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

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope that the two week break was a restful and blissful time for you to spend with your children without the pressures of school and the like.

This term is a very busy one for all at St Paul's. We have excursions for most years including the first instalment of the famed Bridges excursion for Year 7 and the popular Zoo excursion for Year 8.

We have NAPLAN in week 3, Dio Sounds in week 6, a huge variety of representative sporting events and the usual spread of assessments and reporting periods. In week 3 we host the first of our Parent Teacher interviews, this one being for Year 12 who will receive their mid-course reports this week.

One event that I would like to flag is a **Pupil Free Day** that will be on **Monday 16th of May – Week 4**. On this day we have engaged Jason Pascoe from Growth Coaching International to lead us in some very important staff development. As part of the new program of Professional Practice and Development that all teachers in the Maitland Newcastle Diocese are engaged in, we have asked Jason to work with us to help develop best practice in this domain. Some of the areas that he will be looking at include professional goal setting, observations techniques and delivering professional feedback. As you can see, this will be a wonderful opportunity for our staff to engage with an organisation that is well regarded through Australia and the Asia Pacific in delivering quality training and professional development.



Last Monday, St Paul's had 15 students represent us at 3 ANZAC ceremonies. We were present at the Speers Point Dawn Service, the Teralba Morning Service and the main march at Toronto. It was wonderful to see representatives from the junior school join with our school captains, **Tyler, Deleasha, Erin and Christian**. Please see above photos. On Tuesday we commemorated ANZAC Day as a school community and we reflected on the 100 year anniversary of the little known Battle of Fromelles. This was the Australian's first engagement on the Western Front after they had been transferred from the Gallipoli Peninsula. Fromelles is a lovely little village close to the Belgian border in Northern France. In 2009, some 200 bodies were discovered in an unmarked grave site on the edge of the town. This came after an extensive investigation lead by a retired art teacher from Melbourne called

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Lambis Anglezoz. Today, these soldiers have been reburied in a new cemetery over the road from the beautiful old village church. DNA searches have revealed many of their identities. A new museum has just opened and the local primary school is called "Cobbers School" in recognition of the sacrifice of Australian service men and women during World War One. Fromelles is fast becoming one of the wonderful pilgrimage sites for young Australians in the same way as Gallipoli, Long Tan and Kokoda.

I wish you all a wonderful and a successful term.

Go Gently.....

Mr Graeme Selmes

Principal

From the Assistant Principal - Curriculum

YEAR 12 AWARD CEREMONY AND PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Our Year 12 Semester Awards and Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews will occur on Monday May 9. We hope that parents and students will seize this opportunity to celebrate student achievements with us, as well as capitalising on the chance to converse with teachers about the development of some clear goals for the months ahead.

2016 HSC EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

The 2016 HSC written examination timetable was released on Wednesday 27 April. Year 12 students can view their personal timetable via their [Students Online](#) account, so they are encouraged to log in to check their personal details. The overall HSC timetable is also available on the BOSTES website.

UPCOMING ASSESSMENTS - NAPLAN

Week 3 sees our Years 7 and 9 students undertaking the NAPLAN assessments. These assessments are designed to highlight the strengths and weaknesses of our students, and assist the staff at St. Paul's in targeting specific programmes to further develop our students' skills. In terms of preparation for these assessments, there will be some work done in classes to ensure that students are familiar with the style of these assessments. However, as the assessments are intended to provide a 'snapshot' of our students' current skills, there is limited need for specific preparation beyond this. A letter providing specific details about the examinations has been sent to all families involved.

Year 11 Exam Block

The staff at St. Paul's has made a conscious decision this year to try to ensure more face-to-face learning time. As a result we have reviewed our approach to formal assessment blocks. While it has been agreed that assessing students in formal examination situations certainly serves a useful purpose, it has been decided to try to minimise the impact that such occasions have on our classes. For Year 11, this restructure will see just one week of exams this semester, accompanied by a number of other assessment tasks. This examination block will occur in Week 5 (commencing on Monday May 23 and concluding on Friday May 27). Preparation for these assessments is hopefully well underway for Year 11 students.

Years 7-10 Assessments

In keeping with our restructure, Years 7-10 will not be having an official exam week this semester (it will be retained for Semester 2). This approach will allow us to use a number of different task types (including shorter written exams) and spread them out over a number of weeks rather than having them all compressed in the one week. Students will be receiving information about the various assessments over the next few weeks, so it is vitally important that they begin to plan the use of their time wisely.

Mr Greg Ptolemy

Assistant Principal - Curriculum



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

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

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



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>	<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**.
- ◆ **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	Cost	Money Due
8	Geography	11 May	Taronga Zoo	\$40.00	4 May
7	Technology TEM01, TEM03, TEM06, TEM07	23 May	Sydney Harbour Bridge Excursion	\$60.00	9 May
8	Science (Class 8SCIST only)	24 May	The University of Newcastle	\$14.00	8 May

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

Year 7 Peer Support



On Monday 2 May, 180 Year 7 students and 54 Year 10 students came together to participate in a Peer Support Session.

This session was the third one to be held this year. Taking one period out of the day, students participate in activities together, learning how to listen, participate and have fun.

At the end of 2015, 60 Year 9 students underwent a training program to learn how to be leaders in the Peer Support program. The benefits of this training include: the practising of leadership skills, developing confidence in leading a group, acting as a positive role model and developing organisational and time management skills.

Now in 2016, the leaders are in Year 10 and are putting their skills into practice by helping Year 7 students integrate successfully and happily into the High School environment. The Year 7 students are benefiting by: learning life skills through fun and safe activities, forming positive relationships with their own cohort, plus their Year 10 peers, practising cooperation and collaboration and building confidence to actively participate.

St Paul's Booragul is fortunate to have so many willing and engaged students who are willing to serve the school, lead by example and benefit other students.

Congratulations to our leaders and our listeners who are making this Peer Support Program a success in 2016.

Mrs Libby Lucas
Support Student Coordinator

Year 8 News

Welcome to Term 2, and congratulations on surviving Term 1.

This Term sees most subjects participating in Mid-Course exams during weeks 6 and 7 (end of May/beginning of June), an Excursion to the Zoo (11 May) and a Pupil free day (16 May).

Last Newsletter (middle of March), I discussed some hints and tips about how to assist your child with daily homework. **Preparation for the upcoming Exams** should now be included in the homework routine since Week 6 is only 4 weeks away. Organisation and preparation as part of a routine are crucial in having your child settled for the Exams. It gives them then a chance to show off their knowledge and interest.

Preparation for Exams can include reading over class notes and then summarising them into their own words so that it makes more sense to them; asking questions of the teacher when in doubt of a concept being taught and focussing on the lesson being taught.

We wish **Nicholas Curran** well on his trip to Japan. Nicholas is part of the NSW Rep team to compete in the U14 International Football Tournament.

Congratulations to **Hannah Finley** and **Tayla Conway** on their fine results at their Eisteddfods over the break.

Congratulations to the following students on receiving Awards:

Merit Certificates: **Lauren Bartlett, Georgie Bennett, Kyle Cramery, Coby Howland, Anastasja Seiton, Gareth Baynham, Ashlyn Brady, Evie Marshall, Jade Harding, Daniel Korsman, Bailey Thomas, Sarah Jenkins, Ashten Mason, Wil Negline, Lucca Payne, Ellie Winter, Zoe Ashmore, Hannah Finley, Lochlin Harkins, Rhys Whipper, Kira Coulter, Elizabeth Knorre, Riley Nicholls, Izabel Body, Nicholas Curran, Tom Palmer, Kyle Ryan, Logan Trick, Sophia Wills.**

School Commendations: **Coby Howland, Ella Cook, Maxwell McDonald, Wil Negline, Ethan Swanson, Zac Conaghan, William Gralton, Nicholas Curran, Tom Palmer, Logan Trick, Sophia Wills.**

Mrs Cayte Pryor
Student Coordinatoer



Ministry News

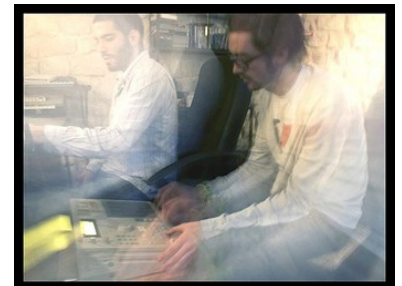


Year 9 Reflection Day

Thank you to the Year 9 students for their enthusiastic participation in the Reflection Day last week. The presenter Chris Doyle commented that the Year 9 students were a "great group", and I am sure the students all gained some new insights from the day. Thank you also to the Tutor Group teachers and Ms Knott and Ms Brownlee for all their help.

'Ministry and Production Crew'

This term the school will welcome a new student group which is currently titled the 'Ministry and Production Crew' (MPC). Membership of the group will be voluntary and open to students from Year 7 to Year 12. The aim of the group is to give students an opportunity to organise and help lead school based liturgies and our feast day, 'Saint Paul's Day' and to help others through practical or fundraising initiatives. Interested students will be asked to return a permission note, and the group's first meeting will be this Thursday.



Mr Michael Doyle
Ministry Coordinator

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Year 8 Poetry Slam

To wind up our Unit on Social Media last term, and as an introduction into Term Two's poetry unit, 8 English 1 conducted a 'Poetry Slam'. This involved the students composing their own poems and then performing a dramatic enactment of their piece.

The Poetry Slam was a big success with the students enjoying the process of composition and performing. Below is a sample of Sarah Jenkins' powerful piece. Sarah scored top marks for her sensitive and intuitive writing style and for her engaging performance. Stay tuned for more poems next week!

Mrs Nicole Burns
English Teacher

Cyberbullying Hurts – by Sarah Jenkins

*You should know, Cyber-bullying hurts,
It starts with one comment, one comment you blurt
Fat, ugly, worthless, these are all words you've made them hear
Did you know that you've made yourself their biggest fear?
Day by day, night by night you torment them
Forcing them to try and fix their heart, a broken gem
All they want is to finally mend
But you make them want their lives to end
Every time they read what you've said
They wake up, mind reeling with dread
Wanting to completely forget
All of the pain and regret
That the words you say
Makes them want to fade away
This is when enough is enough
They are sick of playing strong, sick of playing tough
They are going to break free from your sick prison
They are going to be finally risen
Of course, your words still offend
But, they have been pieced back together again
A bully like you was never wanted but wanted to leave
The people you've bullied now have no reason to grieve
Your work is now done, not that it should of started
Now who is the one feeling broken hearted?
You thought Cyber bullying gave you power, but you were really a coward behind a screen
Thinking that your comments would have never been seen
But you can't help but wonder "what if" that never ending question what if?
What if your victims weren't that strong?
What if they were crumpled all along?
What you didn't think of, is what could've been
What if you forced them to pull a razor to their skin?
What if you pushed them too far?
What if they wrote all of the secrets that they had to spill
before taking an overdose of pills?
You don't realise what your actions could've done
You were doing it all for fun
But bully, it is now your time to leave so say your goodbyes
You will no longer make them want to die
And remember that your words hurt so much more than a single punch
As you watch your crown go crunch
Because you are no longer they're ruler, their King
And you now have no power to make their lives, minds and your words sting
Because cyber bully, you now no longer have your victims on a chain
You are now the one who feels their pain.*

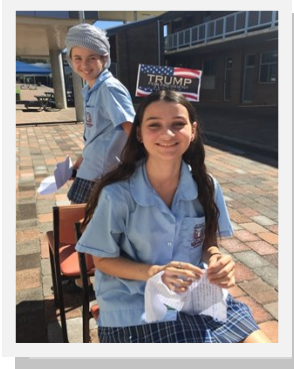


Year 9 English

Dramatic Interpretation – ‘The Montagues versus the Capulets’

Late last term, to finish off our unit on Shakespeare, 9 English 1 and 9 English 2 participated in a project which required them to rewrite the famous ‘balcony scene’ from ‘Romeo and Juliet’. The students were asked to write a modern day adaptation of this scene by placing two ‘start crossed lovers’ into a contemporary context.

The students embraced the project with enthusiasm and presented some very entertaining and imaginative interpretations, with references to Donald Trump, bogans, Master Chef and Hogwarts. The performances were staged in our new amphitheatre and we look forward to using this great space for more dramatic exercises!



*Mrs Nicole Burns and Mrs Sophie Stanley
English Teachers*

TAS News

BRIDGES EXCURSION.

In Year 7 there are several classes studying a “Bridges” unit as part of Technology. As an extension to this work on bridge design and construction an excursion has been organised to observe several bridges on the way to and in Sydney. Before leaving Sydney we will conclude our observations with a visit to Luna Park.

Date: Monday 23rd May 2016

Technology Classes: TEM01, TEM03, TEM06, TEM07

Departure Time: 7:00 am from St Paul’s - 7:30 am from Morisset

Return Time: 5:00 pm at Morisset - 5:30 pm at St Paul’s

Cost: \$60 includes transport and unlimited rides at Luna Park.

Payment: Full payment to be made at the finance office by **Mon 9th May 2016**.

Dress Requirements: Full Sports Uniform, cap/hat and sunscreen, as much of the day is outdoors.

All students will need to bring their own food for morning tea. We will be stopping at a park in Sydney, but there are no facilities to buy food until after 1:00 pm at Luna Park. Please bring along wet weather gear if rain is forecast.

Students are to bring a pen and food and drink for the day. Collection point at Morisset is the bus terminal at the train station. Please be on time as the bus cannot wait.

Please complete the reverse side of the permission note, which include the emergency contact details in the event of an accident/injury if it be necessary for your child to have medical treatment while participating in this excursion/activity.

I am looking forward to the day as it is a great opportunity for students to obtain a greater understanding of the unit and participate in some fun activities as a group.

Parents: please ensure that the emergency contact details are completed.

Students are not able to be taken on an excursion without this section being completed.

The remaining class will go on the excursion in Term 3.



**Mr Mark Redman
TAS Coordinator**

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Creative Arts & Languages Newsletter Week 2 Term 2 2016

Welcome back for another term and we hope to see many of you in attendance at our performances and evenings this term! We have a number of events coming up including the Diosounds Concert in Week 6, Year 11 Drama Evening and several smaller excursions across all subjects. Year 7 students will be attending Diosounds in June and notes will be going home this week some time to ALL Year 7 students (regardless of whether they are currently studying Music or not). This is a great day out for all our Year 7 Creative Arts students and we encourage everyone to be in attendance on this day THURSDAY 2nd JUNE.

Firstly, I would like to welcome **Mr Luke Carroll**, an intern from Newcastle University, who will be working with me in the area of Drama. We wish him well for his practicum and it will be great to have him as part of our faculty!

Last term I had the pleasure of working through assessment tasks with all of the Drama classes in the school and they were of exceptional quality. Congratulations to Year 12 for their wonderful black comedy pieces, to Year 11 for their provocative playbuilding works, to Year 10 for their Creative Movement and Physical theatre performances and to Year 9 who made their stage debut in performing monologues. All students were well prepared, worked hard during the rehearsal period and delivered engaging and entertaining performances. I commend them for their care of each other during the performance days as these can often be stressful. The care of each other was the highlight of the week for me and I am very proud of their great effort in this area.



Yr 10 Drama in "Secrets"



Yr 10 Drama performing "Beautiful Noise"



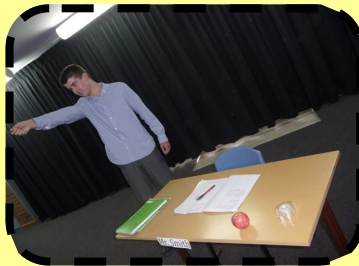
Yr 9 Drama preparing for their first performance in Drama!



Yr 10 Drama in "9 to 5"



Alysha Toomey as the crazy pyromaniac in COSI!



Tom (9) tries his hand at "teaching"!



Tom Morphett (Paidric) and Rachael Probert (Mairead) as Irish terrorists in our Black Comedy task Yr 12



Grace Kibble & Abbey Weimer (Donny & Davey) contemplating the death of Wee Thomas! Yr 12

In other news, congratulations to **Year 8 Visual Arts students** for their amazing Pop Art portraits. These have brought many smiles to the faces of the staff who have had a chance to see these works and these will form part of our exhibitions later this year in August. A big thank you to the teachers involved in enabling the students to achieve so well in these works!

Finally, it is with sadness that we say farewell to **Mrs Cate Thompson** this week who is retiring from teaching this Friday. Cate has been a wonderful member of our faculty for many years, devoted to the students in her care, committed to the fostering of Japanese as a language and to the continuation of the Japanese Exchange Program here at school. Her organisational skills, her love of Japanese culture and her ability to foster this in others, is evident in all that she does in her language classroom. Cate has also been a pioneer of the recycling program here at St Paul's as well as a passionate teacher of a number of subjects beyond the language classroom. We wish her well for her retirement... may there be many travels, grand parenting days and lots of time to breathe ... deeply. We wish you our love, Cate, and thank you for the gift of yourself over so many years here at St Paul's. Farewell and may you enjoy your new found time!

Mrs Cathy O'Gorman
Creative Arts, LOTE Coordinator

Sport Update

TERM 2 EVENTS: Students are encouraged to check the sports notice board at school (for those in Year 7 this notice board is located outside the staffroom).

Please check the NSW CCC website for any sport they are interested in – www.csss.nsw.edu.au

Students are required to register online at this website for possible representative selections in their nominated sport. Some NSW CCC dates can change so please check the website. Please see Miss Ellis if you have any questions.

Upcoming Sports Dates—School and Diocesan Events

3rd May – Girls Bill Turner Competition

5th May – Diocesan Cross Country Score

6th May – Boys Bill Turner Competition

26th May – Diocesan Tennis

15th June – Diocesan Football Knockout Gala Day – Boys and Girls

30th June – Diocesan Basketball

Diocesan and CCC Swimming

On the 15th March this year we took a team of 33 students to compete in the Diocesan Swimming Championships at Lambton pool.

Our students performed well on the day and showed excellent sportsmanship and pride in themselves and our school.

We had numerous outstanding results and the following students will receive certificates from the Catholic Schools Sports Association.

Angelina Joyce: 1st place in 12yrs 50m Freestyle, 1st place in 12yrs 50m Butterfly, 1st place in 12yrs 50m Breaststroke and 1st place in 12yrs 100m Freestyle.

Ruby Adams: 3rd place in 12yrs 50m Butterfly

Conor Reilly: 1st place in 12yrs 50m Freestyle, 1st in 12yrs 50m Breaststroke, 1st place in 12yrs 50m Backstroke, 1st in 12yrs 50m Butterfly and 1st in 12yrs 100m Freestyle.

Christine Connell: 1st place in 13yrs 50m Freestyle, 1st place in 13yrs 100m Freestyle, 1st place in 13yrs 50m Breaststroke, 1st in 13yrs 50m Butterfly and 2nd place in 13yrs 50m Backstroke.

Macy Taape: 3rd place in 13yrs 50m Butterfly

Brielle Taape: 2nd place in 14yrs 50m Backstroke, 3rd place in 14yrs 50m Freestyle and 3rd place in 14yrs 50m Butterfly.

Sarah Gardner: 3rd place in 16yrs 50m Butterfly

Connor Morgan: 2nd place in 17yrs+ 50m Breaststroke, 3rd in the 17yrs+ 50m Backstroke and 3rd in 17yrs+ 50m Freestyle.

Our Junior Girls relay team consisting of **Christine Connell**, **Angelina Joyce**, **Macy Taape** and **Brielle Taape** also went on to take out 2nd place in the 200m Freestyle Relay.

Christine Connell set two new Diocesan Swimming records. In the 13yrs 50m Freestyle a new time of 28:57sec was recorded and in the Junior Girls 100m Freestyle, and new record of 1:03:97sec was set.

To round out a fantastic performance by our swimmer, **Conor Reilly** was named 2016, 12 Years Boys Aged Champion and **Angelina Joyce** was named 2016, 12 Years Girls Age Champion.

Congratulations to all the students who competed at the Diocesan Swimming carnival and well done to those who achieved not only a place and a certificate, but to those of you who swam their best and tried their hardest.

From the Diocesan swimming carnival, five students went on to compete at the CCC Swimming Championships last Friday 29th April 2016.

The following students travelled to Sydney with their families to compete at the CCC Swimming Championships at Homebush.

Christine Connell, Angelina Joyce, Conor Reilly, Brielle Taape and Macy Taape.

Congratulations to the above students for competing.

Christine Connell achieved Silver in the 13yrs 50m Freestyle, Silver in the 50m Butterfly and a Bronze in 100m Freestyle. Christine has progressed to compete this Friday at NSW All Schools Swimming Championships. Good luck Christine!

Angelina, Brielle, Macy and **Conor**, achieved some excellent personal results and should be very proud.



Christine Connell NSWCC

Cross Country

This week 5th May we have a team of 50 students travelling to Scone to compete in the Diocesan Cross Country Championships. We wish them the best of luck and thank Mr Moroney, Miss Walker, Miss Knott and Miss Asquith for accompanying them on their early morning trip. Good Luck, we know you'll try your best.

Bill Turner Soccer Teams

Good luck to our Boys and Girls Bill Turner Soccer Teams who compete this week in the Lake Macquarie Bill Turner knockout competition.

Sporting Achievements Updates

We would like to congratulate the following students for outstanding efforts and achievements in their chosen sports.

Lydia Philpott - has been selected to umpire netball at the Hunter Academy of Sport Games. After being assessed by a Netball NSW umpire panel Lydia was accredited with a national 'C Badge.' She was one of only 2 Hunter umpires to be selected to umpire at the Academy Games in April and also at the NIB Games in July. Well done Lydia.

At the end of March, **Matthew Gilmour, Flynn Guest** and **Callum Stalling** were selected in the U13 Newcastle Representative Cricket Team for the 2016/2017 season. Well done boys.

Connor Morgan: after recently competing in the Australian Country Championships late March 2016 in the NSW Water Polo Team, he has been chosen to represent Australia in the Open Men's Country Water Polo Team to compete in the Princess Chulabhorn Cup tournament in Bangkok in November 2016. This is Connor's first Australian squad selection. Well done Connor.

Christian Brymora has been selected in the extended list for U20 Socceroo's.

Layne Morgan has been selected to play in the Open Girls CCC Touch Football team.

Miss Darlene Ellis
Acting Sport Coordinator

Shark Diving

Broughton Island

Following another successful Open Water Dive Course run by Let's Go Adventures at Nelson Bay, a number of our Year 12 students (**Judith Leslie, Laura Miller, Kyle Newell, Zac Thomas, Isaac Callaghan, James Martin & Lachlan Crabbe**) enjoyed their Boat Dive day at Broughton Island in the April holidays. The day saw little swell for the trip out from Port Stephens, but a bouncy ride back after the southerly kicked in. The two dives in the gutters off North Rock revealed more than a dozen Grey Nurse sharks up to 3.5m in length and the odd blue Groper. Visibility was great and while the water temp was a little cool, it was an exciting experience for all. Thanks go to Natalie, Andy and Simon from Let's Go Adventures for their professional care with the students.

Please see youtube movie made by Lachlan Crabbe about the shark diving day <https://youtu.be/FXz4atPMBS8>



Mr Mark Newell
Studies Coordinator

Vietnam Immersion

St Paul's Vietnam Immersion September / October 2016

The final meeting for Term 1 was held for the 28 students who are participating in this adventure challenge. The accompanying teachers were introduced to students and their roles were defined. Ms Adams, Mrs Pateman, and Mr Thomas are the three teachers who will assist Mr Wilson. Each person has a particular skill / ability that will be useful during our travels.

All of the initial paperwork and financial deposits have been forwarded to our travel company. Final payment (the balance being \$3550) will not be required until Term 3 Week 3. Should parents wish to make partial payments they may do so, but please be sure that the Finance Officer knows that the payment is for Vietnam rather than school fees. There will be a parent-student-teacher meeting early Term 3 to discuss questions concerning medical preparation, insurance, gear required, spending money and denomination, community projects, the Long Tan commemoration, travel to and from airport, gratuities expected etc. The Visa application for each student and a passport that has 6 months validity will be required by Mr Wilson around Term 3 Week 5 so that these can be forwarded to our travel company. Securing Visas usually takes around 4 days.

At our meeting students decided room allocations and partners, confirmed shirt sizes for the travel shirt that is being designed by Ms Adams, Mrs Pateman and students, and agreed to some minor fund raising for charity projects in Term 2 (such as cake stalls). Teachers and students also discussed gifts of sensory awareness toys for the orphanage we visit, and leather soccer balls for the kindergarten we are likely to visit.

There is little required by way of preparation during Term 2, but if parents or students have questions or concerns please direct them to Mr Steven Thomas who has travelled throughout Vietnam before with a group of students, as I will be on long service leave for 8 weeks of Term 2. Those students who indicated that they are not strong cyclists ... please practise until you are feeling very confident ... you'll need to be!

Mr Ross Wilson
Organising Teacher



Keeping Faith through Difficult Times

Tinah Deluca-Tohi is a mother of eleven children.

She knows how hard it is to "keep the faith" during difficult times. Three years ago she was told her son had an incurable brain disease and for the following eighteen months watched his slow decline.

Tinah has been called to share her journey. Her story will inspire you and touch your hearts.

Please join us for this very special evening.

WHEN: *Wednesday, 11th May*

WHERE: *Victor Peters Suite -Adjacent to Sacred Heart Cathedral, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle*

TIME: *6.30pm*

RSVP: *Cath Garrett-Jones - 4979 1303*

Delicious supper provided.

Donations gratefully accepted at the door for charity.



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As part of the senior Studies of Religion Syllabus, as well as Stage 5 Religious Studies, students undertake a study of the powerful role interfaith dialogue has in a multi-cultural and multi-faith society such as ours. This is a rare opportunity for parents and students of St Pauls to be part of a forum to discuss and raise questions to a panel of Religious Leaders including our Bishop Bill Wright of the Maitland/Newcastle Diocese on the topic of religious and personal peace. Please see the flyer below for further detail and all are welcome!

Mrs Sheridan Foye
Religious Studies Coordinator



Interfaith Dialogue

Tuesday 31 May - 6.30pm to 9.00pm
Light supper included

BISHOP TYRRELL ANGLICAN COLLEGE
256 MINMI ROAD, FLETCHER

An opportunity to join together with our Muslim and Christian communities to explore the true sense of what peace means to our religions. Each of us can learn and appreciate what we have in common and our love for our God.

Bishop Bill Wright (Catholic), Bishop Greg Thompson (Anglican), Sheikh Mohamed Khamis (Imam: Newcastle Mosque), Farooq Ahmed (Newcastle Muslim Association), and Shaikh Muhammed Thalal (Mayfield Mosque) will form a panel for a Q&A dialogue.

If you would like to present a question to the panel, please email your question to Alyson Segrott email alyson.segrott@mn.catholic.org.au by 22nd May.

This years topic will be on "Peace", we would like to explore what this means to us personally and religiously.

Questions on other topics can be submitted also.

To RSVP or for further details please contact Brooke Robinson at the Diocesan Chancery Offices on 4979 1111 or email events@mn.catholic.org.au.



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Career Thought of the Week:

“ Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing it was here first.”



Careers in the Australian Defence Forces

Mark Twain

Last week we commemorated ANZAC Day and recognising the men and women who fought in all wars and served our country.

The Australian Defence Force offers young people a 'lifestyle' career that's quite different to all other civilian type jobs.

Australia is investing around \$100 billion dollars over the next 30 years upgrading and building new ships for the Navy. \$40 billion on new surface warships and \$50 billion on submarines.

These ships require talented young Australian's to build, operate and manage sophisticated software and technology systems. The training provided is first class and provides personnel with a career path post ADF service. This issue we explore careers in the ADF.

Defence Force Jobs

<http://www.defencejobs.gov.au> is a great site for students to explore.

The ADF provides a huge range of jobs across all sectors such as Business, Administration, Education, Combat, Security, Communications, IT, Intelligence, Engineering, Healthcare, Science, Logistics, Hospitality, Trades, Technicians, Support Services, Management and Officer Training.

The ADF employs 57,000 permanent service men and women with a further 23,000 part timers on active reserve. Of the 80,000 employees Army employs 43,000 with Navy and Air Force around 19,000 each.

A good place to start if students aren't sure which service or job they are best suited to is [Job Finder](#) an interactive tool that will match jobs.

Some jobs require you to be a certain age, or have certain qualifications. By providing information about yourself, the ADF can show you jobs that are more relevant to you, your interests and your qualifications.

Defence Recruitment Centre

Individual training of Australian servicemen and women is generally provided by the services in their own training institutions. Each service has its own training organisation to manage this individual training. Are students eligible for the ADF, find all the answers here [Click view](#)

Download ADF Resources and Information

Here you can download information about career opportunities across the Navy, Army and Air Force, joining instructions and the recruitment process, the forms you'll need, tests and interviews, education and training, fitness and much more. [Click to view and download.](#)

Newcastle Careers Expo 19th May 2016 : Coming Soon

More information FOR THIS EVENT in the coming weeks!!!!

Please note this is a Yr. 12 event.



Girl's Talk
.....Just for the Girls.....

Thursday 16 June
5.30pm – 7.30pm
Engineers Australia
122 Parry St
NEWCASTLE WEST




Girls can do anything...

Not sure what you want to do but enjoy maths, science and engineering?



Don't let the boys get all the good jobs - girls can do anything from designing NASA space suits, to recycling rubber tyres and running huge corporations.

Hear a panel of female engineers share information on what their day to day engineering life entails, where their career has taken them and what inspired them to choose engineering as a profession.

Scan the QR codes to see why women are great as engineers!

This presentation is open to female students from years 9-12 who are interested in a career in engineering, maths or science.



Bring along your parents or Maths & Science teachers as we will have representatives from the University of Newcastle and the Hunter Institute of TAFE available to provide course information.

FREE to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) or visit our website www.engineersaustralia.org.au/newcastle-division.

You're invited.....

Thursday 16th June
5.30 – 7.30pm

Girls in Engineering

Engineers Australia is hosting a free information evening, 'Girls Talk.....just for the Girls' on **Thursday 16 June 2016** in the Auditorium of Engineers Australia, 122 Parry St, Newcastle West from 5.30-7.30pm.

The evening is aimed at female secondary school students from years 8-12 interested in an a career involving maths & science. Engineering fits the bill perfectly!! Our guest speakers will give informative presentations including what it's like to be an engineer, what they do and how they got started. Representatives from the University of Newcastle and Hunter Institute of TAFE will be available to provide course information.

Further details of this **FREE** event are included on the attached flyer. For catering purposes, registration is essential.

Work Ready Day 2016 ????

It has been decided that Work Ready Day will not be run over one full day this year, but delivered over a 4 week Period within existing Careers Classes for Yr.10. This will mean that nobody in Year 10 will miss out on being Work Ready this year. Also it means it can be delivered in a more meaningful context with minimal disruptions to normal lessons. The course will cover the following:

- What Employers are looking for?
- That Job Interview
- OHS in the Workplace
- Employer Expectations
- Harassment in the Workplace

This day is essentially for Yr. 10 students who may be interested in work experience this year OR for students thinking of choosing a VET subject in Yr. 11- 2016.

The Work Ready Program also enables insurance cover to be validated.



Important Dates for Term 2

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

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

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* **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

All uniform items are available at Lowes Glendale and Verdun Hiles, Toronto.

Blazers

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

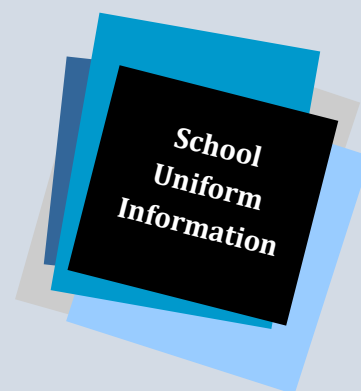
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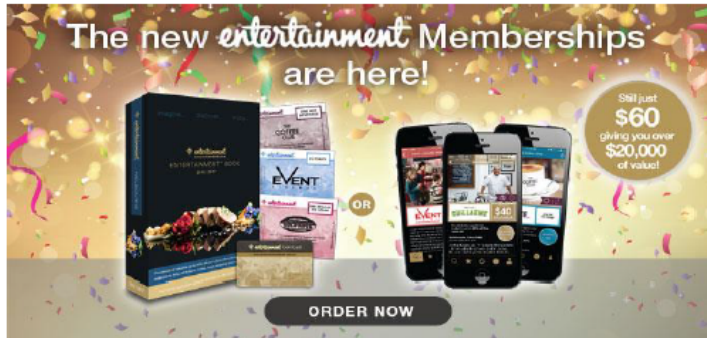
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Canteen Roster

Monday 9 - Friday 13 May



Mon	Melissa Dobosz, Kristy Baker, Sharyn Kiely, Melanie Parker
Tues	Emma Boslem, Lisa Katon
Wed	Linda Gesell, Nannette Preston, Kim Harding
Thurs	Paula Douglas, Sandra Shaw
Fri	Megan McInnes

Monday 16 - Friday 20 May

Mon	Pupil Free Day
Tues	Mark Simpson, Susen White, Sharne Johnson
Wed	Jodie Riggs, Candance Way, Sara Ashmore
Thurs	Rhonda Bull, Nicole Miller, Lisa Kelly
Fri	Tania Egan, Mary Norris, Kylie Powell, Caroline Hickey

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 2 2016

Week 2	Thu 5 May Fri 6 May	DIO Cross Country Bill Turner Cup U16 Boys All Schools Swimming
Week 3	Mon 9 May Tue 10-11 May Wed 11 May	Yr 12 Semester Awards Yr 12 Parent Teacher Interviews Naplan Yr 11 Marine Excursion Yr 12 Standard English Excursion Yr 8 Zoo Excursion
Week 4	Mon 16 May Thu 19 May Fri 20 May	PUPIL FREE DAY CCC Hockey Yr 12 Careers Expo CCC Hockey CCC Rugby League
Week 5	Mon 23 May 23-27 May Wed 25 May Thu 26 May	Yr 7 Bridges Excursion Yr 11 Exams U13 & U/15 Knights KO League Dio Tennis
Week 6	Tue 31 May Wed 1 June Thu 2 June Fri 3 June	ICAS Test—Science Yr 9 Geography Exc—Community DIO Sounds DIO Sounds Yr 7—Matinee Yr 12 Society & Culture Excursion
Week 7	Mon 6 June Wed 8 June Thu 9 June	All Schools Basketball U14 & U16 Knights KO League Year 9 Mass Yr 12 Chemistry Excursion
Week 8	Mon 13 June Tue 14 June Wed 15 June Thu 16 June Fri 17 June	PUBLIC HOLIDAY Yr 10 into Yr 11 Curriculum Evening DIO Football KO Gala Day Yr 11 Production Evening Yr 10 Commerce Excursion Yr 8 Verbal Combat CCC Football
Week 9	Mon 20 June 20 Jun-1Jul Thu 23 June	CCC Basketball Open Yr 12 Trial HSC Exams DIO Senior Debating Day
Week 10	Mon 27 June Wed 29 June Thu 30 June Fri 1 Jul	Trial HSC Exams Continue Yr 11 Semester Awards Yr 11 Parent Teacher Interviews Yr 11 Wired DIO Basketball Yr 7 Hurting Game Saint Pauls Day

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.



Trivia Night Fundraiser

May 13 2016

\$10 Tickets

@ St James School Hall, Kotara

To raise money for Pure Flame Life Teen

~ Prizes

~ Games

7pm registration

7.30pm start

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Gail Hallinan, Former Assistant Principal now Education Consultant and Dyslexia Specialist who's now a Guest University Lecturer, Teacher Trainer and dyslexia assessor. (Maitland & Newcastle)

Tom Mullally, Dyslexia sufferer now turned entrepreneur in the social media marketing space was at the age of 7 told by his teacher that he would never amount to anything.



FREE 90 minute Seminar:

Dyslexia is a disorder that involves difficulty in learning to read or interpret words, letters and other symbols. Many people go un-diagnosed and struggle through school and later life. Recent studies show that up to 15% of the population are affected by it.

This Dyslexia Seminar will be 90 minutes of tips, insight and practical knowledge about what dyslexia is and how you can go about remediation.

Learn How...

You can finally break free from the cycle of reading failure and learn how to help your child read.

Learn why it is that dyslexia occurs. Understand what's happening in the classroom and how to accelerate your child's reading quicker than you thought possible – all at an affordable price, in the comfort of your own home at a time that works with the family commitments.

You will see that small adjustments can make big changes to your child's learning and you'll gain powerful insight on how to support your child to ensure their promising future.

Details:

Maitland:	May 16th	1pm	Maitland Leagues
Newcastle:	May 16th	7pm	Charlestown Bowling Club
Dungog:	May 17th	1pm	Dungog RSL
Singleton:	May 17th	7pm	Club Singleton
Scone:	May 18th	1pm	Scone RSL
Muswellbrook:	May 18th	7pm	Muswellbrook RSL
Dunedoo:	May 19th	1pm	Hotel Dunedoo
Dubbo:	May 19th	7pm	Club Dubbo
Trangie:	May 20th	1pm	Imperial Hotel
Narromine:	May 20th	7pm	Narromine USMC
Wellington:	May 21st	1pm	Wellington SMC
Mudgee:	May 21st	7pm	Mudgee Golf Club

Register Online at
www.dyslexia.com.au/register
or call (02) 9436 3766

Is my child's behaviour normal?

How do I talk to my child about the changes in our family?



Seasons for Growth® Parent Program: Supporting your child following separation and divorce

This short program offers parents the opportunity to explore ideas and strategies that might assist in supporting their child/ren through the changes happening in their family. Discussions will include:

How parents can help their child

Children's reactions to change and loss and how they cope

Communicating with your child

The Seasons for Growth® approach to understanding and managing change, loss and grief

Caring for yourself - how this helps in providing positive parenting

The conversations will focus on what the experience of separation and divorce is like **from a child or young person's perspective.**

Venue:	Mum's Cottage 29 St Helen Street, Holmesville
Dates:	Thursdays 12 th and 26 th May, 2016
Time:	12.30pm – 2.30pm
Cost:	\$15 (payable on the first day). Concessions available
RSVP:	Seasons for Growth - contact Jenny on Ph: 4979 1355 or email: jenny.harris@mn.catholic.org.au

Comments from Parents "I gained a lot of confidence in myself...I hadn't realised how many changes my kids are facing...I was reminded of the importance of spending time with my kids...I found the journal very useful...I will make sure I communicate more with my children about the changes in our family."

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