



Semper Paratus

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James Sheahan
Catholic High School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 18 August
P&F Meeting, Kenna Hall

Wednesday 19 August
Year 9 Information
Evening, 7pm in the hall

Wednesday 26 August
Year 11 2010 Information
Evening

**Saturday 29 August,
Tuesday 1 September,
Thursday 3 September**
Year 11 2010 Interviews

**Sunday 30 August,
Monday 31 August**
Leadership Camp

Wednesday 2 September
School Disco

Friday 4 September
Sheahan Day

Monday 7 September
Year 7 Immunisation

Friday 11 September
Year 12 Reports issued to
students

Tuesday 22 September
Year 7 Reflection Day

**Wednesday 23
September**
Year 9 Reflection Day

**Thursday 24 September,
Friday 25 September**
Year 10 Trial SC Exams

*God is always with us
Even in the darkest nights of our lives
God does not abandon us. Even in the most difficult moments,
God remains present.*

Our school has been overwhelmed with support in every way during the last week. We have had prayers, thoughts, flowers, food, faxes, emails, letters and cards. The strength of our staff has been amazing and the care for our students superb. This is because of two things I think: the working of the Holy Spirit through each other and the absolute commitment to make sure that Hannah's death and farewell be treated sensitively and gently.

I cannot begin to express my appreciation to all of the many, many people who have exercised such love and care for all of us. We continue to pray for Hannah's family, and for Hannah, that she may rest in peace.

Please accept my heart felt thanks for all that you have done for us. Although this is inadequate in so many ways, I can only be grateful and humbled by what has been done for our school community. This truly is a remarkable place, and I am prouder than ever to be a part of the James Sheahan community.

I know I can be assured of your continued prayers for Hannah and her family.

Draft Strategic Plan

As outlined recently, over the coming weeks I will provide the detail of each of the 5 areas of our draft strategic plan. This week, you will find information on the first area of the plan concerning Faith life and school tradition. I welcome your feedback on the plan. Responses can be sent in writing to the school office.

FAITH LIFE / SCHOOL TRADITION

Goal: *To continue to develop the faith life and traditions of the school community, building on the inspiration of our founders*

Target 1: To continue to promote and animate the story of our founders

Action

- Year 1
 - induction of new staff on founders
 - 30 year celebration – retelling our school story
 - Mercy Hall naming/opening
- Year 2
 - Founders Retreat
 - Opening of new school Year Mass – opportunity for promotion of our school story

- Embed in RE program Years 7 -10
- Develop resources for Year 3
- Year 3 - Package of resources available and used for students/staff on founders

Target 2: To develop a systematic social justice program

Action

- Year 1 - Gather information on potential social justice programs for each year group
- Create and implement a social justice program for Year 11 students as outlined in the senior enrolment agreement
- Year 2 - Investigate the possibility for other social justice activities in junior year groups
- Year 3 - Seek to implement a junior school social justice program reflecting results gleaned from Year 2 investigation

Target 3: To Commit to providing for the financially poor

Action

- Year 1 - Bursary: promotion and advertisement of Bursary within the school and to the wider community
- Year 2 - Audit the charitable works programs we currently support
- Commit specific year groups and SRC to particular (Catholic) charities
- Year 3 - Investigate (through the De La Salle Brothers) the possibility of building an ongoing relationship with an organisation (such as a school) we can support

Target 4: To provide strengthened opportunities for faith formation and Catholic practice

Action

- Year 1 - special services eg for those who have died
- excursion to local churches eg St Joseph's for non-Catholics/non practising
- Increase the use of the chapel (for religious purposes)
- Year 2 - Chapel service for each year group once per term
- RCIA/Y offered to students
- Year 3 - To undertake training/gain qualifications – certificate in RE
- RCIA/Y offered to students

Target 5: To nurture positive and tangible links with the Parish Community

Action

- Year 1 - invitational to parish community
- Year 2 - parish schools celebrations
- Year 3 - include parish and local community as potential recipients of social justice program

*Craig Wattam
Principal*

ENGLISH FACULTY NEWS

Congratulations to the students whose work has been selected to appear on the Sheahan Student Writers' Showcase. The work can be read by going to www.jschs.nsw.edu.au/showcase.html . There is a new short story by Amelia White, Year 12, and more will be coming soon.

Recently 120 students sat for the University of NSW Competition. We remind parents that these competitions are open to all students and serve as important measures of a student's ability when compared with a national cohort.

This term, Year 10 are studying a unit of work entitled "Web Quest" which involves the students learning about visual literacy and websites. They will be creating PowerPoint presentations and analysing how digital communication compares to other forms of texts being

studied this year. The students are really enjoying the exposure to digital media in this unit of work.

Year 9 classes are working on film studies. The unit is entitled "Moving Images" and involves learning about the language of film and putting that knowledge into practice by using the cameras to make their own short visual stories.

Year 8 are also working on images, but in their case the images are word pictures or imagery in poetry. All Year 8 students will also be presenting a formal speech to their class mates in Week 7. They will be speaking on a topic of their own choice.

*Chris Hanson
Assistant English Coordinator*

CYBERBULLYING

This week students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 were spoken to by the School Liaison Police. Senior Constable Amanda Beattie spoke to students on three major topics:-

Bullying
Cyberharassment
Sexting

Hopefully the students are now aware of their responsibilities in these areas and the potential penalties applied if a student were to breach the legislation associated with each area. It may be a great time to discuss each of these topics with your child.

We have asked Amanda to speak on the same topics at this month's P&F meeting on Tuesday 18 August at Kenna Hall. Paul McKie will follow Amanda's presentation with a discussion on how Bullying is dealt with at James Sheahan. Please come along to ensure you are fully informed on these topics.

*P McKie
Student Welfare Coordinator*

P&F

The monthly P&F meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 August, commencing at 7.30pm in Kenna Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

*Tania Rusden
Publicity Officer*

MARIANNE MURPHY NETBALL

Congratulations to the Sheahan netball girls who took out the Marianne Murphy Netball shield on Friday night following victories in the 14 and 16 years' divisions and a third place in the open division. This is the first time we have held the shield since its inception in 2002. Congratulations girls. Full report and photo in next week's newsletter.

14s: Georgia Duffy, Sarah Roberts, Elly Lawry, Shannon Kavanagh, Meg Miller, Kadasyn Byrnes, Rebecca Smith, Tayla Wasson and Charlotte Jasprizza.
Coach Michael Powell

16s: Grace Spicer, Carly Wright, Emma Mills, Sophie Ryan, Laura Kable, Molly Sharpe, Kendall Draper, Melise Coleman.
Coach Kylie Jordan

Opens: Danielle Farrimond, Georgina Farrimond, Gemma Kelly, Gabby Miller, Rebecca Price, Samantha Brown, Kim Thompson, Sarah Crowley, Danielle van Kemenade.
Coach: Monica Davis

*Kylie Jordan
PD/H/PE*

U14'S MARYANNE MURPHY TRIUMPH

The Sheahan U14 Maryanne Murphy Representative Netball Team is celebrating its success in the Interschool Netball competition after defeating Kinross in the final last Friday evening in a close and hard fought win. The team progressed through the fortnight long, after school round robin competition undefeated, with wins against Canobolas Rural Technology High School, Kinross Wolaroi School, Orange High School, The Orange Christian School and Kinross again to win the final.

Outstanding performances from Georgia Duffy, Ellie Lawry and Sarah Roberts in the defensive third frustrated the attacking efforts of all teams and set up a fortress around the opposition goal circle, which proved difficult to penetrate. On average during the five games, only 14 goals were conceded.

The brilliance and athleticism of the Sheahan centre court laid the foundation for many of the wins. Charlotte Jasprizza, Meg Miller and Shannon Kavanagh established a strong combination that provided the drive of the team to its success.

The attack, understanding and accuracy of shooters Tayla Wasson, Beck Smith and Kadasyn Byrnes reaped generous rewards for the huge efforts put in by all players.

Overall the girls shared the spoils of 180 goals in the five matches, averaging 36 goals per game.

Congratulations to all players, parents, teachers and supporters for your contribution in securing the Maryanne Murphy Shield for our school.

Mike Powell



CRICKET

Orange Waratahs Cricket Club will be holding Junior sign on days at the Waratah Sports club on both the 23 August and 13 September for the 2009/10 season. Junior registrations will be taken on the day between 11am and 1pm.

Waratahs are looking for players (both boys and girls) from Kanga's, right through each age group to Open Juniors. Kanga's and U10's play on Thursday evenings, whilst all other age divisions play on Saturday mornings.

Should parents have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Junior Coordinator, Anthony Daintith on either 63604309 or 0408249700.

Cavaliers Cricket Club will be holding their junior sign on day, starting Sunday 23 August at Riawena Oval from 10.00am. All interested players from U10 to U17 are welcome to attend. Sign on for all junior players will be held every Sunday until 27 September with training sessions to follow once teams have been organised.

The club is also seeking nominations for Coaches and Managers of the junior sides and they can be expressed at the sign on days. It would be appreciated if parents/cares who are interested in coaching or managing sides this season attend each Sunday if possible.

Sign on and training for all aspiring senior players will also begin on Sunday 23 August and continue every Sunday until the season begins on 10 October at Riawena Oval.

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact Brad Wright on 0407047309, Mark Johnson on 0428639438 or Trent Colley on 0402700478, or visit the Cavaliers Cricket Club's website www.cavaliersccorange.nsw.cricket.com.au.