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NEWSLETTER OF ST JOSEPH'S NUDGEES COLLEGE

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Date Claimers | February/March

26 February

Riley House Breakfast
Fogarty House Function and Mass

1 March

Year 12 Kairos Retreat (1 - 2 March)
Year 8 Fogarty Camp (1 - 3 March)
Year 7 Camp (1 - 3 March)

2 March

Year 8 Duggan Camp (2 - 4 March)
College Assembly

3 March

Year 8 Barrett Camp (3 - 5 March)

4 March

Athletes Support Group Meeting

5 March

Big Brekkie Fundraiser Free Dress Day
Magee House Mass 8.30am
McKenna House Mass 8.30am

Please refer to calendar for more information

DARYL HANLY

COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians

Our College History written by Father Boland begins as follows –

On the 19th January, 1891, Father Francis Dorrigan, who cared for the Red Hill district, drove his buggy along the dusty track out of Brisbane towards the seaside resort of Sandgate. He was escorting young Michael McKennariey, aged 12, to his new school, St Joseph's College, Nudgee. It was an entirely new school. Michael was a week early for opening day and his name appears first in the school register. Among the many thousands to be recorded in the hundred years of Nudgee's existence, his name still leads the rest.

The buggy wound out of the hills of Nundah and across the flats of the future Virginia. The bush was thick around them. The Brothers were busily engaged in attaching strips of paper to trees to find their way to Cabbage Tree railway station, their only means of communication with the small city of Brisbane. As the travellers neared another rise, they saw a half completed, but substantial pile dominating the landscape. The wall facing them was not the Italianate façade but the side of the southern wing, a fact that drew the latent disapproval of that experienced builder, James Duhig.

When they turned at the entrance, they found that they were on an eminence, the Mound of Nudgee that gave them a new outlook on their surroundings. On the mound Brother Patrick Ambrose Treacy determined to build a school that would give Queensland boys a strong ground on which to stand, an unobstructed vision and a faith to fill unbounded horizons.

120 years on, St Joseph's Nudgee College still strives to provide for the education of young men and make manifest Patrick Ambrose Treacy's vision. As we celebrate the 120th year of this College; we are striving to return the former Treacy Building to its prior glory and eminence. Your support for our building and renovation program is greatly appreciated and was never more important than it is now.

As we see the Purton and Tierney Buildings approaching significant milestones in their completion, our dream is for similar progress on the Treacy Building.

I look forward to your ongoing support of these projects, and others, as we set Nudgee College up for the next 120 years.

GRAHAM LEDDIE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



Staff Qualifications

We congratulate Ms Julianne Daunt on receiving her Masters of Educational Leadership and will acknowledge her achievement at next week's assembly.

Treacy Building Refurbishment

The College gratefully acknowledges the financial support provided for the refurbishment of the Treacy Building by the Australian Government through a \$220,000 grant provided by the National Heritage Investment Initiative grant program.

CHRIS RYAN DEAN OF IDENTITY



St Joseph's Nudgee College requests prayers for:

Those who are ill at this time:

- Mrs Carmel Bamford (mother of staff member, Kellie Bamford)
- Ms Kerry Evans (wife of staff member, John Richardson)
- Mrs Carmen Moodie (mother of staff member, Trish Buckley)
- Mrs Heather Setch (mother of staff member, Michelle Crosdale)

Those who have recently died:

- Huan Donald John FRASER (NCOB '58)

Staff Update

On behalf of the College, I would like to welcome Ms Anne Costello and Mrs Evie Saunders to the College. Anne will replace Mrs Kylie Johnson in the Learning and Teaching Office until her return from maternity leave later in the year.

Evie will take over the role of PA to the Principal and assist with enrolments. Mrs Trish Buckley will be taking 12 months leave from the College to care for her ill mother. Trish will finish this Friday and we wish her all the best.

Congratulations to Ms Lorraine Hellmrich who has been appointed to the Curriculum Council as Curriculum Team Leader Learning and Teaching Support.

Welcome back to Mr Kevin Staines who returns to the College after 6 months leave.

Parent Information Evenings

The Years 11-12 and Year 8 Parent Information Evenings were held on Monday 15 and Monday 22 February respectively. A large number of staff are involved in organising these evenings and on behalf of the College, I would like to thank the following staff for their time and efforts: Ms Nicole Eddy, Ms Nicola Bone, Mr Richard Stokes, Ms Kelly Vowles, Mr David Kelly, Ms Natalie Roach, Mr Greg Thorne, Ms Carolyn Liddy, Mr Terry Donaghue, Mr Martin Wiseman, Mr Chris Ryan, Mr Paul Begg, Mr Daryl Hanly, Ms Trina Sullivan, Mr Daniel Macpherson, Mr Sean O'Brien, Mr Raoul Carmody, Mr Pradip Kochhar and the Catering team, and Mr Andre Maestracci and the Property and Services team.

During Lent at St Joseph's Nudgee College, we are focusing on the meaning of the Senior motto for 2010 and what it means during this sacred and important time. We will explore four themes of Lent and will be thinking about how we can make the Senior motto real in our every day lives as we move towards Easter and the coming of the Risen Christ. On Tuesday we introduced these four calls to Lenten action and raised the Cross using the Senior symbol of Rope as we prepared for our 40 day journey with Jesus.

The first lesson, to be prayerful, is particularly powerful in light of the tragic events at our brother school, St Patrick's. We have deep respect and admiration for this wonderful school which has accepted the pain of suffering and sadness and will continue to move towards healing and renewed community through this time. We can not possibly understand what has happened but we can follow the example set by Blessed Edmund who did not turn away from God at the point of his greatest pain. He moved closer; closer to God through prayer. We pray for the families of the boys involved, their friends at St Patrick's and at Nudgee College and for the teachers, parents and leaders of the school that God's loving embrace will hold them all gently.

We wish our Year 5 fellows well on their first Retreat which will focus on the story of Edmund and our first group of Year 12 young men who set out on Kairos Retreat this weekend. Thanks to Mr Marty Wiseman, Mr Richard Stokes, Ms Nicolette Scanlon, Mr Stephen Meara, and Old Boys Mr Tim Dwyer and Mr Damien Chamley for making this sacred event possible.

Jesus taught us to **BE** prayerful so we can **BECOME** closer to God

Jesus taught us to **BE** giving so we can **BECOME** aware of others

Jesus taught us to **BE** open to change so we can **BECOME** our best self

Jesus taught us to **BE** willing to go without so we can **BECOME** a more simple living person

120 YEARS OF NUDGENE COLLEGE STORIES



NUDGENE COLLEGE IN 1982

Margie Wills

I started at Nudgee College in 1982, teaching Senior Biology and Junior Science. An all boys' school was significantly different when compared to the co-ed schools I left behind in Canberra.

I remember Br Connors telling me that Nudgee College would celebrate its centenary in 1991 and me thinking that I might drop in if I was still in Brisbane. Now, here I am, heading towards the 2nd Centenary celebrations!

My first impressions of Nudgee College were probably not unlike those of our new Year 8s—the distance to be travelled, the books to be carried, the fear of getting lost and trying to find my way through a sea of khaki (much smaller then, with only about 700 boys). I gave up high heels very early in the piece!

I was one of a very small group of women on a staff of 45. The Seniors of that year were very welcoming. I appreciated their openness. They really helped me to settle in and to get a grip on what Nudgee College was all about.

Early in Term 1 I went to my first Nudgee College social. This was a smaller gathering than we are used to today, with the mothers providing home made cakes and biscuits for supper during the evening. Tierney Hall had to be left spotless for Bingo the next day. I also went to the Year 8 camp which was held over a weekend at Cunningham's Gap. It was tough. The boys climbed the mountains either side of the Gap, had an 'orange break' in between and a sausage, lettuce leaf and a piece of tomato for dinner, after their cold showers.

My favourite classroom was in Duhig. It was huge and would have fitted at least 50 boys with space left over. This was before the renovation which fitted another floor and an extra seven classrooms into the building.

In 1982 the Staff Common room was big enough for all of us and I could park my car outside what is now my office. To cover all teams and activities most of us were involved in two or more extra-curricular activities and, speaking for myself, I wasn't necessarily skilled in all those areas.

I also remember that, for boarders, the highlight of their week was 'Toombul Leave' on Friday afternoons. I often had passengers and it was not unusual to have boys popping up to offer advice when I was choosing a lipstick in DJs, checking out handbags or trying on shoes. It was a little unnerving for the shop assistants.

1982 saw my introduction to the Christian Brothers' and their ethos. I feel very privileged to have had this experience. What I have learnt from this has added a special dimension to my teaching career which would have otherwise been absent. I feel very fortunate that I get so much pleasure from my work and know that this will continue as long as we are faithful to our heritage.

TERRY DONAGHUE ACTING DEAN OF LEARNING AND TEACHING



Australian Curriculum Release Date

On Monday 1 March 2010, the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) will publish draft K-10 Australian Curriculum in English, Mathematics, Science and History for a period of national consultation. The consultation period closes on 23 May 2010.

This is a significant event in Australian education.

The draft curriculum and all the resources required to provide feedback are published at: www.australiancurriculum.edu.au. At this address, you will find the draft curriculum which you can comment on, a survey which you can complete and other resources such as videos, information sheets and frequently asked questions.

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On visiting the website, you will need to register your details in a simple process that will provide you with an ongoing login and password and ensures you the opportunity to save and return to your feedback over time and as often as you wish. This is a unique opportunity for you to express your views and comment on the draft curriculum materials. Take the opportunity over the next few months to contribute to making this the best possible curriculum for all teachers and students in Australia.

The draft curriculum in the same four learning areas, for the Senior secondary years, will be published online and available for public consultation between April and June 2010. More details on consultation on the Senior years' curriculum will be provided in March.

ACARA will refine the draft curriculum in response to the feedback from both the K-10 and Senior years' national consultation, and will publish a final version of the K-12 Australian Curriculum in English, Mathematics, Science and History in September 2010.

QSA Learning Area Reference Committees

Congratulations to Mr Gary Taylor and Ms Rhonda Neil who have been chosen as the QCEC representatives on the QSA Learning Area Reference Committees for Humanities and Social Science and Languages respectively. Both of these staff members will bring invaluable experience to these committees and will put Nudgee College at the forefront of developments at the Queensland Studies Authority.

PAUL BEGG DEAN OF STUDENTS



Duggan House Breakfast

Friday 12 March, Ryan Hall
7am - 8.30am
Flyer to come!

Ross House Breakfast

March 12
Nudgee College Staff Club
Barbeque
RSVP ko'connor@nudgee.com
by March 10

REMINDER | Coming Events

28 February - 2 March

Year 12 Kairos

5 March

Magee and McKenna House Mass
GPS Swimming

Over the last few weeks we have hosted parents at our year level evenings. Each night has been designed to accurately capture for parents the essence of the year and focus attention on those parts of College life and student development that is most important and relevant over this academic year. In Years 5-7 it was global education and development where the classroom teacher is the most important person in a student's Nudgee College journey and time spent in the classroom. In Year 8 our focus was with the core teachers and primarily focused on the academic journey. Our Year 9 parents met in classrooms with their House Deans to explore a little of the important year that Year 9 is in terms of social development. In Year 10 we focussed on the academic pathways that would open and the boys burgeoning social maturity. Our Year 11's had heavy guidance around curriculum issues and psychological development with Mr Wiseman and Ms Liddy while our Senior parents were informed of, and prepared for, the final leg of the great Nudgee College journey and the associated joys and challenges to be faced by myself and Mr Donaghue. If you were unable to attend the evenings information is available on the website and through emailing any of our presenters.

Uniform

While the weather is very hot and humid you are reminded that the College uniform is still to be worn with pride. All staff members constantly remind boys about the state of their uniform and appearance. It would be appreciated if uniform and/or appearance infringement notices are sent home they are quickly addressed as it is always difficult when boys have to be sent home to fix uniform issues that have become repetitive and problematic. If you have uniform issues please contact me at the College so that I can assist in rectifying the problems.

JOHN BUSSENSCHUTT DIRECTOR OF BOARDING



Date Claimers | Term 1

Friday 26 March

End of Term 1

Saturday 27 March

Boarder Travel Day

Please communicate your son's travel plans to the Head of Boarding House or the Boarding Secretary on (07) 3865 0408 or llucas@nudgee.com

Hello everyone,

I hope this newsletter finds you all fit and well.

At Mass on Sunday evening I reminded our boarders of three important things:

1. **At St Joseph's Nudgee College, a Catholic, boys' boarding school, we celebrate Mass and the life of Jesus nearly every Sunday night during school term. The boarders' have celebrated Mass in this way for nearly 120 years and is an integral part of our tradition.**
2. **It is a College expectation, that all boarders on weekend leave must return to the Boarding Houses by no later than 7pm in readiness to attend the Boarders Mass.**
3. **Appropriate dress is expected for a number of special occasions that occur during the year. Mass is one of those. A collared shirt, dress trousers/shorts and good, clean solid shoes are required. This is part of the boarders' uniform requirements.**

The Seniors had their QCS practice test on Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 in the Christian Brothers' Conference Centre. We wish them well on this important aspect of their Senior year.

I have mentioned before how lucky we are at Nudgee College to have the Boarding Recreation Programme which is organised and coordinated by Matt Russo (Boarding Recreation Coordinator). The boarders who attended the Qld Reds vs Crusaders at Suncorp Stadium game on Friday night were treated to a great game as part of the weekend's program. Many thanks to all involved. Matt has issued discount cards to all boarders through the Heads of Boarding House for purchasing sporting gear at Rebel Sport.

NATALIE ROACH YEARS 5-7



REMINDER | Coming Events

26 February

CIC Swimming Meet Iona

27 February

CIC Cricket Rd 4 v SPC (a)

1 - 3 March

Year 7 Camp

3 March

World Maths Day

After a very smooth start to the 2010 academic year, our boys in Years 5-7 are displaying keen enthusiasm and application to their studies. Classrooms are looking very alive and as I walk around it is always very exciting to see the high level of engagement between students and teachers.

As we are at the halfway mark of Term 1, it seems timely to remind our students of the value of organisation and persistence. As class teachers, we encourage our boys to use the SRB to record their nightly homework and to plan ahead for upcoming assessment and assignments. As parents, can we please ask you to monitor your son's usage of this important book and, like the teachers do, use it to assist communication between home and school.

Another important aspect is goal setting. Many of the classes have completed this task, identifying both short term and long term goals in the areas of academic, social and sporting. Once these have been identified, persistence to achieve these can be encouraged. As I mentioned at the Parent Information Evening, positive self-talk... "I can do it!", helps to enhance a student's concept of self and relieves the anxiety sometimes felt when attacking new tasks.

Lastly, I'd like to highlight the upcoming World Maths Day on March 3. As our students all use Mathletics as part of their Mathematics programs, the boys will have the opportunity to log on during class time to complete tasks as part of this event. Additionally any time your sons have to use the online site before or after school will help in the overall count to beat last year's record of almost two million students from 204 countries competing in mental computation tasks on that day. I look forward to enriching this part of our program with this activity. I know the students love the competitive element of Mathletics, especially when they enter a challenge with another student from overseas or someone from within their own class! Happy calculating!

<http://www.nudgee.com/portal/student-office/2010/02/25/years-5-7-weekly-report-week-5>

PETER TODD
DIRECTOR OF ACTIVITIES



REMINDER | Upcoming Events

Thursday 4 March 6.30pm

Cross Country Parent Support Group Meeting

Venue: English Staffroom (above the Health Centre)

Monday 8 March 6.30pm

Football Parent Support Group Meeting

Venue: Bodkin Room

Rowing

On Saturday all Nudgee College rowers competed in the BGS regatta at Kawana with promising results. Congratulations to the Year 10 1st Quad (Tom McLellan, Francois Postal, Eden Few, Rory Persijn, Sean Fitzgerald, and coach Graham Kolbe) who posted their first win of the season in a very tight race. The 1st VIII (Nic Redcliffe, Chris Hislop, Trsitano Pagliano, Tom Moloney, Dominic Power, Dillon Gibbons, Harry McKay, Ryan Stewart, Sam Chiarabaglio, and coaches Gary Lynagh and Graham Leddie) continued to show good improvement with a third in what is fast becoming one of the most hotly contested 1st VIII in recent history.

I want to thank the boys that turned up to Friday boat loading. It was completed in the most efficient time with all crews accounted for. This week sees our junior rowers complete their final week with the Junior Head of the River on Saturday. I want to thank all boys for their participation this season. I am sure they have enjoyed themselves and learnt a lot and are keen for next season. I want to thank all the coaches and Year 9 co-coordinator Debra Daly and junior co-coordinator Nicola Bone who have helped out and have made this a rewarding season for all. All year groups will only compete in one race on Saturday so it is vital that all boys are ready and treat this race as a full dress rehearsal for the Senior Head of the River in two weeks time. The bus will leave on Saturday at the normal time of 5.45am with all boys expected to be there by 6.45am. Good luck to all boys this week.

Christian Oneto
Director of Rowing

Golf



CRAIG GOODALL
Australian PGA Trainee of the Year 1998
St Joseph's Nudgee College Golf Professional

The year has started off slowly for the Inter-collegiate golf team in round 1 played at North Lakes Golf Club on Monday. The team played to the best of their ability with team Captain Dylan Brown providing the best score for the team with 4 over par.

I am sure that in round 2 the team will be hoping for a stronger performance with the round being played at Hills.

www.GoodyGolf.bigpondhosting.com

COMMUNITY



Careers

Confident Kids and Teens Program

Mark Sayer has information on the above program for interested parents. He can be contacted at msayer@nudgee.com.

Internship Opportunity for School Leavers

Educating Adventures has 18 spots remaining on their 'Ski & Snowboard Instructor Internship' programs in North America. Applications are open now for positions commencing at the end of November 2010. Contact Mark Sayer for details.

Ladies' Auxiliary

The Easter Morning Tea Flyer is now available from the website:
<http://www.nudgee.com/public/parent-support-groups/ladies-aux-events>