Dear Parents, Caregivers, Students and Friends of our College,

The last two weeks have been very busy at the College: NAPLAN Testing for all Year 7 and 9; Year 8 camps, immunizations for Years 10, 11 and 12, Open Day for prospective Year 7 enrolments and our Athletics Carnival last Friday. With all this happening our teachers have been struggling to have a regular meeting with their students in the classroom! Certainly all these ‘extra-curricular’ activities are important but we are looking for ways to cut down on the frequent disruption to our normal classroom timetable. Thankfully this week we will have minimal disruption.

**Year 8 Camps**
These were held recently in two groups over 3 days each at Hayes Creek. My thanks go to Ms Ella Carrie, Year 8 Team Leader, for her organization of these camps. They play an important part in the school program for our students and it is a time when they can explore other talents, meet personal challenges and help bond the Year Level together as a group.

**NAPLAN Testing**
NAPLAN testing was carried out during the same week our Year 8s were away on camp. It was held over 3 days as part of the National program for students in Year 7 and 9. Results of this will be made available later in the year.

**Year 6 Open Day**
Last Thursday Ms Cathy Hives, Head of Middle School, organized an Open Day for prospective enrolments into Year 7 next year. It was very successful as we had nearly 180 children from various schools from the Darwin Region attend. We also held an Information Evening later that day for anyone who wanted to hear more about the College. The College staff prepared a number of magnificent displays around the school for our visitors to see. My thanks to all staff who helped prepare for this event.

**Enrolment Interviews**
Following on from the Open Day last Thursday, we will be holding the first round of enrolment interviews next Saturday, 28th. These are by appointment only and the booking sheet is already full. The next round of interviews will be held on Wednesday 8th June from 3.30 – 7.00pm. These interviews will be arranged in the next week or so from the enrolment applications we have already received. Acceptances into Year 7 for 2017 will be decided upon in Term 3. We encourage anyone contemplating enrolling their child for next year to do so sooner rather than later.

**Athletics Carnival**
The first of our House Carnivals was held last Friday, our Athletics Carnival. It was a lovely sunny day at the Marrara Stadium and the day was filled with a variety of events for everyone to participate. My congratulations go to all the students on their co-operation and participation on the day – an enjoyable event for all. Congratulations to our Age Champions and to Hunter House, the champion House for 2016. The results of the day can be found elsewhere in this Newsletter.
Special thanks go to Mr John Katal, Sports Co-ordinator, and to Ms Debra Bond, Phys. Ed. Co-ordinator and all the Phys. Ed. staff for their work in setting up the day.

That’s all from me for this week. God bless.

Jim Jolley  
Principal