From the Principal

**Opening School Mass:** Our mass this week was a wonderful celebration for the beginning of our 39th academic year. I’d like to thank the students, staff and the many parents who celebrated together. Special thanks to Fr Peter Carroll, College Chaplain and Fr Michael Court, Parish Priest, for celebrating the mass. Fr Peter called on us to be united in our diversity – and to do this with the light of Jesus in our hearts. Congratulations to the students for their sincerity and reverence during the liturgy. Finally, I thank Mrs Loader, our REC, Ms Bautista, Ms Daniele, Mr Gough, Mr Donnelly, the choir and musicians for their organisation and input in the liturgy.

**2016 College Leaders:** After mass, the various leaders of the College were presented with badges and commissioned to their roles for leadership in 2016. Additionally, each year group was welcomed and given a challenge to undertake for the year ahead. We hope that all students of the College lead well in their own way. We pray that our elected representatives undertake their role with true spirit and in the rich traditions of the College

**College Captains:**
Lauren Castro and Monty Raper

**College Vice-Captains:**
Jennah Moroney and Brandon Ryman

**Social Justice Leaders:**
Ashleigh Rankin and James Ritchie

**Community Service Leaders:**
Siobhan McDonnell and Claire Napper

**House Captains:**
- **Chisholm:** Chelsea Ryan and Denzel Laarakkers
- **Mackillop:** Alicia Keane and Dominic Keegan
- **Dunlea:** Grace McDonald and Tim Horan
- **Savio:** Kasia Slowikowski and David Lawrence

**Junior Leadership Team Members**
- **Year 11:** Sophie Smith and Jack Gorry
- **Year 9:** Elliot Waugh and Mia Stevens
- **Year 10:** Charlize Michael & Max Stuart
- **Year 8:** Jack Tipping & Katie Walsh

**Annual Swimming Carnival:** The Annual College Swimming Carnival was held earlier this week and it was an outstanding success. The weather, for once, was fantastic throughout the day. All the students must be commended for the enthusiasm and energy they put into the day. Participation rates were extremely high which added greatly to the overall success of the carnival. I was impressed with the way each of our houses rallied around each other and especially during the Relay races and the ‘war cries’. Congratulations to the House Captains who galvanised their teams and led from the front. Well done to **DUNLEA HOUSE** (House Captains: Grace McDonald and Tim Horan) the eventual winners. Congratulations also to all the age champions (left) and place recipients. It was great to see so many parents in attendance. Well done to all the staff for their work and support on the day. Special thanks to Mr Grant Kennedy and the PDHPE staff for the preparation and organisation of the event. Further reports and results will appear later in this bulletin.
From the Assistant Principal - Mr Michael Donnelly

Most students seem to have settled back into routines for the year and I thank families for helping to get things organised for your sons and daughters. Thank you also to those parents who have addressed any issues that were raised regarding uniform or grooming.

I ask for your support in regard to the following issues:

- Putting names on clothing and equipment. Already there have been issues regarding lost and missing items. In most cases there have been no identifiable markings on the lost items. Please put names on everything. I would encourage having names marked in several different places to avoid items being stolen or lost.

- Diaries need to be sighted and signed each weekend. This helps ensure that any messages or cautions can be noted by parents.

- Parking in surrounding streets - please note that even a quick stop in the bus zone of a morning or afternoon can result in a fine. Could I suggest that parents organise a pick up point further away from the College so as to reduce the congestion, especially when the buses are picking up students in the afternoon. No parents should be parking in the College car parks.

- Senior students who are now driving to and from school need to have filled in the relevant paperwork and car registration details. I would also encourage students to minimise the number of students that they carry in their car.

The first round of vaccinations for Year 7 is on Monday 22nd February.

The level of involvement of students who attended the swimming carnival this week was excellent. Disappointingly though, there were over 125 students absent on the day. That is almost one sixth of the College! Students who were absent need a note of explanation from their parents.

Thank you to the singers, musicians and leaders who attended the requiem for Mr Leo Carroll on Wednesday. You represented the College with distinction and I know Fr. Pete and his mum were truly grateful for your contribution to the significance and reverence of the occasion.
Curriculum News - Mrs Christine Harding

Year 12 HSC Information Evening 2016

The HSC information evening will be held on Tuesday 16th February at 7pm in the PRIMARY school Hall (entry is via Banksia Avenue).

The evening will be split into three parts:-
- Principal’s address: Mr Damien Carlton
- Year 12 Coordinator’s address: Mr Ben Tickle
- Learning and Curriculum Coordinator’s address: Mrs Christine Harding

The evening will address essential areas towards HSC success including both student and school initiatives. Each student should have received a Stage 6 Assessment Handbook with detailed information regarding all assessment dates for 2016.

Study Club 2016 for Years 11 and 12

Where: Library
Day: Friday 2.30pm – 3.30pm

Come and join us to complete some homework, work on study notes or an assessment task. An experienced HSC teacher will be available to help you and answer any questions that you might have.

FROM THE LITERACY AND NUMERACY COORDINATOR ... MRS PETA BATTY

Literacy is a very important focus in education at Bosco College. The Bosco Literacy Action Steering Team (BLAST) drives the Whole School Literacy Plan 2015-2017. BLAST identified the need for a common understanding of literacy in the College community and developed the following Literacy Statement for the College which appears on page 31 of the College diary:

ST JOHN BOSCO COLLEGE: LITERACY STATEMENT

The St John Bosco College Community believes that literacy is an essential life skill and is fundamental to the full engagement of students in the academic, social and religious experiences of school and beyond. Accordingly, we are firmly committed to enhancing the literacy skills of our students by integrating the teaching of reading, writing, speaking, listening, creating and viewing across all Key Learning Areas, enabling students to understand, interpret and evaluate a variety of experiences in order to become critical thinkers, problem solvers and effective communicators. The ongoing support of all partners in our community - teachers, parents/carers and students - will provide students with the opportunity to achieve their full potential as lifelong learners.
PROOFREADING: HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD

Parents often feel at a loss as to how they can help their child in high school. One very important way you can assist your child is by proofreading their written assessment tasks.

THIS DOES NOT MEAN DOING THE WORK FOR THEM.

Rather, proofreading involves asking the following questions while reading the completed task:

- Is spelling correct?
- Is punctuation correct?
- Have paragraphs been used?
- Do the sentences make sense?
- Have ideas been explained fully?
- Has the question been answered?
- Does the answer fulfil the marking criteria?
- Is the tense constant throughout the answer?

Proofreading is an important part of the writing process but it is often neglected. As a result, mistakes are not detected and the mark awarded may be lower than it would be if coherent, grammatically correct work is presented.

It is important to point out any mistakes and ask your child to make the corrections. This is a real chance for them to “learn by their mistakes” and see the immediate benefits of better results.

It is often difficult to proofread your own work which means parents can offer a fresh, unbiased approach.

Speech and Drama
Temporary Lesson Times
Anna Grace Millwood

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From The Religious Education Coordinator - Mrs Moira Loader

**Ash Wednesday** - This week, we gathered in Pastoral Groups to celebrate Ash Wednesday – The beginning of Lent. Each Pastoral Class prayed together in a special liturgy that focused on the scripture of the day (Matthew 6:1-18) and students reflected on ways they could integrate the Lenten Practices of Prayer, Almsgiving and Self Denial over the 40 days of this Liturgical Season. As the students were ashed, they each made a formal commitment to God (via personal prayer) offering their Lenten Penance.

Each room had a designated ‘focal area’ which contained the following liturgical symbols:

- **Material** - The Liturgical colour for this season is Purple, indicating penitence, which is recognition of and sorrow for, our sins.
- **Class Candle** - acknowledging they were gathered as a Pastoral Class Community.
- **And the flame** - remembering that Christ is travelling our Lenten journey with us.
- **The Word of God**, which we heard proclaimed in the Gospel reading.
- **A Palm Branch** – recognising that it is palms from last year’s Holy Week celebrations that are burnt to provide this year’s ashes
- **And finally, the actual ashes**, blessed by Fr Pete, and marked as a cross on our foreheads.

Ashes are a visible sign that we are Christians, that we are sinners, and that we will attempt to grow closer to God during this Lenten season.

Want to know more about Lent? Watch this YouTube clip: ‘Lent in 2 minutes’. [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3L3c23MfC](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3L3c23MfC)

Students viewed a clip on ‘40ACTS’ as part of their liturgy yesterday. They may like to register to receive daily reflections and ideas for Lenten acts of service. [40acts.org.uk](http://40acts.org.uk)

**Opening Mass**

Yesterday, we gathered as a community united in faith to celebrate our College Opening Mass. This Mass gave us the opportunity to celebrate the commencement of the 2016 school year, to inaugurate our Student Leadership Team and to acknowledge our Year 12 cohort as leaders of the student body. Thank you to our celebrants, Frs Pete Carroll & Mick Court.

The thread throughout the Mass, was the metaphor of ‘Christ’s body’ used by St Paul in his letters to the early Christian Communities. Some of our junior students presented a contemporary movement to the Reading “One Body, Many Parts” (1 Corinthians 12).

A special thankyou to the staff who contributed to the preparation of the Mass and to the many students and staff for their involvement in the liturgy. To the singers, musicians, readers, processors, dancers and leaders – your active and authentic participation in this Eucharist was appreciated. I’d also like to acknowledge the broader student body for the reverent way in which they engaged in the celebration. Good work.

It is always so lovely to have parents join us for our liturgical celebrations. I was pleased to see the numbers of parents and grandparents who were in attendance. Thank you so much for your support, and please know your presence is always welcome at College Masses and liturgies.
2016 Sport Selections
NSWCCC Entry into Individual Sports and Team Sports

TEAM SPORT ENTRIES
Southern Sydney Combined Catholic Colleges is the pathway for our students to progress to the NSWCCC Championships and NSWCCC selection.

SSCCC run trials for the following teams:
Baseball U/15 & Open Rugby League Swimming Soccer Cross Country U/15 and Open Touch Athletics Girls Softball

If students wish to trial for the SSCCC teams there is a school trial first, before they progress. When students are successful in making the school team they will be asked to register on the NSWCCC website to progress to the SSCCC selection.

INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES
NSWCCC selection trials are run for the following sports which are either individual sports or sports which do not have a selection championship.
AFL Cricket Diving Basketball Golf Hockey Netball
Rugby Union Softball Tennis Triathlon Sailing Volleyball Waterpolo Boys Softball

These Sport trials are for those students who perform at an elite level. Therefore students are only progressed to the trials if they demonstrate the necessary skills in that sport for the NSWCCC standard. As you can imagine with over 150 Catholic High schools, if every school sent a number of students the trial would soon blow out to a gala day and the NSWCCC selection trial would not serve its purpose of progressing the correct students to NSW All Schools and National level.

REGISTRATION PROCESS ON WEBSITE
2. On top right hand side of page, click LOGIN. If you don't have a login or you have forgotten your login, go to the HELP button (located on the top right hand side written in Blue & follow prompts)
3. Once you are logged in, go to the NSWCCC Home Page.
4. Click on (Individual Sport you wish to trial for).
5. Click on Register - Please complete the registration process.
8. Click on “Register for this Sport” at the bottom of the page.
9. An email will be sent to your Sport Coordinator for approval and consent.
10. You will also be required to pay online for individual sports which must be done before the event. Please allow 7-10 days for administration to process (this is not done automatically).
11. You can login to your account at any time to view sport coordinator approval.

I will be constantly putting notices in the students’ announcements when sports are up for registration so students need to listen out for these or see me at anytime.
Touch Football, AFL and Netball all occur early in Term 2 so more information will be available towards the end of Term 1.

If you are interested in finding out more information on NSWCCC trials and events (venues etc) please look at the website or email me on grant.kennedy@syd.catholic.edu.au.

Any outside school sporting achievements throughout the year please contact me so we can recognise these efforts within the Bosco community. Don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any sporting questions or needs.

Thanks
Mr Grant Kennedy
Sports Coordinator

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**UNIFORM SHOP**

The Uniform Shop will be open every Wednesday of Week 1 from 3.00 - 3.45pm and then every Friday morning of Week 2 from 8.45am - 9.30am. The next open dates are Friday 19th February and Wednesday 24th February.
The St Vincent de Paul Sutherland Regional Council is hosting the inaugural 2016 Gala Fundraising Dinner and Auction at the Sutherland Entertainment Centre on Friday 29th April 2016 from 6.30pm.

The dinner and action night will be an evening to raise funds for the financial and caring support for those in need.

The Engadine Conference is organising tables of 8, 10, 12 and 16 and wish to invite you, your family and friends to the evening.

This fundraiser promises to be a fun-filled night of great food, superb prizes and music by the St Patrick’s College school band, perfect for a night out with friends or family in support of a good cause.

Hosted by Sydney’s favourite broadcaster, Mike Bailey. The cost per person is $100. Guests can look forward to both live and silent auctions and a range of exciting raffle prizes.

If you would like to book a table or further information please do not hesitate to contact me on 0417 141517 or by email denise_gittoes@yahoo.com

**NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM 2016**

NSW Ministry of Health offers all school students free vaccinations recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC). These vaccines are important and protect students through to adulthood.

At your school all Year 7 Students will be offered the following vaccines on the following dates:

- **Visit 1:** Monday 22 February
- **Visit 2:** Monday 16 May
- **Visit 3:** Monday 12 September

**All Year 7 Students will be offered:**

- **Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine - 1 booster dose.** This dose was previously recommended at 15 years of age. Your child will only be offered this vaccine in year 7- see enclosed information.
- **Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine - 1 dose.** If your child has already had chickenpox disease or been vaccinated, they do not need this vaccine.
- **Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine - a 3 dose course offered to boys and girls.**
  (a Catch up Course will only be offered to year 8 male and female students who didn’t complete it in year 7)

**Consent Forms**

Please read the information provided with the consent form to understand facts about the vaccines that will be offered and the diseases that these vaccines protect against before you sign the forms. **Please note that the consent forms for year 7 students will need parent/guardians signature for each vaccine requested. The nurses will not be able to vaccinate your child if this is not done.**

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated after vaccination. Keep this vaccination record in a safe place, as they will be required for future work or travel.

**Immunisation Records**

Childhood vaccination records for children born after January 1996 can be checked by calling the Australian Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809.

If you have questions about the program at school please contact the school office on 9548 4000, or the Immunisation Unit, Public Health on 9382 8333.

(For translated material on the School Vaccination Program for parents/guardians, please go to the following website, but only fill out the English version: [http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/school_vaccination_language.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/school_vaccination_language.aspx)