



StJPII Newsletter

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Key Dates

Oct 15: Pupil Free Day
Oct 16: Term 4 commences,
Week A
Oct 16: Year 11 End of Prelim
Mass @ Mary Immaculate
Church (10.45am)
Oct 17: Year 10 Reflection Day
@ Edmund Rice Retreat &
Conference Centre
Oct 18: Year 12 HSC
Examinations commence
Oct 19: Year 9 Peer Support
Training Day
Oct 24: Year 10 StJPII Feast Day
Mass @ Mary Immaculate
Church (10.45am)
Oct 31: Representative Sports
BBQ Presentation @ Schofields
PWS (3pm)

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From the Principal - Mr Fanning

Last Friday we celebrated who we are at St John Paul II/Terra Sancta Day and said farewell to these fine young men and women as a whole school through the beauty and spiritual richness of the Mass. While 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 as valued members of a wider community.

We have now accepted 210 applications for Year 7 in 2019. If you are aware of any families who have not made application for next year for Years 7-12 please advise them to contact Mrs Fay Lovett on 92087205.

A reminder that the students return to school on Tuesday 16 October – Week A of the timetable after the Term 3 break, wearing summer uniform. This article also includes staffing updates regarding Mary Refalo and Dannielle Ward.

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PRAYER



Our bishops are inviting people to engage in listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Church in Australia around the Plenary Council meetings in 2020 and 2021. "We must become a humble, listening and discerning church. The Plenary Council... will be an opportunity for us to listen humbly and with open hearts to one another and especially to what the Spirit is saying to us at this time." -Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv .

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

Launch out into the deep and set your nets down for a catch." Luke 5:4

This scripture verse was the theme for the Year 12 Graduation Mass and Reflection Day. It is poignantly metaphorical of the next stage of their life journey. God calls us to step out of our comfort zone and move forward in faith to be the best version of ourselves. He also wants us to be abundantly blessed. This is our prayer for our Graduating Class of 2018.

This very informative article addresses some very important topics worth a read!

- Year 12 completion of course, graduation events & HSC preparation
- Year 11 2018 Completion & Commencement of Year 12
- Year 11 First Aid Course
- Minimum Standards Examinations & NAPLAN
- 2019 Subject Selections
- Year 7 2019 Technology Information Evening

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YEARS 7-12 ENROLMENTS CLOSING SOON

NOTICES

SCHOOL FEES

Term 3 Fees Were Due And Payable By 29 August 2018. A reminder to those Parents/Caregivers who have not paid Term 3 fees and may require an extension of time please contact either Mrs Webb on 9208-7239 or myself on 9208-7238, urgently to make arrangements and therefore prevent receiving further reminder letters in the mail. Thank you to those who have already made payments or arrangements.

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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SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES

WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?

 <p>No Stopping Do not stop near a No Stopping sign.</p>	 <p>\$330 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS</p>	 <p>No Parking 2 min to drop off or pick up, stay within 3m of vehicle.</p>	 <p>\$183 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS</p>	 <p>Bus Zone Only a public bus can stop in a bus zone.</p>	 <p>\$330 + 2 DEMERIT POINTS</p>
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LATEST NEWS

YEAR 12 MODERN HEAR FROM THE BEST



On Tuesday 4 September-Year 12 Modern History Students were visited by Modern History Textbook writer and lecturer Ken Webb. He gave the students some very valuable tips and advice in preparation for their HSC exams!

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BANTRY BAY EDUCATES YEAR 11 GEO



On Thursday 16 August, the Year 11 Geography class travelled to Bantry Bay. With the help of their guide (Don from AUSECO), they looked for exotic plants, animals, tested for water pH level, phosphate, turbidity and conductivity!

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STJPII STUDENTS –RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS



Students have been recognised for their service as Student Religious Educators at a special Catechist Mass. After Catechist training, students have been attending Schofields Public School to teach religious studies to Catholic students.

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YEAR 12 ART EXHIBITION



We welcomed many to our 2018 HSC Art Showcase on Tuesday 28 August! It was a lovely way to show appreciation for the hard work our Stage 6 students have put into their creative projects this year.

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STJPII SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM



On Tuesday 28 August the above students made their Confirmation. These students completed their preparation at school during Learning Enrichment over the last month as part of our School Based Sacramental Program! [READ MORE >](#)

INSIGHT TO MACBETH REHEARSAL



Year 10 were lucky enough to have members of the Bell Shakespeare Company come to the College to perform their MacBeth "Rehearsal". This will aid students in visualising their Shakespeare texts and understand the story in its entirety. [READ MORE >](#)

LEARNING ENRICHMENT CLUBS



It was wonderful seeing such a diverse learning environment with students trying new things or furthering their interest in an activity they already love. Students will continue with their allocated club for the next five weeks, after which they will have the opportunity to pick a new club.

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YEAR 9 SOUP DRIVE



Year 9 Agriculture and Year 9 Food Technology worked together to raise money for the farmers in drought. The Agriculture class grew and harvested the ingredients, and Food Technology cooked two yummy soups—Pumpkin and Veggie Noodle.

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WRITE-A-BOOK-IN-A-DAY 2018



[Write a Book in a Day](#) is a creative team competition. Teams have just twelve hours to write and illustrate a book from start to finish. To make it even more fun, unique parameters must be included in the story, such as specific words, characters, locations etc.

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PATHWAYS & CAREERS

CAREER & STUDY NOTICES— FULL OF OPPORTUNITIES!

This article includes a wide range of very useful information for both students and parents/caregivers including: course and institution information, course updates and changes, courses and workshops for students, barista, First Aid and RSA courses, important open days, expos and forums, scholarship opportunities, early entry opportunities, overseas opportunities, free resources for students, jobs and career opportunities, alternative pathways, new courses and more!

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE UPDATED CAREERS BLOG!](#)

SCHOOLS INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP AWARDS 2018



StJP II had three students nominated across four VET courses. Read more to see the StJP II recipients for the Student Excellence Awards!

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HEALTH SERVICES GRADUATION @ NEPEAN HOSPITAL



On Wednesday 22 August, Laura Sherwood and Stephanie McGavin received their Certificate III in Health Services Assistance at the Human Services graduation ceremony at Nepean Hospital.

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UPDATES

REPRESENTATIVE SPORTS UPDATE



Term 3 saw a very successful season for our sporting students at St John Paul II. We had 5 teams make the semi finals, unfortunately know one converting into a Grand Final appearance. Congratulations to all our MCS and MCCS teams for Term 3. Term 4 sport signups and tryouts have commenced for students in a range of sports (see article). Our annual Sports BBQ Presentation is also quickly approaching!

[READ MORE TO VIEW REP SPORT BBQ FLYER AND RSVP DETAILS](#)

COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Our two previous posts have examined the recent upsurge in mental distress among children and young people. In summary, there's been a big increase in presentations to Emergency Departments and this is probably due to social factors impacting all of us. Health experts talk of 'the social cure' – the beneficial effects on our mental and physical wellbeing when we move from loneliness and separation towards connection and community. And this applies to all age groups. And it applies in reverse: when we lose part of our social identity by leaving childhood or school behind or divorce or scandal or redundancy or retirement or we can easily become depressed.

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SRC REPORT



As we move towards the end of another term, the SRC have shown no signs of slowing down and all SRC representatives for 2019 have been elected! I would like to thank and farewell our current Year 12 SRC members, Georgina Davies and Justin Danao; and our College Leaders, Brodie Chidgey and Andrew Smith.

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STJPII TERRA SANCTA DAY & YEAR 12 GRADUATION



As most would know, StJPiI recently congratulated and farewelled yet another successful Year 12 cohort at the StJPiI Terra Sancta Day and Graduation Ceremony. Not only does it mark Year 12s last official day of high school, but it represents the journey through the land of StJPiI they have made over the last 7 years, and more so their 13 years of education.

It recognises the wise, young adults they have become, the endless support from their families over the years and the friendships that have flourished. Students held their heads high as they made the symbolic walk to the College Graduation Mass. Cheered as they officially cut the graduation cake. And partied as the seniors of the College on their very last StJPiI Terra Sancta Day.



Then after years of hard work and homework, it finally came the time where their names are called at the Graduation Ceremony, and behind the bright lights and cheesy smile as the audience stares, they thought to themselves - **I made it.**

'Terra Sancta/StJPiI day was a wonderful day to commemorate and remember us as the graduating class of 2018. The day was filled with laughter, tears and happiness. Through the years of sitting at the mass for 6 years thinking "when will this be me?" flashed before my own eyes. Finally getting to walk "through this land" with the people I adore and have made so many memories with, is something I will truly never forget. Overall, graduation was spectacular and I wouldn't want to do it with anyone else but the people I have stuck by with since 2013!'- Georgina



CONGRATUALIONS TO OUR GRADUATING CLASS OF 2018!