



Newsletter

September 2017—Term 3 Issue 7

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Key Dates

11 Sept: Year 11 recommence normal classes
14 Sept: Year 9 & 11 2018 confirmation of subject selection provided to students
15 Sept: StJP II Terra Sancta Day + Year 12 Graduation Mass @ Schofields
18 Sept: Year 12 Reflection Day & BBQ (8.30am—12.30pm @ Nirimba)
19 Sept: Year 12 Graduation Ceremony @ Nirimba, 7pm
21 Sept: Year 12 Formal @ Parkroyal Parramatta
22 Sept: Term 3 concludes
9 Oct: Term 4 commences for all Year 7-11 (Week A)
11 Oct: Nirimba Library Lock-in Day for HSC study (9am-12pm)
16 Oct: Year 12 HSC examinations commence @ Nirimba
18 Oct: Year 10 Reflection Day, Sports Presentation & Awards BBQ @ Schofields, 3pm

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From the Principal - Mr Fanning

Excellent learning and teaching has been occurring during Term 3. For many students in Years 7 and 9 this was reflected in their NAPLAN results. Our Year 12 students have now completed their Trial HSC examinations and are moving onto the next phase of their journey as they prepare for their upcoming graduation ceremonies followed by the HSC examinations shortly afterwards. At the same time Bodies of Work for practical subjects are being finalised for marking as are the major performances for the creative and performing arts. Some subjects have already been marked by NESA markers.

We have now accepted 190 applications for Year 7 in 2018. Taking into account the increase of schools in our area this is great testimony to the trust our community places in us to provide our students with the best education possible. If you are aware of any families who have not made application for next year please advise them to contact Mrs Fay Lovett on 92087205 at the college as a matter of urgency to avoid the possibility missing out on enrolment for their son/daughter.

PRAYER

Last Sunday the Gospel challenged us to answer the question that Jesus put to his disciples 'Who do you say I am?' Peter answers with confidence and gusto 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God' Matthew 16:13-20 If we spin the question around and use the same question about ourselves 'Who do you say I am?' We are challenged to think, what do I believe? What do I stand for? What are people saying about me? All of us are Christ - chosen, blessed, broken, restored and given to the world - called to be people of tenderness, mercy and joy. We need to see Christ in ourselves. The next challenge is to see Christ in those around us, so that when they ask us, 'Who do you say I am?' we respond, 'You are Christ'. When we look at another person, do we see Christ, and when others look at us, do they see Christ?

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS: Ms Refalo, Mr Regan & Ms Roach

Our Assistant Principals have provided some important messages and specific information for each of our Stages. Click on the link below for information on the following...

Stage 4 (Years 7-8) from Ms Refalo: Year 7 Medieval Day, Year 8 'Minibites' and 2018 Subject Selection and a uniform notice for Years 7—8.

Stage 5 (Years 9-10) from Mr Regan: NAPLAN results and understanding the new literacy and numeracy standards for the HSC, an explanation on the additional NAPLAN testing to meet the requirements, receiving Stage 5 exam marks and what actions to take from examination feedback.

Stage 6 (Years 11-12) from Ms Roach: The end of the Year 12 journey, Year 11 subject change forms and decisions, arrival times for school and possible penalties to be implemented.

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TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR 2018

NOTICES

TERM 3 SCHOOL FEES

Term 3 fees were posted out on Monday, 24 July 2017 and were due/payable by Monday, 21 August 2017.

Please contact Jean Webb on 9208-7239 if you have not received your statement. Should you wish to discuss your account or apply for an extension of time please contact either Mrs Jean Webb on 9208-7239 or Mr Andrew Noney on 9208-7238. Thank you to those parents/caregivers who have paid or are paying off their school fees through an arrangement.

HEAD LICE NOTICE

We would like to make parents/caregivers aware that there has been a recent case of head lice at the College and advise that families remain aware and take precautions to avoid the possibility of the lice spreading. Below is a link to the Health NWS Head Lice Treatment information.

[Click here for further information.](#)

LATEST NEWS

WRITE A BOOK IN A DAY COMP



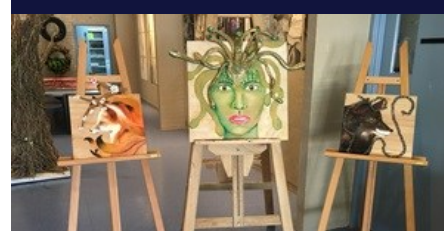
On Tuesday, August 22, over 40 StJPll students spent 12 hours in the Schofields Library writing books for the annual "Write a Book in a Day" Competition! It was a long but exciting day as the students worked to a deadline, using their skills and creativity to write and illustrate an entire book. [READ MORE >](#)

STJPll ASSUMPTION MASSES



On Wednesday the 15th of August our school, St John Paul II Catholic College, held three Masses in honour of The Blessed Virgin Mary whose assumption is commemorated on the day. Mass at Schofields was celebrated by Fr Ruben and Fr Ever, and by Fr Gayed at Nirimba. [READ MORE >](#)

HSC VISUAL ARTS SHOWCASE



On Wednesday, 23 August, many gathered at the Schofields Art Block for an amazing showcase of the Year 12 Visual Arts HSC major works. Congratulations to each of these students who have used their skills and creativity to produce such amazing pieces of work! [READ MORE >](#)

FATHERS DAY LITURGIES



Last week students at both Schofields and Nirimba gathered for a special liturgy to celebrate all the fathers in the StJPll community. We hope that all fathers, grandfathers and caregivers had a very special Father's Day last Sunday! [READ MORE >](#)

EX-STUDENT: KIMBERLEY GALCERAN



Her passion for music and entertainment began at Terra Sancta College in 1998, during Year 9 Learning Enrichment "Jam Time" with Mr Rizzardo and all the other music-heads. NOW ex-student, Kimberley Galceran, has gone on to DJ, produce her own events and record label, lead FBi Radio to winning the... [READ MORE >](#)

YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK



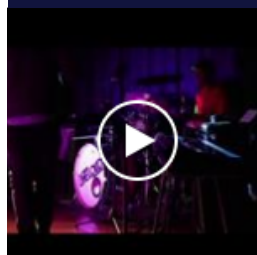
Our Year 11 Geography students recently completed some fieldwork at Long Reef and Collaroy Beaches where they studied the biophysical interactions of coastal environments, measuring sand dunes & examining coastal processes and how humans have interacted with the coast. [READ MORE >](#)

WATCH: YEAR 7 MEDIEVAL DAY



As part of the Year 7 Medieval Madness unit, Year 7 students have created their realms, empires or kingdoms and participated in a range of learning activities in preparation for the annual Medieval Day, where they will put their medieval skills and knowledge to the test. [WATCH >](#)

WATCH: YEAR 12 MUSIC HSC SHOWCASE



Last Wednesday night, many gathered at the Nirimba Performance Workshop for the Year 12 Music HSC Showcase. This amazing video by Year 12 student, Jared Abbott, captures the great atmosphere, entertainment and talent that was experienced on the night - enjoy! [WATCH >](#)

SRC UPDATE—FROM CHRISTIAN CIPRI (YEAR 9)

The SRC program here at STJPII is a wonderful leadership opportunity that allows us to give a voice to our peers. This year we have fortnightly meetings with the SRC members and our Stage Team; including Mr Regan, Mr Fanning and the Stage 5 coordinator. During these meetings we acknowledge the things we can improve that we have noticed in the classroom and during breaks so that we can work together to fix any issues that have arisen. It is also an opportunity for us to discuss upcoming events and charity fundraisers. [READ MORE >](#)

ICT UPDATE



The ICT Team have been busy this past few weeks! Follow the link below for an update on:

- Enrolment of devices onto the new “CEDP EDNet” network
- NAPLAN online readiness testing
- The 2018 Year 7 Cohort iPad Information Evening
- The new Macbook Information website for Year 9 2018
- Year 7 to 10 PATR testing in Week 9 [READ MORE >](#)

STAGE 5 UPDATE: YEAR 9'S BUSY TERM 3!

Year 9 have been involved in a range of Learning Enrichment activities. Term 3 ended on a high with their involvement in the Multicultural Day for Learning Enrichment. At the start of Term 3 completed a Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths (STEM) Program. This week Year 9 were lucky to have seen the Theatrical Brainstorm Production of “Cheap Thrills”. This production was designed to look at issues that teenagers face and in particular the nature of risk taking behaviour and consequences. It has been so great to see so many academic and extra-curricular student achievements in Year 9. This has been reflected in the large number of students who received awards in the Stage 5 Awards Ceremony and Rise Up Awards Assembly. [READ MORE >](#)

STAGE 6 UPDATE: YEAR 11 WITH JONNY SHANNON



Year 11 are fast approaching the end of their preliminary year. Throughout term 3 the students have had a guest speaker, Jonny Shannon address them on two occasions about managing their mental health, working on ways to respond to stress and mental health issues, communication, the issues of social media and respectful behaviour for both themselves and their peers. Useful links provided here. [READ MORE >](#)

CAREERS BLOG

Year 12 students are reminded that this is OPEN DAY season for the universities. Students are advised to attend the open Day for the uni or unis they are interested to go to next year - it will be time well spent! I would also like remind students to lodge their UAC applications by the Early Bird Closing Date of September 29. After this date the cost jumps considerably!

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Here's another drop in the ocean of words related to the same-sex marriage debate. This drop focuses on the mental health of young people who see themselves as LGBTIQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer). Here at school and across the country students are coming out to their peers. And often their peers are more accepting and supportive than would have been the case in only the recent past. You probably know that LGBTIQ+ young people are at increased risk of mental health problems. You may also have heard that this higher risk is due in large part because of stigma, bullying, rejection, and judgment. [READ MORE >](#)

STAGE 5 UPDATE: YEAR 10 WINNING SOCCER TO TEACHERS



A great highlight each year is the Traditional Staff versus Year 10 soccer match. Added interest this year was firstly the fact that the boys team made the Grand Final of the MCS competition and secondly, if history was to repeat itself, the students would win. Therefore, the staff were very keen to show their wares in this year's match, especially because of their earlier victory in the Ladies volleyball match. Not surprisingly the Year 10 players felt the need to seek revenge on their teachers on the sporting field! [READ MORE >](#)

LEARNING & TEACHING: ROMEO. ROMEO...



Year 9 English students are currently exploring the nature of conflict and how it is represented in Romeo and Juliet. Focus listing is one key strategy utilised to successfully build students knowledge around specific types of conflict. [READ MORE >](#)

Next Friday, 15 September, is our big StJP II Terra Sancta Day at Schofields! Following the Year 12 Graduation Mass, students will have the opportunity to take part in a range of fun activities, games and rides. Primary school students will have some time to enjoy the rides (no charge) before StJP II students spend the rest of the day enjoying the festivities. StJP II students can purchase tickets for rides on the day (\$20 for unlimited rides or \$5 per each ride) as well as buy from the many food stalls.

[WATCH THE STJP II TERRA SANCTA DAY PROMO VIDEO](#)

StJP II *Terra Sancta Day* **RIDES** FRIDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER



BODY ROCK



ROUND UP



SIZZLER



HURRICANE



SUPER SLIDE

**UNLIMITED
RIDES \$20 OR
EACH RIDE \$5
(PURCHASE ON THE DAY)**