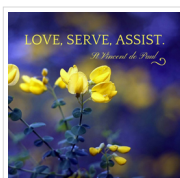




21 September 2018

Reflection



From the Principal - Mr Warren Bath



The end of Term Three always brings with it a sense of momentum, a feeling that we are busily charging towards the end of 2018, and with an eye to the future. This is true especially for our Year 12 students for whom the end of their time at Seton is in sight. "Bittersweet" is the term I used at Assembly this week to describe this time for them: an ending and a beginning all at once.

Our Seniors' "Night of Nights" at Riverside Receptions last night was wonderful! What a beautiful rite of passage for them, dressing up, carrying themselves with poise and grace, and celebrating their journey together. I know the pride and joy felt by our staff last night was second only to the feelings shared by our parents and caregivers seeing their "almost grown up" children celebrate in this special way.

Our Community Engagement and Consultative Committee (CECC) continues to impress and inspire me and - speaking of momentum - is clearly gaining traction, led by a terrific Executive. I am certainly aware of a sense of forward motion within our community and I am sure you will begin to experience this as we continue to engage more parents and caregivers in new initiatives, events, means of communicating, and processes that will benefit your children, our students.

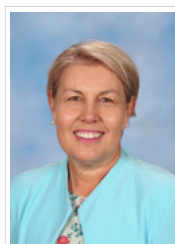
We celebrated the Feast Day of St Vincent de Paul this week, significant to our community because he co-founded the

Daughters of Charity in France with St Louise de Marillac in the 1600s. Guided by his teachings Mother Elizabeth Seton established her Order in the United States some 200 years later. St Vincent de Paul's legacy is one which is recognised in hundreds of countries, with the good works of the Society of St Vincent de Paul benefitting millions of people worldwide. I can't imagine anyone who has not, directly or indirectly, connected in some way with one of the most significant, most enduring charitable organisations not only within the Catholic faith but in diverse communities throughout the world.

My very best wishes to our students for a great holiday, full of fun and plenty of opportunities to recharge, recalibrate and prepare for the last term of schooling for 2018!

Warren Bath

From the Deputy Principal – Mrs Helen McNamara



A very busy term is about to conclude and there are many tired souls around the College who are in need of a restful holiday.

The holidays are a great opportunity to check pencil case supplies as this will allow students to 'engage in their learning' more effectively. Uniform checks are also advised to make sure that shoes and clothes can

last the distance until the end of the year; we all need to support the "Look Good, Feel Good" Seton ethos. We are a Sun-Safe school and hats are compulsory when outdoors: our summer is ruthless and good habits are essential. Ties are no longer required during Term 4 (I can hear the cries of elation already!) Please do not let standards slip with respect to personal grooming and please make sure that hair is neatly trimmed. Extreme haircuts and colours are not a part of the Seton School uniform.



May I also suggest that visiting the following website:

<https://www.internetsafeeducation.com/>

... is essential for the safety of all children over the holidays who love to use social media and play interactive computer games. This Brett Lee website offers much advice to keep our children safe.

While on this topic of social media and concerns around web use, I have attached the following website link <https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/whole/html/bill.first/bill-2018-050> that contains vital information for any parent and child. This deals with legislation within the Criminal Code concerning the non-consensual sharing of intimate images and clearly identifies the consequences for children and adults who take up and distribute inappropriate images. The bill clearly states that the penalties for this involve up to three years incarceration. In the event that your child receives an inappropriate image, please identify the origin and then take the device to the nearest police station. This is a very serious issue.

School Resumes Monday 8 October.

***Blessings for the upcoming holidays,
Helen McNamara***

From the APRE – Mr Joe Tracey



THOUGHTS ON THE ROAD OF LIFE

I recently re-read 'Jonathan Livingston Seagull', about a seagull that wanted to develop its gift and natural ability to fly at its very best. Then I remembered the lads in Scotland who used to target seagulls for shooting practice with air guns, killing or

injuring many. The great gift of flight; the potential wasted. We too have many gifts, talents, and abilities and on many occasions fail to use them to our full potential. The parable of the talents shows us what can be done if we really try. We can also lose everything if we don't. So, let us think about this:

"What is God's gift to you? What you become is your gift to God."

As we come to the end of another term [ahhh!!], it is always good to reflect on the wonderful work that both students and teachers have achieved in Term Three. As always, the commitment shown by everyone is a reminder of the community spirit found here at Seton. All bodes well for Term Four. Discussions and planning are well under way within the Religion Department for next term. So, I must ask that everyone - students, teachers and families - have a restful and deserved break.

***Blessings,
Joe Tracey***

From the Acting APA – Miss Karen Chandler



NAPLAN results

This week, NAPLAN results from the annual national assessment for all students in Years 7 and 9 were mailed home to families. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test in the domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and

Numeracy. NAPLAN helps parents, carers and educators to see if children are meeting important numeracy and literacy standards. Results also highlight growth in learning from previous testing. Please take the time to discuss your child's results and to celebrate their achievements. For more information related to NAPLAN testing and interpreting results, visit:

<https://www.nap.edu.au/results-and-reports/how-to-interpret/naplan-understanding-scale>



In 2019 NAPLAN testing will move to an online platform. Early in Term 4, all Year 7 and 8 students will take part in a NAPLAN online trial. This is an exciting opportunity for students at Seton. Please be aware that this is not formal assessment but rather an opportunity for our school to trial the NAPLAN online platform. Moving forward, testing will be tailored; automatically adapting to individual performance, allowing students to demonstrate their knowledge. More information related to 2019 NAPLAN online tailored testing can be viewed here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oGFseJAM3Ew>

2019 Elective course selection for Year 7 – 11 students

Information has now been disseminated to students and families regarding 2019 Elective course selection. This process, online for the first time, went very smoothly. I encourage parents to contact the relevant Academic Leader or myself if you have further questions related to course content.

Some Year 11 students have also refined their 2019 Elective course selection due to changes to the new Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) which will impact senior schooling courses in 2019 and beyond. Information relevant to Year 11 students was emailed to families in Week 8.

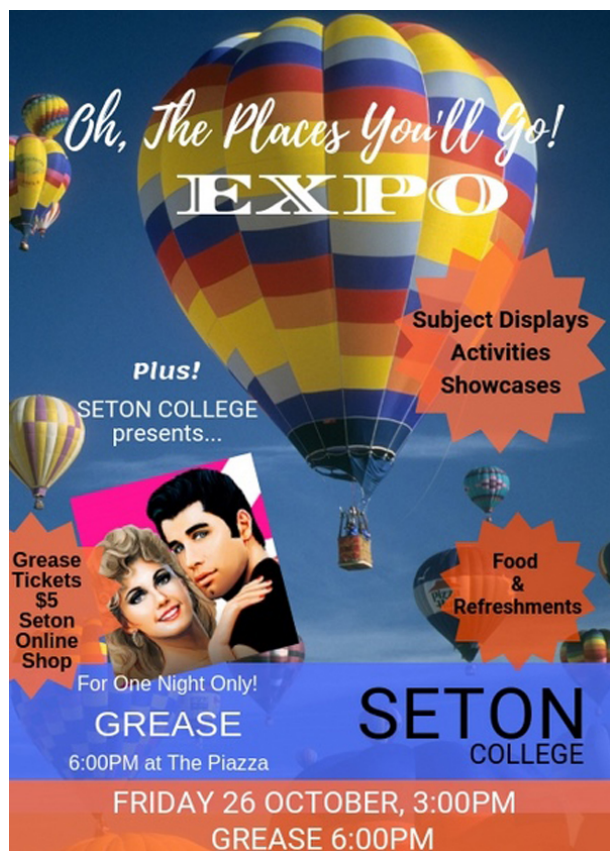
Remarkable Moments from around campus



Every day is an exciting day here at Seton! Kinetic Energy in Science, Step Up in HPE and project-based learning in Technology – in action!

Karen Chandler

Seton Expo



Greasers Revved Up to Perform at Seton Expo

Put your mittens on your kittens and burn rubber to the Piazza after the Seton Expo on Friday, 26 October to catch the coolest version of Grease seen this side of Rydell High! Check out our hep cats in action as 100 all-talking, all-singing, all-dancing Setonians make like Greased Lightning across the stage, sock hoppin' and big boppin' to all your favourite tunes in this chrome-plated, totally boss bash! One Night Only! 6:00pm curtain, so be there or... well, you know! Tickets \$5, available NOW through the Seton Shop.



An Important Notice Regarding Lower Driveway

To all parents and caregivers accessing the pick up/drop off and lower parking areas:

Please be advised that AT NO TIME should drivers enter the pick up/drop off and parking area via the lower driveway.

Drivers must enter through the upper driveway, turning right into the one-way pick up/drop off area and continuing to EXIT ONLY via the lower driveway.

We thank you for your co-operation.

Seton Has Deep Spirit And Deep Pockets



Community service and fundraising have always been part of the College's ethos, with this term's Walk4Change raising a fantastic \$9206.95 for Catholic Charities. Added to last term's efforts in the MS Brissie-to-Bay Bike-a-Thon, this year Seton students and staff have contributed \$17,396.95 to assist others.

A tradition of fundraising spans the decades at Seton College, with events such as Walk4Change and the Bike-a-Thon raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for those in need. We've frequently fielded the largest educational team at the Bike-a-Thon and have typically ranked in the top ten fundraising teams; an incredible effort for a small College.

Students such as Matt Cranny (Year 11) and McKenzie Edwards (Year 9) are two of Seton's fundraising stars, often competing for the moniker of "Highest Fundraiser". Unquestionably the support of their families is key, with special mention made of Mrs Kath Cranny and Mrs Suzanne Edwards for whom being part of our fundraising is "... all about Community," as Kath says.

Watch this space for the announcement at the beginning of Term Four for the Walk4Change highest fundraiser. No clues yet, but we can say the competition was close!