



StJPII Newsletter

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From the Principal - Mr Fanning

As Year 12 are currently completing their HSC Examinations, we look back at the past six years of schooling for the Year 12 students we also look forward to rejoicing in their lives beyond St John Paul II Catholic College as valued members of a wider community.

We welcomed 215 Year 6 students for their Year 7-2019 Transition Day at the Schofields Campus last Monday, ready for their six years of schooling at StJPII. I would like to congratulate the Year 7-11 students on the way they have resumed their studies this term and following the uniform and grooming standards.

Finally, last week we celebrated World Teachers' day. It is a day to recognise the dedication and hard work of teachers. Read more for staffing updates.

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Key Dates

- 9 Nov:** HSC exams conclude
- 15 Nov:** Creative Arts Spectacular primary school matinee performance @ Nirimba Hall (11am)
- 16 Nov:** Creative Arts Spectacular @ Nirimba Hall (7pm)
- 22 Nov:** Year 11 Semester Two Award Ceremony @ Nirimba (12.30pm)
- 30 Nov:** Year 11 RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness)

PRAYER & REFLECTION



All Saints' Day (also known as All Hallows' Day or Halloween) is the day after All Hallows' Eve (Hallowe'en). It is a feast day celebrated on 1st November by Roman Catholics. It is an opportunity for believers to remember all saints and martyrs, known and unknown, throughout Christian history. All Souls Day, November 2, was created to commemorate those who died baptized but without having confessed their sins, and thus they are believed to reside in purgatory.

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

Laureate Professor John Hattie is an internationally acclaimed educationalist and research best known for his synthesis of over 800 meta-analyses relating to student achievement and the impact of positive teacher-student interactions on this achievement. From this work he coined the mantra, "know thy impact" to encapsulate the imperative that teachers know the impact of what and how they teach on student achievement. At St John Paul II we are continually striving to know our impact and work to improve the quality of teaching and learning to ensure each of our students achieves beyond their expected learning growth and feels safe and supported at school.

Important topics address in this article:

- HSC examinations
- Commencement of Year 12 2019 Course Work
- WSU - The College Access Program
- Stage 5 examinations And more!

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CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 12 2018

NOTICES

SCHOOL FEES

Please note that all school fee accounts for 2018 should be finalised by Friday 7 December 2018, unless you have contacted the school office and made other arrangements to extend your payment arrangement.

Should you be experiencing financial difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Jean Webb on 9208-7239 or Mr Kel Haynes on 9208-7238. We would like to thank those families that have already finalised their accounts for 2018.

STUDENT DROP OFF/PICK UP REMINDER

Reminder: The student drop off zone for our Schofields Campus is located next to the College at Rose Cottage and has a separate entry drive way and exit driveway. We ask that all parents/caregivers use this area to pick up / drop off their children.

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LATEST NEWS

Spring has sprung! Introducing the new additions to our StJPll Agriculture Plot—BG & KiKi.



YEAR 10 REFLECTION DAY



Year 10's Reflection Day day was filled with the celebration of one's self worth and dignity. Students participated in praise, worship and a variety of team building exercises along with songs performed by Endless Praise to collectively embrace the meaning of love, compassion, forgiveness and unity. [READ MORE >](#)

CELEBRATING STJPll FEAST DAY



After Year 10 students celebrated mass for the Feast Day of StJPll, the students and staff as a whole celebrated with fundraising ice-blocks and enjoying lunchtime concerts in Break 1 and 2; where students showcased their musical talents and entertained their peers. [READ MORE >](#)

YEAR 11 CHAT MENTAL HEALTH



During LENR, on Thursday 1 November, Matt Caruana presented to Year 11 on the subject of Mental Health. Matt shared his journey with mental health, substance abuse and attempted suicide. Matt's presentation was eye-opening, thought provoking and inspiring. [READ MORE >](#)

A FIRST FOR HSC SCIENCE



7 students have begun the new HSC course, "Extension Science". As Here they will collect and analyse data to draw new conclusions to contribute to the body of Scientific knowledge. Last Wednesday, students met with other students from our diocese who are undertaking this course. [READ MORE >](#)

SOCIETY & CULTURE PREP EARLY



Society & Culture 2019 HSC students visited the NSW State Library to kick-start their Personal Interest Projects (PIP). After attending a VERY valuable lecture on academic research, referencing including e-resources students were taken on a tour of the library including 5 levels underground! [READ MORE >](#)

YEAR 11 REFLECT BEFORE HSC



Year 11 celebrated Mass as they come to the end of their Preliminary year and prepare for the HSC year ahead! As they reflected on their time at StJPll, Fr Ruben challenged students to do their best and be the best person they can be in this final year of their high school journey. [READ MORE >](#)

YEAR 9 PREPARE TO BE LEADERS



On Friday, 19 October, all Year 9 students participated in the peer support training program. Throughout the day students had numerous opportunities to learn and lead in different group dynamics, various games and leadership activities that will be used in next years peer support program.

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YEAR 9 DRAMA & THE ANARCHIST



On Wednesday 17 October, Year 9 Drama students travelled to the Opera House to watch An Accidental Death of an Anarchist. Students were also fortunate enough to attend a pre-performance Q and A session with Polly Rowe, Literary Manager at the Sydney Theatre Company and Jacqui Cowell, Education Projects Officer. [READ MORE >](#)

STJPII SOCK IT TO POVERTY



To support Mission Sunday on October 21, the College took part in a social justice initiative called "Sock it to Poverty". Staff and students were encouraged to come to school wearing crazy coloured socks on their feet and or hands as part of a gold coin donation. Nirimba students also had a breaky to fundraise! [READ MORE >](#)

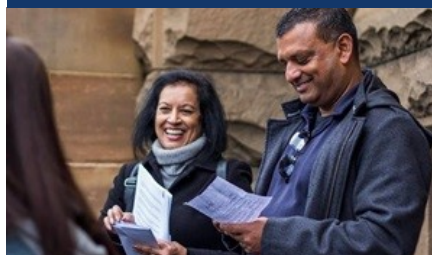
YEAR 12 GO THE EXTRA MILE



Weeks before Year 12 had to sit their first official HSC examination, students and staff together went the extra mile in preparation. Every year the StJPII staff create a school holidays and after hours study timetable for their HSC students to provide every opportunity possible for additional help and preparation.

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STAFF LEARNING UPDATE



Staff at StJPII take part in a range of Professional Development days to continue their learning, better their strategies and ensure they are more than compliant for our College. On day 1 of Term 4, staff engaged in a whole day of Professional Learning with a focus on improving student achievement. [READ MORE >](#)

STUDENTS GRADUATE AT WSU



Seven students recently attended lectures and tutorials as well as participating in all aspects of university life and were successful in completing their courses and gaining a scholarship as well as early offer to WSU. We congratulate them on their results as well as maintaining a high level of achievement. [READ MORE >](#)

UPDATES

REPRESENTATIVE SPORTS UPDATE



A busy start to the term saw our girls Water Polo, Oztag and Cricket teams kick off first week back, as did our boys Basketball and Cricket. Our Water Polo girls have had an excellent start to their season winning 3 games from 3. Amazingly year 8 student Laura Ellis scored 18 goals in her first 2 games!

On Wednesday 31st October StJPII had their annual Sports BBQ presentation. This presentation recognises all our student and team achievements throughout the last year. Thank you to all students, parents and teachers who attended and congratulations to all our award winners on the day.

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COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Unexplained nausea, headaches, crying, clinging, refusing to go to school or get out of the car on arrival – and that's just the teachers having problems! But some teenagers also struggle to get to school, or rather, they struggle with parents/carers so they can stay at home, and sometimes that's down to separation anxiety. Anxiety around separation can re-emerge when new threats to safety become apparent, and that might show up as refusing to go to school. [READ MORE >](#)

JUMP ON THE YEAR 7 SOCIAL JUSTICE TRAIN



Year 7 have formed a social justice committee and have been working on a number of projects throughout semester two. The self-nominated group of over 35 students, have been liaising with their Stage Team, St John Paul II Catholic College staff and community members to collect literacy resources for remote Indigenous communities. [READ MORE >](#)