

JOEY COMMUNITY LETTER

#01/13 – Friday, 15th February

Dear Parents, Guardians, Teachers and Children,

Our vision and mission statement:

VISION: College of Faith and Family

MISION: To develop and educate creative minds
to develop and maintain good and strong hearts
and so transform lives.

Lent is a time when we prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate the great feast of Easter. At St. Joseph's we are trying to use this time to develop good and strong hearts.

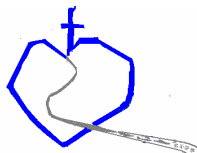
It seems to me that we mostly have good hearts, but we get into trouble because our hearts are sometimes weak.

A person with a strong heart:

- Has courage to act in any situation
- Has the strength to say NO to inappropriate behaviour
- Encourages their classmates or colleagues and does not discourage them
- Speaks kind and helpful words and does not speak hard or harmful words
- Helps people in need
- Never hits or hurts another person.
- Puts up with the troubles and hurts of life and keeps trying.

Jesus taught us one of the main ways we can develop and maintain good and strong hearts: *“when you pray, go into your inner room (go deep inside your own heart) and close the door (do not get distracted) and pray to your Father who is in that secret place. And your Father, who sees what you do in secret will reward you.”* (Mt. 6: 6).

Fr. Paul Jennings msc
Executive Director



Secondary School News

Information from Deputy Principal – Curriculum

DAT Test

Differential Aptitude Test (DAT) is a measure of students' ability or potential to learn new tasks. Knowing students ability can help them plan for their further studies, training or employment.

The test consists of Verbal Reasoning, Numerical Ability, Abstract Reasoning, Clerical Speed & Accuracy, Mechanical reasoning, Space Relations, Spelling, Language Usage and General Scholastic Aptitude.

The Grade11 students will sit for their DAT tests next Wednesday, February 20, The tests will be held in 12 Chevhartz and 12 Carcella rooms during Periods 1- 3.

Grade11 students are reminded to be present for this Test and to bring along a pencil and rubber. No pen is needed for these tests.

Guidance teachers will discuss and advice Grade11 students about the importance and procedures of these tests during their Guidance lessons.

Parents were briefed about the importance of Grade11 DAT Tests last Tuesday, Feb.12, during the Grade 11&12 Information meeting.

Thank you.

Thelma Dekuku

Information from Deputy Principal – Administration

Grade 11 Blessing/Commissioning

All Grade 11s were commissioned during the opening Mass. They also recited a pledge of commitment to the Cross in the church. This signifies their stand to uphold the values of faith, courage, love, respect and other Christian values that the College promotes. We request for your continuous support towards our Grade 11 students this year.

Student Leaders

Student Leaders in Primary and Secondary Sections were also blessed during the College opening mass. There will be a little ceremony to commission them on Friday next week.

Senior School Student Leaders

We elected our student leaders, sports and college captains last week. The sports and college captains were nominated and elected on Friday during the colour house activities. We congratulate all the students who have participated in the elections and wish them well for the year. The prefects and class captains are now rostered to carry out duties in respective sections of the school. We encourage each student leader to exercise responsibility and cooperate with fellow students and staff to serve to the best of their ability. We also thank parents and guardians for supporting your children in carrying out their leadership responsibilities.

The following are our Secondary School 2013 student leaders:

College Captains
Male: Cayllan Boeha
Female: Lisa Jiap

College Vice Captains
Male: Lincoln Wagun
Female: Gima Barbalina Waiin

CLASSES	CLASS CAPTAINS		CLASS PREFECTS	
	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
7 CH	Joseph MASE	Jemimah GUGU	Jose Carlo AQUINO	Elsie NAO
7 CM	Clyde RAPILLA	Louise WAL	Alfred KAHWA	Pwasima SOMARE
8 CH	Quintan MOSORO	Elisheba ALLOY	John OREA	Boni AKO
8 CM	Daniel KAKARAYA	Laura REHLIS	Bryan ARA	Shoshanna TAMARI
9 CH	Darren ELIAKIM	Skye IMAKA	Justyn TABLIZO	Delina KIPMA
9 CM	Goasa DAMENA	Catherine ISINII	Joshua KALINOE	Xanthe WAILONI
10 CH	Angelito RECLAMADO	Tanisha SOWENI	Saul LAMBU	Althea PAINAP
10 CM	George KAZADI	Genevieve MASA	Christopher NGU	Yureh ARINGA-GARAP
11 CH	James SARIMAN	Angelynne LIMBIYE	Darren TAN	Carol-Momo AKO
11 CM	Andrew YAUJEB	Sheila KEPAS	Lincoln WANGUN	Bianca BUCUD
12 CH	Lepi YALO	Inah-Marie MENDOZA	Palsi TOA	Kirsty AKIRO

Our 2013 Secondary School SRC Coordinator is Mrs Salisa Lavaki. We wish the SRC team and all those who work with them success in all the activities this year.

Diaries

Parents are kindly reminded to continue to maintain effective communication with the school and the homeroom teacher using diaries. Also use the diaries to inform about us about, uniform, discipline, behaviour, seeking permission, notification and other concerns.

VaiVai Gate Pick Up

Secondary school students exiting through the VaiVai Gate will now wait at the Peace Theatre for pick up. This is to ease the congestion at the VaiVai waiting bay. Primary school students at this gate will wait in designated spots at the waiting area.

Late Pick Up

Children who are picked up late will be charged K5.00 every 30 minutes beginning at 4.15pm as of this week. We need your cooperation to pick up your children quickly to avoid this penalty.

2013 Term 1 Sports Calendar Details

As per the college calendar the various sports events include:

1. Swimming carnival week 5
2. NCD Secondary basketball cluster games (boys & girls) week 7
3. St. Joey Inter – House Athletics carnival week 9

Please note that St Joseph's International Catholic College will not participate in the swimming carnival this year as the Sir Donald Cleland pool is unavailable for use/training. Training for basketball cluster games to be held on 20th March and Athletics carnival to be held on Saturday 6th April will be commencing soon.

Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge and congratulate Polangou Molean of 9 Chevhartz who has been selected as a hockey player representing PNG participating in the Under 21 Junior World Qualifiers from 22nd February to 4th March. Polangou will have the opportunity to showcase his talent in the Gold Coast World Qualifiers in Brisbane, Australia. We wish Polangou and his team the very best in the coming games.

Thank you for your continuous support and we hope to have a good year with you.

Josepha Wailoni

Information from the Principal

A sincere warm welcome to the 2013 academic year. A special welcome to our new students, parents and teachers to St. Joseph's International Catholic College.

The new staff joining St. Joseph's Secondary school are:

1. Miss Mary Damien Efi – Mathematics
2. Miss Sharon Tau-Tanu – Business Studies
3. Ms Kirsty Tom – Information Technology
4. Ms. Odila Peto – Science and Home Economics
5. Sr. Antoinette Ake – Mathematics
6. Mr. Thomas Barbanau – IT Technician

Our College maintained its academic excellence in 2012 with its Grade 8, 10 and 12 results. Congratulations to students, parents and teachers. Well done!

Parents information meetings:

My sincere thanks to all those parents who were present at these meetings. These meetings were organized to inform you of your child's learning, the daily routines and to introduce the teachers. Now you know whom to see regarding your child's education and well-being at school. I also thank Mrs. Dekuku, Mrs. Wailoni and the staff for organizing these meetings.

God Bless.

George Swamy

Principal – Secondary School

Primary School News

Information from Deputy Principal – Administration

A warm welcome to each and every one of you to the 2013 school year. We look forward to your continued support towards your child's education as we are partners on this journey.

Last week began on a good note. Children walked into their classrooms with bright smiles, looking neat, clean and smart in their clean and tidy

uniforms from head to toes. It was pleasing to receive them back this way. Thank you, parents.

We would like to maintain it this way throughout the year therefore the few students who are wearing wrong foot wear and dirty uniforms are encouraged to get into their correct attire by the end of this week.

Sports Uniforms

We are aware of the shortage of Physical Education School Uniform sizes at Kokoda Tailoring; until they are ready we encourage students to wear the house colour T/ Shirts on their Class Physical Education Day with the brown sports shorts.

Sports Shoes and pure white socks must be worn on Sports days only. On other school days students must wear a black polishable shoe and a pure white pair of socks at the 3 quarter length or brown or black leather sandal.

This dress code has not changed.

New House Names

Last week also ended very well with students and teachers being organised and introduced to their new house names as Chevalier for Red, Hartzler for Blue, Carthage for Green and Marcella for Gold house.

There was a lot of initiative, enthusiasm and creativity displayed by our students and teachers in electing house Patrons, designing banners for their house along with creative and meaningful war cries.

It was an exciting experience. Well done teachers and students.

We are all challenged and encouraged to be creative thinkers so that we can develop and maintain good and strong hearts in order to transform each other's lives as driven by our College Mission Statement.

Late drop off and Pick up

We are registering the same students who have always come late last year and years before again this year 2013.

This same group of students are also picked up late again this year in the afternoons. We would like to request from the beginning that these students and their Parents make an improvement this year, please.

Perpetua Sagapuna

Information from the Principal

WELCOME TO 2013 SCHOOL YEAR

We extend a warm welcome to all new and continuing students, staff and parents. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces on the first day and week of school for the year.

Our first two whole-college Masses were very encouraging and enriching in terms of helping us to apply/implement our Mission Statement. Our Thanksgiving Mass last Friday helped us to reflect on three things that help us to be creative in our thinking and acting.

At Ash Wednesday Mass we learnt that Lent is a time for developing strong hearts, and Jesus' teaching us the three ways we can develop and maintain a good and strong heart.

Thank you Fr Paul for sharing two simple but meaningful messages, and also for showing us the way forward on *how to educate and develop creative minds and also soon how to develop and maintain good strong hearts* in our community.

I encourage all our teachers to reflect on these two beautiful messages and align our teaching and learning in the spirit of our Mission Statement this year.

NEW TEACHERS – PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our new teachers who joined our College of Faith and Family are:

- Ms Kea Aemaki - Pre School
- Ms Ann Poiyo Solar - Prep
- Ms Jenny Stevenson - Prep
- Ms Bernadette Moripi - Grade 1
- Mr Nathan Morris - Grade 3
- Mr Dennis Lului - Grade 4
- Mrs Mary Kaule - Grade 6
- Mr Gima Manau - Grade 6

We believe in them and we look forward to working with them this year.

HOME DIARY

Please check your child’s Home Diary for a class timetable for this year.

All students will need an Art shirt for Art lessons, a Library bag for Library lessons, and a School Hat. We have a ‘No School Hat, No Play’ policy in the Primary School.

We would also like to ask you to check the Home Diary every day for notes from the school/class teacher for your information, and response.

DAILY TEACHING & LEARNING TIMES

We expect you to respect our teaching and learning times, and we will not allow parents to spend time in the classroom discussing things with teachers during our teaching times.

Time	Event
8.00am-10.30am	Teaching & Learning activities
10.30am-10.50am	Recess
11.00am-12.30pm	Teaching & Learning activities
12.30pm-1.00pm	Lunch
1.00pm-2.50pm	Teaching & Learning activities
2.50pm-3.00pm	Dismissal to respective waiting gates; students take to these gates

Any concerns you wish to raise/discuss with your child’s teacher, kindly write a note in his/her diary for an interview/appointment at a mutually convenient time after school.

All pre-arranged parent/teacher interviews will be held in the afternoons after 3.00pm.

2013 Parent/Teacher Information Meetings

Please mark the following dates in your diary for our annual parent/teacher meetings.

Date	Time	Venue	Grade
Tuesday 19 Feb	4.00pm-5.00pm	1 Chevartz Classroom	Lower Primary Prep to Grade 2 students’ parents
Wednesday 20 Feb	4.00pm-5.00pm	Sheltered Shed outside Grade 4-5 Classrooms	Grade 3 and Grade 4 Students’ parents
Thursday 21 Feb	4.00pm-5.00pm	Sheltered Shed outside Grade 4-5 Classrooms	Grade 5 & 6 students’ parents
Thursday 21 Feb	4.00pm-5.00pm	Pre-School	Pre-School students’ parents

This is your opportunity to meet your child’s class teachers. Teachers will provide information on things such your child’s daily school routines, school expectations on uniforms, lunches, personal appearance, punctuality, attendance, use of home diary, etc. Please get a copy of your child’s learning overview for the term/semester from your child’s teacher before you head home.

All sessions will start at 4.00pm and finish at 5.00pm. We look forward to see many parents at these information meetings. Please come!

Thank you

Kind Regards.

Hua Igo
Principal – Primary School

Mrs Sambua: Specialize Coaching Program

Mrs. Michelle Sambua who finished teaching at St. Joseph’s last year, is offering to conduct specialised Numeracy and Literacy Coaching Classes at the College. The College has given her the permission to use the school facilities and also allowed any interested teachers to assist her in the coaching program during their own hours. The coaching program is aimed at enhancing students’ specific skills in both Literacy and Numeracy and will support the existing teaching and learning program of the College. It will be conducted in the afternoons after our normal teaching periods.

Students and Parents who are interested to enrol are welcome to collect more information and an enrolment form at the College Administration Office. You can also talk to Mr. Neinaka, Mrs. Wailoni and Mrs. Sagapuna regarding other details of the coaching program. Thank you.