Dear Parents,

Pope Francis said it beautifully

“God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. If he gives us the gift of Christmas, it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it.”

Wishing all our families a very happy Christmas filled with all the blessings, joys and hopes of the season.

Date Change
As indicated in the last newsletter there will be a change in arrangements at the end of the year. I apologise for the late notice in regard to this but as a result of some significant changes that we need to make in the College staffroom we will not be able to offer classes to students on Friday, 16th December. If necessary we will be providing supervision for students who need to come to school. Your understanding about this change is much appreciated.

God Bless,
Kevin Jones
College Leadership Teams
~ Executive ~

*Principal*
Mr Kevin Jones

*Assistant Principals*
Mr Rodney Howard / Mr Harry Fernandez

*Religious Education Coordinator*
Mrs Mary McGuiness / Assistant: Jessica Attard

*School Secretary*
Mrs Lisa Casey

*Business Manager*
Mr Paul Cruise

*Administration Coordinator*
Mr Brett Collimore

*Learning Technologies Coordinator*
Mr Bill Robson

~ Curriculum Forum & Assistants ~

*Creative Arts*
Ms Nicola Eccleston / Miss Angela Rando

*English*
Ms Marsha Edwards / Assistant: Miss Angela McEnearney

*Human Society & Its Environment*
Mr Paul Sykes / Assistant: Mr Brett Windon

*Languages*
Ms Felicity Lupton

*Mathematics*
Mrs Nichole Padden / Assistant: Mrs Shiela Fernandez

*PDHPE*
Mr Marc Sluiter / Assistant: Liam Campbell

*Careers*
Mr Brett Collimore

*Science*
Mr Stephen Godfrey / Assistant: Mr Steve Lans

*Special Education*
Mrs Jan Trefoni

*Sports Coordinator*
Mr Dean Bertenshaw

*Technology & Applied Studies*
Mr Edward Gruppetta / Mrs Lisa Cummins

Year Coordinators

*Year 7*  Mrs Dianne Santos
*Year 8*  Mr Matthew Marshall
*Year 9*  Miss Jessica Whitney
*Year 10*  Mr Nick Briffa

*Senior Coordinator*
Miss Kristy Walsh

*Social Justice Coordinator*
Mrs Janette Wick

*Home-School Liaison Coordinator*
Miss Jenny Woods

*Student Counsellor*
Esther Gounder

*Librarian*
Mrs Kerrie Brownscombe

House Captains 2017

GREEN: Ryan Miller
Olivia Mayfield

BLUE: Jay Haddad
Tamara Dobson

RED: Jesse Holton
Annalise Brouwer

GOLD: Lenise Mantell
Alissa Van-Klooster

Uniform Shop Extended Trading Hours - 2017

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Normal trading hours from Friday 3 February ie
Tuesday & Fridays 8am—3pm (closed 12pm—12:30pm)
On 8th November our school played cricket against St Dominic’s College. We won the toss and chose to bowl.

We started well with a wicket in the first over. After the first break the score was 3—80 and Zac Toulson had come up with 2 wickets.

We bowled St Dominic’s out for 167 runs and then we had to bat. Lachlan Beasley and Luke Brian started off well. Then Ben Byrnes came in and stayed to score 32 runs. Joshua Shephard had continued to help Ben as they had a good partnership but unfortunately we were all out for 104 runs.

Congratulations to the boys (listed below) who played and thank you to Mr McKay who coached us.

By Brayden Byrnes (9D14)

Declan Anderson
Lachlan Beasley
Lochlan Brian
Luke Brian
Benjamin Byrnes
Brayden Byrnes
William Flint
Anthony Goedde
Harry McCabe
Joshua Shephard
Blake Thomson
Zac Toulson
Last Friday evening, Anthony Vella and Claudia Virzi of Year 11 attended an awards presentation at the University of Wollongong where both students received awards for their Design and Technology submissions. The University’s Engineering and Design Division holds the Award annually to recognise Design and Engineering work completed by students from schools across New South Wales.

There were over 240 projects and portfolios entered this year with each school submitting their student's best work.

As part of the Year 11 Design and Technology syllabus we focus on environmental design and sustainability. As part of the project students not only have to write their own design brief for this, they also submit a model or prototype of what their desired outcome should look like. Accompanying this is a portfolio that follows and documents the design process where each stage demonstrates how a solution was found to the student’s set problem.

I would like to congratulate our two Year 11 students who were finalists in the competition.

Anthony Vella was the winning submission of the excellence in environmental sustainability category. He set himself a personal design brief in creating a sustainable building. Through the development of both portfolio and prototype he gave a viable solution to this problem.

Claudia Virzi was also awarded in the same category receiving the award for runner up for her design of a sustainable home.

The awards received by these Design and Technology students should be another example to you of how students at our school can compete with some of the top schools across the state, and show that our Design and Technology students can excel.

Mr Jason Merlino
TAS Department

Claudia Virzi & Anthony Vella
2017 Diocesan School Fees

21 November 2016

Dear parents and carers

Please find below the 2017 Diocesan school fees schedule which includes a modest 3.0% increase on the fees from 2016. Every effort has been made to keep the fee increase to a minimum and I am pleased to report that the increase is less than the 3.3% education CPI increase for the same period.

School-based fees will also be limited to a 3.0% increase to ensure we have consistency across our Diocese. School-based fees cover the costs of important things such as technology and school administration.

I appreciate that from time to time, some families might experience financial challenges. With this in mind, I take this opportunity to remind you that confidential fee support is available through:

- discounts for families with multiple siblings in our schools
- flexible payment plans
- hardship concession policies for families in need
- the Bishop Manning Scholarship Fund
- the Byawalla Co-contribution Scheme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.

Tuition Fees - 2017

The 2017 diocesan tuition fees are outlined below:

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The 2017 term rate for each of the first three terms is outlined below:

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Diocesan Building Levy - 2017

The Diocesan Building Levy enables us, through our capital works program, to meet the demand for new schools and new classes in high growth areas, and to continue to maintain all schools to a high standard.

All families with one or more children in a Parramatta Diocesan school or at St Dominic's College Kingswood are required to pay the annual Diocese of Parramatta Diocesan Building Levy. This levy has replaced the various building levies that parents previously paid to school building funds (managed by either parishes or schools). The levy for 2017 is $756 per family, payable in three equal instalments of $252 payable in Terms 1, 2 and 3.

Annual Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents - 2017

The Diocesan Education Fee Temporary Residents for 2017 is $1,869 per student, payable in three equal instalments of $623 in Terms 1, 2 and 3. The fee applies to new students on the following visa numbers: 173, 401, 402, 411, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 426, 427, 428, 442, 456, 457, 459, 462, 476, 485, 497, 580, 600, 601, 651, 675, 676, 679, 685, 884, 944, 956, 976 and 977 including where any of these are the preceding visas for families on bridging visas 010 to 090.

Families charged this fee in 2013 will continue to be charged on a per family basis to the eldest student whilst the family has continuous current students.

Thank you for your continuing support of Catholic education. Please be assured that we will continue to provide exciting learning experiences for them within our Catholic faith environment.

With warmest wishes

[Signature]

Gregory B Whitby
Executive Director
Catholic Education
Parramatta of Diocese
**IMPORTANT NOTICES - SMS ABSENCES**

If your child is absent from school for any length of time and you do not receive an SMS message from the College please provide a note the first day back at school giving the date(s) and reason why your child was absent which should be given to their Homeroom teacher on the day of return.

On occasion it is out of our control that we experience an Internet or Telstra problem and therefore we are unable to send out the SMS absence messages.

Thank you for your patience.

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**Reminder of how to reply to SMS Absence messages**

If you reply to the SMS message there is no need to send in a note to explain the absence - the SMS is sufficient. If you do not reply a note must be sent in with your child and given to their homeroom teacher on the day of return.

In your reply please include the following details:
Child first and surname, Year group and homeroom (if known), reason for absence.
Example:
Kylie Howard, 8D2, sick with a cold.
Nikki Howard ,11, orthodontist appointment

Please do not call the number sent in the SMS, it is only for SMS replies.

The replies are not downloaded till 1:00pm daily, so if, you need to clarify any details concerning your child's attendance please call the College office before 1pm on 4577 6455.
**ASSESSMENT TASK CALENDAR**

**ASSESSMENT TASKS DUE FROM STUDENTS WEEK 10**

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**A REMINDER TO ALL STUDENTS**

**Submission Instructions Years 11 / 12**
- Submit the task by placing it in the Assessment Bin at the Student Foyer by 9.00am.
- Penalty for non-attendance on the day or late submission
  - Assessments submitted after 9.00am on the due date will immediately receive a 50% mark penalty of the achieved mark pending Illness/Misadventure certification.
  - Assessments submitted after 9.00am on the next day will receive a zero mark pending Illness/Misadventure certification.

**Submission Instructions Year 7—10**
- Submit the task by handing to your class teacher and signing a class list during your lesson on the due date.
- Penalty for non-attendance on the day or late submission
  - For assessments submitted after the lesson on the due date, the student will immediately receive a Thursday workshop to complete the task and submit at the end of the workshop.

**PLEASE NOTE:**
In the case of any discrepancy in the assessment dates published here the date that will be used by the College in the event of any appeal or other process will be the date on the Assessment Task Cover Sheet provided directly to the student. Please contact the College if you have any concerns about any of the information published here.