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

Welcome to Term 4.

In the last holidays. I received some very sad news. Many of you would be aware that Mr Pat Hamilton, Principal of Holy Cross Primary School in Glendale had been fighting cancer. Pat lost his fight on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of October. Last Thursday I attended Pat's funeral at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Newcastle. It was a beautiful farewell to Pat. His children spoke beautifully and led the congregation with wonderful music. Fr Brian Mascord delivered a homily that was inspiring and gentle. Pat was a wonderful educator who believed in the goodness of every child in his care. We continue to pray for Pat and his family as they come to terms with his passing.

The end of last term was a wonderful celebration for the Leaving class of 2016. Our Mass with Bishop Bill, Fr Geoff and Fr John was one of prayerful community with Year 12 and their parents, friends and relatives. The Awards Ceremony and Final Assembly the next day, once again showcased the breadth and depth of talent and shear hard work undertaken by these young men and women. The final "Clap-Out" was a crazy mixture of tears and joy. It was as if they didn't really want to go; but it was clear that they were all ready to embark on the next part of their journey.

I would like to thank Mr Colin Mulhearn for all the work that he has done with this year group. He has guided them, cajoled them, at times, scolded them but at all times, he has loved them. His constant presence and encouragement has meant that this group formed into wonderful role models for the other students. It was clear from the way that the year group responded to him that they were very thankful that Colin was with them on this journey.

The term has begun with the usual frantic pace that secondary schools seem to run at all the time. The pupil free day on the Monday was used to in-service the staff on child protection matters along with an excellent presentation by Katie Philpott on students with special needs and the impact of mental illness on adolescent students. As well, teaching staff finalised their relocation to temporary staff rooms as we continue the building process.

This term, the new building program continues. It is hoped that the initial foundations and concrete slab is poured over the next few days in preparation for the prefabricated walls to arrive later in the term. At this stage, a completion date is looking like mid-year, hopefully if the weather gods are kind to us.

The HSC has begun in earnest last Thursday with the customary English papers being the first ones sat. Commentary from the teaching staff has suggested that the papers were fair and a good test of the skills and knowledge of our students. I look forward to hearing more reports as the exam period continues. The final exam will be on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of November.

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October, to coincide with the 4<sup>th</sup> round of the Offshore Powerboat Race Series that was held on Lake Macquarie, we were lucky enough to have one of these amazing boats visit the school. This 800 horsepower monster was on the back of

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a huge semi-trailer and the support semi with spare engines and work shop was also in attendance. The students were able to get up close to the boat and ask questions of the team. Thank you to Les Binkin from **Mamong Point Marina** who coordinated the visit. Please see photo's below.

Last week, the school computer network was struck down with a ransomware virus. It appears that an email that looked very legitimate from our gas supplier was, in fact a bogus email that had this ransomware bomb attached to it. Fortunately we have good back-up systems and were able to cleanse the majority of our files and return to normal operations within 24 hours. Some of our video files remain infected and we are exploring ways of having them "released" from the ransom. For those unsure of what ransomware does, it attaches to your files and "locks" them from use. In order to have them "released," the cyber-attackers request a ransom to be paid. Clearly we refuse to pay and as a result had to go back to the backed up files from the previous day. We did lose files that had been made or modified that day but the vast majority of files were restored by going to the backed up files. So the lesson for all of us?

- Back up files every day
- Have up to date virus protection
- Be careful of opening files/emails from unknown sources. (Ironically, the source of our virus appeared to be legitimate)

Over the holiday break, a huge amount of work was done in the school. We had two classrooms repainted, new guttering and roofing put onto parts of A Block, new blinds in the Damascus Centre classrooms, along with a huge amount of cleaning by our cleaning team. I would like to mention **Lakeview Blinds** who supplied and fitted the new blinds. They were wonderful to deal with and from quote to installation, the time frame was excellent. I commend them to our community as a company who has certainly looked after St Paul's in price, product and service.

As the weather gets warmer, I would like to remind parents and caregivers that we have a "**No Hat, No Play**" policy for the basketball courts and the oval. As well, students are required to wear hats and use sunscreen for outside Sports on Friday. School hats are available at **Lowes, Glendale**. If they have their own, it needs to be close to school colours and with no offensive logos or graphics. Sunscreen is available at school (at **Student Services**) during breaks and PE classes but students are encouraged to supply their own.

Have a wonderful week.

**Go Gently.....**

**Mr Graeme Selmes**  
**Principal**



## **P & F Chocolate Drive Fundraiser 2016**

**Money and/or unsold chocolates are now overdue to be returned to the school**

### ***Sellers Prize:***

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

The final prize is a \$100 Gift Voucher to JB Hi-Fi

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



# *From the Assistant Principal - Curriculum*

## **THE HSC BEGINS**

The 2016 Higher School Certificate written examinations commenced last Thursday as our Year 12 cohort began their final formal examinations as students of St. Paul's. We wish them all the best for the weeks ahead!

I would like to congratulate each of our students on having successfully navigated 13 years of education to this point. While final examination results are certainly significant to our students, let us never lose sight of the impressive effort that they (and their families) have each made in completing their HSC studies.

## **PRELIMINARY TO HSC**

Year 11 students have now put behind them their final year of preparation prior to the HSC. Preliminary reports are currently being finalised and will be sent home later this week. Parent / Teacher Interviews will occur on Monday afternoon/evening October 31 after the Preliminary Course Award Presentation. These interviews will provide a valuable opportunity for parents, students and staff to come together to focus our direction for the year ahead. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **YEARS 7-10 EXAMINATIONS**

These examinations are only just around the corner, commencing on Wednesday November 9 and concluding on Tuesday November 15. Now is the perfect time for all students to be revising thoroughly for these examinations so that they can truly display the depth of the learning that has been attained throughout the semester.

**Mr Greg Ptolemy**  
**Assistant Principal - Curriculum**

# *From the Assistant Principal - Welfare*

## **Study Skills weblink**

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](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au). Our school's access details are:

**School's Username – stpauls**

**School's password – 52success**

## **Sun Protection Policy**

As part of the School's Sun Protection Policy, we require students doing outdoor activities to be in hats for Terms 1 and 4 – where the UV radiation is at it's strongest. The wearing of hats applies to students who use the courts/oval during breaks, for PDHPE practical lessons and also relevant Friday Sport activities. Students will need to bring a hat in any School colours, to wear at recess/lunch when using the oval and courts. These colours include hats that are predominantly/or a mix of the school red, white, light and dark blue.

## **Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner**

Over the next few weeks, students will receive the Federal Government's "Parent's guide to online safety." This publication is aimed at parents and encourages a conversation about cyber issues. If any student does not receive this publication, they can be directed to our Student Services for a spare copy. Further information can be sought at the eSafety Commissioner's website: [www.esafety.gov.au](http://www.esafety.gov.au)

I would hope that this may be a proactive document, that may also be a handy reference tool for parents.



## **Transport NSW Opal Cards**

A reminder that students need to be presenting their Opal Cards on our School transport systems. Each student is expected to 'tap' their card as it is an essential measure of how many students actually use school buses. Transport NSW regularly review the services linked to St Paul's and this can determine any changes to routes or overcrowding issues. If students do not tap their Opal Cards, it may affect our future transport services from Transport NSW.

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**Assistant Principal (Welfare)**  
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## Welcome to the start of your child's last Term in Year 8!

I spoke to Year 8 at our Assembly last week about what they can expect from the Term and what we can expect from them.

A few dates might be useful to start with:

- ◇ 25 October: **Socktober Day** – a gold coin donation to wear outrageous socks in support of assisting those in poverty. I would like to encourage each student in Year 8 to donate at least \$2 to support those without the privilege of education due to poverty.
- ◇ 9 – 15 November: **Semester 2 Exams** – These exams will go towards which graded class your child will be in for Year 9. Hopefully with my insistence and your encouragement, each child has been/will be adhering to the **home study routine** and thus studying for the upcoming exams.
- ◇ 22 November: **Orienteering** – details to come later (cross your fingers it doesn't rain!)
- ◇ 7 December: **Semester 2 Awards** – will occur during Period 3 for Year 8. These are an acknowledgement of effort, improvement and academic results.
- ◇ 8 - 14 December: **End of Year Activities** – a time of fun and games to end the year! The 14<sup>th</sup> is the last day of the year for students.

**Uniform:** I was able to congratulate 99.9% of the year group on Tuesday for wearing the correct school uniform. As you know, we have a strict uniform policy at St Pauls which I uphold and monitor with the Year 8 students. A uniform is an indication of the respect that a person has for themselves and for the community that they have chosen to be part of. I have been reminding students since October 2014 of the uniform requirements for this community they are now part of and am constantly wondering why some students continue to ignore these requirements. Letters and detentions have been given to some students for the constant non-adherence to the uniform policy. Just a reminder that students should be wearing their full school uniform each day except for the few designated practical PE days. I have a list of these days for each child if required. Shoes are to be black, leather, polishable, lace-up school shoes. A signed and dated note of explanation for any temporary deviation is required if needed. Since most students have been doing the right thing, I have made the decision to start afresh for this term.

Congratulations to **Hannah Finlay** who was chosen to be the lead in her dance studios end of year concert.

Please continue to keep in contact with me via email for any issues of concern, celebration or interest.

**Mrs Cayte Pryor**

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## Hannah Finley - Superstar of Ballet

Hannah Finley of Year 8 has continued to achieve greatly in her chosen activity of Ballet. Hannah has been involved in the Aspire program in Dance and Drama for four years. She has performed at all levels from the local level to the Royal Australian Ballet and has had significant achievement which are detailed below:

### Eisteddfods

Local and National. Hannah achieved placings in most categories, including Ballet, Contemporary, Lyrical, Demi Character and National Character. Hannah was a finalist in this year's Sydney Eisteddfod (and has been for 3 years running) which is one of the biggest Eisteddfods in the country. Hannah competed against over 60 competitors in her age group. Hannah also won the National Character Championships (Hungarian) at this year's local Winter Eisteddfod.

### Royal Australian Ballet Genee Dance Challenge

This competition is held in a different Country each year. The competition is run over 2 days with a Master Class on one day and a solo performance the next. Hannah qualified for the semi-finals but missed out on the finals which will be held in December at the Sydney Opera House.

### Other Achievements

- ◆ In August, Hannah completed her Intermediate Ballet Exam through the Royal Australian Ballet with great results.
- ◆ Hannah will be attending a Master Class with the Australian Ballet at the Civic Theatre, prior to their performance of Giselle.
- ◆ A lead role in The Enchanted Forest dance concert with the Central School of Dance which will be held on 11 December at the Civic Theatre.
- ◆ In 2015, a tour of Hong Kong, London and Paris with her Dance School, performing at Disneyland, Ocean World and the Avenue of Stars in Hong Kong, Disneyland in Paris and she also attended workshops at Pineapple Studios and Ballet Rambert in London.



We wish Hannah great success in Ballet and Drama.

**Mr M Reville**

**(Hannah's Tutor Group Teacher – 8.6 Tutor group)**

And the awards go to....Year 8!

During Term 3 Year 8 created a short film as part of the Stage 4 English course. The students were required to collaborate to create a film using a signature item. The signature item for this year was an Egg. From this task, the students learnt to work together as a group, which included being able to compromise, time manage, settle any difficulties they may have experienced, delegate and share the ownership of the final product. Many hours of fun, laughter and no doubt stress were experienced by the students during this very valuable unit.

The project culminated in the St Paul's Short Film Shoot Out Award Ceremony. The winners are listed below:

**BEST ACTOR - FEMALE**

**Grace Shrum**



**BEST ACTOR - MALE**

**Lachlan McGregor**



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**BEST USE OF KEY ITEM**

*'Case of Eggs'*

**Abby Wilcox, Lily Reaney, Josh Feenan,  
Jack Swinsburg, Darcy McNeil**



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**BEST SCREENPLAY**

*'The Perfect Story'*

**Sarah Hannon, Braith Sneddon, Zoe Ashmore,  
Zac Conaghan, Wil Burgin, Connor Davies**



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**BEST FILM**

*'Would You Rather?'*

**Jessica McNamara, Sarah Jenkins,  
Alexandria Lane, Ashton Mason, Owen Winter**



**Miss Clarke & Mrs Shipman  
English Teachers**

## Year 10 News

As we begin Term 4 there are a number of important dates to add to the calendar for Year 10. A letter will be forthcoming outlining more specifically the details for all events. However, below is a brief outline of dates.

<b>Week 5:</b>	Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 10 Exams
<b>Week 6:</b>	Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> November Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> November Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> November Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 10 Exams Ryder Road Safety Day Career Pathways Uni Day Normal School Days
<b>Week 7:</b>	Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> – Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> November Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Senior Alternative Program Senior Interviews
<b>Week 8:</b>	Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> – Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> November Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> November – Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Senior Interviews All My Own Work Program
<b>Week 9:</b>	Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> December Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Normal School Days Year 10 Awards (Time TBC)
<b>Week 9/10:</b>	Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> December	EOYA

On the dates indicated for Senior Interviews and All My Own Work, students will only be required to attend their scheduled times.

As students begin to consider the options they have available to them for the future, two students have certainly made an impact in some work experience they have recently undertaken. Carl Ellis has impressed the Operations Manager at Robinson Property and therefore has subsequently been given a grant from Robinson Property to contribute towards his Real Estate Certificate Course, following his work experience there last term. Jordyn Wilkes also received a glowing report from Cameron Park Early Learning Centre where she spent some time experiencing work as an Early Child Care Teacher. Jordyn was “*an absolute pleasure to have*” and conducted herself in a “*mature and professional manner.*” Congratulations to both students who continue to explore their post school options.

**Mrs Anne-Maree Shipman**  
**Student Coordinator**

## Year 11 News



### Ski Trip

At the end of Week 9 Term 3 and following their end of Preliminary Exams, 52 of the Year 11 cohort boarded a bus on a Thursday night with 5 staff bound for the ski fields of Perisher.

The excited but tired group arrived at our accommodation destination at 5.30 the next morning to find breakfast waiting and a keen team ready to kit our party up in ski gear. By 8.30am our group was on the slopes ready to begin lessons.

Lessons ran all day for both Friday and Saturday where the students gained experience in the basics of skiing or snow boarding. By the third day many were travelling to distant areas of the resort with their instructor and tackling slopes they would have never attempted 2 days previous.

The snow and weather on the first 2 days were quite acceptable for spring time and the students experienced what the Snowy Mountains can offer. On the Sunday morning, rain fell but most still participated with a positive attitude and had a great morning skiing with mates.

A late Sunday night return saw many tired but excited students, after having participated in an activity that most had never done before.

**Mr Michael Kelly**  
**Ski Trip Organiser**

## Vietnam Immersion

The St Paul's High School Vietnam Immersion completed successfully on Saturday 15 October with the return of the 28 students to Australia after 16 days of hectic activity in Vietnam. A cross cultural experience of this nature can always be physically and emotionally challenging, and it was again this year. The students' immersion did more than just allow them to travel the countryside, it broadened their horizons and opened their eyes to life in a third world country. Their experience was diverse from trekking in the mountainous western border area of Sapa; sea-kayaking on Halong Bay; Homestay experiences; cycling the countryside south east of Hanoi; concreting a school playground for a Catholic school in the central region near Hue; completing an 'Amazing Race around Saigon'; and community justice projects of visiting an orphanage and a slum school established by the De La Salle Brothers in Ho Chi Minh. Of course in between these structured projects there was plenty of time for shopping, texting home, and relaxation!

The students will talk to the school body at an up-coming assembly with a media presentation for support, as well as present a photobook to the school for library storage. If you would like to see more of the images from the trip, then visit <https://www.facebook.com/VietnamSchoolTours>

My sincere thanks to Miss Adams, Mrs Pateman and Mr Thomas for their supervision and assistance throughout this adventure. The next Vietnam Immersion will be in 2018 .... Interested? Watch for invitations next year.

**Mr Ross Wilson**  
**Organising Teacher**





The students compiled a list of things which define 'Immersion'. The complete list is rather long but here is an edited version . Sometimes 'you just have to be there!'

**You're not immersed until ....**

- Hit your head on a pagoda
- Catch 50 squids in Halong bay
- Until shopkeepers drop their prices to get rid of u
- Without a daily 'zing zing'
- You leave your passport on the plane
- You lose your wallet in a taxi
- Until you consider chlorine drops as a delicacy
- Get sent to *Lost and Found* for no reason
- Until you eat your body weight in spring rolls
- Without your harem pant / peace bracelet uniform
- Until you're wearing runners that have been wet for at least 3 days
- Until you're desensitised to the sound of car horns
- Until you nearly step on a Vietnamese 'kangaroo land mine'
- Get swooped by an albino bat
- Until your skin radiates that DET glow
- Stick your arm in a cement mixer
- Until you really want to 'shop that tie'
- Until you awkwardly 'xin chao' an officer
- Until you go on another damn trek
- Until you hear " only 10 more minutes" ... but you've only been walking for 2 minutes
- Walk into a bolt at the prison
- Share your bed with 20 cats in Ta van village
- Until you sing 'buffalo soldier' on the back of a buffalo
- Maintain your decorum by the pool
- Have your heart stolen by the orphans in Ho Chi Minh
- OD on gastro-stop after drinking a smoothie at the Saigon markets
- Get abandoned on the Tarmac
- Get banned from playing handball in the international airport
- Until Tan calls you a 'hot chilli noodle'
- Forget your e-ticket
- Spill green tea on yourself





**Year 11 Drama students** are reminded that their trip to the National Institute of Dramatic Arts (NIDA) is taking place **NEXT Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October**. The HSC IP Study Day is a fantastic way for students to explore the creative process from conception to successful completion. Students will gain a practical understanding of what is involved in the individual project area of their choice ranging from Design, Scriptwriting, Theatre Criticism, Filmmaking and Performance. The day commences with a keynote speech from an industry artist before breaking into groups for focused sessions with specialist tutors in all topic areas. On the day students will also have access to EXPONIDA, an annual exhibition of props, costumes, audio-visual work, renderings and model boxes created by NIDA's graduating students.



Students are reminded of the following:

- We are meeting at Cardiff at 5.45am. Please be aware **THE TRAIN LEAVES CARDIFF AT 6.02AM!**
- Bring your Lunch & Snacks. There is a small canteen but very expensive!
- Comfortable, neat casual clothing. No leggings/tights. You can change for prac if necessary. **MUST WEAR ENCLOSED SHOES.**
- Log Books for notetaking or paper that can be put into you Log.
- Questions/research and information at the ready!
- Train ticket (Approx \$8.00 plus bus fare needed for the day).Bring Opal cards if you have them! These are best for the day!

In other news the **Real Film Festival is being held in Newcastle next week** and they are offering a number of short courses for students on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October**. Leading Australian film makers are booked in to teach students how to write, shoot, edit and design their own short films from 9am to 4pm. The full day student rate is \$30.00 which includes 3 x 2 hour workshops of choice for each participant. Workshops are being held at the Hunter Street TAFE in collaboration with TAFE Film unit. They are located at 590 to 608 Hunter Street, Newcastle. Enquiries can be directed to [annette@realfilmfestival.com.au](mailto:annette@realfilmfestival.com.au) | [www.realfilmfestival.com.au](http://www.realfilmfestival.com.au) OR email Mrs O'Gorman for further details on [cathy.ogorman@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cathy.ogorman@mn.catholic.edu.au)

Finally, in other Drama news, there is a wonderful opportunity for schools to nominate an **interested Drama student in being part of the ATYP Scholarship Program in January as part of the Sydney Festival**. Details can be obtained by emailing [cathy.ogorman@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cathy.ogorman@mn.catholic.edu.au). Click on the link find out more: <http://atyp.com.au/festival>

**Mrs Cathy O'Gorman**  
Creative Arts & LOTE Coordinator



## Ministry News



### Sock it to Poverty – 'Crazy Sock Day'



On **Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup>** St Paul's will be holding our annual fundraising day for Catholic Mission. This year the campaign is supporting the Church communities and children of Cambodia.

The theme of the day is 'Sock it to Poverty'. Students will wear their **normal school uniform**, but are encouraged to wear their **craziest/most colourful socks** in order to raise awareness for the 'Sock it to Poverty' campaign. Every student is asked to bring a **gold coin donation** on the day.

There will also be stalls and other activities during recess and lunchtime, organised by Tutor Groups.

Together we can give education and a new future to children in Cambodia and all around the world.

To read more about Catholic Mission, and the 'Sock it to Poverty' fundraiser, go to: <https://www.cm.org.au/WMM2016/>

### Aurora magazine

"Aurora" is the official magazine of the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. To read the latest, and past editions, go to: <http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/aurora>

**Mr Michael Doyle**  
Ministry Coordinator



TERM 4 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](http://www.csss.nsw.edu.au). Students are required to register online at this website for possible representative selections in their nominated sport. Some NSW CCC dates can change so please check the website. Please see Miss Ellis if you have any questions.

## Upcoming Sports Dates

- CCC (Northern) Cricket team – register by 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016
- CCC Waterpolo Championships – closing date 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016
- CCC Basketball – 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016

## Sporting Achievements Updates

On the weekend of the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September, Ashley Douglas competed in an Archery competition at Uralla. He had some tough competition but ended up third overall. Well Done Ashley.

Layne Morgan: Represented St Paul's at the National Youth Touch Football on Tuesday 13 Sept to Friday 16 Sept. Layne has also been chosen in the Hunter Rugby 7's team and the Hunter Open team to compete against the Australian Rugby 7's team over the coming months. Her team has also been invited to train with the Australian Rugby 7's team in Sydney. Well done Layne on your continued success in your sporting fields.

Tom and Matt Webster: have just competed in the All Schools Athletics Championships in Sydney last week. The competition was tough, however, Tom managed to gain a 3<sup>rd</sup> in his Discus. Congratulations to both boys for competing.

End of last term our 7/8 Rep Soccer Boys brought home a win in the Grand finals for the Rep Sport. Well Done boys.



## Sports News

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016 we had a team of approximately 80 students attend the Diocesan Athletics Carnival at Glendale Athletics Centre. All students performed to the best of their ability and we had several students achieving personal bests. These students not only performed to the best of their ability, their behaviour was outstanding and they were remarkable representatives of St Pauls and by extension themselves. From all the students that competed on the day, only those who achieved a first place moved onto the NSW Combined Colleges Athletics Championships at Homebush on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016. Some achievements of the day were:

- **Tom Webster** in all his AWD events, broke the old records and set new ones.
- **Anton Fenech, Kendyll Fahey, Zachary Thomas and Jack Hardman** competed in the Senior Boys 4x100m relay and ran an outstanding race to achieve 1<sup>st</sup> place.
- **Grace Shrume** in the girls 14yrs High Jump, broke the old record and set a new one.
- **Dakota Thomas** had a fantastic day by setting two new Diocesan Records in the 15yrs girls Long Jump and Shot Put. She also went on to achieve 15yrs Girls Age Champion.

Well done to all students who competed in the Diocesan Athletics Carnival and especially to those above who set new records. **Please see students who received certificates for their achievements at the Diocesan Athletics carnival at the end of this article.**

On Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2016 the Diocesan Golf Day was held at Newcastle golf course. St Pauls had two participants representing the school. **Liam Fitzpatrick** and **Jesse Fittler** competed in their respective age groups and won their division. Congratulations boys.



Liam Fitzpatrick



Jesse Fittler

On the 6<sup>th</sup> September the following girls were helping various Primary Schools in the Dioceses with the Umpiring of their Netball Gala Day in at National Park. I would like to thank these girls for assisting and participating in the day.

**Holly Callaghan, Jess Dunn, Raegan Dunn, Grace Feenan, Summah Johnson, Krystal Lowe, Hannah Murphy, Olivia Renshaw, Miranda Way, Lydia Philpott, Georgia Dando, Isabel Gaminde, April Kent, Ella Murphy, Georgia Tupou, Laura Boslem, Nadia Egan, Olivia Fanning, Grace Kennedy, Shae McManus-Smith and Charlotte Renshaw.**

On the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016, our Primary feeder schools held a Soccer Gala Day and we had 14 boys assist on the day. I

would like to thank the vast number of boys who offered to help and be involved on this day, unfortunately due to the organisers only needing 14 we were unable to send all of you but your willingness to volunteer and help out was greatly appreciated. The organiser of the day personally wrote and thanked our boys for the terrific job they did and I have included it below.

*"I was really impressed with the refs you sent me. Apart from being proficient with their refereeing, they were very polite, respectful and extremely approachable. They were a major component for the success of the day. They are all welcome to officiate next year!!!"* All the best... Regards, Graham Jennings

So to the following boys I say thanks for not only helping out on the day, but for being outstanding representatives of our school. **Ryan Bonett, Max Boslem, Cooper Chomicki, Joseph Fakes, Flynn Guest, Luke Snedden, Callum Stalling, Joshua Willis, Damien Brymora, William Gralton, Julian Bishop, Darcy Grew, Blake Hickey** and **Cameron Sparkes**.

On Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> September, fourteen Year 10 students volunteered to assist in the Polding Primary Schools Athletics carnival held at Glendale Sports Centre. These students gave up valuable school time to help with track and field events and in any way that the organisers of the carnival needed. They received a Certificate of Appreciation from the CSO. Well done and thank you to the following students. **Riley Skeen, Julianne Fox, Gabrielle Bracken, Lachlan Haggerston, Nathan Cooper, Samantha Moonen, Markus Favilla-Schirk, Daniel Ireland, Samantha West, Maddison George, Caitlin Buse, Joshua Snedden, Ashleigh Missen** and **Jemma Lawson**.

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016, eleven students from St Pauls travelled to Homebush to compete in the NSW CCC Athletics Championships. Congratulations to the following students for such a fine achievement. **Charlotte Pratt, Grace Shrumme, Dakota Thomas, Jemma Lawson, Rebecca Webster, Thomas Webster, Anton Fenech, Kendyll Fahey, Jack Hardman, Zac Thomas** and **David Lerch**. A special mention must go to **Dakota Thomas** who won the 15yrs Age Championship at this event. Last week at assembly she was presented with a trophy from the NSWCCC. Congratulations Dakota.



Charlotte Pratt Grace Shrumme Dakota Thomas Jenna Lawson Rebecca Webster Thomas Webster Anton Fenech Kendyll Fahey Jack Hardman Zachary Thomas David Lerch

## **Parents/Carers**

As we are heading into summer, our 'no hat no play' policy comes into effect. Each year in term 1 and term 4 we apply this policy so as to keep our students (your children) as sun safe as possible when out and about at school. This 'no hat no play' is for every recess and lunch time Monday to Friday when the students are out on the courts and fields.

This policy also applies of a Friday afternoon during sport. Sport runs every Friday from 1pm until 3pm. We always have sun cream the students can use, however, each student if doing an outdoor sport also requires a hat. Futsal, Mixed sport at school, walking from school, beach sport and beach walking, tennis and paddle boarding are all sports where you can be in the sun for the whole 2 hours and need protection.

Please assist us in keeping everyone sun safe by encouraging your child to remember their hat and do the right thing by wearing it. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

If your child/children are achieving great results in sport, please feel free to email me the details ([Darlene.ellis@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Darlene.ellis@mn.catholic.edu.au)) and I would be happy to include them in the newsletter. The students are sometimes embarrassed to let me know how well they are doing with their sports. And I think they should be very proud of themselves and be acknowledged for their outstanding achievements.

**Darlene Ellis**  
**Sport Coordinator**

Good luck to Taj Abrahams and Anton Fenech who will represent the Newcastle All Stars Team in the Inaugural National Indigenous Football Championships from the 3rd-5th of November in Nowra.

**Danielle Polson**  
**Aboriginal Liaison Officer**

NAME	EVENT	PLACE
<b>BOYS</b>		
Thomas Webster	Boys AWD Shot Put Discus Long Jump 100m 200m	1 <sup>st</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup>
Hayden Murphy	13yrs Long Jump	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Matthew Boslem	Junior Boys Triple Jump	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Kane Thomas	13yrs Javelin Discus	3 <sup>rd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Ethan McLachlan	13ys Discus	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Ethan Swanson	14yrs Long Jump High Jump	3 <sup>rd</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Timothy Wilson	15yrs 1500m	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Arbi Watt	16yrs 1500m	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Anton Fenech	16yrs 100m 200m Senior 4×100m Relay	1 <sup>st</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup>
Kendyll Fahey	Senior 4×100m Relay	1 <sup>st</sup>
Zachary Kennedy	17yrs+ Shot Put	3 <sup>rd</sup>
David Lerch	17yrs+ Senior Triple Jump High Jump 400m	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup>
Jack Hardman	17yrs+ Long Jump 100m Senior 4×100m Relay	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup>
Zachary Thomas	17yrs+ Discus Shot Put 100m 200m Senior 4×100m Relay	3 <sup>rd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>GIRLS</b>		
Ruby Adams	12yrs 400m	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Krystal Lowe	13yrs Discus	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Heidi Trethowan	13yrs Shot Put	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Charlotte Pratt	13yrs 100m 200m 1500m	1 <sup>st</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup>
Brittany Georgalis	14yrs High Jump	1 <sup>st</sup>
Sarah Jenkins	14yrs Shot Put	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Keeley Gaylor	14yrs 400m	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Grace Shrume	14yrs High Jump	1 <sup>st</sup>
Dakota Thomas	15yrs 100m 200m Shot Put Long Jump Javelin	1 <sup>st</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> 1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Rebecca Webster	17yrs+ Javelin Discus Shot Put Long Jump	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup>



## **Career Thought of the Week:**

*“If you don't go after what you want, you'll never have it. If you don't ask, the answer is always no. If you don't step forward, you're always going to be in the same place”*

**Nora Roberts**

## **Job Interview Skills 101 for Students**

The most effective way to ensure you enter a job interview confidently is to prepare beforehand. By preparing, you can be confident in your ability to answer any questions and highlight how your skills, knowledge and experience make you the most suitable person for the role. Believe it or not, this can make the job interview one of the most enjoyable parts of the job search process.



### **Preparing for your interview**

Preparing for your job interview is the key to success. Make sure you can explain everything in your resume and cover letter, including examples and explanations of your experience. Be clear about why you want the job and why you want to work for that organisation. Do as much research about the company or business as you can. Visit the company's website to find out about what they do and their mission or vision statements.

### **During the interview**

You may be interviewed by one or two people, or by a panel. Ask the person who notifies you of your interview time who will be interviewing you. This way you can be prepared.

And remember to do the following:

- Prepare and write down questions so you can refer to them during the interview.
- Dress appropriately for the interview.
- Get to the interview on time.
- Turn off your mobile phone.
- Be confident and speak clearly.
- Show you are keen by listening and paying attention.
- Ask specific questions.
- Leave the interview on a positive note by thanking them for their time.

During the interview, if you're not sure about a question the interviewer is asking, ask them to explain it. Sometimes it's helpful to note down the various parts of a complex question.

Be sure to keep your answers relevant to the job and why you are the best person for it. The interview is not a time for:

- true confessions
- discussing politics, religion, race or marital status
- expressing anger over past jobs
- talking about family problems
- complaining about looking for work or the number of interviews that you have had.

After the formal questions, you will be asked if you have any questions of your own. Always have at least one question ready. A good question could be about a special project you noted on their website, which shows you have done some research. Other questions could be about:

- opportunities for further training and professional development
- the organisational structure
- the way performance is measured and reviewed
- transfer policy to other sites including overseas transfers

There is no set number of questions, but generally allow five minutes for your questions to be answered. It is likely there will be other candidates waiting for interview, so keeping to time is important.

It is a good idea to send a follow-up email thanking the employer for the interview. This does lead to job offers. Sending a thank-you email shows that you are polite and considerate, which might be the difference between you and another candidate.

If you do not get the job you have been interviewed for, ask for feedback to help you improve your interview performance. Ask questions like:

- Do you have any suggestions or feedback regarding my approach or attitude?
- Do you have any hints on how I could improve my interview skills?

Searching for a job takes time and patience. Talk to friends who have found work and ask them what they did, or talk to people employed in industries that interest you about how they got their job.

Proper preparation will help alleviate some of the stress involved in job interviews and the more you prepare, the more comfortable and successful you are likely to be.

## **Year 10 Resumes 2016**

A reminder that all Year 10 Resumes/Cover Letters are due at the end of week 4, with an accompanied reference. Any student having difficulties with this submission date is asked to see me by the end of next week.



## **Work Experience Success for Carl Ellis (Year 10)**

### **Career-REAL ESTATE**



Robinson Property are supporting and encouraging young people to work in Real Estate. Simon Boyle - Operations Manager of Robinson Property presented Carl on 7th October, with a Youth Grant to allow Carl to complete the 'Certificate of Registration (Real Estate) to assist him in pursuing his dream of working in Real Estate.

It is commendable of companies like Robinsons to allow students to work alongside and with their employees in each department and mentor young people from a grass roots level in all facets of their business as the young people of today are tomorrows future. **Congratulations Carl.**

## **Important Dates for Term 4**

**RSA/RCG 8<sup>TH</sup> /9<sup>TH</sup> November**

**UAC Dates for Yr. 12 refer to UAC BOOK**

**13<sup>TH</sup> October-HSC Examinations begin**

**31st<sup>th</sup> October-HSC ends**

**16<sup>th</sup> November YR 10 Uni visit**

**14<sup>th</sup> December HSC results out**

**15<sup>th</sup> December ATARS released**

## **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**

**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**

**Excursions Coming Up .....**



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:

**QKR is a great way to pay fees and excursions**

**For more information about QKR visit our website**

[www.booragul.catholic.edu.au](http://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.

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
12	Legal Studies	24 October	Parramatta Judicial Precinct	\$35	17 October
12	Society & Culture	25 October	Sydney	\$30	20 October
12	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](mailto: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.*



## Catering Uniforms

Available at reduced prices !

Low Prices !

## Uniforms

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



## 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](mailto:kathleend@extrabuild.com.au)

### Senior Uniforms

Large range of boys and girls sizes.

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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

## Monday 24 - Friday 28 October



Mon	Melissa Dobosz, Kristy Baker, Sharyn Kiely, Melanie Parker
Tues	Emma Boslem, Paula Tripney
Wed	Linda Gesell, Nanette Preston, Kim Harding
Thurs	Nadine Steenson
Fri	Megan McInnes, Jennifer Davis, Carole Crabbe

## Monday 31 October - Friday 4 November

Mon	Narelle Baird
Tues	Mark Simpson, Sharne Johnson
Wed	Candance Way, Sara Ashmore
Thurs	Nicole Miller, Lisa Kelly
Fri	Tania Egan, Mary Norris, Kylie Powell, Caroline Hickey

**Canteen Supervisor:** Carolyn Phone - 4946 3115

**Canteen Hours:** 9.00am to 2.30pm

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

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

## Term 4 2016

<b>Week 2</b>	Wed 19 Oct	Yr 10 History
<b>Week 3</b>	Mon 24 Oct Tues 25 Oct	Yr 11 Legal Studies Socktober Fundraising Day Yr 11 Society & Culture Exc
	Wed 26 Oct	Aladdin The Musical Sydney Exc
	Mon 31 Oct Wed 2 Nov Fri 4 Nov	Yr 11 Preliminary Awards Ceremony Yr 11 Parent Teacher Interviews P & F Meeting HSC Concludes
<b>Week 5</b>	Tues 8 Nov Wed 9-15 Nov Nov 11 Nov	Yr 6 Orientation Evening Yrs 7-10 Exams Yr 12 Graduation Ball
	Tues 15 Nov Tues 16 Nov	Yr 10 Ryder Road Safety Day Yr 10 Career Pathways Uni Day
	Mon 21-23 Nov Tues 22 Nov Wed 23 Nov Thur 24-29 Nov	Yr 10 Senior Alternate Program Yr 8 PDHPE Orienteering Yr 10 Mass Yr 10 Senior Interviews
<b>Week 8</b>	Mon 28-29 Nov Tues 29 Nov Wed 30 Nov - 2 Dec	Yr 10 Senior Interviews cont Yr 6 Orientation Day Yr 10 All My Own Work
	Wed 7 Dec Thur 8-14 Dec	Yr 7- 10 Semester Awards P & F Meeting Yr 7- 10 EOYA Yr 11 Assessment
	Mon 12-14 Thur 15 Dec Fri 16 Dec	EOYA, <b>Last Day for Yr 7-10</b> Yr 11 Assessment, <b>Last Day Yr 11</b> P/T Interviews Yr 12 BBQ

### 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.



There is a phone available at the Office for student use, but it is for

### Emergency Use Only

Cost for a call is 20c.

For calls in case of **sickness**, the Office Staff will ring home.

### 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 they will be donated to the Clothing Pool at the end of Term.



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.



# TORONTO

SCHOOL AND OFFICE SUPPLIES

## SCHOOL BOOK PACKS

*Simply go to:*

***[www.torontoschoolandofficesupplies.com.au](http://www.torontoschoolandofficesupplies.com.au)***

*Select the school and student year from the dropdown box at the top of the page and you're ready to go!*

These packs have been put together in collaboration with St Paul's High School. Year 7 2017 book packs are available now and can be collected on the orientation evening on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> November or from our store from the 9<sup>th</sup> November onward.

***All your St Paul's High School needs online!***

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# BACK to SCHOOL



The **Athlete's Foot** stock a range of school shoes to ensure that there are options for everyone. \$5 from every shoe purchased is donated back to our school. Even better, this applies to the whole family across their fantastic range of school, sports, work and casual shoes.

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# Maitland Horse Sports Day

Hosted by: Iona Public School



## Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016

at

Maitland Polocrosse Grounds, Anambah Rd Rutherford  
(1km off New England Highway)

*Commencing: 8.00am Gear Check by Team Manager,*

### 8.30am start

All forms will be available on the school website 14<sup>th</sup> September  
\*\* Please pay attention to new criteria \*\*

[www.iona-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.iona-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)

**Entry Fee: \$30 per rider** \* (See conditions of entry) – limited to 180 riders

\*\* Fee increase due to NSW Ambulance Paramedics will be in attendance\*\*

**Riding Events:**      Riding Classes      Sporting Events      TBA  
   Hacking Classes  
   Pleasure Hack

**ENTRIES CLOSE Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

All Enquiries	Fiona Lawrence Email: f.lawrence5@bigpond.com Phone: 02 4930 1415 (school hours) Mobile: 0448 300 023
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### Facilities:

Canteen – Will be available all day from 7.30 am