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**G20 PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Please note that the Brisbane City Council Region has a public holiday declared for the G20 Summit this **Friday, 14 November**. As this school falls within the Brisbane City Council Region, we will be closed on Friday.

Mr Chris Raju
Principal

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**Reflection**

Next week our Year 12 graduating students leave our Seton College grounds as secondary school students. We pray that they continue to *soar to new heights* in the journey of life.

*Reflection:*

On top of a mountain their lives a family of Eagles. It was a very high mountain which overlooked the surrounding countryside. From their vantage point they could see the village below, with its winding streams and farmland in the distance.

One day the mother eagle looked at her young in the nest and said, “The time has come, you must learn to fly!”

“But how?” replied the young ones with more than a little uneasiness in their voices.

“You must go the edge of the nest,” said the mother, “and throw yourself forward in the wind.”

The young eagles looked at each other with anxious eyes. They walked to the edge, looked down very carefully and quickly scrambled back to the safety of the nest. The next day mother eagle told her young once again that the time had come for them to fly.

“It’s far too high,” said one of the young eagles.

“We might fall,” said another.

“I’m frightened” said a third.

But mother eagle was insistent.

“Come to the edge,” she urged repeatedly, “Come to the edge, don’t be frightened.”

When they gradually came, she gently pushed them. And as they spread their wings, the wind lifted them and they flew.
Dear Parents, Staff and Students

Appointment of Deputy Principal

On behalf of the Director, South Centre, Mr Paul Allen and the Seton College Community, I have great pleasure in announcing the appointment of Mrs Helen McNamara to the position of Deputy Principal of the college.

Mrs McNamara is presently the acting Deputy Principal at the college while Mr Tom Dowden is on Mission leave. Mrs McNamara has considerable administrative and leadership experience and has been APRE at the college for a number of years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Tom Dowden for his outstanding contribution to the Seton Community over four years as Deputy Principal. We wish him and his wife, Terryll, much success, contentment and the Lord’s Blessings as they continue with their mission work for the church in Perth, WA.

Farewell Year 12 – 2014

Next week is the last week for our 48 Year 12 students, most of whom have been with us for the last 5 years. It is a week of reflection and celebration for them. Next Tuesday night 18th November, we celebrate the Year 12 Graduation Liturgy and Dinner.

On Friday 21 November at 9:00am we will have the Final Assembly for our Senior students (Year 11 and 12) where we will present special awards and certificates. All parents of our Senior students are invited to attend this assembly in the new “piazza”. The Seniors will leave after this Assembly.

Each one of our graduating students can be proud of their achievements. Throughout their years here, they have been able to learn, develop an understanding of how a workplace operates and understand expectations that are placed on maturing young adults. They have grown in confidence. They have had to confront both change and challenge and sometimes they have had to realise that a different pathway, attitude or plan was necessary.

As we say goodbye, I hope they will fondly remember the years they have had at the College and value the friendships they have made. I hope they strive to uphold those values that we have spoken about so often to them. We are proud of these students and we wish them well in the future.

A special ‘thank you’ to the parents of our Year 12 students for your friendship, your support and interest in all College activities over the years. I do hope that you have enjoyed your association with us and that you too will hold fond memories of the years that you have been part of this Community.

End of Year Assemblies

Soon we also begin our series of Special Assemblies for each year level, when we present special awards and certificates. Each Assembly begins with a prayer liturgy.

Parents are invited to attend the Assemblies for their student’s year level.

These special Assemblies are:-
Friday 21 November 9 am
Year 12 Awards and Certificates

Friday 21 November 9am
Year 11 Awards and Certificates
From the Principal (contd.)

Friday 28 November 9am
Year 10 Awards and Certificates.

Thursday 4 December 9 am
Year 8/9 Awards and Certificates

Friday 6 December
Last day for Year 8/9 students. Students are dismissed from school at 12 noon.

Enhanced School Zone:
I have received a letter from the Lord Mayor, Graham Quirk, advising the school that an Enhanced School Zone, with flashing signage, will be installed outside the school on Cavendish Road. However, due to budgetary restrictions this will not occur until the 2015-2016 Financial year. Nevertheless it is pleasing to have this confirmed as the school and the P & F Association have been making representations on this matter for many years. I would like to place on record my thanks to Councillor Schrinner and our State Government representative, Mr Ian Walker, for their support in making this possible.

Important Dates for 2015
January 20 to 23: Uniform Shop opens for new students (8:00am – 3:00pm). Uniform fittings require an appointment time which can be made through the office.

January 27: Uniform Shop opens for continuing students to buy uniforms. Uniform fittings require an appointment time which can be made through the office.

January 28: **WEDNESDAY**: Years 7 & 8 students only attend.

January 29: **THURSDAY**: Year 7 & 8 students, senior students and all new students attend

January 30: **FRIDAY**: All students attend

With prayers and blessings for the weeks ahead

Mr Chris Raju
Principal
Well the year is quickly coming to a close. I encourage everyone to view the school calendar to check all the events coming up in the next couple of weeks. There are many tired students who are finding the skill of tolerance a little more difficult than normal. I think we might all benefit from the following story which highlights that what we may think is a disaster may turn out to be blessings. May we always acknowledge and appreciate all the blessings that we each have in our lives. Let us all tackle day to day life with a greater sense of tolerance and compassion for others.

The Lost Horse
塞翁失馬

A man who lived on the northern frontier of China was skilled in interpreting events. One day for no reason, his horse ran away to the nomads across the border. Everyone tried to console him, but his father said, “What makes you so sure this isn't a blessing?” Some months later his horse returned, bringing a splendid nomad stallion. Everyone congratulated him, but his father said, “What makes you so sure this isn't a disaster?” Their household was richer by a fine horse, which the son loved to ride. One day he fell and broke his hip. Everyone tried to console him, but his father said, “What makes you so sure this isn't a blessing?”

A year later the nomads came in force across the border, and every able-bodied man took his bow and went into battle. The Chinese frontiersmen lost nine of every ten men. Only because the son was lame did father and son survive to take care of each other. Truly, blessing turns to disaster, and disaster to blessing: the changes have no end, nor can the mystery be fathomed.

The expression is used to remind others to take life in stride because things aren't really as good (or bad) as they seem. Certainly seems like a wise advice for a society that lives only for the present.

I also invite you to take a look at Part 2 of the Seton Expo. You can access this by searching “SetonCollegeBrisbane” on YouTube and selecting the ‘Seton Expo Part 2 2014’ footage.

Mrs Helen McNamara
Acting Deputy Principal

From the APRE

Next week is the final week of secondary education for our graduating Year 12 students. The students in this group were in my Year 9 Science classes when I first arrived at Seton College. Since then I have taught them Religion and Mathematics. It has been a real privilege to get to know them and watch them grow throughout the last 3 and a half years. On behalf of the Seton College community I extend my thanks for their leadership and generosity of spirit that they have displayed during their time here. I hope that as they journey into the future they continue to soar like eagles to new heights.

Congratulations Year 12 students - May God bless you and keep you always.

In Term 4 at Seton College we have a long tradition of collecting food, toiletries and gift donations as a part of our annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. As we continue to collect for this very important appeal I would like to share with you from the Gospel according to Matthew:

“And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’” (Matthew 25:40).

As we prepare for Christmas it is important that we focus on how we can be the hands and feet of Christ in our communities. Christ works through us which comes as a great gift but with many responsibilities. Please dig deep and donate what you can to the appeal so we can help the many needy people in our local community.

Mrs Alison Gilbert
Acting APRE
Metropolitan East Awards

Back in early September Metropolitan East held their annual track and field carnival at QSAC. The carnival lasted over 2 days (4-5 September), and offered a wide range of track and field events with athletes seeking to win ribbons and selection to compete at States.

Seton College had many athletes compete successfully in this carnival. Behind the scenes Met East had another selection to make in each age category. I am happy to announce that Monika Christophorou was selected as the most outstanding 13-15 year old female AWD track athlete. Jake Michel was selected as the most outstanding 16-19 old male AWD track athlete and also the most outstanding 16-19 year old male AWD field athlete.

Well done on your very special achievements.

Mrs Anne O’Dwyer-Mazur
Sports Master

Sustainability

The Aquaponics Project is progressing well. Our sincere thanks go to the BCC Grant which has benefitted our school immensely. Once the project has been completed, students will be able to sit under cover beside the aquaponics set up. They will be able to take advantage of the outdoor setting for educational purposes in all subjects. Eventually, there will be solar panels placed on the top of the structure which will charge batteries to run the pumps used to aerate the water for the fish.

We are obtaining three new recycling bins from the BCC which will enable the staff and students to recycle more items around the school. The Environmental Science Program in the junior school has recycling as a major focus.

More students are becoming aware of the importance of recycling and the return for a deposit on plastics has been very popular.

National Recycling Week and the Schools Recycle Right Challenge at schoolsrecycle.planetark.org being held until 14th November.

The Indigenous Garden Project will be completed by the end of the year. The garden is situated to the right of the path leading up to the Counsellor’s Office. Indigenous plants (decorative and edible), a sign and seating will be organised within the next few weeks to complete this project. Thanks to the Indigenous Committee for their generous support of the Horticulture Project.

The staff and students are to be thanked and commended for their dedication to the beautification of our College grounds.

Nude Food: please encourage your son/daughter to bring their lunch in a container which can be returned home - leaving no environmental footprint at school.

Sustainability Committee
Students in Years 8, 9 and Maths classes participated in an excursion to Carindale Shopping Centre last Monday, 27 October. They had a number of Maths related tasks to perform including:

- Use Translink journey planner prior to the excursion to determine details of public transport to and from the venue
- Prepare a ‘Wish List’ of some educational gifts that Mum or Dad or the Grands might like to give
- Select lunch to purchase then tender an amount to cover this and receive the correct change

Students appeared very happy to do their parents and grandparents a big favour by compiling a ‘wish list’ of [mostly] educational gifts that they’d like for Christmas! They had a budget of $250.

After pricing the illuminated globes and telescopes at Australian Geographic, students fairly readily determined that not all items nominated might be found in their Christmas stocking – unless the family won the Lotto.

Students behaved very well and enthusiastically throughout and worked very hard not just on locating potential gifts but on writing down costs, totals, change amounts and so on. They also showed good manners and great competence in selecting, paying for and easily demolishing lunch.

Thanks to Mrs Simpson, Mrs Dimmick, Mr Towler, Mrs Pownall, Mrs Pascoe and Mr Clancy who accompanied us on such a fun learning experience.

Mr Paul Towler

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**Christmas at Carindale**

**Message from the Uniform Shop**

As per the current Uniform Policy, Seniors in 2015 will be required to wear the Senior uniform which consists of a white blouse/shirt, and a senior badge.

The Uniform Shop holds limited supplies of the white blouses/shirts. Therefore please organise your senior uniform as soon as possible as we may need to order sizes in.

The Uniform Shop will be open to current students on Friday 23rd January and Tuesday 27th January 2015 by appointment only. Please call the Office on 3291 5333 to book an appointment. The Uniform shop is also open on the normal Tuesday morning (8 – 8.30am) and Tuesday lunchtime (12.45 – 1.15pm) before the end of the year.

Elisha Cornell

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**2015 Booklist**

A reminder that if you choose to use Sequel Books to purchase your child’s 2015 stationery needs, the deadlines are as follows:

Order Forms to be returned to the College    Thursday, 13 November 2014
Online Order Form                          Sunday, 16 November 2014

Sequel will deliver the complete pack to your nominated address between Saturday 10 – Monday 19 January 2015.
No pack will be delivered to the College.
From the VET Department

QCAA
LUI Nos
It is absolutely imperative that students check their LUI Accounts to ensure all their points have been allocated, subject correct and all banking been done by outside providers.
Students in both Years 11 and 12 will be issued with a Provisional Statement which has their Senior Schooling details. Would you please check these statements and return them to Mrs Oxley if there are any issues related to the information contained thereon.

VET
Congratulations to all our senior students who have put in a lot hard work to complete their Vet Courses, including Certificate I in Agrifood Skills (Horticulture); Certificate I in Business; Certificate I in Information, Digital Media and Technology; Certificate II in Active Volunteering; Certificate II in Business and Certificate II in Retail

WORK EXPERIENCE
Year 12
Congratulations and farewell to all our Year 12s. We are very proud of you all. We wish you luck in your endeavours post school and know that your time in the work experience program will be a great asset to you with the building of many skills and knowledge over your 2 ½ year involvement.
The following students are those who have recently found positions for next year:
Adam Abouelola – part time work continuing in hospitality
Brett Fennell – Plumbing Apprenticeship
Caleb Price – work with a fruit store
Chelsea Pries – part time work continuing in Retail
Daniel McCarron – Sheet Metal apprenticeship
Dean DiMauro – Plumbing Apprenticeship
Drew McKenna – part time work continuing with Bartons
Mason Ollerenshaw – continuing to full time apprenticeship Plumbing
Ryan Endres – part time work continuing in hospitality
Shannara Joseph – teacher aide education support Mabel Park State High School
Tristan Douglas – continuing to part time apprenticeship in IT
Victoria McKay – part time work continuing in Retail

Year 11
Year 11s last day for work experience is Wednesday 19th November. There are still some outstanding preference forms for term 1 2015. It will now be too late to get these students placed and paperwork completed for them to commence in first week in 2015. Please keep in mind there are no programs run for the students at school on Wednesdays, so they will be required to stay home on Wednesdays until their placement is confirmed and paperwork completed.
Congratulations to Cohan Wisniewski who has also been offered a full time apprenticeship with Sublime Hairdressing at Carrindale in 2015. Work hard and enjoy!

Year 10
Friday the 14th November is a holiday for the G20 in the City metropolitan area. It is up to your child to find out whether their workplace is open on this holiday and it is our expectation that if the workplace is open, your child will attend work.
Year 10s last work experience day is Friday 21st November
Congratulations to all those Year 10 students who were presented with a 100% work experience attendance award at our last assembly. All students should be aspiring to this award as it is a great achievement to be included in their portfolios to be used when attending interviews for a job.
School Based Traineeships and Apprenticeships

Congratulations to the following students who have completed their school based traineeships:

Ryan Bidner  Certificate III in Sport and Recreation
James Davenport  Certificate III in Companion Animals
Thomas Fleming  Certificate III in Hospitality
Tamara Fraser  Certificate III in Business Admin
Daniel McCarron  Certificate II in Engineering
Jordan Mahony  Certificate III Warehouse and Storage worker
Kacie White-Otto  Certificate III in Hospitality

And to those whose traineeships are rolling over to either part-time or full-time in 2015

Tristan Douglas  Certificate III in Information, Digital Media and Technology
Mason Ollerenshaw  Certificate III in Plumbing

TAFE Courses

Congratulations to all our students who have undertaken a TAFE course over the past two years. This is a great achievement as they have completed all their school work as well as an extra qualification through TAFE. Well Done!

GOGETTA JOB – JOBS FOR YOUTH

Your one stop shop for Youth Employment dedicated to YOUTH aged 14-20. You can contact the friendly team on phone 1300 887 524 and you can register online for free updates on the website - www.gogettajob.com.au It’s an easy to use website, free resource for jobs, information and alerts. Employers are listing their jobs on the GoGetta Job website! Come in and get a card from the VET room to download the free App.

MY CAREER ADVISOR

Over the term there have been a few new additions to the My Career Advisor website which you may have noticed....

- Under "Step by Step Career Pathways" - Step 1. I have included a link to a free online Aptitude Test where students can identify their areas of strengths and weakness.
- In "Useful Career Links" under "Industry Career Links" I have included one called "Construct My Career". This website is very good in that it allows students to explore the many different career options in the Construction and the Property Services Industry.
- Also under "Useful Career Links" in "Defences and Emergency Services", I have included a link to the "Defence Force Job Finder". This allows students to search for defence jobs that match their level of education.

Lastly, within the "Finding an Apprenticeship/Traineeship" tab, two new links have been added. The first link is to "Australian Pathways Charts" and the second is to "Australian Apprenticeships Aptitude Quizzes". Both are very helpful for students who are unsure which apprenticeship may suit them or in fact which certificate qualifications may form a pathway to their selected apprenticeship.

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 spaces, no capitals)

YOUTH ONLINE

The Queensland Government has developed this web page for young people. It provides links to a range of information and services, covering topics such as education, life skills, work and career, health, family support, sport and recreation programs. The site includes a section on helpful apps for young people and a Youth Social Wall. The web page is located at http://www.qld.gov.au/youth

ACE An Interview by following these simple steps:

Know your target – research the organisation before you go for the interview.
Know yourself – your skills and talents, be specific and give examples
New Seton Records

At the recent School Sport State Championship Mason Ollerenshaw set two new records for T38 athletes which is an incredible achievement. Despite not medalling in his 100m race (in which he placed 5th) Mason still managed to rewrite the record books setting a new record. Mason won the silver medal in his 400m event where he also set a new record. Well done Mason.

The annual inter-house aquathlon relay was held at lunch time last Thursday. Each house had to provide two males and two females of each age, 13-18, one to run a lap of the oval, the other to swim 50m of the pool. The race took a relay format and was hotly contested. The overall winners were Power, followed by Cooper, then Bayley.

Individual age aquathlon events will take place for each age group over the next few weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch time. Each athlete will run two laps of the oval then swim 150m. All are welcome to enter.

Mrs Anne O’Dwyer-Mazur
A.W.D Coordinator and Sports Master

Mylestones Supported Employment Agency

Mylestones Employment is a non-profit organisation that supports Queenslanders to overcome barriers to get jobs. We work with people to find long term employment that matches their skills and career goals. We are a Disability Employment Service (DES) that has successfully placed people in jobs for over 21 years. Mylestones Employment is proud to be a member of the National Panel of Assessors.

We provide services to the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR), meaning that we are able to assess the needs people on a supported wage and those who need ongoing support.

Mylestones have been working with our school now for five years. They are able to work with students once they are in Year 12 and post school. If your child has a recognised disability it is important to contact Mylestones to register your child with them. Mylestones basically carry on our role at Seton College once students leave school, assisting students to find work.

Mylestones have been working with a number of students while in Year 12 and have placed these students in part time work while they have been in Year 12.

If you child is completing Year 11 this year, you can also register at the end of this year.

Contact: Ben Opetaia – 3394 6400

Kathryn Flint and Sue Oxley
VET Coordinators

From the VET Department (contd.)

Practice – rehearse how you are going to handle the interview, use a mirror to practise, if you can’t answer a question say so.
Dress the part – wear what you would be expected to wear for the job
Arrive early – this gives you time to check your surroundings and be organised
Make a good first impression by looking at the interviewer, shake hands firmly, smile
Answer well – gather your thoughts, look at the interviewer, don’t ramble
Ask questions – prepare some questions prior to the interview
Be yourself – it’s ok to be you
Follow up – write a ‘thank you’ note to your interviewer

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Seton Videos on YouTube

Our YouTube account has been updated with some new videos. You can access the following videos by searching on “SetonCollegeBrisbane”:

- Our original general information video
- Expo video
- The senior students Kokoda Challenge video
- The 50th Jubilee Celebration video
- The 50th Jubilee interview with Chris Raju.

Please check back on this site periodically for more video footage.

Seton Athletic Singlets

There are still a few outstanding athletic singlets which need to be returned before the conclusion of the school year. They are given on loan and it would be appreciated if they could be returned.

Mrs Anne O’Dwyer-Mazur
A.W.D Coordinator and Sports Master
Planning for the future
Meeting the schooling needs of Queensland’s growing population

Meeting the schooling needs of our growing population will be a major challenge in Queensland over the next two decades and beyond.

Demand for places in Queensland Catholic schools is projected to increase by around 60,000 students between 2011 and 2031, requiring the development of 2-3 new schools every year and expansion of many others.

Delivering this required school infrastructure will only be possible with significant government support.

The Catholic sector has a strong track record of innovative and cost-effective delivery of school infrastructure. By meeting the cost of land purchase and other Catholic community contributions, the Catholic sector also delivers new school places at a significant saving to government and taxpayers.

PROJECTED ADDITIONAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS SEEKING A CATHOLIC EDUCATION 2011-2031

GROWING IN THE EARLY YEARS
Catholic education in Queensland has made a strong commitment to increasing programs for preschool age children. In 2014, 23 stand-alone kindergartens are located across the five dioceses.

Qualified early childhood teachers are delivering a fully accredited educational program to over 850 children.

Additional kindergarten services continue to be considered in locations where there is an identified need within Catholic parish and school communities.

READY FOR YEAR 7 TO SECONDARY-2015
The move of Year 7 to secondary is a historic and exciting development that will open up new educational opportunities for students of this age.

Catholic schools are well prepared to welcome both Year 7 and Year 8 to secondary school in 2015.
Delivering savings for the Queensland Government

Every child educated in a Catholic school delivers significant savings to the Queensland Government and taxpayers.

According to the latest figures available Catholic schools received only about 81% of the total average government annual funding per student received by government schools.

School fees paid by parents and grants from the Australian Government deliver significant ongoing savings in costs of education to the Queensland Government when students attend Catholic schools.

Of total income of Queensland Catholic schools, 59% is provided by the Australian Government, 20% by Queensland Government and 21% is provided by parent and community contributions.

Even when parent contributions are taken into account, total net average annual recurrent income per student in Queensland Catholic schools is $11,675 while for state schools the figure is $12,021 and for Independent schools is $14,426.

Total government funding per student (MySchool website 2012)

Total net recurrent income per student (government funding + parent and community contributions) (MySchool website 2012)

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