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NEWSLETTER

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“...once we start learning from each other, then we’ll be heading in the right direction towards reconciliation.” - Uncle Greg, Precinct Elder

ABOVE: StJPSIICC senior students serving lunch at the NEP Reconciliation Ceremony, 23 May, 2018

KEY DATES

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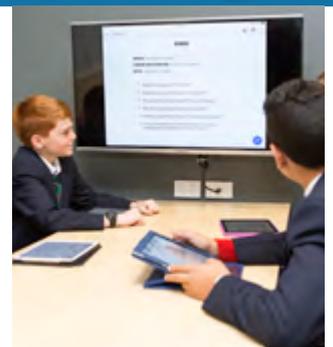
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| MAY | 28 | Steve Angrisano Concert |
| | 29 | College Athletics Carnival |
| | 1 | Vaccinations for Yr 7, 8 & 10 @ Schofields |
| | | Debating Competition (Round 5 - vs Redfield College) |
| | 4 | Vaccinations for Yr 11 @ Nirimba |
| JUNE | | Yrs 7-10 Homework & Assessment Club @ Schofields (2.30pm - 3.30pm) |
| | 6 | Mathematics Assistance Lessons (2.15pm - 3.30pm) |
| | 7 | Yr 8 Wellbeing Day |
| | 8 | Staff Mission Day (Pupil Free) |
| | 11 | Queen’s Birthday (Public Holiday) |
| | 13 | Year 12 Photo @ Nirimba |

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL (Mr Fanning)

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
We have continued the focus on improving school attendance this year. In recent years across all school sectors attendance has been an issue and we will be maintaining our focus on attendance this year and in future. We know that students who attend school regularly find it easier to keep up with work and they also find it easier to form strong friendships with others. Unless there are significant reasons for your child not to be at school on any given day (they may be ill etc.), then we urge parents and caregivers to



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PRAYER

Feast of Pentecost Sunday 20 May 2018.

Sunday 20 May was Pentecost Sunday and a time when we remember the very first coming of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles. We remember that the Apostles received the gift of the Holy Spirit and went out to spread the Good News to all people.

Pentecost Sunday is a commemoration and celebration of the receiving of the Holy Spirit by the early church. John the Baptist prophesied of the first Pentecost when Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire (Matthew 3:11). Jesus confirmed this prophecy with the promise of the Holy Spirit to the disciples in John 14:26.

The Holy Spirit continues to touch us in many ways and sometimes through the most surprising...

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS (Ms Refalo, Mr Regan & Ms Roach)

"A life unexamined is not worth living" - Socrates

Why commence this article with this quote? What does it mean for us as an educational institution and our students?

Socrates is considered the father of modern philosophy and has been credited with being the first moral philosopher of the Western tradition. Socrates challenged the values, principles and understandings of his time. Instead of examining how the world is, his conversations and questions focused on how we, as human beings, should be in the world; how our ethical conduct and moral choices impact others and society. From this perspective his statement, A life unexamined is not worth living, challenges us to examine who we are, our life purpose and to act ethically and consciencably.

As a Catholic community we aim to guide the people in our care to live a life examined; a life examined from the example of Jesus. We challenge them to conduct themselves in a manner that shows respect for themselves and dignity to all peoples. We challenge them when they make mistakes, through the process of restorative justice and RISEUP, to examine their actions and choices and make amends. And we acknowledge them when their actions and choices reflect the values of Christ to which we all aspire.

We are continually proud and affirmed by the goodness we see in the young men and women in our care.

Stage 4

As the weather cools and students become busy completing assessments, Term 2 is an important time for students to be considering health care. We draw your attention to the following:

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COLLEGE NOTICES

Busways Updates

Busways made changes to two of their bus routes affecting StJPII students (T74 & 745). Make sure you have our [Skoolbag App](#) installed on your phone so you don't miss out on important notices!



COLLEGE EVENTS

Anzac Day Ceremony

On Thursday 3 May, we commemorated ANZAC Day with ceremonies at both Schofields and Nirimba campuses. Students found the ceremonies very moving and inspiring through reflections from representatives of the Nirimba Sub Section of the

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Year 12 Semester 1 Awards Ceremony

On Thursday 17 May, we had the opportunity to congratulate the Year 12 students who received awards at their Semester 1 Awards Ceremony! The ceremony was enhanced by Demi Fanous and Lacey Domingo, two Year 12 students who sang a

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Reconciliation Day (Nirimba Education Precinct)

Don't Keep History a Mystery.

On Thursday 23 May, the Nirimba Precinct partners came together for their annual Reconciliation Ceremony.

The ceremony began with music - courtesy of

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Teachers vs Students Trivia

On Tuesday 15 May, the Year 12 Entertainment Specialisation class of 2018 put on a Teachers vs. Students Trivia Night as part of an assessment in order to attain their Certificate III in Live Production and Services. Staff and Stage 6 students were invited

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CLUB NEWS

Breakfast Clubs

We hope you're hungry, because our continental Breakfast Clubs are now in full swing at both campuses! Come along to the "Chewsday" Breakfast Club on Tuesdays at Nirimba outside

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Italian Social Club

Last Monday 7 May, the first STJPII Italian Social Club finally kicked off with over 20 students involved! The aim was to provide students with a better insight into the Italian culture through

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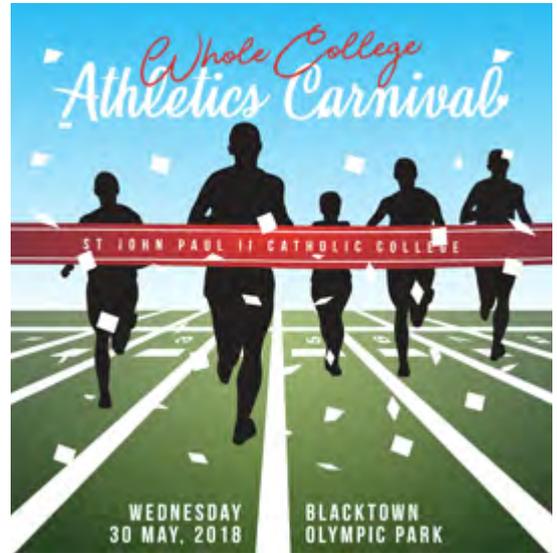
Tell Them From Me Parent Survey

SPORTS REPORT

Our MCS and M CCS Representative Sports are well underway with all our teams vying for a finals spot later this term. Our Netball girls have had some outstanding results over the first 3 weeks with our Year 8 team currently sitting in 1st place. Hockey girls are enjoying the new Hockey facilities at Pennant Hills and in weeks 4 and 5 they will be playing on the Sydney Olympic Park facilities which will be a great opportunity for the girls. Soccer boys are well into their seasons with our Year 9 team currently sitting 2nd. After a slow start to the season our Opens boys have strung 3 wins together to put themselves on the edge of a semi final spot. Good luck to all our teams in the coming weeks!

Key sports events coming up:

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STAR SPOT

Lacey Rocks the Voice!

We are beyond proud of our Year 12 student Lacey Domingo who successfully appeared on The Voice Australia's "Blind Auditions" late April. While Lacey didn't advance to the "Live Rounds",

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Mya Salem on Stage!

Year 10 student, Mya Salem, will be hitting the stage in the upcoming 2018 Cumberland Gang Show; ***Feel the Beat!***

Gang Show is an annual variety show performed

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COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

How do you feel?

When something's not quite right, the first thing we'll probably notice is an emotion. Mad, sad, scared or glad – these four represent an easy short-hand way of identifying the common emotions we all experience. When you don't know how you feel, one or more of those four can help name the feeling.

Surprise and disgust are two other basic emotions thought to be universal and observable across cultures and species. But our emotional lives are far richer than that short list. Look at all those emoticons!

A recent study has mapped 27 different emotions. They are not distinct but grade into one another: anxiety

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DIOCESAN NEWS / EVENTS

Sacrament of Confirmation 2018 - Online Registration form available now!

Our parish invites students in Year 5 and above to register for our Confirmation program. Students must have completed the sacrament of First Eucharist to be eligible to participate. To register log onto our parish website (www.maryimmac.org.au), locate and click the Confirmation "Register Here" button on the front page of the site.

Temporary Parish Admin Assistant

The parish is seeking to employ on a part-time basis a temporary parish admin assistant to work in the parish office for 2 - 3 days a week. If you are interested in applying a job description is available by contacting Ged at the parish office. Email: gerald.oblea@maryimmac.org.au or 0477 151 279. Applications close on 3rd June 2018