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NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS & GUARDIANS

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Dear Parents/Carers, Students and Staff

SAFETY AND SECURITY AT OUR COLLEGE

Be Vigilant and Be Safety Conscious

We ask all parents to be vigilant when dropping off and picking up your child from school at all the car park areas – Church Gate, Mavaru and Vaivai Gate. Ensure your car is securely locked before you move to the gates. Also take extra precaution, quickly scan the place before you get in your vehicle.

Security Personnel at the Gates

Vaivai Gate area is manned by three security guards while two guards are at the Church Gate and Mavaru Gate areas. All these guards have been instructed to rove around and check to ensure all parents and their vehicles are safe during the morning drop off and after school pick up times. They are also to assist any parent who may need their help at these car park areas.

If items of value are stolen from your vehicle and are lost during the daily drop-off and pick-up time, the school will not be held responsible for parents' stolen/lost items.

All Security issues, concerns and incidents should be e-mailed to the Executive Director.

Vaivai Gate Student Safety Measures

As of next Monday, 28 March 2022, Vaivai Gate will be closed to all vehicles including our college buses, teachers' pick up/ drop off buses and teachers' vehicles to drive in and exit during pick-up time between 2:50pm and 4:15pm. During this peak period Vaivai Gate is a busy area: there is a lot of student/teacher movement to the respective Waiting gates, students moving to the toilets and back to their gates, and students running to and from their respective gates during supervision times in the afternoon.

All these vehicles will be allowed access from 4.15pm to drive in and park in their designated area near Mavaru Gate.

All drivers of our college buses, hire buses and our staff with vehicles have been advised of this safety measure arrangement.

REMINDER: Parents accessing the school during Wet Weather

Wet Weather Procedure for Student Drop-off and Pick-up

1. **Speed Limit:** There is a 5km speed limit in the school grounds AT ALL TIMES, night and day.
2. **Procedures for all parents to follow** during wet weather for morning drop off and afternoon pick up:
 - Drive in carefully through Vaivai Gate for morning drop-off and also for afternoon pick-up as directed by Security Staff;
 - Park in the area as shown on the map as directed by our Security Staff;
 - This ensures parents know where to park and when to move out to ensure smooth traffic flow from entry to exit during wet weather.
 - It is during this time that a lot of student movement will take place and we need all parents to co-operate with this procedure.
 - Please respect and follow the security staff directions
 - Please ensure your child gets off and gets in your vehicle safely during wet weather.
 - Please lock your car before you move to the classroom/s.
 - Accompany your child/ren to the classroom door in the morning.
 - For afternoon pick-up, follow the above procedures, park and lock your car and collect your child/ren from the classroom/s;
 - Drive out carefully using Mavaru Gate as directed by Security Staff during wet weather for both morning drop-off and afternoon pick up during wet weather.

**CURRICULUM NOTICES – SECONDARY
2022 TERM 1 EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULE**

1. Week 10 : 4 – 7 April 2022 Monday to Thursday

	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Monday	Soc Science Visual Arts PDHPE	Soc Science Music RE	Science IT	Science BS/TAS	Phy/Eco RE	Chem/Hist IPT/BS
Tuesday	Science Bahasa	Englsih Bahasa	Soc Sci RE	Maths PDHPE	Chem/His Eng	Phy/Eco NSW Eng
Wednesday	English IT TAS	Science IT PDHPE	Maths BS/TAS	English RE	Bio/Geo IPT/BS	Maths English
Thursday	Maths RE	Maths TAS	English PDHPE	Soc Science IT	Maths NSW Eng	RE Bio/Geo
Friday	ATHLETICS CARNIVAL					

2. Reminders to Parents:

- a. **Drop off and pick up time during exam week** - Drop off is on or before 7:50 am. Morning exam starts at 8:00 am. Pick up time is at 2:50 pm from Monday to Thursday.
We encourage you to pick up on time your child so he/she has time to rest at home and prepare for the next day's examinations.
- b. **Writing stationaries must be prepared.** Black or blue biro, pencil with eraser, ruler and calculator for Grades 11 and 12.
- c. **Uniform** - students will wear the white and brown uniform during exam week since no PE lessons that week.
- d. **Punctuality, attendance and missed examinations** – please encourage your child to come to school early, avoid being late and not miss any part of the exams Attendance is a must during exam week. Should your child be absent, please present an excuse letter or send email to the class patron with proof of absence (medical cert). ST JOSEPH'S policy on missed examinations /assessments will be applied to those who were absent but with valid reasons.
- e. **Home support** - kindly assist and support your child prepare for the examinations as early as now. As a parent this can be tough, especially when you are busy with work, no time and also don't have the content well yourself. But no matter how much-or how little-time and understanding about a subject, there will always be little and simple ways you can do help your child prepare for the upcoming examinations. You can help prepare a study routine, study timetable, simple study strategies such as asking simple and recall questions, discussing their stumbling blocks or confusion about a topic, help remove distractions and practicing and solving Maths problems with them. Surely your support will mean more productive, happier and more motivated student and better results too.

Mrs Estrella Tuginay
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SECONDARY SCHOOL INTER-HOUSE ATHLETIC CARNIVAL

Parents Information

Our Secondary School Annual Inter-House Athletics Carnival will be held at the Sir John Guise Stadium on Friday 8th April 2022. This event is fast approaching and our students are excited and looking forward for the day. Parental support will be needed to have a successful 2022 Inter-house Athletics Carnival.

Expectations and Information for the Athletics Carnival

The upcoming Athletics Carnival Day is a normal school day and all students are to turn up to either participate as an athlete or cheering the student athlete representing their colour house team. The four house colour teams' members need each other on the day to make the spirit of the game, come alive in supporting one another. If your child is sick and not able to attend on this day, please notify their homeroom teacher for his/her attendance to be marked accordingly.

The format for the day will be:

7:45am	- Arrival of students at the Sir John Guise Stadium. Entry to the Stadium will be the gate opposite Vision City.
8:00 am	- All students are expected to be at the colour house designated area by 8 a.m. for roll check by house matrons/patrons and to organize for the events. We ask our supportive parents to ensure children are on time to prepare for the carnival.
8:20 am	- Opening Prayer
8:30 am	- First Events to begin
12:00 noon	- Lunch Break
12:30pm	- Events to resume
2:45pm	- End of Athletics Program
2:50pm	- Declarations of Athletics Carnival Results
3:00pm	- Home time

Attire: All students are expected to come in their House Colour T-shirts with Brown PE shorts and appropriate footwear, for running, throwing and jumping and to wear a hat at all times unless competing in events.

Lunch: All students a required to bring a cut lunch, nutritious snacks and a bottle of water. School canteen sales team will also be at the Stadium selling throughout the day.

Events: Our athlete students will be participating in the following events: 100m, 200m, 400m, Javelin, high jump, long jump, shot put and discus.

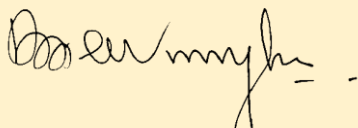
Reminder:

We are anticipating the day to be a sunny day and we ask parents to ensure children bring along their school hat and sun screens. Students are discouraged from bringing expensive items such as mobile phones and cameras on the event day. These items can easily go missing and school will not be responsible for replacing any lost items at the stadium.

Invitation:

Parents/friends are invited to come along and support their children and watch the events.

Yours sincerely



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR