



Semper Paratus

Newsletter of
James Sheahan
Catholic High School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 2 July

Senior
Parent/Teacher/Student
Evening
4.00pm - 7.00pm

Friday 3 July

Year 10 Retreat
8.43am - 8.30pm

Friday 10 July

Years 7 - 10 Reports
issued to students

Last day Term 2

Monday 27 July

Students return for Term 3

Friday 31 July to Sunday 2 August

Year 11 Ski Trip

Wednesday 5 August

Years 7 - 10
Parent/Teacher/Student
Evening: 4pm - 8pm

Friday 7 August

Years 7 - 10 Presentation
Assemblies

Monday 10 August

Year 12 Trial HSC Exams
commence

*Wonderful God,
whose glory angels sang
when Christ was born,
help us who hear the Good News
truly to know it,
and, in knowing it, to believe,
and, in believing, to obey,
that we may rejoice in your peace
and live to love one another
even as you have loved us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Music Manifesto

What a sensational evening of musical excellence! A wonderful showcase of the immense talent we have amongst our students was on display as our stage band, concert band, orchestra, senior choir, choir and girls choir performed alongside a number of solo and small ensemble items.

I offer an enormous and heart-felt thanks to Mrs Jackie Shields and Ms Emily Carroll for the wonderful work they do in inspiring and motivating our students to produce such polished musical performances. I am also very grateful to the huge number of parents who dedicated so much time and energy to making the evening a tremendous success. The music support group of eager parents put on a terrific evening that was enjoyed by all who attended.



I look forward to further successes in this regard. Please put Sunday August 2, 2.30pm at the Conservatorium in your diary now. Past student Kathryn Handsaker will be presenting an afternoon of operatic and musical theatre as she spends some time in her home town, whilst on holidays from her new home in Austria. Kathryn is an opera singer with a magnificent voice. It just goes to show that students of Sheahan excel in so many ways!

Appointment of Assistant Principal

It is with great pleasure that I announce the permanent appointment of Mr Peter Meers as Assistant Principal at our school. Congratulations to Peter on this achievement. Peter brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience in all matters relating to the curriculum, as well as a passion for teaching and pedagogical approaches in the classroom. I look forward to continued innovation with our learning and teaching at the school under Peter's leadership.

Student Attendance

I would like to stress to all families that I expect that all students will be in full attendance at school right up until the last day of this term. Please do not allow

your child to take days off in the final week of this term. Students already receive two weeks holiday; there is work still to be done in the last week of term! If you are taking a family holiday, then a letter addressed to the roll call teacher requesting the leave should be provided *before* taking the leave. Thank you for your support in this regard.

2008 Annual Financial and Educational Report

Our 2008 Annual Report is now available for viewing on-line. Simply go to our school website and click on the appropriate link.

*Craig Wattam
Principal*

MUSIC MANIFESTO

Congratulations and a standing ovation to all the fantastic students who performed at Friday night's Music Manifesto. What a brilliant night of fun and entertainment. The standard of each performance on the evening was truly amazing. Hard to believe that many of the groups were formed only this year. All should be well proud of their efforts.

The night was ultimately possible through the dedication and driving talents of music teacher Mrs Jackie Shields, ably supported by Miss Emily Carroll. We thank them sincerely for the countless 'after-hours' instruction they offer our music students and for the sheer excellence they command. We offer Jackie and Emily our support and enthusiasm for further such events.

Many thanks also to the staff members who performed on the night and who also helped behind the scenes. To Mr Craig Wattam for his tireless accompaniment on the piano, to Mr Steve Hick, Mr Tim Kelly and Mr James Kovac for kindly donating their time and their sound and lighting equipment. We thank the Music Support Team for preparing the hall and promotions, to Miss Emily Goodwin (student) for her choreography and to Miss Amy Goggins (past student) for MCing the night. Another very big thankyou to all the parents and businesses who kindly donated prizes for the "100 Club" and raffle:

Robin Hood Hotel	Temptations
ECJ's Giftware	Restaurant,
Orange Theatre	Caleula Motor Lodge
Company	Angus and
Darryl Grant Cycles	Robertson
Glamour Togs	Lander's Music
Bridgestone	Tim Kelly
Dunryleague Golf Club	James Kovac
Department of Education	Amy Goggins
and Training	Steve Hick
Cord Recruitment Group	Alan Jeffrees
Harvey Norman	John Churchland
Anything Grows	Di McKie
Music Support Team	Maria Kennedy
Country Energy	Craig Wattam
Inland Security	Bridget Flakelar
2EL1089 AM Radio	Emily Goodwin
Toogoolah Winery	Trevor Carroll
Niven Construction	Nicholas Niven

Angus and Coote
Kelly's Bottle Shop

Michael Long
Sheer Radiance

Finally, many thanks to the parents and friends who came along on the evening and for generously purchasing tickets in the raffles. A final count of funds raised will be announced shortly, but suffice to say, the Music Department at JSCHS has taken big steps in attaining its goals.

*Trish Aumuller for
Music Support Team*

SRC NEWS

The SRC has a few events planned as the term comes to an end and we would like as many students as possible to be involved.

Environmental Talent Quest

This is an opportunity for you to display your talents as an individual or group. Your act must have an environmental theme. That means the lyrics to your song can be about reducing, reusing or recycling or saving the planet. You might juggle using recycled material. You might recite a poem or perform an interpretative dance. Whatever you choose, think about the environment and how your act will effectively get across the message of saving the planet. Your costumes can be made from recycled material. If each Year group presents one act, we will have a show. There are great prizes and entry is free. Prizes so far are a Fairy Floss Maker, I Tune Credit, Chocolates and gift vouchers. As well there will be plenty of giveaway show bags for just entering. We must have 8 acts before the Talent Quest can go ahead. So get your act together and be in it!

Vinnies Winter Blanket and Clothing Drive

Please bring in any blankets or winter clothing that you no longer have a use for to A2 classroom before school. For each item of winter clothing you contribute you will be given a raffle ticket. For each blanket you bring in you will be given 3 raffle tickets. All the ticket stubs will go into a draw for canteen vouchers. There will be 10 x \$2 vouchers 5 x \$3 vouchers and 1x \$10 voucher. So please help those in need this winter and bring in your donations.

*Lynelle Maguire
SRC Coordinator*

DIOCESAN NETBALL

Last Thursday, 3 teams travelled to Dubbo to compete in the Annual Diocesan Principals' Netball Carnival. Competing against schools from throughout the Diocese, James Sheahan was well represented in the three divisions contested - junior, intermediate and senior.

Intermediate

The Intermediates began the day with convincing victories over La Salle Lithgow, St Matthews Mudgee (2) and Macquarie Anglican School 24-3, 22-2 and 27-3 respectively. The following game against St Matthews (1) saw a much closer affair with Sheahan only leading by 1 goal at half time. A dominant second half team performance saw an impressive 25-11 victory. Game 5 against traditional rivals St John's Dubbo did not disappoint. After an even first half Sheahan showed their speed and teamwork to emerge victorious 14-9. Victory in the remaining two games against St John's (2) 17-7 and Mackillop, Bathurst 14-8, enabled Sheahan to remain undefeated and reclaim the Intermediate title they had relinquished last year.



As always the girls represented both themselves and the school with pride and displayed excellent skill and sportsmanship. Congratulations to Kendall Draper, Elyse Lawry, Melise Coleman, Sarah Roberts, Sophie Ryan, Tayla Wasson, Laura Kable, Molly Sharpe and Shannon Kavanagh.

Thank you to all the parents who travelled for their support, to umpires Mrs Jacky Lydon, Rachael Jarman and Danielle van Kemenade for their efforts on the day and to Mr Michael Powell for his assistance. Senior report next week.

Juniors

James Sheahan Junior netball team returned as victors from the Bathurst Diocesan Principals Netball Championships that was held in Dubbo last Thursday. In a scintillating display of confident and controlled netball, the team swept aside all before them to record six well deserved wins.

Teams from La Salle Academy Lithgow, St Johns Blue Dubbo, Mackillop College Bathurst, St Matthews Mudgee, St Johns Maroon Dubbo and the

Dubbo Christian School took part in matches during the day.

The defensive end of Sophie Brown, Lucy Spicer and Katie Matthews put in a solid performance, regularly winning the rebounding and interception battles with opposition teams. Throughout the six matches the girls conceded only 17 goals in a dominant display.



Across the midcourt, Charlotte Jasprizza, Meg Miller and Jaimee Hatton consistently won possession and transferred the ball from defence to attack. With safe hands, speedy footwork, astute positional play and confident feeding of the attacking circle, many opportunities were created for the shooters to keep the scoreboard ticking over.

The attacking end was well served by Kadasyn Byrnes, Sharn Kelly and Maddison Gillette. Over the course of the day, Sheahan Juniors registered 103 goals to convincingly claim the title of Diocesan Junior Champions.

Kylie Jordan and Michael Powell

BATHURST DIOCESAN SOCCER GALA DAY

The Open boys' and Open girls' soccer teams played at Jack Brabham Oval in the annual Bathurst Diocesan Soccer Gala Day last week.



The Open girls played Mackillop College Bathurst in round 1. The Sheahan girls played very well but

Mackillop proved to be too strong and ran out winners by 3-1.

In round 2 Sheahan played Red Bend College, Forbes. This match was a close affair with Sheahan being awarded a penalty kick in the final moments of the second half which was calmly converted by Beth Thompson to give Sheahan a 1-0 victory.

In round 3 Sheahan played St. John's Dubbo. The girls were dominant in this match and had a comprehensive 5-0 victory. Alexandra Quick scored twice and Alyssa Mileto, Beth Thompson and Megan McFarland scored one goal each. Two wins and a loss on the day meant that the Sheahan girls finished second overall, just 2 points behind the 2009 champions Mackillop College.



The Open boys played St. John's Dubbo in round 1. These two teams have always had a close battle in recent years to determine the winner from the Bathurst Diocese. This year proved to be no different with the end result being a 0-0 draw. However, Sheahan were most certainly the dominant team. Sheahan hit the crossbar twice and the goalkeeper made a number of outstanding saves. The best performers in this match were Duncan Mate (3 points), Bradley Priest (2 points) and Grant Koch (1 point).

In round 2 Sheahan played Red Bend College Forbes. St. John's had defeated Red Bend by 4-0 in their match earlier in the day which meant that Sheahan had to win by at least 5 goals to claim overall victory in the gala day. This was always going to be a tough ask as the boys had to back up and play almost immediately after the St. John's match. However, Sheahan played extremely well and won the match easily by 8-0. Duncan Mate and Jacob Smith scored 3 goals each and Bradley Priest and Ryan Masotti scored one goal each. The best performers in this match were Duncan Mate (3 points), Jacob Smith (2 points) and Anthony Huysmans (1 point). The Sheahan boys will now play Mater Dei College from Wagga Wagga in a Round 16 match next week.

Thank you to Michael Kopp, Michael Koch and Jesse Badger for refereeing on the day. Also, thank you to Richard Smeal, Travis Roweth, Jack Parish, Jakob Boulton, Jacob Kopp and Jacob Mustac for

being linesman on the day. Finally a big thank you to Kira Churchland for coaching the Open girls' team on the day.

*Greg Pell
PD/H/PE*

RUGBY LEAGUE

On Friday 26 June, the Under 13s and Under 15s competed in the Country Cup Competition. This competition was played at Max Stewart Oval in Orange. Unfortunately only Canowindra High School and James Sheahan entered in both age groups for the local section of the draw.

Under 13s

In this match unfortunately our boys were totally outplayed by a very strong Canowindra outfit boasting many representative players. Two minutes into the match Canowindra crossed for their first try and unfortunately this trend continued throughout the match and we were well beaten 44-0. The boys did the best they could and tried right to the very end but couldn't match the opposition.

Under 15s

This match was a much different story with Sheahan starting the match very well. A swift backline movement saw Kyle Connolly cross out wide for an unconverted try for us to take the lead 4-0. Not long later we were on the attack again and this time Kyal Furbank crossed and the lead went to 10-0. Canowindra hit back next to bring the result back to 10-4 before Cameron Jones crossed close to half time to give us a 14-4 lead at the break.

A few mistakes by Sheahan in middle stages of the second half allowed Canowindra back into the match and with six minutes to go the scores were level at 14 all. Once again Sheahan shifted the ball wide and with some 'Jarred Hayne' like footwork down the sideline, Jacob Kopp scored out wide to give us the match 18-14.

Many thanks to all the boys and their coaches Steve Beasley (15s) and Ryan Drew (13s) for their efforts on the day. Thank you also to Mr Curran and the parents who came to support the boys.

*David Hurst
PD/H/PE*

CLOTHING POOL UPDATE

With only Year 12, 2010 and Year 10, 2010 being in the old school uniforms, all uniforms currently held in the Clothing Pool will no longer be required.

At the end of 2009, it is our intention is to donate all of these uniforms to a Mission school overseas.

If you would like your second hand uniforms returned to you, and not donated, please contact me through the School Office by the end of this term, Friday 10 July.

All uniforms held after this date will be donated.

*Marg Young
Clothing Pool*