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

This week we bid farewell to our Year 12 Class of 2016. We celebrate 13 years of schooling for these wonderful men and women. They have led our school well and have left a legacy of fun, hard work and real Christian presence. They have made outstanding contributions to all areas of school life in the six years that they have been part of St Paul's. In academic life, they have excelled, in drama, music, art and sport, they have contributed their significant skills and passions over the times they have been here. As a school community, we wish them well as they leave this place and begin final preparations for their HSC next term. We know that they are well prepared for the world that awaits them.



Below is the address that I will give to the school in the final assembly on Thursday. In it, I commission the students to leave this place and make a difference to their world and to understand that despite the challenges that they will face, they have the skills and the true Christian foundations that will allow them to continue to live their lives as Christ – *Vivere Christus Est*.

In many respects, today for each and every one of you is a new beginning. The start of the next phase of your life. For many of us, these events in our lives are measured, predictable, planned. For some of us, our journey so far has had events and happenings that were not predicted, not planned.

As we move into the future, it will be fair to predict that events and issues will happen to us through out our lives with little warning and little sense of justice and right. That is what life is, wonderful, unpredictable, challenging, eventful, life giving and confusing – a gift that we cherish.

On June 8, 1972, a nine year old girl who lived a simple life in a province in war torn South Vietnam was thrust onto the world stage. An image that was a moment in time became an image that defined one of the blackest periods of history both here in Australia but also around the world. This image is one of the most unforgettable images of the 20th century but the reality was, this was a little girl who through no fault of her own, was to be thrust upon a world stage that she knew nothing about. An event that would change her life forever and continue to change her life for many years to come.

The Vietnam War had been raging in one form or another for over 20 years. Australia had been there since 1964 and the Whitlam Government was bringing the troops home. For the US, it was very much still at war, the final US intervention was some 3 years away.

The defoliant Agent Orange was still being used as was one of the most terrifying weapons ever invented - Napalm.

This device was invented in World War 2. It was a combination of thick jelly and petroleum. It was used in bombs and flame throwers. It was designed to incinerate buildings and humans. It was indiscriminate. If the flame didn't get you, the fire was so intense that you would die from a lack of oxygen because it was all consumed by the fire. The jelly would stick to the surface of the

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victim and continue to burn even if you jumped into water.

Napalm was used extensively in Vietnam. But it was its use on the 8th of June that would change the course of a young girl's life forever. Kim Phuc became from that day on known around the world as "The Girl in the Picture."

Kim Phúc and her family were residents of the village of Trang Bang, South Vietnam. On June 8, 1972, South Vietnamese planes dropped a napalm bomb on Trang Bang, which had been attacked and occupied by North Vietnamese forces. Kim Phúc joined a group of civilians and South Vietnamese soldiers who were fleeing from the Caodai Temple to the safety of South Vietnamese-held positions. A South Vietnamese Air Force pilot mistook the group for enemy soldiers and diverted to attack. The bombing killed two of Kim Phúc's cousins and two other villagers. Kim Phúc was badly burned and tore off her burning clothes. She saw a blob of brown material on her burning arm. She tried to brush it off with her hand, but all that did was put the napalm jelly onto that hand burning it badly.



Associated Press photographer Nick Ut's photograph of Kim Phúc running naked amid other fleeing villagers, South Vietnamese soldiers and press photographers became one of the most haunting images of the Vietnam War.

Nick and his driver made the decision to take Kim and another lady to the nearest hospital, almost an hour away. She was dumped off into the care of a bewildered nurse and the photographer left for Saigon to examine the photos that he had taken. Kim's family had no idea what had become of her.

Kim's mother and father Tung and Nu began the search for her, believing that they would be looking for her deceased body. They went to Chu Chi to the hospitals there. No word of a burnt girl. They continued on foot to Saigon in the hope of finding what had happened to their little girl.

Kim was eventually found in a room at the back of a hospital in Saigon – a room that was put aside for orphans who they believed they could do nothing to save. Her mum and dad pleaded with the only doctor they could find and by some miracle, Kim was transferred to the American Burns Hospital. Her life would be saved.

The photograph that Ut snapped of Kim's agony was instantly transmitted around the world. It would win him a Pulitzer and change both their lives.

Kim spent the next 14 months in the hospital. She was covered with third-degree burns over half her body and was not expected to live. Her pain was almost unbearable. Her surgeon Dr. Mark Gorney of San Francisco volunteered at the Barksy Children's Plastic Surgery Hospital in Saigon. When he first saw her, Kim's chin was welded to her chest by scar tissue and her left arm was burnt almost to the bone.

Her mother was by her bedside, helping the little girl through the trauma. Kim said to herself she would become a doctor like the man who saved her. After two years of treatments, Kim returned to her village.

In 1982, ten years after the famous photograph, Kim's life changed again. She was in pre-medical studies in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) when the Vietnamese government contacted her. They had been looking for her for over a year at the request of a Dutch journalist who wanted to "find the girl in the photograph." When his subsequent documentary on her revived her fame, the Communist Government yanked her out of university - deciding she was too valuable to them and daily supervised her schedule as a national symbol of the war.

Every time she tried to evade the officials, another foreign journalist would track her down and expose her. "It was a nightmare" she says.

In 1985, international journalists travelled to Ho Chi Minh City to cover the tenth anniversary of Vietnam's "Liberation." Kim was again offered up by authorities as one of their main celebrities, and all three main US. Television networks carried interviews with "the girl in the photograph." Finally, in 1986, the government agreed to let Kim continue her studies, under their supervision - in Communist Cuba. Even there she was managed. Kim was taken on tour to Moscow and East Berlin, both communist countries at that time – she continued to be the poster child for the Communist regime in Vietnam. Her life became a tool for the Government Propaganda machine.

Her burns scars still affected her greatly. Heat and humidity caused her body to overheat as she had lost the ability to sweat on the scar sites. She also began to develop diabetes because of the poor diet, particularly in Cuba as it was subject to economic blockades and the diet of the Cubans was very poor.

Her initial dream was to become a doctor, like the one that saved her life in Saigon. Unfortunately, she had missed so much school that she struggled with the academic rigor. Despite that, she never gave up.

Kim had converted from her family's Cao Đài religion to Christianity while still in Vietnam. After arriving in Cuba, she met Bui Huy Toan, another Vietnamese student and her future fiancé. In 1992, Kim and Toan married and went on their honeymoon in Moscow.

During a refuelling stop in Gander, Newfoundland, they left the plane and asked for political asylum in Canada, which was granted. The couple now live in Ajax, Ontario, near Toronto, and have two children. In 1996, Kim met the surgeons who had saved her life. The following year, she passed the Canadian Citizenship Test with a perfect score and became a Canadian citizen. In 2015, it was reported that she was receiving laser treatment at a hospital in Miami, Florida, United States, to reduce the scarring on her left arm and back. The treatment is being provided free of charge.



In 1997 she established the first Kim Phúc Foundation in the U.S., with the aim of providing medical and psychological assistance to child victims of war. Later, other foundations were set up, with the same name, under an umbrella organization, Kim Phúc Foundation International.



In 2004, Kim spoke at the University of Connecticut about her life and experience, learning how to be "strong in the face of pain" and how compassion and love helped her heal. She bares no ill will to the man who ordered the bombing strike or the pilot who dropped the bomb that changed her life. In fact she has met them both and embraced them warmly with a heart for forgiveness.

Kim is now 53. She continues to work tirelessly for children who have been affected in the horrors of war throughout the world.

So for each and every one of us here today, we can use this story of Kim as a guide for our future. Hopefully our lives will be blessed with happiness, friendship and joy. The reality will probably be different. We will be challenged, either by sadness, tragedy, illness and life in general. Kim looked to an inner strength, and her deep faith. She believed in the goodness of humanity and she has dedicated her life to make a difference in her world.

As we leave here today, ready to take on the world, remember that we have learnt a great deal about life already and that we will have the ability to live this wonderful, unpredictable, challenging, eventful, life giving and confusing existence – and cherish every relationship, every precious relationship.

Kim said this in 2009 – "Forgiveness made me free from hatred. I still have many scars on my body and severe pain most days but my heart is cleansed. Napalm is very powerful, but faith, forgiveness, and love are much more powerful. We would not have war at all if everyone could learn how to live with true love, hope, and forgiveness. If that little girl in the picture can do it, ask yourself: Can you?"

Faith, Forgiveness and Love..... go well Year 12 – go with faith and love and generous forgiveness into your world.

Have a safe and happy break and we look forward to seeing our young people back in Term 4.

Go Gently.....

Mr Graeme Selmes
Principal

IMPORTANT NOTICE

PUPIL FREE DAY
MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER

First day of Term 4



P & F Chocolate Drive Fundraiser 2016

Please return money or unsold chocolates to the school no later than Friday 23 September

Sellers Prize:

For every box sold and or partly sold, the seller will go into the draw for weekly prizes.

The final prize of a \$100 Gift Voucher to JB Hi-Fi will be drawn Tuesday 18th October

Winners Draw

Congratulations to Courtney Craft Year 8 and Jazmin Hofman Year 10 for winning a \$20 JB Hi-Fi Gift Voucher each.

Thank you from the St Paul's P & F Association



From the Assistant Principal - Curriculum

YEAR 12 - THE FINAL STRETCH

As our Year 12 students embrace the wonderful celebrations of their final week of classes, I would like to congratulate each of them on making it this far – just completing the HSC race is a mighty achievement in itself. However, I would also like to take this opportunity to remind them that the race is not yet over.

While pausing to reflect over the next few days is an important part of their journey, the ensuing weeks will provide some important opportunities for our Year 12 students to significantly influence their HSC outcomes.

I have spoken to Year 12 a number of times about the different approaches to the HSC race – whether they be long-distant runners who will steadily grind away at their work over a long period of time, or sprinters, who surge strongly as the finish line nears. Regardless of the approach taken, all Year 12 now find themselves in the final stretch, and this means the same for marathon runners and sprinters alike – it is time to raise one last effort!

Most students can make significant gains over the next few weeks simply because approximately 50% of their HSC result is still yet to be determined. So I would encourage all of our Year 12 students to discipline themselves to make this time count – there will be opportunities for a good rest after you cross the finish line.

Good luck to each of you, and congratulations on all that you have accomplished thus far.

YEAR 11 – SUBJECT CHANGES

Subject Change forms for Year 11 students are currently available from Student Services. If you have any concerns / questions about your subjects please don't hesitate to ask. Completed forms need to be returned directly to Mr Ptolemy.

Mr Greg Ptolemy

Assistant Principal - Curriculum

From the Assistant Principal - Welfare

Bullying Survey

From this week, I will begin surveying all junior students based on their experiences of bullying at St Paul's. This will form part of an ongoing 'snapshot' of behaviours that will be monitored beyond what is reported to staff.

Although this has not been raised as a major concern, I am conscious of individual situations and would like to extend on this information to receive a collective response from students to better inform our welfare team.

As such, students will be asked to complete an online survey to communicate to the Students Coordinators and myself, instances of bullying and more importantly types of bullying that may have occurred or been witnessed.

After all surveys have been collated, I look forward to making available the findings and more importantly the School's response to any issues raised.



Study Skills weblink

I would encourage all students as part of getting organised for their upcoming assessment's, to look at this website and see the study resources available to students regardless of which year level they are in. The details are as follows:

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**

Mr James Furey

Assistant Principal (Welfare)

Year 7 News

Year 7 have had a great term with lots of interesting excursions and learning opportunities. To end the term we will be holding a wellbeing period where we address some issues related to bullying and resilience. I think all the students are ready for a holiday, perhaps it is because Mrs Squires jetted off on some long service leave before the end of term. We look forward to her return and all the stories she will share with us. Term 4 looks like it should be a beauty and I know lots of Year 7's are already looking forward to end of year activities. Provided that we all remember to respect our peers, our teachers and other people's property, we have a lot to look forward to.



Ms Kerrie-Lee Guest
Acting Student Coordinator

Year 8 News

Welcome to the end of Term 3 of Year 8! ... One more Term and your child will be entering Year 9!

The students have had an eventful last couple of weeks, and I would like to acknowledge the staff that make such events occur.

Thank you to Mr Doyle who organised the Reflection Day at Speer's Point Park. The students were treated to many games, food, free time and discussions. The students conducted themselves in such a pleasant manner which promoted more activities than was planned.

Thank you to Ms Guest and the English Department, who organised the viewing of "Hunt for the Wilder People" at Boolaroo Cinemas. What a fun and quirky movie which all who attended enjoyed. The owner of the cinema commented on how well-mannered the students were to the staff.



Thank you to Ms Lancaster who organised the Train Police to speak to the students. The police presented some thought provoking ideas, information and videos. Again the students were respectful and polite.

Thank you to Miss Blandford and the HSIE Department, who has organised the students to partake in a Medieval Incursion. Having seen this presentation a number of times, I know the students will find it informative and entertaining. The students got dressed up in heavy medieval armour and were warned not to kill anyone!



Congratulations to **Alexa Pearce** who was chosen to be part of the ensemble for *Grease* that goes into production next year and to **Taylah Conway** who has advanced to perform her ballet exam in Sydney later in the year.

Thank you to the students who have been making the effort, as expected, to wear the correct uniform to school. I know that a lot of parental influence and school vigilance has occurred to improve this situation. Uniform isn't just about what you wear. It is also about why you wear it – the respect you have for the community that you have chosen to be part of, what wearing the uniform correctly is saying about you and your community and simply not disobeying the school rules.

Enjoy your holiday.....

Mrs Cayte Pryor
Student Coordinator
cayte.pryor@mn.catholic.edu.au

Congratulations on completing 13 years of education. Best wishes as you continue to study for the HSC Examinations. Thank you to each of the following students involved on a committee.

DVD Committee

Declan Baird, Melanie Coyne, Joseph Davis, Alexis Duncan, Laura Geyer, Isabelle Nichols, Tyler Thurston

Formal Committee & Graduation Helpers

Alanna Carew, Macayla Carlow, Alexis Duncan, Ashley Frazer, Laura Geyer, Taylah Gough, Deleasha Izzard, Maddison Mitchell, Sarah Mostyn, Isabelle Nichols, Rachael Probert, Rebecca Webster

Prayer for HSC Students



Today, let us especially pray for our young people as they soon sit for their HSC exams.

God we ask that they especially feel your closeness during this period.

Give them calm hearts and quiet confidence in the knowledge that you hold them in the palm of your hand.

Bless them with keen understanding and retentive memory.

Give them the ability to grasp things correctly, be exact in their explanations and an ability to express themselves clearly.

Holy Spirit send them your gifts of wisdom and knowledge.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,

Amen

Important Dates

Graduation Mass	Wednesday 21 September at 7.00pm
Graduation Awards Ceremony	Thursday 22 September at 9.30-11.00am
Year 12 Farewell	Thursday 22 September at 11.30am
Year 12 Graduation Ball	Friday 11 November from 6.00pm <i>Graduation Ball Tickets Total \$85.00 - Deposit \$30.00 per ticket due strictly by 23 September Balance \$55.00 per ticket due strictly by 21 October Any dietary requirements please advise Mr Mulhearn in writing by 21 October</i>
Year 12 Barbeque	Friday 16 December at 11.00am



Year 12 2016

Remembering Asylum Seekers

One Year 10 English class is currently studying the play *Beautiful Words* that combines stories from the holocaust with today's refugee crisis. As part of the study students looked at the SIEV X tragedy where 353 people lost their lives trying to get to Australia and seek asylum. A permanent memorial was created by school children in Canberra, but our Year 10s have made a temporary memorial on the flag lawn to remember all lives lost at sea. There are 353 figures all individually decorated. These have been placed into the shape of a boat, using the dimensions of the SIEV X. There were 421 people aboard a 19.5 metre vessel. We comfortably sat the 25 people in our class but it was hard to image nearly 9 times that amount of people on an unforgiving sea.



Ms Kerrie-Lee Guest
English Teacher



Sport Update



9/10 Girls Rugby League Day

During week 7 we took a brave team of Year 9/10 girls to the Girls Secondary Rugby League Tackle day. The girls had never played a game in their lives and some were overheard asking "Does the ball have to go backwards?!" They played 6 games and came away with 4 wins! The girls showed guts and skill and will be ready to come back next year and give it another go. Well done girls, you should all be very proud. Thanks to Mrs Pakalniskis for her wonderful coaching skills and to our assistant coaches/water boys **Kendyll Faye** and **Sam Douglas**.



Miss Jessica Knott
Organising Teacher

Duke of Edinburgh

Any student currently participating in the Bronze Duke of Ed Award would have received a note home in Week 8 informing parents/carers the date of the next camp. At this stage the venue/journey for their next camp is yet to be confirmed, but will happen on:

Friday 28th and Saturday 29th of October (Week 3 of Term 4)

Could you please put this date in your diaries/calendars. The students will be accompanied by Mr Steven Thomas and Mrs Alice Grant. Further information to come. There will be equipment available for students to borrow if needed.

I am now on maternity leave so if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Mr Steve Thomas on 49 586711, alternatively you can still email me on Jessica.knott@mn.catholic.edu.au.



Miss Jessica Knott
Duke of Ed Coordinator

Student Representative Council News

Socks and Jocks Drive

The St Paul's community have been busy collecting items this term for a 'Sock and Jocks' initiative, a program designed to put together some 'Hygiene Packs' for homeless people and those who are sleeping rough in and around Newcastle.

We put out a call at the beginning of the term, asking for toothbrushes, toothpastes, deodorant and men's underwear, and we are pleased to announce that, in just a few weeks, we have managed to assemble 100 packs for our charity of choice 'Reach Newcastle'. This is a charity based in Newcastle, who give food and other necessities to those in need. This charity was suggested to the SRC as a very worthy cause by a parent of this school.

We are extremely proud of the overwhelming support and the compassionate response that our school community has shown in supporting this drive. The success of 'Socks and Jocks' is a wonderful example of Christian benevolence and school spirit.

Thank you to everyone who contributed!



Photo: Volunteers assembling the Packs

Mrs Nicole Burns
Organiser

Vietnam Immersion



St Paul's Vietnam Immersion September / October 2016



Message from Vietnam Tours.....

Dear Parents,

Not long now and your children will be embarking on the overseas trip of a lifetime. In order to ensure that parents feel as connected as possible with their child's experience we will post daily updates on our Facebook page as well as our Google Plus page. Updates will not only showcase the daily happenings of the trip but will also advise of any flight changes etc.

In order to receive these updates simply 'like' our Facebook page - www.facebook.com/VietnamSchoolTours/ - and/or 'Follow' our Google Plus page - plus.google.com/106841233593417832236

We are so excited to welcome all the students and teachers travelling to Vietnam and/or Cambodia in September/October 2016 and are super confident that apart from having an amazingly fun time, their trip will certainly **'Open Their Eyes (and) Change their life'**.

Kind Regards,
Tram Macdouall

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Mr Ross Wilson
Organising Teacher



ASPIRE Holiday Workshops

September 2016

ASPIRE holiday workshops are all about skills development in a fun and safe environment with likeminded performers.

All ASPIRE holiday workshops are open to students from Year 5 to Year 12 and material used will be age appropriate. Your child doesn't need to have any prior experience with the ASPIRE program.

Payment for these holiday workshops is via the new **Qkr APP**. If you require assistance in using this app please contact us. The cost for each workshop is \$80.00.

Please note participation in holiday workshops does not guarantee acceptance into the ASPIRE program for 2017.

To register your child's booking or for further enquiries please contact Anne Atkins on (02) 4979-1331 or email anne.atkins@mn.catholic.edu.au. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Singing: The Confident Performer

Wednesday 28 September 2016 – 10.00 am – 4.00 pm at the Factory, St Pius X High School, Adamstown

This fun workshop focuses on performance technique and how to ooze confidence on stage. You'll look at what to do with your body when performing and discuss how to deal with nerves. Participants will be encouraged to try out a few different styles of song as well as working on a piece they bring to the workshop.

Dance: The Story of Dance

Wednesday 28 September 2016 – 10.00 am – 4.00 pm at the Factory, St Pius X High School, Adamstown

Working with dancer and choreographer Angie Diaz young dancers will gain insight into how we can tell stories and create an emotional response from an audience through movement. As well as being put through your paces with new choreography and partner work, you will be challenged to create your own pieces.

Music: The Singer-Songwriter

Thursday 29 September 2016 – 10.00 am – 4.00 pm at the Factory, St Pius X High School, Adamstown

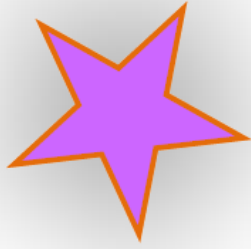
Bring along your instrument of choice and work alongside Professional muso Mike McCarthy for the day as you write your own songs. Musicians will look at everything from lyrics and finding inspiration to finding the right riffs and musical patterns. This is a great opportunity to hone your skills and work in your preferred style.

Acting: Scripts and Scenes

Thursday 29 September 2016 – 10.00 am – 4.00 pm at the Factory, St Pius X High School, Adamstown

This engaging workshop will take young performers through techniques for approaching scripted work, including first read-through and how we take information from a script for our character, basic blocking and delivery of text and performance tips. It's a great way to develop your acting skills. Script will be age appropriate and from a variety of theatre styles.





HOLIDAY WOKSHOP PRESENTERS

SINGING: The Confident Performer – Luke Baker

Luke Baker is an experienced vocal teacher and has been working as a professional musician for many years. He is currently teaching HSC Music at St. Francis Xavier College, Hamilton and has been working in the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese for the last 6 years. Luke has worked in the Newcastle region as a seasoned vocalist and is versatile in multiple performance styles. He has recently come off a successful season of "Wicked The Musical" with Metropolitan Players in the leading male role of 'Fiyero'. Luke is looking forward to working with the ASPIRE team and helping to develop the performance skills and techniques of the vocalists.

DANCE: The Story of Dance – Angie Diaz

Angie Diaz is a multi- faceted performer who has worked professionally across, Film, TV, Theatre and Dance Theatre. Including, Zeal Theatre with Stefo Nanstou, 2007 Project Greenlight Film, The view from Greenhaven and television roles in, Underbelly Badness, Schapelle, All Saints and Home and Away. Angie has worked as a Dance Theatre artist and Choreographer with Catapult Dance, and the FLIPSIDE Project, Newcastle, Directed, by Cadi Mc McCarthy. Earlier this year, Angie completed a 3 week choreographic residency with Choreographer Joshua Thomson culminating in a performance at the LOCK UP Gallery, Newcastle. Most recently, Angie performed in the premiere of Vanessa Bates, Trailer, Directed, by Anna Kerrigan with Tantrum Youth Theatre. Angie holds a BA Dance with Honours from WAAPA and has completed actors training in Meisner Technique.

MUSIC: The Singer-Songwriter – Mike McCarthy

Mike McCarthy is an Australian singer/songwriter and music producer. Threading together the elements of dirt box blues with open-sea folk, McCarthy's music is a wild, yet ever soulful, meditation on life. His 2012 album, **THE LION'S SHARE**, is a career defining work, filled with life giving lyrics and joy infused music. As well as extensive tours of Australia, Japan, The UK and USA, McCarthy's music has featured on films such as "Stoked & Broke", "Seaworthy", "Lines from a Poem" and "Alaska Sessions." He is recognized as one of Australia's hardest working independent artists.

Over the last ten years, Mike has also supported musician/songwriters Eric Bibb, Mia Dyson, Tim Hart, Tex Perkins and Sarah Blasko. Eric Bibb was quoted as saying that "Mike and I are one in the same tribe".

ACTING: Scripts and Scenes - MUSIC: The Singer-Songwriter – James Chapman

James is a Newcastle based actor, writer and producer. In 2013 he was nominated for the CONDA award for Best New Play (Life After Kyle). He was nominated again in 2014, this time for Best Lead Actor for his performance in "Sleuth". In 2015 he was part of a team that won the CONDA for Best New Play (No One Cares About Your Cat). James is the Artistic Director of Knock And Run Theatre and works at Tantrum Youth Arts as a Teaching Artist. His most recent acting credits include "Suicide, Incorporated" (Knock And Run Theatre), "Hello, Stranger" (Paper Cut) and "Proof" (NTC).



Career Thought of the Week:

“Your attitude, not your aptitude, will determine your altitude”

Zig Zigler

Year 12 Last Minute Reminders



University Applicants

- On-time UAC applications close on 30th September 2016 – avoid late fees! See www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate to apply
- ‘Early Entry’ course/s need to be listed in your UAC preferences by end of November.
- Your first preference should be the ‘early entry’ offer you most want to get. These are often regardless of ATAR. The offer will be made through UAC – log in to UAC ‘Check and Change’ on 3rd December to see your formal ‘early’ offer. Exception to this is UNE ‘direct entry’. UNE will send you an offer direct, probably mid-late November.
- Some ‘early entries’ will be a ‘conditional offer’ which will be made unconditional through UAC on 5th January if you meet the (usually reduced) ATAR requirement.
- Most offers will be made in the Main Round mid-January 2017.
- There are several offer rounds where you may be eligible for an offer

It is *vitaly important that you read and understand* Pages 31-34 of the UAC Guide regarding offers.

- SRS (Schools Recommendation Scheme) applications are due on 30th September - see www.uac.edu.au/srs to apply
- EAS applications (Education Access Scheme) - for people who have suffered some kind of disadvantage - should be to UAC no later than 30th November. See www.uac.edu.au/eas

Also: be mindful of individual scholarship and university on campus accommodation application processes and dates/timelines.

An excellent scholarship site to look at that covers scholarships by State is:

https://cef.org.au/students/scholarships/?utm_source=Database%20Newsletter&utm_campaign=183f1480b82016_Scholarship_Guide_newsletter_list8_24_2015&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a00858790b-183f1480b8-88731981

TAFE Applicants

- Applications generally will open in October/November
- See your local TAFE and/or website for course options and details on fees. These vary depending on course and your individual circumstances.

For information on TAFE, see: <https://www.tafensw.edu.au>

To find out more about the new fee structure that applies to TAFE, see Smart and Skilled website :

www.smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au

RSA & RCG

A reminder that payment is due by the end of this term.

HSC Results

Released Wednesday 14th December @ 6am – log onto BOSTES <http://studentonline.bos.nsw.edu.au>

ATAR

Released Thursday 15th December @ 9am – log onto UAC Check and change -

<http://www.uac.edu.au/undergraduate/check-change>



RAS Foundation Rural Scholarships

Don't let a \$5,000 scholarship slip by!

Do you know a tertiary student who would benefit from a financial helping hand? The RAS Foundation's Rural Scholarship Program is calling for applications from students who are passionate about a future career in rural or regional NSW.

There is no limit on the types of courses that qualify or the age of the applicant. Previous recipients have come from a variety of backgrounds including engineering, teaching, agricultural science, horticulture, medicine or nursing - and almost everything in between.

Hurry, entries close on Friday, 30 September 2016.



September 2016

The HSC is only a few weeks away for Year 12 students. And we're here to help with our HSC Live Facebook Q&As this October. We've organised for two Senior HSC Markers and Teachers to be online across 6 nights for the following subjects:

[Advanced English](#) - Monday 10 October

[Biology](#) - Monday 17 October

[Mathematics 2 Unit](#) - Tuesday 18 October

[Mathematics Ext 1](#) - Monday 24 October

[Business Studies](#) - Tuesday 25 October

[Economics](#) - Thursday 27 October



Important Dates for Term 3/4

RSA/RCG 10TH /11TH November

UAC Dates for Year 12 refer to UAC BOOK

Casual Positions/Employment Links

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

Mr Ross Bush

Acting Careers & Vocational Education 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

School Fee Payments

1. Qkr
2. BPay *through your own home banking via the Internet*
3. Eftpos **Minimum payment \$10**
4. Cheque
5. Cash

Excursion Payments

1. Qkr
2. Eftpos **Minimum payment \$10**
3. Cheque
4. Cash

Commencing Term 4

All receipts will be emailed unless school is otherwise advised

QKR is a great way to pay fees and excursions



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

Step 1 Download Qkr!

on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app



Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

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

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.

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
9	Peer Support	17 October	School Hall	\$20	11 October
11	Drama	25 October	NIDA Sydney	\$40	14 October

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

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.

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

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.*



School
Uniform
Information

Catering Uniforms

Available at reduced prices !

Uniforms

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

Low Prices !



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

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

Senior Uniforms

Large range of boys and girls sizes.

Great condition!

Shirts, shorts, skirts, ties, blazers.

Cash or cheques only

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

When Leaving School Early

Leaving school without Parent/Guardian:

If students are leaving school early they must bring a note from their 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.

Leaving school early with Parent/Guardian:

If students are leaving school early during class time with their Parent/Guardian they must bring a note from the parent/guardian. (As Students may not be contactable e.g on PE Prac or in a class room without a phone)

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

The student must then go the Front Office, to meet their Parent/Guardian.

A note is not necessary if leaving with a Parent/Guardian at recess or lunch.



Canteen Roster



Tuesday 11 - Friday 14 October

Mon	Pupil Free Day
Tues	Vicki Blundell, Maree Adams
Wed	Dianne Fennell-Fraser, Christine Forrester
Thurs	Kim McManus-Smith, Rochelle Loveday, Nadine Steenson
Fri	Anne Negline, Julie Lerch

Monday 17 - Friday 21 October

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 3 2016

Week 10	Wed 21 Sept	Yr 12 Graduation Mass
	Thurs 22 Sept	Yr 12 Award Ceremony/Assembly
	Fri 23 Sept	LAST DAY OF TERM 3

Term 4 2016

Week 1	Mon 10 Oct	PUPIL FREE DAY
	Tues 11 Oct	School Resumes
	Thurs 13 Oct	HSC Commences (Concludes 4 Nov)
Week 2	Wed 19 Oct	Yr 10 History Socktober
	Mon 24 Oct	Yr 11 Legal Studies
Week 3	Wed 26 Oct	Aladdin The Musical Sydney Exc Diocesan Mission Mass
	Thur 27 Oct	Yr 9 Leadership Day
	Mon 31 Oct	Yr 11 Preliminary Awards Ceremony Yr 11 Parent Teacher Interviews
Week 4	Mon 31 Oct	Yr 11 Preliminary Awards Ceremony Yr 11 Parent Teacher Interviews
	Tues 8 Nov	Yr 6 Orientation Evening
	Wed 9-15 Nov	Years 7-10 Exams
Week 5	Nov 11 Nov	Yr 12 Graduation Ball

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.



LOST AND FOUND SCHOOL JUMPERS / JACKETS / CLOTHING ITEMS



We have many items of clothing in our Student Services area waiting for collection.



Please come and see if you belong to any of these items, otherwise

AUROZA

Reminder:

Aurora - the magazine of the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese is available in The Newcastle Herald.

Look out for it on the first Tuesday 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.





SPECIAL PROMOTION FOR

St PAULS HIGH SCHOOL

**SPECIAL SALES
Day**

Glendale Lowes

Thursday 13th October 2016

9am – 9pm

RECEIVE 15% DISCOUNT

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PLUS

Lowes will pay your school an annual **rebate** on every uniform purchased in-store.



Linking with everyone

Linkers work with all people and communities, including people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and Aboriginal communities. Linkers will support you to be part of your local and extended community.

You can contact a Linker whenever you need to, and in a way that suits you.

The role of a Linker is to provide short-term support to achieve a particular goal.

Linkers can be contacted again in the future if another goal is identified or further support or information is needed.



Contact your local Linker

Email: ability.links@vinnies.org.au
 Visit: www.vinnies.org.au or
www.abilitylinksnsw.org.au

Newcastle
 Unit 1a/956
 Hunter St,
 Newcastle West
 T: 4905 0700

Lake Macquarie
 48 Yambo St,
 Morisset
 T: 4905 0753

Maitland
 354 High St,
 Maitland
 T: 4905 0747

Cessnock/Singleton
 44 Vincent St,
 Cessnock
 T: 4905 0752

Port Stephens/Dungog
 The Gazebo Centre,
 16a/43 William St,
 Raymond Terrace
 T: 4905 0751

Muswellbrook/Upper Hunter Shire
 Shop 6, Brook Street
 Plaza, 30-34 Brook St,
 Muswellbrook
 T: 4905 0748

Wyong
 Shop 38, 2-6 Warrigal
 St, The Entrance
 T: 4905 0750

Gosford
 Suite A/201 Mann St,
 Gosford
 T: 4905 0749

To communicate in another language, please call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) on 131 450.

St Vincent de Paul Society NSW is funded by the NSW Government to deliver Ability Links NSW for people with disability aged 0-64 years across the Hunter and Central Coast.



St Vincent de Paul Society
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Linking people to their local communities



Linkers can assist you to

Look at ways you can participate in and be part of your community

Build your confidence to achieve your goals

Develop your existing support networks and create new networks

Set goals and plan for your future

What is Ability Links NSW?

Ability Links NSW supports people with disability, their families and carers to live the life they want, as valued members of their community.

It does this through linking people to their community.

Through local Linkers, Ability Links NSW also supports communities to be inclusive.

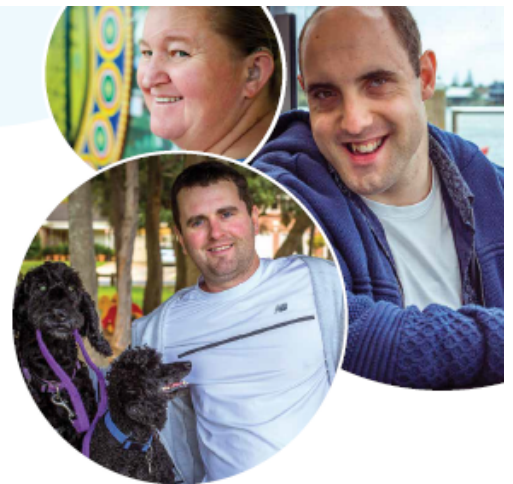
Ability Links NSW is an initiative of the NSW Government's Department of Family and Community Services, Ageing, Disability and Home Care.

How does Ability Links NSW work?

Ability Links NSW Coordinators, known as Linkers, work closely with people with disability, their families and carers to support them to fulfil their goals, hopes and dreams.

Whether your goal is to participate in sport, education, volunteering, or other activities, you remain at the centre of decision making about how you want to lead your life.

Linkers have strong local knowledge and work alongside communities, supporting them to be welcoming and inclusive.



Who can access Ability Links NSW?

Ability Links NSW is for:

- people with disability aged 0 to 64 years
- carers and families of people with disability.

Individuals, clubs, groups and businesses can also access Ability Links NSW for information and support on inclusion of people with disability.

There is no formal assessment process or referral that you need to meet in order to access Ability Links NSW.



Lake Macquarie Rugby Club

Presents **VIVA 7^s** **TOUCH FOOTBALL**

Starts 5pm
12th October 2016
running for 8 weeks



Families and individual players welcome!

Single player - \$30 • Family of 3 - \$80
Family of 4 - \$100 • Family of 4 or more - \$120

Shirts are provided



Contact **Greg Hodgson 0414 255 287 - Rob Taylor 0417 309 588**

Louise Kettles 0423 036 306 for further details

or email lakemacquarie_roos@gmail.com

or visit our website www.lakemacquarierugby.com for online registration



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Practice Exams & Feedback Sessions

Senior Writing Workshop

Year 10 - 12 students, taught by Dr Rob Reil
28 Sep - 1 Oct, 10am - 12.30pm each day

Creative Writing Workshop

Year 9 - 11 students, taught by Dr Rob Reil and Jason Newell
29 - 30 Sep, 1.30 - 3.30pm

Writing For Future Experts

Year 5 - 8 students, taught by Jason Newell
29 Sep - 1 Oct, 10am - 12 noon

Individual and small group holiday lessons in Maths, Sciences and English can be arranged by contacting our office.
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ART MANIA STUDIO

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September/October 2016

Bookings www.artmania.com.au or phone 49550509

<p>Date: Monday 26th September 9:00am - 12:00pm</p> <p>BARK LANDSCAPE/SEASCAPE ART</p> <p>Using nature's canvas, explore your creativity creating a landscape with bark.</p> <p>Cost: \$40 (includes materials)</p> <p>Teacher: Taylah</p> 	<p>Date: Monday 26th September 12:30pm—3.30pm</p> <p>TIE DYE PAINTING</p> <p>We're bringing the '70s back and taking you to Funky Town in this super fun tie dye class.</p> <p>Cost: \$40 (includes dyes) Please bring a cotton t-shirt.</p> 
<p>Date: Tuesday 27th September 9:00am - 12:00pm</p> <p>CERAMIC FIGURINES</p> <p>Bling up a figurine with paint, glitter and other embellishments.</p> <p>Cost: \$40 (includes materials)</p> <p>Teacher: Maddy</p> 	<p>Date: Tuesday 27th September 12:30am - 3.30pm</p> <p>PAINTING USING IMPASTO, GOLD LEAF, TISSUE PAPER AND MORE</p> <p>Discover the range of effects you can create to enhance your painting skills.</p> <p>Cost: \$40 (includes materials)</p> 
<p>Date: Wednesday 28th September 9:00am - 12:00pm</p> <p>LEARN TO DRAW - FACES AND BODIES</p> <p>Tips and tricks to get you drawing people like a pro!</p> <p>Cost: \$40 (includes materials)</p> <p>Teacher: Maddy</p> 	<p>Date: Wednesday 28th September 12:30pm - 3.30pm</p> <p>SHADOW BOX ART</p> <p>Create awesome 3D artworks using simple materials and your imagination.</p> <p>Cost: \$40 (includes materials)</p> <p>Teacher: Maddy</p> 
<p>Date: Thursday 29th September 9:00am - 12:00pm</p> <p>MYTHICAL TROLL AND FAIRYLAND</p> <p>Your imagination and creativity are all you need in this magical wonderland.</p> <p>Cost: \$40 (includes materials)</p> <p>Teacher: Taylah</p> 	<p>Date: Thursday 29th September 12:30pm - 3:30pm</p> <p>INDUSTRIAL ART</p> <p>Using timber, paint, old bolts, springs and nails, become an artistic handyman!</p> <p>Cost: \$40 (includes materials) Ages 8+ or accompanied by an adult. Enclosed shoes must be worn.</p> <p>Teacher: Ash</p> 
<p>Date: Friday 30th September</p> <p>Session One: 9:00am - 12:00pm, Session Two: 12:30pm - 3:30pm</p> <p>SCIENCE ART DAY</p> <p>Out of this world crafts - lava lamps, nebula jars, star projectors... and other science related effects to make art.</p> <p>Cost: \$40 for half day or \$70 for full day (includes materials)</p> <p>Teacher: Ash and Taylah</p>  	

Date: Monday 3rd October

Labour Day Public Holiday



Don't forget to check out our website to see all the great classes and workshops available.

www.artmaniastudio.com.au

Leadlight - Mixed Media - Clay Hand Building
Beginner Sewing classes - Upholstery - Enamelling on Copper - Painting - Glass Fusing - Mosaics - Resin - Leather Work - Macramé to name a few!

Date: Tuesday 4th October

MARIONETTE PUPPETS

Watch your artwork come to life with these colourful puppets.

Cost: \$40 (includes materials)

Teacher: Maddy

9:00am - 12:00pm



Date: Tuesday 4th October

GLASS FUSING CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Work with glass, learn how to cut and fuse decorations for Christmas.

Cost: \$40 (includes materials) Ages 8+ or younger if accompanied by an adult. Enclosed shoes must be worn.

Teacher: Fee

12:30pm - 3:30pm



Date: Wednesday 5th October

DREAM CATCHERS

Using feathers and other inclusions capture your imagination and your dreams!

Cost: \$40 (includes materials)

Teacher: Taylah

9:00am - 12:00pm



Date: Wednesday 5th October

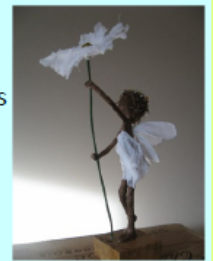
FAIRIES AND HOBBITS

Create your own fairy or hobbit mini sculpture using wire, cloth and feathers

Cost: \$40 (includes materials)

Teacher: Taylah

12.30pm - 3:30pm



Date: Thursday 6th October

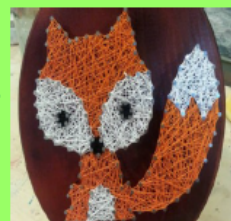
STRING ART

Become entwined in string art using paint, timber, nails and string.

Cost: \$40 (includes materials).

Teacher: Taylah

9:00am - 12:00pm



Date: Thursday 6th October

LINO PRINTING

Etch your favourite design in a piece of lino and print! The results are amazing.

Cost: \$40 (includes materials)

Teacher: Shelly

12:30pm - 3:30pm



Date: Friday 7th October

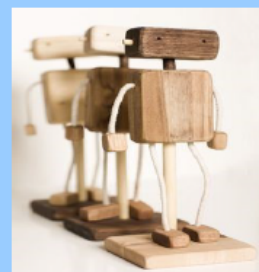
TIMBER ROBOT SCULPTURE

Make your own robot sculpture using timber, tools and armature.

Cost: \$40 (includes materials)

Teacher: Ash

9:00am - 12:00pm



Date: Friday 7th October

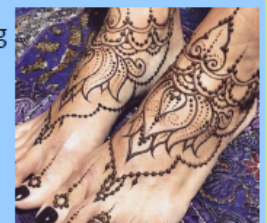
HENNA TATTOOS

Reflect your personality by creating your own temporary body designs using this natural safe temporary skin dye.

Cost: \$40 (includes materials)

Teacher: Taylah

12:30pm - 3:30pm



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