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Principal

Welcome back to everyone for the start of Semester Two. Over the break, many College activities took place and I am grateful to all the staff involved in supporting students whether it was in making improvements to existing facilities, taking additional classes or being part of the Kiribati Immersion.



Father Alan Fox

Recently, Father Alan Fox (pictured), Parish Priest of St John the Baptist, Ferntree Gully, announced that he has been appointed Parish Priest of Our Lady's in Cheltenham. Father Alan has been part of the Parish for 14 years and played a very supportive role here at St Joseph's College. Father Alan's final weekend in the Parish will be Saturday 31 August and Sunday 1 September. For over three years, Father Alan has had a particular leadership position as President of the Canonical Administrators and Chair of the College Board. His support and guidance will be missed. We wish Father Alan all the best for his new appointment and remain very grateful for his generosity and commitment.



"It's with a heavy heart that I inform you that after 14 years here at St John the Baptist, my appointment will soon draw to its close. On the Wednesday before last, quite unexpectedly, I received a phone call from the Vicar General, Monsignor Greg Bennet, relaying the Archbishop's request that I accept a new appointment in the Archdiocese, that of Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, in Cheltenham." Father Alan Fox (Parish Bulletin 14 July)

Father Alan is celebrating his 25th Anniversary of Ordination on Tuesday 20 August. This event will serve, also, as a farewell. If you would like to attend, please send a brief email to office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au.

***Mass of Thanksgiving
Tuesday 20 August 7pm
St John the Baptist Church
19 Forest Road, Ferntree Gully***

Musical

It's only a few weeks away! The Mater Christi College and St Joseph's College production of *A Chorus Line* is in the final stages of rehearsal, following months of work by dedicated staff and students. Tickets will be going on sale from 10.30am on Tuesday 23 July.



Enrolments

Enrolments for Year 7 2021 close on Friday 23 August 2019. Should you have relatives or friends who are interested in joining the St Joseph's College community, please let them know to check our website for details of enrolment procedures, tours and events. Siblings of current students do need to ensure that an application is submitted.

Kiribati

Twelve students and four staff returned from Kiribati having spent time developing the relationship between St Joseph's College and the community within the central Pacific Ocean. Mr Dylan Price superbly led this annual event with the support of Ms Jacqui Cooke, Mr Justin Barr and Mr Brian Martin. I was fortunate to participate for five days at the beginning of the Immersion.

Reunion Class of 1989

The Class of 1989 Reunion is being held on Thursday 25 July 6pm-8pm. You can register [here](#).



Chiara Giacomuzzi Celebrates Australian Citizenship

Over the Term break, Ms Chiara Giacomuzzi (pictured in the middle) became an Australian Citizen. Chiara has been working at St Joseph's College for over two years and is the Languages Leader at the College. Several staff went along to the ceremony to acknowledge her significant achievement.



Cagliari Boys Return

Tate Levay (11 Cantamessa) and Alex Eames (11 O'Sullivan) returned from their experience in Cambodia as part of the Cagliari Program.

Mass in the Parish

On Sunday 23 June, we held our annual Mass in the Parish at St Joseph's, Boronia. Thanks to Father Mirek Knap who extended a warm welcome to us. I would like to acknowledge all the staff, students and families who participated. Our College Rector, Father Chris Ford, and Father Jim Acreman celebrated mass and Miss Bronwyn Dean prepared the students.



Abel Sujeev (12 Edwards) and
Nick McClellan (8 Ledda)



Mass at St Joseph's, Boronia

Homestay Families

Have you ever considered being a Homestay Family for an International Student? Please contact my Personal Assistant, Ms Janelle Spring, on 9756 3112 should you be interested in finding out more about this opportunity.

Earn and Learn

Thank you to everyone who returned their Earn and Learn stickers. We collected over 21,000 points and have converted these to some useful school resources which will arrive later in the year.

Condolences

Our condolences are extended to Mrs Kathleen McCrae and family. Kathleen's mother, Cynthia Roslind McCrae, died recently in South Africa.

All the best for the fortnight ahead.

Ms Cathy Livingston
Principal



Deputy Principal (Years 10–12)



Ticket to the Future

The theme of this year's Careers and Course Selection Expo is *Your Ticket to the Future*. This is an apt theme, as Term 3 is a time of decision making for Senior School students, where they explore the possible destinations of their future and start taking steps in securing their spot on that journey into the unknown. Everyone arrives at the future eventually, but not everyone has a say in just where they land: the next few weeks are vital in assisting the boys of St Joseph's College in choosing the right landing spot in the landscape of their future.

This is a critical period of choice for the young men comprising the Senior School of St Joseph's College – the Year 10, 11 and 12 students – and those boys on the cusp of being part of the Senior School – the Valdocco boys. They are all about to make some decisions that will affect them for some time to come, exercising the power of choice to various degrees.

This week, all Senior School students will be participating in the St Joseph's College Careers and Course Selection Expo. Students and their families will be able to meet with representatives of the diverse subjects on offer at St Joseph's in 2020, as well as with exhibitors hailing from Universities, TAFEs, apprenticeship providers, industry groups and vocational organisations. This evening is integral to making sure the boys are booked on the right flight into their future, and that they have a window seat as well. The choices they make will be incredibly informed ones because of the opportunities presented by this evening.

As well as being able to meet with representatives of the major tertiary institutions and industry and vocational groups, Year 12 students and their parents will be provided with information about VTAC (Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre), the body that handles the applications to the vast majority of Victorian tertiary institutions, and post-school options at the Year 12 Information evening on that same evening.

Year 12 students will soon be making decisions about their future education and employment. Applications to VTAC will soon open, and most Year 12 students will be applying. In order to ensure that their decisions are informed decisions, the College is aiding the boys in a number of ways.

The next step for the Year 12 students is up to the students themselves – visiting the diverse range of Open Days being held by the Universities and TAFEs, where they will be able to discuss the courses that interest them in greater detail, as well as getting a feel for the campuses where they may be spending a significant part of their time over the next few years. The College will support the Year 12s with guidance in regards to career choices as they involve themselves in the VTAC application process. The Head of Pathways, Mrs Vivienne Egan, is currently having the first of at least two meetings with each of the Year 12 students, assisting them in their planning for 2020.

Year 10 and 11 students are also making decisions. Their attendance to the same Expo and the relevant Information Evenings on the same night is the first step in the process of building an itinerary for their future. In the following week, Year 11s will select their Year 12 programs in readiness for this vital year of study. Year 11 students have the opportunity to make an appointment with senior members of staff to assist them as they complete these applications.

Year 10 is the pathways year, where significant decisions in terms of pathways are made and these young men have a variety of choices to make, including VCE or VCAL and choice of subjects and disciplines. To assist with these monumental decisions, Year 10 students will also participate in the Careers and Senior Secondary Expo with their parents. They are able to discuss each of the VCE offerings and also to discuss future directions with the tertiary representatives. To support them in making these important choices, each Year 10 student will have a consultation appointment with a senior member of staff during a Year 10 student-free day on Wednesday, 31 July.



Then there are the Valdocco boys, making decisions related to the Senior School as they select their Year 10 programs. While the selections do not carry the same weight as those of the year levels above them, these are nonetheless important selections and the boys and their families are also being supported through an Information Evening on Wednesday 31 July and the provision of individual consultation appointments with a senior member of staff during a Valdocco student-free day on Wednesday, 7 August.

The future waits for these boys, and here at St Joseph's College we have their tickets ready. All they need to do is climb on board and see the journey through.

Mr Guido Piotti

Deputy Principal (Years 10–12)

St Joseph's College
Careers & Course Selection
EXPO 2019

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TO Your future

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Careers & Course Selection
EXPO 2019

IMPORTANT NOTE Please be at the boarding gate before 18:00 hrs

YOUR ITINERARY

Year 12 - 5.30pm (Chieri - College Library)
Post-school options, including VTAC application for tertiary studies

Year 10 (surnames A-K) - 6.00pm (Chieri - College Library)
Information on Year 11 2020 VCE & VCAL, process for selection of courses

Year 10 (surnames L-Z) - 6.40pm (Chieri - College Library)
Information on Year 11 2020 VCE & VCAL, process for selection of courses

Year 11 - 7.10pm (Chieri - College Library)
Information on Year 12 2020 VCE & VCAL, process for selection of courses

All students in Years 10, 11 and 12 are expected to be in attendance

FLIGHT SJ2020

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CLASS Premium

Deputy Principal (Years 7–9)

Welcome Back

A warm welcome back to all parents and students for the start of Term 3. In football terms, this is, in many ways, the premiership quarter as students consolidate their learning from Semester One and push towards the transition into the next year-level of schooling.



I would particularly like to welcome the newest members of our Year 7 to 9 community at St Joseph's including:

- Aiden Cope (joining 7 Prest)
- Atticus Todd (joining 8 Prest)
- Connor Newton (joining 8 O'Sullivan)
- Xavier Joy (joining 9 O'Sullivan)

Term 3 is now well underway and everyone should be very familiar with the high hopes and expectations we hold for all members of our College community. Most important of these is the expectation we treat each other (and ourselves) optimistically and with the greatest dignity.

Upcoming Events in the Junior School

Term 3 is an exciting term for all year levels. At Year 9, one of the highlights certainly will be the MyCity Program. Year 8 Retreats and Mountain Bike Riding (Four Seasons Program) head the list of experiences to look forward to. For the Year 7s, the roll-over to new Arts and Technology Electives will expose students to learning experiences of a different kind. In addition to year level programs, Term 3 has a number of 'themed' weeks with different activities planned for each:

- Week 2: Languages Week
- Week 5: Science Week
- Week 6: Book Week

Other Key Dates for the coming weeks

Week 2

- Year 8 Retreat No. 1 (Cantamessa, Edwards, Ledda) – Tuesday 23 July
- Year 8 Retreat No. 2 (O'Mara, O'Sullivan, Prest) – Wednesday 24 July
- Career and Senior School Expo (Relevant to current Year 9s) – Wednesday 24 July 6 – 6pm
- 'Mass in the Parish' Mass – Sunday 28 July 5pm (Our Lady of Lourdes, Bayswater)

Week 3

- Whole School Assembly (Academic Excellence and Term 2 Sports Awards) – Tuesday 30 July 9.00am – 10.45am (College Stadium) Note: *parents welcome to attend.*

Recent Staff Professional Development Days

A key to the school improvement and of the outstanding student performances at St Joseph's is its commitment to ongoing staff Professional Development. This commitment to excellence is evident by the large number of staff that undertake further studies with over a third of our teaching staff holding a Master's qualification or higher. In addition to tertiary study, St Joseph's staff (teaching and non-teaching) participate broadly in ongoing Professional Development (PD) activities throughout the school year.



Ms Cathy Livingston (Principal) presenting 'Theology' workshop to staff



As part of the College's Professional Development Program, teaching staff at St Joseph's recently participated in three days of professional learning. The focus of these PD Days was three-fold:

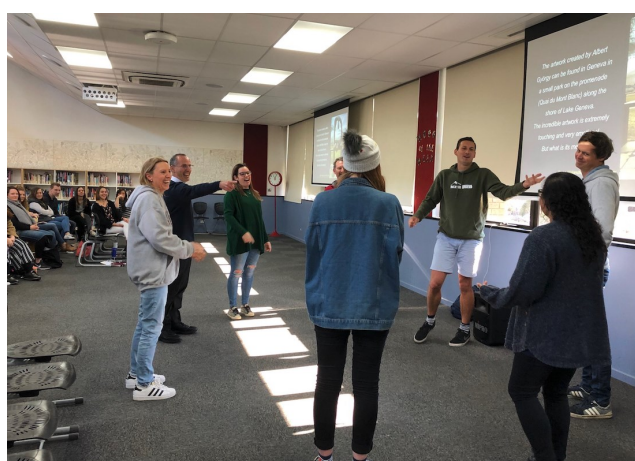
- Student Wellbeing and Management (*keynote presenter: Glenn Pearsall – June 28*)
- Pedagogical (Teaching) Practice (*keynote presenter: Dr. Ian Lillico – 15 July*)
- Faith Development (*keynote presenter: Dr Carmody Grey – 16 July*)

The welfare and academic and faith development of our students is at the core of everything we do at St Joseph's. We thank staff for their commitment to their Professional Development and, in addition, parents for the continual support and confidence they demonstrate in the school's professional development program.

Mr Andrew Cooper
Deputy Principal (Years 7–9)



Mr Liam O'Keefe (Director of Students) presenting 'student welfare' workshop to staff



It's not just the boys who get to enjoy a 'Hoedown'. Mr Patrick van Dyk (Year 7 Learning Leader) (left) demonstrating the 'art' of a 'hoedown'



Prayer

Prayer - Choices and Decisions

Lord God,

When the time comes, tell me what to be. My future is in your hands, but I know that to a certain extent in mine.

All the possible careers that lie before me are seen by you;

I picture myself standing before you in a line of figures, each of them myself.

Now a lawyer, now a business man, now in the defence forces, now an engineer/scientist... which one, Lord?

Of all the choices I have, is the best choice for me that will suit me and your will?

There may be one that I like the best or there maybe one that would sing out for me, but if there is another walk of life you see for me, show me, Lord. I pray for your guidance and am open to hear.

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.

Amen.



Religious Education

We Did It!

With all our efforts over the final weeks of Semester One (Term 2), we were able to reach our goal for Salesian Missions. We were able to raise \$10,000 to help the community at Don Bosco Technical College in Samoa purchase a ride on lawn mower and other equipment for the students to learn their trade skills.



It is a proud moment where we can reflect on our efforts to help others and know that we can really make a difference in the wider Salesian Family.





Cagliero Immersion

Over the holidays Alex Eames (11 O'Sullivan) and Tate Levay (11 Camtamessa) took up the challenge to go on an Immersion with the Salesians to Cambodia.

These students challenged themselves to travel with a new group of people, to see the work of the Salesians in Cambodia and experience a new culture.

Alex and Tate will share more of their experience in the next edition of the newsletter and at our Whole school assembly coming up next week.



Tinnies-4-Vinnies 2019 – Quick Campaign to Collect “MEALS” for People

This year our Four Nation Fund collection for St Vincent de Paul begins this week – running until Friday 16 August, we are aiming to collect as many items as possible to help people in our local area.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul works very hard to assist many people and our small contribution will help them with this work.

We are looking for items that can “create a meal”, so a combination of a packet of pasta and a jar of pasta sauce can feed a family. Some of our work LAST YEAR we collected can be seen in the photo below.





ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY FERNTREE GULLY CONFERENCE

We would appreciate your kind donation of any of the following non-perishable food items:

CANNED FOODS All-in-one meal tins Beef / Beef & vegetables Beetroot Carrots Corn / Peas Fruit – pears, apricots etc Ham Pasta Sauce Sausages & vegetables Soup – all varieties Tomatoes Vegetables – all varieties: Carrots/Corn/Peas/Mixed	OTHER FOODS Biscuits Cereal – small packets Coffee – small jars Fruit juice: mango/orange Long life milk Milo – small jars Rice – small packets Soups – variety of packets Spaghetti/Pasta – small packets Spreads: honey/jams/vegemite Tea bags Tomato sauce / Pasta sauce
We would appreciate your kind donation of any of the NON-FOOD items	
Deodorants Dish Washing Detergent Nappies – all sizes Shampoo Toilet Paper	Shaving Cream Shavers – disposable Soap Washing (Soap) Powder Tissues

On behalf of St Vincent de Paul we thank you sincerely for your generosity.



The latest Salesian Bulletin (Autumn 2019) can be read by clicking on [this link](#).



The latest Cagliero Newsletter can be read by clicking on [this link](#).

Ms Ann Maree Pagon
Director of Religious Education



English

Back to Basics: Board Games in the Classroom

'If it ain't broke, don't fix it'

Often in education, we are looking to find the next 'big thing' or a new pedagogical trend to improve our teaching practice in the classroom. As educators, it is our moral duty to continually reflect on our practice and find new and improved ways to deliver content, manage the diverse needs in the classroom and teach our students the skills they need to thrive in the outside world.

But, sometimes a dive back to the basics can be just as effective.

In the last few days of Term 2, in an attempt to do something a little different and reward my wonderful Year 8s for their hard work, I decided to bring in a few board games: *Scrabble*, *Scattergories* and *Taboo*.

When the boys first saw me stumble through the classroom door, carrying a large pile of boxes, my heart sank as I listened to the myriad of comments thrown my way.

"What are those Miss?"

"I thought you said we were going to do something fun today?"

"Can't we just play games on our iPads?"

"Aren't board games just for old people?"

By far the most depressing comment was the following...

'Miss Young, what's a board game?'

This comment stopped me in my tracks; I couldn't believe that this student had *never* played a board game before! I have such fond memories of playing these games with friends growing up, reveling in the competitive nature of them, laughing at the ridiculous answers a peer or even myself would conjure up just to win another point, the feeling of accomplishment I gained whenever I was able to outsmart my opponents.

By now, I had succumbed to the idea that this class was doomed to fail. I thought to myself that I would give it ten minutes before changing tact. As I walked up to the front of the class, I was frantically thinking of a 'Plan B.'

Thankfully there was absolutely no need for one.

What transpired over the next 60 minutes was incredible. The boys broke off into groups, moved tables to suit the learning environment, chose the board game they wanted to play and then started to read the rules and play. I was shocked and better yet, started to see skill development right in front of my eyes. What I witnessed was this:

I saw leadership. In each group there was one student who took charge, read the instructions carefully and ensured their group members not only knew how to play but kept everyone on track.





I saw teamwork. Students worked together and helped one another succeed. Despite the competitive nature of the games (which they loved) students still helped and supported one another through the various games.

I saw engagement. In the 60 minutes that we played these games, not once did a student give me an excuse to go get their iPad or leave to get a drink.

I saw problem solving. In *Scrabble*, students battled with making words with their limited letters and debated over the spelling and existence of many words. In *Scattergories* many students grappled with “thinking of a vegetable that starts with the letter D,” or, “a famous saying that begins with the letter B!”

I saw thinking skills in action. Those playing *Taboo* had to think of ways to get a word across to their partner without saying the ‘taboo’ words. Students had to be creative in conjuring up new ways to allow their partner to associate with the chosen word.

I saw students work with words and language. These games forced students to use their knowledge of the English Language. They required skills in spelling, understanding of word meanings and an ability to think of synonyms, connotations and improve their own vocabulary.

Overall it was fantastic to see the students working without a device, playing with words and language, and enjoying something that they at first saw as old and archaic. The lesson here was that sometimes an ‘oldie but a goodie’ can have a positive and influential effect on our students.

I walked out of the class with a smile on my face and decided to walk into another Year 8 English class with the same boxes.

Ms Melissa Young
English Leader





Languages

On Thursday 20 June, our Year 10 and 11 Italian students participated in the annual Dante Poetry Competition held at Melbourne University. The boys made an incredible effort in memorising and reciting their poem with the correct intonation and expression. They should be all very proud of themselves. Bravissimi!



The following boys should be particularly commended for their efforts as they received a special mention in their score:

- Assante Seguin (Year 11) - Finalista (99-100%)
- Christian Caron (Year 11) - Lode (80-89%)
- Ryan Walton (Year 10) - Merito (65-79%)
- Jesh Kumar (Year 10) - Merito (65-79%)

Assante Seguin participated in the Finals on Thursday 18th of July. Out of the 2,800 students from all Victoria who participated in June, only 280 were there for the Finals. Well done to Assante for being in the top 10% of Victoria! Unfortunately, we did not win a third, second or first place. However, we should congratulate Assante for his amazing achievements. Bravissimo!



I would like to especially thank Mr Dom Fera for accompanying us and supporting our young men with their Italian studies and Mr Andrew Cooper for driving us to the station on a very rainy morning.

Here are some comments from our students.

"We started the day off by making our way to Melbourne University to compete in the Italian Poetry Competition. The place was nice and the people there were friendly. The atmosphere of the place was very warm and welcoming."

"The staff at the venue, as well as many of the other schools, were supportive and kind."

"We learnt a lot about the history of the poet, Dante Alighieri, as well as others like Giovanni Pascoli. We were given the opportunity to showcase our skills of the Italian culture which we have accumulated over our four years of learning the language. It was an experience that we will not forget and hope that many others are also able to experience."

Jesh Kumar (10 Cantamessa), Samuel Horne (10 Cantamessa) and Jamie Campbell (10 O'Mara)

"After the Poetry Competition, we went to Brunetti's for a short break and a quick snack before heading off to the museum. Some people bought Nutella bombs and exquisite coffee. After that luxurious break we made the short journey to the nearby Italian Museum. Inside the museum were artefacts and information on Italian history, migration and geography. We were given a fun quiz to complete in the time that we were there. The task had questions from all topics throughout the museum. The excursion was an amazing experience that I'm sure most kids won't experience at other schools."

Domenic O'Grady (10 Prest) and Ashton Feltham (10 Prest)

"We had the fantastic opportunity of experiencing Italian culture at the 'Il Gambero' restaurant in Carlton. The food was great and there was a large selection of different foods, including pizzas and pastas. The excursion was good and we are very grateful for having Mr Fera join and support us during our poetry competition."

Assante Seguin (11 Edwards), Christian Caron (11 Chambers) and Ryan Walton (10 Cantamessa)

Ms Chiara Giacomuzzi
Languages Leader



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College Calendar – Upcoming Events

Monday 22 until Friday 26 July	Languages Week
Tuesday 23 July	Year 11 2020 VCAL Application Forms Available
	Year 8 Retreat (CA, ED, LE)
Wednesday 24 July	Year 8 Retreat (OM, OS PR)
	Career and Senior School Expo 6-8.30pm
	Subject Selection 10-12 Goes Live
Thursday 25 July	Reunion Class of 1989 6pm
Friday 28 July	Open Morning 9.30am
Sunday 28 July	Mass in the Parish Our Lady of Lourdes, Bayswater 5pm
Monday 29 July	Prefect Training S2 3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday 30 July	Whole School Assembly 9-10.45am
	Year 11 2020 VCAL Applications Due Today
Wednesday 31 July	Year 10 into 11 Subject Consultation (Class Free Year 10)
	Year 9 into 10 Subject Selection Evening 7-8.30pm

College Calendar – Term Dates

Term 1	Term 2
Thursday 31 January until Friday 5 April	Tuesday 23 April until Thursday 27 June
Term 3	Term 4
Wednesday 17 July until Friday 20 Sept	Monday 7 October until Tuesday 22 October (Year 12s)
	Friday 29 November (Year 11s)
	Friday 6 December (Years 7-10)

Noone – Uniform Shop

All required uniforms are available from our Uniform Shop, located on property. Summer uniforms are required during Terms 1 and 4 while Winter uniforms are required for Terms 2 and 3.

2019 Uniform Shop Trading Hours

Monday 8.15am-2.00pm
Tuesday 12noon-4.00pm
Thursday 12noon-4.00pm

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