Semper Paratus

God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder of our being,
for mind, body and spirit.

Be with our children as they begin a new school year.

Bless them and their community here at James Sheahan.

Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow,
wisdom and knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.

St John Baptist de la Salle – Pray for us
Venerable Catherine McAuley – Pray for us
Mercy given – Mercy received
Live Jesus in our Hearts – Forever.

The start of a new school year is always an exciting and busy time and this year has been no exception. This year, we have a new group of students beginning in Year 7 and a number of new enrolments in all other years. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new families to James Sheahan Catholic High School in 2017 and I hope that already you feel very much a part of our school community.

We also welcome to our school, new staff members who have joined us in bringing quality Catholic education to our students. In the next couple of weeks, you will come to know them through their dedication and commitment to our students.

It has been an enjoyable and positive beginning to the year with students and staff returning and quickly engaging in the academic, cultural, sporting and social programs that define our school. For families returning this year we look forward to a continued productive and rewarding relationship with you and your children.

We are committed to working together so that our students will thrive in raising their achievement through effort and improvement. Our school values of Compassion, Courage and Hope inform all that we do, and we look forward to living them with you throughout 2017.

Part of the message we give to our students is that when they leave James Sheahan at the end of their educational journey, they get to do what they want to do in life and not take what’s left over. This has indeed been fulfilled by the HSC Class of 2016.

We are very proud of our Year 12 students from last year and their results for 2016. Congratulations to all students who achieved or exceeded the goals they had set for themselves. We thank all staff for that dedication and commitment mentioned earlier that ensured our students did get to do what they want to do in life.

We have a very exciting year ahead and I look forward to working with you and your families throughout 2017.

Mr Mark Pauschmann
Principal
5th February 2017

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I write to you as the final hearing involving the Catholic Church at the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse commences on February 6, 2017.

For the victims and survivors, for the Catholic community and for many in the wider Australian community, this hearing may be a difficult and even distressing time, as the Royal Commission reviews the evidence it has already received and seeks to understand why and how this tragedy has occurred.

Deeply mindful of the hurt and pain caused by abuse, I once again offer my apology on behalf of the Catholic Church. I am sorry for the damage that has been done to the lives of victims of sexual abuse. As Pope Francis said recently, ‘it is a sin that shames us’.

Over the next three weeks, evidence presented during the Royal Commission hearings will be analysed, statistics about the extent of abuse will be made public and the way forward will be explored. Many of our bishops and other Catholic leaders will appear before the Royal Commission. They will explain what the Church has been doing to change the old culture that allowed abuse to continue and to put in place new policies, structures and protections to safeguard children.

Pope Francis has urged the whole Church to, ‘find the courage needed to take all necessary measures and to protect in every way the lives of our children, so that such crimes may never be repeated’.

Throughout the coming weeks, I want to assure you of my thoughts and prayers. I encourage you to turn in prayer to the one who is always ready to listen: Jesus Christ, who brings healing and hope.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Paul Devitt
Vicar General
SPORTING PARTICIPATION IN 2017

Students will be able to represent in two summer and two winter sporting competitions during the school year. In order to provide a sensible balance between academic pursuits and co-curricular school involvement, students who wish to represent the school need to be representative of the high expectations we set for our students when outside the school. These are in the areas of behaviour, appearance, school work and attendance (90% for juniors and 95% for seniors).

Below is the list of sports that James Sheahan offers in winter and summer. Trial dates for these sports will be advertised in morning notices. Please discuss with your child the need to select carefully the two sporting competitions they would like to be involved in during each season in 2017.

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Students will be allowed to represent the school in swimming, cross country and athletics regardless of the number of winter or summer sports they have already participated in and the final approval will be given by Mr Pauschmann.

Also, consideration will be given to elite athletes who wish to compete in more than two sporting competitions during a season. However, a written application signed by both the student and parent/carer must be submitted to Mr Pauschmann, prior to the selection trials for further competitions. Please remind your child that it is their responsibility to ensure that they meet with their classroom teacher to receive any work missed whilst on a sporting excursion.

Mark Pauschmann
Principal

ASSESSMENT GUIDES YEARS 7 – 11

The assessment guides for students in Years 7 to 11 will be coming home with students over the coming week. It is important that parent/carers read through the policies and practices the school has in place around the area of assessment.

The assessment guides and assessment task notifications for individual tasks can be accessed through the school website. The link is found under the ‘Learning at Sheahan’ heading. This section of the website is password protected.

User: JSCHS
Password: assessment

Michael Tilston
Curriculum Coordinator
PARENT CLASSROOM CONCERNS AND QUESTIONS

James Sheahan Catholic High School is very keen to work closely with parents to maximise their child’s learning and to ensure that every child’s schooling at James Sheahan is productive and positive. Under our banner of WEALTH (We Allow Learning To Happen) we encourage students to become responsible learners, challenging themselves to succeed and taking responsibility for their own actions.

In general, if a parent calls the school to discuss a classroom based matter they will be directed in the first instance to the classroom teacher. The relevant Subject Coordinator will also be notified of the parent contact. The teacher will contact the parent as soon as possible, recognising their teaching, supervisory and administrative obligations. The teacher will let the Subject Coordinator whether the issue has been resolved at this level.

If the issue has not been resolved, the relevant Subject Coordinator would be the next point of contact for a parent. If the issue has still not been resolved, the Student Wellbeing Coordinator, Mrs Michelle Whiteley, would become involved if the matter was of a classroom interaction nature or the Curriculum Coordinator, Mr Michael Tilston, if the matter was a curriculum or assessment issue.

The primary role of Year Coordinators is one of a pastoral and wellbeing nature. Year Coordinators are also able to provide an overall picture of a student, whilst not having responsibility to resolve subject based classroom issues which are the primary responsibility of the teacher and, if required, the relevant Subject Coordinator.

Where issues cross subjects, then generally the Year Coordinator will be involved with teachers and Subject Coordinators in working with the student and parents to resolve the matter, with the support and direction of the Student Wellbeing Coordinator and Wellbeing/ Learning Enhancement staff if applicable (e.g. Counsellors, Learning Enhancement Team, Aboriginal Educator).

Where parents have a concern, the School will follow its FAIR principles in responding to the matter, issue or incident raised

• Find out the facts
• Ascertain and acknowledge the situation
• Initiate appropriate actions
• Restore Respect and Responsibility

Parents wishing to go immediately to the Principal or Assistant Principal regarding a classroom or playground matter will be asked to follow the above pathway. Following the FAIR process may involve delaying a response until all the evidence can be gathered and a balanced, considered and appropriate response determined. Of courses, matters that are determined to be of a Child Protection nature under government and system guidelines will be dealt with as a matter of urgency and confidentiality in accordance with relevant statutory guidelines.

Peter Meers
Assistant Principal

The Diocesan Spelling Bee is on again! Class rounds will take place early on in Term 2, with one finalist from each year representing James Sheahan in the finals at Wellington in May. Start studying now- you can download the wordlists from the James Sheahan website.

Any enquiries, see Mrs Munro in English.
Absence from School and Formal Exams and/or Formal Assessment Tasks due to Travel (Family Holidays, Family Reunions, Spectator Events)

Under the School’s assessment guidelines the taking of leave during school terms for the purpose of family holidays or family reunions does not constitute a valid reason for being absent from scheduled examinations or Formal Assessment Tasks. Likewise, absence due to spectator attendance at a leisure or recreational event, such as a music concert or sporting match, is not considered valid grounds for an extension or rescheduling of an examination or Formal Assessment Task. Students who miss an examination or Formal Assessment Task due to the above reasons will receive a “0” mark.

Naturally, the school recognises and understands absence from a task or exam due to sickness, family crisis or tragedy, and variations beyond the control of a student, including school organised excursions. In cases other than excursions, students need to provide a written explanation (including a medical certificate for illness, in the case of Years 11 and 12) and alternative arrangements would be made.

Students attending excursions need to inform their relevant teacher in advance of a missed task or exam (Years 7-10) or complete an Illness/ Misadventure form before the day of the task or exam and submit to the relevant Subject Coordinator for Years 11 -12. Representation at an elite level in sport or a cultural endeavour is recognised as a valid reason for being absent from an examination or task.

These policy guidelines reinforce to students the importance of their school education, help provide a level playing field for all students, minimise the opportunity for unfair advantage and safeguard the integrity of examination papers and Formal Assessment Tasks.

Extended Leave (Travel/ Exceptional Circumstances/ Employment in the Entertainment Industry/ Elite Arts or Sports)

In 2015, the Bathurst Catholic Education Office released new guidelines for absence during school terms. Parents/carers removing students from school for the purpose of travel or other planned activities (eg holidaying, family reunions) for less than 10 school days must provide a letter of explanation to the Roll Call teacher. If the leave is for 10 or more school days, an Application for Exemption must be completed and submitted to the Assistant Principal a minimum of three weeks before the intended travel where possible. The Assistant Principal will consider the application and if accepting the explanation, will provide a Certificate for Exemption.

Extended Leave application forms are located on the school website in Policies/ Guidelines/ Forms. The Application for Extended Leave – Travel Form (A.1) covers holidays and family reunions. The Application for Exemption from Attendance at School Form (A.2) covers exceptional circumstances (non-holidays), employment in the entertainment industry and participation in elite arts or sports.

Under CEO Guidelines, reflecting the NSW Education Act (1990), the School is not expected to provide work for a student during an extended period of holiday/ travel leave. As such, teachers are not required to provide school work or assessment tasks during a student’s extended absence related to travel or holidaying. If individual teachers wish to provide class work they can but there is no expectation of this and this may not be feasible given that schools have largely moved away from textbooks to more authentic, collaborative 21st century style teaching and learning approaches.

Under BOSTES Grade guidelines (Years 7 to 11), your child will receive A to E grades that are reflective of their ability and not be penalised in this regard for missed tasks or course work. Teachers will use their professional judgement of your child based on completed tasks and demonstrated student performance.

Your child is required to catch up all missed course work within three weeks of his/ her return and does not receive exemption from assessment tasks due upon their return.

Peter Meers
Assistant Principal
SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The school swimming carnival will be held on Friday, February 17th at the Orange Aquatic Centre. All students are required to attend the carnival.

Students in Year 7-10 must wear school sports uniform. Students in Year 11-12 need to wear a house coloured shirt and navy shorts. It is extremely important that students wear a hat and sunscreen when they are not competing in an event. Students in Year 7-10 must wear the school hat and students in Year 11-12 can wear any appropriate hat.

All buses will drop students off at the pool and pick them up from the pool. Roll call will take place inside the pool at 8:45am and again at 3:00pm.

The carnival will begin with the senior parade. La Salle currently holds the winners shield for this event. Senior students will prepare for the parade at 7.30 am at school and will catch buses directly to the pool before the parade begins at 8:50am.

Students do not need to register for individual swimming events prior to the carnival. Listen for the event to be called and turn up on the day. Novelty events for non-swimmers will also be held on the day. However, students should register for novelty events and relay events at their house meetings prior to the carnival.

At the conclusion of the carnival all students will be required to leave the pool grounds. Students who wish to re-enter the pool after this time are no longer under the supervision & care of the school and should do so only with parental permission. Relevant entry fees will need to be paid.

The school team will be selected from results on the day for the Diocesan Carnival on Tuesday, March 7.

The current house champions are Mercy and they are looking to retain their title. Good luck to all students and may the best house win.

Kylie Jordan
PD/H/PE

SPORT / ACTIVITIES

Sport afternoon will be Tuesday week A for Year 7 and Tuesday week B for Year 8, Thursday Week A for Year 9 and Thursday Week B for Year 10. Sport choices for all students will be displayed in the hall. All sport fees will be billed and paid through the school fees office. Year 7 students will rotate through a variety of sports throughout the year. A copy of the Sport policy which outlines procedures and expectations can be found on the James Sheahan website.

Kylie Jordan
PD/H/PE

SCHOOL DRIVE

The subsidy is for driving school students to school or to the nearest transport pick up point, by car, motorcycle or boat.

The School Drive Subsidy scheme replaces the previous Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) Subsidy scheme.  https://youtu.be/_xWpeEmXNdQ

JSCHS Clothing Pool (Second Hand clothing) and Sustainable School Shop

The uniform is compulsory and compliance with all aspects of uniform and grooming is a condition of enrolment. It includes a chiropractic school bag, the school belt (for boys) and the school socks for both boys and girls.

Second-hand uniforms are available through the James Sheahan Clothing Pool which operates by appointment through the school canteen. Or you may wish to sell through the Sustainable School Shop.

If you have text books which you will not be selling and would like to donate these please also drop these at the Canteen for redistribution or disposal.

The Sustainable School Shop is an innovative online service that has been especially developed to assist parents and students with trading all their second-hand uniforms. JSCHS will continue to use the services of the Sustainable School Shop to enable families to trade and recycle their second-hand textbooks, uniforms and student resources, and encourage our families to continue to support this helpful service.

For the best results:
- List items for sale
- List Wanted Ads for those items you are looking to buy
- The school's books and uniform lists are loaded into the system to make listing ads easy
- The system matches the ads of buyers with sellers and notifies the buyer (Wanted Ad) via email
- Buyers contact sellers and arrange where and when to trade
- Most trading will occur with other parents from the school
- Parents are well supported via Sustainable School Trading's telephone (1300 683 337) and email help lines.

The system is simple and easy to use - If you don’t have a computer, internet access or an email address, please call the Sustainable School Shop for assistance. Registering on the Sustainable School Shop is free. Go to www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

Free Welcome BBQ – For all Families 6 pm Friday 10 Feb 2017 – the P&C will be hosting the Sheahan Welcome BBQ for all families so come along and enjoy a celebratory family evening between the bus bay and the administration building. Bring chairs and/or picnic rugs and drinks and we’ll provide the sausage or steak sandwich – free! It’s a great way for families to meet and get to know one another.

What we did in 2016 & our plans for 2017 – we had a really big year in 2016. We hosted the Welcome BBQ in February 2016, surveyed parents for the Voluntary Contribution for the P&C, organised teacher grants, finalised the car park bus shelter and path, organised and hosted a Boys Education and Student Wellbeing discussion in August, surveyed parents regarding priorities for allocation of P&C funds, held ongoing student wellbeing discussions with the school Executive, and hosted a teacher ‘thank you’ morning tea next at the very end of fourth term. Our plans for 2017 include further discussions and possible financial assistance for the implementation of further wellbeing support or programs at James Sheahan, and organising a dinner dance for parents to be held in August or September. We think 2017 will be a great year!

Update to P&C information on the school website – major upgrade: Scroll down the right hand side of the James Sheahan school website page, and beneath ‘Community & Faith’ you’ll see ‘P&C Association (Parents & Carers)’. Click on that, and you can access P&C documents such as minutes etc. Check out our meeting dates for 2017 - put them in your diary and come along to find out what’s going on! We meet twice term upstairs at Kellys Hotel.

P&C Facebook Page – reminder that the P&C has a dedicated Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SheahanPandC. ‘Like’ our page to be kept up to date with P & C news and events.

Movie Tickets – are available for $11 each. Please note – tickets have up to 12 months before they expire.
* Tickets are available from the School Office ONLY – you are asked to put the money in an envelope marked with family/students name, roll call group and how many tickets required.
* Payment by CASH or CHEQUE only.

If you have any suggestions or queries, please contact the P&C committee via email at sheahanpandc@gmail.com
**Orange City Junior Rugby Union Club**

**Registration Days**

**Wednesday 15 February 4.30pm to 6pm**
**Friday 17 February 4.30pm to 6.30pm**

At Waratah’s Club House - Pride Park

Walla’s - u7’s, u9’s, u11’s  - Training Friday nights

Juniors – u13’s, u 15’s, u 17’s  - Training Tuesday & Thursdays

Junior Girls Rugby 7’s team

We look forward to seeing a return of old faces and we also welcome all new players and their families.

For further details
Tim: 0417686596
Damien 0408 9333555

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**Orange Junior INDOOR Hockey**

4 week competition is here!!!

**The Junior Boys and Girls competition hits off on Wednesday 8th March at the PCYC Centre**

**Ages catered for:** Children born in 2002, 2003, 2004

**Dates:** 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th March 2017

**Times:** Either 5pm or 6pm games

**Venue:** Orange PCYC Centre, Seymour St

**What’s involved:** Register your interest to play to the email below by the 1st March. Teams and Draws will be released after this date

**Cost:** $25 per player for the 4 weeks, plus a $10 membership fee to the PCYC (if you are not already a member – once off yearly membership)

**Contact:** Darren Davis via email darrenandkirsty1@bigpond.com by the 1st March

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**Orange City Junior Rugby Union Club**

**Juniors**

**Waratah’s Club House - Pride Park**

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**“Come Try Rugby” at Emus**

Woodward Road, Orange

**Wallas & Juniors Rugby 2017**

**Registration Now Open**

Join the 2016 premiership winners!

Wallas U7’s - U11’s and Juniors U13’s to U17’s

Sign up at our registration days:

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February from 4pm – 6pm

or

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb from 10am – 12noon

Please call Michelle Duncan on 0401 404 212 or Keryn Holland on 0421 210 492 for more information

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**Bissys Cafe**

We're hiring!

We have two positions available at Bissys Café, one weekday and one weekend position. Hospitality experience is preferred but not a necessity, training will be provided. Applicants must be motivated and passionate about food and customer service, and are willing to be flexible. If one of these positions interests you, come into Bissys Café and drop in your resume.

88 Warrendine Street, Orange

6369 0666

Contact@bissyscafe.com.au
2017 Alternate Schoolies trip to Nepal
For the past six years, the Rotary Club of Orange Daybreak has been involved in a number of projects in various villages in Nepal, mainly teacher training and health education. The Schoolies team needs much needed funds to continue to support the projects.

A live-action adaptation of Disney's version of the classic 'Beauty and the Beast' tale of a cursed prince and a beautiful young woman who helps him break the spell.

Cost & crew
Emma Watson, Dan Stevens, Luke Evans, Ewan McGregor, Ian McKellen

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**Fundraising for NEPAL**

**Saturday**

25th March

6.45pm

**Tickets $20**
Includes movie ticket and pre-movie nibbles at 6pm

Tickets available by contacting:
- Samantha Playner 0400107713
- Matt Dyet 0488573044
- Laura Smith 0432886716
- Niamh McFeters 0467048506
- Eliza Gilbank-Hein 0485838000
- Melissa Fardell 0439119962

Thank you for your support

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**Orange Running Festival**

**Team - YACERS**

Orange's Youth Action Council have entered a team into this year's Orange Running Festival.
We are competing in the 5km walk/run event.

**When:** Sunday 26 Feb

**Time:** 10 am for a 10:30 start

**Starting Line:** Forest Road, Bloomfield

**Dress:** Anything you want! Dress up is good!

**Cost:** Free

So if you’re looking for some fun with some friends come and join YACERS
- a world of entertainment!

Must register with Katrina Hausia
Phone: 63938628 or 0402230238
Email: khausia@orange.nsw.gov.au

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**Learn to Weave**

Available to young people aged 9 - 18 years
FREE!

When: Monday afternoons 4:30 - 5:30pm
13 February until 3 April 2017
Venue: HACI Centre 266 Lords Place
(50 March Street) Orange
Numbers are limited
Registrations: Katrina Hausia 6393 8628 or

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**Skillset Workforce**

If you are under the age of 25 and have a minimum of 50 log book hours - you can get some great driving skills plus another 20 log book hours with the

**SAFER DRIVERS COURSE**

**ORANGE**

18th March
18th April
5th June

Cost: $140.00*
To Book call Skillset on 6330 1400 or visit www.skillset.com.au

*Subsidised places available to Centrelink Pension Card Holders

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**Australian Air Force Cadets**

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