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

It constantly amazes me how quickly time flies. Walking into the major shopping centres on the weekend and hearing Christmas music and seeing the parades through the shops of Santas and various elves clearly indicates that the year is rushing on! We are now halfway through week 6. The exam block is all but complete and Year 10 are entering their alternative program where they complete registration for senior studies and work on a variety of days to help their transition to senior work. Year 12 have completed the HSC and are getting ready for the Graduation Ball on Friday night. Year 11 are preparing for the first of their HSC assessment tasks and are well into their first units of work.

Our teaching staff are busy marking the assessments that have just been completed and are getting prepared to write the junior reports. The Office Staff are preparing the final stages of new enrolments for 2018 as well as completing the myriad of financial and governance tasks that need to be completed before the end of the year. Timetabling for 2018 began some 6 months ago and continues as we complete interviews for staff and we work out the jigsaw puzzle that a school of this size creates in this domain. So it is no surprise when the ads on the radio tell me that it's only 42 days until Christmas!

The building program resumes this week. We have had meetings with the new builder and the architects and it is programmed that it will be completed for the new school year. The plan is to have the landscaping done so that the new administration wing can be used from the outset of the year. If the classroom refurbishment and new Chapel are delayed then that will be a small impact but we have been assured that all that can be done to have the program completed will be done. Perhaps the only hold up will be because of weather. The long term forecast is a little concerning but with some divine intervention, all should be ready to go in the new year.

We have also purchased new electronic signs for the main road frontage and the main entrance of the school. These message boards will be an important vehicle for us to promote our school. It is hoped that these will be ready to begin "messaging" early in the new year. As well, the signage that will indicate that we are to be known as St Paul's Catholic College will be installed on the Hall as well as the new administration wing.

As mentioned previously, the uniform logo will remain the St Paul's High School design until the winter uniform comes on line in the middle of the year. Over the next 12 months, our uniform suppliers will be selling out of the older style logo and as they sell out, they will bring the new stock online. I ask that you continue to support the suppliers and continue to purchase the older stock until it is sold out. We have indicated that the old style logo will be viable and compliant for as long as the uniform item is in good condition. Let's face it, the good woollen jumpers last quite a few years unless the wearer decides to push their thumbs through the cuff!

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November, we are proud to be able to host Mr Steven Bradbury, Winter Olympic Gold medallist here at St Paul's. You would remember Steven as "the last man standing" in the famous skating race at the 2002 Salt Lake Winter Olympics where he won Gold in the 1000m event. Steven will do some work with our Year 10 students during the day and at 7.00pm in the School Hall, he will present to our parents and wider community. This "overnight" sensation says this about that idea – "He broke his neck, lost 4 litres of blood on the ice and trained 5 hours a day, 6 days a week for 12 years to become an overnight success". As a motivational speaker, Steven has a great reputation around the world. After representing Australia at four Olympics, he now feels that it is time to help the next generation of young men and women reach their potential and his work with schools around Australia is testament to this wonderful goal. Please have a look at the flyer in this week's newsletter for more details.

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On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, the P&F will hold their final meeting for the year. The meeting will take place in the Damascus Centre and the meeting will be followed by some Christmas cheer to thank our P&F for the work that they have done this year. My Furey and Miss McVeigh will be hosting the evening as I have a previous engagement at the Catholic Schools Office. It would be lovely if “old” members and “new” members could bring a small plate of nibbles to share. St Paul’s will supply some convivial beverages!

With much work to do in the next five weeks, I hope that time slows a little. Enjoy the long days and warm evenings and celebrate the beautiful rain that comes to make this part of the world so green and lush. Enjoy the Christmas carols and the Santa displays as we move into the season of joy and good will.

Go gently

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



## END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

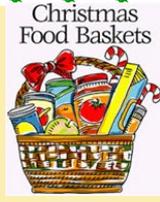
### Years 7—10

Thursday 7 December to Wednesday 13 December  
selections can be made from Week 5 onwards.

Booklets were issued to students this week.  
Please see below link to view the booklet



## Vinnies Christmas Hampers



Christmas is approaching quickly. Most of us celebrate this special time with family, friends, presents and food. For many in our community who are financially struggling for all sorts of reasons, a Christmas like this is not possible.

Our local St Vincent de Paul Conferences (Morisset, Toronto, Booragul, Boolaroo) assist these individuals and families throughout the year and at Christmas. This is where the generosity of our St Paul’s students and families play a part.

Traditionally each student chooses an item from a list in their Tutor Group (food, serviettes, bon bons etc). They are then asked to bring this item in to school in the next few weeks. All items are made into hampers.

Can all donated items be received at school by Friday 1st December. We will be presenting the hampers to the Vinnies Conferences at our Advent Liturgy on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Thank you in advance for your generous contributions.

**Ms Fran Heard and Mrs Brigid de Winter**



# Invitation



Dear Students, Parents and the College Community

You are invited to attend an evening with Guest Speaker

## Steven Bradbury

Monday 27th November



St Paul's College Hall 7pm

Presented by St Paul's P & F

RSVP by email - [admin@booragul.catholic.edu.au](mailto:admin@booragul.catholic.edu.au) (with Steven Bradbury in subject & numbers attending)

*Olympic Champion, Champion Speaker and genuine onstage Motivator and Entertainer is a unique skill set. Transitioning from being an expert speed skater to an expert motivational speaker, MC and after dinner entertainer has been an interesting ride over the last 10 years. Steven Bradbury has presented at over 800 conferences and events in 15 countries and still loves it. He loves the adrenalin before going onstage and loves that his strategies for success in business and in life are able to inspire and help people.*

### Session Highlights

- ◆ A fully interactive show including motivation, videos, music, comedy & audience participation.
- ◆ You will actually hold and have your photo taken wearing Steve's Olympic Gold Medal.
- ◆ How he broke his neck, lost 4 litres of blood on the ice and trained 5 hours a day, 6 days a week for 12 years to become an overnight success.

As well as being entertained and inspired you will leave with the knowledge the much of the prize is in the journey and success takes Passion, Persistence and Teamwork. For not

### Outcomes

- ◆ The saying 'Doing A Bradbury' was officially included in the Macquarie Dictionary in 2014. Learn how to put yourself in position to be the next to 'Do A Bradbury'. Position yourself to come from behind and be ready to seize the opportunity. Links to creativity, innovation and disruption themes.
- ◆ Sustaining a culture of success and positive mindset.
- ◆ Teamwork: Today's world is competitive. To succeed at school, sport and in life you need the right support team. A team is only as strong as its weakest link.
- ◆ Leadership: A successful leader, leads by example not just by telling others what to do.
- ◆ Setting goals and having a plan written down is not optional.
- ◆ Steven has been dubbed the 'luckiest' Olympic Gold Medallist. Luck is when preparation meets opportunity. Links to themes around resilience, belief in self or team and maintaining a positive state-of-mind.

### Career Highlights

- ◆ 4 time Olympian.
- ◆ Southern hemisphere's 1st Winter Olympic Gold Medalist—Gold 1000m—Salt Lake City.

### Honours

- ◆ The Don Award for Australia's best sporting performance in 2002.
- ◆ Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for services to Australian Sport.

### Other

- ◆ On air host and commentator at the 2006, 2010 and 2014 Winter Olympic Games Australian TV coverage.
- ◆ Director Olympic Winter Institute of Australia (OWI) 2002 to current.

### Testimonial

*Can I just start by saying how brilliant you were yesterday! Such an honour to hear and learn from your story – truly inspiring. Accepting the gold medal for 12 years, not 90 seconds speaks volumes for your maturity and given how hard I work, I know that I am not defined by 1 day! You would be a great speaker for our events, will be in touch!*

**Pip Marlow - Microsoft Australia Managing Director**



## Year 8 News

On Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> of October Year 8 trekked to Taronga Zoo for our Geography excursion so that we could learn about the Zoos' role in protecting endangered species. We all had an overall spectacular experience. One of the highlights of the day was visiting the immersive experience of the Tiger Trek. As we walked around the enclosure, we were taught about how we all have a role to play in saving the Sumatran Tiger from extinction by choosing products that contain Certified Sustainable Palm Oil. The Tiger Trek experience is the natural expansion of Taronga's efforts to help save the Sumatran Tiger. Year 8 had to complete a booklet as a part of their assessment, by doing this it ensured we not only had fun but also learnt about the things Taronga Zoo did to help our animals. For example the Zoo participates in global breeding programs, education, research and habitat design

*Year 8 would like to thank all the teachers that made the day special and especially Mrs Hennessy for her excellent organisation and making the day possible, what a great day it was!*

**Lauren Wilmen HSIE class 8.1**



**Mrs Anna Hennessy**  
HSIE Teacher

## Year 9 News

The Exam period is over, and students will be receiving their results and **feedback** soon. Part of academic learning is taking in feedback and seeing where you could have improved. Part of emotional learning is dealing with excitement or disappointment in a constructive manner.

Apparently, all Year 9 were given an invitation to be part of the **Minimum Standard Literacy and Numeracy Tests** being trialled at school in the upcoming week. The letter from our Assistant Principal – Teaching and Learning, has received no response and thus it is thought that no Year 9 would like to take up this opportunity. Just clarifying, this opportunity allows students who have not received a Band 8 to practice the online test and receive valuable feedback so that they can reach the minimum standard efficiently next year. If you would like your child to be part of this process for their sake, **please contact Miss McVeigh as soon as possible.**

Just a reminder that I am still waiting for **absence notes** from those students who were absent from school on our *Wellbeing and Leadership Day* on 25 October

Another reminder, that our **school uniform** is to be worn as prescribed and worn properly each school day. Sports uniform is only to be worn on PE designated days.

Below is information that our IT Coordinator would like passed on in regard to the need for **computer devices** next year, Year 10 2018. Please keep this information in mind so that each student is prepared for the start of 2018.

Please email me with any queries or news.

**Mrs Cayte Pryor**  
Student Coordinator

### BYOD 2018

As previously communicated, students commencing Year 10 in 2018 will need to purchase a laptop or tablet device. For information on the minimum specifications required at

St Paul's please see the BYOD information under the Learning Technology section on the school website (click [here](#)). If you have any questions on the type of device required, please speak to Mr Moroney.



Students who already have their device are welcome to bring them to IT Support before the end of the year to have them configured for our network.

**Mr Nick Moroney**  
Information Technology

It is with much delight that I am able to confirm that I will be continuing on with your children as their Year 11 Coordinator for 2018. I personally will also be returning to a full-time capacity next year. It has been an absolute privilege to share the last three years of your children's journey as their student coordinator commencing when they were in Year 8. I am looking forward to watching them continue to grow and mature into young adults and school leaders over the next two years.

### Year 10 Alternative Timetable: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

As you are all well aware by now, Year 10 commence their Alternate Program this week.

All students will participate in the Senior timetable. This will give students the opportunity to sample their subjects and have a clearer picture of the expectations of senior schooling. Students who are not returning to St Paul's are still expected to attend these three days and will have the opportunity to select subjects that they may be interested in attending. **Normal school uniform** is to be on Wednesday and Thursday, and **sports uniform** for Friday. Students will attend Friday afternoon sport for the last time ever!

### HSC Minimum Literacy & Numeracy Standards Trial Online Test – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November

On Monday, students were given a note by Miss McVeigh outlining the expectations and equipment required for the Minimum Standards Numeracy and Literacy online tests which will take place on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November**. By partaking in this day, we as a school are able to test our online capabilities and provide students a sample of online testing. The school and students will also be given feedback in regards to individual results which will assist with future programming whilst also identifying strengths and areas for development for the cohort. **All** students are expected to attend this day with their laptop fully charged and with their chargers also.

### Road Safety Education (RYDA): Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November

On **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November** students will be attending the RYDA program. This course will be held at the RTA Driving Range, Court Street, Adamstown. Students will need to be at school ready for an 8.45am departure, and the day will conclude at 2.15pm before students are again transported back to school for normal buses. The day is comprised of six presentations – five in a classroom environment with audio-visual presentations (one an emotional video showing the ripple effect of a fatal car crash) and one demonstration on the driving range. Some students will be given the opportunity to be a passenger in a vehicle driven by a licensed driving instructor. If students have a medical condition or injury that may be aggravated by sudden stopping of a car, they will not be permitted to participate in the practical demonstration.

Students are to bring their own lunch and drink as there is no food available for purchase on-site, and students will not be permitted to leave the site. **All** students are expected to attend and **School sports uniform** is to be worn on this day.

### Career Pathways University Day: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** students will be attending a Career's Day held at the University of Newcastle. Students will be transported to Newcastle University departing school at 9.30am and returning by 2.30pm. The time spent at the University will involve meeting with University staff, a tour of facilities, and talks in some of the Faculty areas eg Engineering, Maths, Humanities. Some students might not at this stage feel that Uni is relevant to them, but life has a funny way of opening opportunities for Uni study, for example after completing TAFE courses, or with mature age entry. Lunch is available at the University for purchase, or students are welcome to bring their own. This day will involve **All** students and **normal school uniform** is to be worn on this day. Thank you to the parents who have already paid and returned the note for these two days.

### Senior Interviews: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November

Students who are returning to St Paul's are required to attend a 30 minute interview to re-enrol at the College. A form with instructions on how to complete this process through the online booking service was sent home on Friday, additionally Mr Furey also sent an email. Students are to wear their **full-school uniform** and must be accompanied by a parent.

### Guest Speaker Day: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November

At St Paul's on **Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> November** we have a special guest, Mr Steven Bradbury who will be joining our Year 10 students for the day. He will focus on areas such as overcoming adversity, positive mindsets, goal setting, hard work (endurance), self belief, teamwork and leadership which are all critical to becoming a senior student at St Paul's. Steven presents his message through life experiences in a light hearted and engaging fashion. This day will involve **all** students.

There is also a parent and community evening with Steven Bradbury on the same night commencing at 7pm in the College Hall, which you are all invited to attend. It would be wonderful to see Year 10 parents attend the evening so that our students hear the same message and language surrounding these important skills from home and school. I will be continuing these themes which Steven introduces to the students next year in our form meetings and well-being programs throughout 2018.

Following these dates which I have outlined above, Year 10 students have the All my own work program, the Study Skills Day, Peer mediation and the Awards Ceremony. However, I will speak to you again in the next newsletter in two weeks time. I thank you for your continued support and encouragement of your children to finish well. If you require any clarification please contact me at the school.

**Mrs Blair Brownlee—Mrs Kerrie-LeeGuest**  
**Student Coordinators**

### **RAW Challenge Excursion - Year 10 PASS -**



Our Year 10 PASS classes travelled to Doyalson to participate in The RAW Challenge. The students completed a course of obstacles, climbing ropes, pushing through mud, swinging on monkey bars, just to name a few of the 20+ obstacles. The course was around 3 kilometres in distance. The students worked together, encouraged each other and participated in activities that sometimes took them out of their comfort zone. Each of the obstacles required a certain amount of physical strength and fitness.

Each and every student put in 100% effort, with all pushing themselves to finish each of the activities. Their persistence to achieve was amazing. The staff at RAW were very impressed with our group, commenting that they were one of the best groups to participate. It was a pleasure to accompany the group and see them enjoy this valuable experience.

I would like to thank all of the students for accepting the challenges they were presented with and for being great fun on the day. The success of the day was also very much dependent on the assistance of Mrs. Cheryl Wills and Mr. Sam Heagney, who participated with the students in each of the activities. Just quietly, I think the staff enjoyed it as much as the students.



**Mrs Christine Pakalniskis**  
**Year 10 PASS Teacher**

## Duke of Edinburgh Year 10

We had our Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Journey on Friday 27 - Saturday 28 October. A big thank you to Mrs Alice Grant for taking our Year 10 participants on their 2 day, overnight trek.



Our students braved rainy and wet conditions to conquer part of the Great North Walk, from Wondabyne Station to Sommersby Store. Students used their compass and map reading skills to find their way to their camping spot for Friday night, where they set up camp and cooked their meals for the night. Students then continued their trek through to Sommersby Store on the Saturday. All had a great time and created some fantastic memories that will last a lifetime!

This is the final component of the Award for most of these students, who will then be awarded their Bronze Award.

*The Duke of Edinburgh Award has now been running at St Paul's High School since 2010. The Award is a self-development program available to all students aged 14-25. The award is non-competitive and encourages young people to set and achieve goals at a level appropriate to their needs. We have a number of students across Years 9-12 completing all three levels of the award (Bronze, Silver and Gold). It is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain confidence, skill and have a fantastic time!*

If your child is interested please don't hesitate to email me at [Jessica.knott@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Jessica.knott@mn.catholic.edu.au).

Alternatively you can also check out the award on <http://www.dukeofed.com.au/>.

*After a few days of preparation, Aaron, Aidan, Alysha, Josh, Shaun and I, Irin were off along with Mrs Grant and her husband Adam for an overnight hike, hiking a section of The Great North Walk from Wondabyne to Somersby.*

*After wild storms the previous evening, the sun peered its way above the horizon as if it was scared to unveil some light.*

*We got on the 7:58 Train from Booragul to Wondabyne. As the train went past many stops, we all eagerly waited to reach our destination. Once at Wondabyne, we set off to embark on our journey, however, our eagerness was soon struck down by the steep hill, looking down at us. Determination, motivation and ambition managed to keep us going. The nature embraced us, in a big warm welcome.*

*After 6 hours of hiking, sweating, deadly leeches and irritating sand flies we reached camp, pausing for a lunch break at the top of the range. After setting up camp quickly, we entertained ourselves with a homemade see-saw and a tree perfect for throwing darts at.*

*That night we all gorged on hot chocolate and roasted marshmallows.*

*The next morning, we woke up early, packed up the tents, had breakfast and were ready to continue our hike. We saw a waterfall, dam and a cute echidna, hiking to the Somersby Store where we were rewarded with cold drinks and hot chips.*

*On behalf of everyone that went, I would like to thank Mrs Grant and her husband, Adam, for taking us on an amazing hike. Even though, we faced a few steep hills, the hot sun and were sweating like pigs, it was an experience well worth it and we can't wait for the next one.*

### Duke of Edinburgh Hike by Irin Charly



Miss Jessica Dufty

Congratulations is extended to the following students who received awards at the recent Year 11 End of Preliminary Award Ceremony. These awards recognise the outstanding achievements of students who have worked diligently and consistently throughout the Preliminary Year to achieve a level of excellence.

### Academic Excellence – First in Course:

<b>Studies of Religion 2 Unit –</b>	<b>Kiara Conaghan</b>
<b>Studies of Religion 1 Unit –</b>	<b>Tully Maurer</b>
<b>Catholic Studies –</b>	<b>Lachlan Haggerston</b>
<b>English extension 1 –</b>	<b>Kiara Conaghan</b>
<b>English Advanced –</b>	<b>Kiara Conaghan</b>
<b>English Standard –</b>	<b>Emily Noonan</b>
<b>English Studies –</b>	<b>Corey Armstrong</b>
<b>Mathematics –</b>	<b>Daniel Mason</b>
<b>Mathematics Extension 1 –</b>	<b>Daniel Mason</b>
<b>General Mathematics –</b>	<b>Kiara Conaghan</b>
<b>Mathematics Studies –</b>	<b>Lincoln Forrester</b>
<b>Chemistry –</b>	<b>Liam O’Neill</b>
<b>Biology –</b>	<b>Tully Maurer</b>
<b>Earth and Environmental Science –</b>	<b>Callan McDonald</b>
<b>Marine Studies –</b>	<b>Callan McDonald</b>
<b>Physics –</b>	<b>Liam O’Neill</b>
<b>Senior Science –</b>	<b>James Robson</b>
<b>Ancient History –</b>	<b>Kiara Conaghan</b>
<b>Economics –</b>	<b>Tom Negline</b>
<b>Business Studies –</b>	<b>Tom Negline</b>
<b>Geography –</b>	<b>Max Jarmusz</b>
<b>Modern History –</b>	<b>Isaac Milajew</b>
<b>Legal Studies –</b>	<b>Tully Maurer</b>
<b>Society and Culture –</b>	<b>Abbey Nugent</b>
<b>PDHPE –</b>	<b>Jackson Morgan</b>
<b>Exploring Early Childhood –</b>	<b>Kiara Conaghan</b>
<b>Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation –</b>	<b>Sarah Gardner</b>
<b>Drama –</b>	<b>Kiara Conaghan</b>
<b>French Beginners –</b>	<b>Tully Maurer</b>
<b>Visual Arts –</b>	<b>Grace Betts</b>
<b>Music 1 –</b>	<b>Grace Kennedy</b>
<b>Visual Design –</b>	<b>Grace Betts and Abbey Nugent</b>
<b>Industrial Technology –</b>	<b>Jakob Hart</b>
<b>Design and technology –</b>	<b>Joshua Sueli</b>
<b>Engineering Studies –</b>	<b>Liam O’Neill</b>
<b>Food Technology –</b>	<b>Taylah Vinson &amp; Alicia Akers</b>
<b>Construction –</b>	<b>Liam Fitzpatrick</b>
<b>Information Processes &amp; Technology</b>	<b>Donovan Bilsborough</b>



As well as those who achieved academic excellence, many students were also recognised for continuously working towards their own individual excellence. These students received a Diligent Award for their conscientious effort and commitment to their studies:

**Taj Abrahams, Tully Maurer, Alicia Akers, Callan McDonald, Claudia Becus, Shae McManus-Smith, Grace Betts, Isaac Milajew, Donovan Bilsborough, Jackson Morgan, Laura Boslem, Tom Negline, Kiara Conaghan, Emily Noonan, Olivia Deaves, Abbey Nugent, Madison Forshaw, Liam O'Neill, Molly Galbraith, James Parker, Charlotte Guest, Elliot Philpott, Ricky Harden-Briot, Breanna Power, Natalia Hogan, Charlotte Renshaw, Maximillian Jarmusz, Abby Ruyter-Kehoe, Grace Kennedy, Matilda Shrume, Lauren King. Riley Smith, Lochie Kneis, Bailey Stowe, Charley Lawlor-O'Neill, Joshua Sueli, Abby Liu, Arbi Watt, Carmen Manney, Georgia Wellard, Daniel Mason**

## Special Awards:

**Preliminary Dux 2017**

**Kiara Conaghan**

**Wayne Holland Memorial Maths Award**

**Lochie Kneis**

**Shamley Award for Most Improved**

**Jessica Robson**

**Christian Leadership Award**

**Charley Lawlor-O'Neill**

**Joel Fitzgibbon Community Involvement Award**

**Kendyll Fahey**

**Lions Club Encouragement Award**

**Taj Abrahams**

**Lioness Club Encouragement Award**

**Claudia Becus**

**Citizenship Award**

**Tully Maurer**

Many Year 11 students have been busy over the last couple of weeks taking up opportunities to attend leadership days and other extracurricular activities. It is wonderful that St Paul's can offer these opportunities to our senior students as the lessons learnt outside of the classroom certainly extend their educational experience.

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November **Tully Maurer** travelled to Sydney to take part in the National Schools Constitutional Convention. At the convention students from around the state were given the opportunity to argue/discuss Section 44 of the constitution which is, at the moment, very topical. From over 150 students who attended this convention, 30 were chosen to go to Canberra next year. Tully, as a result of her participation at the State Convention has been selected to participate at the National Schools Constitutional Convention in Canberra in March next year. This is a great reward for a student who is passionate about these topics. Tully was able to mix with others who have a similar interest and obviously impressed with her presentation.

Whilst Tully was representing St Paul's at the Constitutional Convention, **Taj Abraham** attended the Halogen Leadership Day with a number of other student leaders. Many thanks to Mrs Burns who accompanied these students on the day.

The following week, on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November, eight Year 11 students also attended the GRIP Leadership Day at Newcastle University. **Natalia Hogan, Emily Callinan, Byron Boyland, Joshua Snedden, Grace Kennedy, Jemma Lawson, Charley Lawlor-O'Neill** and **Markus Favilla-Schirk**. These students have also been heavily involved in leadership roles and were able to mix with other student leaders from around the region. Once again, thanks is extended to Ms Ellis for accompanying the students on the day.

At the end of last week, the four School Leaders for 2018, **Kiara Conaghan, Daniel Mason, Laura Boslem** and **Jackson Morgan** attended the Young Leaders Retreat at Riverwood Downs. This annual retreat is run by the Catholic Schools Office and gives the leaders of all the Maitland Newcastle schools, who have Stage 6 leaders, a chance to share their leadership aspirations, fears and experiences. The students had the opportunity to meet with Bishop Bill and discuss important issues that are at the forefront of their leadership roles in Catholic Schools.



**School Leaders**

**Laura Boslem, Daniel Mason, Jackson Morgan & Kiara Conaghan**



**Mrs Anne Maree Shipman  
Student Coordinator**

## Bean Counters Ball

Last Friday, 4th November Year 11 student **Natalia Hogan** was asked to speak at the annual 'Bean Counters Ball', at Wests Newcastle, a fundraising night run by the charity 'Samaritans' which supports youth and education in this region. Samaritans is an organisation that is very close to Natalia's heart, and she was thrilled to be asked to speak. The night was a huge success and over \$25 000 was raised for this extremely worthwhile charity.

It is no mean feat to stand and speak in front of a crowd of over 300 adults! We can all learn from Natalia's strong sense of community and her passion for social justice. Congratulations Natalia. St Paul's is extremely proud of you.



*Mrs Nicole Burns*

## Year 12 News

Now that HSC examinations have concluded we look forward to the final celebrations for the Year 12 class of 2017.

I remind all Year 12 students that they need to complete the official '**SIGN OUT**'. If this has not already been completed (with the return of textbooks and the payment of resource fees), then it needs to be done this week.



The **Year 12 Graduation Ball** will be held this **Friday 17 November from 6.00pm – 11.00pm** at NEX, Corner King and Union Streets, Newcastle. There will NOT be an outside agency commercial photographer present as most students and families in past years have arranged their own photography. All payments, seating arrangements, and dietary requirements have now been completed and forwarded to NEX.

At the Graduation Ball there will be some formal award presentations and farewell addresses from the School Captains. All students will be presented on stage with their official school reference as part of their folio. Formalities at this function will be kept to a minimum to allow for dancing and celebrations amongst staff, students and their families.

NEX have **strict procedures about the sale of alcohol**. Only parents will be able to purchase alcohol from the bar. Students who are over 18 will be presented with a wrist-band upon entry and this will 'flag' to security their entitlement to drink, whereas students who are not yet 18 will have normal restrictions applying. NEX have asked the school to indicate for security, which tables have students who are under 18. A breach of their rules will result in security asking the parent and student to leave the premises.

### **Parking**

In Newcastle can be a problem, but if your arrival is after 5pm then there will be parking available on the streets. NEX has installed paid parking with a barrier gate on the large carpark adjacent to the club. If a patron spends over \$20 in the downstairs bar then the parking will be validated as free, however any purchase made through the bars in the venue will NOT validate your parking. Cost of parking for the evening will be \$8.00

### **Year 12 Barbeque:**

This event will be held on **Friday 15 December at 11.00am** in Holland Court for all Year 12 students. This informal gathering gives an opportunity to come together and celebrate HSC and ATAR results with staff and fellow students – regardless of the final mark or rank. This is the last opportunity students have to gather with one another as a group and with those staff members who have worked with them so tirelessly during their senior years. We look forward to seeing you there!



*Mr Ross Wilson*  
**Student Coordinator**



## Luncheon on the Grass !!

Last Thursday, St Paul's was treated to a 'surprise' concert performed by our Music Students. These Students have been preparing incredibly hard with Mr Warren over the past three weeks so that they could give us this special treat. The students have been giving up their lunchtimes and recess to rehearse, whilst some even got together after school to fine tune their performances. It was a really captivating event that was well attended by all year groups. I would like to thank our performers for allowing us to share in their talents, you were all amazing!

Congratulations to the following students:

- Jarvis Macleod**
- Christopher Workman**
- Finley Young**
- Mishayla Turner**
- Grace Kennedy**
- Charlotte Guest**
- Lucy Douglas**
- Zack Forsythe**



*I would also like to thank Mr Warren for instigating this initiative and sacrificing his time to work with the musicians. I also thank all of the staff who came out to offer their support and supervise on the day, this was greatly appreciated. Rumour has it that we may be treated to another surprise performance before the end of the year! We cannot wait!! ...*

**Lauren King Year 11**

## Sculpture by the Sea

On Tuesday the 31<sup>st</sup> of October, Year 10 and 11 Visual Arts travelled down to Bondi Beach to view the Annual Sculpture by the Sea Exhibition. Sculpture by the Sea involves a Bondi Beach to Tamarama Beach coastal walk and is the world's largest free to the public sculpture exhibition. The spectacular coastal walk sees Bondi transformed into a 2km long sculpture park over three weeks featuring 100 sculptures by artists from Australia and across the world. A large number of the exhibitors at this year's Bondi show were inspired by *Sculpture by the Sea* as children and teenagers to become an artist. Each has had their own journey of discovery including the accessibility of our exhibition to allow them as adults to combine a love of art and landscape. Despite struggling with very windy conditions and long drive, our students engaged enthusiastically in making Vlogs about the exhibition, artists and their works and overall reported back that they were very impressed with the standard of all the works. The Teachers were very impressed with the diligence of our students and the positive manner in which they represented our school in a public forum. Congratulations Students on a fantastic day !



**Miss Sarah Adams**  
Leader of Pedagogy –  
Creative Arts and Languages (Acting)



Career Thought of the Week:

“Enthusiasm is the mother of effort, and without it nothing great was ever achieved”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Finding the right pathway starts with knowing the options!



When it comes to getting your career started, there’s a mind-boggling array of different pathways, courses and programs to choose from. Working out which pathway is best matched to your knowledge, work preferences, psychological profile, and your goals and aspirations starts with understanding:

What pathways are available

- What career options each pathway leads to
• How to register and get started, and
• How to get yourself job ready

The Novaskill Careers Open Day will give you a chance to hear directly from employers and industry experts, as well as Novaskill’s team of accredited trainers and educators to discover:

- What they are looking for in their employees
• What support is available to you to help get you started
• Ways to fast-track your training
• Training incentives, and
• Alternative pathways to higher levels of education

For full details of the day click on the link below.

http://novaskill.com.au/free-careers-open-day/



End of year tips for Year 10 students

For most students, Year 10 is no longer the end of school!!! Statistics demonstrate a clear link between level of education and training and employment prospects and potential to earn. So, make the most of your time in ‘junior’ school.

Carefully check your final subject selection for Year 11 and 12 . Have you chosen subjects you think you will enjoy and do well in? Do they cover any university pre requisites? Check with Mr. McLoughlin if you are unsure.

Participate in work experience – try a field of employment you are considering for the future. See Mr. McLoughlin to help you organise the paperwork to do this.

Involve yourself in school and community volunteer projects. It’s great for your resume and gives you a sense of achievement and pride when you give back to the community.

If you don’t have part time or casual employment – now is the time to start looking! Apply online to the ‘chains’ such as McDonalds, Coles, Woolworths, Bunnings, Kmart, KFC and Subway. Drop a resume into local cafes and retail outlets. Most will be experiencing a better trade now the weather is warmer and in the lead up to Christmas and summer holidays! If you need help to do this, please see me.



Thinking About Job Trends

Government Department of Employment gives a summary of employment trends in Australia. It has important messages about career and study planning for young Australians. The report describes the challenges faced by young people in getting a job. Even though youth unemployment fell marginally in 2016, the rate of 12.3% for January 2017, is well above the 8.8% of 2008.







**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**

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4. Cheque
5. Cash

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**Step 2 Register**

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

**Step 3 Find our school**

Scan the QR code or search for our school name. Our school will also appear in "Locations Nearby" if you are within 4kms of the school

**Step 4 Register your children**

When first accessing your school menu, you will be prompted to register your child. This allows you to make school orders on their behalf.

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

Please **pay for all excursions by the due date written on the excursion notes** which are sent home with your child. This date is important as excursion costing is calculated on the number of students who should be attending that particular event. Venues and buses have to be paid when the booking is first made. Your understanding of this would be very much appreciated.



Year	Subject	Date	Venue	Cost	Money Due
10	End of School Program	22 & 23 Nov	Road Safety Education Career Pathways Uni Day	\$40	Overdue
11	Society & Culture	27 November	Wesley Conference Centre, Sydney	\$45	14 November
7-10	End of Year Activities	7-13 December	Various		6-24 November

**Mrs Betty Harris—Finance Officer**

[finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au](mailto:finance@booragul.catholic.edu.au)



31 October, 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Each school year the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle reviews the fees for students in our diocesan schools for the coming year. By far the greater part of our schools' funding now comes from State and Commonwealth government funding, but it is noted with gratitude the commitment and continuing financial contribution of parents and parish communities that is so essential to fill the gap between the funds provided by government and the actual cost of running our schools.

This letter is to inform you of the fee arrangements for 2018 which represent a 2.25% increase of 2017 fees. The following rates and discounts have been reviewed by the Diocesan Finance Council (DFC) and the Catholic Schools Council. Upon the advice of the DFC and the Diocesan Executive, they have been approved by Bishop Wright.

The school fees are constituted by 3 components:

1. Diocesan Tuition Fees
2. Individual School Resource and Service Fees
3. Diocesan Family School Building Levy (DFSBL)

### 1. Diocesan Tuition Fees 2018

In 2018 the Diocesan Tuition Fees, full rate, will be:

Kinder to Year 6	\$ 1,233	(increase of \$27.00p.a. or \$0.65 per school week from 2017)
Years 7 to 10	\$ 1,698	(increase of \$36.00p.a. or \$0.88 per school week from 2017)
Years 11 to 12	\$ 2,559	(increase of \$57.00p.a. or \$1.39 per school week from 2017)

In 2018, the Family discount on Diocesan Tuition Fees, full rate, will be:

1 child family	0% - full rate to be applied
2 child family	10% - each child
3 child family	20% - each child
4 child family	40% - each child
5+ child family	50% - each child

### 2. Individual School Resource and Service Fees

These are fees set by individual schools and can cover a range of costs including the supply of resources such as texts, school supplies, exercise books, subject levies, technology, excursion costs etc. The cost and nature of the fees can vary between schools and they will be set out in the Parent Handbook provided by the school and itemised in the school fee account from the school.

### 3. Diocesan Family School Building Levy (DFSBL)

The DFSBL is charged to the oldest child for each family. The DFSBL is pooled to contribute towards past, present and future costs for building projects across all existing schools, and for the development of new catholic schools.

This DFSBL contribution from families is spent on major refurbishment and capital works in existing schools, including classroom replacement, toilet facilities, specialist rooms, and playground areas. In new schools the DFSBL provides

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## 4. Diocesan Pastoral Contribution

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle consists of parishes, schools, CatholicCare Social Services, St Nicholas Early Education and the Curia offices. The Diocesan offices exist to support the work of Parishes and other pastoral ministries that are the responsibility of the Bishop and the diocesan community. There are approximately 160,000 Catholics residing in our diocese.

Since 2017 a voluntary contribution of \$150 per family (\$50 per term) has been sought as a diocesan pastoral contribution. Funds support the ongoing pastoral works of the diocese which include, amongst many initiatives:

- The diocesan pastoral ministries office and the activities of its many advisory councils - the Diocesan Pastoral Council, the Adult Faith Formation Council, the Liturgy Council, the Ecumenical and Interfaith Council, the Social Justice Council and the Diocesan Council of Ministry with Young People.
- The provision of chaplains ministering in the following areas - Newcastle University, Newcastle Port, Prisons, Hospitals and CatholicCare Social Services.
- Family Community Faith Coordinators who work to reach out to and connect families with their local parish and school.
- Pastoral Coordinators who work in those parishes without a resident Parish Priest.

### Fee Reductions

To assist families with limited financial resources, Catholic schools in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle offer a lower tuition fee to 'means tested' low income families such as Health Care and Pension Card holders. This rate is 50% of the Diocesan Tuition Fee full rate for each child. This discount applies only to the Diocesan Tuition Fee, not to the DFSBL or other resource and service fees charged by each individual school.

Please note, however, that it is our policy that financial hardship should not prevent a child from attending a Catholic School and no child will be denied a Catholic Education because of a family's genuine inability to pay the required school fees. This does not apply only to the eligible Health Care/Pension Card holders mentioned above. Any family experiencing financial difficulties is entitled to fee assistance. The Principal of the school can be contacted to discuss such situations.

Together with parents, clergy and school staff, we are committed to offering the children and young people in this diocese, schools in which their faith can be nurtured in outstanding learning environments. We seek to assist young people to realise their full human potential, spiritual, intellectual, physical and social. We value the opportunity to work in partnership with you to that end, and thank you for your continuing support of Catholic Education in this Diocese.

Yours sincerely

Most Reverend William Wright  
BISHOP OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

Dr Michael Slattery  
DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS



### Bishop Bill's Message

Pope Francis writes in *The Joy of the Gospel*, "I want a poor church that is for the poor because they have much to teach us. It's fundamental to our faith. We are called to see Christ in the poor and minister to him there. We must allow our own hearts to be touched by them, to become their friends, to find them beautiful, and to allow them to lead us closer to the heart of the Lord." (198-199)

The Pastoral Contribution Fund is part of our response to the call to put our faith into action. I understand it can be a struggle for families to keep on giving generously but these contributors make a real difference to the lives of those in our diocese.

Thank you for contributing to our chaplains and ministry services while supporting Catholic education for your children.

Most Reverend William Wright,  
Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle

### Supporting Pastoral Ministries

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle consists of Parishes, Schools, CatholicCare Social Services, St Nicholas Early Childhood, the Development and Relief Agency and the Chancery Offices. The Chancery Offices exist to support the work of Parishes and other pastoral ministries that are the responsibility of the Bishop and the diocesan community. There are approximately 160,000 Catholics residing in our diocese.

The Bishop supports many pastoral ministries throughout the diocese through the Pastoral Ministries office under the stewardship of Teresa Brierley, Vice Chancellor Pastoral Ministries. As the diocesan local church we are called to live the Good News in a number of areas and the Pastoral Contribution assists in supporting many good works.

The funds support the Pastoral Ministries Office and the activities of the many advisory councils that make up this office - the Diocesan Pastoral Council, the Adult Faith Formation Council, the Liturgy Council, the Ecumenical and Interfaith Council, the Social Justice Council and the Diocesan Council of Ministry with Young People.

We have chaplains ministering in the following areas - Newcastle University, the Port, Prisons, Hospitals and CatholicCare, where those who seek pastoral and spiritual care are supported.

These funds also help to support the Refugee Hub at Mayfield which plays an integral role in the settlement of refugees in the Newcastle and Hunter region. By working collaboratively with other service providers, the Refugee Hub works with refugees to support and empower them on their journey to independence.

Some parishes without a resident priest are served by Parish Leaders and funds are allocated to these roles.

The Levy has enabled us to provide funds to these ministries. Each of us has a responsibility to see the need and respond. Thanks for your response to a need you may not have seen but to which you continue to give generously.

### Where does your contribution go?

Apostleship of the Sea  
**\$49,000**

**\$101,000**  
Refugee Service

Chaplains  
**\$92,000**

Liturgy  
**\$86,000**

**\$202,000**  
Faith Formation

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry  
**\$9,000**

Diocesan Pastoral Council  
**\$41,000**

Pastoral Ministries Unit  
**\$36,000**



## Pastoral Works

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# Canteen Roster



Monday 20 — Friday 24 November

Mon	Kristy Baker, Sharyn Kiely, Lisa Kelly
Tues	Fiona Wood, Christine Jones
Wed	Linda Gesell, Nannette Preston, Kim Harding
Thurs	Paula Douglas, Nadine Steenson
Fri	Jennifer Barrett, Carol Crabbe

Monday 27 — Friday 3 December

Mon	Kristy Weller, Cathy Dutch
Tues	Susen White, Shame Johnson, Worakot Walker
Wed	Candace Way, Sara Ashmore,
Thurs	Nicole Miller, Nicole Ferry,
Fri	Tania Egan, 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

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

	Term	4 2017
Week 6	Fri 17 Nov	Yr 12 Graduation Dinner
Week 7	Mon 20 Nov Tues 21 Nov Wed 22 Nov Thurs 23 Nov Thurs 23 Nov Fri 24 Nov Fri 24 Nov	CCC 15 Yrs Selections Yr 10 RYDA—Adamstown Yr 10 Career Pathways Uni Day Yr 11 Marine Studies Exc Senior Interviews Yr10 to Yr11/2018 Reading Challenge finishes Senior Interviews Yr10 to Yr11/2018
Week 8	Mon 27 Nov  Tues 28 Nov Tues 28 Nov Wed 29 Nov  Thurs 30 Nov	Yr 10 Incursion Stephen Bradbury Yr 11 Society & Culture Exc Yr 7 (2018) Orientation Day Senior Interviews Yr10 to Yr11/2018 Senior Interviews Yr10 to Yr11/2018 P & F Last Meeting—Xmas Yr 10 Studies Skills Day
Week 9	4 - 5 December Wed 6 Dec Wed 6 Dec Thurs 7 Dec 7-13 December	Yr 10 AMOW & peer mediation train Advent Liturgy—Period 6 Yrs 7-10 Semester Awards Australian Catholic Youth Festival Yrs 7-10 End of Year Activities
Week 10	11-13 Dec <b>Wed 13 Dec</b> Thurs 14 Dec Thurs 14 Dec Fri 15 Dec	Yrs 7-10 End of Year Activities <b>Last Day of School for students</b> Parent / Teacher Interviews Pupil Free Day Pupil Free Day (Staff Mass)
Week 11	Mon 18 Dec <b>Tues 19 Dec</b>	Pupil Free Day (Staff Develop.) <b>Last Day of Term 4 for Staff</b>

## Next P & F Meeting

Wednesday 29 November

All welcome

Damascus Centre 7.00pm



## Clothing Pool



### Important Notice

**Clothing Pool Opening Times**

**Tuesdays only from 8.30am – 9.30am**

**The Clothing Pool will now only be accepting donated uniforms.**





## Moving Forward Together

2018 Harmony Day  
Poster & Song Writing Competitions

### Dear Harmony Day Co-ordinator

Are you planning your events for Harmony Day 2018 (March 21)?

Why not make the Harmony Day Poster and Song Writing Competitions an integral part of the celebrations?

Involvement in these competitions encourages your students to think deeply about harmony in our society and express their ideas in art and/or song.

- Entry to the competitions is free and open to all students.
- Separate sections in poster competition for Primary and High school students.
- Theme for the 2018 competition is: Growing Together in Harmony.
- \$5000 total prize money.
- **Every entrant will receive a certificate of participation.**
- Entries close 6th April 2018.

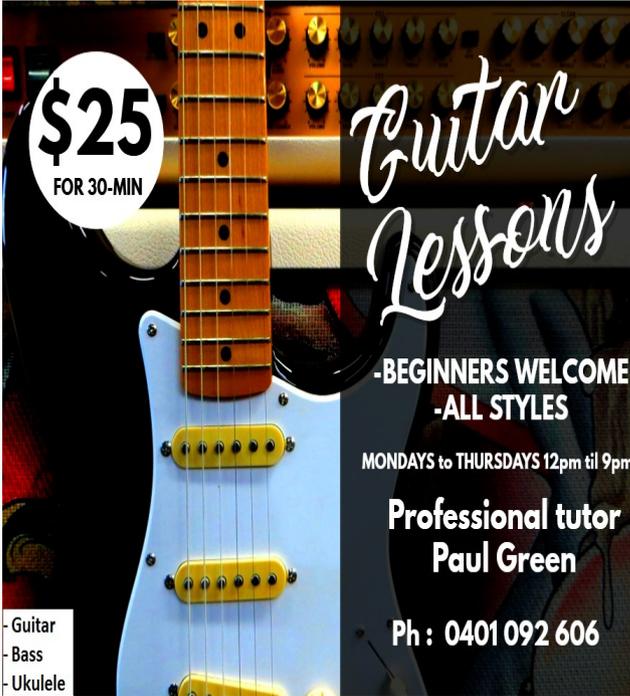
For entry forms and full details on how to enter, visit:

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- KARMA COLLECTIONS
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Friday 8th December

Festive Music  
& Performances  
6pm to 9.30pm  
Friday 15th, 22nd &  
29th December

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