# St Mary's Catholic College Gateshead

## **BE SAFE, BE A LEARNER, BE RESPECTFUL**

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## **Principal's Message**

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

#### **Celebrating Catholic Schools Week**

This week we have celebrated Catholic Schools Week. The theme this year is **"FULLY ALIVE"**. The theme aims to remind us that we are most alive when we are in touch with our inner lives, and can acknowledge deep connections between ourselves, God, others and creation.

The highlight of this week occurred on Wednesday when we had the privilege of welcoming the Grandparents of our Year 7 students and their parents/carers into our community; to participate in a liturgy celebrating the gift of Grandparents, sharing in the development of their grandchildren as expressions of God's love. A love that is nurturing, life-giving, life-affirming and empowering of their grandchildren as "fully alive" young people with the capacity to reach out to others in a spirit of love, mercy and generosity.

The liturgy, which was led by our Year 7 students, was followed by a celebratory morning tea prepared and catered for by our Food Technology and Hospitality students. Grandparents, accompanied by their grandchildren, were then led on a tour of the College guided by the members of our Student Pastoral Council. Our role as parent and teacher educators is to empower our young people to be "fully alive" individuals who are symbols of God's love because they have been educated by their grandparents, parents/carers and teacher support staff and teachers to be committed to living a way of life based on love and service.

The empowerment of our students as servant leaders continued in the afternoon when members of the Student Pastoral Council and Student Leaders in the College accompanied groups of parents/carers and visitors to the College for a tour of inspection. The students provided a most in-depth and informative commentary, on the functioning of our community, which was appreciated by our visitors.

A highlight of our Diocesan Catholic School Week celebrations will occur next week when schools from across the Diocese will gather in the Sacred Heart Cathedral for a celebration of a Catholic Schools Week liturgy. It is a special time of gathering. It is a time when we gather to give witness to the fact that as Catholic schools our educative purpose is centred on the teachings and vision of Jesus. A vision completely focussed on the dignity of the individual and the promotion of the fullness of being of each person. A vision calling people to a life based on love and service.

Our College motto: "Ready to Serve" is a call to our students, indeed to all community members, to strive to be "fully alive" people through a life committed to love and service. Congratulations extend to students and staff who witnessed to this reality in a profoundly positive manner this week.

Rich blessings

Larry Keating Principal

## Year 10 Student Wellbeing

On an overcast, rainy Monday morning we made the short trip to Redhead Beach Surf Club for our Formation Day. The focus was on leadership including making positive choices.

**Chris Doyle** was our guest and had students singing, strutting the catwalk and engaging in numerous activities. Feedback from the students has been overwhelmingly positive and many have asked if another day with Chris can be organised.

Feedback from Chris was excellent and he commended the students on their participation and thoughtfulness during the day. He communicated with the students that they will be great leaders for the College and leave a lasting legacy. Chris reported that he would enjoy working with the group again. Watch this space!



I would like to thank **Ms Annette Morgan** for organising the use of the facilities at Redhead together with **Ms Anna Matthews, Ms Tracey Flack, Mr Andy Smith, Mr Andrew Burke, Mr Kyle Clarence** and **Mr Cameron Anderson** for their supervision and participation on the day.

Gerard Cushan Leader of Wellbeing – Year 10

# Year 10

# Stage 6 2023 Course Information Evening

**Tuesday 7 June 6pm** 

### **English Faculty News**

#### by Mia Bartley, Year 11

From studying the gothic genre to diving deep into the labyrinthine mind of Sylvia Plath, Extension English is a course that explores a wide range of deep concepts and challenging texts whilst providing you with the freedom to explore texts and ideas that fascinate you, all with the help of the English faculty. Thus far, our class has had the incredible opportunity of delving into Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë, expanding our knowledge of



the text with an exploration of the historical context of the Victorian era. After a deep analytical study of the novel, our intrepid Extension class trekked to the Civic Theatre in Newcastle



to see *Jane Eyre* live! On Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> of May, we met to see the novel we have all come to love emerge with a new interpretation on stage. It did not disappoint!

Currently, we are undertaking our independent research projects and the benefit of this part of the course is the opportunity to pursue our own avenues of interest and passion. Whilst we are all still in the early stages of our project, there is much deep thought and research as we explore our concept and texts. It is no secret that Extension English is a great course in that it provides freedom, knowledge and most importantly, joy!

### Landcare

A new native garden was planted last week behind the senior courtyard. Well done to the Landcare team for their amazing effort with planning and planting of over 25 well advanced natives. Mulch is on its way!



### **VET Faculty**

#### Year 12 Construction

Year 12 VET Construction have been undertaking Events in Carrying out Measurements and Calculations and Using Carpentry Tools and Equipment. These Events required students to work collaboratively to construct a Mud Kitchen for a local day-care facility. Once the project was completed, **Levi Briggs** and **Jaysen Lindsey** assisted Mr Crispin in the delivery of the Mud Kitchen. Upon delivery to the facility, the children asked multiple questions with our students willing and eager to respond. Since delivery, the facility has provided positive comments stating the constant use of the Mud Kitchen through role-playing and how excited and engaged the children are.



#### **Careers Corner**

Our Year 10 and 12 students attended the annual Newcastle and Lake Macquarie Careers Expo last Thursday. They had the opportunity to speak with a variety of exhibitors from universities, TAFE, private providers, ADF and employers. It was great to see so many of students taking responsibility for their future pathways by engaging with the exhibitors.





#### White Card

We had two groups of students from Year 10 and 11 successfully complete their white card in Week three. The students committed themselves to the day and the College received positive feedback from the Registered Training Organisation about their behaviour and engagement.







#### Year 11 and 12 Hospitality

This term has already seen our Year 11 and 12 Hospitality students complete their mandatory work placement. The experience of work placement provides opportunities for our students. We had 3 Year 12 students and 1 Year 11 student receive an offer for an apprenticeship and 1 Year 11 student receive an offer for a part time position.

These offers need to be acknowledged and celebrated as our students are great ambassadors for our school. Our students are well supported by our Hospitality teacher **Mrs Edwards**, who proudly sent a message after visiting our students on work placement stating: "It's great to have such positive reports about our kids and smiling faces."

















Paula Finlay Careers/VET Coordinator

## Girls Talk ... A must attend for female engineers of the future!

The Engineers Australia Newcastle Division would like to invite any female students interested in STEM to attend a free online event: Girls Talk on Thursday  $2^{nd}$  June from 4.30pm – 5:30pm.

Come along to Girls Talk where you'll hear from eminent local female engineers. They'll share stories and experiences on projects they've worked on, give snapshots of their daily engineering life, and explain what inspired their career in engineering. We've also invited a panel consisting of representatives from the University of Newcastle and TAFE NSW! Make sure you bring along any burning questions you may have on your potential future in Engineering!

This **FREE** event is open to all female students from years 7-12, parents and teachers are also welcome to attend. To register, please <u>visit here (https://cvent.me/bn9azE</u>), or scan the QR code below:



# Discover Engineering ... Set yourself up for your own unique pathway into an Engineering career!

The Engineers Australia Newcastle Division would like to invite high school students interested in a career in Engineering to attend a free online event **Discover Engineering** on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June from 4.30pm – 5:30pm**.

Join in our Discover Engineering forum session to gain insight into the different pathways to a career in Engineering. You will be hearing from all different members of the engineering team (Professional, Associates and Technologists) about how they have reached where they are today. We have also invited a panel consisting of representatives from 3 different universities as well as TAFE NSW, so bring along any burning questions you may have about engineering courses and enrolment.

This **FREE** event is open to all students from years 7-12, parents and teachers are also welcome to attend. To register, please <u>visit here (https://cvent.me/XDEmkr</u>), or scan the QR code below:



# CREATIVE ARTS NOISE!

#### Senior Showcase:

On Monday the 23rd of May, our Senior Students delighted our school community with their various Musical gifts. Our Senior Showcase evening was an opportunity for our students in Years 10 - 12 to show their friends, families and other community members, all that they have been working on this year. We were privileged to listen to not only the upcoming group performances that will be featuring at this year's Diosounds, but also the HSC pieces our Year 12 students have been diligently developing for their fast approaching Music Examinations.

If you missed out on seeing this wonderful display of talent from our students, you can catch them in action in Diosounds at the Newcastle Civic Theatre on the 2nd of June, tickets are available from the Civic Theatre Website. Also, got a thirst for even more music? We have our Junior Showcase coming up in June so keep yours eyes and ears peeled for the details.



**ASPIRE Songwriters:** Also, we would like to once again congratulate Year 9 Student, Macy Nash, on her success in the ASPIRE Songwriting Competition. We wish you all the best for your upcoming recording session!

Morag Aitchison Leader of Wellbeing – Creative Arts & Languages



## TAS FACULTY – HSC MARINE STUDIES

#### Year 12 Marine Studies Excursion

Our Year 12 Marine Studies class finally got the opportunity for their Marine Excursion on the last days of Term 1. Camping is always fraught with danger around Easter time and this year was certainly no exception with over 50mm of rain falling over the few days while at the beautiful Port Stephens. Unfortunately, a number of scheduled activities had to be cancelled due to the weather and intense swell however the students came home with some wonderful memories.

The highlight for the students was the opportunity to snorkel and feed the rays and sharks at Irukandji Shark & Ray centre. Later in the afternoon our attempts to catch some fish failed and our much-anticipated trip to Broughton Island had to be postponed until later in the year.





Shane Abell Marine Biology Teacher

## **Aboriginal Education**

## WHAT IS NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK?

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The dates for NRW are the same each year; **27 May to 3 June.** These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey— the successful <u>1967 referendum</u>, and the <u>High Court Mabo</u> <u>decision</u> respectively.

**27 May 1967** On this day, Australia's most successful **referendum** saw more than 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Australian Government power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and recognise them in the Census.



**3 June 1992** On this day, the Australian High Court delivered the Mabo decision, the culmination of Eddie Koiki Mabo's challenge to the legal fiction of 'terra nullius' (land belonging to no one) and leading to the legal recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of lands. This decision paved the way for Native Title.

Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. (from Reconciliation Australia website). To help us better understand Reconciliation Week here at St Mary's we are looking at Wiradjuri man, Stan Grant's family story. The students then investigate their own heritage story. Students are asked which 'story' are you from:

- Our Indigenous Dreaming story;
- The British Colonisation story;
- Or our rich Migration story?

During Religion lessons students in Years 7-10 will investigate their own story and share this as a mini poster to display.

Year 7 students have already created an impressive display in the Josephite Centre as part of Grandparents Day celebrations.

Paul McKay Aboriginal Education Teacher



### Library Matters

Phew, thank goodness for second chance draw! On Tuesday we played against Warners Bay High School in the **NSW** Secondary School Chess Competition. They were very strong and came out victorious. But we are still in there with a chance, as we now go into the second chance draw. Stay tuned for the next exciting encounter......



Warners Bay High and **Greg Fabrikanov**, Joseph Hogan, Daniel Ollerton and Ethan Blackmore (who had headed back to class before the photo was taken.

The St Mary's Trivia comp is on next week – 1<sup>st</sup> June. We need more teams, please bring some students / staff together and join us for the Australiana Trivia Comp.



Check out these SORA resources for Reconciliation Week...

Go to <a href="https://soraapp.com/library/cenetau">https://soraapp.com/library/cenetau</a>

Rosalind Dunn Teacher Librarian





## CANTEEN PRICE LIST 2022 EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 2022



#### HOT FOOD continued Chicken Burgers -

SANDWICHES	
Buttered	\$1.20
Vegemite	\$1.60
Egg	\$3.30
Egg & Lettuce	\$3.70
Cheese	\$3.00
Cheese & Tomato	\$3.50
Ham	\$4.40
Ham & Pickle	\$4.70
Ham & Cheese	\$4.80
Ham, Cheese, Pineapple	\$5.30
Ham, Cheese, Tomato	\$5.30
Tomato	\$1.90
Salad Works	\$4.00
Chicken	\$4.00
Chicken/Ham & Salad	\$5.80
Gourmet Turkey/Ham Salad	\$7.30
Tuna	\$3.30
Full Salad Roll	\$5.80
ROLLS Add \$1.00	
SALAD PACKS (Order in Wi	ntarl
Vegetarian	\$4.00
Chick/Ham/Tuna/Turkey Salad	\$5.50
Gourmet Vegetarian	\$6.50
Gourmet Meat/Tuna	\$7.50
Chicken Caesar Salad	\$5.50
Greek Salad	\$6.50
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WRAPS	
Chilli Chicken & Salad	\$7.00
Half Chilli & Salad Wrap	\$4.00
Roasted Chicken & Sal	\$7.00
Half Chicken Salad Wrap	\$4.00
Ham and Salad	\$7.00
Half Ham Salad Wrap	\$4.00
Full Salad (no Half)	\$4.00
Chicken Mayo Lettuce	\$7.00
½ Chick Mayo Lettuce	\$4.00
HOT FOOD	
Pies	\$4.50
Cheese Pie	\$5.00
Cheese and Bacon Pie	\$5.00
Beef Curry Pie	\$5.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.50
Cheese and Bacon Sausage Roll	\$4.00
Party Pie	\$2.50
Spinach & Fetta Triangle	\$4.50
½ Chicken BBQ Wrap	\$2.60
Vegetarian Spring Rolls (4)	\$2.00
Chicken Goujons (8)	\$4.50
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Crumbed/Flame Grilled	\$5.00
Chicken Schnitzel Burger	\$6.50
Hawaiian Schnitzel Burger	\$6.50
Crumbed Fish Burger	\$5.00
Caesar Schnitzel Burger	\$6.50
Cheeseburger (Beef)	\$5.00
Colossal Burger (Beef)	\$6.50
Chicken & Gravy Roll	\$4.50
Hot Cheese/ Cheese Bacon Roll	\$2.80
Hot Dogs	\$2.00
Potato Wedges	\$4.50
Italian Sausage Roll	\$2.00
Fish Fingers	\$2.00
Cheesy Mac	\$4.00
Fried Rice	\$4.00
Pizza Roll	\$2.80
DRINKS	
600ml Water	\$2.00
750ml Water	\$2.80
Milk FM Flavoured Large	\$3.00
Milk FM Flavoured Small	\$2.00
300ml Real Iced Coffee	\$2.50
500ml Real Flavoured Milk	\$3.50
250ml Aloe Chill	\$2.20
500ml Aloe Chill	\$3.00
250ml Juice	\$2.70
250ml Juice Bombs	\$2.20
500ml Juice Bombs	\$3.50
Up and Go	\$2.20
Lipton Iced Tea	\$3.70
Poppers	\$1.50
Waterfords Mineral Water	\$3.20

FRESH FRUIT AVAILABLE ON REQUEST FREE OF CHARGE

LUNCH/RECESS ORDERS MUST BE ORDERED BEFORE SCHOOL FROM THE CANTEEN or ONLINE WITH Qkr! BEFORE 8.45am

***WINTER SPECIALS Terms 2+3***		
Meatball Sub	\$4.50	
Soup (Homemade)	\$5.00	
+ bread roll	\$6.00	

***SUMMER SPECIALS Terms 1+4***		
Large Fruit Salad	\$4.50	
Small Fruit Tub	\$3.50	

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**HNE MHS Information for Consumers** and carers internet page via QR code:

pport	1800RESPECT         24/7 support for people impacted by sexual assault, domestic violence and abuse         1800 737 732	1800respect.org.au QLife	LGBTI peer support and referral 1800 184 527 <sub>(6pm-10pm daily)</sub> qlife.org.au (online chat 3pm-12am daily)		
ealth Services and Support	Kids Helpline 24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services for children and young people aged 5 to 25	1800 55 1800 kidshelpline.com.au Mensline	24/7 counselling service for men 1300 78 99 78 mensline.org.au	immediate harm, ncy department.	Funded by <b>Prodespace</b>
Mental Health Ser	headspace Online support and counselling to young people aged 12 to 25 1800 650 890 (sam-1am dativ)	For webchat, visit: headspace.org. au/eheadspace	24/7 crisis support and counselling service for people affected by suicide 1300 659 467 suicidecallbackservice.org.au	If you are concerned about someone at risk of immediate harm, call 000 or go to your nearest hospital emergency department.	With delivery partners
you	Beyond Blue 24/7 mental health support service 1300 22 4636 herondhine ord au	Lifeline	24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services 13 11 14 lifeline.org.au	If you are concerned a call 000 or go to your r	be be Blue

#### Calendar 2022

/Ion 30 May	National Reconciliation Week continues
,	DioSounds Week
Tues 31 May	School finishes at 2.45pm – Staff Professional Learning PM (student supervision provided)
, Wed 1 June	Year 8 Religious Literacy Test
	Catholic Schools Week Liturgy
Thurs 2 June	Knights Knockout 15's TBC
	Year 8 Diosounds Performance
Fri 3 June	MABO Day
	Lake Macquarie Futsal TBC
Sun 5 June	World Environment Day
Week 7 (A Week)	•
Mon 6 June	HSC Crucible Symposium excursion
	Art Gallery of NSW excursion TBC
Tue 7 June	Reptile Display incursion
	Solar Buddy Light for Learning incursion
	Year 10 (Year 11 2023) Course Preference Evening 6pm
Wed 8 June	Dramafest TBC
Thurs 9 June	Knights Knockout U13's TBC
	Bill Turner Boys and Girls TBC
Fri 10 June	Outcome of Year 7 (2023) Enrolment applications notified to parents/carers
	Newsletter 8.22 published
Week 8 (B Week)	
Mon 13 June	Queen's Birthday holiday
Tues 14 June	Year 7 Formation Day
Fri 17 June	Acceptance of Year 7 (2023) Enrolment due with Enrolment Application fee
Week 9 (A Week)	
Mon 20 June	Year 11 Construction Work Placement
	World Refugee Day
Tues 21 June	Solar Buddy Light for Learning Event
	School finishes at 2.45pm – Staff Professional Learning PM (student supervision provided)
Wed 22 June	Year 11 mid-course Reports published
	Push Up Challenge
Thurs 23 June	Dio Public Speaking
Fri 24 June	Newsletter 9.22 published
Week 10 (B Weel	
Mon 27 June	Year 7 Music Showcase
Wed 29 June	Landcare Day
	Years 7-10 Reports published (PM)
Fri 1 July	<ul> <li>Next steps enrolment communication to Year 7 (2023) parents/carers</li> </ul>
	Last Day of Term 2
TERM 3 2022	
Week 1 (A Week)	
Mon 18 July	Staff Professional Development – Pupil Free Day
Tues 19 July	Term 3 commences
	Booking period for Year 7 (2023) Enrolment interviews
Fri 21 July	Years 7-10 Parent Student Teacher interviews
Fri 22 July	Year 7 (2023) Enrolment documentation due
	Years 7-10 Parent Student Teacher Interviews
	Newsletter 10.22 published
and water any TD	C dates – this is due to evolving COVID protocols. Arrangements will be continually updated on this page

#### COMPLAINTS RESOLUTION

St Mary's Catholic College, the Catholic Schools Office (CSO) and Schools in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle are committed to providing a positive, safe environment for all staff and students. There are occasions however, when members of our schools and wider community are concerned about something happening at a school that appears to be unsatisfactory or unreasonable. If you have a complaint, please follow this procedure: <a href="https://www.mn.catholic.edu.au/about/complaints-resolution-and-feedback/">https://www.mn.catholic.edu.au/about/complaints-resolution-and-feedback/</a>

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# SPC Newsletter Pope Francis' Five Finger Prayer

2.) The next finger is the index. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers.

1.) THE THUMB IS THE CLOSEST FINGER TO YOU. SO START PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO ARE CLOSEST TO YOU. THEY ARE THE PERSONS EASEST TO REMEMBER. TO PRAY FOR OUR DEAR ONES IS A "SWEET OBLICATION." 3.) The following finger is the tailest. It reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority. They need Cod's cuidance.

> 1.) THE FOURTH FINCER IS THE RINC FINCER. EVEN THAT IT MAY SURPRISE YOU, IT IS OUR WEAKEST RINCER. IT SMOULD RETINITO US TO PRAY FOR THE WEAKEST. THE SICK OR THOSE PLACEDE BY PROBLEMS. THEY REED YOUR PRAYTES.

5.) AND FINALLY WE HAVE OUR SMALLEST FINICE, THE SMALLEST OF ALL YOUR PINKIE SHOULD REHIND YOU TO PRATTOR YOURSELF. WHEN YOU ARE DONE PRATTING FOR THE OTHER FOUR GEOUPS, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE YOUR OWN HEEDS BUT IN THE PROFER PRESPECTIVE, AND ALSO YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PRAY FOR YOUR OWN HEEDS IN A BITTER WAY.

# **Vinnies Winter Appeal**

Prayer



Every Year one of the SPC's focuses is the Vinnie's Winter Appeal. The Vinnies Winter Appeal is an event that happens every year that helps gather donations for people in need. This year we are focusing on collecting items to put together care packages for the homeless, to make sure they are comfortable this winter. Some of the items that can be donated are things that can help them stay warm such as Fleece Blanket, Travel Towel, Hand and foot warmers and Socks. Items for personal hygiene can be donated as well such as Wipes, Toothbrush and toothpaste, Hand sanitizer, Body lotion, Feminine hygiene products, Deodorant and Soap. Any donation like these will help make someone happy this winter and any donations are appreciated. Each rollcall group has their own bag for collecting items for Vinnies.

Thank you for your generosity!

## Year 7 Basketball Competition

Sonny Matzen-Year 7 SPC

Starting in Week 7, Year 7 students will have the opportunity to play in a mixed basketball round robin competition. This will take place every Tuesday at lunch time, in the Josephite Centre. Each roll call class will enter a mixed team and will be competing against other roll call classes. This tournament aims to bring the Year 7 students closer to one another and the community. On the final Tuesday in Week 10, students will be asked to bring a gold coin donation which will go towards the Vinnie's Winter Appeal. We will also celebrate the tournament with an end of competition pizza party for all Year 7 players and spectators. We hope all Year 7s are able to participate in this event.



# Year 7 Basketball Draw

WEEK	FIRST LUNCH	SECOND LUNCH	
WEEK 7	7:1 vs 7:2	7:3 vs 7:4	
WEEK 8	7:5 vs 7:6		
WEEK 9 SEMI FINAL	2 Lowest scoring winnir	2 Lowest scoring winning teams play for entry into Grand Final	
WEEK 10 GRAND FINAL	Highest Scoring team vs Winner of Semi Final		

# **SPC Family Dinner**



Thank You Mrs Shaw for a delicious afternoon dinner....we look forward to it every year!





## Thankyou for reading and supporting the SPC