Dear Parents, Students, Staff and other members of our John Therry extended community

**St Patrick’s Feast Day 17th March**

This week in Lent we also commemorate the feast days of two of the Church’s well known saints: St Patrick and St Joseph. St Patrick’s Day, celebrated by Irish people the world over, demonstrates how the life and work of a single man can change the lives of millions over many years. St Joseph was called by God to care for his son, Jesus. St Joseph models for us a spirit of compassion and loyalty with a willingness to accept God’s Call. He is remembered as a man of justice. Now is also the time to think of the people who are ‘saints’ in our own time. We pray for those who seek to find solutions to the violence and suffering in our world.

**St Joseph’s Feast Day 19th March**

Lord, our God, remember the many throughout the world who journey towards you; those with nothing to give, and those who give themselves; those who mourn, and those who speak words of hope; those who are struck and do not strike back; the hungry, and those who fill their plates; the dispossessed, and those who stand up for them; the guilty, and those who forgive them. Remember the many, all over the world, who journey towards you – your saints.

*Karen Young*
*Principal*

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Parents and Friends Association

John Therry Catholic High School Parents and Friends Committee is seeking expressions of interest from members of our School Community who are suitably qualified in Accounting to Audit the Financial Records for the Committee. Please contact the School Office on 4645 8100 to express your interest.

Message from the Office

ENROLMENTS
Enrolment applications are being accepted now for Year 7 2016. Our open day was a huge success and we have a lot of interest in enrolling for 2016. Please ensure all applications are received by Thursday 2 April 2015. If you have current students at John Therry and are wishing to enrol a sibling please ensure you do so by the cut off day. Applications received before 2 April 2015 will be processed first. Late applications will only be considered if we still have places available. We would not want siblings to miss out because of late enrolment applications.

FEE REMINDER
2015 School Fee Statements have been sent out. A 5% Discount to Tuition fees can be applied if your account is paid in full by 1/04/2015.

ATTENTION YEAR 10 PARENTS
All parents that paid for the Year 10 PDHPE Beach Day Excursion that was cancelled, please be advised that the $25 will be used toward a History Excursion early in Term 4. A note for this Excursion will be sent home shortly.

VACCINATIONS
Year 7 were given vaccination forms to take a couple of weeks ago. These need to be returned to the school office. Please ensure that all parts of the form are completed and you have included your Medicare number.

NSW Health nurses will visit the school on the following dates throughout the year:

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If your child is away on vaccination day they usually hold a catch up day within a couple of weeks of the vaccination day. If your child misses both days then you will need to organise to have the vaccinations with your local doctor.

For information regarding vaccinations you can contact your local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055. Please see the brochure below for further information.

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Attention Parents/Carers of Children with a disability.

NDCO will present a parent information session on the 25th of March at 6.30 at John Therry. They will be presenting for 30min and have resources for parents. They will be covering the following items in their presentation;

- University and TAFE support services for young people with a disability
- The National Disability Insurance Scheme
- Smart and Skilled
- Get Ready for Study and Work resource

Please RSVP by Wed. 18th March to Peta.Howley@dow.catholic.edu.au

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If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they've told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child's experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.

2. **Reassure** your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, 'That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.' or 'I'm so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that's not fair at all'.

3. **Ask** your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.

4. **Visit** www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.

5. **Contact** the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child's safety. Encourage your child to talk to a Teacher, email their Year Co-ordinator or write an Incident Report.

6. **Check in regularly** with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.

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ARTEXPRESS EXCURSION
On Wednesday February 25th, the Year 11 and 12 Visual Arts classes visited the Art Gallery of New South Wales to view ‘ARTEXPRESS 2014’. It is an annual exhibition of artworks that represents the highest standards and diversity achieved by Year 12 Visual Arts students in New South Wales schools. All works demonstrate outstanding exceptional quality across a broad range of subject matter, approaches, styles and media including painting, photography, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, documented forms, textiles and fibre, ceramics, digital animation, film and video, and collections of works. From the 2014 HSC approximately 10,000 students submitted bodies of work for examination. From these, only thirty-eight (38) were selected for exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW. Students viewed the very best practical work created by students across New South Wales. Our school has had numerous Visual Arts students nominated for Artexpress over the last six years. In the exhibition this year was work from 2013 student Elida Guntan. This event is now the third year in succession at this venue for our school. Previous exhibiting students were Kelly Hart 93% (2012) and Stefanie Gorman 98% (2013). The Year 11 examined more historical, traditional works, while Miss Martinez’s Year 12 critically examined Postmodern artworks in the gallery, which may be indicative of artworks they may encounter in their HSC examination. It was a great day with both classes exhibiting great behaviour and enthusiasm despite the rain.

Mr. Stephen J. Peters
Creative Arts Coordinator
Senior Visual Arts teacher

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‘ENCORE’ EXCURSION
On Monday March 9th the Senior music students had the absolute privilege of attending ‘Encore’, an annual showcase of the most outstanding performances and compositions of 2014 Music 1, Music 2 and extension HSC courses held at the Sydney Opera House. Prior to the concert we were so fortunate to experience a brief trip to the Sydney Conservatorium of Music University, where we could view practice rooms and class rooms and get a taste of what it would be like to study music beyond secondary education. We then proceeded to have lunch in Circular Quay with a beautiful view of the harbour. Following the stunning view we then headed to the Opera House for the show. ‘ENCORE’ was composed of exemplary performances of both classical and modern pieces of music, from genres such as Jazz, contemporary and rock. These included a variety of instrumentation such as Wind, Strings and Percussion to amazing acoustic performances accompanied with outstanding vocalists, leaving us with a heart full of inspiration and high hopes for the HSC. We were blessed with a beautiful day of sunshine and excellent company and I couldn’t of asked for anything more. A big thank you to our Music teachers Mrs Blunden and Mrs Koryzma for all their work to provide us with this wonderful experience.

Lana Filies, (Creative Arts Captain).

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VISUAL ARTS HSC PRACTICAL WORKSHOPS
Both the Year 11 and Year 12 Visual classes participated in practical artmaking workshops at school on 26th February and 4th March respectively, run by Sales representative and media expert Mrs Leonie Wilkinson (S & S Wholesale). These workshops were a valuable opportunity to highlight different mediums that the students can use in their artmaking. Students were provided with product information, demonstrations and any other medium that students were interested in. It was a great opportunity for both students and teachers to ask more questions that will help them achieve their personal best in their Senior Visual Arts artmaking.

Mr. Stephen J. Peters
Creative Arts Coordinator

PHOTOGRAPHY AND DIGITAL MEDIA EXCURSION
Both Year 9 Photography and Digital Media (PDM) students have the privilege of engaging in fieldwork on Friday March 6th at various locations in Sydney. The excursion offered an opportunity to take photographs using analogue photography (black and white film). Both Year 9 Photography and Digital Media class visited Sydney as basis for their unit of work: ‘Shapes and Shadows’. We luckily went in great conditions; the hottest day in eight weeks! (Although not appreciated by all students with all the walking.) The students took many photographs using both analogue (film) and digital formats. Students took photos of the built environment in Sydney, looking at light and shadow manipulation. These opportunities created possibilities for a range of photographs of the built environment. These photographs will be used as a basis for their practical assessment in our subject. This exciting and challenging excursion saw the students take a variety of public transport to see a host of interesting locations. These included Milson’s Point, Bradfield Reserve, Jeffrey’s Street Wharf, Luna Park, Lavender Bay on the north side of the harbour. We then took the ferry to Circular Quay and we walked the harbour bridge walk, Observatory Park, through ‘The Rocks’ to Dawes Point, back through George Street and on to Custom’s House. The students’ behavior was outstanding. Thank you to the Year 9 PDM teacher Miss Nielsen for all her organisation. Additionally to all parents who organised their children to be at Macarthur station by 7.30am and to Year 9 themselves for a great day.

Mr. Stephen J. Peters
Creative Arts Coordinator

MARTA DEI SATELLITE VISUAL ARTS EXCURSION; CAMPBELLTOWN ARTS CENTRE
On Thursday March 12th, the Marta Dei Satellite class with Mr. Daniels, Mrs. Back, and Mr. Peters visited the Campbelltown Arts Centre. Students explored ways in which different ideas and meanings are developed in artworks. Students viewed and examined artworks and completed the Sculpture Challenge Booklet in the Sculpture garden outside. Then students had a Photo taken with their favourite artwork. Additionally students experienced a variety of artmaking activities using a range of materials, techniques and processes. Students were also involved in artmaking activities of drawing in the Sculpture Garden. They drew the sculpture using line of ‘Esmerelda’ by artist Eric Aarons. They then took digital photos in groups of interesting views in the Japanese Garden in both LANDSCAPE and PORTRAIT format. It was a very enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

Mr. Stephen J. Peters
Creative Arts Coordinator

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Pastoral

Year 10 – Mission

Trust and Compassion

- A Synoptic Gospel
- The Church in History
- Major Christian Denominations
- Ancient indigenous religions
- Eucharist
- Personal Moral responsibility
- Working for Justice in Australia

News from the Music Department

As part of our ongoing support of Creative Arts, this year we will continue to offer music tuition within the school. It will feature experienced music tutors from the Liverpool Academy of Music. Today, the Liverpool Academy of Music in Sydney’s South West, has grown to become one of the largest music schools in Australia. Since the Academy does teach from a graded syllabus, there is music written for every level - students are making and playing music almost from the very first lesson. And as they apply themselves, students simply move to play more difficult music. At the moment we are offering tuition for guitar, piano and voice. Tuition will take place at school. Students will be taken out of class for their lesson/s each week. Lessons are typically half an hour and will fall on a Tuesday. Tuition fees will be paid directly to the tutor ($30.00 per lesson). Students are taught in a one-on-one style, using innovative methods, as we believe and see proof that this achieves the best results. More information about the Academy can be seen on their web site at http://www.liverpoolacademyofmusic.com.au/
Pease see one of the friendly music teachers or contact them via email to receive an enrolment form.
jennifer.koryzma@dow.catholic.edu.au
katrina.blunden@dow.catholic.edu.au

Thanks
The Music Department

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**Sport Report**

**Term 1 - Round 6**

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<td>Mr. Tannous</td>
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<td>Open Girls Cricket</td>
<td>Ms. Bond</td>
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<td>Senior Boys Oz Tag</td>
<td>Mr. Morris</td>
<td>Won 11-6</td>
<td>With only one reserve the team could not rely on sheer weight of numbers. Some good attacking play saw JT lead 5-3 at the half before eventually running out winners. MVP: Mark Critchley and Kyle Bergamin</td>
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<td>Senior Girls Oz Tag</td>
<td>Mr. Eisenhuth</td>
<td>Won 6-1</td>
<td>An easy win for the girls. Showed great sportsmanship and character. Going to need more enthusiasm for Broughton next week. MVP: Tara Lee Bloxsome</td>
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<td>8/9 Boys Volleyball</td>
<td>Mr. Williamson</td>
<td>NO GAME</td>
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<td>8/9 Girls Volleyball</td>
<td>Mrs. Hynard</td>
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<td>8/9 Boys Basketball</td>
<td>Mr. Peters</td>
<td>Won 27-8</td>
<td>Excellent teamwork and execution. The team shot at almost 50% from the field all resulting from a great defensive effort. Tyrone and Machar combined to nullify the opposition star player. Jayden top scored and Malak top rebounder. Faaoli was sensational at both ends of the court. MVP: Faaoli Wulf</td>
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<td>8/9 Girls Basketball</td>
<td>Ms. Patterson</td>
<td>Won 12-2</td>
<td>The JT girls played really well to take victory over St. Benedict’s. Jessica Bergamin, Britney Moon and Rebecca Wood were all stand outs for the team. MVP: Jessica Bergamin</td>
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<td>8/9 Boys Softball</td>
<td>Mr. Goodhew</td>
<td>Lost 4-3</td>
<td>An excellent fielding performance from both teams ensured four innings of play each. With a chance to win the boys fell just short. Excellent home run to Brodie King. MVP: Brodie King</td>
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<td>8/9 Girls Softball</td>
<td>Mrs. White</td>
<td>Won 13-2</td>
<td>Wow, what a game! As a coach, I could hardly contain myself. Things finally clicked for this enthusiastic group of girls and they combined exceptionally well as a team to play some very smart softball. There were many homeruns, base stealing, outs, team plays and K2’s. MVP: Hayley Pope</td>
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MISA.
An almost perfect round for JT this week. There were limited games due to St. Benedict's only fielding some of the allocated sides in the competition. The teams that played competed very well and got some pleasing results. Well done to the girls basketball and girls Oz Tag teams. JT versus Broughton next week. All teams have games.

Students are reminded they must have John Therry representative shorts to compete in the Diocesan competitions.

MISA AND DIOCESAN SPORTS ATTIRE

These shorts, as seen below, can be worn for MISA games, Diocesan competitions and other State/Knockout competitions. These shorts are only to be worn for representative activities. These soccer and rugby league shorts will match the latest jerseys the school has purchased for the students.

They are not replacing the schools current sports shorts and are not to be worn to school for normal sport or PDHPE lessons.

A shorts and socks combo will be sold for $25 each. If you are interested in purchasing this representative clothing for your child, could you please reply with an email with your quantity and size(s) to andrew.cook@dow.catholic.edu.au. and make the necessary payment at the front office.

Sample sizes will be available at the sports office

Diocesan Events.

Diocesan Swimming Championships 2015
On Thursday 12th March approximately 30 students attended the Diocesan Swimming Championships at Corrimal Pool. Probably the smallest team we have taken to represent the school in numerous years Many senior students did not attend due to study and exam commitments and this affected the ability to fill some of our relay teams. John Therry did however finish 7th in the point score – an improvement in last year’s performance The students that attended, all represented the school with pride, competed to the best of their ability and their behaviour was exceptional as always. Liam Salmond was 16yrs Boys Champion once again. In doing so, Liam won the 50m and 100m freestyle, the 50m and 100m backstroke, the 50m and 100m butterfly as well as the 50m breaststroke and 200m

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Individual Medley. Liam broke records in three of his events as well. A fantastic achievement! His only second of the day was in the 100m breaststroke.

Molly Dowse was Runner Up in the 14 yrs. Girls Age Division. Molly placed second in 100m freestyle and third in both the 50m freestyle and 50m butterfly. She also placed 4th in the 100m butterfly and 5th in both the 50m backstroke and Junior Girls Individual Medley.

Phoebe Cotton (12 yrs) did extremely well with a first in the 50m butterfly, a second in the 50m breaststroke and a third in the 50m freestyle. She also place 5th in the two other events she entered.

Patrice Filips (17+ yrs) performed well on the day with a second in the 50m backstroke and two third placings in the 50m butterfly and senior 100m backstroke.

Connor Salmond (17+yrs) came away with two seconds in the 100m breaststroke and the 50m breaststroke.

Jennifer Filips (15yrs) had a terrific race for third the 50m breaststroke and came 5th in the 50m freestyle. Sarah Powell (15yrs) place second in the girls 50m breaststroke.

Liam, Molly and Phoebe who performed so brilliantly, gained selection in the Diocesan Swimming Team to represent Wollongong at the Combined Catholic Colleges (CCC) Championships to be held at Homebush.

Other team members to swim particularly well on the day included Sarah McLean and Riley Tonna. Well done to Travis Becker and Nathan Doggett for competing in the AWD events and progressing through the CCC carnival in May. Special thanks to the Sports Coaching students for time keeping on the day. Thanks all for an enjoyable day once again,

Mrs Hynard, Miss Bond and Miss Kelleher

**Message from the Catholic Education Commission NSW**

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JTCHS

Breakfast Club

Too busy this morning to eat breakfast? Rushed out the door and forgot? Come and join us for cereal, toast, fruit or yoghurt

Ref: http://www.bing.com/images/search?q=images+healthy+breakfast+cartoon&id=9CFDC1289940D458214CC8C724795D5C9428F2&FORM=IQFR8A

When: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
Before school: 8.00 – 8.30am
Where: The kitchen area in the lower hall
Cost: A gold coin donation would be appreciated

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Sorry Day Service

All are welcome to attend this special occasion.
Light refreshments will be served.

Date: Monday 25th May 2015
Time: 10:30am—12:30pm
Venue: Holy Trinity Church
57 Guernsey Avenue, Minto

The Sorry Day Service is supported by:-
* The Aboriginal Catholic Ministry
* Winga Myamly Reconciliation Group
  Winga Myamly are Wiradjuri words that mean "To sit down and talk"
* Campbelltown City Council
* Tharawal Medical Service

Please contact Sr Kerry 9605 1838 for further details.

Memorial Ceremony

This is an annual event to remember the Dharawal people
Killed in the Massacre of 1816

Sunday 19 April 2015 Cataract Dam Picnic Area
12pm – 3:30pm
Sausage Sizzle lunch will provide

Hosted by: Winga Myamly Reconciliation Group

Contacts: Uncle Ivan Wellington 0447 581 306
Sr Kerry 9605 1838
Ann Madeen 0400 826 997
Peter Jones 0418 297 056

Supported by: NSW Reconciliation Council, Wollondilly Shire Council, Campbelltown Council, Camden Council, Sydney Catchment Authority, WMLA, Tharawal Land Council and the Aboriginal Communities of Menaungh Region

Please Note: The Memorial Ceremony involves a short walk to the Ceremony. Limited seating available. Feel free to bring your own deck chairs.
Appropriate footwear, hats, sunscreen and bottled water are highly recommended.

The event will take place regardless of weather conditions.

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SCHOOL SAFETY NOTICE TO DRIVERS

There is NO EXCUSE for disobeying traffic control signs and road rules in the vicinity of a school. There are NO APOLOGIES for issuing infringement notices to offenders. Parking dangerously, blocking sight lines, blocking buses and crossings puts children’s lives at risk.

Please read and understand the following traffic controls around your school:

NO STOPPING

Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a NO STOPPING sign applies.

(Penalty: exceeds $310 + two demerit points)

NO PARKING

You are permitted to stop in a NO PARKING zone only while you are engaged in dropping off or picking up passengers.

You must stay within three metres of our vehicle.

You must not stop for more than two minutes.

(Penalty: exceeds $170 + two demerit points)

BUS ZONE

You are not permitted to stop in a BUS ZONE unless you are driving a public bus.

(Penalty: exceeds $310 + two demerit points)

CHILDREN’S CROSSING

You are not permitted to stop within 20 metres before the crossing and 10 metres after the crossing.

(Penalty: exceeds $410 + two demerit points)

DOUBLE PARKING

You must not stop on a road between the centre of the road and another car that is parked at the side of the road to wait or pick up or drop off passengers.

(Penalty: exceeds $310 + two demerit points)

THE COST OF TAKING YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON YOU

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Community News

Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School

Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School is currently taking Enrolments for Kindergarten 2016. Enrolment Application forms are available from the School Office and should be returned by Thursday 2nd April 2015. Application forms can also be downloaded from the CEO website.

You Thrive Regional Youth Leadership Forum

As an initiative of Youth Week Campbelltown, Camden and Wollondilly Councils are hosting the Forum on Tuesday 14 April 2015 – 12pm to 4pm at the Campbelltown Arts Centre. For more information please contact: Michele Mullineaux – 4645 4835

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