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

Today, I write the newsletter from Brisbane where I am attending the EduTECH Conference with 10 other teachers and IT support staff from St Paul's. EduTECH is an annual conference that explores the digital world and its impact on teaching and learning in the 21st Century.

Susan Greenfield was the keynote speaker at the morning session. She is a world renowned neuroscientist from England. The brain science stuff has fascinated me for years and to listen to her observations and research into the human brain was wonderful. She suggested that adolescents are connected to the internet in one form or another for 18 hours a day! Given that most have smart phones and that they check them from the moment they wake up to the moment they go to bed the statistic is quite reasonable. She also suggested that kids who love video games have similar brain chemistry and wiring to those who end up addicted to gambling. It all has to do with the release of dopamine into the frontal cortex of the brain, an area that is not fully developed until we reach our mid-twenties. This is certainly a worrying thought.

Dr Greenfield also spoke about the need for young people to have human, face to face interaction constantly through-out our lives but particularly as we grow and develop. Given that the medium that many of our young communicate is via facebook, sms messaging and the like, it is clear that they are only experiencing 10% of communication. The rest includes body language, tone and facial expression as well as environment. She argued that kids need to read, to play with one another, to play games of imagination and to get dirty! The strongest message was to use stories in their play. To read and to tell stories is key to a balanced, well rounded young person because they have a conceptual framework that allows their imagination to run wild. She likened the brain to be like a muscle – use it, stretch it, build it through real and positive interactions and stories and it will become stronger and more flexible.

EduTECH is a powerful conference for all educators. It is hoped that the team who are with me will bring back new ideas and new thinking to their roles at St Paul's, making it an even better school.

We have been doing a lot of work over the past few months on our excursion policies and procedures. One area that I would like to bring your attention to is the timely payment of excursion fees and charges along with the permission notes that are needed for your child to attend. It is vital that payments are made on or before the due date and that permission notes are signed and returned. Recently we had a situation where a note was brought in on the day of the excursion and unfortunately the child was unable to attend. He had missed the due date by over a week but

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thought it would be okay to come on the day and be expected to go. We book buses based on the numbers attending and for this excursion, the bus was full. If he had brought the note in on time, the appropriate sized bus would have been booked. As you can see, it is important to get the notes and the payments in on time to avoid disappointment. We are also using a new payment system, QKR which also impacts on the excursion planning timelines. For this and other planning reasons, we ask that payments for excursions are made by the due date.

Our P&F have funded the purchase of new water coolers/ bottle refill stations. We have ordered 5 of them and will organise their installation in the coming months. The P&F do a wonderful job supporting the school. Last year, the group funded the big fans in the hall. These fans have made a huge difference to the comfort levels in that facility. The new water coolers which have a counting feature that shows how many water bottles are saved from land fill will be a great addition to our school. I thank them for their work in supporting the school in such a practical way.

Go Gently.....

Mr Graeme Selmes
Principal

Aboriginal Education News

Sorry Day Liturgy

On Thursday 26th May, Seventeen of our schools Indigenous students attended a Sorry Day Liturgy at the Cathedral. Our students were great representatives of the school, including some of our students taking on important roles in the liturgy and performing the smoking ceremony. For the smoking ceremony, students used pots that they had previously painted and contained soil representing the spiritual connection with the earth. Each student also presented a stone that was painted and put in coolamons at the front of the church. The students and staff then attended lunch with all of the other Indigenous students and staff from schools around the Newcastle and Maitland Diocese.

Pots and stones painted by the students used in the Sorry Day Liturgy.

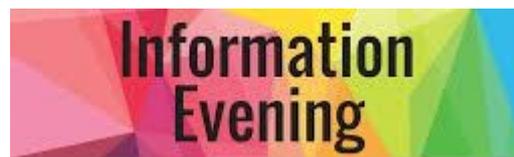


Miss Danielle Polson
Aboriginal Liaison Officer

From the Assistant Principal - Curriculum

YEAR 10 -11 INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday evening June 14 sees us undertake the next important phase of our senior transition process. This is a vitally important evening for all Year 10 students who are considering continuing with studies at school in 2017.



The night will commence at 6:30pm in the School Hall with input regarding Preliminary and HSC Course structures, as well as details around VET and TAFE courses.

Parents and their children will then have the opportunity to select a series of 6 brief talks on individual subjects to assist in the discerning process for subject selection. These talks will be presented by some of the subject teachers and co-ordinators, and therefore provide an ideal opportunity to gain clarity about subjects.

We look forward to seeing you there.

YEAR 11 REPORTS

With the completion of the Year 11 Assessment block last week, staff are busily marking papers to provide feedback to Year 11 students. This feedback phase is vitally important to learning and I would encourage all students to use this time wisely to ensure that you consolidate your understanding by engaging in dialogue with your teachers. In a few weeks time, Year 11 reports will be finalised and sent home, before Parent -Teacher Interviews will be held for this group on Monday June 27 after their Semester Award ceremony.

YEARS 7-10 ASSESSMENTS AND REPORTS

As a trial this year, we have removed a solid week of junior assessments this term to allow for greater variety in the type of assessments used as well as to spread the density of assessments. We have also anticipated that this will provide students with more face-to-face learning time.

As a result of this structural change, students will finish their assessments later in the term than usual, which means that junior reports will now be issued early in the first week of Term 3. Parent-Teacher Interviews will occur as usual in Week 2 of Term 3.

Mr Greg Ptolemy
Assistant Principal - Curriculum

Learning Support

Thank you from Learning Support.

Thank you to all the parents who came in to school last week to assist with Disability Provisions for the Year 11 Examinations. Your assistance as readers and/or writers is greatly appreciated from the Learning Support Staff and the individual students. If any other parents are able to volunteer for other exam periods throughout the year, please contact Learning Support through the administration office on 4958 6711



Mrs Katie Philpott
Learning Support Coordinator

The next few weeks may be challenging for many in Year 7 as we move into a period that has many assessment tasks. I urge all Year 7 students to clearly write all assessment task dates on a calendar at home that everyone can see. The more “in your face” your organisation is, the better the chance of your organisation being effective. It also gives your family an opportunity to gently help you out by encouraging you to complete your tasks and assist you with your prep for assessments.

To help keep perspective during this busy time I'd like to set all Year 7 a “21 Day Happiness Challenge”. Thanks to my colleagues at St Joseph's Aberdeen for sharing this Challenge. Here's how it works:

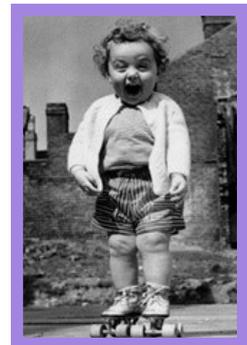
Love Your Neighbour As You Love Yourself



21 Day Happiness Challenge

The 21 day happiness challenge involves taking a daily challenge (listed below) to increase your happiness. Each day we are to accept the challenge and take steps to fulfil the challenge.

- Day 1. Encourage others
- Day 2. Introduce yourself to someone you don't know well or at all
- Day 3. Don't complain (sometimes bad stuff happens – get on with life instead of complaining (Sam Berns)
- Day 4. Be Awesome
- Day 5. Name 3 things you are grateful for
- Day 6. Demonstrate forgiveness
- Day 7. Eat healthier – for example, instead of going for snacks which can be opened such as packets of food, eat some fruit instead or drink water instead of soft drink
- Day 8. Exercise for a minimum of 15 minutes – for example, go for a walk with a friend
- Day 9. Volunteer to help someone
- Day 10. Be kind to others
- Day 11. Don't gossip, say nice words instead
- Day 12. Accept others for who they are
- Day 13. Unplug at night – disconnect from the online world
- Day 14. Sleep – go to bed a little earlier
- Day 15. Make a bucket list – happy people have something to look forward to
- Day 16. Reflect on how you are going. For example, are you being a good friend?
- Day 17. Avoid procrastination (avoid putting things off)
- Day 18. Meditate (smiling mind)
- Day 19. Be grateful for what you have (Sam Berns)
- Day 20. Do a good deed and ask for nothing in return!
- Day 21. Think before you act - choices



Finally I'd like to congratulate the following students on receiving Merit Awards:

CONGRATULATIONS

Tutor Group 7.1		Tutor Group 7.2	
<i>Drake</i>	<i>John</i>	<i>Newton</i>	<i>Daniel</i> 2 x Awards
<i>Guest</i>	<i>Flynn</i>	<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Claire</i>
<i>Hanson</i>	<i>Alexander</i>		
<i>Ryder</i>	<i>Lily</i>		
<i>Williams</i>	<i>Kari</i> 2 x Awards		
Tutor Group 7.3		Tutor Group 7.4	
<i>Boslem</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Alexander</i>	<i>Naomi</i>
<i>Crouch</i>	<i>Amber</i>	<i>Crouch</i>	<i>Jade</i>
<i>Hull</i>	<i>Bailey</i>	<i>Janiszewski</i>	<i>Brianna</i>
<i>Johnston</i>	<i>Jade</i>	<i>Vojnikovich</i>	<i>Danny</i>
<i>Jones</i>	<i>Zana</i>		
<i>Joyce</i>	<i>Angelina</i>		
<i>Wilson</i>	<i>Andrew</i>		
Tutor Group 7.5		Tutor Group 7.6	
<i>Boslem</i>	<i>Max</i>	<i>Appleby</i>	<i>Ashley</i>
<i>Gilmour</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Bishop</i>	<i>Alyssa</i>
<i>Jones</i>	<i>Layla</i>	<i>Braun</i>	<i>Alexandra</i>
<i>Konz</i>	<i>Ethan</i>	<i>Chomicki</i>	<i>Cooper</i> 2 x Awards
<i>Laucht</i>	<i>Jordyn</i>	<i>Downie</i>	<i>Emma</i>
<i>McCudden</i>	<i>Letisha</i>	<i>Hobson</i>	<i>David</i>
<i>Moir</i>	<i>Samantha</i>	<i>Lowe</i>	<i>Krystal</i>
<i>Reilly</i>	<i>Conor</i>	<i>Stalling</i>	<i>Callum</i>
<i>Snedden</i>	<i>Luke</i>		
<i>Snowden</i>	<i>Jordan</i>		
Tutor Group 7.7		Tutor Group 7.8	
<i>Jaisankar</i>	<i>Ashwinbabu</i>	<i>Collin</i>	<i>Alanna</i>
<i>McLean</i>	<i>Jed</i>	<i>Donaldson</i>	<i>Tara</i>
<i>Paget</i>	<i>Bree-Anna</i>	<i>Houston</i>	<i>Lucas</i>
<i>Renshaw</i>	<i>Olivia</i>	<i>Kennedy</i>	<i>John</i>
<i>Simpson-Varley</i>	<i>Noah</i> 2 x Awards	<i>Prajogo</i>	<i>Anastasia</i>
<i>Thomas</i>	<i>Kane</i>	<i>Williams</i>	<i>Xander</i>
<i>Trethowan</i>	<i>Heidi</i>		



Mrs Natalie Squires
Student Coordinator

Year 8 News

We are now in the throes of Assessment Tasks – mainly **Exams**. According to the Yr 8 Assessment Page online at <http://mnlive/schools/BRG/myClasses/Year%208%20Student%20Page/default.aspx> and their Assessment Booklet, Year 8 have Art, English, Religion, Science, Maths and Geography in-class exams and a few other Research Assessments. These are all occurring through this week and the next 2 weeks.

Hopefully, the students have been following advice and applying a **routine home study procedure**, as has been outlined in previous Newsletters.

In week 8, students have the opportunity to see a performance by **Brainstorm Productions** called 'Verbal Combat'. This performance looks at the effects name calling and teasing have on others. Students were given a note about the play a couple of weeks ago, and money and return slips are due very soon. The performance will occur on Thursday 16 June.

A reminder that we have a **school uniform policy**. With this cold weather upon us, reminders need to be given to students to wear the correct school jumpers and cardigans. If there is a short term reason ie 1-2 days, where the incorrect uniform is worn, then parents are expected to supply a note of explanation otherwise the students will be marked 'out of uniform'. Our Clothing Pool is open each Tuesday and Thursday before school.

I wander around the students during most breaks, and it has come to my attention that there are a large number of students who eat their lunch at recess time. I don't have an issue with this but it leaves them minimal if anything to eat at lunchtime. I'm wondering if parents could encourage their children to pack **more food for themselves** to sustain their energy levels throughout the day please.

Mrs Cayte Pryor
Student Coordinator

CALLING ALL POETS!

ST PAUL'S POETRY PRIZE



'People and Places that Inspire'

Your poem will be centred around a person or place. This can be from your life or beyond.

You may choose any form (free verse, ode, elegy, ballad, sonnet etc.). The poem should also be original and unpublished.

Open to all Year 8 Students

**Please submit a hard copy to
Mrs Stanley or Mrs Burns**

by Friday Week 8

ENTRIES CLOSE: Friday 13th June

PRIZES: The winner will be published in the school magazine and receive a certificate and book prize.



Caring for creation

A group of staff and an SRC student representative **Colleen Shields**, Year 11 recently attended a workshop about [Laudato Si](#), Pope Francis’ encyclical on the environment. The event included a speech by the respected author Fr Denis Edwards and a presentation from Jacqui Remond, the National Director of [Catholic Earthcare](#).

Pope Francis message is that human beings need to recognise that: **“Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it.”**

His message for Christians is: **“Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.”**

This is an inspiring message for everyone in our St Paul’s community. Below are two local initiatives that may be of interest to those who want to care for creation.

Take 3

“The ‘Take 3’ message is simple: take 3 pieces of rubbish with you when you leave the beach, waterway or... anywhere and you have made a difference.

Marine debris, particularly plastic, has a disastrous impact in our oceans on marine life and, ultimately, us. We can greatly reduce the amount of marine debris in our oceans by preventing it from getting there in the first place! We encourage people to **Refuse** disposable plastic, **Reduce**, **Re-Use**, **Recycle** and **Respond** by picking up rubbish.” www.take3.org.au



Intrepid Landcare Leadership Retreat

Intrepid Landcare is an adventure-based roving Landcare group for young people, combining environmental work with awesome adventure. Intrepid Landcare will be kick-started in the Hunter in late June with a free weekend retreat for passionate young people! The retreat is open to anyone aged 16 – 30 years, who are up for making a difference in the world and having fun.

The retreat will be held at Glenrock Lagoon Scout Camp from Saturday 25th June – Sunday 26th June. Participants must be able to get there and attend the entire weekend.

The retreat is jam packed with heaps of adventure and leadership training. It is perfect for young people who love the environment and are eager to do stuff that matters. There are limited spots. [Register your interest by 12 June to attend the retreat.](#)

For more information please contact lro@lakemac.nsw.gov.au or call 4921 0392.



M.A.P - Ministry and Production!

The new ‘M.A.P.’ group have been meeting each week to organise school liturgies and social justice activities. The first event the group will organise is our annual cancer charity fundraising day. Stay tuned for more information on this dynamic new student group.



Mr Michael Doyle
Ministry Coordinator

Intrepid Landcare

**LEADERSHIP RETREAT
IN THE HUNTER
25TH - 26TH JUNE**

SO, YOU ARE UNDER 30, LIVE IN THE HUNTER,
PUMPED ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT, KEEN TO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE & HAVE FUN. WE WANT YOU!
NOW IS YOUR TIME TO DO STUFF THAT MATTERS.

INTREPID
LANDCARE IS COMING
TO THE HUNTER REGION!
HOSTED OVER A WEEKEND, THE
INTREPID LANDCARE LEADERSHIP RETREAT
WILL BE THE PERFECT PLACE TO DISCOVER WHAT
ADVENTURE IS AWAITING YOU WITH LANDCARE. HEAR FROM
INSPIRING SPEAKERS AND CONNECT TO YOUNG LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE
OVER A JAM-PACKED WEEKEND FULL OF ADVENTURE AND CONSERVATION.
SECURE YOUR SPOT BY APPLYING TODAY. BY THE WAY, IT'S FREE!
APPLY BY SUN 12TH JUNE. VISIT: LAKEMACQUARIELANDCARE.ORG

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Library News



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homework

Help with
Research

Accurate and
reliable
information

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING? WORLD BOOK WEB

For accurate, reliable and age-appropriate content for homework or research, look no further than the World Book Web!

Access via www.worldbookonline.com

Username:

Password:

OverDrive

School is closed
but the digital library
is **always open.**

OPEN 24 HOURS

**eBooks
HERE**

WELCOME

Mrs Kerrie Beezley
Librarian

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

- Thursday 2nd June – Round 3 Bill Turner Soccer
- Monday 6th June – 14 and 16 Knights Knockout
- Wednesday 15th June – Diocesan Football Knockout Gala Day – Boys and Girls
- Friday 17th June – NSW CCC Cross Country Championship
- Thursday 30th June – Diocesan Basketball



Sporting Achievements Updates

Ethan McLachlan Year 8, has recently been picked in the U/14 DCA Newcastle Representative cricket team. Earlier this year he played in the U/14 Newcoaster team (a mixture of Newcastle and Central Coast players) that competed in the NSW Challenge Cup in Dubbo. He has also been accepted into the Hunter Academy of Sports 2016 CNSW Zone Academy.



Harry Kettles Year 8, has recently been named in the NSW Country rugby U/14 team. He has a three day training camp with the NSW Country team at Campbelltown and then a match against Sydney Zone on July 17. Numerous games in the ACT follow on July 30 and 31, with a final against City on August 6 and 7.

Sarah Jenkins year 8 and **Taylor Colic** year 9 have recently competed in the Diocesan Tennis Championships

Jordan Elliott Year 11 received a Bronze Medal in the Taekwondo Gold Coast Open Championships.

He is now off to the Canberra Open Championships at the Australian Institute of Sport.

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

Jordan Elliott in action and with his Bronze Medal.

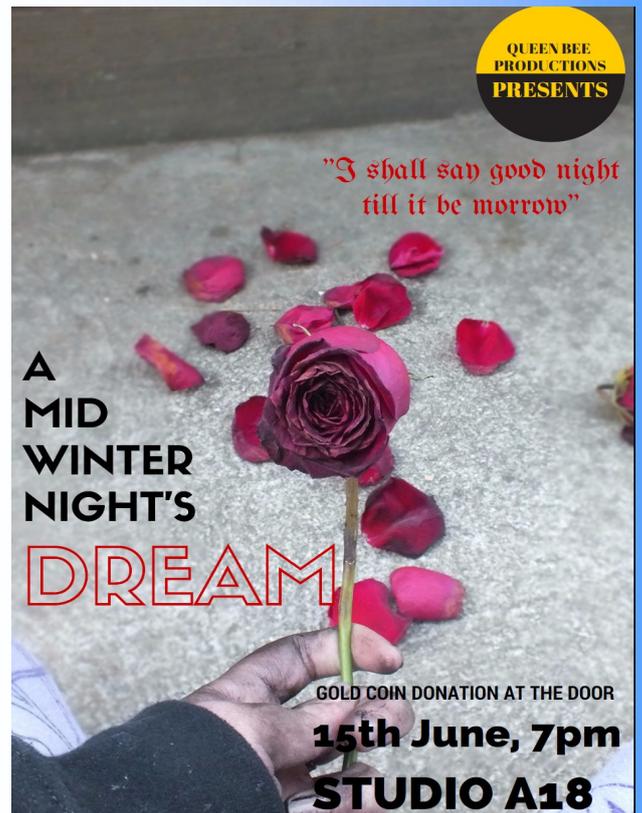
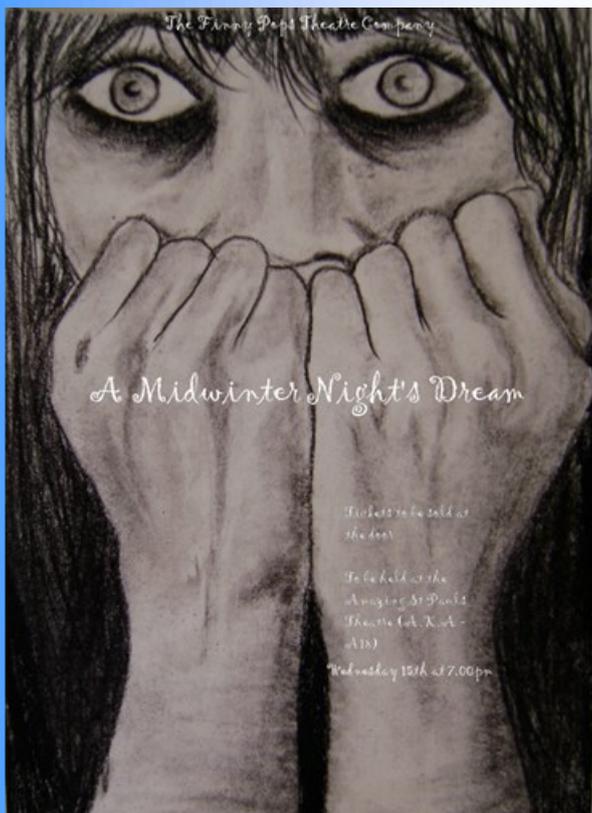
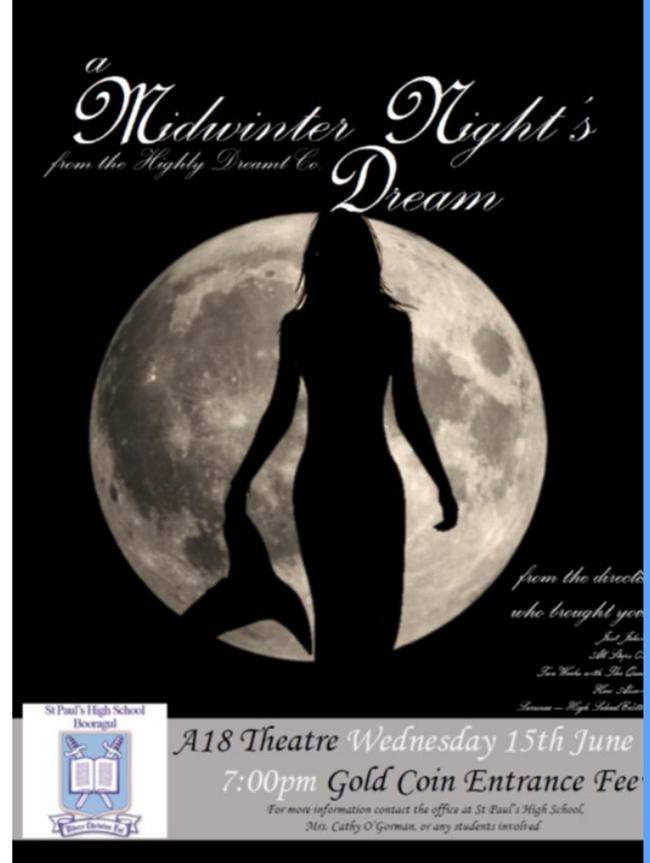
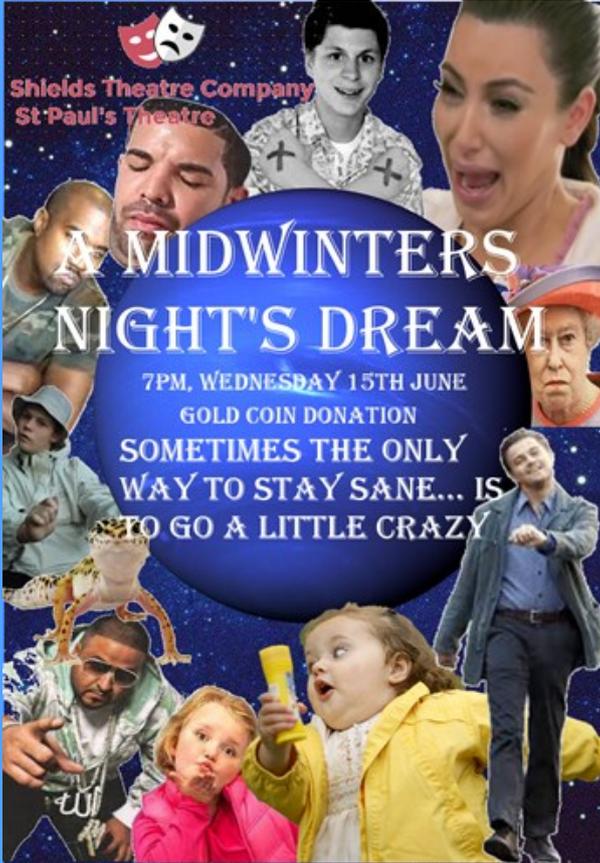


Miss Darlene Ellis
Acting Sport Coordinator



A Midwinter Night's Dream

This week Year 11 Drama are preparing for their upcoming production, A Midwinter Night's Dream, being held on Wednesday 15th June at 7pm at St Paul's. The production will involve Year 11 students as part of their study of the elements of production. Designed as a piece of site-specific theatre the audience will move around the school as part of the production. Students have designed promotional material for the evening (See below) and I encourage you to attend if you can!





A MIDWINTER NIGHT'S DREAM



A year 11 drama production, one night only.
 Wednesday the 15th of June, 7pm
 Gold coin donation required upon entry



A Midwinter Night's Dream is a collection of short scenes and poems, including classical theatre, such as Shakespeare intertwined with modernised comedy. This compilation of some of the best scenes from the history of theatre, is guaranteed to have you laughing, crying, and applauding by the end of the night.

Come along and see year eleven drama showcase their skills in the comedic and tragic forms of theatre.

Follow as we take you around the school in an immersive production experience, unlike anything you've ever seen before. Moving across the grounds, join the journey to see the witches brew a hell boil, see Romeo reach out to the love of his life, and see if the world ends today.

Over two months in the making, blood, sweat, tears and passion have created this performance for your viewing pleasure.



Mrs Cathy O'Gorman

Creative Arts, LOTE Coordinator



Tournament of the Minds is coming to St Paul's!!!

As part of our GAT Programme, St Paul's would like to offer the Gifted and Talented amongst us the opportunity to take part in the 'Tournament of the Minds' programme during Term 2 and the beginning of Term 3. It is a fantastic chance to be involved in interesting and challenging tasks working as a team with students from all years, competing against other schools. In addition, if we make it successfully through Diocesan and State Level, we get the chance to compete at Nationals on the Gold Coast !

We are seeking curious individuals who think outside of the square from Years 7-10 to form our team.

What is Tournament of the Minds ?

Tournament of Minds is a problem solving program for teams of students from both primary and secondary years. They are required to solve demanding, open-ended challenges from one of the following disciplines:

Science -Technology - Engineering Mathematics - Social Sciences - Language Literature

It is an opportunity for students with a passion for learning and problem solving to demonstrate their skills and talents in an exciting, vibrant, and public way.

Our Aim...

Tournament's aim is to enhance the potential of our students by developing diverse skills, enterprise, time management, and the discipline to work collaboratively within a challenging and competitive environment.



The Tournament Objectives

- To provide the stimulation of real, open-ended challenges
- To develop creative problem solving approaches and techniques
- To foster cooperative learning and teamwork
- To promote knowledge and appreciation of self and others
- To encourage experimentation and risk taking
- To expand and reward creative and divergent thinking
- To stimulate a spirit of inquiry and a love of learning
- To develop enterprise
- To celebrate excellence



The Challenge...

Teams are required to work together on a **Long Term Challenge** for six weeks without assistance from teachers, parents or peers. They are encouraged to explore possibilities and experiment with ideas as they endeavour to produce their best possible solution. They develop a creative and original way to communicate this solution to others, working within predefined parameters such as limited materials, complex challenge criteria and the deadline of Tournament Day.

Students present the product of their ideas - their challenge solution - to a panel of judges and an audience on Tournament Day. They have ten minutes in which to present and must do so within a 3 metre by 3 metre performance area.

The teams must also participate in an unseen **Spontaneous Challenge** on Tournament Day. This challenge requires rapid interchange of ideas, the ability to think creatively and well developed group cooperation skills.

How do I apply ?

Positions are strictly limited, as such, there will be a selection process involved. To be considered for this prestigious opportunity you must see me for an application form before **Friday, 17th of June**. If you or your parents or guardians have any further questions , feel free to contact me at the school or by email

sarah.adams@mn.catholic.edu.au .

Miss Sarah Adams

Gifted & Talented Coordinator

Public Speaking

Public Speaking Competition

Eight students from St Pauls participated in the Diocesan Public Speaking Competition held at the Catholic Schools Office on Friday 27 May. The day began with all students delivering a prepared speech of between 4-5 minutes. Topics were as diverse as "Homework is harmful to your health" and "The greatest gift we can give others is...". Each student had to compete against their peers from the other 8 junior schools in the Diocese.



After a short break for lunch, students then had to test their speaking skills in an impromptu challenge which involved receiving an unknown topic and having only 5 minutes to prepare a 2-3 minute speech. All students were nervous but that did not prevent them from producing confident and entertaining performances. All participating students should be congratulated for their wonderful efforts, **Jess Dunn and Sophie Cooper Year 7, Mackenzie Bednarz and Keely Dunning Year 8, Florence Hale, Shaila Dube and Alysha Toomey Year 9 and Joshua Sneddon Year 10**

Special commendation goes to Shaila Dube of Year 9 who spoke against Year 10 students and achieved a first place ranking. She received a \$50 book prize from Macleans Booksellers. Other commendations go to Jess Dunn who was awarded a second place and Florence Hale who achieved a third placing.



*Our talented
Public Speakers*



Brainstorm Productions

Award-Winning In-School Theatre Performances

Verbal Combat

On 16 June, Brainstorm Productions will be presenting their student wellbeing program 'Verbal Combat' for **Year 8 students**. Words are powerful. Words can hurt and cyber bullying is devastating. Verbal Combat is a live theatre program that follows three friends who learn that their online words can last forever. The desire to fit in and be liked is strong and when one friend starts to post witty, but mean rumours to get more online likes, the play takes a cruel twist. All too soon, the posts are wreaking havoc in all their lives and the characters quickly discover that there is no easy way out. Verbal Combat is essential learning, that addresses the dire consequences of cyber bullying and will help students understand that their digital footprints are hard to erase and so are their mistakes.

Verbal Combat is part of our student wellbeing curriculum and the program has been developed in consultation with teachers, psychologists, as well as real-life student experiences. The methodology of the program is safe, supportive and nonjudgmental and designed to provide students with positive and useful tools that they can use in their everyday lives.

If you would like to know more about Brainstorm Productions, visit their website at www.brainstormproductions.edu.au



Mrs Libby Lucas

Support Student Coordinator



- ◆ **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



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

- ◆ **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**

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

- ◆ **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>	<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
7	Music	2 June	Civic Theatre	\$8	Overdue
11	Construction	3 June	At School	\$80	27 May
12	Society & Culture	3 June	Wesley Centre Sydney	\$30	Overdue
12	Business Studies	8 June	Newcastle Leagues Club	\$35	1 June
11	First Aid	9 June	At School	\$65	7 June
11	Preliminary Biology	15 June	Australian Museum Sydney	\$65	6 June
10	Commerce	16 June	Sydney	\$15	10 June
8	Welfare	16 June	At School	\$8	10 June
7	Welfare	30 June	At School	\$7	23 June
11	Ski Trip	15-18 September	Deposit Required	\$150	15 June
7-11	Music	26 October	Capitol Theatre	\$105	22 July



Career Thought of the Week:

“Life is like a ten speed bike. Most of us have gears we never use.”



Charles Shultz

THE NEW BASICS:

Big data reveals the skills young people need for the New Work Order

In this issue we focus on the newly released report from Foundation for Young Australians www.fya.org.au about the skills young people will need for the New Work Order. The link to this important report is in the feature article below title “The New Basics Report”.



Youth unemployment is high, and youth underemployment is even higher, with hundreds of thousands of young Australians struggling to find full time work.

Australian employers are hungry for talent but report that they are finding difficulties finding young people with essential workplace skills. These essential workplace skills are ‘enterprise skills’ and this report reveals that employers are placing a premium on these skills at a time of significant change in our workforce.

The high demand for enterprise skills underscores the importance of general capabilities being retained and elevated in the school curriculum. A number of countries around the world have taken steps to redesign their curriculum and explicitly embed 21st Century competencies and enterprise skills like problem solving, collaboration, digital skills and communication skills into the curriculum.

FYA - Enterprise Skills are in Demand

[The New Basics Report](#) reveals that employers are placing a premium on enterprise skills at a time of significant change in our workforce.

Jobs ads that ask for these enterprising skills are offering significantly higher pay than those jobs not requiring these skills, and employers of younger workers are asking for enterprise skills just as often as role-specific technical skills. What’s more, the jobs of the future demand enterprising skills 70% more than jobs that are at risk of automation.

Enterprise skills are transferable skills required in many jobs.

They include:

- Problem solving
- Creativity
- Financial literacy
- Digital literacy
- Critical thinking
- Presentation skills
- Communications
- Team Work



What are “enterprise skills”?

Enterprise skills are transferable skills that enable young people to engage with a complex world and navigate the challenges they will inherit. Enterprise skills are not just for entrepreneurs; they are skills that are required in many jobs. They have been found to be a powerful predictor of long term job success. The terms used to describe these skills vary across different contexts: sometimes called generic, soft, or 21st century skills. However, the meaning is clear: a set of skills and characteristics that enable young people to confront the challenges of change and navigate a complex future.

What are “technical skills”?

By contrast, technical skills are often specific to a particular task, role or industry. Technical skills include qualifications such as licences, certificates or degrees but also include skills acquired on-the-job that are specific to a role or industry. Such skills may include surgical procedures if you are a veterinarian, hair styling techniques if you are a hairdresser, or Java script if you are a computer programmer.

70% of Jobs of the future demand enterprise skills more than jobs of the past.

Demand for enterprise skills has been rising over time

Employers pay a premium for many enterprise skills

Jobs of the future demand more enterprise skills

Employers now ask for enterprise skills as often as technical skills

Many enterprise skills are demanded across all occupations and industries

Click to download report ["The New Basics: Big data reveals the skills young people need for the New Work Order."](#)

Mechanical & Electrical Apprenticeships

The mining giant that is [Glencore](#)- will be offering Mechanical and Electrical apprenticeships again this year.



OPEN on 27th May- CLOSE 21 June

Go on line

- Create a job alert and profile on their Careers website
- Provide a Resume –(Ensure I proof this)
- A Cover letter-(again – make sure I have read this)
- Copies of your last two reports
- Names and contact details of two referees.

Be prepared- as this will be competitive...but not impossible!

Stats of interest from UAC??

- The Median ATAR for 2016 entry was 68.7
- For Females it was 70.7
- For Males it was 66.3
- 16% of the ATARs allocated were 90 or above
- 62% of ATARs were at least 60.00



Australian Catholic University

The ACU are offering a free program for students during their school holidays in July. This event gives you the opportunity to sample the degree of your choice as well as get a taste of ACU life – meeting with current teaching staff and students. Wednesday 6th July at Strathfield and Friday 8th at North Sydney campus Register via www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience



NAPSA Institutions Calendar 2016

Available on MN Live- calendar of tertiary open days and associated events produced by NAPSA.



Important Dates for Term 2/3

Defence Force Seminars Friday 3rd June

Curriculum Night Year. 10 Tuesday 14TH June

Trial HSC -20^T30TH 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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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.

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

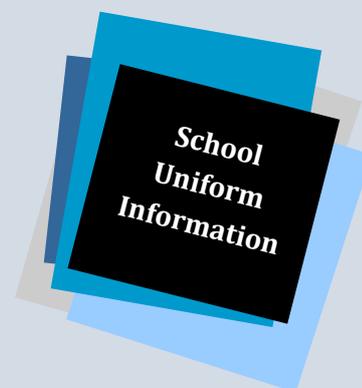
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Canteen Roster

Monday 06 - Friday 10 June



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

Monday 13 June - Friday 17 June

Mon	Queens Birthday Long Weekend
Tues	Mark Simpson, Susen White, Sharne Johnson
Wed	Candance Way, Sara Ashmore
Thurs	Rhonda Bull, Nicole Miller, Lisa Kelly
Fri	Tania Egan, Mary Norris, Kylie Power, 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.

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.



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

Term 2 2016

Week 6	Wed 1 June Thu 2 June Fri 3 June Fri 3 June	Yr 9 Geography Exc-Community DIO Sounds—Yr 7—Matinee Yr 12 Society & Culture Excursion Defence Force Talks
Week 7	Mon 6 June Tues 7 June Wed 8 June Thu 9 June	All Schools Basketball CCC Touch Selections U14 & U16 Knights KO League Year 9 Mass Yr 12 Chemistry Excursion Cancer Charity Day
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 Cross Country CCC
Week 9	Mon 20 June 20 Jun-1Jul Thu 23 June	CCC Basketball Open Yr 12 Trial HSC Exams DIO Senior Debating Day Yr 9 Geography Cultural Excursion
Week 10	Mon 27 June Wed 28 June Wed 29 June Thu 30 June Fri 1 Jul	Trial HSC Exams Continue Yr 11 Semester Awards Yr 11 Parent Teacher Interviews Insight Day-Yr10 Indigenous Stud Yr 11 Wired DIO Basketball Yr 7 Hurting Game Saint Pauls Day Last Day of Term



2016
19th Annual
Special Needs Mass
Come to the Table

St James' Primary School Muswellbrook
together with Catholic schools of the Upper Hunter region and
the Federation of P & F Associations, Special Needs Working Party
Warmly welcome all to join with
principals, teachers, school staff and families and parishioners to
celebrate our **Annual Special Needs Mass**.

Tuesday 30 August, 2016 at 7pm
St James' Catholic Church
65 Brook Street
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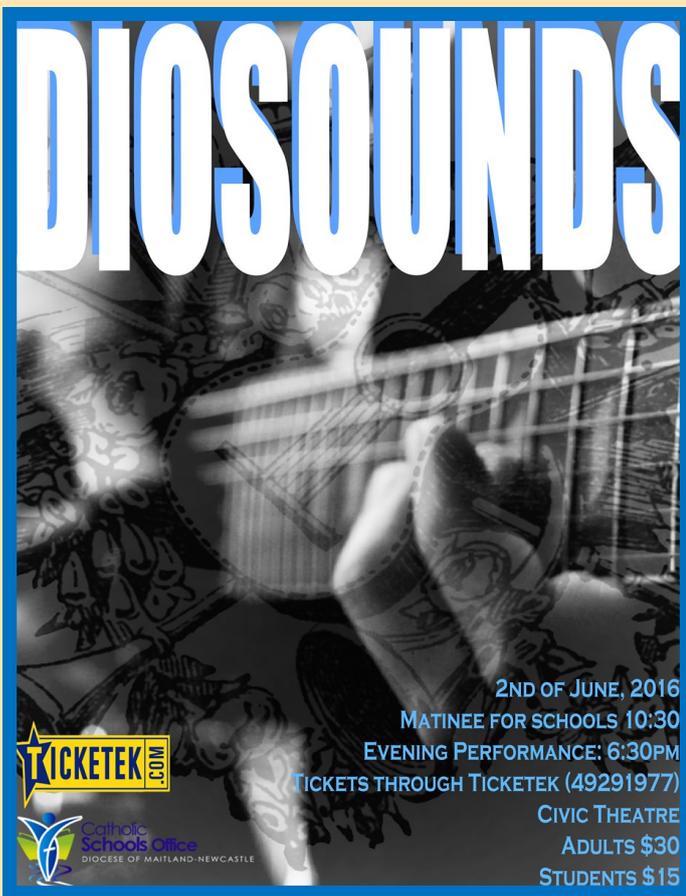
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2ND OF JUNE, 2016
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EVENING PERFORMANCE: 6:30PM
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