



Semper Paratus

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Catholic High School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 22 May

Year 12 Presentation
Assembly

Year 12 Semester 1
Reports issued to students

Thursday 28 May

Year 12 FACTS Day

Monday 1 June

Year 11 Exams
commence

Tuesday 2 June

Staff Development Day
(Pupil free day)
Year 11 students to attend
if they have exams
scheduled

Friday 5 June

Elective Music Evening

Monday 8 June

Public Holiday

Tuesday 9 June

Years 7 and 9 Exams
commence

Monday 15 June

Years 8 and 10 Exams
commence

Thursday 25 June

Casual Clothes Day

Wednesday 1 July

Senior
Parent/Teacher/Student
Evening

*"My God, I am yours for time and eternity.
Teach me to trust in your providence.
You are a God of love and tenderness.
I put my faith in you."*

Increasingly, our school is becoming a more culturally diverse place, with students coming from a wide variety of ethnic backgrounds including but not limited to: Sudan, Zimbabwe, Sri Lanka, India, The Philippines, Taiwan, Germany, the UK, South Africa, Libya, Burma, Iran, New Zealand, Italy, Yemen, Nigeria, Russia, The Ukraine and Australia!

This can only be a wonderful thing for the richness that this brings to the tapestry of our school. The city of Orange is similarly experiencing a growth in the number of different cultural groups that are choosing to call this town home. I am very happy that our students really are part of a global society – both at school and in the wider community.

Catherine McAuley, as the founder of the Sisters of Mercy embraced the notion of cultural diversity, and I reproduce below for your interest an excerpt from Patricia Smith's work on this topic.

CATHERINE'S EMBRACE OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY

If I were to summarize in the broadest terms Catherine McAuley's embrace of cultural diversity and her legacy of hospitality to strangers, I would have to say that:

- *She did not narrowly define the love of God or the unity to which we and our neighbours in the world are called.*
- *She did not misname differences or see cultural variations as obstacles to that unity.*
- *She did not use adversarial language to describe these differences.*
- *She did not cling to her own distinctiveness or to her own personal preferences or non-essential customs.*
- *And she did not regard her friendship with God as something to be coveted or exploited for herself alone.*

Rather:

- *She emptied herself of the comfort of her former way of life.*
- *She took the form of a servant in her human context.*
- *She extended her affectionate embrace to otherness.*
- *She opened her door to strangers.*
- *She welcomed them.*
- *She learned from those who were different and left them whole in their Godly difference.*
- *She humbled herself before all human forms.*
- *And she followed, as best she could, the example of Christ, who became obedient to God's wide and merciful love of all humankind, even to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

If we wish to sow the seeds of real hope in our world, I think Catherine McAuley would say: This is the way we must do it - one person at a time, one answering of the figurative doorbell, one opening of the figurative door, one embrace of the



*stranger, one welcoming of the other, one sharing of our bread and milk - one person at a time.
Patricia Smith. "Mercy Values Today: Ever Ancient, Ever New."*

Taken from: Sisters of Mercy Australia Website: www.mercy.org.au (accessed 13 May 2009)

Thank you to all of those parents who came to our Family Mass on Wednesday this week. Parents and family members are always more than welcome to attend our liturgical celebrations, and I encourage all families to seize the opportunity to be involved in any capacity in our school.

*Craig Wattam
Principal*

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

2 June 2009

On Tuesday 2 June, all James Sheahan staff will be involved in a Staff Development Day presented by Father Richard Leonard. Father Leonard SJ is the Director of the Australian Catholic Office for Film and Broadcasting and has had an accomplished career as a lecturer on film, faith and culture across Australia, the Pacific region, Asia, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

James Sheahan staff will work on the day with teachers from other local Catholic Schools. The day will involve teachers looking at the role of media in shaping attitudes and perceptions of organised religion and religious faith, and societal values and beliefs. Teachers will develop a deepened understanding of how media influences the attitudes and behaviours of our youth and how, by understanding the impact of media, they can assist our students in being critical and questioning of media, and help them to maintain an ongoing and meaningful relationship with God and their religious communities.

Year 11 students will continue their exams on the day (2 June) and will be expected to attend all scheduled exams in the School Hall. Exam supervision will be provided as normal. All other students will not be expected to attend school as the day is a Pupil Free Day.

*Peter Meers
Acting Assistant Principal*

APOLOGIES TO OUR CURRENT YEAR 9 PARENTS/CARERS

Recently you would have received a notification to make an appointment for a fitting for your child's new uniform for 2010. **Please ignore this notification** as it was meant for those families with children currently in Year 8 who would be progressing into Year 9 2010. Our sincere apologies for our error. New letters have already been sent to all families with children currently in Year 8.

*John Churchland
Bursar*

RUGBY LEAGUE

On Friday 8 May the Under 14s and Under 16s Rugby League teams travelled to Bathurst for their respective gala days.

Under 14s

Their first game was played against St Stanislaus' College Bathurst. The game started well for us with an early try to Jamahl Wright for us to lead 4-0. However that was the end of our scoring and with two tries to them they led 10-4 at half time. With too many mistakes by the Sheahan boys we failed to mount enough pressure and with another try to Stannies we eventually went down 16-4.

The second match was played against Red Bend Forbes. Sheahan started this game very slowly and with many mistakes and some poor defence we very quickly trailed 16-0 by half time. In the second half our defence had at least improved, but with one more try to Red Bend, we eventually went down 22-0.

The third match was played against an under strength La Salle Lithgow and with tries to Jake Macartney, Cody Perrott (2), Jamahl Wright (2) and James Connors, Sheahan ran out comfortable winners 36-0.

Our final match was played against St John's Dubbo. With a few players left to continue we once again struggled to match St John's in this match. By half time we trailed 18-0. The boys only had their pride left to try to restore in the second half and that they did. Despite playing with a depleted roster we finished the match 22-4 behind but the courage the boys showed was terrific.

Under 16s

The under 16s only had 2 games to play because of a late withdrawal from one of the teams. The first of the two was against St Stanislaus' College. Sheahan started this game very positively and with some terrific build up work Ben Gosper opened the scoring with a nice try. With a successful conversion to Sammuel Dwyer we led 6-0. Right on the stroke of half time, however, a Stannies' student set up an equally good try for Stannies and we went to the break 6-4 in front. In

a fantastic game of footy, Stannies finally scored with minutes to go to take the match 10-6.

The second match was against the much fancied Red Bend Forbes. Once again the boys started in terrific form and after a try to Matthew Egan and an intercept try to Sammuell Dwyer, we took a 10-0 lead. Two tries to Red Bend either side of half time, however, had the scores locked at 10-10 and the game was anybody's. However a further two tries to Red Bend saw them eventually take the match 20-10.

A special thank you to Mr Short for looking after the Under 16s on the day and to the parents who came to support.

*David Hurst
PD/H/PE*

ORANGE INTER-SCHOOL SOCCER COMPETITION

The Open Boys' soccer team played Orange High School in the first round of this competition last week. The boys are attempting to win their fifth straight title and 2009 has started very promisingly.

The first half was a relatively even affair with both teams creating some goal scoring chances. However, neither team could break the deadlock, leaving the score at 0-0.

In the second half Sheahan started strongly. A shot from out wide from Troy Parker was dropped into the net by the Orange High goalkeeper to give Sheahan the lead. From that point on Sheahan dominated in all aspects of the game. Hillary Dube beat two defenders before calmly slotting the ball past the keeper to extend the lead. Jacob Smith capitalised on a defensive error to score the third goal and some neat teamwork resulted in Kyle Connolly scoring to make it a comprehensive 4-0 victory to Sheahan.

It certainly was an impressive start to the 2009 campaign in this competition and hopefully the boys can continue their form in future matches. The best performers in this match were Troy Parker (3 points), Bradley Priest (2 points) and Kyle Connolly (1 point).

*Greg Pell
PD/H/PE*

JUNIOR BOYS SOCCER

Last week our junior boys' soccer team played Orange Christian School in Round 1 of the state wide Bill Turner Cup competition. Despite having the best of the play early on, we found ourselves 2-nil down after twenty minutes, with OCS scoring twice on the fast break. To their

credit, our boys kept their heads up and kept the talk positive. Sheahan finished with a 4-2 victory.

Kyle Connelly and Bradley Fuda formed a good combination up front. Captain Grant Koch, Jacob Kopp, Jacob Mustac and Tom Satterthwaite all worked hard in the midfield. James Staples and Joe Throup had strong games in defence.

Although a comfortable win, we will have to work on our defensive formation before playing away against Cowra in the second round.

Nick Hyndes

JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER

The junior girls (U/15) played the first round of their Turner Cup competition in Bathurst on Monday 18 May. Their opponents were Bathurst High School.

Bathurst High started the match very strongly and the match was predominantly played in our own half. Sheahan's defence was terrific, however, and held the Bathurst attack out for the entire first half. The second half began in a similar fashion with Bathurst again holding the upper hand. They finally were rewarded with two goals in a short period of time and then scored a third time late in the match to take the game 3 – 0.

Even though they were beaten there were still some very positive signs for the girls. There are a number of young girls in the side that will have many years ahead of them. Thank you very much to Kira Churchland for coaching the girls and to Mrs Phillips who assisted with supervision on the day. The team members were Ayla Manwaring, Molly Satterthwaite, Alexandra Quick, Beth Thompson, Anthea Basha, Tegan Kerr, Alexia Blinkhorn, Eryn Coles, Siohbon Jaeger, Katrina Nash, Stephanie Phillips, Kayla Skelly, Kelsey Tom and Gabrielle McKenna.

*David Hurst
PD/H/PE*

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

For Silver Duke of Edinburgh participants the trial hike will commence on Friday 10 July and finish on Sunday 12 July. Our group will combine with students from Oxford Falls High and their leader Dee Gadsby, a very experienced hiker and Duke of Edinburgh Awards coordinator.

Starting out from the Explorers Tree on Day One we will reach Cox's River for the first night camp out. On Day Two, the hike 17 kilometres along the Cox's River to Breakfast Creek involves 3 river crossings and opportunities to practise your navigational skills. On Day 3 we will head up to Carlon Creek, 10kms, which will see us make at least 27 creek crossings.

I spent last weekend doing a reconnaissance walk in these areas and have now traversed these waterways at their highest and lowest points. It's hard work but a lot of fun and with the pain will come a great sense of achievement.

A pre expedition meeting for parents will be held early next month as this excursion will be completed in the Megalong Valley and students will need to be collected from there. Transport to the Explorers Tree will be provided.

Tania Rusden

EQUESTRIAN NEWS UPDATE

James Sheahan Students have been involved in many local shows over the past month. A few results are included below:

Lauren McDonell (Year 10)

RAS in Sydney – 5th in the campdraft Reserve Champion Hack at Orange Show
Champion mare and gelding hack at Wellington Show
Champion U18 hack and working Australian Stock Horse at Wellington Show.

Eden McDonnell (Year 7)

2nd in working Australian Stock Horse at Orange
1st in age group Australian Stock Horse riding class in Orange
Reserve Champion U18 working Australian Stock Horse at Wellington Show.

Alex Wolters-Mannix (Year 11)

2nd in Dressage Test 2.3 and 1st in Dressage Test 3.3 at Orange Show
Many placings in 75 cm, 90cm, and 105 cm showjumping events at Orange Show
1st in 90-120cm Showjumping Top Score at Orange Show
Champion rider U17 years at Orange Show
Reserve Champion led warmblood at Orange Show
1st in ridden warmblood at Orange Show.

Amelia White (Year 12)

1st in 60cm Showjumping at Orange Show
2nd in 90cm Showjumping at Orange Show
4th in 105 cm Showjumping at Orange Show
3rd, 4th and 5th in Dressage Tests at Orange Show.

Congratulations to all our riders who are preparing for the Coonabarabran Equestrian Expo at the end of the month. Students will be competing in one day events, campdrafting, barrel racing, showjumping, sporting events and hacking to name a few. We wish them well in their endeavours!

Jan Hayes

MUSIC SUPPORT TEAM

Dear Parents

By now you may have heard a few whispers about **MS.T** (Music Support Team). MS.T is a group of 'musically inclined' parents who have come together with the purpose of further promoting the fabulous efforts of the music students at JSCHS.

Our first big "**Musical Manifesto**" is planned for Friday 26 June, 7pm at Kenna Hall, and guess what? The whole school is invited. It will cost you \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and all you have to do is bring some drinks, glassware and nibbles and we'll provide tea, coffee and slice plus a three act program of extraordinary talent. Tickets may be purchased through the school office (in person or via your child) or at Angus and Robertson, Summer Street, Orange.

Hope you can join us.

Music Support Team

aka MS.T ('cause you just can't help feeling a little 'Misty')



ALL PARENTS IN OUR DIOCESE ARE INVITED AND WELCOME TO ATTEND THE

Inaugural Parent Assembly

of the

Catholic School Parents Association (Diocese of Bathurst) CSPA

WHEN: Saturday 23 May 2009

TIME: 9.00 AM – 4.00 PM

WHERE: Kenna Hall, Hill St, Orange.

No cost to attend.

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea are provided