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

We are half way through Term 3 already! This time of the year we begin preparations for 2017 and so subject selections are coming up in the next week or so for our incoming and current Senior School students. More will be said about this elsewhere in Newsletter.

**Year 9 Camps**
Our Year 9s have been on camp over the last couple of weeks. These camps have been great experiences for them all and are excellent additions to the normal classroom learning environment.

**Swimming Carnival**
Congratulations to MacKillop House on their big win at the Swimming Carnival last Friday. It was a wonderful day with lots of participation from the students. These days are always good opportunities to drum up team spirit and this year has been one of the best in recent year for that. It all helped to make it a great day for everyone. Special thanks go to Mr. John Katal, our Sports Coordinator, along with Mrs. Debra Bonde and her Phys. Ed. staff who helped John with organizing the day. Congratulations to our Age Champions as well. Well done and thanks.

**Year 11 Retreat**
Year 11 had their annual overnight retreat last week at Riyala. I have received very good reports from the retreat and thank Mr. Matthew Bourke and other staff in providing this opportunity to our students. This and other year level retreats are core components to the life of the College and they allow our students the freedom to reflect on other aspects of their lives besides schoolwork.

**Medical Appointments, etc**
I would like to bring to the attention of parents/carers of our students the importance of giving us sufficient notice ahead of any absences due to medical or other types of appointments during school time. Here at O'Loughlin we do not make announcements during class time as it interrupts the teaching and learning. If a child needs to leave the school for an appointment, then they must notify their teacher in advance that they have to leave their class and go to the Front Office at a particular time to be picked up by their parents. A note from the parents is the normal form of notification in these cases. Office staff cannot leave their desk to fetch a student during class time unless it is an emergency. Thanks you for your cooperation in this matter.

**Current and Coming Events**
22-26 August: Year 10 Work Experience
29 Aug – 2 Sept: Year 12 Outdoor Ed class major excursion
Week 6-10: One-on-One subject selection interviews for Year 11 going into Year 12
Wednesday 31 Aug, 6-7pm: Subject selection information evening for Year 9s going into Year 10
Thursday 1 September, 6-7pm: Subject selection information evening for Year 10s going into Year 11.

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