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From the Principal - Mr Warren Bath



Term Four marks the beginning of new horizons for our Year 12s as they embark on their final chapter of secondary schooling and cast their eyes to the future. I certainly have the sense of the momentum that builds around them and I keep them close in my thoughts and prayers as they prepare for this exciting final stretch with us.

You will have received my email giving you the first look of our new College logo for 2019 and you will see this appear in various ways during Term 4, with a fresh schoolwide look for the New Year. I do wish to reassure families that when a school introduces such a big change to its image, its uniforms, however, are phased out gradually.

Mother Nature has smiled upon us with rain but we wish she might have held off on the days of our video filming this week. Rain or shine, we persevered, with more filming to come when we're favoured by good conditions. The videos underway for our soon-to-be launched website will impress you and families considering Seton College by perfectly capturing our messages: we are a vibrant community; College life is joyful; our curriculum is rich and robust; we care for our students as individuals and value them as a group; and our core business is teaching and learning so that students are prepared for the future.

In our immediate future is what I think is best described as a *Season of Celebration*. I encourage you all to attend on 26 October our Expo from 3.00pm followed by our performance of Grease starting at 6.00pm plus the College's inaugural Awards Evening on 1 November at Loreto College. Both promising to be wonderful events, these are showcases and celebrations of all the great work that happens at the College. Our events will be very festive occasions, with just the right degree of ceremony on the

Awards Evening to recognise the fantastic student accomplishments of 2018. Please do join us.

Best wishes to all of our students for a wonderful final term.

Warren Bath

Oh, The Places You'll Go!
EXPO

Plus!
SETON COLLEGE presents...

Subject Displays
Activities
Showcases

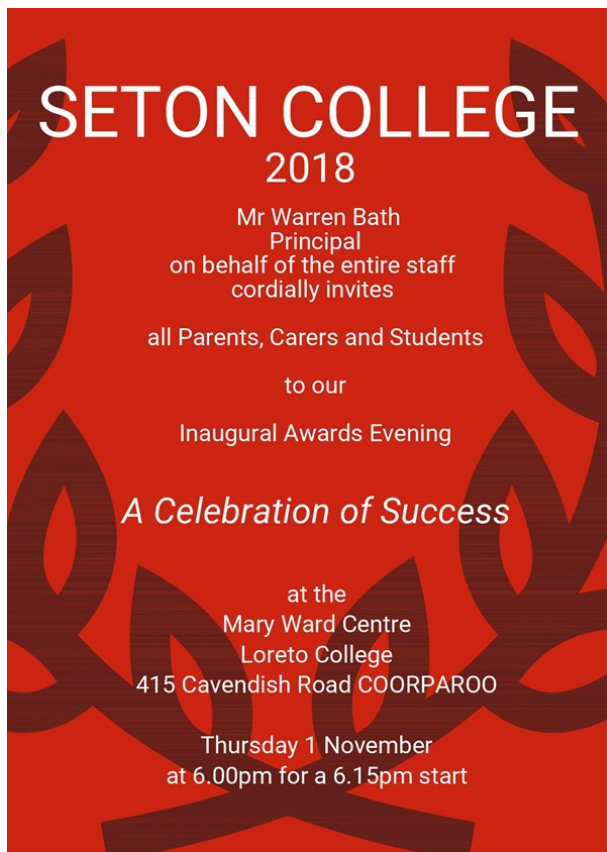
Grease Tickets \$5
Seton Online Shop

Food & Refreshments

For One Night Only!
GREASE
6:00PM at The Piazza

SETON COLLEGE

FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER, 3:00PM
GREASE 6:00PM



for adults for beer and wine refreshments. Raffles and great prizes, too!

INAUGURAL AWARDS NIGHT

The fun continues the following **Thursday 1 November** when Seton College will celebrate its **Inaugural Awards Night**. This will be an opportunity to celebrate student success and will be an exciting night that the entire community is invited to. Due to the large numbers we will be using the **Mary Ward Centre at Loreto College, 415 Cavendish Road, Coorparoo**. The Evening will start at **6.30** but we would like the students there at **6pm**. **Senior Leaders for 2019 will be announced**. The students will be required to attend in their full formal school uniform.

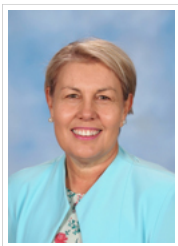
SENIOR GRADUATION

Yet another wonderful evening is ahead of us, this time to farewell our Senior students at their Graduation which will be on the **Thursday 15 November at the Dormition of Our Lady Community Centre, 269 Creek Road at 6.30pm**. More details will be forthcoming shortly.

STAFF UPDATES

Three staff members have recently welcomed new babies into their families. Ms Elke Hutton (Nolan) and her husband welcomed a beautiful little girl, Amelia. Mr Calvin Tsang and his wife welcomed their adorable Laeticia and Mr Michael Heath and his wife welcomed their gorgeous little boy, Lucas. We congratulate them on the safe arrival of their babies and wish them all the very best.

From the Deputy Principal - Mrs Helen McNamara



Dear Parents and Carers

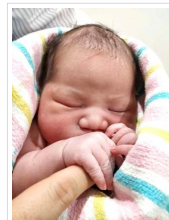
We have hit the road running this term with so much to achieve in what will be a short nine-week term.

This week we have been involved in contributing to a promotional video for the College; this will be a tool used to promote

the good work that the College achieves and encourage other students in the future. I would like to thank all the students who patiently took part and gave of their time. They are to be commended for their outstanding behaviour. Well Done! More filming is yet to be done; as much as the rain is a blessing, we do need to find a lovely sunny day to complete the project.

SETON EXPO

Next Week (**Friday 26 October**) we work our way to **Seton Expo**, an opportunity where the students showcase the work they have completed throughout the school year. Tied in to this evening is the **College musical performance of Grease**. The showcase afternoon will begin at 3.00pm and families will be able to have a BBQ dinner, Sausage Sizzle \$2.00 and Soft Drinks \$1.00. **Tickets for Grease are available for purchase through the Seton Online Shop and this will close at 3pm Monday 22 October**. Limited show tickets will be available at the sign in desk at the front entry on the day of Seton Expo, but **pre-purchasing your tickets will ensure you the best seats**, so I encourage families to act fast! The performance will begin at 6.00pm and popcorn and ice-creams will be available to top off the theatre experience. The CECC is kindly organising a bar



We welcome Mr Chris Matthews into the staff for the term to replace Mr Dennis Russell who is enjoying some well-deserved Long Service Leave. We also welcome Mr Chris Barnewall who will be taking Ms Hutton's place while she is on Maternity Leave. Mrs Victoria Green continues to cover for Mr Edwards.

I look forward to a most exciting term ahead.

Helen McNamara

From The APRE - Mr Joe Tracey



REFLECTION

The 'Our Father', or to give it its correct title - 'The Lord's Prayer'

We have said it many times, alone or as a community but, **do we really know the meaning in its words?** When talking to God through the prayer what are we asking of Him and asking of ourselves? We don't really need to think too hard about the answer; it is an unexpectedly simple prayer to relate to. We are being called to be people of God's holy

Kingdom and people of forgiveness to all those we meet. Let's find time to say it as a family this week and think upon the meaning with each other.



Welcome back from your break everyone. I hope your 'family time' was wonderful. I know I had a great time with my family and really enjoyed the chance to break out of routine.

We have a full term ahead of us, as we prepare for Expo, the musical Grease, our Awards Evening, reports, the Year 12 Graduation, final assemblies, meeting our 2019 students for Year 7, as well as school liturgies. Take little steps and face each new day with optimism and enthusiasm, and as God's gift, and enjoy the term!

**God bless
Joe**

From the APA (Acting) - Miss Karen Chandler

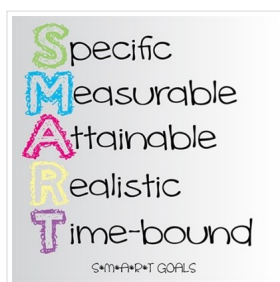


Successful Students – Finishing the Year Well

Welcome back to Term 4. I trust that the holiday break was an opportunity to refresh and rejuvenate ready for the final term of the school year. In welcoming our students back to school during Pastoral Care time they were reminded that while the end of

the year may seem close, Term 4 is an opportunity to finish the year strong and consolidate learning from Terms 1 – 3. It is important to quickly return to classes and the routines of school life.

Our core business at the College is that of learning and teaching.



We know that successful students:

- create SMART goals;
- make school a priority;
- find balance;

- take responsibility for their learning;
- develop a study plan;
- attend class;
- participate;
- talk to their teachers;
- call on family and friends for support and
- ask for help, when needed.

NAPLAN School Readiness Trials



Last week our Year 7 and 8 students undertook the NAPLAN 'School Readiness Tests' (SRT) to confirm we have everything in place to administer NAPLAN Online successfully and seamlessly for our Year 7 and Year 9 cohorts in 2019.

The focus of the school readiness test was not on assessing literacy and numeracy skills, but to test school readiness in terms of IT capacity as well as logistics and administration processes. Students performed two tests, one Writing test and one Omnibus test which is a combination of Numeracy, Language Conventions and Reading. The online testing platform also allowed students the opportunity to explore seven key ICT skills required, which align with the Australian Assessment, Curriculum and Reporting Authority's (ACARA) ICT general capabilities:

- Read the screen and navigate pages;
- Manipulate objects on a screen;
- Read and comprehend digital texts;
- Plan and compose text using word processing;
- Listen using a headset;
- Locate and select answers from a list;
- Type an answer in a text box.

Thank you to our Year 7 and 8 students for the way you conducted yourself during these trials; your positive disposition, persistence, flexibility and willingness to engage was appreciated.

Remarkable Moments



From the Guidance Counsellors - Ms Tamara Sheppard and Ms Ros Dunne

Welcome back to Term 4!

This term brings some changes to the Guidance Counselling Team. We bid farewell to our part time Guidance Counsellor, Jessica Kane, who commenced with us at the beginning of the year. Jessica has been offered a promotion at her other part time job, which required her to return full time. We wish Jessica all the best with her new venture. Ros and I look forward to a new member joining us shortly.

Term 4 brings about many exciting events such as the College Expo and the musical Grease on October 26 and our Awards Evening on November 1, as well as the graduation of our Year 12s in mid-November. This can typically be a time full of mixed emotions, especially for our graduates: *What am I going to do after school? Will I still see my friends? What is life going to look like?* I encourage you to support your sons/daughters throughout this time by engaging in supportive conversations. Some young people may feel supported by writing down a set plan, or sourcing information about potential further studies or career options. Others may want to focus on their current studies and formulate a plan once school is complete. Every student will be different. I do encourage that your young person has a routine post completion of their education, whether that's engaging in a part time or casual job even if it is not their "dream job", volunteering or continuing their education. Research recognises that the engagement in meaningful activities leads to an increase in life satisfaction. Through meaningful activities, our young people have the chance to feel a sense of belonging and purpose in their life, which will aid them through this significant life transition.

As always, if you feel your child may require support from the Guidance Team, please contact their PC Teachers or House Leaders for a referral.

Warm regards

Tamara Sheppard and Roslyn Dunne

LOOK INTO A BOOK – SETON COLLEGE 2018 BOOK FAIR

The College's annual Book Fair opens at the Library on Tuesday 23 October, running every day – at morning tea, lunch and at the Seton College EXPO – until 30 October, with hundreds of books and the latest stationery on sale.



VET students and Junior Business student volunteers will run point-of-sale transactions and students can choose from dozens of titles, with the inventory carefully designed to suit all reading tastes.

Cash or credit cards are accepted or students and parents can order online through Scholastic:

<http://parentpayments.scholastic.com.au/>

Please note that books cannot be purchased through our Seton Online Shop.

HELP MAKE SOMEONE'S CHRISTMAS SPECIAL THIS YEAR



The Seton Social Justice Group is driving the College-wide support for the annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal. Every Pastoral Care Group is encouraged to collect non-perishable goods for those whose Christmas may not be as special as the ones we plan for our own families.

The Appeal runs at the College until Week Eight, where our contributions are handed to Vinnies for sorting and bundling.

Vinnies asks that the use-by dates on products are no earlier than February 2019, while canned goods usually do not have a use-by.

Please help!

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING THE STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY TRAVEL REBATE – APPLICATIONS CLOSING VERY SOON



- Does your child have a verified disability that requires transport assistance to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's travel capability rating as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website:

<https://schooltransport.com.au/>

... to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply by 31 October 2018. Late applications will not be accepted.

New and Free Triple P Parenting Program for Teens – Last Chance in 2018 for Parents to Participate at Seton College

Researchers at the University of Queensland want to explore the effectiveness of a new Triple P parenting program aimed at helping parents of teens with a developmental disability.



Building Bridges is specifically tailored to helping the parents of teenagers with a developmental disability strengthen the relationship with their teens, increase parents' confidence in managing their behaviour, and encourage independence and resilience.

There is a new program beginning Tuesday 23rd October at 9.30am at Seton College. Places are still available. This will be the last group of 2018. The program is completely free and parent resources are provided.

The program will run at the school once per week, for two hours. The program is 8 weeks long with five weeks of face-to-face sessions. The additional sessions will be provided via three individual phone calls.

To register your expression of interest or learn more, please contact Tamara at Seton College or Tahlia (lead facilitator at UQ) at t.gash@uqconnect.edu.au or on 0423 333 160.