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*Celebrating* 25  
YEARS

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## PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

A big thank you from us for all the hard work parents put into ensuring that your daughters and sons came back to school on the first day so well presented. We have had a very busy few days but they have been rewarding. We had a couple of computer glitches with some Timetabling software but that, mostly, seems now to be rectified. I am very embarrassed these problems occurred and sincerely apologise to the students who were inconvenienced. The vast majority of students have had a very positive start to the year. It was a wonderful privilege to welcome so many new students and staff to Shalom. I have no doubt that we will be a better school for their presence. As 2012 progresses, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's House Coordinator or Pastoral Care teacher if you have any concerns about your child's progress.

**iPad & Laptop Distribution** – supply issues will force back the delivery of laptops to Yr 11 & 12 students until next week. The iPads for the students in Year 8-12 will be handed out next Monday and Tuesday. These will be distributed in Year level groups. We are anticipating that it will take about two hours to get through each Year level. The distribution will take place in the Performing Arts Precinct. Along with bar-coding, distribution and set up, there will be an introduction to the iPad delivered by our staff and our supplier. If parents would like to be present with their child at this session you are more than welcome.

### Monday January 30<sup>th</sup>

Yr 10 - 8.45am-10.45am  
Yr 8 - 11am – 1pm  
Yr 9 - 1.15 – 3pm

### Tuesday January 31<sup>st</sup>

Yr 11 & 12 – 8.45am – 10.45am

This week, I have informed students that there are a number of Agreement and Code of Practice forms that have not been returned. It is possible that some of these were handed in last year but have been mis-placed. Please accept our apologies but we do need these forms signed by both parent and child before a student can receive either a laptop or an iPad. More forms are available at the office.

**Great Long Service Achievements** – the staff of the four local Catholic schools gathered for a Mass last week to celebrate the start of the school year. As is the usual custom, awards were given to staff who have devoted significant time to Catholic Education. Mrs Mary Taylor, Mr David Gahan and Mr Chris Roelofs were congratulated on twenty years spent teaching in Catholic schools. Mrs Jan Aplin, who has been at Shalom since the College opened, was acknowledged after spending 30 years in Catholic education. Mrs Jenny Wedemeyer was rewarded after 40 years teaching in Catholic schools. After the ceremony Jenny was photographed with the 33 staff in Bundaberg's Catholic schools whom she had taught. The stand out acknowledgement for the day went to the much loved and respected Brother Rochford who, at the end of 2011, notched up 60 years in Catholic Education – an amazing effort for one who is still going strong.

**Master Planning** – 2012 will be a very big year for us as we start to build for the transition of Year 7 classes to secondary. Additionally, there are facilities that we need to expand to improve our facilities for students. As mentioned previously, we are undertaking a process with a group of architects and designers. This will be a really important few days and we would love to have input from parents. To that end, there is a session designed for parents on Tues Jan 31<sup>st</sup> at 5.30pm-6.30pm in the Sports Centre.

**Welcome to New Staff** – Ms Linda Parker – Student reception in the College Office, Mr Mark Warren – English / Humanities, Ms Lucia Threadgill – Maths / Core Studies, Mr Glenn Cameron – Man Arts / Core Studies, Ms Katrina Brown – Indigenous Education / Learning Support, Ms Madeleine Vaschina – Learning Support, Ms Shannon Fogarty – Learning Support We also **welcome back** to staff Ms Angela Myles, Ms Caterina Nicolo & Mr John Gilbert.

**Dan McMahon**  
Principal  
mcmahond@shalomcollege.com

## YR 9 NAPLAN TESTS 2012

The National Assessment Program literacy and numeracy (NAPLAN) tests will be conducted in all Queensland schools on 15, 16 and 17 May 2012.

The tests will assess students in the areas of literacy (including reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar) and numeracy (number, measurement, chance and data, space, working mathematically, algebra function and pattern). The results from these tests will be used for individual student reporting to parents, school reporting to the community, and aggregate reporting by the State against national standards.

All Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students enrolled in State, Catholic and Independent schools will be required to sit on the test days. Parents are asked to ensure that their children will be available to sit the tests on the test days and that family commitments are not planned for the test week. Parents who have concerns about their child's availability to sit the test are welcome to contact the Middle School Coordinator, Mr Brendan Maher on 4155 8141.

More detailed information regarding the tests and preparation arrangements at Shalom College will be communicated during Term One. In the meantime, further general information is available from the NAPLAN website at [www.naplan.edu.au](http://www.naplan.edu.au) or the Queensland Studies Authority website at [www.qsa.qld.edu.au](http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au).

Mr Christian Taylor  
Assistant Principal - Curriculum

## IMMUNUSATION FORMS

COULD ALL PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN YEAR 8 AND 10 WHO RECEIVED THESE FORMS LAST WEEK PLEASE ENSURE THAT THEY ARE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 17.

*Date Claimer*  
*Year 12 Induction Liturgy*  
*Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February*  
*11:35am*  
*Parents of Year 12's*  
*welcome*

## STUDENT WELFARE

*Did you know?* Australian research shows participation in both sport and non-sport activities gives a bigger boost to kids' sense of self-worth. In an article I read in The Sunday Mail, 22 January, 2012, the author, Brian Johnston, raises a number of points which are worth considering.

He states that "extracurricular activities help students of all ages." He maintains that many studies show that such activities are important for childhood development, helping kids explore their physical, social and creative sides with those who share similar interests.

"Extracurricular activities give your child a chance to try a range of activities and explore where his or her strengths lie," says Charissa Feng from [www.raisingchildren.net.au](http://www.raisingchildren.net.au). (The Sunday Mail, 22 January, 2012, p12).

Feng asserts that these activities can boost your child's self-esteem and confidence and reduce problem behaviour. She continues that for teens, extracurricular activities also look good on CVs, demonstrating that job applicants are motivated, well rounded and socially engaged.

Johnston also includes a statement from Corey Bloomfield of the School of Psychology at Murdoch University. Bloomfield asserts that adolescent participation in structured extracurricular activities has been associated with numerous benefits such as bet-

ter academic achievement, higher academic aspirations and less risky behaviours or dropping out of school unnecessarily.

These points are worth considering. Shalom College offers a wide range of activities - sport as well as cultural, and many things in between. It is a great opportunity to meet new people and to be part of a team.

I encourage our new members of our community to 'get involved' but always remembering that their education is of paramount importance.

### YEAR 8:

All Year 8 students have been given their camp information which includes a permission/medical form, a letter with the camp schedule and a list of 'what to bring'. If your child does not have this - permission/medical form is to be returned by Monday 30 January - then please contact your child's CSB teacher.

Please contact me here at the College if you have any queries:

My email address is: [acampbelle@shalomcollege.com](mailto:acampbelle@shalomcollege.com)

**Elizabeth Austin-Campbell**  
Assistant to the Principal -  
Students

## PAUL'S COLLECT-A-CAP

Help support the Shalom community through the Pauls Collect-A-Cap program. MacKillop House are coordinating this project and for every specially marked Pauls Cap that you bring in, Pauls will donate 10cents towards our cause. Caps can be left in the main office or taken to Mrs Hass in the block beside the Performing Arts Precinct.

## SPORTS REPORT

Welcome back to Shalom Sport for 2012!!! Shalom College is renown for its enthusiasm, spirit and will to win and this is only achieved by encouraging maximum participation in all sports. I am looking forward to a 'bumper' year in sport and I wish to encourage any volunteers to contact me if you are able to assist in any way this year.

### SUMMER SPORT SEASON

The interschool summer sport competition will start on the week beginning Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Sign-ons have been held in the first week of school with the following sports offered to the students for this year.

- Summer Sports include
- Cricket - 13yrs, 15yrs & Opens
  - Golf
  - Softball - Open Mixed
  - Tennis - Jnr Boys & Girls, Opens Boys & Girls
  - Ten Pin Bowling - Yr 8,9 & 10 only
  - Table Tennis - Yr 11 & 12 only
  - Touch Football - Yr 8 Mixed, Jnr Boys & Girls, Open Boys & Girls
  - Volleyball - Jnr Boys & Girls, Open Boys & Girls
  - Rowing
  - Surfing
  - E-Sport

Trials for these school teams (if required) will take place in week 2. Please listen to the daily school notices for more information.

### CHAMPIONSHIP SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb, the Championship Swimming Carnival will be held at Norville pool from 2.30pm – 5pm. This carnival is targeted at those students who would like to gain selection in the Shalom Swim Team that will compete at the Bundy District Carnival and then on for Wide Bay selection. Age Champions will also be determined at this championship carnival.

### INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The InterHouse Carnival will be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb during the school day. This is predominantly a participation carnival with points allocated to Houses so that a champion House is crowned at the end of the carnival. More info about these carnivals will be in the next newsletter.

### BDSSS

There will be Bundaberg and District sport trials for Cricket (14yrs and Under & Open Males & 15yrs and Under Females), Golf (Males & Females), Softball (Males & Females), Squash (Males & Females), Surfing (Males & Females), Tennis (Males & Females), Touch Football (Males & Females – Open and U15) and Volleyball (Males & Females – Opens & U15) after school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February. Details and medical forms must be collected from me at my office in C22. The signed medical form will need to be presented to the coach at the trials. Students will be given all details of the Wide Bay trials for this season, which will also appear on the Sports Notice Board outside C22 and the BDSSS web page at [www.bdsss.qld.edu.au](http://www.bdsss.qld.edu.au) in the next couple of weeks.

**Your Sporting Fanatic**  
**Simon Gills**  
**Sports Co-ordinator**

## MUSIC NOTES

A very big welcome back to school and a special welcome to all our new students particularly those in Year 8. We have decided not to have an information evening this year as most students know the 'ropes' including the Year 8 students who had most of this explained at the music orientation day last year. However if you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me either by phone or email, and I will return your call or message as soon as possible. I am currently trying to get a group mail set up for each performing group so that most messages go directly to you, faster! (Notes often end up at the bottom of bags).

Instrumental music - All students continuing their musical studies in Instrumental Music have been offered an Instrumental Enrolment Form in Week One. If your child missed out, please contact me at school and I can send one to you electronically. Students new to Instrumental Music can start learning here at Shalom! Simply contact me here at the College.

Instrumental music lessons – All students having lessons from any of our tutors must have their record book stamped with details in relation to their

lesson day and time. This is shown to the class teacher before leaving the room and shown again on return to class. Tutors and I will do this for each student. No stamp – no lesson.

Performing Groups – The Concert Band A with Mr King and Friday Morning Band with Mr Belluz and the Choir with Mrs Edgar will all start rehearsals in week 2 (next week). All students, except choir, need to check their names on the various lists on the notice board in the Precinct this Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> January. There will be a sign-on for choir on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February followed by a short rehearsal. Students who are at camp can sign-on when they return.

Performance uniforms – Could ALL new students in any of the performing groups please purchase or order a uniform from the uniform shop. If you're quick, you may be able to purchase a good second hand uniform.

Music folders – All students in the instrumental performing groups need a folder. The cost is \$10 and can be purchased from me in the Precinct staff room.

BBQs- There will be 3 BBQs for the Instrumental music department. These will be March 25, June 10 and July 15. I will let each group know which one they are running, closer to the time. Money raised from the BBQs help pay for the very expensive buses required to travel to Brisbane in August for the Catholic School Festival.

Mrs Robyn Edgar  
 Instrumental Music Coordinator



## RICE HOUSE

### FAMILY EVENING

Friday 3 February  
 From 5.30pm  
 ANZAC Pool

Free Sausage Sizzle & Soft-drinks

We look forward to seeing you there!

(RSVP: Tuesday 31 February)

## QUIET ACHIEVER

Last week Mr Stephen Dale representing the Diocesan Education Office was in Bundaberg to present plaques to teachers to mark years of service to education. Mrs Jenny Wedemeyer was presented with a plaque to mark 40 years of teaching.

There were 33 teachers present whom she had taught in school. What an achievement. We could think of her as Mrs Chips! (Many students who have grown up with McDonald's may think that chips is another name for fries. If so go googling for Mr Chips).



Mrs Jenny Wedemeyer pictured with 33 of her ex students who have become teachers in the Bundaberg area.

## Curriculum Notes

I trust that all students have made a good start to the academic year. A new year offers students a chance to make a new start, to put what may have been some distractions or even bad study practices behind them and give their studies a higher priority in what is sure to be a crowded year for all of us.

### Record Books

The **Record Book** includes a number of tools to help your children get organized, not just for the next day, but the next week, month term and year. The Record Book **daily entries section** includes space for diary notes, reminders, parent/teacher contact and dedicated sections homework entries for each lesson along with a check box to help monitor what is and isn't being done.

To help students prioritize homework and study the Record Book includes a **Homework / Study Plan**. While all students are required to complete a homework/study plan, it does provide an opportunity to reconcile the demands of family and lifestyle with the study and homework needs of the student. Please work with your children when they complete their plan. Some useful guidelines about homework are included on pages 19 and 20 of the Record Book.

To help avoid the "night before" approach to completing assignments and preparing for examinations a **Yearly Planner** is also included in the Record Book. Students have been reminded that this is a planning tool and is not to be used for non-academic reminders such as birthdays. The Record Book is not a personal diary. Pastoral Care and subject teachers will monitor and assist students in the use of this tool to help plan ahead and organize their assignments and study for examinations.

Should you have any concerns about your child's ability to establish and maintain an effective pattern of homework and study please contact the appropriate House Coordinator, PC teacher or subject teacher.

### Timetables

Shalom College offers a rich and varied curriculum. To achieve and maintain this, along with addressing the learning needs of all of our students, a degree of flexibility and creativity is required in developing the timetable. The timetable is further complicated by the arrival of new students, some departures and a growing number of subject changes by students. However, we ultimately need stability and to achieve this subject changes for students in Years 9 to 12 must be effected Monday 6 February. After this date classes will be reviewed and re-balanced if necessary to achieve appropriate class sizes and composition followed by a **possible re-issuing of timetables for all students** in Week Three. Not all students will be impacted but a number of students may have classes changed in this process.

Please also note that **we do not allow students to change classes within a subject** in the absence of extenuating circumstances. Such changes are extremely rare and require extensive consultation between all parties concerned.

I beg your understanding, thank you for your patience and look forward to your cooperation in this important aspect of our partnership in the education of your children.

**Mr Christian Taylor**  
(Assistant Principal, Curriculum)



*Brother Rochford being congratulated by Mr Stephen Dale on achieving 60 years of service to Catholic Education*

## McAuley Matters!!!

I would like to welcome our new students and their families to the McAuley family and also welcome back our continuing McAuley families. I hope everyone has had a wonderful break over Christmas and that you are recharged and ready for an exciting 2012. I would like to draw your attention to a couple of upcoming McAuley events that we have planned;

- Friday 10 Feb- Yr8 & Y12 Buddy afternoon from 3:30-5pm
- Monday 20 Feb- McAuley 'Breakfast of Champions' 8am
- Tuesday 28 Feb- McAuley Family night

More information will be sent home via your students PC teachers about these functions.



**Miss Janet Brennan**  
McAuley House Coordinator

## CHISHOLM UPDATE

Welcome to our new and returning Chisholm families for 2012. Looking forward to an exciting and challenging year ahead for our house.

We will be holding a 'Meet the Parents' afternoon for all Chisholm parents and students on February 14th from 3.30 till 5.30pm in the Performing Arts Centre Foyer. This will be an opportunity to meet and chat with other parents and your children's Pastoral Care teachers. I would ask that each family bring a plate to share for our afternoon tea. Please R S V P via email - [smithj@shalomcollege.com](mailto:smithj@shalomcollege.com) or sent a note with your child to hand to their PC teacher.

Hope to see you at our 'Meet the Parents' function.

**Jacqueline Smith**  
Chisholm House Coordinator



### Thursday Afternoon Homework Session Learning Enhancement Unit

Homework help sessions will be held in the LEU on Thursday afternoons from 3 – 4pm. Our first session will be in Week 2, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Please see me if you have any questions or queries.

**Mrs Joanne Gills**  
Learning Support Coordinator

### PLEASE NOTE

If you or your child/ren are ever unsure about College procedures these can all be found in your child's record book. If you have any further concerns please do not hesitate to contact the office

### \* DATE CLAIMER \*

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' RACE DAY**  
**SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2012**

**It's back better than ever so mark it in your diary now!**

**Looking forward to your continued support of this annual fun day out for the Catholic Schools Community. Any enquiries in relation to this event please contact Peter O'Beirne on 0419 787 279 or Teresa Cameron on 41558111.**

Attila Boxing Club would like to hear from students who would be interested in taking up boxing as a sport. They train for competition and tournaments or just for fitness. Classes are held at Shalom on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3.30pm. For more information please contact 0448857830

## MARKETS ROSTER

Sunday 5 February 2012

6.30 - 9.30AM	9.00-12noon
Andrea McLaren	Allan/Anna Jamieson
Michael & Beth Kiss	Greg Kruger
Sue Vanderberg	Trish Mears
Gary/Diane Luthe	Stacey Price
Roger/Mechalle Kimber	Cathy Kleinitz
Bruce/Sarah Lester	John/Sandra Rizzo
Libby/Paul Saxby	Tamara Smith
Crystelle/Kevin McLaren	Linda Francis
	Steve Johnson
	Annette Farrar/Troy Mather

## TUCKSHOP ROSTER

Monday 30 January

Kylie Priebbenow  
HELP NEEDED PLEASE

Tuesday 31 January  
HELP NEEDED PLEASE

Wednesday 1 February  
Donna Grogan, Leanne Grogan, Raelene Haberer, Neil & Katrina O'Sullivan

Thursday 2 February  
Lee-Ann Connolly, Toni Gahan, Cathy Kleinitz, Jackie Moorhead

Friday 3 February  
Trisha Scott, Carol Watson

## MARKETS BBQ

February 5 - Japanese Trip  
February 12 - Rowing  
February 19 - Shalom Rugby  
February 26 - Netball



USED POSTAGE STAMPS NEEDED FOR ST COLUMBAN'S MISSION SOCIETY. PLEASE SEND THEM TO

SCHOOL!~  
(Give the stamps to your PC teacher or put into the box in the House Coordinator's office.