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To the Families and Friends of the St Paul's Community.....

A wise man suggested to me late last year the two busiest terms for a school are terms 1 and 4. With 2 weeks to go until the Autumn break, I would suggest the wise man was absolutely correct! This term has been particularly busy for everyone at St Paul's and the next 2 weeks will continue that trend. This term we have had two major retreat experiences for Year 10 and Year 12. The Year 10 Challenge Camp is an opportunity for the young men and women in Year 10 to work outside their comfort zones. It allows them to reflect on the importance of working together as a team and to begin to form the sorts of relationships that will help them as they begin their senior studies next year. It is also an excellent opportunity to stop and reflect on who they are as young Christians in a Catholic School. On the Thursday night of the camp, students viewed an episode of *Australian Story* from the ABC which tells the story of a young woman who suffers terrible injuries in a farming accident. She survives and with the wonderful support of her husband, begins to rebuild her life. Our students reflect on the sort of commitment that is shown by these young people in the face of adversity and spend time thinking about their own lives and how they can support one another and their loved ones as they mature over the next few years.

Year 12 were also able to spend quality time together at Elanora Heights Retreat centre recently. This special three days is expertly facilitated by Mr Ptolemy and Mr Doyle. It is, without one of the highlights for the Year 12 students. It is a chance to escape from the everyday pressures of the HSC world and a real opportunity to reflect and to recharge the batteries for the final run towards the end of the year. I often hear comments from older people who unkindly judge young people especially when it comes to their sense of the sacred and the spiritual. I can honestly say that the beautiful ritual that is led by Mr Ptolemy and Mr Doyle on the Thursday night of the retreat is one of the most moving and spiritual occasions that I have had the pleasure of being part of. I congratulate Year 12 for the beautiful way that they entered this retreat experience and I thank the wonderful staff who so generously gave up their time from their own families to be with the Year 12 students.

The school has been busy with assessments and feedback for all years. There have been a variety of tests, assignments and tasks that will be used to report on student progress as well as inform teachers as to the depth of learning that has been taking place. These tasks are vital pieces of the education puzzle and I have challenged our young men and women to do their best in all that they do. The most important part of such tasks is the learning that comes from them. By that, I am not talking about the mark or the grade. I am talking about the feedback that is vital if deep learning and understanding is to be had. Too often we get caught up in the final mark. I believe that it is the comments and the feedback given by the teacher that is critical to the assessment process. *What can I do to improve? How might the next task that is similar be better attempted? Can I have another go at the part that wasn't so good and get some feedback on that? What strategies did I use that were*

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successful and how might they be useful in the next assessment? What did others do that was successful? I know that these are the sort of questions that are being asked by successful students in all educational settings. They are the sort of questions that can make a real difference to learning and I commend them to all of the students at St Paul's.

While Year 12 were on their Retreat, we hosted our sister schools from Katori City in Japan. 35 students from a variety of schools visited St Paul's and were kindly billeted by a number of our families. While here, the Japanese students attended some classes, immersed themselves into a variety of Australian activities and attempted to enjoy vegemite! If the tears and sadness on the faces of both hosts and visitors were any indication, it was clear that wonderful friendships were established over the weeklong visit. I particularly would like to thank Cathy O'Gorman and Cate Thompson for the huge amount of work that was done in organising the exchange program. To the families who hosted this year (and over many years for some), thank you. Your kindness and generosity was beautiful. It is hoped that we are able to send an exchange to Japan in 2017. I imagine that we will have quite a few takers, keen to re-establish the friendships made this year.

We have begun the planning and preparations for next year already, beginning with the Year 6 Information Night held last week. It was a lovely night where we met lots of mums and dads (and excited students) where they learnt more about our great school. Enrolments are open for next year and will remain open for the next month. If you know of anyone who is considering sending their child to St Paul's next year, could I ask you to get them to contact the office for an enrolment package. Students from our Catholic feeder schools will have them as they are part of the Maitland Newcastle schools system.

Next week, Year 10 have the first of their information sessions about Year 11 studies. This will be hosted by Mr Ptolemy and Mr Furey. I encourage parents to come along with their child so that you are able to begin the enrolment into senior school with a good understanding of the intricacies of the HSC!

The Easter season is now over. St Paul's students attended a beautiful liturgical event on Easter Thursday. The ceremony took the students along the Stations of the Cross in the footsteps of Jesus as he walked to his death and resurrection. The images used were painted by a local Aboriginal Artist, Richard Campbell. These evocative images were a poignant reminder of the Passion of Jesus Christ and the real meaning of Easter. A prayer and reflection by Louise Campbell. As well, students presented their tutor group Caritas Appeal boxes that had money raised by the groups over the Lenten period. I would like to thank Mr Doyle and his team for leading us in this liturgy and congratulate the students on the wonderful way that they engaged in this special part of what makes us unique as a school.

As this is the final newsletter of the term, I wish all our community a wonderful holiday and look forward to being back with you all next term.

Go Gently.....

Mr Graeme Selmes
Principal

Enrolments for 2017

The official enrolment period for Catholic Schools in our Diocese began on Monday 6th March.

Due to the large number of enrolments already received, if you are seeking enrolment next year and your child is NOT at one of our feeder primary schools, please obtain an enrolment form from the School Office and return it to the School ASAP.

Knights Supporters' Club

Every year, students from St Paul's work with the Newcastle Knights Supporters Club at home games. The President of the Club, Jim Thornton is keen to have students this year. They are paid to sell raffle tickets at the home games, get free entry in and I believe that if Mum and Dad need to take them to the game, they too get free entry!

If you would like to find out more, please phone Jim on 49705867.

If your child would like any more information, please ask them to see Mr Selmes at school.



From the Assistant Principal - Curriculum

Year 12 Retreat

It was an absolute privilege in Week 8 to engage with our students in one of the highlights of Catholic Education in the form of the Year 12 Retreat. The retreat opportunity provided a chance for our students to pause amidst their busyness, and to re-evaluate their goals and directions. I would like to congratulate Year 12 for their willingness to engage in such a meaningful way throughout our time away. I hope that you feel reinvigorated and ready to manage the challenges that await you in the time ahead.

Year 10 Information Evening

Monday April 4 sees the commencement of our very important process of transitioning our Year 10 students into senior studies. Our information evening will have a number of different focal points that will be of considerable significance for our entire cohort.

Details of requirements for Year 10 and the attainment of the RoSA qualification will be outlined. This will include some clarity around expectations, grading processes and Board of Studies regulations.

For all students seeking to continue their schooling in 2017, the Senior Prospectus will be made available on this night. There will also be valuable information provided regarding the requirements for studying in the senior years of schooling. Course structures, patterns of study, and processes for subject selections will be outlined at this initial meeting. (There will be a follow-up meeting specifically focusing on subject selections toward the end of Term 2.)

The night will also include a presentation from Mr Craig McLoughlin who will outline important aspects of his dual roles as both the Careers Advisor and Vocational Educational Training Co-ordinator.

We look forward to seeing all Year 10 students and their parents on this important evening.

Mr Greg Ptolemy
Assistant Principal - Curriculum

From the Assistant Principal - Welfare

Study Skills

Learn more this year about how to improve your results and be more efficient and effective with your schoolwork by working through the units on www.studyskillshandbook.com.au

Our school's access details are:

School's Username – stpauls

School's password – 52success

Year 12 Retreat

Much has been said about this year's Year 12 Retreat with many positives from the Staff who attended, our students who participated and the parents who made particular mention of it whilst visiting school.

In particular I would like to express my admiration for the current Year 12s who engaged with the Retreat Programme and involved themselves in all activities and showed a maturity well beyond their years. To this end, I would like to say congratulations to our Year 12s, as they have been one of the most impressive senior groups to have undertaken our retreat process and hopefully this will be the making of a great HSC group in 2016.

Year 6 Information Night

Yet another successful information night was held last Monday night with in excess of 450 parents and Year 6 students in attendance. This evening gave a basic timeline for Year 7 enrolments in 2017 and an introduction to St Paul's from Mr Selmes, Mr Ptolemy and Mrs Squires as Year 7 Coordinator.

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

Last week also saw the Junior SRC member host an assembly for Year 7 and 8 students to address issues with bullying. This event saw students hear presentations from NSW Police as to the legalities of repeated harassment especially using social media and representatives from the Newcastle Knights Rugby League Club. As I stated at this assembly, St Paul's is a school that does not tolerate bullying. Should any students experience continual negative behaviour from others, I would encourage them to speak to their parents and a staff member about this. Student

Coordinators are well versed in dealing with such issues effectively but are only as good as the information they receive. An early intervention by a Student Coordinator may have a greater effect than a reactive measure when the damage has been done.

Events like this run by our SRC are an excellent way of encouraging discussion at home and communication with school regarding any instances of bullying at St Paul's.

Transport NSW Opal Cards

A reminder that students need to be presenting their Opal Cards on our School transport systems. Each student is expected to 'tap' their card as it is an essential measure of how many students actually use school buses. Transport NSW regularly review the services linked to St Paul's and this can determine any changes to routes or overcrowding issues. If students don't tap their Opal Cards it may affect our future transport services from Transport NSW.

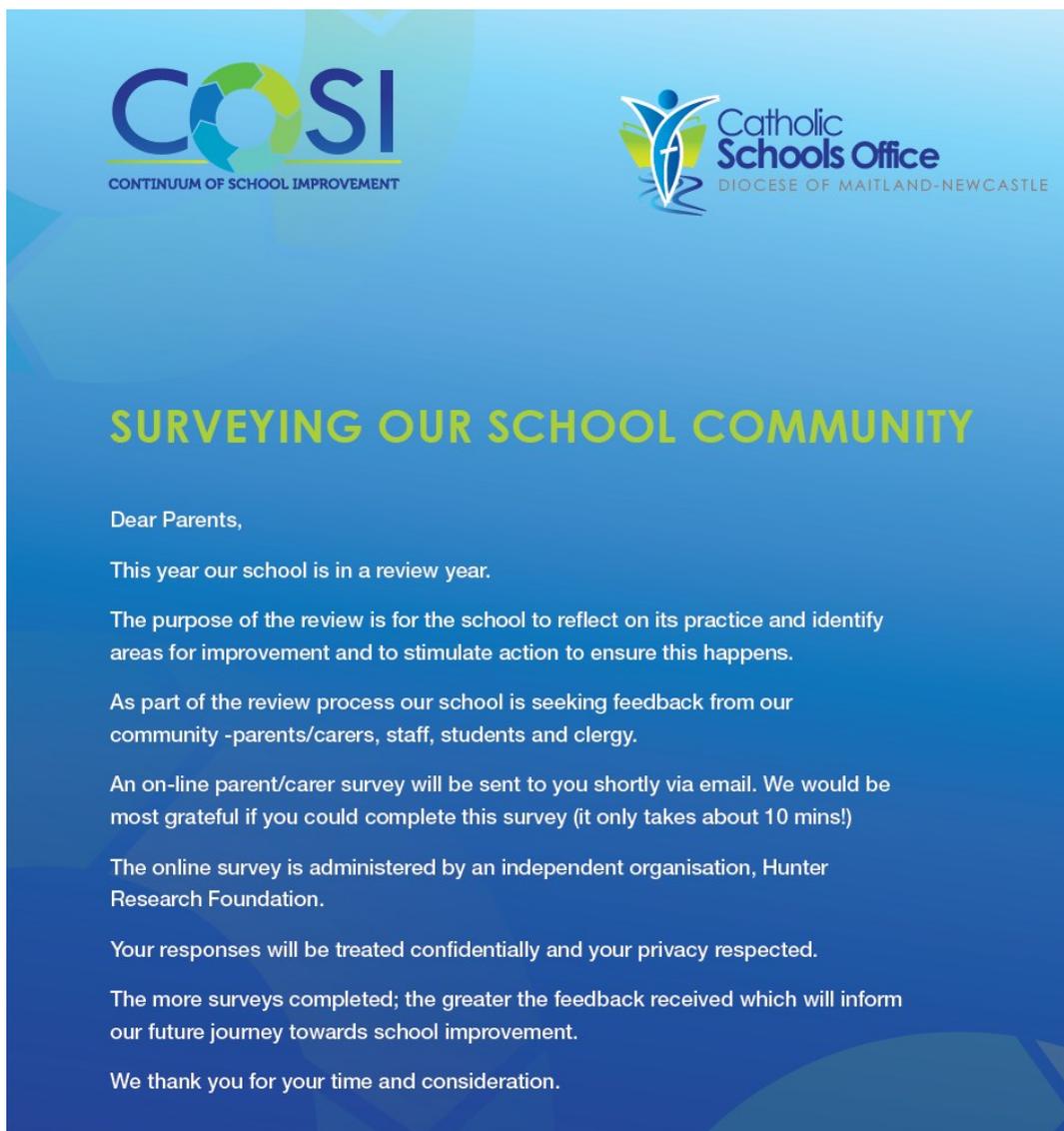
Head Lice

St Paul's have had cases of head lice reported. Please check your child for head lice and treat accordingly if necessary.

James Furey

Assistant Principal (Welfare)

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The poster features a blue background with abstract geometric shapes. At the top left is the COSI logo (Continuum of School Improvement) and at the top right is the Catholic Schools Office logo for the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. The main title 'SURVEYING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY' is in large yellow-green letters. Below it, the text is white and reads: 'Dear Parents, This year our school is in a review year. The purpose of the review is for the school to reflect on its practice and identify areas for improvement and to stimulate action to ensure this happens. As part of the review process our school is seeking feedback from our community -parents/carers, staff, students and clergy. An on-line parent/carer survey will be sent to you shortly via email. We would be most grateful if you could complete this survey (it only takes about 10 mins!) The online survey is administered by an independent organisation, Hunter Research Foundation. Your responses will be treated confidentially and your privacy respected. The more surveys completed; the greater the feedback received which will inform our future journey towards school improvement. We thank you for your time and consideration.'

Year 11 News

At the fortnightly timetabled Form Meeting last week students were reminded how quickly the Preliminary Year passes. They are close to the end of Term 1 and will have only four weeks until their half yearly exams. Parents will have received the posted Interim Reports for Year 11 and students will begin to receive feedback from the assessment tasks that have already been completed.

The grading used in the Interim report for each of the categories can provide an interesting insight into the way that the student has settled into senior school and the attitude and application evident. The grading is: Consistently, Usually, Sometimes, Rarely. While the majority of students will be happy that the report is mostly stating 'Consistently', if either of the last two rankings appear on the report then it is an indicator that something is wrong and that there needs to be an attitude adjustment or that the student is struggling to meet to expectations of the workload of senior school. It was interesting that on the Study Day a quick survey of students by the presenters showed that the average hours of part-time casual work being completed by students was 12 hours. Some students are doing far in excess of this, and although they might enjoy the money, the priority should be school commitments. Students need to achieve a balance between social life, part-time work, sport, family commitments and School. Failure to do so will most likely result in poorer grades than the student is capable of, and usually an increase in anxiety and frustration. The Study Day presenters gave students a considerable range of strategies to use in their study and ways to memorise knowledge needed, but it require a commitment - effort and time.

Year 11 students were recently presented with their senior school badges and were reminded of the need to be in full winter uniform from the start of Term 2 – ie blazer, tie, long pants for the boys, and blazer for the girls. Many students will eventually move into a professional or corporate world and as such the uniform requirements are a step in that direction. It has been necessary to mention to several girls about the shortness of their skirts. This is an issue of modesty and the simple response is to lengthen the hem length. Most girls understand this and are conscious when their peers are showing more than they should.

Year 11 will be having a community lunch on Thursday 31st March and will gather in the Hospitality area to socialise over pizza and drink. This comes at a cost of \$5 and will need to be paid before Thursday 24th March if they are interested. Student concerns over the microwave, jug and sandwich maker have been raised with the school executive and will be resolved over the next few weeks.

The best part of being the Year 11 student Coordinator is being able to engage with such a wonderful group of young adults during lunch breaks and in class, and seeing the gradual shift in their maturity, their focus and their passion.

Mr Ross Wilson

Year 11 Student Coordinator

Next P & F Meeting

Wednesday 6 April

All welcome

Damascus Centre 7.00pm





Way of the Cross



Thank you to *Rebekah Leslie, Sophie Scanlon, Annie Hawes, Michael Fennell-Fraser, Logan Trick and Carmen Manney* for representing the school at the recent Way of the Cross event at Kilaben Bay. It was a powerful ritual and the students did the school proud.

Bishop's Award

Congratulations to *Rebekah Leslie* who was recently presented a Bishop's Award at the Catholic Youth Mass, held at Sacred Heart Cathedral. The Bishop's Award publicly recognises students and young people, within the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, who have contributed to the community through their parish, church group or church agency.



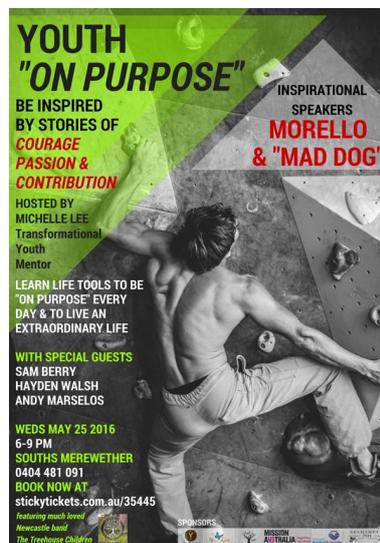
Bishop Bill and Rebekah Leslie

Year 9 Reflection Day

The Year 9 Reflection Day is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27th (Term 2, Week 1). A note was sent home today. The cost of \$25.00 is payable by Tuesday April 26th or if paying by Qkr it is payable by Friday April 22nd.

Local Event – Youth “On Purpose”

Some members of our community may be interested in the Youth “On Purpose” event that will be held in Merewether on May 25th. Tickets are \$19 and are available at https://www.sticktickets.com.au/35445/youth_on_purpose_australia.aspx



Caritas Project Compassion



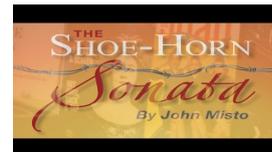
Fundraising Success

Tutor Group 8.2 would like to thank the many students who purchased a Krispy Kreme Donut or three, last week for Caritas. We raised a huge \$213.00 to donate to Caritas during Catholic Schools Week. An especially big thanks to the students who helped with selling and to the few people who donated money rather than partake of a donut!

Mrs Milajew

*Mr Michael Doyle
Ministry Coordinator*

Parents and caregivers of Year 12 Standard English students are reminded that the final date of ticket payment for the compulsory excursion to the 2016 premier performance of The Shoe-Horn Sonata is NOW DUE.



Excursion Date: Tuesday, May, 10th

John Misto's award winning play is studied by our St. Paul's students. The Shoe-Horn Sonata tells the story of two women, Australian nurse, Bridie Cartwright and an English school girl, Sheila Richards. The play begins with the two women being brought together for the first time in fifty years whilst chronicling their stories of capture in 1942. Their reunion is filled with laughter and tears and a shoe-horn which holds a dark secret that has kept the pair apart. Using footage from the National Film and Sound Archive and his own past movie productions, director Stephen Wallace creates a visually evocative and sensitive production of this iconic Australian play.

Impulse Theatre Company: Stephen Wallace and Michael Gillett formed Impulse Theatre Company in 2002 whilst working on productions of Oedipus the King and Lysistrata. Prior to this, both Wallace and Gillett had worked in film, television and theatre. Since 2006 the Company has annually produced plays from the HSC text list including As You Like It, Romeo and Juliet, Cosi, Away and The Shoe-Horn Sonata. The continuing success of these productions has gained Impulse Theatre a devoted following of English and Drama teachers. The 2016 production of The Shoe-Horn Sonata is the company's eighth, having first produced the play in 2009.

(http://www.schoolperformancetours.com.au/2016/shows/secondary/shoe_horn_sonata.php)

Your support of this annual excursion is tremendously appreciated. The opportunity for your son / daughter to experience a live production of this HSC text always proves invaluable and it's sure to be a fulfilled day!

Regards,

Mrs Jane McNaughton, Mrs Sophie Stanley, Mrs Libby Lucas and Miss Jae Clarke

Student Representative Council News

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Friday the 18th of March was the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. To acknowledge this day, the SRC ran a special assembly for Stage 4 students which addressed the issue of bullying and safety at both school and at home. The Assembly saw junior members from the Newcastle Knights Rugby League team, along with a local police liaison officer, SC Nathan Johns deliver information on issues of bullying and violence and offered strategies to both students and teachers in ways to deal with these problems. The Year 10 SRC representatives – *Jackson Morgan* and *Lucy Lantz* produced a short film on the issue of bullying and violence.

The assembly was well received by the students of Years 7 and 8 and promoted a positive and important message to our school community.

'There is no place for bullying at St Paul's'



Mrs Nicole Burns
SRC Teacher



Firstly, this week, a very big thank you to Mrs Cate Thompson and all who supported her in her role as Japanese Exchange Coordinator for 2016. The visit from the students and staff of Katori City Council, and affiliated schools, was a great success and I encourage you to read the report appearing in next fortnight's newsletter.

I was privileged enough to deliver the Farewell address to our Japanese visitors, the text of which I am including below:

Good Morning Mr Okano, Mr Sugasowa, Miss Mariko Takizawa & Miss Yumi Ko, Japanese Students and Members of the St Paul's Community,

It is a deep honour for me to stand here today, speaking on behalf of our St Paul's community, thanking you for making the journey to the shores of Lake Macquarie as part of our 2016 Exchange. We feel privileged to have shared these past four days with you and thank you for the generous spirit you have brought to our exchange.

For many of us here at St Paul's we know something of Japan ... perhaps we know from childhood school lessons, that Japan is the country with the red circle on its flag. Perhaps we know that Japanese people eat lots of rice and sometimes even for breakfast! From Year 7 we may know a little of your geography from textbooks and we have all seen photos of crowded streets in Tokyo, especially the famous Shibuya Crossing. For some of us we have visited your beautiful country experiencing it in all its diversity.

Through the exchange, however, we have been able to scratch beyond the surface of the "textbook Japan". Your visit has allowed us to share stories, learn new things and form many friendships. Through this exchange our love and knowledge of your culture continues to grow.

This same story can be said of the relationship between our schools and cities. Across nearly two decades we have learned much from each other, not only about our differences but also of our shared humanity. Our schools now share a common history and each exchange takes us deeper into each other's culture, cementing our friendships, teaching us new ways of thinking and giving us an appreciation of the beauty that can be found in sharing and tolerance. In these few days we have a chance to experience the world as it could be – a place of diversity, harmony between all peoples and respect.

So, today, I say thank you for travelling to be with us, entering into our homes, our school and our culture. We consider it to be an honour and a privilege to have had you here with us. The entire St Paul's community says 'thank you' and we look forward to building the next chapter of our common history as we continue to open our lives to each other.

Thankyou from all of us.



Japanese Visit Bushdancing

ART NEWS!

And now to a much smaller but highly rewarding subject...our kiln has been repaired and had an "extreme makeover"! With new seals, ceramic shelves and replaced elements (and that's not even the technical stuff!) the kiln is now ready and loaded to fire the beautiful creations of our Art students! Check out our photos of Natalie (Year 11 Visual Arts) loading some ceramic creatures into the kiln for firing. A big thank you to Mr Beezley for liaising with the Kiln technician and for giving up his time to see this work completed. It is genuinely appreciated by all in the Visual Arts Department.



Finally, I encourage all MUSIC students to think about entering our ASPIRE Song Competition. Entries close 8th April and there is a great prize up for the taking! See Mrs O'Gorman for details. (Flyer in this newsletter has all the details also).

Mrs Cathy O'Gorman
Creative Arts, LOTE Coordinator

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SONG COMPETITION

Our annual Aspire Songwriting Competition is a diocesan wide initiative designed to encourage creativity and self-expression through songwriting. Entries will be judged on creativity, originality, lyrics, melody and overall likeability. The winning entry will feature in our August season at the Civic Theatre.

This year's production is titled '**There's Something Strange about Marvin McRae**'. The show centres on a young boy that thinks he's weird and questions just what it is to be normal. We are looking for songs that not only reflect this theme but also promote acceptance of others and embracing what makes us unique!

Video yourself singing/and or playing your composition, (no matter how rough or unrehearsed) and send it to:

cathy.ogorman@mn.catholic.edu.au

Alternatively, by post - on CD/USB to:

Cathy O'Gorman
St Pauls High School
Primrose Street
Booragul NSW 2284

The selected song will be digitally re-recorded at Tommirock Studios Newcastle and will feature in this year's production at the Civic Theatre.

We are looking forward to hearing your amazing music!

Aspire Committee

**CLOSING DATE IS
FRIDAY 8TH APRIL 2016**

**WINNER'S PRIZE:
A \$600 VOUCHER FROM
MUSOS CORNER**



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In its 5th year our audition based drama, dance, music and creative and performing arts program, ASPIRE provides quality training for students from Years 5 – 11.

Led by an Artistic Director and five Ensemble Directors, ASPIRE invites talented students from across the diocese to audition to develop and enhance their skills through performance opportunities in vocal, instrumentation, drama, dance and strings.

The name ASPIRE was chosen because it suggests seeking something more and aiming high.





Career Thought of the Week:

“Challenges are what make life interesting, and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful”

Joshua J. Marine

Year 10 Information Night – MONDAY 4th April 2016

A reminder to parents and students in Yr. 10 of our annual information night on Monday 4th April. This is a vital first glimpse of the preparation of Yr. 10 students as they move from Yr. 10 into their senior years of schooling. On the night information will be given on:

- School Certificate- Board of Studies requirements
- Careers – programs
- Prospectus for Yr. 11/12
- Vet pathways
- Subject selection HSC



The night will commence at 7.00pm in the Hall.

Parents Role in the career development of young people?

Evidence indicates that parents are the single greatest influence on their child's education and career decisions. The *Face-to-Face* report produced in 2010 by the National Youth Agency in England identified parents and carers as the most common first point of call for career development information, advice and guidance for young people. Other research similarly points to the important role of parents in the career development of their children, especially in the early stages rather than in the later stages of their education (Watson and McMahon, 2003).



Generally, parental engagement in career development occurs around subject and course selections and at crunch times in the later years of education, with a focus on information provision. Given the rapid changes in the world of work through globalisation and technology and the subsequent paradigm shift in career development, this is no longer sufficient. There is also mounting evidence that links improved student motivation, retention, achievement and career outcomes with parental involvement in young people's learning. Career development now needs to focus not on job acquisition, but on the acquisition of skills, knowledge, attitudes, behaviours and competencies for continuous learning and improvement. The role of parents cannot be underestimated and is vital in supporting the career development of young people.

Define your future at UNSW Art & Design: School Holiday Workshops April 2016



Every aspiring designer, animator, and artist needs a starting point. This is especially the case for prospective university students.

We want to give you an insight into a selection of creative disciplines and to provide you with a sense of what your life would be like as a uni student at our unique art and design campus. Learn the basics of design in the Illustrator and Your Essential Design Building Blocks workshop, or get an introduction to code and get on your way to creating your own games in Creative Coding.

Make your own unconventional touch-interface for controlling sounds and images using everyday objects in Creative Computing – Touch Sensor Trickery, or join a Portfolio Entry Workshop and receive personal feedback and step-by-step advice about our Portfolio Entry submission process. More workshops will be announced shortly.

Western Sydney Careers Expo

The Western Sydney Careers Expo is now in its 6th year. The Western Sydney Careers Expo 2015 attracted almost 22,000 visitors and 145 exhibitors.

2016 Expo Times

Thursday 16 June, 9am-3pm, Friday 17 June, 9am-3pm
Saturday 18 June, 10am-3pm, Sunday 19 June, 10am-3pm

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EXHIBITORS ARE:

- universities, TAFE colleges and training providers
- employers and employment services
- career counsellors and advisers
- organisations with apprenticeship information and opportunities
- providers of work and study skills programs
- providers of HSC resources, lecture programs and information services
- student support services
- providers of tutoring services
- providers of international exchange and gap year programs

[Learn more...](#)

ADMISSION

- Admission is \$10 per person
- \$25.00 for families (3 or more including one parent)
- **School group discounts available**
- Children 14 and under free
- Tickets valid for all 4 days and includes all seminars
- Tickets available for purchase from the ticket booth at the venue
- Cash only, no credit card payments, ATM facilities available

[Learn more...](#)

Careerlinks Employment Links-Reminder



I have had a lot of interest this year from students in Yrs. 10, 11 and 12 that are regularly checking their emails in relation to junior positions vacant each week.

This has resulted in many students applying and some gaining casual employment. So if you are interested please check your school email account each Monday for the latest listings.

As always please see me if you need help with applications or further information.

Examples this week include.....

mygateway.org.au

CAREERS START HERE

apprenticeships, traineeships & quality training

Junior Administration Traineeship

MG My Gateway's client based in Thornton has an exciting opportunity available for anyone who is looking to undertake a Business Administration Traineeship within the Mechanical Industry. Whilst gaining on the job experience working with this national leader in plant equipment, you will also complete a Certificate III in Business Administration - a Nationally Recognized Qualification.

Your responsibilities will include:

- Filing documents
- Taking minutes of meetings
- Invoicing
- Mailing - Sending and receiving
- Ordering stationery
- Answering telephones
- Liaising with staff and clients via Emails
- Contacting clients
- Using Microsoft office
- Scanning, Printing and faxing documents

What's In It For You?

- On the job training
- Gain a qualification
- Get paid & start your career
- Full time position

If you are a responsible, trustworthy, mature-minded, self starter and reliable then you will excel in this dynamic role!

Email your resume to jobs@mygateway.org.au

Qualifications above Certificate II (including Diploma/Degree) need NOT apply. Only suitable applicants will be contacted.

Trade Qualified and Apprentice Bakers - Bakers Delight Green Hills

We are recruiting experienced Bakers and 1st Year Apprentice Bakers for our bakeries at Green Hills, Fender Place and Rutherford.

If you join our team as an experienced Baker, you will receive great opportunities for career development, and the opportunity to be challenged and work as part of a team in a dynamic and supportive team environment.

Joining our team and completing an Apprenticeship with Bakers Delight, involves more than just going to school or training. Our Apprentices are hands-on from day one. You will learn the art and science of baking through formal training, through one-on-one coaching, and support from baking team members.

If you are reliable, a team player with the energy, enthusiasm and willingness to learn, then this could be the opportunity for you!

Please contact us at bd.maitland@bigpond.com to arrange an interview.

Important Dates for Term 1/2

Yr. 12 VET Hospitality Work Placement 28th March-8th April

Yr.12 VET Construction Work Placement 2nd May-6th May

Yr. 10 Information Night 1st April

Newcastle Careers Expo 19th May

Defence Force Seminars 3rd June

Curriculum Night Yr. 10 14th June

Casual Positions/Employment Links:

These are ready to view on the school site MN Live, go to News & Events and click on Student News. These are also emailed to students in Yrs. 10-12 through their school email accounts.

Mr Craig McLoughlin
Careers & Vocational Education Coordinator

From the Finance Office

- ◆ **Opening Hours for Payments to the Finance Office**
 Parents: come to Reception from 8.30am to 2.30pm
 Students: mornings from 8.30am until tutor group bell all of recess time and all of lunch time



- ◆ **Payment of School Fees**
 There are a variety of ways to make payments to the School.
 1. **Qkr - App - See details below**
 2. **BPay** through your own home banking via the Internet.
 3. **Eftpos Minimum payment \$10**
 4. **Cheques**
 5. **Cash**

No money should be handed to Tutor Group Teachers

Note: BPay amounts are processed off School Fees only. If you wish the BPay amount to come off any other area, eg excursions, laptop etc. please telephone the Finance Office and confirm this arrangement

- ◆ **Payment of Excursions**
 1. **Qkr App— See details below**
 2. **Eftpos Minimum payment \$10**
 3. **Cheques**
 4. **Cash**



For your convenience, when paying for excursions the new Qkr! app is now live for families of our students. Qkr! by MasterCard can be downloaded for free from Apple's app store for iPhones, iPad users can also download the iPhone app or from Google Play for Android phones. Simply:

For more information about QKR visit our website
www.booragul.catholic.edu.au

Or please click on below link to the QKR video
[Hyperlink to QKR video](#)

<p>Step 1 Download Qkr! on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> </div>	<p>Step 2 Register Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register</p>	<p>Step 3 Find our school Scan the QR code or search for our school name. Our school will also appear in "Locations Nearby" if you are within 4kms of the school</p>	<p>Step 4 Register your children When first accessing your school menu, you will be prompted to register your child. This allows you to make school orders on their behalf.</p>
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- ◆ **Fee Agreements ARE NOW VOID** and new agreements for 2016 have to be made with the Principal. Please phone the office to make an appointment.
- ◆ **Health Care Cards and Pension Cards**
 If you (**the Fee Payer, not the child**) are in receipt of a health care or pension card, please bring it in and you **may** be entitled to a reduction in **tuition fees**.
- ◆ **Family Discount Information 2016**
 This form must be returned to receive the family discount for 2016.
- ◆ **Email address** for Finance Office is finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au

Excursions Coming Up

Please **pay for all excursions by the due date written on the excursion notes** which are sent home with your child. This date is important as excursion costing is calculated on the number of students who should be attending that particular event. Venues and buses have to be paid when the booking is first made. Your understanding of this would be very much appreciated.

Year	Subject	Date	Venue	Amount	Money Due
9	Welfare	7 April	School Hall	\$7.00	1 April
9&10	Information &	3 May	The University of Newcastle	\$25.00	26 April
12	English Standard	10 May (Term 2)	Giant Dwarf Theatre, Redfern	\$30.00	5 April

* Please let the School know if you change your email address.
 School Accounts are sent via email.

Mrs Betty Harris - Finance Officer
finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au

Targus TANC Laptop Bag

By absorbing shocks, bumps and drops, the TANC bag doesn't just prevent laptop, screen and other damages, it minimises the need for laptop repair.

Will suit 13.3in devices, and Dell Latitude E6430 model.

Now available from the school

- * **Cost: \$10, please pay at the Finance Office**

Enquiries to Mr Graham Hancock - Technology Support Officer



Clothing Pool

Clothing Pool

Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 8.30am - 9.30am

Location: E Block (near the basketball courts) – students & adults welcome

- * We can sell your near new items on Consignment (must be \$20 and over).
- * Please put a label/tag on **each** item with the **price, name, address and phone number** of the person who is to receive payment.
- * When the item is **sold**, a P&F cheque will be issued.
- * 10% commission applies for items less than 3 years old.
- * Items that are not sold within 3 years are then considered a donation to the school.
- * *Any items under \$20 are donations to the P&F Clothing Pool.*

Catering Uniforms

Available at reduced prices !

Senior Uniforms

Senior Blazers and Senior Girls skirts are now in stock at Verdun Hiles, Toronto.

Woollen Vests

Are available from the Resource Centre for \$48.00 each.

For further information please contact Kathleen Dyett at: kathleend@extrabuild.com.au

Blazers

There is a selection of **BRAND NEW BLAZERS** available from Clothing Pool .

Normally selling for \$150.00 - **Now only \$100.00.**

Please pay at the Finance Office.

Special

LARGE RANGE OF JUMPERS AND SPORTS UNIFORMS IN STOCK NOW



Senior Uniforms

Large range of boys and girls sizes.

Great condition!

Shirts, shorts, skirts, ties, blazers.

Cash or cheques only

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GRAB IT WHILE IT LASTS

Get ready for winter



TRACKSUITS

AVAILABLE IN STUDENT SERVICES

LIMITED SIZES AVAILABLE

GET IN QUICK

ALL ITEMS MUST GO

\$10 JACKETS

\$10 PANTS

SENIOR GIRLS WOOLLEN VESTS

AVAILABLE IN STUDENT SERVICES

LIMITED SIZES AVAILABLE

GET IN QUICK

ALL STOCK MUST GO

\$30



Canteen Roster

Monday 4 - Friday 8 April



Mon	Susan Noonan, April Baker, Narelle Baird
Tues	Amanda Holt, Janelle Haggerston
Wed	Joanne Bower, Pamela Amos
Thurs	Michelle Hall, Kylie Smith, Sharon Roberts
Fri	Leanne Maher, Michele Pippen

Canteen Supervisor: Carolyn Phone - 4946 3115
Canteen Hours: 9.00am to 2.30pm
 If you are unable to come on your day, please try to arrange a swap or contact Carolyn.

Please be aware that the events and dates listed on this school calendar are subject to change. Please check regularly.

Term 1 & 2 Key Dates 2016

Term 1 2016

Week 10	Thurs 31 March	Yr 12 Ext.2 Maths Excursion
Week 11	Mon 4 April	Yr 10 into 11 Information Evening
	Wed 6 April	Rugby League Selection Trials
	Thurs 7 April	Yr 9 Cyberia Incursion
	Fri 8 April	Last Day of Term 1

Term 2 2016

Week 1	Mon 25 April	Anzac Day
	Wed 27 April	Yr 9 Reflection Day
	Thurs 28 April	Yr 7 Vaccinations DIO Touch
	Fri 29 April	CCC Swimming
Week 2	Tues 3 May	Yr 9 IST Excursion
	Thur 5 May	DIO Cross Country
Week 3	Tues 10 May	Naplan Yr 11 Marine Excursion Yr 12 Standard English Excursion
	Wed 11 May	Naplan Yr 8 Zoo Excursion
	Thurs 12 May	Naplan



There is a phone available at the Office for student use, but it is for

Emergency Use Only

Cost for a call is 20c.

For calls in case of **sickness**, the Office Staff will ring home.

When leaving school early

If students are leaving school early **they must bring a note from the parent/guardian** to leave class early.

The note should be shown to the class teacher to be dismissed from the class.

The student must then go the Front Office, hand in the note and swipe out.

Absence Notes for students must include the student's full name and tutor group. Notes must be dated, signed by a parent/guardian and the date/s of absence must also be stated. This is a legal requirement.



Panadol

Panadol is **not available** from the Office. If you think your child may need any - students may bring their own and keep in their bag.



AUROZA

Reminder:

Aurora - the magazine of the Maitland-Newcastle

Look out for it on the first Wednesday of every month.

Please beware of speed limit when using the school driveway.

Also, when buses are arriving/departing, please drop off / pick up students outside the front gate.



Awaba Public School 125 year celebration

SUNDAY MAY 1ST

TIME – FROM 10:30AM

MULBRING STREET AWABA

This beautiful little country school will celebrate an amazing

125 years

of quality public education. We're throwing a party and inviting everyone to come!

Current and past students, parents, staff and anyone who has been associated with the school at some point in its **125 year** history are encouraged to come and mingle to share your memories of the school as well as seeing how it's progressed into the 21st century.

Attractions on the day:

Animal nursery

Jumping castle

and loads more



or bring a



Let's celebrate **125 years** of Awaba Public School



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Our Autumn Kids' Camps are now open for enrolments via our website. Here, you will find what's on offer for the autumn school holidays.

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5-7 years: \$60 plus Auskick pack



U/9's, U/11's, U/13's, U/15's, U/17's
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Brad: 0402 494 737 or Simone: 0452 433 353

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