

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



Welcome back to Term 3. This is an exciting term for so many reasons. The days will get longer and the weather will get warmer. The trees will begin to blossom and the grass will begin to grow. For our Year 12 students, it marks the end of their formal education as they finalise their assessments and major works and begin their final preparation for the HSC exams next term. For our Year 11 students, they will be finalising the Preliminary HSC with their final exams towards the end of the term.

The new Administration Wing and Classroom Block has begun. Demolition of the old block began over the break. Construction of the new wing will begin shortly into this term. Please be aware that we have lost a further fourteen car parking spaces as a result of the construction. We have put in place a temporary car park for staff on the top basketball court for the duration of the build. At our first school assembly I have explained the various safety implications to the students both in terms of car movements and safety around the building site area.



Reports for the Junior School have been finalised over the break. We have been using a new reporting system and the reports look a little different to the old ones. They contain a comprehensive overview of your child's performance over the past semester. Included in the report package which arrived via the post last week

were instructions regarding Parent Teacher Interviews which were held last night and all day today, Wednesday 27 July. We used an online booking system similar to that trialled with the senior school this year. Login in details were with the reports.

The last day of Term 2 was St Paul's Day. This was a wonderful celebration for the



staff and students, where we celebrated the many gifts that we have been given. This day began with a Smoking Ceremony to commemorate NAIDOC week. The students moved to the commemorative garden (round-about) where we also remembered the Centenary of the Battle of the Somme in World War 1. This part of the ceremony was quite poignant given that the Art Installation – Field of Red Poppies had only been taken down the day before. The

students were led by some of our Indigenous students reflecting on the NAIDOC theme, *Songlines* - The Living Narrative of Our Nation. This theme spoke of the Dreaming stories and the journey of the ancient spirits as they created the land, the animals and the lores. The Smoking Ceremony took place as the student body walked reverently into the Hall which was transformed into a place of Liturgy and worship. The St Paul's Day Liturgy looked at the beginning journey of St Paul and

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his conversion on the road to Damascus. The students heard about St Paul and St Barnabas where they were challenged to be like St Paul and St Barnabas.

We all need people like Barnabas in our life, people who listen to us, affirm us and spur us on to be our best selves; people who look beyond our obvious and often distressing faults, our sometimes lamentable behaviour, and stimulate us to discover our real potential.

They are not put off by the mutterings of others, nor do they allow themselves be coloured by our past record. No, they listen to us deeply, with respect and without judgement, always looking for that little spark that will make the difference. Parents, teachers, colleagues - have they not been Barnabas to us?

Are you a Barnabas? Begin the term with the determination to be an encourager of others, to uplift and not put down, to be on the alert to open a door for someone who is not making the grade. Be ready with a word of praise, a gesture of affirmation, a smile of encouragement. If you are to be a really effective Barnabas you too will want to be filled with the Spirit and full of faith. All you need from the Spirit will be given you - joy, wisdom, courage - to encourage others on their journey.

Sr Redempta Twomey

(https://www.columban.org.au/publications/the-far-east/2010/the-far-east-janfeb-2010/reflection-are-you-a-barnabas downloaded 29 June 2016)

Go Gently......

Mr Graeme Selmes
Principal

From the Assistant Principal - Welfare

This week I would like to inform parents of a recent meeting I had with our **NSW Police School Liaison Officer** regarding e-cigarettes. The use of e-cigarettes has become a popular item for adults to purchase in NSW as an alternative to smoking regular cigarettes. Unfortunately this has also become popular amongst minors and school students.

When I asked our Liaison Officer for advice and the legal implications of this product line I was given the following information:

"From the 1 September 2015 it is an offence:

- to sell e-cigarettes and e-cigarette accessories to minors under the age of 18
- for adults to buy e-cigarettes and e-cigarette accessories on behalf of minors
- to operate or use a vending machine that dispenses e-cigarettes and/or e-cigarette accessories on behalf of a minor

NSW Police have the power to seize an e-cigarette that is in the possession of a person under the age of 18.

From the 1 December 2015:

- it is an offence to use e-cigarettes in cars with children under the age of 16 present
- new provisions will apply to the display and advertising of e-cigarettes and accessories
- the sale of e-cigarettes and e-cigarette accessories to a minor is subject to the same maximum penalty as the sale of a tobacco product to a minor
- ♦ a penalty of \$11,000 for an individual or \$55,000 for a corporation
- for repeat offenders, a penalty of \$55,000 for an individual and \$110,000 for a corporation."

At St Paul's we have taken a stance that students possessing e-cigarettes on site will have a similar consequence to possessing/using tobacco. This consequence is usually a suspension due to the illegal nature of the product for minors..

I have included the above information for educative purposes within our community and should this be an issue or concern for families, I would encourage parents to seek support from their respective Student Coordinator or myself.

Mr James Furey

From the Assistant Principal - Curriculum

Years 7-10 Awards and Parent / Teacher Appointments

Years 7-10 awards occurred this week on Tuesday, 26 July. These awards acknowledge the efforts of students throughout the first semester. Congratulations to all award recipients!

The awards were followed by Parent /Teacher Interviews on Tuesday afternoon / evening (3:45pm - 7:30pm) and Wednesday (8:30am - 3:00pm). We have been trialling a new online booking system this year for our Parent/Teacher Interviews with the purpose of providing more autonomy to parents as well as immediate confirmation of booking times. Unfortunately, as part of this process we did have some technological glitches last week. We would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused during this time. Hopefully, we have now sorted out these issues and that future interview bookings will be hassle free!

Year 12 Final Term

Welcome to the final term of classes for our 2016 HSC cohort. All of our students should be intensely focused in the weeks ahead on the completion of major works, the review of Trial papers to further consolidate knowledge prior to the HSC Exams, and on their final internal assessment tasks. The end of this stage of their journey is certainly in sight, but it should be recognised that there is still a great deal of positive change that can be affected through consistent hard work over the remaining weeks. Maintain your commitment Year 12!

Year 11 2017 (Current Year 10)

The process of subject selection for senior studies next year continues this term. I am currently in the process of engaging in a number of interviews with students to discuss some issues around initial subject choices. The elective lines were made available to students on Monday Week 2 and selections are due for completion by Friday of the same week. We have moved this to an online process this year, and students have been given instructions regarding the completion of their selections. Students who encounter any difficulty are encouraged to see me as soon as possible. Students should use this week to continue to engage widely with staff to gain assistance in making informed decisions. The Parent/Teacher Interviews in Week 2 should also provide the opportunity for some important guidance in this process.

Year 9 2017 (Current Year 8)

The Year 8-9 Additional Studies Evening occurs on Monday 1 August at 7.00pm in the School Hall. The process for selecting electives will be outlined on this night and provide all of the information required for the selection of appropriate Year 9 electives. Students are asked to attend with their parents/guardians.

Stronger HSC Standards Reforms

A number of press releases recently have focused on changes to the HSC. Some of our current senior students have visited me over the last few days concerned about the implications of such changes for their HSC.

It is important to recognise that these changes are due to come into effect in 2019 and therefore are relevant only to our current Years 7, 8 and 9 students.

I will provide more details about these changes in the next newsletter.

Mr Greg Ptolemy
Assistant Principal - Curriculum

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Year 7 News

This week, Year 7 experienced another first in their life here at St Paul's with the presentation of Semester One Awards; followed by Parent/Teacher Interviews. For many students this event may be surprising, affirming and encouraging, but for others there may be a sense of disappointment. Semester One Awards offer an opportunity to acknowledge effort, achievement and improvement in all academic subjects, along with acknowledgement of outstanding attendance.

Here at St Paul's we celebrate and encourage students to participate in many different arenas including sport, creative arts, debating, creative writing, song writing, social justice fundraising and awareness, chess, robotics and the Duke of Edinburgh Program to name but a few. It is also important to celebrate academic achievement, hence the importance we place on acknowledging students who have applied themselves with diligence during each Semester. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all Award recipients and would like to challenge all members of Year 7 to either continue to apply themselves diligently or to maybe make a little more of an effort in class to try to improve their academic success and strive for an Academic Award in the Semester 2 Award Ceremony.

Congratulations to the Year 7 Debating team who will compete at the **Diocesan Debating Championships**. The members of the team are: **Claire Wilson, Jade Crouch, Kelvin Kennedy and Ben Lerch**. Good luck and happy arguing! Thanks to **Miss Guest** for accompanying the team and lending her wisdom and experience to the team members.



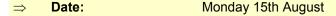
I would like to congratulate Year 7 on the state of their school uniform. It has been excellent and I gently urge you all to continue to wear your full school uniform with pride. Please note that you should only wear your sports uniform on Fridays and days when you have timetabled PDHPE lessons. Whilst on uniform expectations I would like to remind all students and parents that the members of the Junior School are not permitted to wear facial jewellery and should keep other jewellery to a minimum, ie one necklace (simple metal chain), one watch, one bracelet, sleepers or studs (no more than two pair).

Mrs Natalie Squires
Student Coordinator

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Bridges Excursion - 15th August

The next group of **Year 7** Technology students are going to Sydney on:



⇒ **Technology Classes**: TEM02, TEM04, TEM05, TEM08

⇒ **Departure Time:** 7.00am from St Paul's, or 7.30am from Morisset

⇒ Morisset Pick up: Collection point at Morisset is the bus terminal at the train station.

Please be on time as the bus cannot wait.

⇒ Return Time: 5.00pm at Morisset, or 5.30pm at St Paul's

⇒ Cost: \$60, include transport and unlimited rides at Luna Park

⇒ Payment: Full payment to be made at the Finance Office by Monday 1st August

⇒ Payment Options: QKR App (see our website: www.booragul.catholic.edu.au)

⇒ **EFTPOS or BPay** (please phone the school)

⇒ **Dress Requirement**: Full Sport Uniform and a cap, as much of the day is outdoors.

Please pack wet weather gear if rain is forecast.

⇒ **Food & Drink**: All students will need to bring their own food and drink for the day.

We will be stopping at a park in Sydney, but there are no facilities to buy food

until after 1.00pm at Luna Park.

⇒ **Other Items to bring:** Students are to bring a pen to write with.

Permission Note: Please complete the reverse side of the permission note, which includes the emergency contact details in the event of an accident / injury if it be necessary for your child to have medical treatment while participating in this excursion / activity. Please ensure that the emergency contact details are provided as students will not be taken on the excursion without this section being completed.



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

Mr Mark Redman
TAS Coordinator

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Year 8 News

Welcome to Term 3 of Year 8! and what a busy term it is – Reports, Athletics Carnival, Parent Teacher Interviews, Semester Awards, Additional Studies selection, Aspire, Debating, Dio Religion Literacy test, Mass and Reflection Day and Medieval Incursion. Throw in about 6-7 Assessment Tasks in the last four weeks and learning every day, and one can see how being organised is of utmost importance.



In my last Newsletter, I reminded parents of a suggestion on how to set up a **home study routine**. You should be able to access this Newsletter via the school website and portal. A home study routine is not optional. At this stage of a student's educational life, they need to understand the importance of self-discipline in this area and **their own responsibility to their education**. The students are now old enough to set achievable goals for themselves and to put in the effort required in striving for these goals.

Parent Teacher Interviews took place on Tuesday evening 27 July and Wednesday 28 July. This is a **pupil** free day but students are expected to attend the Interviews with their parents.

I have armed Tutor Group teachers with a list of when each of their students are supposed to be wearing their Sports uniform. It has come to my attention, that too many students are taking liberties and wearing their sports uniform most days. This will now stop, and detentions will be issued if the student continues to be out of uniform. Also, a reminder that school shoes are supposed to be black, leather,



polishable school shoes, and that **facial piercings**, including the nose, are not permitted in junior school. Students are expected to wear only their school jumpers, school cardigans or school sports jacket on cold days.



Our **Athletics Carnival** last Thursday was, as always, a fun day. The weather was great, the atmosphere was exciting and the community spirit was always present. I was disappointed that over fifty Year 8 students decided not to come even though it was a compulsory school day – the **absent notes** will be interesting.

On Monday 1 August, we will have an **Information Evening for all Year 8 parents** in the Hall starting at 7.00pm. This will be a recap of the year and an introduction to the Electives or Additional Studies that Year 8 will have the opportunity to choose. The students will be given extra information about these choices during that day and a booklet on the previous Friday.



Some good news over the holidays. **Harrison Kettles** was selected 2016 Captain of the U/14 NSW Country Rugby team. Well-deserved Harrison.

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

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Year 11 News



Welcome back to all Year 11 students to semester two. This short term is the last of the HSC Preliminary Year. I reminded Year 11 students last week that with the athletics carnival, parent / teacher interviews, pupil free days, and other important interruptions, teaching time is actually reduced to some six weeks before final assessments occur during Weeks 8 and 9. It is really important that students 'have a go' and test themselves in knowledge and skills so that they can gauge where they stand in relation to their peers before commencing the HSC year in Term 4.

During the Form meeting this week, the 2016 St Paul's Captains (student leaders) will speak with Year 11 to encourage **nomination for student leadership**. Letters were posted to parents before the school holidays

advising parents of the process of election that will be followed, and nomination forms were emailed to all students. I encourage Year 11 students to nominate before the due date (**Thursday 4 August**), and if they seek any advice or have any hesitation, please speak with myself, any of the executive, or the present Year 12 leaders.

This Friday is the deadline for payment for Bstreetsmart at the Sydney Olympic Venue (All Phones Arena) on 17 August. Although I have mentioned this in previous newsletters and at Form meetings, notification was only issued last week, so time is tight, but it is a valuable event that recreates road trauma incidents, and involves the police, ambulance, SES, fire brigade and other agencies. Again this is an opportunity made available to students – should they choose not to participate then it is school as normal.

At this stage the **Year 11 Mass** is scheduled for Wednesday 10 August and the **Year 11 Reflection Day** for Wednesday 24 August. Notification for these days will be forwarded by Mr Doyle in the coming weeks.

From the feedback received from parents, our **World Youth Day ambassadors Brian Fennell-Fraser and Robbie Turton (Year 11)** seem to be having a wonderful adventure with the Diocesan travel group in making their way through Italy to the major event in Poland. We look forward to hearing their stories.

It was great to read and hear the local news coverage on Cassidy McLean who was part of the Australian U/17 Basketball team that won the World Championships in Spain during June. Cassidy moved from St Paul's at the end of last Year to be closer to the Hunter Stadium, but she remains in the hearts and minds of so many of her friends at St Paul's.

Another rising star is **Jack Hardman in Year 11 who is a prodigious ALF player contracted to the Sydney Swans.** The Herald gave Jack a full page coverage in last Saturday's paper as he made his debut in the Swans reserve team at only 16 years of age – one of the youngest players in the team's history. Jack has already made his mark in the local Black Diamond Competition with 27 goals from only 9 games. Jack is humble about his success, but according to his mentors he has "all the attributes to make him a potential elite-level player".

Whatever your field of endeavour, aim high this term, put the effort in, and reap the satisfaction of knowing you tried your best.

Mr Ross Wilson Student Coordinator

Year 12 Industrial Technology News

Timber Products and Furniture Industries.....

Major Projects and Portfolios are due for HSC Marking on Thursday 11th August at 3.00pm. No further work will be able to be completed after this date.

Mr Mark Redman
TAS Coordinator

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There will be a **final parent-student-teacher meeting** on Wednesday 3rd August

5.30-6.30pm in the Library (Damascus Centre) to

discuss questions concerning medical preparation, insurance, gear required, spending money and denomination, community projects, the Long Tan commemoration, travel to and from airport, gratuities expected etc.

The Visa application for each student and a passport that has six months validity will be required by Mr Wilson around Term 3 Week 5 so that these can be forwarded by courier to our travel company.

Securing Visas usually takes around four days.



Final payment (the balance being \$3550) is required before the end of Week 2 Term 3

Please be sure that the Finance Officer knows that the payment is for Vietnam rather than school fees.

Mr Ross Wilson
Organiser

School Transport News

Please be aware that as from 1st August 2016, concession tickets will no longer be sold on Newcastle Buses or Ferries.

School students aged between 16 and 18 years must carry a SENIOR SECONDARY STUDENT CONCESSION CARD (as shown below) to be eligible to purchase a child/youth cash ticket when boarding a bus or ferry.

We would appreciate your assistance in providing your students with this card as soon as possible to avoid problems when boarding the bus or ferry.

NOTE There is no change to the school student opal card for travel to and from school on school days.



Newcastle Buses & Ferries

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From the Finance Office











Opening Hours for Payments to the Finance Office

Parents: come to Reception from 8.30am to 2.30pm mornings from 8.30am until tutor group bell Students: all of recess time and all of lunch time

School Fee Payments

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

Excursion Payments

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

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.

QKR is a great way to pay fees and excursions - please see next page for more information



For more information about QKR visit our website

www.booragul.catholic.edu.au

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:

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 hehalf

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	TEM02, 04, 05, 08	15 August	Sydney Bridges & Luna Park	\$60	1 August
11	All Year 11	17 August	Sydney Olympic Park	\$27	29 July
12	Biology	25 August Sydney Children's Hospital etc		\$60	19 August
7-11	Music	26 October	Capitol Theatre	\$105	22 July

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.

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

Mrs Betty Harris - Finance Officer

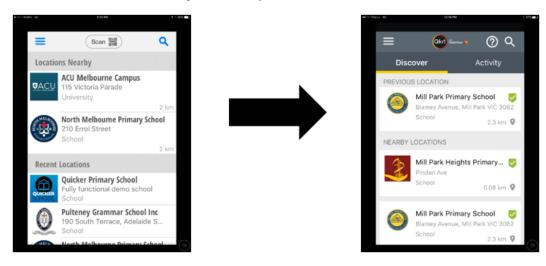
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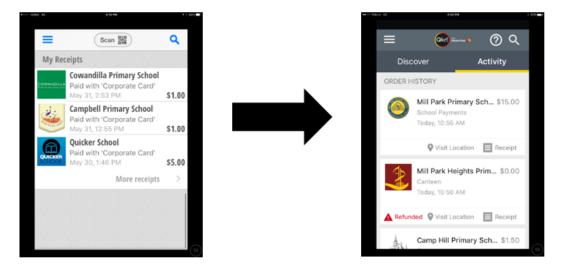
QKR UPDATE.....

The user design experts at MasterCard have come up with a new design and parent experience within the Qkr app that all users will see with the update from Apple's App Store or the Google Play store on or soon after the 16th of June, 2016. Your username and password will remain the same, as will any credit or debit cards already stored within Qkr, as well as your profile settings and those of your children. What will change significantly is the look and feel of the app, and the screens you will see in the process of using Qkr. Below are some of the current Qkr screens on left (as seen on an iPad today), and how they will appear with the app refresh.

Home screen: Our school will appear at the top of the home screen for currently registered users, but note some new terms like "Discover" and "Activity" as Qkr is being used increasing by non school merchants around the world, so the design has been modified to cater for users in a wide range of industry sectors.



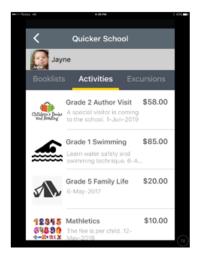
Receipts will in future be stored under the "Activity" tab. Your old receipts will still be accessible from this area.



Product selection screen: This screen will now be more efficiently used to make scrolling through a large list of products easier.







From the Careers Desk



Career Thought of the Week:

"The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will."



Vincent TLombardi

Attention Year 12 -2017 UAC Books and Information

UAC Guides have arrived at the school and will be distributed in Week 4. If any student applying for undergraduate entry in 2016 would like to look at the guide earlier than this please see me in the Careers Office.

DIRECTIONS

Universities Admissions Centre





UAC 2017 Seminars

These seminars will take place at St Paul's in Week 6, 25th August. Students will be issued with their 2017 UAC Guides and a presentation on how to use them will follow the talks. Students in Year 12 doing an ATAR pathway should soon have their UAC PIN, please keep your number very safe and make a few copies just in case.

UAC Important Dates 2017

- ⇒ End of July UAC PIN mailed out
- ⇒ 5 August Applications open
- ⇒ 30 September On-line applications close
- ⇒ 14 December NSW HSC Results released
- ⇒ 15 December ATARS released

Careers in the Army



The Army is more than just a dynamic place to work. You'll also love our unique culture of adventure, sports and friendships.

There is a wide range of jobs in the army including *aviation*, *logistics*, *trades*, *engineering* and *medical*, to name but a few!

Below are some useful links students might like to browse to learn more!

About the Army	<u>Defence Jobs - About the Army</u>	
Army Life	<u>Defence Jobs - Army Life</u>	
Training & Education	<u>Defence Jobs - Training & Education</u>	
How to Join the Army	<u>Defence Jobs - How to Join the Army</u>	
Women in the Army	<u>Defence Jobs - Women in the Army</u>	
Jobs in the Army	<u>Defence Jobs - Jobs in the Army</u>	
All other FAQs	<u>Defence Jobs - FAQs about the Army</u>	

Heads Up - University Open Day Season Ahead!!

University Open Days are a fantastic way to have a look around the campus, speak to lecturers and students and collect current information on courses, scholarship and accommodation options. Put some of these in your diary and take a friend or parent!



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Notre Dame Sydney

27 August 2016, 9am to 3pm For more info see: www.notredame.edu.au/openday

Macquarie University

20 August 2016, 10am to 3pm for more info see www.mq.edu.au/thisweek/2016/04/11/open-day-saturday-20-august

University of Sydney

27 August 2016, 9am to 4pm. For more info see: http://sydney.edu.au/open_day/index.shtml

University of Technology Sydney

27 August 2016, 9am to 4pm. For more info see: https://openday.uts.edu.au/

Western Sydney University

28 August 2016, 10am to 2pm, Parramatta South Campus . For more info see: https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/open-dayhighlights/open-day-2016

University of NSW

3 September 2016. For more info see: https://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/open-day

University of Wollongong

13 August 2016. For more info see: www.uow.edu.au/openday/index.html

University of Newcastle Open Day

20 August 2016, 10am to 4pm, Newcastle Campus, University Drive, Callaghan. For more info see: www.newcastle.edu.au/ events/future-students/newcastle-open-day

University of Canberra Open Day

27 August 2016 For more info see: www.canberra.edu.au/

<u>Australian National University Open Day</u>

27 August 2016, 9am to 4pm For more info see: www.anu.edu.au/study/events/anu-open-day-2016

Australian Catholic University Open Day

Canberra – 27 August 2016, 9am to 4pm

North Sydney – 3 September 2016, 8:30am to 2:30pm

Strathfield - 10 September 2016, 8:30am to 2:30pm

For more info see: www.acu.edu.au/study at acu/future students/undergraduate/experience uni before you start/ open day

ADFA Open Day

27 August 2016, 9am – 4pm. For more info see: www.defence.gov.au/adfa/Events/

The Good Careers Guide has arrived!



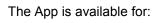
- Get complete information on 400+ jobs and careers
- Explore different training pathways
- Learn about everything you need to get a job
- Learn about STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) careers

You can find all this information at www.goodcareersguide.com.au

There's also an 'Augmented Reality' App available as well. Watch an introductory video on this at http://goo.gl/wCh8IN











Four Corners NEWS & CURRENT AFFAIRS

With startling predictions that more than 5 million Australian jobs will disappear in the next 15 years, as a result of technology, we look at the future of work and ask, are we preparing our kids for the jobs of the future?



Parents and Students may be interested in the following session which aired recently on Four Corners: http://iview.abc.net.au/programs/four-corners/NC1604H023S00 Link available until 3 August.

Important Dates for Term 3

- ⇒ 20 August Open Day Newcastle University
- ⇒ UAC Dates for Year 12

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 Craig McLoughlin

Careers & Vocational Education Coordinator

Learning Support Information

National Consistent Collection of Data

From 2015 all schools across Australia have been required to participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on Students with Disability (NCCD). The purpose of the NCCD is to gather a clear and accurate picture of the number, degree and types of difficulties and disabilities which are experienced by our students, and the adjustments that are made by schools to cater for their individual needs. From this, as a nation, we can better establish their needs and determine what should be done to give all students the greatest opportunities for success at school and beyond.

One of the reasons the NCCD program has been developed is as a response to the *Disability Discrimination Act* 1992 (the DDA) and *Disability Standards for Education 2005*. These pieces of legislation have given a much, much broader definition of what constitutes a disability, to include students whom parents, carers and teachers might not regard as disabled, in the usual sense. Children with learning difficulties, some particular health needs, and some behavioural, emotional and social difficulties, which impact on learning, meet this broader definition of disability.

Parents, carers and students should not be unduly concerned by the use of the word "disability" in this context. It is not a reflection on the child - it is an opportunity to ensure that the child's needs are recognised and that adjustments and intervention programs (even if very minor) are put in place to provide appropriate support, if needed. Participation in the NCCD in no way disadvantages or impacts on the educational provision for any child, including applications for specialist classes or high schools; as students are not identified by name or school in any systems' reports.

Our teachers and Learning Support Team are working together to identify students who could be included in the NCCD. As you know, the school already makes some adjustments to cater for your child's individual needs and as such we would like to include his *I* her details in the NCCD. Please contact Anne Marie Melocco, Learning Support Teacher who is organising the data collection for St Paul's or the Learning Support Coordinator, Mrs Katie Philpott, if you have any questions about this. A letter will be sent home to parents and guardians of students we feel fall in to this category, if you do not want your child to be placed on this register please fill in the form and send it back to school. If you are happy to be part of this you don't need to do anything. Also, if you feel you should have received a letter and have not please contact the school.

More information can be found about the NCCD on the flyer at:

https://docs.education.gov.au/system/files/doc/other/nationally_consistent_data_collection-parents_and_carers_version_no_2.pdf

We encourage every family to look at this positively and as an opportunity to ensure that the learning needs of all students are catered for in a supportive and appropriate way.

Mrs Anne Marie Melocco

Learning Support Teacher

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Ministry News



St Paul's Day

St Paul's Day was celebrated at the end of Term 2. The day began with a NAIDOC Week Smoking Ceremony which was organised by **Ms Polson**. Thank you to **Chloe Roberts, Taj Abrahams, Chantelle Finlay, Connor Hartnett, Harrison Kettles, Georgia Hosking, Keeley Gayler and Courtney Hall for leading the ceremony.**

We then gathered for a St Paul's Day Liturgy in the hall which was organised by the Ministry and Production group: Benjamin Kennedy, Rebecca Post, Keely Dunning, Matthew Webster, Ethan Parkes, Michael Fennell-Fraser, Rebecca Leslie, Amber Trick, Markus Favilla-Schirk, Annie Hawes, Stella Watts and William Turnbull.

The liturgy retold the story of St Paul's encounter with the Risen Christ. We also listened to some of St Paul's words from Romans (8: 31-39), where St Paul reminds us that "nothing in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord".

As part of the liturgy we built a mural of the school crest. The three dimensional crest was created by Year 9 Art students **Curtis Matthews, Adam Foster, Eliot Haines and Hayden Long**, with help from **Mr Beezley**. Thank you to everyone involved in the wonderful celebration of our community.



Taj Abrahams (Year 10) reads at the NAIDOC Week Ceremony



The Hall decorated for St Paul's Day

World Youth Day

Two students from St Paul's, **Robbie Turton and Brian Fennell-Fraser** from Year 11, are currently travelling through Europe on their way to World Youth Day in Poland. If you would like to read about the experiences of the World Youth Day pilgrimage of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, click on the following:

http://mnnews.today/world-youth-day-2016/read more about this below......

Mr Michael Doyle Ministry Coordinator

St Pauls World Youth Day Pilgrims

On Thursday 14 July seventy one pilgrims from the Maitland Newcastle Diocese flew out from Sydney to embark on their World Youth Day pilgrimage. Pilgrims will be following the footsteps of the Saints through Italy 'til they arrive in Poland for World Youth Day on 26 July. Among the travellers are three of St Pauls own: **Mr Michael Turton** the School TAS Assistant, his son **Robbie Turton** and **Brian Fennell-Fraser**, from Year 11.

There was much excitement as the pilgrims boarded the bus, for many it is their first trip overseas, and also a small amount of trepidation as unrest continues to happen in our world. From Sydney they endured a long haul of 32 hours with stops in Bangkok and Dubai before arriving in Venice. From Venice they were escorted by boat to their first nights' accommodation overlooking Venice's famous Grand Canal. Michael commented that he was amazed at the amount of traffic on the canal, just like a highway, and how smoothly the boats all seemed to operate.

Whilst in Venice the pilgrims visited the Doges Palace, adjoining prisons and the Bridge of Sighs. They watched glass being blown at the Murano glass factory, and visited St Mark's square and the Basilica, where the floors undulate and are literally covered in gold. A highlight in Venice for pilgrims was Mass, celebrated in the crypt of St Mark's.

From Venice the pilgrims continued on to Padua (Padova) and Milan. In Padua they visited the Basilica of St Anthony and saw the tongue, jaw and vocal chords of St Anthony. Pilgrims celebrated mass together in the Basilica there.

In the words of Fr Greg to the pilgrims as they celebrated mass in Padua ... "Our focus on the pilgrimage is to

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develop our relationship with Jesus. Our pilgrimage should leave us somehow different and transformed. Our daily reflection and prayer will help keep us focused and allow us to be transformed in his name"...

From Padua then on to Milan where they had a tour of the Duomo di Milano (Milan Cathedral) including the rooftop terrace, and also below the Duomo where they were shown the recently excavated remains of the original baptistery which date back to the 1300's. They had mass in the chapel of the Duomo which was an amazing thing to experience, as it is not often offered to visitors!

Next stop was the medieval town of Siena home of St Catherine, patron Saint of Italy and Europe and a visit to the Basilica of St Dominic. St Catherine is a special Saint for our family as our daughter's name and confirmation name is Katherine. Apparently St Catherine had long legs and blonde hair, just like our Kate!

At the time of writing the pilgrims leave Siena for Assisi, then on to Casica and Rome before heading to Naples where they will board a flight that will take them to Katowice in Poland, and from there onto Krakow for five days of World Youth Day celebrations.

After World Youth Day the pilgrims will travel to Kalwaria, Wadowice, Beskidy with an excursion to visit the concentration camps at Auschwitz. They will then end their tour in Vienna, Austria.

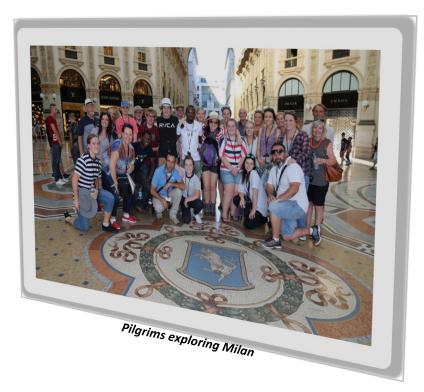
Mrs Janine Turton, St Pauls Hospitality Assistant





Michael and Robbie Turton enjoy a gelato in Venice

Maitland-Newcastle pilgrims at the Duomo Di Milano





Sport Update



Term 3 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) and 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. See Miss Ellis if you have any questions.

Upcoming Sports Dates:

School and Diocesan Events

- Diocesan Netball Gala Day 28 July 2016
- Diocesan Rugby 7's Gala Day 28 July 2016
- CCC Netball Championships, Penrith 16 August
- Diocesan Athletics 18 August 2016
- Diocesan Golf 19 August 2016

Sporting Achievements Update:



Harry Kettles (Year 8) Congratulations and best of luck.

Captain of the NSW Rugby Union Country Team. They will play this coming Sunday in the ACT!!

2016 School Athletics Carnival:

A big thank you goes out to all students, staff and supporters who attended our 2016 Athletics Carnival. We were hoping for fine weather and we were very lucky, the sun came out and the day was enjoyed by all.













DIO Basketball:

In the last week of Term 2, a number of students from St Paul's attended the Diocesan Basketball Championships held at the Newcastle Basketball Stadium. Four teams represented the school in the Junior and Intermediate age divisions.



Junior Boys



After going down in their first game to hot favorites St Pius Adamstown, the junior boys team found their rhythm in their second game against St Joseph's Lochinvar. Led by **Kent Azas** who top scored with 18 points, the boys won an absolute nail biter, 26-23. By the time game 3 came around, coach **Zac Kennedy** had the team running like a well-oiled machine and they won comfortably (50-26) against St Joseph's Aberdeen. In the semi-final, however, the boys lost to St Peter's Maitland, a machine with even greater lubrication.

Junior Girls



As with their male counterparts, the Junior Girls suffered defeat in their first game against St Pius Adamstown, losing 68-8. They came good in their second match, however, with a comprehensive victory against St Joseph's Aberdeen (40-26). Having come into the day with somewhat low expectations, coach **Grace Kibble** (with support from Mrs Anderson) now had her team believing in themselves as they faced off against goliaths St Peter's Maitland in the semi-final. In what was perhaps the most exciting game of the tournament, the St Paul's team led by Hunters representative **Keeley Gayler**, found themselves leading by 3 points with less than 3

minutes to go and a miracle seemed possible. Alas, despite a valiant effort, the girls couldn't hold on till the buzzer and lost, heartbreakingly, by 1 point! Witnesses of this game could only agree that basketball was truly the winner (oh, and St Peter's. They too were the winner).

Intermediate Boys and Girls

Led by coaches Mr Heagney (boys) and **Emily Tudehope** (girls) our intermediate teams played with good sportsmanship and enjoyed the day (I think we all know where this is heading!). Both teams faced off against St Joseph's Lochinvar and St Pius Adamstown and both teams were gracious (if not graceful) in defeat. After numerous (and generally ill-advised attempts), the girls team experienced the thrill of sinking a three-pointer and despite losing both of their games, they progressed to a to play-off game against the third placed team from Pool B, St Mary's Gateshead. In what was a see-sawing battle, the girls finished the day with a morale boosting 14-14 draw.

Congratulations to all of the players on their behavior, sportsmanship and cooperation throughout the day. Special thanks to our coaches Mr Heagney, Mrs Anderson, Zac, Keeley and Emily for their time, Miss Ellis and Mr Cassel for their work behind the scenes and to the family members who came and supported the students.

Mr Nick Moroney Teacher

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Creative Arts and LOTE News







ASPIRE Week 3.....

Excursion is ahead of us and we are looking forward to visiting the Civic Theatre next Thursday 4 August.

Years 9 -11 Elective Music and Drama classes are attending the production *There's Something Strange about Marvin McRae* and students are asked to be dressed in correct school unfirm with lunch packed on the day. I take this opportunity to wish the following students the best of luck in their performances this coming week:

Taylor Colic, Lauren King, Jordan Snowden, Henry Gralton, Rebecca Post, Sarah Jenkins, Brock Salvador, Zoe Ashmore, Liam Crowe, Emma Curran, Hannah Finley, Laura Parker & Lucy Douglas.

Claim the Date !!!!!!



Tuesday 30 August 2016

The St Paul's Annual Art Show & Archipaul Exhibition

- ⇒ Years 7 12 Visual Arts and Visual Design from 7.00pm onwards
- ⇒ HSC Visual Arts from 6.00pm Damascus Centre
- ⇒ HSC Design & Technology & Industrial Tech Timber HSC, 5 6.30pm A26

Entertainment provided by our Music students and Catering provided by our Senior Hospitality classes.

We look forward to you joining us on the evening. More details to come in our next Newsletter.

Mrs Cathy O'Gorman Creative Arts & LOTE Coordinator

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Canteen Roster



Monday 1 - Friday 5 August

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Mon	Melissa Dobosz, Kristy Baker, Sharyn Kiely, Melanie Parker			
Tues	Emma Boslem, Paula Tripney, Lisa Katon			
Wed	Linda Gesell, Nannette Preston, Kim Harding			
Thurs	Paula Douglas, Mark Simpson			
Fri	Megan McInnes, Jenifer Davis, Carole Crabbe			
	Monday 8 - Friday 12 August			
Mon	Kerri-ann Richardson			
Tues	Mark Simpson, Susen White, Sharne Johnson			
Wed	Jodie Riggs, Candace Way, Sara Ashmore			
Thurs	Rhonda Bull, Nicole Miller, Lisa Kelly			
Fri	Tania Egan, Mary Norris, Kylie Powell, Caroline Hickey			
Canteen Supervisor: Carolyn Phone - 4946 3115				
Cante	een Hours: 9.00am to 2.30pm			

Next P & F Meeting
Wednesday 3 August

If you are unable to come on your day, please try to arrange a swap or contact Carolyn.

All welcome

Damascus Centre 7.00pm



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.

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

Term 3 2016					
	Tues 26 July	Yr 7 DIO Debating Yr7-10 Semester Awards Yr 7-10 Parent/Teacher Interviews			
Week 2	Wed 27 July	PUPIL FREE DAY Yr7-10 Parent/Teacher Interviews			
	Thurs 28 July	DIO Netball / DIO Rugby 7's			
	Fri 30 July	U/15 All Schools Touch			
	Mon 1 - 5 Aug	ASPIRE			
	Tues 2 Aug	ICAS English Test			
Week 3	Wed 3 Aug	Science & Eng Challenge			
	Thurs 4 Aug	Yrs 9-11 Drama & Music Elective Excursion to ASPIRE			
	Tues 9 Aug	HSC Drama Evening 6p			
	Wed 10 Aug	Yr 11 Mass			
Week 4	Th 44 A	Yr 8 DIO Debating			
	Thurs 11 Aug	ITT Major Project Completion			
	Mon 15 Aug	Yr7 Technology Excursion –Sydney			
Week 5	Tues 16 Aug	CCC Netball / ICAS Maths Test			
Week 5	Wed 17 Aug	Yr11 Bstreetsmart Driver Education			
	Thurs 18 Aug	DIO Athletics			
	Mon 22 Aug	CCC Basketball			
	Tues 23 Aug	HSC Music Soiree			
Week 6	Wed 24 Aug	Yr 11 Reflection Day			
	Thurs 25 Aug Fri 26 Aug	Yr 7 Vaccinations / Yr 12 BIO Exc Yr 7 History Excursion			
	Mon 29 Aug	CCC Knockout			
	Mon 20 / tag	Yr 7,8 Indigenous Students-IBelieve			
	Tues 30 Aug	CCC Knockout Football			
	-	Archipaul Exhibition			
Week 7		Yr 10 DIO Debating			
	Wed 31 Aug	Yr 8 Mass & Reflection Day			
	Thurs 1 Sept	Yr 7 Vaccinations			
	Fri 2 Sept	DIO Golf			
Week 8	Mon 5-15 Sept	Yr 11 Exams			
Week 9	Mon 12 Sept	Basketball-NSW Championships			
WEEK 3	Thurs 15-18	Yr 11 Ski Trip			
	Wed 21 Sept	Yr 12 Graduation Mass			
Week 10	Thurs 22 Sept Fri 23 Sept	Yr 12 Award Ceremony/Assembly LAST DAY OF TERM 3			

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Information Technology News

Targus TANC Laptop Bag

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

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

Now available from the school

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

Enquiries to Mr Graham Hancock - Technology Support Officer



Clothing Pool

Clothing Pool

Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 8.30am - 9.30am

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

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

Catering Uniforms

Available at reduced prices!

Low Prices !

Senior Uniforms

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

Blazers

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

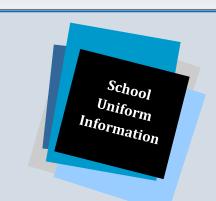
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St Benedict's Spring Fair!!!!



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office.

Seminars and workshops for parents and educators with psychologist Dr Robin Grille

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Seminar Friday 29 July, 7pm—9pm

Lake Macquarie Performing Arts Centre, Lake Street, Warners Bay

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