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## KEY DATES

**Feb 16:** Chat Group @ 10am

**Feb 17:** Year 11 2015 Info Night, Nirimba (7pm-8pm)

**Feb 18:** Ash Wednesday

**Feb 20:** College photo catch up

**Feb 25:** College Mass, St Patrick's Blacktown - 9.45am to 12.30pm

**Feb 27:** Year 7 Vaccinations

**Mar 3:** Parent/caregiver/teacher/student Interviews 4-7pm

**Mar 6:** Working Bee 3-6pm

**THE TERM 1, 2015  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS CAN  
BE DOWNLOADED [HERE](#)**

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## FROM THE PRINCIPALS – MR JIM FANNING & MR PHIL SMITH



Welcome to 2015 which promises to be an exciting and rewarding year. In particular we welcome the new Year 7 students to St John Paul II, all 200 of them! As we progress through 2015 we will continue to emphasise to all students the need to do their best, care for one another and concentrate on their learning making the college a place which has a unique and dynamic learning experience.

One way of building upon the past and working towards the future was the High Achievers Assembly held recently at Schofields which celebrated the fantastic results in the 2014 Higher School Certificate. We take this opportunity to convey the address to the community by one of last year's school leaders, Savannah Abbott (included in this article). The College also welcomes new teachers who have joined the St John Paul II community in 2015 as we continue to build on the heritage of the past and look to a bright future!

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## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Adolescents undergo change in every area: biological, cognitive, social, psychological, moral and spiritual. On top of these changes is placed more change such as a new environment (new class or school), new routines or new behaviour expectations because they are older or perhaps a change in friendship groups.

What can we do to help? Read on for ideas and key focuses such as organisation, using their student planners, study schedules, sleeping patterns, use of devices at night, conversations etc.

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## PRAYER

Pope Francis characterized St. John Paul II as the "pope of the family," a title he said the late pope himself had hoped to be remembered by. Pope Francis prayed, "May he teach us to enter ever more deeply into the mystery of divine mercy, which always hopes and always forgives, because it always loves."

The support staff and teaching staff at St John Paul II Catholic College are praying for our families. May they be a symbol of divine mercy – families that always hopes and always forgives, because it always loves.

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**WELCOME TO ALL OF OUR NEW STUDENTS AND FAMILIES  
TO St JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC COLLEGE!**

## News, Updates and Reports

### PARENT NOTICES

- [Parent/Caregiver/Student/Teacher Interviews on 3 March](#) - how to make bookings
- [Working Bee 6 March](#): painting, mulching and pizza for dinner - calling for helpers!
- [School Blazer Orders for 2015](#): orders must be in by February 26 with \$50 deposit
- [School Fees 2015](#): Term 1 fees due 6 March
- [Student Drop off/Pick up Zone @ Rose Cottage](#)
- [Homework & Assessment Club @ Schofields](#): occurs every two weeks, first one is Term 1, Week 5 from 2.30-3.30pm
- [Maths Assistance @ Schofields](#): occurs every two weeks, first one is Term 1, Wk 4, 2.15-3.30pm
- [Maths Assistance @ Nirimba](#): during lunch on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays - Room 22
- [Join the College Council in 2015!](#): three positions available, download the nomination form [here](#)

### Maths Digital e-Books in Years 7-10

All students in years 7-10 are required to have purchased a \$40 access code for the digital Australian curriculum e-book by Pearson. This code provides access for one year to the two e-books for the stage level that the students are studying.

[Click here to read FAQs](#)

### IMPORTANT: ICT UPGRADE 25 FEBRUARY

Due to an mandatory ICT upgrade, the College will have an **ICT outage on Wednesday, 25 February**. The College will be at Mass for majority of this day therefore there will be less of an effect on staff and students. Plans have been put in place to ensure the rest of the day runs smoothly.

[Click here for further information and plans, including contacting the College and class operations on the day](#)

### LATEST NEWS

#### YEAR 7 2015 WELCOME BBQ



On 9 February, St John Paul II Catholic College welcomed all the new families to the College at the Year 7 Welcome Barbeque!

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#### HSC HIGH ACHIEVERS 2014



Students from 2014 HSC gathered to celebrate their achievements with their former teachers and peers at the HSC High Achievers Assembly.

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#### YEAR 11 MAKE THEIR MARK



Year 11 took part in the fun, traditional Handprint Ceremony to make their mark as seniors of St John Paul II Catholic College.

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### CAREERS REPORT

College Careers Advisor, Mr Joe Evens, provides an extensive amount of information and advice on a range of topics that are beneficial to our students. Careers Newsletters include university, TAFE and College open days, opportunities for apprenticeships, learning programs, university courses and much more! Be sure to check out the first Careers Newsletter for 2015!

[Click here to view the 2015 Careers Newsletter Vol 1](#)

### WATCH: YEAR 7'S FIRST DAY AT StJP II



See Year 7's fun-filled first day at St John Paul II Catholic College! Including the birthday circle challenge, building Noah's Ark and the Starfish Ceremony.

[WATCH VIDEO >](#)

### OTHER NEWS

Congratulations to the Semester Two Awardees of 2014!  
(list of awardees included)

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Come and meet our welcoming college community and explore the educational opportunities we offer our students.

## OPEN AFTERNOON - EVENING MONDAY 16 MARCH

4PM TO 8PM - SCHOFIELDS CAMPUS

Showcases, tours, subject stalls, barbeque & all your questions answered!

Tours are available by appointment at Nirimba Campus (Years 11-12).

Please contact the College Office on 9208 7200 for tour times.

SCHOFIELDS CAMPUS (YEARS 7-10)

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## COUNSELLORS CORNER

'To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often', said Cardinal John Henry Newman more than a century ago, noting that change and growth go hand-in-hand. In one way, everybody is new to our new school name. Though the name change takes place at a particular point in time, growing into the change and feeling comfortable in the changed identity takes longer.

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## STAFF LEARNING

As part of the College's Literacy goal for 2015 we are focusing on improving the reading comprehension for students. This will be achieved by continuing to use the SQ3R and Three Level Reading Guide strategies across all Portfolio areas.

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## DIOCESAN NOTICES & EVENTS

Catch up on all notices and events from the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta including positions vacant, Ash Wednesday times, SURVEYS, requests for volunteers and upcoming events for you to join!

[Click here for all opportunities and upcoming events](#)

## AUTISM WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES

FREE two day autism workshop for families on 3-4 March, 2015 at Blacktown Workers Club - includes lunch.

[Click here for details](#)

## STAGE 4 UPDATES - HEAR FROM THE STUDENTS THEMSELVES!

2015 has kicked off with a lot of smiles, laughs and transition experiences and a bright, cheery welcome back to our Stage 4 Community! It's going to be a fantastic year with the opening of the Co-operative Learning Centre an obvious highlight.

**This Stage 4 Report is written by the students themselves!** From Year 7, Payton tells us about the Starfish Ceremony, Lachlan talks about his transition to high school, James explores high school sports and Monica shows a very different perspective on Mathematics. From Year 8, Nick discusses upcoming adventures for SRC, Cate looks into the use of iPads in Year 8, Holy tells us about the new Co-operative Learning Centre and Sarah dwells on the change from Year 7 to Year 8.

[DEFINITELY READ MORE>](#)



## Project Compassion Lent Calendar

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Did you know that you can download a Lent Calendar for your iPhone or Android? You can also view it on the Caritas Australia website!

Use the calendar to deepen your spirituality this Lent by learning about Caritas Australia's work in six countries across the globe. Explore Project Compassion, meet inspiring people and reflect on the Lenten period through daily readings, prayers and social justice actions.

View or download at [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/lent-calendar](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/lent-calendar)