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KEY DATES

Aug 3: Parent Chat Group 10am

Aug 4: College Council Meeting
7pm @ Nirimba

Aug 7: Year 9 Marian Expo @
Schofields CLS

Aug 7: Year 11 2016 Subject
Selection Forms Due

Aug 7 - 13: Year 9/10
Examination Block

Aug 10: Year 12 HSC Trials
Conclude

Aug 13: Year 11/12 Vaccinations

Aug 14: Pupil Free Day

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS](#)

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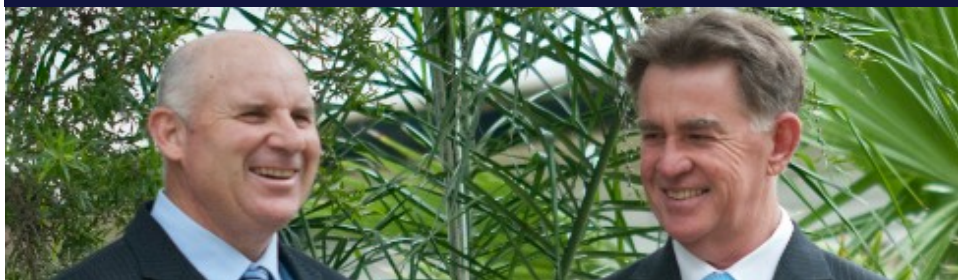
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FROM THE PRINCIPALS – MR JIM FANNING & MR PHIL SMITH



As we commence Term 3 we keep our Year 12 students in mind as they complete their Trial HSC examinations which commenced on Monday 27th July. Additionally the Major Works and Performances for Industrial Technology, Dance, Music, Visual Arts and Society & Culture are now very close and students are busily putting the finishing touches to the works and performances. We wish them well in their endeavours and ask all in our community to keep them in your prayers. Teachers held tutorials in a large number of subjects during the Term 2 break with many HSC students taking the opportunity to work with their teachers and other students.

On a whole school perspective our thanks go to the many Parents/Caregivers who attended our Parent/Caregiver/Student/ Teacher interviews in week two. It was great to see so many families attending and it was particularly pleasing to see the number of students who were well presented in their uniform. A large number of interviews were held in our new Co-operative Learning Space and refurbished library. It is heartening to see that its multi-function purposes are serving the school community so well.

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Year 10 students are currently completing the first round of their subject selections having attended a very informative session during Learning Enrichment at the end of Term 2. Year 8 are participating in taster lessons during Learning Enrichment as they will soon be issued with forms on which to place their choices for electives next year. Year 7 have been learning about Knights, Realms etc. in their preparation for Medieval Madness. Year 9 have been studying Marion apparitions leading up to their Marian Expo.

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PRAYER

Being poor in spirit means going on a path that leads to the Lord. The poverty of the Lord, who lowers Himself even so far as to become bread for us, in this sacrifice, that which we celebrate in the Mass, is an invitation to walk with him and the poor. It is not just feel sorry for them when we are confronted by images on the television or through social media; this is when we need to recall the message of the Holy Father "not to give leftovers". Next time we are called to give of ourselves to the poor act with justice and reach out with true Christian charity.

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[ENROLMENTS STILL BEING ACCEPTED FOR 2016!](#)

News, Updates and Reports

PARENT NOTICES

- [Updated Busways Timetables available here](#)
- [Download Term 3 Calendar of Events](#): download a calendar and keep track of all the important and exciting events at StJPil
- **Year 11, 2016 Round 1 Subject Selection Forms are due by Friday, 7 August**
- [Reminder: Term 3 School Fees](#): A reminder that Term 3 fees were posted out on Monday, 20 July 2015 and fall due/payable by Monday, 17 August 2014.
- [Reminder: School Drop Off/Pick Up Zones](#) Parents/caregivers are directed NOT to drop their children off at the main entrance to the Schofields campus but to drive to Rose Cottage, which is located next door to the main entrance of the school.
- [Parent Chat Group at 10am on Monday, 3 August, Schofields Campus Conference Room](#): Join the co-operating principals & parents/caregivers of StJPil to discuss all the relevant topics in the College community

PRIVACY NOTICE

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child's school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child's gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice.

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ICT NOTICE: MacKeeper

A number of students have reported to the ICT department with a file known as "MacKeeper" saved to their device. MacKeeper is a virus that even when deleted may constantly re-appear on the laptop or device unless it is removed properly. Students can easily tell if they have the virus saved to their device by searching for "MacKeeper" in their computers search panel inside "Finder". Students who have MacKeeper should firstly delete the file. If the file returns students are to bring their laptop to the ICT office so that we can remove it.

LATEST NEWS

Semester 1 Stage 4 & 5 Awards



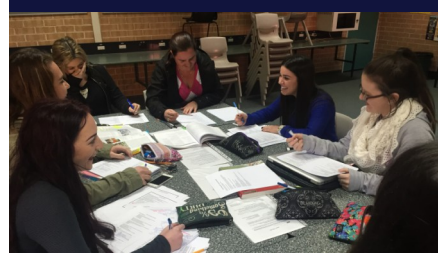
On Wednesday, 22 July, Stage 4 & 5 students, parents/caregivers and teachers gathered for their Semester One Award Ceremonies at Schofields. Congratulations to all of the awardees! [READ MORE >](#)

Year 8 Italian Restaurants



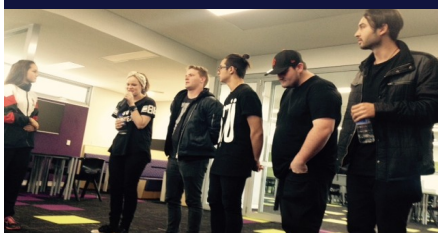
Year 8 Italian students ran their own Italian restaurants where they learnt how to cook traditional Italian food and how to run a restaurant! It was a great success and very tasty. [READ MORE >](#)

HSC Holiday Tutorials



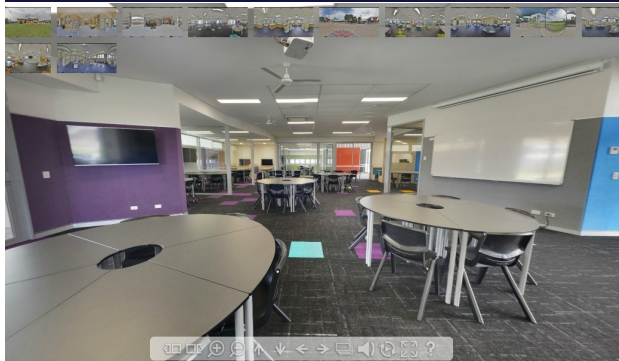
During the Term 2 holidays staff ran HSC tutorials for their Year 12 students, providing them the extra assistance and study for their upcoming HSC Trials! [READ MORE >](#)

Year 8 Reflection Day



Last week Year 8 enjoyed their annual Reflection Day! The band, Iron & Clay, spent the day with the students performing modern and Christian songs and running great workshops. [READ MORE >](#)

VIRTUAL TOURS OF STJPIL CAMPUSES NOW ONLINE!



[CLICK HERE](#)
to check out
the College
Campuses
online with our
Online Virtual
Tours!

INTRODUCING THE STJPII INTRANET!

An intranet has been created for Staff, Students and Parents of the St John Paul II community to assist each group with access to information and resources. The creation of the parent intranet is based on information and feedback gathered through the Parent Chat Group. The parent intranet includes information on Student Learning (Stage Sites, schedules, assessments etc), Student Wellbeing and Faith @ StJPII.

To access the Student and Parent intranet go to:

stip2.parra.catholic.edu.au

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WATCH: Year 9 Multicultural Day



[Watch Year 9 students dance traditional dances & cook traditional food!](#)

STAGE 4 UPDATES



Stage 4 has had a very busy first semester of 2015. Hear from the students themselves!

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- Chloe Poulsen tells us about her amazing experiences on the Year 8 Reflection Day with Iron & Clay. *"It was also a great time for the teachers and students to bond there was not a part of the day you were wishing you were somewhere else."*
- Lachlan Longridge from Year 7 discusses the new Medieval Madness unit. *"I am looking forward to are the sword battles followed by a huge banquet. I believe that this term in Learning Enrichment will be a very fun experience."*
- Michaela Forster from Year 7 lets us in on what her first semester of high school was like at StJPII. *"Who knew that I would feel confident using tools and could build quite a useful stationary holder? I jumped at the chance to join the Year 7 Debating Team..."*
- Dahlia Haddad from Year 8 fills us in on her soccer trip with the Matildas to Canada this year!

COUNSELLORS CORNER

Young people complain that their parents/carers don't listen to them. What's new! That's been happening forever, hasn't it? Kids can feel unheard when their parents/carers don't agree with them. Of course listening does not equal agreeing. But it doesn't equal a lot of other things either. Our intentions might be good, but our methods could be ineffective. We might be trying to be helpful, to share our wisdom, to steer them in the right direction. There's a time to do all of that of course, but sometimes the first thing to do is to hear what's said, and to let the other person know you've heard them.

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Learning & Teaching—Science



In Term 3 Year 7 are learning about the body in Maths, Science and PDHPE classes. All students this week have learnt about the circulatory system and Cardiovascular Disease. The students have each been given the opportunity to dissect a pig's heart this week as part of their learning!

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DIOCESAN NOTICES & EVENTS

Catch up on all notices and events from the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta including CAPTIVATE performance dates and opportunities!

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If you or someone close to you has suffered **ANY** abuse by a representative of the Catholic Church (school, parish, other Catholic group) in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains we invite you to contact us. Our professional staff will listen to your experience, respect your confidentiality and discuss all available options.

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For any complaints that may relate to criminal conduct we encourage you to contact **NSW Police on 1800 333 000**