran a Valentines Day lollipop stall, where they sold over 700 lollipops to students wishing to send their loved ones a Valentine this year. And raised \$408.95! [READ MORE >](#)

## COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

We're all aware that young people experience high levels of depression and anxiety. Hopefully we also are aware that these problems are treatable, if not always easily cured. But how can these problems be prevented, or at least 'headed off at the pass' before they take hold? There are some good answers to this question. There are things parents/carers can do, based on research evidence and clinical experience. [READ MORE >](#)

## STAGE 5 UPDATES



Stage 5 are off to a great start in 2016. Year 9 have entered the world of Google Apps for education. Students participated in My Mac day giving them information on ways to use their Macs effectively and new ways of sharing and working collaboratively. Year 10 have been continuing their work with Peer Support, helping year 7 in their transition to high school. The final week will be celebrated with a BBQ and games. During Learning Enrichment on the 3/3 students will be having guest speakers from Caritas Australia and The Australian Cervical Cancer Foundation. Providing information on their much valued fundraising efforts for project compassion and cervical cancer information and screening. [READ MORE >](#)



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# St John Paul II Catholic College

FORMERLY KNOWN AS TERRA SANCTA COLLEGE

## OPEN AFTERNOON - EVENING

### MONDAY 14 MARCH 4PM TO 8PM - SCHOFIELDS CAMPUS

Meet our welcoming College community & explore our educational opportunities. Showcases, tours, subject stalls, barbeque & all your questions answered!



#### WE OFFER:

- A professional teaching staff with extensive subject knowledge and contemporary learning expertise
- Broad curriculum to support the spiritual, academic, sporting, creative and musical interests of students
- Well developed program to support students transitioning from primary to high school
- Learning enrichment program to support and challenge students
- Purpose-built classrooms fully outfitted with theatre-style technology
- State of the art, air-conditioned facilities across two campuses including science and technological labs, a performing arts centre and a resource learning centre
- Access to the latest technology and wireless connectivity so learning can be anywhere, anytime
- Multiple sporting facilities including swimming pool and gymnasium
- Unique opportunities with Western Sydney University, TAFE and Australian Catholic University as part of the Nirimba Education Precinct

**SCHOFIELDS CAMPUS (YEARS 7-10)**  
85 HAMBLEDON ROAD, SCHOFIELDS

**NIRIMBA CAMPUS (YEARS 11-12)**  
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