
St Mary's Catholic College Gateshead

BE SAFE, BE A LEARNER, BE RESPECTFUL

Newsletter 14.23

Friday 1 September 2023



Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

Catching the Good

Often, as humans, we tend to focus on the negative, particularly when we receive messages of negativity or complaint. We fixate on the problems, we worry over where people went wrong and it is easy to only hear the noise of the troubles and things that need fixing.

Sometimes, as parents and educators, it is easy to do the same with the children in our care – and with ourselves. We see the problems, the failures, the part of others that are less than perfect. We dwell on words and actions that didn't quite come out right. We read into situations, criticise self and others, sometimes losing sight of the good that surrounds us.

At assembly this week, we reflected on this very aspect of what it is to be human. Yes, it is easy to get lost in the negative, the poor choices made, getting bogged down in what needs to be fixed or how we can improve – and, yes, this needs to happen. However, this week we chose to take time out to “catch the good” and to celebrate.

Our students have represented us in recent weeks with pride, exemplary in behaviour and attitude. Our teachers have returned from activities such as the recent Year 10 bstreetsmart excursion and the Netball Championships, speaking in glowing terms of our students in terms of their respectful conduct, their engagement, and their collaboration with staff. Many of our Year 8 students recently partnered with St Paul's Gateshead Primary School to attend Parish mass and celebrate the Feast Day of Mary Mackillop; four of our Year 10 students recently attended the Josephite Risk and Dare Conference, demonstrating excellent leadership; our community recently received a Certificate of Appreciation from St Vincent de Paul for our support of their ongoing work in the community. Each of these activities are acts of service, freely given by our students in partnership with our staff. And, rightly so, they should be acknowledged and celebrated. It is a privilege to be able to give public recognition to each of these groups of students – to say thank you for representing us so well and for holding so well to our college Motto – Ready to Serve, and to our mantra – Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be a Learner.

Our next challenge is to continue to work for good, to grow and to become even better people in all that we do. How do we do this? Yes, we reflect, we address the negative and the times we get things wrong but ... we must also take time, as parents, educators, friends and colleagues, to “catch the good”.

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What does this look like?

It means being specific in our praise, at the time of seeing something done well.

It means acknowledging effort as well as kindness, responsibility, and respect.

It means taking the time to give self-praise when you recognise a positive in your own life.

It means setting time aside to specifically provide feedback when seeing something positive in someone. Take the time to tell someone, "I've noticed ...".

So, yes, it's easy to criticise, to make judgement, to chastise – but to "catch the good", to affirm what is positive, that is truly powerful, hope-filled, and life-giving.

In closing, to our students, parents, and staff, I say thank you. Thank you for all that you give and do for our community. Let's keep both practising and catching the good in each other so that we may become better human beings in relationship with God, self, and others.

Blessings

Cathy O'Gorman
Principal (Acting)

Assistant Principal - Learning & Teaching

Important Reminders for Year 11

- **Final Course Exam period starts on Monday 4 September and runs through until Friday 15 September.**
- **Find attached the more up to date version of the Timetable and expectations of students during this time.**
- **Classes resume for Year 11 at the College on Monday 18 September.**

As we move into the End of Course Examination period, we would like to inform you of the processes that are implemented at St Mary's. We ask that you please engage with the frequently asked questions outlined below. It is also important that this document be read in conjunction with the Instructions found on Page 3 of the Year 11 Examination Timetable, and the Year 11 Assessment Handbook, available in the student portal.

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18 August 2023

Dear **Year 11 Students and Parents,**

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FAQs

Do I need to attend school on days I do not have an exam?

You do NOT need to attend school on days that you do not have an exam during the exam block. The exam block starts on Monday 4th September and concludes on Friday 15th September. **Classes resume on Monday 18th September.**

Students attending school **outside of exam times** are expected to use the **Library (or Study L7)** for private study.

NB YOU MUST SIGN IN AT STUDENT SERVICES IF ON CAMPUS (Other than for the exam period).

What time do I arrive before my exam?

Students are expected to assemble outside The Josephite Centre for each session at least 15 minutes prior to the commencement of exams. *All study and reference materials, as well as prohibited items (including phones and Apple watches), need to be stored in the student's bag or the basket provided for mobile phones and keys. These items will be stored securely during each examination and returned at the conclusion of each session. Students are encouraged to bring only a small bag on exam days. This storage space will be in D1.*

What should I do if I am sick or suffer a misadventure on the day of an examination and I can't attend school?

1. Please notify Student Services and your teacher/Leader of Learning via email or phone 49444800 **before 8:00 am**

2. Students are required to complete and email an IM Application (available on the Student Portal), as well as emailing a copy of a medical certificate and/or other valid supportive documentation. IM Applications (Green Forms) need to be emailed ASAP to belinda.flood@mn.catholic.edu.au

- If you are unsure what qualifies as supporting documentation, please email belinda.flood@mn.catholic.edu.au for further information.

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What happens if I am unwell just before or during my exam?

You will need to inform Ms Flood, Mr Cushan or the Examination Supervisor that you are unwell so that they can monitor and assist you. If you believe your exam performance was affected, you can submit an IM but will first need to obtain a Medical Certificate to email with your application. Your IM application should state the symptoms you were affected with during the exam and how these impacted on your exam performance.

What if I am unwell prior to my exams and cannot study for them?

The IM Process does NOT include loss of preparation or study time for examinations. This follows NESA processes that do not allow Illness and Misadventure applications for this reason.

Will my examinations be rescheduled if I am unwell/absent?

You will be required to complete the examination either during the exam block or when you return to school. Please engage with Ms Flood regarding this process, so that a new time can be rescheduled.

What do I bring into the exam?

You are required to bring spare pencils, pens and all other necessary equipment (NESA Approved Calculator) in a clear plastic sleeve/container to each examination.

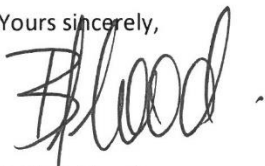
You are able to bring a clear water bottle without labels.

Please ensure you wear your **FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM** to each examination.

Should you have any questions regarding this information please do not hesitate to contact belinda.flood@mn.catholic.edu.au or gerard.cushan@mn.catholic.edu.au

Best wishes to our Year 11 students. We encourage you to maintain your commitment and hard work ethic – we know that you will reap the rewards of your effort.

Yours sincerely,



Belinda Flood
Assistant Principal – Learning & Teaching
(Acting)



Gerard Cushan
Year 11 Leader of Wellbeing and Engagement

YEAR 11 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

TERM 3 2023

WEEK 8

Monday 4/9			Tuesday 5/9			Wednesday 6/9			Thursday 7/9			Friday 8/9			
Time	Exam	Venue	Time	Exam	Venue	Time	Exam	Venue	Time	Exam	Venue	Time	Exam	Venue	
AM	8:55 – 11:00	Math Advanced (36)	TJC	8:55 – 10:30	English Studies (16)	TJC	8:55 – 10:30	English Studies (16)	TJC	8:55 – 10:30	Math Ext 1 (11)	TJC	8:55 – 11:00	Physics (15)	TJC
	8:55 – 11:00	Math Standard (56)	TJC	8:55 – 10:30	English Standard (75)	TJC	8:55 – 10:30	English Standard (75)	TJC	8:55 – 11:00	Modern History (21)	TJC	8:55 – 11:00	Legal Studies (13)	TJC
PM	12:25 – 2:00		TJC	12:25 – 2:30	English Advanced (19)	TJC	12:25 – 2:30	English Advanced (19)	DBlock	12:25 – 2:30	Community & Family Studies (20)	TJC	12.25- 2.00	Exploring Early Childhood (12)	DBlock
	12:25 – 2:00		TJC		Catch up Exams	TJC		Catch up Exams		12:25 – 2:00	Construction (VET) (13)	TJC	TBA	Catch Up Exams	TBA

WEEK 9

		Monday 11/9			Tuesday 12/9			Wednesday 13/9			Thursday 14/9			Friday 15/9		
	Time	Exam	Venue	Time	Exam	Venue	Time	Exam	Venue	Time	Exam	Venue	Time	Exam	Venue	
AM	8:55 – 10:00	Studies in Catholic Thought (28)	TJC	8:55 – 11:00	Information Processes & Technology (12)	TJC	8:55 – 11:00	Business Studies (42)	TJC	8:55 – 11:00	Geography (6)	TJC		Catch Up Exams	TBC	
	8:55 – 10:30	Studies of Religion 1U (45)	TJC	8:55 – 11:00	Earth & Environment (6)	TJC	8:55 – 11:00	Food Technology (8)	TJC	8:55 – 11:00	PDHPE (22)	TJC				
	8:55 – 11:00	Studies of Religion 2U (37)	TJC	8:55 – 11:00	Society & Culture (8)	TJC	8:55 – 11:00	Ancient History (13)	TJC	8:55 – 11:00	Chemistry (13)	TJC				
PM	12:25 – 2:30	Music 1 (8)	114/ 115	12:25 – 2:00	Visual Art (11)	DBlock	12:25 – 2:00	Photographic & Digital Media (Submission) (4)		1:00 – 2:30	Design & Technology (15)	DBlock		Catch Up Exams	TBC	
				12:25 – 2:30	Chinese-written (4)	DBlock	12:30-2:00	Yr 10 Dip Religious Literacy Exam	TJC	1:00 – 2:30	Textiles & Design (10)	DBlock				
				2:35 – 3:05pm	Chinese-oral		12:25 – ?	Catch up Exams	DBlock	1:00 – 3:00	Eng Ext 1 (1)	DBlock				

Bags/phones/student belongings will be stored/locked in D1. NB Disability Provisions students are to report to D2
 Catch Up Exams will be scheduled throughout the Examination Block. Please email belinda.flood@mn.catholic.edu.au

Student Instructions for Stage 6 Examinations

(Senior Students)

1. Students need only be at school when examinations are on. Misreading of the exam timetable will not be an acceptable excuse for being late or missing an exam.
2. Students should ensure that they arrive at least 15 minutes before the commencement time for their scheduled exam, **and remain until the exam's conclusion.**
3. Ensure that you have all necessary equipment required for each of your exams.
4. Students will be seated in alphabetical order.
5. Malpractice or cheating will result in serious consequences including the awarding of a zero mark. Behaviour in an exam is based on complete cooperation with supervising staff and respect for rights of other students in the room.
6. Students attending school outside of exam times are expected to use L7 for private study. **NB YOU MUST SIGN IN AT STUDENT SERVICES IF ON CAMPUS AND OBTAIN A STUDY PASS.** (Other than for the exam period).
7. Students missing an examination for any reason must ensure that the ***Illness/Misadventure/Variation*** procedures are carried out. Notification to the school at the time of the examination, and subsequent completion of the appropriate *Illness/Misadventure/Variation* forms are mandatory requirements of this procedure.
8. Wherever possible “catch-up” examinations should take place during the examination block, when the individual student concerned does not have a scheduled examination. These exams are to be organised with the Assistant Principal – Learning & Teaching on the occasion of the submission of the *Illness/Misadventure/Variation* Form to the relevant Leader of Learning.

9. No food is to be taken into the examination room, unless, for health reasons, specific permission has been sought from the Leader of Wellbeing. Water (in a clear bottle with no label) is allowed in the exam room but no other beverage.
10. Mobile phones and smart watches are **NOT** to be brought into an examination room.
11. Examination equipment may be taken into examination room in a clear plastic sleeve. No pencil cases.
12. No bags are permitted in the examination room.
13. Normal school uniform is to be respected and worn to examinations.
14. The examination block commences on **Monday 4 September Week 8 Term 3 2023**.
15. **Normal classes will resume on Monday 18 September 2023.**

If you have any questions or concerns about anything at all during the exam period – please just email either belinda.flood@mn.catholic.edu.au or gerard.cushan@mn.catholic.edu.au



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Parents and Carers of Year 12 2023 Students

are warmly invited to attend the

Year 12 2023 Graduation Mass

at

St Paul's Catholic Church, Gateshead

on

Tuesday 19 September 2023 – 6.00pm

and the

Year 12 2023 Graduation and Awards Ceremony

with

Morning Tea

at

St Mary's Catholic College, Gateshead

on

Wednesday 20 September 2023 – 9.30am

Please RSVP to debbie.carter@mn.catholic.edu.au by Monday 11 September 2023

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Key Dates for Year 12 2023

<p>Week 5 Monday 14 August 2023</p> <p>15 August 2022 to 18 August 2023</p>	<p>Trial HSC examinations conclude</p> <p>Back in class for normal classes, feedback from Trial HSC examinations</p>
<p>Week 6 21 August 2022 to 25 August 2023</p>	<p>Normal Classes</p>
<p>Week 7 28 August 2022 to 1 September 2023</p>	<p>Normal Classes</p>
<p>Week 8 4 September 2022 to 8 September 2023</p>	<p>Normal Classes</p>
<p>Week 9 11 September 2022 to 15 September 2023</p>	<p>Normal Classes Friday 15 September: Last day of Year 12 classes.</p>
<p>Week 10 18 September 2022 to 20 September 2023</p>	<p>Monday 18 September 2023: Service Day (Year 12 Ready to Serve at school)</p> <p>Tuesday 19 September 2023: Attendance at school for HSC Presiding Officers talk and practice for Graduation Mass Tuesday 19th September Graduation Mass 6.00pm at St Paul's Catholic Church, Felton St, Gateshead.</p> <p>Wednesday 20 September: Final day at school for Awards and Graduation Ceremony and clap out. Year 12 Reports published.</p>
<p>21 September and 22 September 2023</p>	<p>Year 12 Teachers available to assist students during timetabled class time</p>
<p>9 October to 10 October 2023</p>	<p>Year 12 Teachers available to assist students during timetabled class time</p>
<p>Thursday 21 September 2023 to Tuesday 10 October 2023 inclusive</p>	<p>Time for Study and Preparation for HSC</p>

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Key Dates for Year 12 2023	
HSC Exams Begin:	Wednesday 11 October 2023
HSC Exams Conclude:	Friday 3 November 2023
Graduation Formal:	Monday 6 November 2023 to be held at NEX, 309 King St, Newcastle West - 6.00pm-10.30pm You will be notified when tickets are available.
HSC Results released:	Thursday 14 December 2023
ATAR Results released:	Thursday 14 December 2023
Breakfast to celebrate release of HSC results and ATARs at St Mary's Catholic College Café	Thursday 14 December 2023

Year 8 Religion Literacy

Every year students in Year 8 complete a Diocesan wide test on their knowledge and understanding and application of the Religious Studies Syllabus and their competency in using religious terminology and content in written form.

In the recent Year 8 Religious Literacy Test, completed in Term 2, 35 students from St Mary's were recognised for their high level of achievement and achieving a mark above the religious literacy standard.

This is a significant achievement and reflects their dedication to learning, aspirations to do their best and engagement with their coursework.

Congratulations:

Sheridan Owen
Zara Martin
Laura Smith
Callum Bird
Siena Chorley
Katie Dowling
Ella Dunkley
Jessica Hall
Boycie Hill
Olivia Kelly
Willow Martin
Patrick Mather
Oryn Murphy
Lachlan Wenke
Kate Whitby
Lucas Anthony
Emily Jack

Ethan Toirkens
Gabriella Carter
Hayley Cummings
Abbey Pearson
Pearl Best
Peppa Kelly
Ashleigh Kowalski
Max Lonergan
Isabelle Monks
Sam Coyte
Jake Dalby
Caitlin Farrell
Jack Foster
Fraser Gillies
Annabelle Low
Sonny Matzen
Chelsea McEnearney
Madeline Regan



ICAS COMPETITION

Throughout August, over 100 St Mary's students have competed in the ICAS Competitions. The brain power in the room was palpable as students worked through way through challenging questions and activities. Students have participated in English, Writing, Digital Technologies, Science, Spelling Bee and the biggest group was Mathematics with over 60 students entered in this category.

The ICAS Competitions celebrate academic achievement and provide an opportunity for students to stretch themselves beyond their classwork. Every student will receive a certificate outlining their areas strength. Students who excel will be awarded medals and invited into the next round.

Congratulations to all students who stepped up to the challenge of this international competition.

Louise Henderson
Gifted Education Mentor



ATTENTION! YEAR 12's

Dear Year 12

The CSO are in the process of recruiting for the position of the ASPIRE Intern for 2024. For more information about this position, please click the link below. If you have any queries regarding this vacancy, please contact Anna Kerrigan, Education Officer - Artistic Director ASPIRE on Tel: (02) 4979 1220 or via email: anna.kerrigan@mn.catholic.edu.au

Good luck!

<https://cdmn.elmotalent.com.au/careers/cso/job/view/2101>

RISK AND DARE CONFERENCE

The RAD Conference is a Josephite Social Justice Conference for young people aged 15-25 who are passionate about justice and are wanting to make a difference. RAD is a political advocacy event focused on empowering young people to become voices that challenge and act for positive change in the community. This year 4 students from Year 10 participated, travelling together with Mrs Henderson to Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney for the day.

Here is what the students said:

This excursion was a great day full of insight, ideas, passion and inspiration. The performance by the Treehouse Theatre told the stories of young refugees and was performed by young refugees and was a great way to end the day. The speeches by **Madeline Gleeson** and **Dr John Falzon** inspired me to think more about issues that were important to me. They also answered my question perfectly and helped me understand how to get through my fear. I would go to the excursion again if I had a chance and now, I'm ready to make a change at St Mary's – **Sarah McCarron**

I very much enjoyed our excursion today- learning about different social justice issues and what we as individuals can do to create change. The speakers **Madeline Gleeson** and **Dr Jon Falzon** provided great information and inspired me to think about our world outside of Australia. Experiencing some of the stories for Treehouse Theatre's play "13 Suitcases" made me realise how privileged I am to live in a safe country. I definitely would go again – **Olivia Jenkins**.

At the RAD conference we chose a world issue - my issue was rights for young people and people in the workforce. It was run by **Marilyn** and **Irene** who were very informative and engaging. Overall, the conference was very interesting and enjoyable and such a great opportunity – **Charlotte Connell**

Today I learned a lot from people who have lots of knowledge to share. Being privileged enough to be put in an environment with so many outstanding people was inspiring for me, and the girls made the experience even more enjoyable. Having people to share such a significant day with was a great experience. This has been a wonderful day, inspiring me to make change – **Amber King**





National Science Week Extravaganza

We are thrilled to report that this week has been an absolute blast as we celebrated National Science Week with a range of engaging and educational lunchtime activities. Our goal was to spark curiosity and excitement for science among our students, and it's safe to say that we succeeded! From virtual conferences to interactive competitions, the week was filled with captivating experiences that left our young scientists eager for more.

Monday: Zoom Conference with Dr. Karl

We kicked off the week with an enthralling Zoom conference featuring the renowned science communicator, Dr. Karl Kruszelnicki. Our students had the unique opportunity to interact with Dr. Karl, asking questions about everything from fire science to quirky scientific facts. His engaging and humorous style captured the students' attention, inspiring them to think critically about the world around them.

Tuesday: Trivia in the Library

Tuesday was all about testing our students' scientific knowledge with a lively trivia session held in our school library. The competition was fierce as teams competed to answer questions spanning various scientific disciplines. It was heartwarming to witness the enthusiasm and teamwork on display as students and staff collaborated to demonstrate their knowledge.

Wednesday: Paper Airplane Throwing Competition

Midweek, we took to the Josephite Centre for a bit of friendly competition with a twist. Our paper airplane throwing competition combined physics and engineering as students designed and crafted their aircraft. The event highlighted concepts such as aerodynamics, lift, and thrust. It was a joy to see the creativity and problem-solving skills our students demonstrated as they aimed for the perfect flight distance.

Thursday: Captivating Science Show

The grand finale of the week was a mesmerizing science show that left our students in awe. The interactive demonstrations showcased the magic of chemistry, the wonders of physics, and the marvels of biology. From colourful chemical reactions to loud explosions, the show was not only entertaining but also educational, igniting a passion for Science in our students' hearts.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the teachers and staff who made this week possible. Their dedication and enthusiasm created an unforgettable experience for our students, fostering a love for science that we hope will continue to grow.

Mrs Tracey Flack
National Science Week
Extravaganza Organiser



Library Matters

Book Week 2023 was a lot of fun for both students and teachers! It was a double celebration with our Science faculty also recognising Science Week. Our Library Assistant put on a wonderful display of our diverse range of Science books and the **Science team hosted a Trivia** competition. It was a lot of fun and a great way to kick off our celebrations.



Thursday saw 21 students participate in **“Write a Book in a Day”**. This was a small group activity where students worked in a team to write and illustrate a short story together. The short stories are currently in the process of being judged determining a winner for each stage. All stories will be published to the SORA platform and a hard copy anthology will be made available for borrowing. Congratulations to those creative people. Those involved all said what a great day they had.

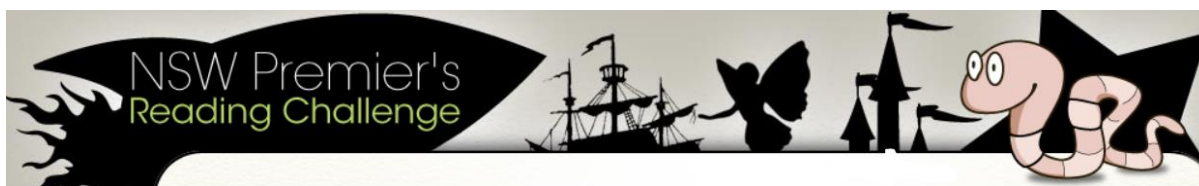
Write a book in a Day



Some of our St Mary's staff also got into the Book Week spirit dressing up as characters to help to show their love of reading! Mr Clarence, once again, was absolutely stunning. This time he swapped the green face paint for white; making a very scary Count Dracula!



Congratulations also go to the students who completed the **NSW Premier's Reading Challenge** this year. Well done to Harry Grady, Sheridan Owen, Kate Atkinson and Evie Duggan. Each of these students have taken on the challenge year after year, and I am sure we will be celebrating them achieving the Premier's Medal in the future! Impressive!!



Rosalind Dunn
Teacher Librarian

Year 10 News

Year 10 2024 Uniform Requirements

As per the College's Uniform Policy, the uniform requirements change from junior students to senior students (from Year 9 to Year 10 and beyond). Boys and girls will require a blazer, shirts and blouses will change from blue to white, and boys will require formal long pants.

Please visit the Uniform Shop during normal opening hours to be fitted for these new items. Fittings need to take place during Term 4 to enable uniform items to be ready for collection at the end of the January school holidays.

Blazers and formal pants will be required for both School Photo Days (Thursday 8 February AND Tuesday 13 February 2024) and for other mandated occasions, to be advised.

Please note, Uniform Shop Opening Times during both the Year 11 Examinations and the Year 12 HSC Examinations are currently being revised - please see below for Year 11 Exam times.

St Mary's Catholic College Uniform Shop Temporary Change in Trading Hours



Dear Parents and Carers,

Due to exams in the hall, the Uniform Shop will trade as below:

Wednesday 6th September	12:00pm - 3:30pm
Friday 8th September	12:00pm - 3:30pm
Tuesday 12th September	11:30am - 3:30pm
Thursday 14th September	12:45pm - 3:30pm

-  0435 954 372
-  stmaryshigh@alinta.com.au
-  The Uniform Shop @ St Mary's Catholic College - Pacific Highway, Gateshead NSW 2290



St Mary's Catholic College Uniform Shop Year 10 Blazer Fittings



Dear Parents and Carers,

A friendly reminder to Year 9 boys to visit the Uniform Shop during Term 4 to be fitted for your trousers and blazer.

A friendly reminder to Year 9 girls to visit the Uniform Shop during Term 4 to be fitted for your blazer.

No appointment is necessary to visit during shop hours.

The College blazer is mandated on formal occasions throughout the academic year - it will be required early Term 1, 2024.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

-  0435 954 372
-  stmaryshigh@alinta.com.au
-  The Uniform Shop @ St Mary's Catholic College Gateshead - Pacific Highway, Gateshead NSW 2290



SPORT

In the recent weeks, the U16 Boys Rugby League team competed in the Hunter Premiership Competition at Windale.

After being drawn in a competitive pool, the team were a dominating force throughout the day, remaining undefeated in their three pool games and showing exemplary skill and teamwork.

Notable mentions go to **Jace C**, **Fletcher O** and **Jye S**.

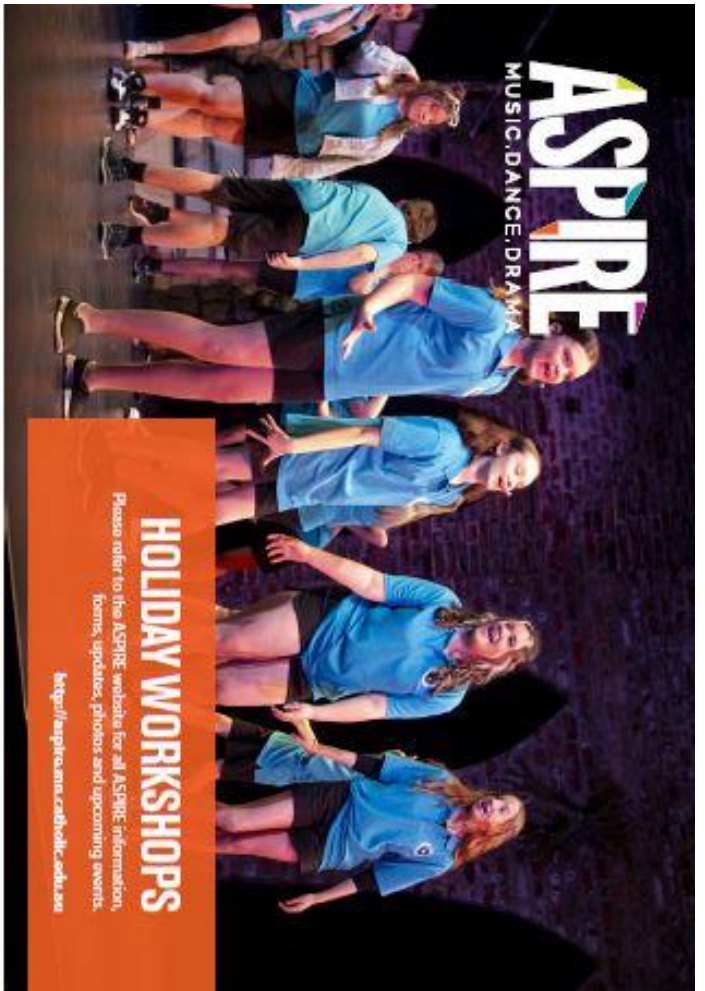
Unfortunately, due to their for-and-against, the team were unable to progress to the next stage of the tournament (falling 1 try short of the required amount).

All members of the team were fantastic ambassadors for our college and are to be commended on their efforts and the manner in which they represented the college both on and off the field.

Thank you to **Mrs Morgan** for coaching the team.

The team will now begin preparing for their next tournament in Term 4.





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HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Please refer to the ASPIRE website for all ASPIRE information, forms, updates, photos and upcoming events.
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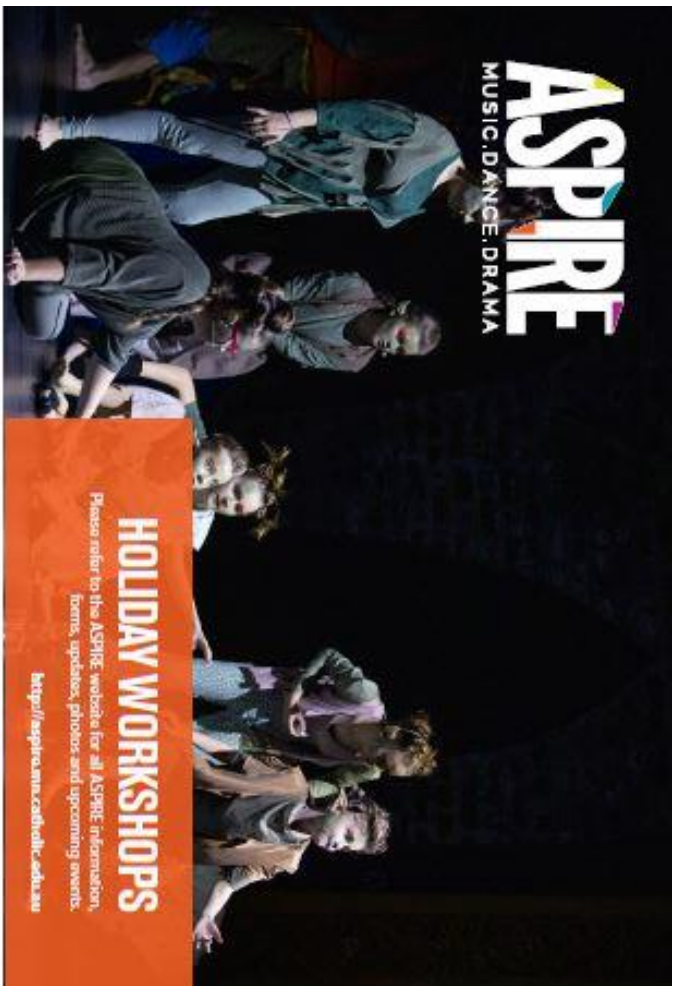
DATE: Tuesday 26 September 2023
LOCATION: Catholic Schools Office, Newcastle
TIME: 9.00 am – 3.00 pm
COST: \$80.00

Join like-minded peers in this supportive workshop that will look at how we can develop our performance skills and confidence when it comes to singing both in a group and as a soloist. If you are keen to learn more about delivering a song and really engaging an audience then this workshop is for you!

This workshop is open to students who are in Year 4 to Year 7.

To receive your place please complete the online registration form below or call Jenne Akers on 02 4979 1331 for more information.
<https://aspire.mca.catholic.edu.au/join-us/holiday-workshops/>

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PLAY IN A DAY

DATE: Wednesday 27 September 2023
LOCATION: Catholic Schools Office, Newcastle
TIME: 9.00 am – 3.00 pm
COST: \$80.00

Have a day filled with drama of the best kind as you work together to create a short performance piece in just a few hours. Starting the day with a simple idea you will develop skills in working as a team as well as creating characters and scenes as you all contribute to a short piece that you'll share at the end of the day.

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AUDITIONS 2024

Registrations for the ASPIRE 2024 auditions are now open for students from Year 4 to Year 12. The auditions will be held at the Newcastle Convention and Exhibition Centre NEX, King St Newcastle (West's Newcastle).

Registrations for auditions close on Friday 22 September 2023. Once we receive your registration, you will receive all relevant audition information during the first week of the holidays. This will include the audition dates and times.

ENSEMBLES

DANCE AUDITION

Monday 23 October 2023

The audition is entirely workshop based. You will be taken through some skills-based exercises before learning some new choreography. You may have an opportunity to add your own choreography so it's a good idea to have some ideas ready about what you might like to do.

2024 ASPIRE AUDITION FORM



1. Follow the link or scan the QR code: <http://mn.shor.tn/ASPIREAuditions>
2. Fill in the form to apply

INSTRUMENTAL AUDITION

Monday 23 October 2023

All instrumental auditions are 10 minutes. You are required to prepare a short piece that you feel shows your ability. After performing your piece for the panel, you will either be given some sight reading, then asked to perform some scales or asked to improvise around some chords accompanied by another instrument.

DRAMA AUDITION

Tuesday 24 October and
Wednesday 25 October 2023

The drama auditions are comprised of a half hour workshop comprising of a series of drama exercises in movement, voice, character work and devising (creating short scenes). Students will also be required to prepare a short one-minute monologue. A list of topics for Junior applicants will be on the ASPIRE website from Week 7 of Term 3, whilst Senior applicants will be required to source a monologue of their choice.

VOCAL AUDITION

Thursday 26 October 2023

For the one-hour vocal audition, you will be placed in a group of up to 20 students of similar age. The first part of the audition will comprise learning a new song as a group and some simple movement to go with it. This allows us to see how well you pick up new music, lyrics and movement and place them together, but it will also be fun! In the second half of the audition everyone will be required to sing the first verse and chorus of one of the ten selected songs. The list of songs will be available on the ASPIRE website at the end of term 3 2022. You will be required to sing with the backing track (we provide). A link will be provided to each applicant so they can practice.

For more details go to aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au

Perpetual Day of Remembrance: The story so far.

Our response emerges from our understanding of who we are as a Church community. St Paul articulated it this way: when 'one member suffers in the body of Christ which is the Church, all the members suffer with that member' (1 Cor 12:26).

As a people of faith, commissioned by Jesus to live in remembrance of him, we know the importance of remembering. Our remembering not only functions to ensure that such abuse never happens again, more than that, it is penetrated with the light of Christ's Paschal Mystery and so becomes the source of our ongoing conversation and hope. Together we can be a sign of hope.



2017

- Following Lina's Project in 2015 - a project of atonement that was facilitated by the diocese - Bishop Bill Wright established September 15 as a *Perpetual Day of Remembrance* throughout the diocese with two components: a survivor-led event and a prayer response.



2018

- Resources were provided to all parishes for the celebration of Mass on Sunday September 16.
- The focus was on Mass at the Sacred Heart Cathedral.



2019

- The Diocesan Liturgy Council established a Working Party to develop the Church's prayer response.
- Ongoing collaboration with Zimmerman Service Healing and Support, the Office of Safeguarding and the Bishop's Office.
- The Church's prayer response was named **Shine the light of Christ**.
- Three resources were developed: for parishes, for schools, agencies and groups, and for individuals and households.



2020

- The establishment of the 'Perpetual Day of Remembrance and National Child Protection Week Coordinating Committee', to facilitate collaborative planning of both events.
- The COVID-19 pandemic. Without the opportunity to gather people acknowledged the day as was most appropriate for them.
- A significant development was Bishop William Wright's [decree](#) inscribing *Perpetual Day of Remembrance Sunday* into the diocesan liturgical calendar and the accompanying explanatory [note](#).
- A focus group was held with a selection of school principals.



2021

- Focus was on the promotion of the Bishop's Healing Fund.
- COVID-19 continued to impact our prayer and worship response.
- The resources continued to be developed in response to feedback.



2022

- Marked five years since the establishment of 15 September as the Perpetual Day of Remembrance.
- Additional resources, including the Stations of the Cross and a recording of the hymn 'We Sing for those whose Song is Silent' by John Bell, were provided.
- In response to survivor initiative a musical work titled "The Innocents" (by David Banney) was commissioned.

Profitable parenting

Taking risks and asking questions

With guest speaker and author, Daisy Turnbull



12TH & 13TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Parents and carers are invited to take part in free, online presentations that will empower you with engaging and practical ways to raise your child or young person to be resilient and ready to take on the world!

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle's Federation of P & F Associations has invited teacher and high-profile author, Daisy Turnbull, to share practical advice with parents and carers on ways you can develop your child's independence and confidence.

Daisy's presentations will draw on the knowledge of some of the world's leading psychologists, but it's her relatable style and realistic suggestions that reflect her experience as both a parent and the Director of Wellbeing in schools that will leave you feeling empowered to navigate the modern-day challenges associated with raising children and teens.



BUILDING RESILIENCE AND INDEPENDENCE IN YOUR CHILD

Most suitable for parents and carers of children ages 5-10 years

In this session, Daisy will encourage parents and carers to get outside their comfort zone, by encouraging their children to take more risks. She'll explain how this approach helps nurture kids' independence and resilience, by teaching them to recognise and assess consequences for themselves, readying them for life and all that it brings.

Attendees will leave this session with loads of fun ideas on ways that they can connect with their children that will also help to build their young one's physical and social skills, responsibility, and character.

DATE Tuesday 12 September

TIME 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Registrations essential at:

www.mn.shor.tn/PFBuilding

FOSTERING COMMUNICATION AND CONFIDENCE IN YOUNG PEOPLE

Most suitable for parents and carers of young people ages 11-18 years

This session is for parents and carers seeking to build a stronger connection with their tweens and teens. Daisy will help parents and carers to better understand the social and emotional needs of young people and provide them with ideas on how they can help them to navigate common concerns that arise during adolescence including friendships, consent, self-compassion, managing conflict, mental health, boundaries and media influences.

Attendees will leave this session with (realistic) conversation starters that will promote their teens' awareness of the world and encourage them to take responsibility and understand consequences and risks in a fast-changing world.

DATE Wednesday 13 September

TIME 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Registrations essential at:

www.mn.shor.tn/PFfostering



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ASPIRE YOUNG ACTORS PROGRAM

LEFT UNATTENDED

FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 11AM AND 7PM

SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 7PM

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You're Invited! SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH!

St Patricks Spring Fair 2023

ST PATRICKS PRIMARY SCHOOL SWANSEA
NORTHCOTE AVE, SWANSEA
9AM - 2PM

FOOD | RIDES | STALLS | SHOWS | RAFFLES

*Everyone Welcome!
Free Entry!*

A colorful invitation for a fair. The background is light green with floral and heart-shaped decorations. At the top, it says 'You're Invited!' in pink cursive and 'SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16TH!' in blue. The main title 'St Patricks Spring Fair 2023' is in large, stylized fonts. Below that, the location and time are listed. A green bar contains the text 'FOOD | RIDES | STALLS | SHOWS | RAFFLES'. At the bottom, there are three circular icons: a pink ticket labeled 'ADMIT ONE', a pink unicorn on a stick, and a bunch of colorful balloons. The bottom right corner features the text 'Everyone Welcome! Free Entry!' in a cursive font.



May all fathers, grandfathers,
great-grandfathers and
significant male family members
be blessed this Sunday
with expressions of gratitude and thanks
for their commitment and contributions
to the gift of family and parenthood.

Happy
Father's
Day

TERM 3 2023	
Week 8 (B Week)	
Mon 4 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Examinations (all week) – Year 11 students not required at school unless sitting an exam Year 10 Work Experience Week (all week) Oztag State Championships – 7/8 Girls
Tues 5 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year Assemblies Regional Touch – 7/8 - TBC Oztag State Championships – 7/8 Girls
Wed 6 September	Year 7 Immunisations – 2 nd and final dose (May also include catch-up imms from other years)
Thurs 7 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landcare Geography Fieldwork Trip – Eleebana and Speers Point
Fri 8 September	Money Talks Seminar incursion
Week 9 (A Week)	
Mon 11 September	Year 11 Examinations (all week) – Year 11 students not required t school unless sitting an exam
Tues 12 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College Assembly Aboriginal Numeracy Gala Day Senior Leaders Mass
Wed 13 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Religious Literacy Testing 2023 Senior Leaders Mass
Thurs 14 September	R U Ok Day
Fri 15 September	Newsletter 15.23 published
Week 10 (B Week)	
Mon 18 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 students return to school Year 9 Work Education week
Tues 19 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Graduation Mass – 6pm – St Paul's Catholic Church, Felton Street Year Assemblies
Wed 20 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Reports published Year 12 Graduation and Awards Ceremony – 9.30am - TJC
Fr 22 September	End of Term 3
TERM 4 2023	
Week 1 (A Week)	
Mon 9 October	Day 1 Term 4 – Staff and Students return to school
Tues 10 October	College Assembly
Wed 11 October	HSC Examinations commence
Fri 13 October	Newsletter 16.23 published
Week 2 (B Week)	
Mon 16 October	HSC Examinations continue
Tues 17 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extended PLM – Students released from school at 2.40pm Year Assemblies
Wed 18 October	Billy Elliott – Civic Theatre
Fri 20 October	Bookings Open for Year 11 Parent Student Teacher conferences
Week 3 (A Week)	
Mon 23 October	HSC Examinations continue Weeks 3 to 6 PAT Testing Years 7-10
Tues 24 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bookings Close for Year 11 Parent Student Teacher conferences College Assembly
Wed 25 October	Year 11 Awards (Period 4) and Parent Student Teacher conferences
Fri 27 October	Newsletter 17.23 published

The remainder of the calendar will be published in Term 4

On Wednesday 6 September 2023, Year 7 will be administered their second dose of Gardisil9 (HPV) which will conclude the vaccination program for 2023.

There will also be the opportunity for students in other years to receive their catch-up immunisation, if required. NSW Health will contact you directly if this applies to your child.

If you have not already given consent for your child to receive their immunisation, provide consent by cutting and pasting this link into your browser - <https://nswhealth.service-now.com/school>. It is not too late for consent to be completed in Year 7 or Year 10.

Please find attached information regarding consent and the immunisations offered.

We have been requested by the Hunter New England Health Service that you please remind your child to eat breakfast the morning of the vaccination.