



SETON CATHOLIC COLLEGE

"Seek Christ"

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Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

It is always good to have a wonderful smooth start to the year, but what impresses me most is the friendly tone throughout the College. Students, on the whole, have returned with an excellent attitude and obviously appreciate the little extras that are put on for their benefit. **They deserve the reputation** they have earned for being positive, responsible and respectful.

The College puts a lot of effort throughout the year into **developing leadership skills**. It was therefore a joy to see our newly recruited Peer Support and College Leaders spring into action to assist in the induction of new students. I would like to extend an especially warm welcome to our "new" members of staff:

<i>Ms Christine Best</i>	Drama	<i>Mrs Ding-Teng Sia</i>	Maths
<i>Mrs Susan Davis</i>	Maths/Science	<i>Mr Jack Beattie</i>	Society & Environment
<i>Ms Catherine Fry</i>	Drama/RE	<i>Mrs Denise Hayto</i>	Office Staff
<i>Mr Stan May</i>	English/RE	<i>Mrs Linda De Palma</i>	Office Staff (Term 1)
<i>Mrs Debbie Shelton</i>	Science		

Welcome back from LSL to *Ms Louise Hulton* (Curriculum Deputy), *Mrs Teresa Ika* and *Mr Hui Bin Loh*. Weddings over the Christmas holidays mean *Miss Cam Ngo* will now be known as *Mrs Cam Hine*, and *Miss Leigh Truschel* as *Mrs Burns*. I would also like to recognise certain staff in their **new leadership roles**:

<i>Mr Garry Burgess</i>	Campus Minister
<i>Mr Graham Rayner</i>	Head of Careers and INSTEP
<i>Mrs Paula Uys</i>	Head of Mathematics
<i>Mr Luke Hulbert</i>	Head of Marion House
<i>Mr Greg Hine</i>	Head of Delany House

Our Year 12 students who finished last year can take great pride in their achievements, their College and their families who supported them. **Academically, many excelled** scoring a median TER well above that of the State.

Congratulations to *Matthew Del Rosso*, the College Dux, who attained a TER in excess of 99! In fact there were 16 students who scored a TER above 90, and around thirty students who scored above 80. It was pleasing to see that well over 90% of those from Seton who applied for University were eligible for acceptance. I refuse to get caught up in the Media's ridiculous hype about "League Tables". We do, however, like to share in the success enjoyed by many individual Seton students, such as *Giovanna Princiotto*, who won a **Subject Exhibition** for Early Childhood Studies after being named the Top Student in W.A. Giovanna would be the first to acknowledge the direction and support of *Mrs Judith Whittle*, the other students in her class and her family.

Brooke Jones' achievement in being the only student in W.A awarded the Seizan Sukami Scholarship will see her reading Japanese Studies on a **4 year fully funded Degree Course** at Curtin University.

At Assembly today we were proud to invite *Sr Elizabeth* to present this year's **St Emilie de Vialar Scholarships** to Year 11 students *Krystian Jakubowski* and *Jemma Francis*. The Catholic Education Office were also pleased to inform us that *Dana Anderson* (Yr 11) has been awarded the **Lynn Scholarship** for the next two years.

On a different note, we would like to congratulate *Mitchell Kennedy* in Year 10 who is part of the W.A State Schoolboys Cricket team to travel to Canberra next month. The W.A Team's Manager is our own *Mr Jack Beattie* (who is in fact also the Australian Schoolboys' Manager).

NB. Students must be on campus before 8.25am and now finish school at 3.20pm (not 3.25pm). Hopefully our Bus Service will be improved.

RIP

Following an accident, Year 8 student **DAVID MARTELLA** passed away on the 6 January 2007 in Mandurah. We offer our sympathy and ask prayers for his family and his extended family, particularly LISA (Yr 11) and HAYLEY (Yr 8).

May he rest in peace.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7.00PM TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY, 2007

Parents are urged to attend this important annual event. We are also now calling for:

NOMINATIONS for the Seton Catholic College Board or Parents & Friends Committee

All interested persons are invited to seriously consider a genuine commitment to either of the above. For further information or expression of interest please contact *Mrs Marie Harford, Principal's Assistant* at the College.

MATHS TUITION

After school Maths Classes will be held on Wednesday afternoons in Room C22 from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

All students are welcome to come along and get some extra help with their Maths or just to come and do their homework. If you have any questions please contact me at the College on 9331 9677.

Mrs Paula Uys, Head of Maths

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

(Telephone 9337 9592)

8.00am - 9.30am

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Friday

8.00am - 9.30am/3.00pm - 4.00pm

Thursday

(Please note, the Uniform Shop will no longer be open on Saturday Mornings)

SPORTS UPDATE

While everyone was eating their Christmas pudding and relaxing on the beach, Seton Sport was still going strong over the Christmas break. The Monday night Touch Team ("Seton Saints") played their final round game last Monday winning 6 – 1 and qualifying for the Semi-finals.

The team made up of: *Elise Keisler, Blake Hobson, Reuben Brennan, Heidi Schlesniak* (Captain), *Caitlin Bradley, Corey Seethal, Janek Galas* and *Jodi Seethal*, performed well against a much older opposition. The first Semi-final takes place at the Ken Allen Field, Fremantle at 6.15pm on Monday. Good luck!!

A big thank you must also go to families of the players as they are there every week, cheering on their young charges and *Mr David Willmott* who also comes along and helps coach. *Mr Jason Edmunds, P.E Faculty*

SETON SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The annual College Swim Carnival will be held at Challenge Stadium next Friday the 16th February, starting at 10.00am. All students will travel to the carnival from school by bus and all parents, family and friends are invited to attend and support the students.

Any parents and/or past students who are able to assist at the carnival should contact Mr Brown in the PE office on 9331 9630. Your help would be appreciated.

YEAR 8 INDUCTION DAY

All Year 8's will be involved in their Induction Day on **Thursday 15 February**. The students have received information regarding the day via their House Co-ordinator. The Year 8s are to wear their College Sports Uniform for the day and are reminded to bring food, drink, sunscreen and a hat in their College Sports bag.

The locations for the day are House groups: McAuley, Delany and MacKillop to Woodmans Point. Loyola, Marion and Ward to Point Walter.

Students will return to the College by 3.15pm.

HELP US HELP THE ORPHANS!

NEWS

Gifts aid 100 orphans

THE plight of children in an African orphanage inspired Carolyn Oberg to make a difference and the College was happy she began to do so.

Ms Oberg spends much of her time living in Zambia, where her husband is managing director of major mining and construction company Sibanye.

The company helps run the Salem Children's Village in Kitwe as part of a community project. The orphanage is home to nearly 100 children. About a third of them have AIDS.

"When I first got there I was shocked to see they had nothing, so I wrote to some friends and asked them to save anything they didn't want so I could take it over," Mrs Oberg said.

More than 200kg of books, toys, clothes, games and educational materials were sent in that first shipment in August, which was facilitated free by a company called Supply Direct.

She said each child received two sets of clothes from that shipment and in recent years they were all the same size for children aged 10.

Mrs Oberg hopes more people will be able to contribute to the next collection.

"It's hard, for anyone here to understand that when we say they have nothing, it really means nothing," she said.

Mrs Oberg is in Zambia with all other collection of donations but next time other collections were welcome. Contributions could be arranged by phoning 9010 2801.



Carolyn Oberg is collecting donations for an orphanage in Kitwe, Zambia.

Carolyn Oberg strives to support the orphans in Zambia who not only experience famine and poverty but also suffer from Aids and other diseases. However she is unable to do the work by herself. That is why we would like to show our support and send over to Zambia items that we may not necessarily need but will be beneficial to those less fortunate than ourselves.

These donations will be shipped directly to the orphans of Salem Children's Village in Kitwe, Zambia. This is a really rare opportunity to aid them in such a direct way.

Remember that they have truly nothing and over a third of the orphans suffer from aids.

So please be generous and show you care...

- ### What can we do to help??
- We would like you to bring in any of the following items that you no longer need and are in reasonable condition. We need:**
- Books
 - Clothing
 - Toys
 - Shoes
 - Educational Materials
 - Games
 - Blankets etc

"It's hard for anyone here to understand that when we say they have nothing, it really means nothing"
(Carolyn Oberg)

It would be much appreciated if any items could be sent into the College before the end of next week, Thursday 15th February, as we are hoping to send these items to Zambia as soon as possible. These items may be given to either Mr Burgess or the Year 12 Ministry Leader of your house..

Thanks very much...

CANTEEN NEWS

Dear Parents

It is the start of a new year and once again I'm calling on the generosity of mothers to help in the Canteen. A little occasional help would mean a lot. We are most grateful to those who are working consistently, however, more helpers are needed. If you can help, please fill in the reply slip below and return it to the Office next week. We promise you're not signing your life away!

I might be able to help on (please circle day):

MONDAY / TUESDAY / WEDNESDAY / THURSDAY / FRIDAY

- I would like to help
- I would like to help every two weeks
- I would like to help every three weeks
- I would like to help once a month

(Please print your name)

(Your telephone contact)

(Name of children)

(House Group)

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL Conservation & Completion Appeal.

A few years ago, the decision had to be made as to what should be done with our Cathedral. Safety factors meant it would at some stage have to be knocked down or renovated. The former was never really an option. The latter needed to be well planned.

Commitments from various sources, including the State Government and the Perth City Council, have already raised in excess of half of the \$20m cost.

Catholic school communities have been asked to support the Appeal. Consequently each school has been asked to raise the equivalent of **\$20 per family**. The easiest way seems to be to put this on your Account as a voluntary contribution so that it can be tax deductible for you, much like the present School Building Fund.

Seton Catholic College received brochures a month ago regarding the Renovation of St Mary's Cathedral which we have been asked to distribute to our families. The attached DVD is in fact quite short, interesting and worth a look.

Egmont Melton, Principal



Australian Government
Department of Education, Science and Training

INFORMATION REQUIRED TO HELP DETERMINE FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

PRIVACY NOTICE

This notice is from the Australian Government Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST), to advise you that we have requested your child's school to provide the following three pieces of information:

- Students' residential addresses (**not names of students**);
- Students' Level of Education (whether Primary or Secondary Level);
- Students' Boarding School Status (whether Boarders or Day Students).

DEST requires this information so we can accurately administer general recurrent funding provided to non-government schools, and to determine payments of Australian Government assistance under the *Schools Assistance (Learning Together – Achievement Through Choice and Opportunity) Act (the Act)*.

DEST will **only** use this information for this specific purpose.

Background Information on how funding is allocated:

The Australian Government allocates per student funding to non-government schools according to the socioeconomic status (SES) of a school's community. SES scores are calculated every four years using income, education and occupation data from the Australia Bureau of Statistics (ABS) national Census. A school's SES score will be used to determine their level of Australian Government per student funding under the Act.

DEST is bound by the provisions of the *Privacy Act 1988*. Section 14 of the Privacy Act contains the Information Privacy Principles (IPPs) which prescribe the rules for handling personal information. The information provided by your child's school may be disclosed by DEST to contractors working for DEST for the purposes of verifying the information, and for no other purpose. In other instances the information will not be disclosed without your consent, unless where authorised or required by law.

If you have any questions regarding this Privacy Notice please phone the DEST **Schools Grants and Data Section Helpline** on 1800 677 027 (free call) or send an e-mail to grantsanddata.help@dest.gov.au.

PREP CLASSES OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL PARISH

Enrolments for the
Sacramental
Preparation classes will
be at
**9.00am Saturday
10 February**
In the
Mt Carmel
Meeting Room

'SETON CARES' PEER TUTORING FOR YR 8 & YR 9'S

*If you're sick of doing
homework alone come
and join a group of Year
11s and 12s in the Library
on Thursday, 22nd
February, where we will
help you with your
homework struggles.*

*Homework sessions will
start at 3.30pm and finish
4.30pm. If you are
interested please sign up
at the Front Office or in
the Library. If you have
any queries speak to either
Mr Burgess, Ms Pole or
any Year 12 Leaders.*