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The MS fundraising goal this year is

$1 500 000.00
At the end of last term, we watched the Year 9 Drama class present the story of Jesus’ death upon a cross. This presentation was in the form of a dramatized Gospel story based on the reading from Matthew. Many staff and students spoke very positively to me about the prayer experience they led which obviously took many weeks of practice to perfect. I wish to extend my sincere thanks to Ms Jackie Finn and the Year 9 Drama class for an outstanding effort that allowed the entire community to reflect on the meaning of the crucifixion of Jesus.

On Tuesday this week we joined together as a community to celebrate the day that Jesus rose from the dead and brought life and hope to us all. We sat around the large empty cross at the entrance to the college grounds to remind us that Jesus, who was dead, is now alive. Jesus’ disciples went out after they had seen the risen Lord and continued to preach his message. At times this message would have been difficult to disseminate to the people of the time but they showed great persistence and never gave up spreading the Good News. This message reminds us that we face many small deaths in our lives. When we experience pain and sorrow, we experience death however it is when we get up and keep going that we experience the new life in Jesus. He teaches us that God will always shine through the darkness in our lives that we endure.

The resurrection is a message of new beginnings, joy and hope. We need to ensure that we hear this message and respond appropriately. In our actions and words we must live our lives to the full. Full of joy and never missing an opportunity to help another person in need in our family, school community or parish and to be constantly grateful for all the goodness we have been given.

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people who strive to bring you glory. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it.

Amen

Fairtrade is a simple yet incredibly important idea – it’s all about giving people in poorer countries who produce the goods you wish to buy a fair price for their work. This ensures that the people in these countries can support their families financially but also learn a skill or a trade that they can continue to use to produce more goods. This allows them to make a decent living and become self-sufficient.

Mrs Melissa Haworth is currently organising a Mother’s Day Stall where students and staff will be able to purchase ‘fair trade’ jewellery to support women in Uganda. The organisation is called “Help the Street Girls”. The women are taught skills that they can use to produce jewellery which they can sell. This is a much better option for these young women who are often sold into appalling conditions involving prostitution and
abuse. By purchasing a piece of jewellery for between $15 and $30 we can provide help for these women and assist them to find joy and hope in their lives by feeling both useful and productive in their world where their work is respected and valuable. The Mother’s Day stall will be selling fair trade goods in Week 3 this term (Monday 5 May to Friday 9 May). Please support this great cause if you are able.

The chocolate drive ended on the last day of Term 1. A huge thank you to the students and families who sold their chocolates (some students sold many boxes worth) and returned the money so promptly. The annual chocolate drive is a fundraiser for our own P&F association. The P&F association are a small but active and determined group of parents and staff that have provided many wonderful facilitates here at Seton College. Most of the classrooms have been air-conditioned with money raised by the P&F association and in the last few years they have ensured that many classrooms have access to interactive TVs. These improvements at the college benefit the entire community and I cannot say how grateful I have been over my short time at the college to walk into a cooled classroom on those very hot days in February at the beginning of a school year. Your continued support of the chocolate drive is appreciated so if there is still money outstanding from the chocolates that your student brought home before the holidays please return it as soon as possible so the funds can begin to be pumped into projects that assist every student at Seton College.

Peace and Blessings
Alison Gilbert
Acting APRE

from the Principal…....

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Welcome, everyone, to the start of the new term. Term Two has a few shorter weeks, including this one, with the occasional public holiday that provides brief respites from the work week. These are always welcome for students and teachers! Nevertheless it is always a busy term as we lead up to Semester reporting in June and Parent-Teacher interviews in May.

Principal Performance Review
This term I will undergo a four yearly Performance Review as per the requirements of my contract as Principal. This is overseen by the Area Supervisor, Mr. Damien Barker. This includes a survey of parents and staff conducted by an external agency, followed by a day of review in June with staff, students and members of the leadership team of the college. Mr. Damien Barker, who leads this review, has asked for the following request to be published to the community via the newsletter:

Dear Parents/Guardians

Re: Principal Performance Review

All those in Senior Management positions in Brisbane Catholic Education, participate in regular performance appraisal processes to assist in their professional development planning.
Mr. Chris Raju is undertaking such a review in Term 2, 2014.

As a component of this process, a confidential on-line survey is being conducted by an External Agency: Ardjuna.

Over the next few days, a sample of families selected across various year levels will receive an invitation to participate in this survey. The invitation will be emailed directly to families by Ardjuna. This survey will be conducted over a two week period.

Community consultation is highly valued and I thank you for your participation.

Yours sincerely

Mr. Damien Barker
Area Supervisor
School Services South
Catholic Education, Archdiocese of Brisbane

Parking in School Grounds
Parking in the school grounds is always difficult with a limited number of spaces available. Please do not drop students off in the staff parking area of the school as it causes considerable disruption at busy times in the day. Students are to be dropped off in the designated area of the lower car park. When dropping students off, and more importantly, picking them up at the end of the day, please do this promptly to avoid the queue that can sometimes form. Your co-operation in this regard is appreciated.

Enrolments at Seton College
We are presently accepting enrolments for Year 7 in 2016, i.e. students presently in grade 5. If you know of anyone who would benefit from the Curriculum and environment provided at Seton College, please advise them to submit an application for enrolment. This can be obtained by ringing the College office on 3291 5333.

Parent-Teacher Interviews
Semester 1 Parent-Teacher interviews for all classes will be held on Friday 9th May between 10am – 6:00pm. The students have a teaching – free day at home, but work will be set in a number of core subjects that they will be expected to complete. These are important meetings and a valuable opportunity for parents, together with their student, to meet the teachers to discuss the academic and other aspects of your child’s schooling. These interviews are also a signal to the students that they need to keep up with schoolwork and are preliminary to the end of semester report.

Postal Communication to Parents/Guardians
Our computer system allows us to generate only one postal address per student for correspondence (eg for end of semester reports and letters regarding PTO information.) Correspondence will go to the parent/guardian listed in our system as the ‘main contact. ‘Other parents wishing to receive correspondence please contact our office on 3291 5333 to be put on our postal list.

Year 9 NAPLAN Testing:
As you may be aware, all Year 9 students in Australia will be tested in Literacy and Numeracy as part of a National Testing Program. These tests will be conducted at the school on Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th, and
Thursday 15th May. Letters will be sent home with Year 9 students outlining the details of these tests. *It is important that any student seeking an exemption, withdrawal or special consideration for these tests should return the appropriate form enclosed with the letter immediately. Otherwise the tests will be administered according to the set guidelines.*

**Mater “Little Miracles” Walk and the MS Bikeathon**

Each year as a community we support both the Mater “Little Miracles” walk to be held at the South Bank Parkland on the 1st of June and the MS Bikeathon to be held at Musgrave Park on the 22nd June. Two committees have been established to lead these. If you are able to support one or both of these very good causes we would appreciate your support. Please contact the college if you are able to support either of these events.

Best wishes and prayers for the weeks ahead

Chris Raju
Principal

*from the Acting Deputy Principal ...*

Welcome back to Term 2 I hope that everyone is rested and ready for a productive term.

A few points to consider for the term ahead

- Restocking pencil cases will allow all students to engage in learning
- Please make sure spare doses of medication are made available to the office in the event that a student misses a home dose. If there are any medication changes please alert your PC teacher as this can be effectively monitored at school and progress reported.
- If your child has any issues that may affect their day at school please remember to contact the PC teacher who is the first point of contact. The diary is a great way to do this.
- We value the *Look Good, Feel Good* philosophy and so look forward to seeing neat and tidy uniforms. A reminder that boys are to be wearing ties.
- Adhering to Seton values is vital for the smooth running of the College. In regards to ‘piercing’ only one stud per ear for females. Hair colour needs to be original and natural.
- Computers should be charged at home each night, with constant backups completed. Not a bad idea to have charging in a parent’s room overnight.
- Everyone deserves to have a happy day, so let’s all do the right thing and live this message.
Parent/Teacher Interviews are on Friday, 9 May from 10:00am and continue on until 6:00pm. Students are encouraged to attend the interviews, but it is not compulsory.

Booking for these interviews is done via the Online procedures as outlined in the letter that will be sent home. (PTO)

Regarding the interviews themselves, each interview is allocated a ten minute time slot so the interview takes the form of a verbal report. A bell will sound when the time is finished. Unscheduled interviews may cause difficulties later in the day so please stick strictly to your time slot.

If you are unable to keep an appointment please contact the college on 3291 5333 as soon as possible.

Looking forward to a happy and productive term

Helen McNamara
Acting Deputy Principal

from the Vet/Work Experience Dept.......

Defence Jobs Website
The following site: http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/ is your first port of call for initial information about jobs with the Australian Army, Navy and Air Force. Use the site to answer the following questions.

Am I eligible to join? What is the application process?

Check out the online Recruitment Centre

What jobs can females apply for in the Australian Defence Force?

What Defence jobs would suit me?
Use the Personalised Job Finder accessed from the home page to find a job that suits you, given your interests and abilities.

How can I experience what it is like before I join?


Enrol in an online seven-day course that simulates eighteen months of training at the Royal Military College – Duntroon. See: http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/campaigns/rmc-typical-day/.

Spend your gap year working in the Army. See:

For questions you can’t find answers to on this website, contact the Defence Jobs help line at 13 19 01. The Defence Recruitment Team attends career markets and expos throughout the year.

The Uniform Shop now has stock of Seton Jumpers & Track suits so you can drop in on a Tuesday morning between 8.00am and 8.30am or Tuesday lunch time between 12.30pm - 1.00pm if you would like to purchase one.

My Career Advisor Website

Choosing school subjects is important. It may affect how you feel about your study; the types of occupations you choose and how well you do at school.

As a general rule, you should:

▪ Choose subjects that you think you are interested in and will enjoy.
▪ Choose subjects in which you will achieve.
▪ Choose subjects that relate to your career areas of choice.

My Career Advisor can help you with this...You can start by working through a Pathways Plan (see Menu bar). This will assist you to map out where you are going and set some short and long term goals to help you get there. By clarifying your long term career goals, it will make it easier to choose your school subjects.

If you would like to see how occupations relate to subject areas, click on ‘Choosing School Subjects’ then go to ‘What do you Enjoy? What are you good at?’ Click on the subject area that you enjoy and it will list a variety of jobs related to that school subject. If you see an occupation that interests you, click on it and information about that job will appear.

Also, visit your state University Admissions Centre link (on the left hand side) and download the Tertiary Prerequisites Book. For example: If you think you may like to study Science in the future you may need to study a science subject in your senior years.

You can access My Career Advisor at www.mycareeradvisor.com.au and use the username and password specific to our school.

Username: seton.qld.edu.au
Password: seton4122 (no capitals, no spaces)

What does your desk say about you?

Everything in your workspace will influence how your co-workers, boss and clients perceive you. Make sure your desk has some personal effects on it such as a current photo of the family, neat and tidy stationery, flowers and or up-lifting quotes which are brightly coloured shows that you are organised, creative and enjoy their work.

Kathryn Flint and Sue Oxley

Sustainability

This term we hope to begin the Aquaponics Project through the assistance of the Brisbane City Council Grant. We are in the process of organising the funding and should soon begin to order the materials to commence the project. Thanks to all concerned who have provided
ongoing support for this project. Recycling has commenced in the school tuckshop for items which can be recycled and eligible for a refund. The objectives of this initiative are to encourage students to become more aware of their environment and to use the rubbish bins often!

Sustainability Committee

from the PE Dept...
The last day of first term (Friday April 4th) we were graced with beautiful sunshine for the running of our annual school cross country. Conditions were hot and excitement was in the air. Our course was once again laid out in perfect condition thanks to Mr Hansen who has been carefully mowing and tending it for several weeks. The first race of the afternoon was contested by our senior boys, followed by our 13 year old boys, all the girls running together, then our 14, 15 and 16 year old boys. Each race was hotly contended with some very close finishes. Every student who represented their house is to be commended for their efforts, be they the first across the finish line in their age group or someone who had to persevere in order to complete the course.

Age champions were:
13 girl: Alex Crittenden
13 boy: Noah Schofield
14 girl: Kortney Denning
14 boy: Hamish Mc Cormack
15 girl: Mickayla Smith
15 boy: Jed Vine
16 girl: Amy Gray
16 boy: Gabriel Torto
Open girl: Shannara Joseph
Open boy: Dean Dimauro.

In the house competition the points between first and second place were very close and were therefore checked, rechecked and rechecked again.

In 3rd place with 283 points was Cooper, in 2nd place with 331 points was Bayley and just in front with 350 points Power.

Well done everyone for a great carnival and many thanks to all staff who assisted in running the event.

The results from our school races will be used to select the school cross country team which will compete at Districts on April 29th. The venue of that carnival is Stolz Oval at Redeemer Lutheran College.

Anne O’Dwyer-Mazure
Sports Master

The P & F Chocolate Drive has commenced. We thank you in advance for your support. We now have bags of chocolates available at a reduced price of $3 per bag available at the school office. Can we please ask that the money collected be returned to the school by the 30th of April, 2014.
Thank you

Parent Teacher Interviews May 9th 2014
Bookings for parent teacher interviews open on-line on the 2nd of May at 8.00am. Parents may access the booking site through the Seton College
homepage under Community Access, using the PTO Icon at the top of the page. Parents will need to know their Parent logon and pin # to access the site. A letter with full instructions and information will be posted on the 1st of May. If you have forgotten your details you can contact the School Office. Please note that bookings for the parent interviews close on Friday 9th May at 8.00am.

**Queensland All Schools Cross Country Relay Championships.**

On Saturday April 26th Queensland Athletics are hosting their annual Schools Cross Country Relay Championships at Rivermount College at Yatala. In past years Seton College has been very successful at these Championships with our AWD teams usually placing in the top three. In 2013 they were the 1st and 2nd placed teams and many of our able bodied teams also placing well. A team consist of three runners with each runner running either 3km or 4 km depending on their age. Interested students or their parents / guardians are asked to inform Mrs O’Dwyer -Mazur of their interest and return the relevant section of the form as soon as possible. The required entry fee will be paid by the College and student may borrow a school athletics singlet for the event.

Mt Gravatt Coach and Travel have advised Seton College that **buses will now be departing 10 minutes earlier than the normal scheduled times.** This is to enable students to arrive at school on time.

Thank you

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