Message from the Principal
Welcome back to a new school year.

The John Therry Community will be focusing on the Marist Theme for 2016 which is “Year of Mercy – Merciful Like The Father”.

A special welcome to our 2016 year 7 students. They have launched into their secondary education with a great enthusiasm. It has been a busy start to the year but students have returned full of energy and in great spirits for a fresh school year. Congratulations to students for returning to school in full school uniform. There have been issues this year so thank you all for being patient with Lowes.

Please read the weekly Newsletter, view the JTCHS Website updates and check SkoolBAG regularly to stay informed about events and information important for your child’s education. SMS will be used again in 2016 for daily absence checks. E-mails will be sent in relation to fees and other urgent messages. Please contact the School Office for any assistance. We are happy to help.

Ms Karen Young

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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

The energy of the new school year is always very noticeable as students return fresh from the holidays, sharing their stories from their summer break and catching up with friends they have missed. The interactions have been very positive this first week and it has been wonderful for me to return to John Therry again and see that the wonderful school culture and spirit is well and truly alive!

We aim to ensure that all students are safe and well supported in our school environment and an important part of any school community in meeting this aim is having clear rules and guidelines for student behaviour and application in class. I draw your attention to the student diary that has some extensive information on these rules and guidelines for our school. The diary is a wonderful resource and way that we can communicate and we ask that you check this weekly and sign the diary. This is checked by teachers so we know you are aware of how your child has been going and gives you the opportunity to communicate with your child’s learning group mentor. We encourage you to contact the school if you ever have any concerns about your child so we can work together to address this.

Faith development is an integral aspect of life in a Catholic School and we welcome all students to develop their knowledge and understanding of the life of Jesus and our Catholic faith, so that they can deepen their relationship with Jesus and benefit from the many gifts of a faith filled life. Students will be at all different points in their own faith journeys and we welcome one and all to be open to their spiritual development. All parents are more than welcome to our Opening School Mass on the 10th February at 12:30pm in our School Hall. Staff and students also are invited to attend the Weekly Parish masses held from 8:15 - 8:45am every Friday morning at Our Lady Help of Christians Church and parents would be more than welcome to join us here also.

God Bless

Mr Brad McAllister
Assistant Principal

Morning and Afternoon pickups

Anybody who has attempted to pick up or drop off their child at school would know that the roads around our school become very congested at this time. We have our feeder Primary School, Our Lady Help of Christians, on site and other local schools close by. We ask that parents follow the school guidelines for not entering the school bus bay to drop off or pick up your child. It creates significant safety issues for your child and others, and buses are unable to enter or leave when cars are in the driveway, creating further congestion. We recommend where possible to slightly delay the pick up time as the congestion eases quite quickly after the key pick up period.

Mr McAllister
Assistant Principal

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The Pope expressed this instruction: “I have asked the Church in this Jubilee Year to rediscover the richness encompassed by the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. The experience of mercy, indeed, becomes visible in the witness of concrete signs as Jesus himself taught us. The logo and the motto together provide a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about. The motto Merciful Like the Father (taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (cfr. Lk 6:37-38).

The logo – the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik – presents a small summa theologiae of the theme of mercy. In fact, it represents an image quite important to the early Church, that of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one’s life.

One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one’s own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father.

The scene is captured within the so called mandorla (the shape of an almond), a figure quite important in early and medieval iconography, for it calls to mind the two natures of Christ, divine and human. The three concentric ovals, with colors progressively lighter as we move outward, suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death. Conversely, the depth of the darker color suggests the impenetrability of the love of the Father who forgives all.

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God is love
Mercy is what love looks like
God’s mercy is experienced through the passionate cry for justice for anyone in pain or suffering
The Good Samaritan parable is a story which captures this theme, a story expressing the strength of mercy through courageous compassion and tenderness. It is a story that helps us understand that God’s mercy washes, cleans, heals and raises up.
Mercy restores life again and again.

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Year 7 2017 Enrolment

OPEN DAY

We will be holding an Open Day and Enrolment Information sessions for interested parents and their children on Saturday 13th of February 2016 from 11:00am to 2:00pm.

The day will include information, displays and an interactive tour of the many facilities available at our school, with a formal presentation and information session in the school hall at 11:00am.

Enrolment applications for Year 7 2017 will be available and accepted from Monday 15th February 2016 until Friday 1st April 2016.

Enrolment documents and packages will be distributed from the school hall during the Open Day. Packages can also be posted to you or collected from the school office.

For All Enquiries: please contact Mrs Josephine Geer via the school office on 4645 8100.
The expectations and demands of study in secondary school require students to be familiar with BOSTES requirements as well as the John Therry High School policy and we would like to help Year 10 & 11 students and their parents become familiar with the learning opportunities that John Therry Catholic High School provides.

9th February 2016
Time:
7:00-9:00 pm
Where:
William E Murray Hall

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29th January 2016

Year 10/11 Information Evening

Dear Parents and Care Givers of our Year 10 & 11 students,

On Monday Tuesday, 9th February 2016, a combined Year 10/11 Information Evening will be conducted at 7.00pm, in the William E. Murray Hall.

The Information Evening will consist of a presentation by members of the School Executive on the expectations and demands of senior study. An Assessment Handbook will also be distributed which contains essential information on the assessment calendar for the year for all Year 10 and Preliminary courses as well as assessment policies, procedures, rights and responsibilities.

As this represents a significant transition in your child’s education as well as the first stage of preparation towards the completion of the HSC, attendance at this evening is compulsory.

Please complete the return slip attached to confirm your attendance. Your ongoing support is appreciated, and we look forward to seeing you on the evening.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Lorraine Ramchandra
Curriculum Coordinator

Return Slip: Mrs Ramchandra - Year 10/11 Information Evening

Please return this slip to your Learning Mentor teacher by Friday, 5th February 2016.

Date: _________________

I acknowledge that I have received the note in regards to the Year 10/11 information night, and will be attending with my son/daughter, ________________________ of Learning Group: ________________________.

Name: ___________________ Signature: ________________________

Due to exceptional circumstances I will not be attending because:

__________________________________________________________________________________

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All students will be receiving the 2016 Assessment Handbook, Assessment Calendar and Assessment Schedule over the next few weeks.

These documents will also be available on the school website.

HSC students have already received these documents, Preliminary HSC and Year 10 students will receive theirs at the upcoming Information Night on Tuesday, the 9th February, Years 9 & 8 will receive their documents at their Year meeting and year 7 students will receive theirs this week, in preparation for the Assessment session on Saturday, 13th February, from 12:00 noon onwards.

Please take the time to familiarise yourselves with the John Therry Assessment procedures, so you can help and support us to improve the learning experiences of the students in our care.
MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

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Phone: 4645 8100  Fax: 4645 8111
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5 February 2016

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to a new school year. Hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and good holiday. It is very refreshing to see all the students return with such excitement and enthusiasm. A very warm welcome to all our Year 7 students and all new students to our school.

Just a few reminders to help us look after you and your family more efficiently.

CONTACT DETAILS
The school phone number is 4645 8100 and fax number is 4645 8111. You can email the school at info@jtchsdow.catholic.edu.au, visit our website at www.jtchsdow.catholic.edu.au and receive information via Skoolbag app and to your email. Please ensure all your details are kept up to date. If you change addresses, phone numbers or email please let the school office know.

EARLY LEAVERS
If your child needs to leave school early please provide them with a note to show their classroom teacher so they are able to leave class and be at the office at the time you are picking them up. The note can be written in their school planner / diary. This will limit the amount of time you are waiting for them. They must report to the office to be signed out.

If something comes up and you need to collect your child from school, please ring the office before you come and we can have them waiting for you, rather than you waiting while we find them. It is often difficult to locate students if they are at sport or doing a practical class somewhere. They are not always in the classroom for lessons.

LATE COMERS
If your child is late for school for any reason they must report to the office to be signed into school. Problems arise if they do not do this, as they will be marked absent for the whole day. This will result in you receiving a letter asking you to explain why they were absent.

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ABSENT FROM SCHOOL
If your child is absent from school you need to provide a reason. You are able to phone the office and let us know or send in a written note. If your child is absent for three days in a row with no explanation you will be contacted to explain why. This is to fulfil the requirements of the Government leave regulations. If you are planning a family holiday during school time then you need to complete an “Application for Leave” request which has to be approved by the Principal.

Please contact the office if you are unsure of the regulations and rules regarding absenteeism. The school is required by law to document all absences of every student. If you keep us informed as to why your child is absent from school it can eliminate the need for us to contact you and send out letters regarding your child’s absence from school.

If your child is a senior student – Years 10, 11 or 12, and they have assessments or exams on days they are absent, they will require a doctor’s certificate to explain their absence and to be eligible for special provisions if necessary.

SICK BAY
If your child presents to sick bay, it is school policy that if they are injured or sick they will be sent home. We do not have the facilities for students to spend lengthy times in sick bay. It is imperative that we have your current contact details and details of other contacts who are able to collect your child in the event of illness or injury.

If an accident occurs at school and your child is injured, you will be notified immediately. An ambulance will be called for all head injuries and any other injury deemed serious enough. If a child is taken to hospital in an ambulance they will be accompanied by a member of staff until a parent or carer can get to the hospital.

Members of the office staff are first aid trained, but we are not allowed by law to administer pain relieving medications, ointments or the like. Band-aids, ice packs, heat packs and water are the only first aid treatments available to us. Due to the chance of allergies or other reactions we do not give students anything at all.

In the event you are unable to collect your child we will ask you to find someone else who can. If your child cannot be collected and we feel they are sick enough, an ambulance will be called.

If your child has to take a prescription medication during school hours you need to complete a medical form at school and give permission for us to administer that medication. We are not permitted to administer non-prescription medication to students.

BUS TRAVEL
If your child travels to and from school by bus they must present their opal card to the driver each day. In the event your child loses his or her opal card they will need to organise a replacement. All applications are now done online. If you have any questions regarding bus travel please contact the school office and we will try to help you with your enquiry. You can also contact the bus company directly if you wish.

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CAR TRANSPORT

If you drive your child to and from school you are asked to drop them off in the turning circle at the front of the school. **You are not permitted to drive into the school grounds.**

If your child drives to school they are to park on the roads outside of the school. They are asked to not block local driveways or access to public places. Under no circumstances are they to drive into the school car park.

At all times please be mindful that there will be students, cars, buses and staff all in the vicinity of the road and car parks. There will also be primary age students from Our Lady Help of Christians who share some of our buses.

Please be vigilant at all times with vehicles around the school.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property that has not been claimed at the end of year will be disposed of at the discretion of the school if not collected by the end of term. **Please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled with your child’s name.** We have no way of knowing who has lost what if they do not have a name on them. Each year we have an enormous amount of lost property around the school from uniform, jackets, scarves, hats, footballs and all sorts of other items. It is a lot easier to return them if they have names.

**Contacting the School**

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office at any time you have an enquiry. We are here to help you.

In the student planner there is a list that will help you know who to contact depending on what you need to know. You are able to email staff if you need to and your child should have a list of their teachers and their Year Coordinator’s email addresses written in their planner. If you are unsure of who to speak to then just ask and we will direct you to the correct person.

Mrs Josephine Geer
School Secretary
In 2016 we have a new Licensee for our Canteen. We would like to thank Atrium Catering for their service to the school over the past four years.

Total Canteen Solutions are running the canteen from the beginning of 2016 and have a contract for three years. Rose Nardo, the director of Total Canteen Solutions, is looking forward to working with the John Therry Community to serve our students a healthy range of food in line with Healthy Canteens NSW Guidelines.

A full Menu and more details will be available over the next few weeks.

**Uniform Shop**

We apologise for the problems some parents have experienced obtaining Uniforms from Lowes. Ms Young has been in touch with Lowes and spoken to them about our concerns. If you are experiencing ongoing problems with Uniform please contact Mrs Josphine Geer via the school office on 4645 8100.
John Therry Catholic High School acknowledges the Dharawal people who are the traditional custodians of the land our school sits on.

All students, teachers and staff at John Therry Catholic School respect Elders both past and present, we value the contributions of all Aboriginal people to our school and the education of our children.

We would like to welcome Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander family members, and community to our school.

Closing the Gap

Closing the gap is a commitment by all Australian governments to improve the lives of Indigenous Australians, and provide a better future for the Indigenous children.

John Therry Catholic School is working to Close the Gap

- Working with families to complete Personalised Learning Plans for all Aboriginal students
- Committing to achieving improved outcomes for Indigenous Students
- Providing culturally appropriate Aboriginal education for all students
- Increasing knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal Australia for all staff and students

2016 Celebrations

13th February – National Apology
21st March – Closing the Gap/Harmony Day
17th April Appin Massacre 200th Anniversary Memorial Ceremony
26th May – National Sorry Day Reconciliation
24th June – NAIDOC lunch and Assembly

Cultural Focused Activities

Dance Troupe
Didgeridoo
Art Projects
Cultural Awareness Days
University homework Centre
NAISDA Dance programs
AFTARS programs

Cherrylle Nau
Aboriginal Education Assistant
Monday – Friday
Email: nauc01@dow.catholic.edu.au

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Message from our IT Department

John Therry Catholic High School has implemented a system for late arrivals and early departures. The system consists of a self-serve kiosk with a biometric scanner that connects with our school attendance system.

This process uses fingerprint technology to uniquely identify each student.

The system does not actually store images of fingerprints; these systems actually work by running key features of the fingerprint through a complicated encryption algorithm. This produces a result which cannot be "reverse engineered" to produce any biometric or image information – this means that at no point does the school have access to a student’s fingerprint.

The data kept on file can only be used to verify an identity against another scan through the same system, the information is effectively useless to any other biometric systems.

Below is a sample of the data kept on file in the system:

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The system has already been trialed and has proven very effective in quickly processing students who arrive late or need to leave early to attend appointments etc. It has previously been used at John Therry Catholic High School as part of the Library Borrowing system and is still in use in various schools across Wollongong Diocese.

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Dear Parent/Caregiver,

The NSW CCC individual sport nomination process will again be an online application. Students are required to “log on” to apply for a position to trial at a NSW CCC sport. If registered last year, your account will still exist.

Please note that your child will stay in the system and will go up an age group each year. The only time a parent will need to re-enter a child is when they roll over from primary to secondary.

You can use the same account to register for sports this year. You may have to edit/update student details if you are experiencing any difficulties. Simply log on and complete online application.

If new to the system please use the following instructions to apply for an individual sport trial. These sports include - golf, tennis, AFL, girls cricket, baseball, sailing, triathlon, basketball, diving, netball, hockey (except for U/16 girls), canoeing, softball, volleyball, rowing, water polo.

**How to register for NSWCCC Individual trial**

- Access the following website: [www.csss.nsw.edu.au](http://www.csss.nsw.edu.au)
- Click on NSWCCC
- Click on The sport you wish to register for e.g tennis, golf, triathlon
- Click Register
- You will need to create a log in, so click on I need help logging in
- Scroll down to I don’t have a login
- Click on Register by clicking here
- As the parent you fill in the first page to register your child
- You will now need to check your email for the password and the login
- Go back to webpage and Login
- You will now be asked to add the details of your child
- Once finished, you will go to my account
- Here you can change your password and add other children, as well as change school details if your child changes through their secondary years
- Save your details
- Go to the Sports link e.g tennis, golf, triathlon (back on the homepage)
- Click on Register
- Click on the registration form

Once you register, you will need to make payment. Please follow the steps for the B-pay section. You can pay this online or at a post office. If payment is not made before the date, then your child’s nomination will not be accepted.

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However – the nomination will need to be approved by your School Principal. If the Principal does not accept the nomination, you will be reimbursed your fees. Both the Sports Coordinator and Principal will be notified of your nomination and one of these people will either accept or turn down the nomination.

**Closing dates for Term 1 2016 Nominations**

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Yours Sincerely,

Mr. Jamie Cook

Sport Coordinator

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### IMPORTANT SPORT DATES

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- **No Stopping**
  - Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must NOT STOP your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.
  - **Maximum Penalty**
    - $425
    - + 2 Demerit Points

- **Bus Zone**
  - Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.
  - **Penalty**
    - $177
    - + 2 Demerit Points

- **Bus Zone**
  - Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.
  - **Penalty**
    - $319
    - + 2 Demerit Points

- **Double Parking**
  - You are NOT PERMITTED to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.
  - **Penalty**
    - $319
    - + 2 Demerit Points

- **Stop in a No Stopping zone**: $319 + 2 Demerit Points
- **Stop on or near a Children’s or Pedestrian Crossing (within 20m on approach & 10m on departure side of crossing)**: $425 + 2 Demerit Points
- **Stop on path/strip in built up area**: $177 + 2 Demerit Points

**Please Note:** fines subject to change without notice. These penalties apply to offences in school zones only while the zone is active.

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SCHOOL ZONE TRAFFIC OFFENCES

As at 1 July 2015

SPEEDING OFFENCES
School Zone speeding offences attract higher fine and demerit points than other speeding offences.

Maximum Penalty
$3,740
+ 7 Demerit Points

MOBILE PHONE USE
Drive using a hand-held mobile phone in a School Zone.

Penalty
$425
+ 4 Demerit Points

CHILDREN’S CROSSINGS
Disobey hand-held stop sign at Children’s Crossing or approach Children’s Crossing too quickly to stop safely.

Penalty
$531
+ 4 Demerit Points

U-TURNS
Make a U-Turn without giving way to pedestrian or vehicle in a School Zone

Penalty
$425
+ 4 Demerit Points

For a full list of all new penalties and offences, please visit: www.rms.nsw.gov.au or phone the RMS on: 13 22 13

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Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Rosemeadow

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) 2016 This Sacrament will be celebrated on Thursday 17th March from 4pm. It is available to all children who are in Year 3 or above and have been baptised. If you wish your child to make this Sacrament with the option of receiving their First Holy Communion later in the year and did not come to the enrolment night last year you MUST attend the first lesson for this program on NEXT Saturday 13th February, 2016 commencing at 4.15pm.

Children will participate in lessons within the Parish School classrooms, and parents will meet with Father in the Parish Meeting Room. This is the last opportunity for you to enrol for 2016. The program fee of $25 is also payable at the first lesson. NOTE: If you will be enrolling at the first lesson, then please arrive at 3.45pm to the Parish Meeting Room before the lesson to complete the paperwork. You will need a copy of your child’s birth and baptism certificate to attach to the enrolment form. Thank you.

PROJECT COMPASSION Our annual Project Compassion Appeal begins this week with Ash Wednesday. Boxes, as well as envelopes for those who prefer these, are available at the doors of the church. Please take one home and place it where it can be seen as a reminder of the corporal work of mercy to ‘feed the hungry’. Thank you.

PASTORAL LETTER Copies of Bishop Ingham’s Pastoral Letter are available at the front Notice Board.

BETHANY GROUP Commencing on Thursday 25th February, a new group will start for those who are grieving the death of someone close and those who support them. It is intended to be a simple gathering where you can meet and talk with people who are also grieving the loss of someone close. It will include prayer, reflection, and conversation with morning tea. It is being facilitated by Patricia Thomas who runs similar groups for the Catholic Cemeteries Trust. Details: Thursday 25th February 2016 from 9.30am – 11.30am (Mass at 9am in the church if you wish) at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Meeting Room, 80 Demetrius Road, Rosemeadow. Information & RSVP to Patricia 9645 6423 or 0438 293038; email: patricia@catholiccemeteries.com.au See flyer on Notice Board.

FORWARD NOTICE- EASTER LITUGY MEETING There will be a liturgy meeting to organise the liturgies for Holy Week and Easter on THURSDAY 11TH FEBRUARY AT 8 PM IN THE PARISH OFFICE. It is essential that a representative from every choir group is present please. Thank you.

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FAMILY CONFERENCE/BTREAT The ‘National Association of Catholic Families’ will host a ‘Weekend Family Conference Retreat’ April 8-10, 2016, at Monaro Christian Centre, Kurrajong, N.S.W. Talks and activities for all ages - come and enjoy the excellent speakers and like minded company of other Catholic families. Includes (chaplain) Bishop Peter Comensoli, - daily Mass, family catechism and prayer, great outdoor activities, plus evening social entertainment. For copy of flyer or further information contact: nadia@nardy.net or phone: Mary; 0298753364, or Karen: 0413539378. Registration & Bookings www.trybooking.com/196696.

FREE GARDEN MULCH The large mound of garden mulch near the car park is surplus to our needs, and anyone is welcome to it. You may take as much as you like.

SINGING THE EASTER CHANTS Workshop Saturday 13th February 10am-1pm St John’s Parish, Cordeaux St, Campbelltown. Led by Fr Stephen Varnay, for those who will be singing the Easter Chants. RSVP essential to Helen.bennett@dow.org.au or 4222 2433.

LENTEN RETREAT Benedictine Abbey, Jamberoo. Monday 15th to Friday 19th February. It may be undertaken as full residential or day only participation. Presented by Sr Hilda Scott and Sr Magdalen Mather. Further information and registration contact Petrina on 4236 0533.

JOHN THEERY Catholic High School is holding an Open Day for prospective year 7 students for 2017 on Saturday 13th February from 11am to 2pm. There will be an information session in the Hall from 11am and the school will be open for inspection. Enquiries contact 4546,8100.

PALMS AUSTRALIA Communities in Asia, Pacific and Africa are asking for teachers, health and community development workers, administrators, agricultural workers and others. This will provide opportunities for individuals who have not had the advantage of an Australian education; improve the operations of organisations in vital sectors of local communities and so assist poverty reduction. If you are unsure about long term volunteering, come and join us for a 13-day guided tour in Timor Leste, which provides an insight into the daily life and work of the communities where our Palmers volunteers are hosted. 11 – 23 April 2016. 4 – 16 July 2016. 26 September – 8 October 2016. Enquiries need to be processed by February 22nd so call 02 9518 9501 or register interest online: www.palms.org.au/Pinvolunteers.

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