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BIKEATHON

Sunday 22 June

Free Sausage Sizzle & Soft Drink at Seton Tent

It’s great fun with great school and community spirit

Early Bird Discount ends 16th May so don’t delay

signing up to support this worthy cause and great school.

http://www.brissietothebay.com.au  OR  the Seton website under news & events

Get in contact Ph: 07 3840 0828
E: events@msqld.org.au

Or call our Seton College contact Tonti Connolly on 0419 245 464

The MS fundraising goal this year is

$1 500 000.00
It may be interesting for you to know that we are still in the season of Easter. Our secular culture is an interesting one where we are able to purchase Easter Eggs early in the year just after the Back to School sales however now that we are still in the season of Easter, they are nowhere to be found. I was fortunate to be reminded of this last week when a visiting teacher brought Easter Eggs to share at a meeting I attended. Easter is so glorious. Why cut the season short?

Last Sunday at Mass we were reminded of the story of Jesus meeting two disciples on the road to Emmaus however they did not recognise him. The story tells us that the disciples “stood still, their faces downcast” Luke 24:17. The disciples were so troubled by Jesus’ death that they failed to look up and see him standing there beside them. Many times in our lives we hurt and feel sorrow. It is often these times that we may be upset or angry and ask where God is? If we enable ourselves to look up and outward we may find someone standing right beside us, ready to help and support us on life’s journey. At Seton College we always look for the face of Jesus in everyone we meet and perhaps he is standing right next to us. We just need to look for him. It is important to remember that we can be the hands and feet of Jesus in our actions. When we find someone who is lonely or troubled, we can be Christ Jesus to them, supporting, loving and being compassionate to them.

Last week the Year 10 group with their Religion Teachers experienced their reflection day with Mr Michael Fitzpatrick. The Year 10 cohort did an amazing job interacting and being focused on the messages of the day. They were genuinely interested in getting to know each other better and being energetic and joyful. There are certainly some talented singers in the group! I am very grateful to have been included in such a wonderful experience.

Peace and Blessings
Alison Gilbert
Acting APRE
Dear Parents, Staff and Students

**Parent – Teacher – Student interviews**
This **Friday 9th of May** is a day set aside in Semester 1 for these interviews. 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 time for parents, together with their student, to meet the teachers to discuss the academic and other aspects of your child’s schooling. Please remember to ring the college if you are unable to attend an interview for any reason. Thank you. The new process of booking interviews seems to have worked well to date. If you have any difficulty with the process please contact Mrs. McNamara at the College.

**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 have been sent home 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.

**School Board**
As you may be aware the Administration of the College is supported by a College Pastoral Board.

This is an advisory body and supports the administration of the College in the development of policies, guidelines and generally acts as a “sounding board” for various school management issues. The Board meets 10 times a year on the first Tuesday of each month. Presently the Board is working on the Behaviour Support Guidelines. I would like to place on the record my thanks to the parents and staff who serve on the Board, some for many years.

**Seton College Year 7 to Secondary**
Over the last 6 months the college has had a committee examining the many issues involved in the move of Year 7 to secondary school. These include:

1. The **provision of facilities**: the building project is about a month from completion and includes 4 new classrooms to accommodate the Year 7 students.

2. **Enrolments**: are proceeding well and presently there is a waiting list for Verified students for both Year 7 and Year 8 in 2015.

3. **Curriculum**: We are in the final stage of discussion on the format of the curriculum for Years 7 and 8 in 2015.

4. **Transition**: A variety of transition and induction procedures and processes are gradually being put into place for the new students in 2015. This will begin with a newsletter to all incoming students this term.
**Speech Pathology**
The School continues to employ a part time Pathologist [3 days per week] Mrs Jelena Duskovic, to work with students and teachers in the classrooms on a regular basis to assist them with Speech Language issues that affect their ability to access the curriculum. Reports for these students with respect to their progress will be sent to parents at the end of each semester.

**Laptop Program**
As previously advised the laptop roll out program has now been completed for the entire school. I wish to again clarify the situation with these laptops. The laptop and all associated software and licences remain the property of the College and is loaned to the student. The laptop may be withdrawn from a student if the conditions of the loan are not met.

**Enrolments at Seton College**
We are presently accepting enrolments for Year 7 in 2016. 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.

**Seton College Building Fund**
As we approach the end of the financial year, some families maybe in a position to make a donation to the Seton College Building fund. These funds are used to assist with the building program. If you are able to do so, such donations are welcome and are tax deductible. Please make cheques payable to the Seton College Building Fund or contact the Business Manager, Mr. Bob Burns.

Best wishes and prayers for the weeks ahead.

Chris Raju
Principal

**from the Acting Deputy Principal...**

**STOP PRESS**
Do we have your up to date contact details? We need at least two phone numbers on which you are contactable in case of emergencies. This may be a home or work landline number, a mobile number, or a number for a grandparent or neighbour. If you need to update your details in this regard please contact our office on 3291 5333.

Last week on Assembly we reminded students that at Seton College we treat all people with Respect and will never tolerate any acts of bullying.

Bullying was defined as behaviour involving a single or repeated abuse of power that is hurtful, embarrassing, threatening or frightening.

It can be Verbal which includes

- Name-calling, put-downs, offensive language, intrusive questions about personal details, “nuisance” telephone
calls, teasing, spreading malicious rumours or gossip, constant /continuing phone calls.

It can be Visual which includes
• Gestures and body language, graffiti, offensive notes, photos or drawings. Visual bullying can also be distributed via emails, SMS, posted on websites, chat rooms or other electronic media

Action: What do you do if you are being bullied?
• Be assertive, Strongly state, “leave me alone”
• Do not retaliate with physical or verbal aggression
• Ignore it-Try not to react. If you show that you are not upset, the bullying may stop.
• Laugh it off. Use humour. Stick with your friends.
• Avoid high risk places, avoid being alone
• Talk about it to someone that you trust
• Please talk with your child about the issue of bullying and make sure that they know where they can seek help if needed.

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY

Parent/Teacher Interviews are on this Friday, 9 May from 10:00am and continue on until 6:00pm. Students should attend the interviews with the parent.

The on-line process (PTO) seems to have been accessed by most of our parents and there have been no major problems. If you have encountered difficulties, please contact the College on 3291 5333 as soon as possible.

Just repeating what was stated last week regarding the interviews themselves, each interview is allocated a ten minute time slot so the interview takes the form of a verbal report. It is not a problem-solving interview. Hopefully, any emerging problems and difficulties should have been dealt with by now or will need to be addressed at an interview at school with the relevant people and given adequate time to discuss and hopefully resolve the issue.

Teachers are required to adhere strictly to the time limits and to follow the correct order of interviews. Parents are required to do the same and move to their next interview when the bell sounds. Going to a teacher who happens to be free at a particular point in time to have an unscheduled interview 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.

Happy Mother’s Day to all the mums!

Helen McNamara
Acting Deputy Principal
from the Campus Minister...

Caritas – Project Compassion
We would like to thank everyone who supported Caritas’ Project Compassion last term. As a school community we raised $1102! This is enough money to:

- Install water systems in 9 houses, giving families access to constant safe drinking water in the Philippines, or
- Train 22 rural teachers to conduct life-saving Disaster Risk Management programs in schools in the Solomon Islands, or
- Provide a year of youth empowerment workshops for young people living in favelas (slums) in Brazil.

Thank you to everyone who donated to their PCs, supported the Pancake Day Stall, completed the Rice Day Challenge, supported the Hot Dog Fundraiser and bought Ice-blocks for Caritas. I would like to acknowledge Tori Clough and Eleanor Byrnes who displayed their dedication and creativity by making cupcakes and selling them to raise extra funds for Caritas. Well done to Cooper A and Cooper B who were our top classes with donations of $95 and $84 respectively.

from the Vet/Work Experience Dept....

White Card
We are running a white card course for any students who wish to work in the trade areas, particularly construction. This is a great opportunity for our Year 10 students to gain their white card as you CANNOT work in Trade areas without this card. The cost of the course is $44.00. If your child is interested please email me on vet_we_seton@bne.catholic.edu.au and I will email forms to you.

Scips School Leaver Event
This is an evening where employers and providers will be available to speak personally with students about their aspirations and their suitability for employment and training opportunities. Students and parents are encouraged to attend the evening to gain current advice, face-to-face contact with employers, and to position themselves for opportunities as they come up.

As employers have again committed to the SCIPS School Leaver event, students will need to register for the evening. Preparation is very important in order to support the student’s preparedness for a successful outcome. Registrations close on 17 June 2014.
Date: Wednesday 20 August, 2014
Venue: Brady Hall St
Laurence’s College,
82 Stephens Road, South Brisbane
Time: 5.00 pm – 6.30 pm

Contact Kathryn Flint or Sue Oxley if you have any questions.

Kokoda Challenge
We have been very busy with our training. We are very grateful to Conan Visser who trains us twice a week (Tuesday lunch and Friday afternoons). His experience with training and pointing us in the right direction is amazing.

We are now up to walking 4-5 hours on Sundays at Mt Coot-tha and our longest distance covered is now 23km. As we continue to work towards our goal of 48km for challenge day we will increase our training time each week. We only have 9 more big training sessions left and lots of enthusiasm.

We have run two fundraising events to date: BBQ at a local primary school gala day and a movie night very kindly organised by one of our parents. We will be running a third and final fundraising event (sausage sizzle) at school on Friday 16 May to raise money for Youth at Risk. We will be selling sausages in bread for $2.00 and Gatorade (once off) for $3.00. We would love to have the support of all students to help us achieve our goal of helping youth at risk.

Parent Teacher Interview Day we will also be selling 6 packs of Gatorade for $15.00 or $3.00 per bottle if you are interested (hot).

Sausage Sizzle Friday 16th May @ Lunchtime
Fund raiser for Seton College Kokoda Challenge
Sausage on bread $2
Drinks $3
(NB the tuckshop will not be selling other items at this time)

My Career Advisor Website
Are you looking for part time or full time work?
Visit My Career Advisor and choose either ‘Finding a Part Time Job’ or ‘Finding a Full time Job’. Within each tab you will find a series of steps on how you can go about finding that job!

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)

Spotlight on Queensland – Job Prospects
Allied Health: medical imaging professionals are an occupational group with 6100 jobs created over the past five years. Continued growth is expected to November 2018, with 43,000 new jobs. Gender: 76% Female, 24% Male

Professional: Legal, social and welfare recorded strong growth over the past 12 months, with 21,900 new jobs created. Gender: 56% Female, 44% Male

Retail: By November 2018, online shopping is forecast to grow by 12.3%,
increasing the number of jobs in the non-store retailing sector by 72.8% (98,000). Gender: 58% Female, 42% Male

For job seekers, it is important to know what your interests and strengths are and then gain the skills and knowledge to enhance those skills. When you find your passion, you will love your work – it won’t be work but something that you enjoy and you’ll be earning money!

Source: CareerOne

Kathryn Flint and Sue Oxley

The Uniform Shop will be open on Parent Teacher day, the 9th of May for those who would like to purchase any Uniforms. Keep in mind we have the Winter Jumpers & Track Suits in stock.

Opening hours will be 8.30-3.00.

from the PE Dept... ...

On April 26th Queensland Athletics hosted their annual All School Cross Country Relay Championships at Marymount College. Seton College was represented by 3 teams who competed against some of the very best athletes in the State. Hamish McCormack, Nicholas Lane and Noah Schofield ran in the boys 3 x 3km, 14 years and under race and placed 7th. In the AWD category Mason Ollerenshaw, Jake Michel and Nick Darby won gold and Tim Markey, Zac Borchi and Mason (running a second time) won silver. Well done boys for representing the College and doing us proud.

At the same Championships Ryan Bidner won silver as a member of a club team in the under 20 mens 3 x 4km race.

District Cross Country 2014

April 29th was the 2014 date for the annual South District Cross Country Carnival which was held at Redeemer Lutheran College’s Stolz oval. Weather conditions were perfect and a large eager team competed over a range of distances. 13 year old boys and girls, and, our AWD athletes each ran 3km, our 14 and 15 year old boys, 14, 15, 16 year old and open girls all ran 4km, 16 year old boys and our open boys all ran 6km.

Our team included the following students:


Our students competed to the best of their abilities and should be proud of
their performances. They are to be commended for their efforts and the manner in which they represented the College. Official results are still pending but our standout performers on the day were Ryan Bidner and our AWD team.

Our AWD athletes will progress from this carnival to compete in the Regional Cross Country Carnival at Capalaba on May 20th.

Anne O’Dwyer-Mazur
Sports Master

Parent Teacher Interviews
May 9th 2014
Bookings for parent teacher interviews opened 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 number to access the site. A letter with full instructions and information has now been sent out. 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.

The P & F Chocolate Drive is being finalised. We thank you 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 any outstanding money be returned to the school office as soon as possible.

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

Fifty Year Golden Anniversary
Cake Goes Down Well
An enormous white and blue cake decorated with ‘Seton Celebrates 50 Years’ was met with plenty of enthusiasm from students all keen to assist Mr Raju to cut first the celebratory slice.

Our Golden Jubilee Year is well underway with commemorative badges presented at assembly, Golden Anniversary key rings for staff and the big cake that was shared by all students.

Further ‘Golden Anniversary’ celebrations will include the installation of a time capsule, the opening of the new Year Seven and Arts Precinct buildings by the Archbishop on Friday 29th August at 9.30am followed by an evening cocktail party for parents, friends and past students. A commemorative book will be published celebrating our rich heritage. More student oriented celebrations are planned for the duration of our fiftieth year. A collection of memorabilia will be on display in the new building.

If you were or know a past student of Seton College and have any memorabilia that you would be willing to loan (uniforms, exercise books, report cards, sporting trophies and pennants, photos) they will be well looked after and would be of
great interest to our present and past students and staff.

Please pass on this information to any past students that you know so they can join the party.

Call Julie Whitehouse at the college 32915333 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays if you have any enquiries.

**MP Visits College**

The Seton College community was privileged to welcome The Honourable Ian Walker MP, Minister for Science, Information Technology, Innovation and The Arts when he attended last week’s Prayer Assembly which celebrated the Anzac tradition. Seton students who are cadets wore their uniforms with pride during a moving and respectful presentation. Mr Walker spoke emotionally of his great uncle who was killed at a young age during the First World War and of the loss of so many courageous young Australians as a result of war. He also congratulated the Seton community on its Fiftieth Year Anniversary and presented the College with a cheque for $150.00.

Julie Whitehouse
Development Manager

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Order your new 2014/2015 Brisbane, Sunshine Coast and Surrounds Entertainment Membership from Seton College and 20% of your Membership purchase goes towards our fundraising!

This year, you have two options:

The traditional Entertainment Book Membership $65, or Digital Membership also only $65 available on your Apple or Android device.

You can order and collect your books at the school office and online go to [https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/221y373](https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/221y373)
Mater Little Miracles Competition

If you raise over $100 for the Mater Little Miracles 5ks Walk you’ll win a cool Max Pack. It will be presented to you at the prayer assembly by Amy Britten from Mater Little Miracles on May 15th. Register now and start fundraising!
Greetings Seton Families and Friends

We now have a Seton College Team registered for Mater Little Miracles 5ks walk on Sunday 1st June. It would be great if you and your families and friends could join us or sponsor a member of our team.

Our goal is to help our state’s most vulnerable children and babies get the best possible start to life. You can show your support by making a donation using the link below or log on to the Mater Little Miracles 5ks Walk website and register in seven easy steps (even I did it without incident or stress):

1) Select a location (Brisbane) select a start time- June 1 at 10am
2) Waiver
3) Registrant type (Join a Team) Seton College of course. School Team Member
4) Contact details
5) Additional information (your fundraising goal)
6) Payment Information (credit card etc.)
7) Register - process my payment and register me

It would be wonderful if you could become a member of the Seton College Team. Last year we had over a hundred team members for our first year and hope to have many more participants on the 2014 walk. The walk is flat, along the river starting at Southbank, along under the bougainvillea then through the Botanic Gardens after crossing the walking bridge to QUT - very pleasant! There are lots of nice places to stop and have a coffee and something sweet on the way there or back, no rush, just enjoy. Games and entertainment are provided at the venue at Southbank including a jumping castle, animal farm, musical entertainment and lots more.

At Seton College we have many students who have had a wobbly start in life as sick or premature babies and have a Little Miracle story of their own. It is because of dedicated staff at hospitals, research, state of the art equipment and love that these wonderful young people are with us today. Mater Little Miracles also support sick mothers who have or are expecting babies.


If you are having trouble viewing the above web address, copy & paste the entire URL into the address bar of your browser.

Cheers

Julie

Julie Whitehouse
Promotion and Development Manager
Seton College
Mount Gravatt East, Brisbane, Qld. 4122
SAVE THE DATES

**MATER LITTLE MIRACLES**
Brisbane
Sunday 1 June 2014
Cultural Forecourt, South Bank

**SETON COLLEGE GOLDEN JUBILEE**
celebration will occur on 29 August 2014 at the College.
More information to come!

**MS BIKEATHON**
Brisbane
Sunday 22 June 2014
Musgrave Park, East Brisbane
STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES TRAVEL REBATE

Semester 1, 2014

- 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 to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at www.schooltransport.com.au by 31 May 2014. Late applications cannot be accepted.

STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES

Semester 1, 2014

Bus Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?
- Does your family spend more than $25/week* on fares to and from school (* $20/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a publicly available bus not owned or associated with the school?

Students with Disabilities
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Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at www.schooltransport.com.au by 31 May 2014. Late applications cannot be accepted.
Who is this Mater Little Miracle?

It’s Tori Clough Cooper B
Hasn’t she grown!

Come for a walk with us on
Sunday 1st June
To help little babies like Tori to grow into healthy young adults.
Join our Seton College Team
www.materlittlemiracles5ks.org.au