From the Principal

Savio Day: Congratulations to Savio House Captains (Kasia Slowikowski and David Lawrence) for the organisation of this special day, held yesterday. Students, especially those in Savio House, seemed happy to get involved in the various activities on offer. They have put the challenge out to the other Houses to equal or better their efforts. We look forward to joining MacKillop, Dunlea and Chisholm on their special day.

Mother Superior Visit: We were blessed yesterday with the first visit to our College by Mother Yvonne Reungoat FMA. Mother Yvonne is Superior General of the 16,000 Salesian Sisters who work in 96 countries around the world. She was born in France and is the first non-Italian Mother General and was elected the ninth successor of St Mary Mazzarello in 2008. Mother Yvonne (centre picture) came to open a new convent in Samoa (part of our Australia-Pacific Province) and receive the perpetual vows of Sr Sovita there. Mother prayed with us at our drop-in Thursday morning mass and was delighted to meet many of our Student Leaders and Staff. She will be on her way back to Rome as this newsletter goes to print.

Requests for Holiday Leave: In the past few weeks I have received a large number of letters of request for students to be taken out of school for the purpose of family holidays. I understand that many working parents are restricted to particular dates for annual leave that fall outside the school holidays. Additionally, I understand that there often is a ‘one-off’ opportunity for a family to travel for an extended period of time. However, I am a little concerned that the timing and sometimes the ‘nature’ of the holiday will have an impact on the student’s learning. This is for all students as they prepare for assessment tasks and exams. All years have exam periods; set dates for assessment events and essential extra curricular activities that are critical in meeting the requirements of the curriculum. Therefore, I ask parents to consider carefully your requests to take your child out of school. It is important that you are aware of the assessment requirements for your child and that it is the student’s responsibility to ensure they fulfil the requirements outlined in the Assessment Policy Handbook. Finally, all parents are asked to fill out the Leave Request Form located on the College website or obtained at the Student Services Desk.

Outstanding student success: Congratulations to Jacob Beattie, Jacob Hoffman, Ethan Mattock and Liam Harbich for winning the 2015 ABC National Award for cinematography and multimedia. The entire College viewed their short film and were left amazed at the brilliance of the craft that was on display.

Reflection: Righteousness

If there is righteousness in the heart, there will be beauty in the character.
If there be beauty in the character, there will be harmony in the home.
If there be harmony in the home, there will be order in the nation.
If there be order in a nation, there will be peace in the world.

Mr Damien Carlton
Principal
From the Assistant Principal - Mr Michael Donnelly

Year 12 exams begin on Wednesday 30th March

*I’m in Year 12 and I’ve got exams coming up in a few weeks. What should I be doing to get ready for them? More to the point, what should I have been doing to get ready for them?*

I need to go through all my notes and check that I have all my work up to date. I need to bring together any handouts, worksheets and assignments to be compiled together with my classwork. I should check my work against the textbook or the syllabus to make sure I have everything I need.

I should go through the syllabus, any checklist from my teacher as to what will be on the test and organise my work accordingly. I need to make summaries to help me remember the key points, dates, formulas and other important information.

I need to make sure I know the format of the exam and the types of skills I will need to demonstrate. Are the questions multiple choice, essays or short answer? Try and practice some of the content and the type of questions I might be asked. Use practise questions, textbook or revision sheets from the teacher to be checking whether I know things or not. Make sure I know the type of verbs I will be asked to answer. Is it likely to be discussed, explain or justify? Do I know the type of language I need to use to answer the verb?

The night before the test: revise your summary pages and try to remember the key bits of information that you will need. Get a good night’s sleep and eat well.

**Thursday 24th March** This is a normal day of schooling and students are expected to be in attendance with 3:05 finish. **Staff Development Day** is on **Tuesday 29th March. This is a pupil free day. The staff will be away off site so there is no supervision at the College.**

**End of Term is Friday 8th April.** There will be four lessons and students will be dismissed at 12:30. Buses will be available at that time to transport students home. The start to term two is on Tuesday 26th April as the Monday is Anzac Day. Thursday 28th is school photo day and students will need to be in full winter uniform from the start of Term two.
Congratulations to Savio House which is the leading Pastoral Class this week.
Thank you for all your efforts for Project Compassion.

### Year 11 Study Skills Evening

Every parent would like to see students achieving their personal academic best at school. Knowing how to work efficiently can help students navigate the mire of academic demands in secondary school in a stress-free way. All parents and students of Year 11 are invited to attend the Year 11 Study Skills Evening. This evening covers a wider range of study skills including study techniques and more time management issues.

**The Year 11 Study Skills Evening will be held on Monday 7th March at 7pm in the PRIMARY School Hall (entry is via Banksia Ave).**

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### Assessment dates for Week 7, 7th March - 11th March 2016

The following assessment dates are due in the upcoming week:

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### Project Compassion

From the Religious Education Coordinator - Mrs Moira Loader

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Gaudium et Spes - Joy and Hope
Some more tips this week for improving handwriting. These follow the 5 tips in last week’s newsletter.

**IMPROVING HANDWRITING**
To improve handwriting, students need to first assess how healthy they are in the four elements of legible handwriting: letter formation, sizing, alignment on the line, and spacing between words. Then they can use the steps below to start to improve their handwriting.

**TIPS FOR STUDENTS TO IMPROVE HANDWRITING**

**ruled lined book**: Buy a ruled exercise book for practice use. Always write on lined paper and take note of how you are writing and how your work looks on the page.

**copy style**: Look for an example of a handwriting style that you like and can copy. Keep this in front of you at all times to inspire you towards improving your style.

**individual letters**: Begin with individual letters and practise writing at least one letter per day concentrating on the four elements of legible handwriting.

**whole words**: Once you have worked your way through individual letters in the alphabet practise writing whole words. Be aware of the flow from one letter to the next as well as spacing between each word.

**test sentence**: Choose a test sentence for yourself and write it at the top of your first practice page. Each week write this sentence at the top of a new page to check for improvement in your writing.

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**Artwork of the Week**
From Mrs Caines & Mrs Culligan

Well done Cameron Allen of Dunlea 1 for guessing the last two artworks; fantastic effort!
Keep looking in V2 window for more artworks.
You will need to be quick to beat Cameron!

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**CAPA - Visual Arts**
From Mrs Sarah Culligan

Earlier this week Year 11 and 12 Visual Arts students joined pupils from other local schools in an ARTEXPRESS lecture at Hazelhurst Gallery. The half day excursion hosted by the gallery featured an informative lecture from Craig Maylon on the HSC Body of Work practical assessment, as well as impressive presentations and Q & A from three of the 2015 Art Express candidates on display at Hazelhurst Gallery. Students were then able to view the collection of works on display. ARTEXPRESS is a high quality teaching and learning resource representing best practice in Visual Arts education. Any student in Years 7-10 with an interest in the visual arts is encouraged to visit the exhibition at Hazelhurst Gallery or visit: [http://artexpress.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/exhibitiondates](http://artexpress.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/exhibitiondates)

Year 10 Visual Arts students have been busy this term studying traditional ceramic cultures from around the world. Their in-depth research has led them to begin construction on their own hand-built ceramic pots. In the weeks to come students will complete their design, dry, bisque fire and then glaze their pots ... stay tuned for updates!
World Youth Day Krakow 2016

Poland awaits the arrival of pilgrims from all over the world!

What is a Pilgrimage?
A pilgrimage is a journey a pilgrim makes to a sacred place for the purpose of venerating it or to ask for heavenly aid, and ultimately to come to know God better. Christian pilgrimages were first made to sites connected with the birth, life, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Shortly after, pilgrimages started being made to Rome and other sites associated with the Apostles, Saints and Christian martyrs, as well as places where there had been apparitions of the Virgin Mary. In the past, pilgrims would leave their homes, families, and comforts to walk for hundreds of miles with nothing but what they could carry on their backs. Just as the pilgrims from the early centuries, modern pilgrims also leave their homes, families and comforts in order to journey to sacred places.

Phrase of the week: Jak się masz? - How are you?
(Pronunciation - jak ce `maʂ)

Year 7 Religion Classes
From Mrs Maria Bautista

Over the past few weeks all Year 7 Religion classes have had the pleasure of going on tours around the St Francis de Sales Chapel with Father Pete. During the tour Father Pete told us all about many of the great things you can find in the Chapel, how important everything is and how a lot of the images and objects have actually been made by the St John Bosco Community! We also had the opportunity to look around the Chapel and we saw beautiful pictures, paintings, Stations of the Cross and many more. However, a highlight would definitely have to be meeting Fr Peter personally. Thank you very much for taking the time to show us around our College Chapel Father Pete, it was an absolute privilege.

Hannah McMahon - 7WT
On the evening of Tuesday, 1st March, the parents of the Year 7 Newman students attended a Newman Information evening in the Theatrette. At this meeting Mr Carlton, Ms Harding and I presented information on the Newman Program at Bosco College in 2016, the social and emotional needs of gifted students and some strategies for how to survive high school.

The Newman Program is only operating in Year 7 English, HSIE and Science in 2016, but this will expand in 2017. In seeking to address the educational needs of the more able students, within the Newman stream:

- the curriculum will be presented at a greater pace, and/or with greater complexity and depth
- there will be differentiation of content, process and/or product that will not occur within the mixed ability classes
- the students will be completing more challenging work, not simply more work
- the students will be working with like-ability peers
- the students will be challenged.

In addition to educational needs, the teachers of the Newman Program, in conjunction with parents and the students themselves, also seek to address students’ emotional and social needs. The fact that personal strengths can also lead to problems, as well as the issue of low self-esteem, were two such needs discussed. Finally, tips on how to survive high school - including time management, organisation and communication - were also presented.

This meeting both allowed the presentation of information and gave parents an opportunity to ask questions about the Newman Program. It was very well attended by both parents and Yr 7 Newman students, and the audience exhibited a very positive response to this initiative by the College. The College would like to thank everyone who attended.
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All welcome

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Gaudium et Spes - Joy and Hope
From the REC - Mrs Moira Loader

_Lent: FAST and FEAST - A Reflection_

Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.
Fast from criticism; feast on praise.
Fast from self-pity; feast on joy.
Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.
Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.
Fast from jealousy; feast on love.
Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.
Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
Fast from selfishness; feast on service.
Fast from fear; feast on faith.
Fast from anger; feast on patience.
Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.
Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.

What are you fasting from during Lent?
Bosco students will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this Lenten Season.

Preparation for the Sacrament (2nd Rite) will occur during a scheduled RE class. The students will communally reflect on the Scripture, then work through an Examination of Conscience. Fr Pete will hear individual confessions and absolve students of their sins during the following RE lesson.

A reminder about Lenten Penance
(From our Archbishop: Anthony Fisher OP)

Jesus began his ministry with the exhortation: “Repent and believe the Gospel” (Mk 1:15).
Repentance means rejecting sin and turning back to God. Prayer, self-denial, and works of charity are the concrete expressions of repentance, reminding us of our need for God and alerting us to the needs of others.
Special times of penance help establish the habit of penance and unite us to Catholics throughout the universal Church.

Therefore during Lent and on the Fridays of the year, we do penance, not only on our own account, but also in the name of the Church and of the world. We must take seriously our penitential obligations and be sure to carry them out. The Australian Catholic Bishops’ Conference has not restricted our penance to fast and abstinence; in all cases, it has left room for our own responsible choices.
We should carefully select the form of penance that we consider most appropriate for our own circumstances and growth in the Christian life.

**DAYS OF Penance**

1. Abstinence from meat (age 14+), and fasting (ages 18-60), are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. On all other Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:
   (a) prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.
   (b) self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one’s own country.
   (c) helping others – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

**PASchal PRECept** - Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year.
This is to be done between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday, 22nd May, 2016 unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year.

All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.