

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

As we end the term with our wonderful St Paul's Day celebration, I would like to share this reflection from Sr Redempta Twomey, an Irish sister with the Sisters of Columban Order with you. She speaks about the power of the words that we use. I hope to share it with our students on St Paul's Day.

A woman went to confession to St Philip Neri and said that she had been gossiping about others. For her penance he told her to go out and buy an unplucked fowl in the market.

On her way back she was to pull out the feathers one by one and scatter them along the way. She should then return to him and he would tell her what to do next. Feeling not a little foolish, she did as he asked and came back to him with the plucked bird.

St Philip praised her for her obedience but before she could bow out, happy that she had completed her strange penance, he said, "Now you must go back and pick up all the feathers."

"But Father," the woman exclaimed, "You know that is impossible. The wind has blown them all away and I could never hope to capture them now." "You are right," the saint replied. "Neither can you recall the damaging words about your neighbours which by now have passed from mouth to mouth far beyond your reach. Be careful in future, and gossip no more."

How easy it is for any one of us to fall into the way of gossip! Over a cup of coffee or a beer in the pub we hint at the failings of a neighbour or pass on the unsavoury story we heard about the new teacher or the curate or the wife of the chemist. In no time a fire is started, a reputation ruined, a life wrecked. And, careless, even oblivious, of the pain we cause, we lap up yet another tit-bit to pass on.

Society itself encourages us to indulge in this kind of destruction. A whole industry is built around lewd gossip; magazines specialize in broadcasting the sins not just of celebrities but of ordinary people, authors rush to publish books full of scandals, television programmes and films keep our appetites whetted with ever more lurid accounts of the misdemeanours of others.

With the arrival of Facebook and Twitter the cruelty reaches new heights. "I spend hours on Facebook," one teenage girl confessed,

"looking to see if negative comments are made about me." Some of her age group, boys and girls, feel suicidal and sadly, we know of people so distraught by the malicious gossip about them they have taken their lives.

"Consider how a small fire can set a huge forest ablaze. The tongue is also a fire" (Jas 3:6). All too often the tiny spark that we drop into conversation blazes out of control and we are powerless to stop it. Our words, as St Paul tells us, should be for the encouragement, the building up of others, not their destruction (see 1 Thess 5:11).

What a difference it would make if we were more careful of our words, if we used them to speak well of others and steadfastly refused to join in the current gossip, or to spread the latest scandals.

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Not only will the other be unharmed but we will find our own hearts made strong as we, with courage and discipline, try always to Page 1 Return to top.

speak good and not evil. Better than chasing after feathers, is it not?

"O Lord, set a watch before my mouth, a guard at the door of my lips" (Ps 141:3).-

https://www.columban.org.au/media-and-publications/articles/reflections/2012/reflection-tongue-control

In our world of instant communication and instant gratification, the words of Sr Redempta are something that we all need to keep in mind.

Our Year 12 students have almost completed their major HSC Assessments. Over the break it is time for them to reflect on what they have achieved and what they might need to know in the coming term to ensure that they are at their best for the final HSC. Next term the students will be completing their courses and assessments, receiving feedback for the assessments and ensuring that they have all the processes and practices in place for their success. It is also a time where they will be reflecting on their personal journeys through school over the past 13 years.

At the beginning of Term 3 we welcome our new appointed Assistant Principal—Teaching & Learning (Acting), **Mrs Cathy O'Gorman**. Cathy has accepted the position for the remainder of 2018. Congratulations Cathy!

I hope that all our families have a restful winter break and have the opportunity to spend time with family and friends. I have spoken to the students and reminded them that they might be on holiday, but in most cases, mums and dads are still at work. I told them to ensure that they look after you all by being sensible and ensuring that they do as much as they can to help out! I can only dream!

Go gently.

Mr Graeme Selmes Principal

REMINDER

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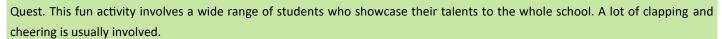
MONDAY 23 JULY

St Paul's Day, Friday 6th July

On the last day of Term 2 each year we celebrate our school patron St Paul.

The day begins with a liturgy which celebrates the story of St Paul and his willingness to live the gospel and create a gospel-centred community. There will also be a traditional 'smoking ceremony' in recognition of the traditional owners of our land.

Following the liturgy Year 11 students run the annual "St Paul's Got Talent"



After the formal part of the day is over, students will enjoy a variety of food stalls, sporting games and carnival rides for the rest of the day.

The food stalls that will be available on the day include a sausage sizzle, hot chips, pizza, soft drinks, donuts, milkshakes. The rides include the mechanical bull, large jumping castle, twister, bungee run and surf's up.

The food and rides are heavily subsidised by the School, however there is a small cost of \$1-2 for each food item and \$5 for 7 ride tickets. Students will need to bring some money if they choose to buy food or go on the rides.

Students will also be able to fully participate in the free sporting activities such as netball, basketball, handball, futsal competitions and games.

This is an **Out of Uniform Day and our policy on modest clothing will apply**. Appropriate attire for carnival rides and sporting games is encouraged.

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There will be no formal lessons or organised sport on this day.

Happy St Paul's Day!



Mrs Anna Hennessy
Support Student Coordinator.

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Year 12 News

Year 12 finished well this Term. They have completed their Trial Exams and can now participate in a **well-deserved break over the holidays**. I encourage them to use their down time well since it won't occur again until after the HSC exams are completed.

The **students are to be commended** on how they conducted themselves over the Trial Exam period. They were prompt and respectful through out the time and it was appreciated by the supervising and organising staff.

We extend our sympathies to **Carmen Manney** and her family who lost a family member the weekend before the Trials began. Our prayers are with you all.

Term Three is the last school Term for your child after thirteen long years of education. I hope that you might chat to your child about how they are going to finish this journey – hopefully with a bang than a whimper! What are they going to be remembered for? What relationships need mending? What effort needs to be improved? Can attendance be improved? Can uniform be improved? Just ten more school weeks – that's all!

I wish you all well over the holidays and look forward to seeing your children refreshed and enthusiastic throughout Term Three.

Mrs Cayte Pryor
Student Coordinator
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Sport News

Senior boys CCC Soccer team

St Paul's Catholic College have made an emphatic statement in the Open Boys CCC Football Knockout competition, with an 8-1 victory over Broken Bay Diocese champions St Augustine's College of Brookvale. An early send-off reduced the Augustinians to ten men and it was one-way traffic thereafter. Riley Smith led the line for St Paul's, bagging 4 goals, with strong support from the team on field.

St Paul's now face an opponent from the formidable Southern Sydney area, where the winner will proceed to the final series held in Sydney later this year.

Mrs Darlene Ellis Organising Teacher

Vietnam Immersion

Thanks you to all the Students and Parents who braved the cold to attend our meeting last Wednesday night, I really appreciate your support. We were able to address some very important aspects of the trip and clarify some other items of significance to our young travellers (do I pack my straightner or not!). Please see the checklist below to ensure that you are all up to date with your preparations;

- Organise your Travel Insurance
- See your GP regarding vaccinations and medications
- Logon to Vietnam School Tours and register
- Check the 'Packing List' on Vietnam School Tours
- Organise your Trail Runners or Hiking Boots and start wearing them!
- Return all outstanding Documentation to Student Services by Week 5, Term 3

A gentle reminder that your payment is now due so please settle this account if you have not already done so. Please contact me or the Finance Officer if you are unsure of your balance.

Finally, we have 3 positions still available to students in Years 10 or 11 who may want to join us, it is not too late but you need to contact me ASAP.

Kind regards,

Miss Sarah Adams Vietnam Immersion Team

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Creative Arts and Languages News





And that's a wrap !!!

Congratulations to all of our Diosounds Singers and Musicians that represented us at Diosounds on the 21st of June, it was an amazing show! Thank you for all the hours of work that went into preparing for the night and for the courage that it took for you to take the stage and perform to a crowd of over 1000 people. We are so proud of all of you. A special shout out goes to *Mia Haggarty* who throughout

the day took the initiative to engage restless students from another school in a impromptu singing circle! Not just for 5 minutes, for over an hour! The Teachers from the other school were most impressed and grateful for you showing such kindness to their students and publicly thanked her for showing such spirit. Thank you for sacrificing your downtime Mia! A big thank you also goes to Mr Pearse, Miss Garrett and Miss Heads for the time that you invested in our students to ensure that they felt confident and so that they represented us well. We appreciate your dedication, we could not do it without you! Finally, if you missed the performances, do not

fret! Our students will perform again at this years Splendour in the Arts on the 8th of August, don't miss it!





















Splendour in the Arts: Save the Date!!

The Annual Splendour in the Arts Performance is scheduled for the night of the 8th of August. Splendour in the Arts is a celebration of the amazingly talented Musicians, Singers, Dancers and Actors that we have amongst our St.Paul's community. For those of you who are new to our school and may not be familiar with the night, it is our main performance night featuring the work of Music, Drama and Dance Students. It is a wonderful opportunity for our performers to demonstrate their talents in a professional setting before a live audience with professional sound and lighting. Importantly, we also have a number of exclusive spots for Independent Acts. Auditions for these spaces will be held in Week 1, Term 3 starting on the Tuesday Lunchtime in C8. Only polished acts will be considered so you must prepare thoroughly throughout the holidays. Auditions are open to all singers, dancers and musicians from all years, so please feel welcome to try out if you study any of these forms outside of school. If you have any questions, please speak to any of the Music or Drama Teachers or of course, myself. I look forward to seeing you at the auditions!!

Miss Sarah Adams Arts and Languages



Leader of Pedagogy – Creative Arts and Languages

The Year 11 Drama Performance "Grounded" was held recently and was a great success.

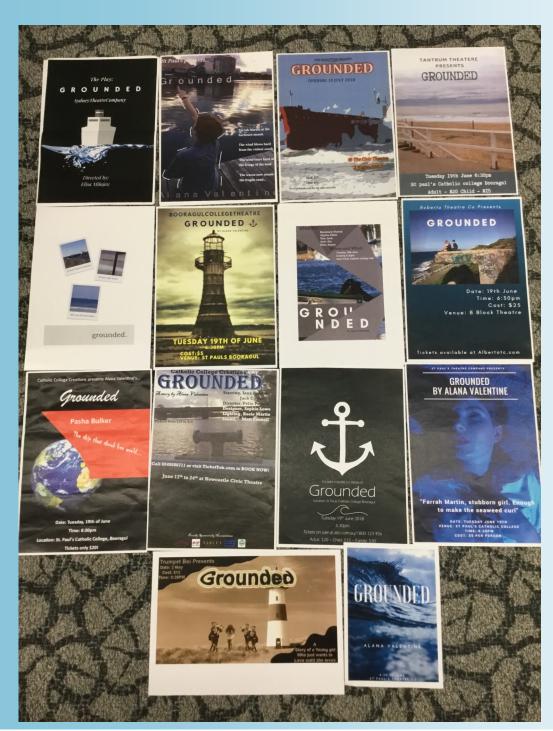
The class performed a two-hour production of the play "Grounded" which is about Farrah, a young woman, who lives close to the Newcastle Port. She is unpopular at school, so she spends her time watching the containers come in and out of the port, dreaming about other places where she might be able to get away to. Then one day, one of the ships goes aground on the beach at Nobby's and she becomes a popular person due to her knowledge of the working harbour.

The style of the production is Verbatim Theatre which is a type of documentary theatre, based on the spoken words of real people. In its strictest form, verbatim theatre-makers use real people's words exclusively, and take this testimony from recorded interviews. However, the form is more malleable than this, and writers have frequently combined

interview material with invented scenes or used reported and remembered speech rather than recorded testimony.

The production coincided with a hand-up Promotional Task which involved each student designing and creating a poster and ticket with rationale for the play "Grounded".

Congratulations Year 11 Drama and thank you to our lighting expert and marker, Mrs O'Gorman.



Mrs Elisa Milajew Drama Teacher



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PDHPE News







Career Thought of the Week:

""If you want other people to believe you, believe in yourself"

Dan Schawbel

Why didn't the smart kid get the job!?

You often hear things in the real world like:

- ⇒ Why did she get the promotion?
- ⇒ Why did they get the scholarship?
- ⇒ Why is he getting the extra hours?
- ⇒ Why did they make the Team?

The answer is quite often to do with "Transferrable Skills" or "Soft Skills."

What are these and why do they matter?

There are many useful links and resources on the subject some of which are at the end of this article. But to keep it simple let's consider just a few of these skills and how they can affect "who gets the job/opportunity" because let's face it, you want it to be you.

Now keep in mind that "<u>Hard Skills</u>" are basically your <u>Qualifications</u> and can be taught in a typical classroom/education program/course or on the job training scenario.

"Soft Skills" are more to do with your "ability to interact with others." They are more related to your attitude, personality traits, inherent social cues and communication skills.

Some examples from a very long list of soft skills are: Problem Solving, Creative, Cooperative, Empathetic, Persuasive, Self-motivated, flexible, there are literally dozens of them, BUT you don't need them all. You do however need to consider and develop the ones that are beneficial to your Career Choice. WHY? Because if you don't, the other person will usually get the job or opportunity.

Employers now expect to see soft skills listed on your resume and practised in the workplace, particularly in customer-based jobs.

The world of work has changed. Consider these:

- ⇒ Unlike hard skills, soft skills cannot be achieved by automated systems or robots.
- ⇒ Soft skills are also known as Transferable Skills because they can benefit you in different jobs and careers.
- ⇒ Soft Skills can even lead you to a promotion or different career path.

Let's consider just 1 real-life scenario.

Tom and Lisa are high school students and both applying for a weekend job at the local computer shop. The employer has advertised for someone who is comfortable with computers, has some basic knowledge on the subject, sales oriented and reliable. Tom is a wiz on the computer. Lisa is competent on a computer. Both think they have a good chance of getting the job, but their friends think it's a no brainer that Tom will get the job because he knows all about computers!

Both Tom and Lisa are offered a Saturday morning trial.

Tom is able to tell every customer about every computer. He spends a lot of time with each customer and makes sure they have all the details he thinks they need on the subject. However, he does not give his customers any eye contact or ask them questions. But he turned up on time worked hard and got the job done. Lisa was able to help her customers up to a point but had to look things up for many of them. Lisa was friendly and asked her customers questions relevant to their potential purchase. Lisa also turned up on time, worked hard and got the job done.

Now, when it came time for the employer to decide between the two he pointed out that:

Both Tom and Lisa had what he required "were comfortable with computers, had some basic knowledge on the subject, were sales oriented and reliable. He was happy with them both.

Lisa was not as knowledgeable as Tom about computers but she could learn on the job and displayed this by finding out what her customers needed to know elsewhere if she was not sure.







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Lisa made her customers feel important and relaxed by her friendliness, eye contact and asking questions about their needs. The employer felt this was better for repeat business and word of mouth advertising.

So, although a potential employee had to have a hard skill to apply for the job i.e.: some basic knowledge of computers it was Lisa's soft skills that got her the job over Tom.

These Soft Skills were:

Initiative – To find out answers to what she was unsure about or didn't know.

Communication – Asking questions relevant to her customer's needs.

Ability to relate (relationship) - Her ability to provide eye contact and display a friendly disposition.

So do some research!

Useful Links (you can also just google/search "Soft Skills," Transferable Skills" or "Enterprise Skills"):

Attention Year 12!!!!!!

As was mentioned a few weeks prior to your Trial HSC Exams, students who have finished their exams are encouraged to attend if thinking about studying at UON. If you cannot make it to this day DON'T panic -There is another OPEN DAY in August. I have included a list of these below as well. I have sent to all Yr.12 via email a link to register and plan your day.

Link to register: www.newcastle.edu.au/study/schools-visit-day

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Watch videos of Army personnel and find out about their work and lifestyle at Trades in the Army.

https://army.defencejobs.gov.au/jobs/trades

You can also attend a range of events that give you information on Defence Force Careers. The following link gives you a list of these:

https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events?page=1&perPage=21&query=&eventsDate=upcoming&state=nsw

Careerlinks Employment Links-Reminder

I have had a lot of interest this year from students in Yrs. 10, 11 and 12 that are regularly checking their emails in relation to junior positions vacant each week. This has resulted in many students applying and some gaining casual employment. So, if you are interested please check your school email account each Monday for the latest listings. As always please see me if you need help with applications or further information.

Important Dates for Term 2/3 2018

Yr. 12 HSC Trials Wks. 9/10 5th July UON Schools Visit Day

Yr. 11 VET Hospitality W/ Placement Wks.9/10

Yr. 11 VET Construction W/ Placement Wk. 2 Term3

Casual Positions/Employment Links:

These are ready to view on MN Connect-School Portal. These are also emailed to students in Yrs. 10-12 through their school email accounts.

> Mr Craig McLoughlin Leader of Pedagogy-Vocational Education/Careers



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SOFT SKILLS





Examples This Week:

Youth Links

2nd July 2018

Apprenticeship



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From the Finance Office











Opening Hours for Payments to the Finance Office

Parents: come to Student Reception or Reception from 8.30am to 2.30pm

Students: mornings from 8.30am until tutor group bell all of recess and lunch times

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

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For more information about QKR visit our website

www.booragul.catholic.edu.au

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
	Senior Science & Engineering Challenge	31 July	Newcastle University	\$10	25 July
11	Biology/Investigating Science	31 July	Wetlands Centre	\$25	6 July
Any	ASPIRE	2 August	Civic Theatre	\$25	29 June
11	BSTREET SMART	30 August	Quodos Bank Arena, Homebush	\$30	9 August
11	Year 11 Ski Trip 2018	20-23 September	Jindabyne	Various	7 September

Like to pay fees by Bpay weekly, fortnightly or monthly?

Visit the new St Paul's website for a user friendly Fee Calculator....

Please remember to include any future sport buses for 2018 or Year 11 Term 2&3 Elective Fees

http://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/about-us/finance/fee-calculator/

If you require your full 2018 school year fees, please email finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au



Mon	Tues Amanda Holt, Janelle Haggerston Ved Joanne Bower, Pamela Amos, Karen Gilmore Thurs Michelle Hall, Kylie Smith, Sharon Roberts	
Tues		
Wed		
Thurs		
Fri		

Monday 30 July —Friday 3 August

Mon	Lisa Kelly, Sharyn Kiely
Tues	Elizabeth McGovern, Christine Jones
Wed	Year 7-10 Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thurs	Debbie Parker, Mel Dobosz, Claire Elliot
Fri	Jennifer Barrett, Carol Crabbe, Krisna Bradbery

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.

Reception Hours for 2018

8.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Thursday 8.00am to 3.30pm Friday

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

Term 2 2018

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	Wk 8	Wed 20 June Thurs 21 June	NSWCCC Touch Championships All Schools Boys Knights Knockout	
	Wk 9	25 June-6 July 25—26 June Tues 26 June Tues 26 June Wed 27 June Fri 29 June	Year 12 Trial Exams CCC Open Basketball Championships Year 10 & 11 Immunisations Year 8 HSIE Incursion 9-11.30am Vietnam Immersion Compulsory Meeting School Writing Competition Due CCC Rugby League U/15 Camp	
	Wk 10	Tues 3 July Thurs 5 July Friday 6 July	All Schools Knights Knockout Grandfinals Yr 11 Mid Course Awards St Paul's Day—Last day of Term 2	

Term 3 2018

١		Mon 23 July	Pupil Free Day
		Tues 24 July	Years 7-10 Reports Published
	Wk 1	Wed 25 July	Year 11 First Aid Course
		Fri 27 July	NSW All Schools Cross Country
			U15 & U17 Girls Rugby Union
		Tues 31 July	Year 11 Biology/Invest Science Excursion
			Senior Science & Engineering Challenge
			Years 7-10 Parent Teacher Int Evening
		Wed 1-4 August	Aspire
	Wk 2	Wed 1 August	Pupil Free Day— Years 7-11
			Parent Teacher Interviews All Day
		Thur 2 August	Diocesan Netball Gala
			Years 11/12 Marine Studies Excursion
		Fri 3 August	14/16 Open Girls Rugby League
		Mon 6 August	Years 8>9 Information Evening
	Wk 3	Wed 8 August	Splendour in the Arts
		Thur 9 August	Year 10 Debating

Please see website for further Calendar dates

http://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/news-events/events-calendar/



St Paul's has a new website!

http://www.booragul.catholic.edu.au/

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Enrolments for 2019 are now open

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Enrolment Package

Please complete forms and return to the Office as soon as possible



A Reminder to current families, if there are siblings to enrol, we need your enrolment forms as soon as possible.

