COMING EVENTS
Friday, May 8th - TOMORROW
F-2 Mothers Day Liturgy
Primary Cross Country - Pioneer Park
Tuesday, 12th May
NAPLAN - Language /Writing
NAPLAN - Reading
Wednesday, 13th May
NAPLAN - Numeracy
Thursday, 14th May
CARA Camp
Friday, 15th May - Monday 18th May
Catholic Education Week
Monday, 18th May - Friday, 22nd May
Ready4School - 9.00am - 10.30am in the GP Room
Tuesday, 19th May
PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
It was great to see so many parents take the opportunity to meet with the teachers of their children in Year 7 – 12 last night. For any parents who were unable to attend due to prior engagements, we encourage you to phone the school to make an appointment to meet with any teachers who teach your children. The opportunity for parents to discuss, face-to-face, all aspects of the development and progress of your children is vital to their academic success.

NAPLAN
South Australian Catholic school parents hold a diverse range of views on the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) and the national testing carried out each year across Australia for children in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities has written a resource, designed to answer a number of questions commonly asked by parents about the purpose and scope of NAPLAN. It can be found on their website at: http://www.parentfederation.catholic.edu.au/__files/f/2052/Putting%20NAPLAN%20in%20Perspective%20-%20FINAL.pdf

A MESSAGE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS WITH CHILDREN IN YEAR 7
Please find attached information from The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities regarding funding for Year 7 students in SA in comparison to other states.

EXTRA TUTORING
We will continue to offer this tutoring session every Tuesday night in the Resource Centre from 3.30pm – 4.15pm. This is open to all students from Year 6 – 12 who require some extra help with the work they are covering in class. It could be extra advice on an assignment, help with a practical report and help to prepare for an upcoming test or simply a time to complete homework in a quiet comfortable environment. All welcome.

MATHS TUTORING
Just a reminder about an out of school session for all Secondary students who may require some extra help in regard to their studies of Maths. These sessions are offered every Monday after school from 3.30pm to 4.15pm. Maths help will be held in the Resource Centre. All students are welcome.

JAPAN CULTURAL TRIP FUNDRAISER
Last chance to win a ‘Thermomix’ (valued at $2089) tickets $20 available from the Front Office and all proceeds will assist with associated costs of the Year 9 & 10 Language cultural trip to Japan in September 2015. Raffle drawn and winners announced tomorrow, Friday, 8th May.

Canteen Roster - Week 3 Term 2

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Soup: Chicken Vegetable $2.50 per cup   Soups Roll: 80c
If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please contact Val Ingerson on 86823655 at school or 86826457 at home.
A message for parents and carers with children in Year 7

| Same curriculum. | Same test. | Same expectations. | Less funding! |

As your child prepares to undertake the national numeracy and literacy tests in the week beginning 11th May, we want to bring an inequity to your attention.

Did you know each Year 7 student in South Australia receives thousands of dollars less in government funding for their education than Year 7 students in every other Australian state and territory?

In a recent meeting with state Education Minister, Dr Susan Close, the Federation made it very clear that this was totally unacceptable.

We called for progress in state/federal government negotiations to deem South Australian Year 7 students as secondary to secure the secondary level of funding in line with other states and territories.

This call recognises that South Australian Year 7 students are accessing a national curriculum and are sitting the same national NAPLAN tests and that there is a community expectation of performance consistent with the national average.

Most importantly, our call for fairness and equity in funding is focussed on supporting the teaching and learning of Year 7’s enabling them to fully access the national curriculum irrespective of where Year 7 is placed. This is especially relevant given that in SA, Year 7 students are currently situated in a range of school settings (e.g. R - 7; R - 12, 7 – 12 etc.).

This is a cross sector issue and is a call for fairness for all Year 7 students in SA.
In our meeting with the Minister, we indicated that the Federation will raise awareness of this funding inequity within our parent communities and would work with our school communities to collectively call for funding fairness if steps were not taken to address the issue soon.

Hence, this message to you.

Our question to the Minister is this:

*Given the need for state/federal government liaison in relation to rectifying this inequity, can you please advise the steps that are being taken to address this important question of fairness for the education of our Year 7 students?*

At the time of writing we are yet to have a response from the Minister.

*This inequity is unfair and requires action now. Be ready to raise your voices to call for equity if the state and federal governments do not address this soon.*

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Wood
President

Ann Bliss
Executive Director

May 2015