Stockholm Syndrome is a well known condition in which hostages feel a tendency to empathise and even fall in love with their captors. While there are many psychological explanations for this, my own theory is that it stems from the hostage wanting to normalise the situation so badly, that they try to assimilate with, rather than fight against the conditions in which they find themselves.

This is a similar situation to battered wife syndrome and the gang mentality which subliminally encourages people to assimilate in order to avoid conflict. Sadly today it is the same with us and our children.

Circumstances today have enabled children to hold the balance of power to the extent where in order to stay on their good side parents often side with their children rather than with the authority.

As parents of this generation we spent way too much time telling our kids how good and how entitled they were rather than teaching them the realities of life. For me this goes back to the 1980s when it was ‘almost’ possible to do anything. The greed and excess of the eighties created a sense of entitlement we have passed onto our children. Institutions such as the union movement and the equal rights movements have all played pivotal roles in creating the world of privilege in which we live now, but they have also changed the psyche to the point where our children consider it their ‘right’ to blame others for their setbacks and failures.

And so today we are faced with the perfect storm. A generation of parents who were brought up and driven towards a work ethic which was designed to accumulate possessions and status, mixed with a generation who have reaped all the benefits from this work ethic but also seen the effects it has had on their parents. So now we have a generation who want all the benefits but who are not prepared to do the work. And while the parental generation understand the work ethic, they have missed the ‘real’ contact time with their kids to the point where we now overcompensate with material things in order to justify to ourselves that our life choices have been worthwhile.

In effect we have become the hostages of our own kidnapping and Stockholm is no longer just a city in Sweden, it is in fact a place in every home around the Western world.

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Birthdays

JCS has seen a number of birthdays this term as well as a number of creative cakes. Marty celebrated his sweet sixteen with a homemade jaffa cake and a carefully crafted train cake.

Happy 18th Dean and Maddie! Welcome to adulthood!

And happy 30th Kate...to celebrate Rachel baked a delicious flourless chocolate cake and Maddie carved a watermelon into a beautiful fat free watermelon cake!

DECV

Year 7-10 students should now be working on module F of their DECV work. VCE students should be working on week 10 of submissions.

DECV week 12 is the last week for Year 12 submissions. After this week, exam prep commences. Students are expected to attend the JCS centre for exam revision during Term 4.
**Term 3**

The last week of term we will be running a Lavers Hill camp. Students will be dismissed from camp on Thursday. The centre will also be open during this time for students who are not attending this camp to continue with personal study.

**Holidays**

Holidays will run from the 12th of September until the 7th of October. Staff will be available during these times for selected periods. Please contact Hannah for more information.

**Further Study Enrolments**

This week our VCE 2 students submitted their preferences for further study. Maddie is aiming to study Nursing at Box Hill TAFE. Erin Houghton, a graduate of 2013 has taken a GAP year and will also be enrolling in Nursing in 2015. Liam has selected business at RMIT. Preferences also included primary and secondary education, social work and tourism. Good Luck guys...
Gameshow

Game show has become a JCS institution and continues to build in popularity (except for the week we did a spelling bee... a touch to academic for a Friday afternoon.) Game shows are always a laugh (thanks to Liam’s drawing and Marty’s pictionary guesses... “The Queen... no... Lady Gaga”) Topics so far this term have included princesses and trains (an interesting combination of our new students’ interests), Commonwealth Games, SPELLING BEE and Gen ZZZZZ. We love it when past students drop in to play... especially if you get as excited as Reneeby does!

Student Photos

Marty is one of our enthusiastic photographers. Martin has been awarded a scholarship from Rotary to help him buy a camera and equipment to assist in this. Above is an example of some of his work.

Important Dates

Term 3

Mon 8th - Thurs 11th

Lavers Hill Trip (TBC)

Thursday 11th Sept 3pm

Term 3 Concludes

Tuesday 7th October

Term 4 Commences
Life-skills

As part of our life skills program Storme and Ching has been learning to cook and serve up delicious meals for the students. Thanks to Ching and Storme for the work they have put into this. Meals have included: pizza scrolls, fried rice, enchiladas and nachos.

New Staff Member

JCS would like to introduce a new staff member...Welcome Tom!

“As an active participant in Jon’s personal development programmes during my early years at Trinity Grammar School, I’m fortunate enough to have experienced first-hand the profound effect an alternative learning environment can have on young people. Throughout my senior years at Trinity, I was able to experience both the benefits and limitations of mainstream education, and hope that my experience in differing types of education will allow me to add to the wonderfully unique culture of the Carnegie School.”

40 hour Famine

This year Storme organised for JCS to participate in the 40 Hour Famine. Students and staff participated to raise over $1000 for World Vision. This is an important fundraiser that helps give participants a brief insight into the lives of the people they are fundraising for. All of this year’s participants chose to go without food for 40 hours. Special commendation to Storme for organising the fundraiser. Thanks to all those who donated and supported the cause.
Congratulations Storme, we reached our goal!

Follow the link below to donate today...