

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

**"Be Compassionate, As God is Compassionate" (Luke 6:36)**

What does being compassionate, as God is compassionate demand of us as Catholic School Educators?

Borg M. "Meeting Jesus again for the first time" (1995 P.49) states that "to be compassionate as God is compassionate is to feel as God feels, and to act as God acts: in a life-giving and nourishing way". Borg also recognises that "for Jesus' compassion was more than a quality of God and an individual virtue: it was a social paradigm, the core value of life in community".

If compassion is to be, and must be, a core value of life in our community, then our relationships must be life-giving, affirming, nourishing and caring. Furthermore, we must honour our obligation as Christian educators to witness to, educate and empower our adolescents to practise the law of love. Hence, we must educate them to understand and deeply appreciate, that our love of God is realised by loving our neighbours as ourselves.

According to Thomas Groome, "What Makes Education Catholic – Spiritual Foundations" (2021 p.181), this demands that "a Catholic school must be a place that practises and includes opportunities for students to practise the compassion and justice demanded by Christian faith within its curriculum."

It is deeply satisfying to witness and learn that this is integral to our daily practice in our community and that the law of love is being practised by both students and staff. The Push-Up Challenge conducted last week (see Mrs Murray's account in this Newsletter), was yet another wonderful example of our students being compassionate as God is compassionate. Led by our Year 12's, fellow students and staff shared in the Push-Up Challenge in support of people suffering from mental illnesses.

The significance of the challenge was that it resulted from our Year 12 students drawing upon their own life experiences and working collaboratively to pursue an initiative reflecting love of neighbour and their commitment to works of compassion and social justice, that contribute to the goal of alleviating the suffering of those with mental illness.

The challenge was truly a life-giving, nourishing and caring activity. It demonstrated students' and staff members' commitment to embracing a living faith committed to compassion and justice. All concerned are sincerely commended and thanked on their commitment to being compassionate as God is compassionate.

Rich blessings

Larry Keating  
**Principal**

## **Push Up Challenge at St Mary's** **Push for better mental health.**

Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> June was one of those warmer winter days where the sun was shining and there was not a cloud in the sky. Perfect conditions to pump out hundreds of push ups.

The positive vibe on the playground was evident and the sense of community spirit that exists at our school led to one hundred or so students and about 30 staff doing their best to raise money for Lifeline, the recipient organisation of this year's fund raising from the Push Up Challenge.

The Push up challenge comes directly from 'The push for better' foundation. Their aim is to PUSH for change and to engage and educate people in mental and physical health and raise awareness of the mental health issues affecting everyday Australians. Their aim is to PUSH for change and to engage and educate people in mental and physical health, and raise awareness of the mental health issues affecting everyday Australians.

Mental health is a huge concern for our society and for way too long a stigma has existed which has forced people to keep quiet about their own struggles with their mental health. This has the potential to cause even greater problems for the individual, their family and in turn society as a whole.

NSW government data shows that in January 2021 alone – 104 people committed suicide – that is an increase from 81 in January 2020. One in seven young people aged 4 to 17 experience a mental health condition in any given year. Over 75% of mental health problems occur before the age of 25.

The photos captured the lunchtime fun and the teams involved shows the commitment to raising funds to support organisations that are trying to support those who face physical and mental health challenges. We raised \$600 from the one hour of Push Ups.

A big thank you to a team of Year 12 students who were the driving force behind the lunchtime challenge. They were led by **Bailey Croft**, and included:

**Sophie Russell, Timana Hill, William Race, Ethan Thompson, Ava Traynor, Heath Mc Grath, Kal Mc Dougall, Xavier Harrison, Jaz Lawes**

The teams who took part are as follows:

"Let the Dogs Out" – Lacey Joyce, Sienna Byrnes, Sheridan Owen, Peppa Kelly, Laura Smith

"Bulls" – Alex Croft, James, Ben, Alex Jones, Joseph

"Thunder Lights" – Jake, Hayley, Tia, Claudia, Lucy

Un-named Team 1 – Cole, Ava, Levi, Baylen, Tom

Un-named Team 2 – Ruby, Lilly, Grace, Alex, Nat

"Mary's Fairies" – Jaz, Timana, Will R, Ethan, Kal

"Fantastic 5" – Jessica Hall, Maddi Scott, Charlotte Brien, Katie Dowling, Hayley Cummings

"Mary's Fairies 2" – Bailey Croft, Heath McGrath, Sophie Russell, William Race, Xavier Harrison

Un-named Team 3 – Seb, Ava, Riley, Wick, Levi

Un-named Team 4 – Zac Gregory, Oryn Murphy, Eddie Bruce, Rohan Greentree

"😊" – Kayla P, Jake G, Ben D, Mia E, Riley W, Noah W

"Down" – Flynn O'Connor, Lachlan Mac, Marshall, Riley, Bailey, Ashton, Jack, Jack Hogan

"Mathematicians & TAS" – Mrs Lane, Mrs Lang, Mrs Owen, Mr Anderson, Mrs Oszko, Ms Smith, TAS, Canteen Ladies

"Grabs" – Ava, Ashleigh, Siara, Maggie

Un-named Team 5 – Joseph Hogan, Joseph Harrison, Lucas Miller, Joseph O'Connell

"Staff Team 1" – Larry, Katrina B, Sharon, Annette, Andrew, Ben F, Paul, Christian

Un-named Team 6 – Anna Gocher, Chelsea, Mackenzie, Lilly Ledbury, Madeline Regan, Mieka, Lani Satchell

"Lucas Anthony" – Flying Hippios, Floppy Joes, Average Dud, Can't do push up, Gunna Lose

These inspirational Year 12 students put together a school Team, St Mary's Fairies. You can still support their fund raising efforts by using the following link:

<https://www.thepushupchallenge.com.au/fundraisers/baileycroft/the-push-up-challenge>

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**Thank you to all staff and students who participated, cheered on and donated. Let's keep the conversations going in relation to mental health and remember, please, come ask for help.**

Mrs Murray

Year 12 Leader of Wellbeing

## St Mary's Push-Up Challenge





## Year 12 News

Whilst we are all happy this term is drawing to a close, it is really important that we keep an eye on what is coming up.

- **Week 3 Term 3 HSC Trial exams** begin. Students will receive the timetable shortly. In our year assembly this week I have encouraged all Year 12 to sleep in, relax and have fun in the holidays, balanced with a commitment to completing study/revision notes for each subject. There will be limited opportunity for revision time in classes in Week 1 and 2, as many HSC Teachers will be delivering course content.
- **UAC books:** all Year 12 received these books last week and they have been encouraged to engage in conversation with their parents about life post HSC and the upcoming holidays is a great opportunity for those discussions. The College is encouraging you to leave the book on the dining room table and engage with it as a family unit. These conversations about attending University, having gap years, going to TAFE, exiting to the workforce must now be had at home. Miss Finlay has been sending through emails daily in relation to Scholarships and all information pertinent to HSC Students. Once again all Year 12 have been reminded regularly to be checking emails every day.
- **HSC Student Lectures on-line or face to face:** your children have been emailed details about upcoming HSC Lectures. We strongly encourage to take up any of these opportunities.

I want to commend Year 12 on the spirit in which they have approached this term and getting through those final school based assessment tasks. The end is in sight. We have got this Year 12! Let's finish what we have started and remember let's "Be Well and Go Well".

On a personal note, I want to thank the many Year 12's and families who acknowledged the passing of my sister. It has been a very sad time for myself and my large family, but when I received those emails and personal "I am sorry to hear your news Mrs Murray" and "can we do something to help you?" has made completing this term just that little bit easier. I am reminded how truly blessed and grateful I am for being the Leader of Well Being for Year 12, 2022.

Please have a safe and relaxing holiday. I hope the sun shines so that we can get outside and rejuvenate our hearts, mind and spirits. See you all next term.

Mrs Murray

**Leader of Wellbeing – Year 12**



# YEAR 12 TRIAL HSC EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

## YEAR 12 TRIAL EXAMINATION TIMETABLE 2022



**ST MARY'S**  
CATHOLIC COLLEGE  
GATESHEAD

Monday 1/8			Tuesday 2/8			Wednesday 3/8			Thursday 4/8			Friday 5/8		
Time	Exam	Venue	Time	Exam	Venue	Time	Exam	Venue	Time	Exam	Venue	Time	Exam	Venue
<b>AM</b>	8:50-10:30 1½ Hours	TJC	8:55-11:00 2 Hours	English Advanced Paper 2 (31)	TJC	8:55-12:00 3 Hours	Ancient History (6)	TJC	8:55-10:30 1½ Hours	Studies of Religion 1U (52)	TJC	8:55-12:00 3 Hours	Business Studies (30)	TJC
	8:50-10:30 1½ Hours	TJC	8:55-11:00 2 Hours	English Standard Paper 1 (49)	TJC	8:50-11:30 2½ Hours	Chinese Beginners Listening & Reading & Writing (5)	D8	8:55-10:30 1½ Hours	SICT (27)	TJC	8:55-11:00pm 2 Hours	Retail Services (1)	TJC
						8:50-11:00 2 Hours	Hospitality VET Theory	TJC	8:55-12:00 3 Hours	Studies of Religion 2U (11)	TJC			
<b>PM</b>	12.25 – 1.30pm 1 Hour + 5 mins	D8	12.25 – 3.05pm	Japanese Beginners Listening and Written (2)	D8	12.25-2.00 1½ Hours	Industrial Technology – Multimedia (7)	D8	12:55 – 4:00pm 3 Hours	Geography (4)	D8	12:55 – 4:00pm 3 Hours	Chemistry (5)	D8
			12.30 – 2.30pm	Music Performance (8)	115 & 116	12:25-2.00 1½ Hours	Industrial Technology – Timber (8)	D8	12:55 – 2:00pm 1 Hour	PVDI (4)	D8			
									12:55- 3:00pm 2 Hours	Construction VET (6)	D8			

Disability provisions will occur in D7/D6/D5

# YEAR 12 TRIAL HSC EXAMINATION TIMETABLE Continued

## YEAR 12 TRIAL EXAMINATION TIMETABLE 2021



	Monday 8/8			Tuesday 9/8			Wednesday 10/8			Thursday 11/8			Friday 12/8		
	Time	Exam	Venue	Time	Exam	Venue	Time	Exam	Venue	Time	Exam	Venue	Time	Exam	Venue
AM	8:50-11:30 2½ Hours	Mathematics Standard 2 (41)	TJC	8:55-12:00 3 Hours	Modern History (15)	TJC	8:55-12:00 3 Hours	Biology (34)	TJC	8:55-12:00 3 Hours	PDHPE (31)	TJC	8:55-12:00 3 Hours	Legal Studies (7)	D8
	8:50-12:00 3 Hours	Mathematics Advanced (27)	TJC	8:55-12:00 3 Hours	Physics (5)	TJC	8:55-12:00 3 Hours	Engineering Studies (2)	TJC	8:55-12:00 3 Hours	Information Processes and Tech (4)	TJC	8:55-12:00 3 Hours	Mathematics Extension 2 (2)	D8
PM	12:55-4:00 3 Hours	Community & Family Studies (26)	TJC	12:55-3:00 2 Hours	Society & Culture (4)	D8	CATCH UP EXAMS	As per arrangement with APT&L		12:55-4:00 3 Hours	Food Technology (8)	D8	12:55-2:30 1½ Hours	Visual Arts (12)	D8
	12:55-4:00 3 Hours	Earth & Enviro Science (10)	TJC							12:55-4:00 3 Hours	SDD (1)	D8			

Disability provisions will occur in D7/D6/D5

## YEAR 12 TRIAL HSC EXAMINATION TIMETABLE Continued

Monday 15/8			
	Time	Exam	Venue
AM	8:55-12:00 3 Hours	Economics (2)	117
	8:55-11:00 2 Hours	Business Services VET (4)	117
PM	12-3:00pm	Hospitality VET Practical	102
	12-3:00pm	Cath Up Exams	APT&L

NB Hospitality VET Practical Examination will take place across TWO days – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August & Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August (7-10am).



## Year 7 News

**Year 7 have enjoyed some great events at St Mary's during Term 2.**

- Year 12 Leaders hosted a sausage sizzle lunch and Basketball Match on May 18<sup>th</sup>. There was lots of fun and sausages.
- The Year 7 Basketball Competition has been enjoyed by us all in Weeks 5- 10.
- Grandparents' & Carers' Liturgy and Morning Tea on May 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Year 7 Formation Day on Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Year 7 Participation in the Push Up Challenge on Wednesday June 16<sup>th</sup>. The Year 7 students who participated in The Push Up Challenge are to be commended for showing leadership and school spirit. Year 7 represented a large number of the participants during the lunchtime challenge – Well done!



↑ Molly (Year 12) with Isaac, Alex and Jacob on the courts.



Zara, Siara, Ella, Sienna and Maddi waiting courtside! →



← Harrison (Year 12) with Jett, Mackenzie and Xanthia

Rohan enters the court to join Sienna, Kate and Isaac! →

During Week 7, Year 7 and Year 10 Sports Leaders began the Year 7 Basketball Competition. Well done 7.1, 7.2, 7.3 and 7.4 Roll Call Classes for competing!







← Charlotte, Molly and Lani with Mrs Jo Meagher Rohan!

Watching for the ball! ↓→



Year 7.4 girls and Year 10 leaders and helpers! ↓





**Grandparents Liturgy**

Year 7 students and families came to The College for The Grandparents' / Carers' Liturgy and Morning Tea on Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup> as part of Catholic Schools Week. The morning tea was followed by a tour of The College. Thank you to all our students and families for a wonderful occasion. Pictured below are Zac Russell, Xanthia Wadwell, Maddi Scott and her gran, Laura, Kate, Audrey and Xanthia, Coby and Elijah leading the Gospel Procession





**Year 7 Formation Day – Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Point Wolstoncroft**

Year 7 enjoyed a great day at Point Wolstoncroft. We learned about our community at St Mary's; that we are made "TO THRIVE". Activities included canoeing, archery, damper making, BMX riding and the initiatives course. We were blessed with beautiful weather and had a great time together.

Many thanks to our teachers for supporting our students on Formation Day: Mrs Addicoat, Mr Meagher, Mrs Dews, Mrs Paterson, Mr Houston, Mr Speirs, Miss Quiqueree, Mrs Van Vlimmeren, Mrs Whitehead, Mr McKay and Mr Frize.







**JUNIOR  
MUSIC  
SHOWCASE**

**7pm - 9pm  
27th of June**

**TICKETS: \$5 EACH  
OR \$10 FOR A  
FAMILY**

Where: The  
Josephite Centre

## English News

Year 7 has been writing memoirs in the current English Identity Module. Below is a wonderful example of the quality of the work submitted – please enjoy...

### Memoir No Air to Spare By Gabriella

Noise pierces my ears as I listen to the screams and cries of children my age swimming in the water as cold as ice. The yelling of desperation echoes in my head as we enter the building of death.

Goosebumps grow all over my small body as the frosty air blows me away. I make sure to stay close to my mum and the only thing warm is the palm of her hand. This place is full of unwelcoming, sinister smiles, making me feel unsettled.

My lungs fill with precious air as I take a deep and meaningful breath, not knowing it may be my last. "SPLASH." My head hits the numbing water, as I feel a pair of sharp hands grip around my waist. Splashing and struggling to keep my head above the water, my eyes sting as the chlorine penetrates them.

An urgent scream leaves my aching body, but I realise no one can hear me. From my parent's end, all they can see is a few tiny bubbles.

I desperately cry for anyone to hear my plea.

I feel a dense squeeze as the stranger behind me tightens their grip. My lungs feel drenched and sore from the tonnes of water I have been swallowing.

Am I drowning??

The thought rushes through my head, and it hurts to realise the truth. Weakness takes over as my actions slow down and suddenly, I have no air left to spare. I shut my eyes as they sting in torture.

Is this the end??

I feel relieved when I notice the tight grip release. My throbbing eyes light up and a gush of determination rushes through my whole body.

With everything I have left, I push up from the bottom of the pool and scrape the bottoms of my toes. I gasp for air and smile in pleasure as I remember how good it feels to breath. The cold air brushes against my face. I gaze over to my mum and begin to sob.

Thank God this wasn't the end.

## English news continued ....

### Dio Public Speaking Competition

Today I had the immense privilege of taking students in Years 7-11 to the Diocesan Public Speaking competition.

It was a huge day, filled with awesome, inspiring, creative speeches from students all over the diocese.

There were two rounds: Round 1 was a prepared speech on an allocated topic, and Round 2 was an impromptu speech, where students were handed a subject 5mins prior to speaking at length about it.

Responses bowled me over! I learned some new phrases like, 'societal sunglasses' (basically a lens through which one views societal trends, such as 'what is beauty?') and 'drop-dead starving' (the fashion in the 1990's).

Anyway, we had some real success – EVERY STUDENT participated really well and did our school proud, but **Macy Nash** took our Year 9 for the win and young **Lacey Joyce** (the rock star) won the Year 7 age group!

GO GATESHEAD!

**David Luschwitz**  
Supervising Teacher





## RE News

# Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July HSC Masterclasses for Studies of Religion Students

### Webinar -

We will be running 4 webinars for Studies of Religion HSC students, both 1 unit and 2 unit, on exam skills:

1. Answering M/C questions
2. Five Mark Responses - Qu.11
3. Skills - Short Answer Questions
4. Skills - Extended Response Questions

Presenters include people such as Helen Smith and other HSC Markers from Sydney Catholic schools. These webinars run for between 30 and 60 minutes each.

Zoom sessions for students will run at school on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July**.

As you know, there is never enough time in class to stop and engage in resources such as these. It provides an opportunity for students to gain valuable insights from outside experts on each of these areas of the exam paper.

Students would not have to attend all of the sessions, although it would be advisable.

The timeslots for each webinar are as follows:

9:30 – 10:20am	10:20 – 10:40am	10:40 – 11:10am	11:10 - 11:30am	11:30am – 12:15pm	12:15 – 12:45pm	12:45 – 1:45pm	1:45 – 2:00pm
Introduction & M/C Questions	BREAK	Question 11	Break	Section 2 - SAQs	Break	Section 3 - ERQs	Feedback Session

**Elizabeth Quinlan**  
**Leader of Learning - Religion**

## Geography News

### *It is Snowtime!*

Last Friday Year12 Geography journeyed to Hunter Valley Gardens to study how the business operates. Tourism is the enterprise being studied in class and is growing in the Hunter Valley area. The weather was perfect for fieldwork with a sunny day and the Gardens were involved in the set-up for one of their biggest events - Snowtime.

The students enjoyed the experience and many thanks to Amanda Andrews, Events Manager at the Gardens for her expertise and setting up a great opportunity.



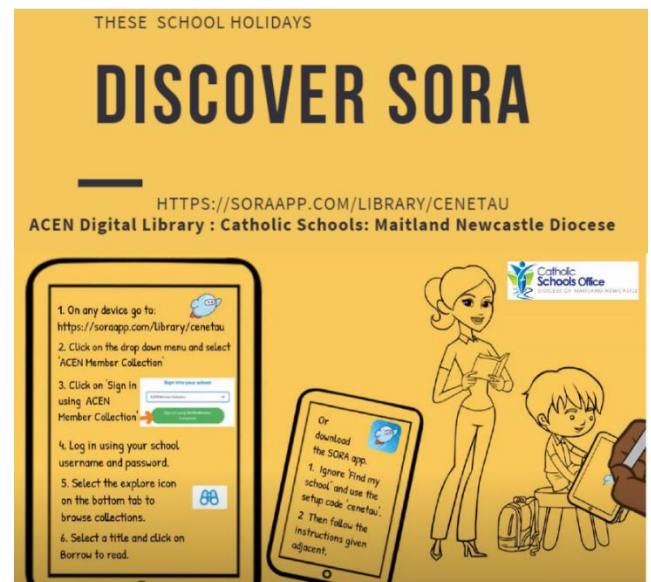


## Library Matters

In today's world it is more important than ever to think 'critically' about the information put before us. Now, the term 'critical' often comes with a negative connotation, but it really is asking us to think deeper about what we see. Is the information reliable? Is it biased? Is there an agenda behind this headline? Is it fake? Recently a group of students spent 3 Friday afternoons workshoping these ideas with **All Together Now completing their Agent C program**. The students showed great insight when posed with a range of situations, images and disinformation; identifying strategies on how they would avoid being taken in by CLICKBAIT and FAKE NEWS and addressing negativity online.



With the school holidays looming, don't forget to call past the library and pick up a great read for the break. Winter is a wonderful time to snuggle up under a rug and disappear into the pages of your book. Alternatively go online and discover all that **SORA** has to offer. You will find a range of fiction, non-fiction and magazines available. (CLICK images to go to SORA)



Mrs Rosalind Dunn  
Teacher Librarian



## Vinnies Winter Appeal



- Fleece Blanket
- Travel Towel
- Hand and foot warmers
- Socks
- Scarves
- Beanie
- Gloves
- Rain gear
- Reusable containers for soap etc
- Zip lock plastic bags
- Band-Aids
- Lip Balm
- Personal hygiene items:
  - Wipes
  - Toothbrush and toothpaste
  - Hand sanitiser
  - Body lotion
  - Feminine hygiene products
  - Deodorant
  - Soap
- A note to say we care 😊

### VINNIES WINTER APPEAL CARE PACKS

*Each Roll Call group is invited to fill the provided bag with the listed items.*



**Thank you! You are making a homeless person's life a little more comfortable this winter.**



## SPORT

### U/13's Rugby League

On Thursday 9 June, the U13 Boys Rugby League team competed in the 2022 Hunter Premiership. Under the guidance of the college's master coach, Mrs Morgan, the team travelled to Raymond Terrace for their first tournament as members of the college's rugby league program.

In their first game, the team played Callaghan College Wallsend. Starting strong, the team seized the early lead, scoring their first try in the opening minutes of the match. What followed was a high intensity game filled with fast paced action and attacking flair. Unfortunately, we were unable to secure the win, going down 20 – 8.

The team then came across a formidable opponent in Warners Bay High. The boys showed great enthusiasm but unfortunately were unable to capitalise on several opportunities and were eventually defeated 20 – 0.

The boys then rallied themselves for their final game against West Wallsend High in what was an intense and nail biting game. After some thrilling attack and powerful defence, the boys were victorious, with the final score of 8 – 4.

Although the team was unable to progress to the finals, all players should be extremely proud of themselves as they demonstrated great commitment and sportsmanship and were fantastic ambassadors for our school.

Notable mentions go to **Jake D** and **Nicholas T** for their consistent performances, as well as **Chayce A** and **Jovi L-K** who acted as sports trainers throughout the day.

Thank you to Steve for originally coaching the team and Annette for coaching the boys on the day.

**Keiren Knight**  
Coach



## NSWCCC Opens Football Championship

On Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May the Newcastle/ Maitland Open girls representative team travelled to Sydney to compete in the NSWCCC Opens Football Championship. For the first game, we played against SGS White. The girls started the day with a convincing win 6 – 1. Our goal scorers included **Molly Salvador, Madeline Howard, Ruby Jones and Mercedes McNabb** with an amazing hat trick. It was a great start to the championship.

The second game was against a strong CGSSA team. It was a great game and very close. Unfortunately, we missed a penalty and against the run of play we conceded a goal which saw us go down 1 – 0. Our girls never gave up but were disappointed with the loss but kept their heads held high. Special mention goes to **Saffron Grass and Alisha Ingrey** our mid field players who played outstandingly throughout the game and were positive role models at all times.

Our third game on Thursday was against SCS Orange and it was a must win game for us. It started off a very tight game but thanks to our strong defensive line and organisation in our centre we won the game 2 – 0. Our goal scorers were **Molly Salvador and Madeline Howard**.

Our last pool game was against Southern Country and we had to win this game to go through to the final. The girls played hard and came away with a convincing 6 – 0 win. Our goal scorers included **Mercedes McNabb** with two goals, **Alisha Ingrey** and **Madeline Howard** with a hat trick.

In the final game we came up against a very strong SCS Black team. It was very tight throughout the game but our girls kept their heads played their game and came out on top 3 – 2 at the final whistle. Our goal scorers in this game included **Madeline Howard** and **Mercedes McNabb** with two goals.

The girls throughout the tournament represented with outstanding sportsmanship and pride and were a credit to our Diocese. At the end of the tournament 5 girls were chosen to represent NSWCCC at the All Schools Championship later this month. Those girls included **Eve Howard, Saffron Grass, Madeline Howard, Mercedes McNabb and Emma O'Hagan**. Congratulations to these girls and all the team for such a wonderful achievement.

### Team Details:

The three students representing SMCC - **Ruby Jones** Yr 9, **Emma O'Hagan** Yr 10 and **Madeline Howard** Yr 11.

Coach: **Ms Elizabeth Savovski**

Manager: **Loretta Browne**

Congratulations to Emma and Maddy who were selected for the NSWCCC Team to play at All School Tournament in 20th and 21st June 2022.





# St Mary's is always "READY TO SERVE"



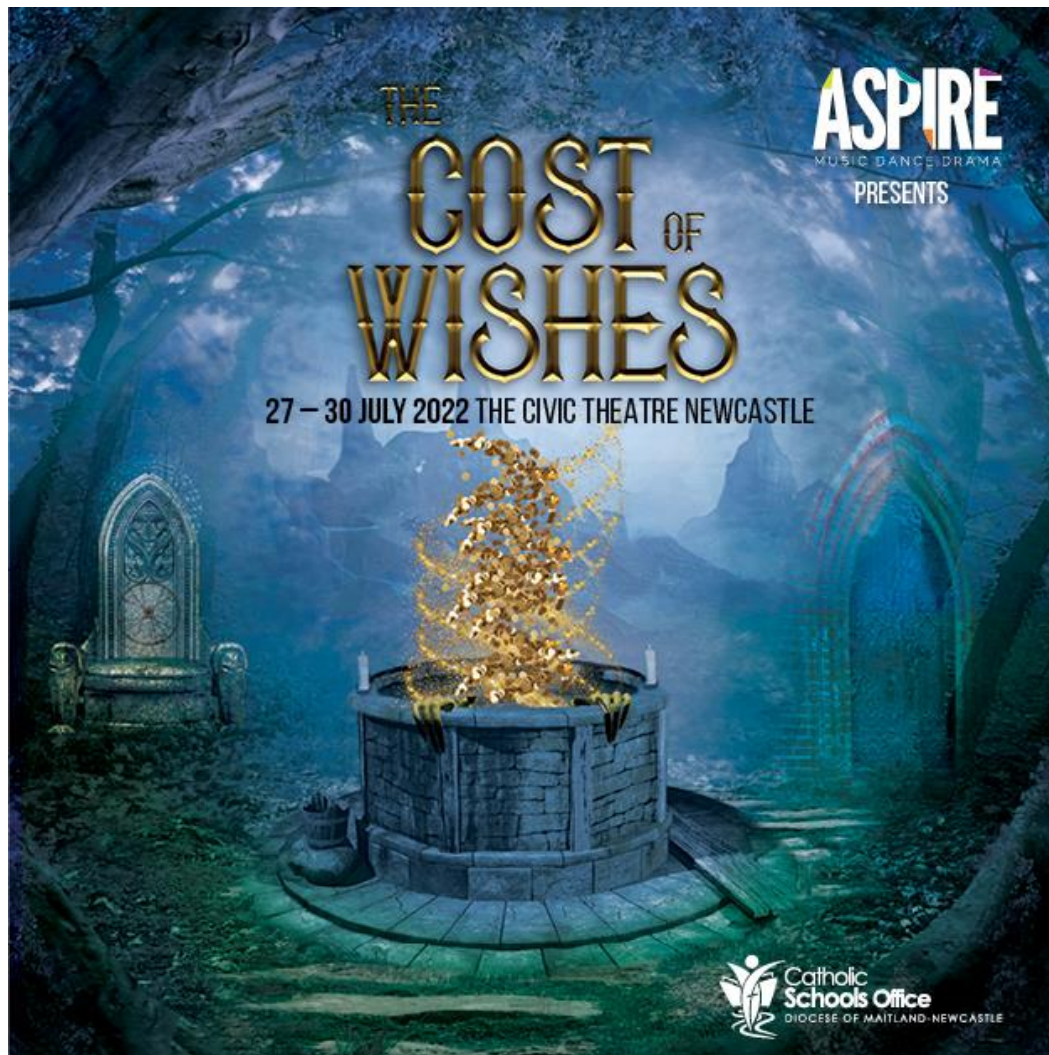
It is always a honour and a privilege to help those in need or who are less fortunate.

St Mary's Community Members are thanked for their kindness, compassion and for their generous donations.

THANK YOU!

## ASPIRE

Rehearsals are in full swing for this year's Aspire production - "The Cost of Wishes". Please call 4929 1977 to book your tickets for this amazing production now!



### **"READY TO SERVE"**

*As the winter months set in and the weather takes a turn, it is more important for our families in need to receive assistance by way of regular, hearty, nutritional meals. We were able to help community members during Covid by supplying ready meals from our Ready to Serve café. However, now the College has returned to full capacity, this initiative has been scaled down significantly.*

*Our 'Pay It Forward' initiative is still running however – this allows the College to prepare and supply meals for families that need a little extra help. If you would like to contribute towards the cost of a meal, please do so through the Qkr! App, or give the Finance Office a call on 4944 4804.*

*Every donation is very much appreciated and we thank you, most sincerely, for your kindness and generosity.*



YOU ARE INVITED TO  
ST MARY'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE  
GATESHEAD

# Night at the Museum

Save the date  
MONDAY | 25 | JULY | 2022

SPC invites you to view the masterpieces  
of Year 7 & 8 HSIE students

6:30pm-8:00pm

\$10 Tapas plates and Spritzers available for  
pre order and pre payment via the Finance Office  
(Cash, Credit/Debit card)

Foods orders & RSVP due by

22/07/2022

Via phone or email to Finance Office

Thank you !

Ph: 49444804

or

email [finance@gatesheadsm.Catholic.edu.au](mailto:finance@gatesheadsm.Catholic.edu.au)

GOLD COIN DONATION upon arrival

ALL proceeds will be donated to the  
St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal



**Calendar 2022**

<b>TERM 2 - Week 10 (B Week)</b>	
Mon 27 June	Junior Music Showcase – TJC – 7pm – see poster in Newsletter for further details
Wed 29 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landcare Day</li> <li>Visit by Pat Conroy MHR, Guest Speaker – Senior Economics &amp; Legal Studies classes</li> <li>Years 7-10 Reports published (PM)</li> </ul>
Thurs 30 June	<b>STRIKE ACTION BY TEACHING STAFF. Student supervision is available if required.</b>
Fri 1 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Next steps enrolment communication to Year 7 (2023) parents/carers</li> <li>Last Day of Term 2</li> </ul>
<b>TERM 3 2022 - Week 1 (A Week)</b>	
Mon 18 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Staff Professional Development – Pupil Free Day</b></li> <li><b>Booking period for Year 7 (2023) Enrolment interviews (Mon 18.07.22 to Fri 22.07.22)</b></li> </ul>
Tues 19 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Term 3 commences</li> <li>Meeting Year 10 to explain 2023/2024 Line Structure – Courses of Study</li> </ul>
Thurs 21 July	Years 7-10 Parent Student Teacher interviews – <b>Interview times to be confirmed</b>
Fri 22 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 7 (2023) Enrolment documentation due               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Years 7-10 Parent Student Teacher Interviews - Pupil Free Day Year 7 to 10. Classes as usual for Year 11 and 12 as per timetable. <b>Interview times to be confirmed</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>Newsletter 10.22 published</li> </ul>
<b>Week 2 (B Week)</b>	
Tues 26 July	Meeting Year 8 to distribute the Additional Courses of Study Handbook
Wed 27 July	Year 8 Additional Courses of Study – on-line choices open
<b>Week 3 (A Week)</b>	
Mon 1 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Year 12 Trial HSC Examinations commence until Monday 15 August</b></li> <li><b>Year 7 (2023) interviews commence until Friday 12 August</b></li> </ul>
Tues 2 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School finishes at 2.40pm – Staff Professional Learning. Student supervision provided</li> <li><b>Year 8 Additional Courses of Study Information Evening for parents</b></li> </ul>
Thurs 4 August	Annual Athletics Carnival
Fri 5 August	Newsletter 11.22
<b>Week 4 (A Week)</b>	
Mon 8 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Week 2 of Trial HSC Exams</b></li> <li><b>Week 2 of Year 7 (2023) interviews</b></li> </ul>
Tues 9 August	Year Assemblies
Wed 10 August	Year 8 Additional Courses of Study – Web Choices – close
Thurs 11 August	Final Year 11 (2023-24) Line Structure published
Fri 12 August	<b>Spirituality Day (Pupil Free)</b>

**Please note any TBC dates – this is due to evolving COVID protocols. Arrangements will be continually updated on this page**

School Counsellors and School Psychologists may be interested in an upcoming Expert Insights by Black Dog Institute on [Managing Sleep Challenges in Adolescents](#).

The one hour online session is fully funded by NSW Health and will cover:

- sleep changes during adolescence
- established as well as emerging interventions for sleep
- working with families/caregivers
- the use of digital technology
- working with or around demanding school schedules to improve adolescent sleep.

The session content is suitable for Allied Health, Counsellors, GP Registrars and GPs – it is not a session for parents and carers.

The session will be delivered via Zoom on 29 June from 6pm to 7pm.

Please note, the Expert Insights sessions are generally recorded and available at a later date [here](#).