



# Newsletter

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## KEY DATES

**30 Mar: Blood Bank @ Nirimba**

**2 Apr: Holy Thursday**

**Last day of Term 1**

**3 Apr: Good Friday**

**6 Apr: Easter Monday**

**20 Apr: Term 2 Commences**

**22 Apr: Merit Morning Tea**

**23 Apr: ANZAC Day ceremonies**

**24 Apr: Year 7 Vaccinations**

**THE TERM 2, 2015  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
CAN BE DOWNLOADED  
[HERE](#)**

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



This term we have witnessed a number of exciting and energizing college events which have included our 2014 HSC High Achievers Assembly, the Year 7 Welcome BBQ, the Opening School Mass, the Renaming/Blessing/Opening ceremony and our recent Open Afternoon /Evening. Each event has helped develop our great great community at St John Paul II and each one has enhanced our community faith formation and educational endeavours.

we have decided that WEEK 1 will be SUMMER UNIFORM, with WEEK 2 being the changeover period when students can choose to wear winter or summer uniform not a mixture of them depending on the weather, with the beginning of WEEK 3 being the time all students MUST be in WINTER UNIFORM. We will put a further reminder about the wearing of uniform in the first newsletter for Term 2. In this newsletter you will find the Term 2 calendar of events. This provides advance notice of the many events that will be occurring during Term 2.

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## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Term 1 is almost finished and while the vast majority of students wear their full uniform with pride it is appropriate that at this point we restate our uniform expectations for all year groups. Included are guidelines and reminders of what is acceptable uniform at St John Paul II Catholic College, including jewellery, hair, footwear and accessories. These rules and regulations can be found in the student planner on pages 6-7, which every student received at the beginning of the year.

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## PRAYER

In 1999 St John Paul II wrote a letter to the elderly, where shares the story of the elderly in the scriptures and their faith-filled lives and encourages the families of the elderly to re-think their perceptions and some cases misconceptions. Early in March 2015 Pope Francis reflected on the need to respect the elderly. Together with these two great men of prayer sharing respect for the elderly.

“Grant, O Lord of life, that we may be ever vividly aware of this and that we may savour every season of our lives as a gift filled with promise for the future...”

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**[ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN FOR YEAR 7 & 11 2016!](#)**

## News, Updates and Reports

### PARENT NOTICES

- [WORKING BEE:](#) Thank you to all of those who participated and donated!
- [NAPLAN:](#) Information letter for parents/care givers—dates and further details
- [EASTER MASS TIMES:](#) find dates, times and details on Easter Mass times in our local parishes.

### FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

We invite you, your family and friends to LIKE the page for all news stories, updates and notices about all the great learning experiences, events and opportunities at the College.

Facebook is a way for you to easily access information through a different form of communication!

[LIKE THE FACEBOOK PAGE HERE](#)

### LATEST NEWS

#### COLLEGE ASSEMBLY—RENAMING



We gathered for a special assembly to acknowledge the renaming of the College earlier that week. They received TSC/StJPil wristbands as a renaming gift! [READ MORE >](#)

#### YEAR 11 AGRICULTURE



On Friday the 13th of March, year 11 agriculture students went on a farm case study excursion to Number 9 Dairy at Camden. [READ MORE >](#)

#### PEER SUPPORT BBQ



Year 7 and their Year 10 Peer Support Leaders ended their 5 week Peer Support Program with games and a BBQ to celebrate. [READ MORE >](#)

### WATCH: WE ARE ST JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC COLLEGE



This term we had the opportunity to capture all the great teaching, learning, talent and activities that happens at our College in one amazing video! This video has been presented to the College as part of the renaming celebrations in 2015 so far. Take a short moment to watch and admire the amazing community we proudly call St John Paul II Catholic College. [WATCH >](#)

### WATCH: OPEN AFTERNOON-EVENING



See all the fantastic events, activities and performances that took place as over 200 families visited at the 2015 Open Afternoon-Evening! [WATCH >](#)

### WATCH: YEAR 7 CAMP



Check out what Year 7 got up to at Camp Yarramundi last week on their first high school overnight camp! They had a great time. [WATCH >](#)

### OTHER NEWS

- [Meet the baby chickens! Year 9 Agriculture raise baby chickens for their assessments](#)
- [Education Mass for the new StJPil teachers](#)
- [Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Program Welcome BBQ for 2015](#)
- [Year 7 Boys soccer in their new StJPil Jerseys!](#)
- [Year 11 celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation with a special mass at Nimba Hall](#)
- [What did Year 7 get up to at Camp Yarramundi last week?](#)



## COUNSELLORS CORNER

A recently-developed therapy is gaining evidence for its effectiveness in treating depression in adults and teens. Interpersonal Therapy (IPT) may be the right choice for some people. What's it about? It's based on the idea that people become depressed if key interpersonal relationships are not working well. By focusing on the problem area in therapy the client is helped to improve their relationships and so resolve their depression.

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## HSC Disability Provisions

Students who have a special need that affects their performance in examinations can apply to the Board of Studies for Disability Provisions through their school. These provisions are categorised into learning difficulties, hearing impairment and vision impairment. If students have a condition such as ADD, ADHD or anxiety they are also entitled to medical provisions.

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## SRC REPORT

The Year 8-12 SRC have done a fantastic job this Term representing the College and assisting with many events. The Our SRC welcomed new families to the College on the night of the Year 7 BBQ, had the opportunity to meet and greet special guests at our Opening and Blessing of New Buildings and Renaming Ceremony and made the Open Afternoon-Evening a successful event! The SRC proudly focus all their charitable efforts towards "Caritas." Year 11 SRC represented the College at the launch of Project Compassion and they have all been running fundraising projects this Term!

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## DIOCESAN NOTICES & EVENTS

Catch up on all notices and events from the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta including volunteer opportunities, Chrism Mass and Easter retreat events!

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

## STAGE 6 NEWS & UPDATES

The Year 11, 2015 students have made many comments about how easy it has been to settle into life at Nirimba! Students believe that they are working to a new senior culture and are enjoying the opportunity to enhance their skills as independent learners. Year 11 have been enjoying Learning Enrichment, Reflection Day and other excursions so far in Term 1. Year 12 has just completed their half yearly exams and the journey to the HSC is continuing.. Everything they do from this point on takes them one step closer to the completion of their secondary journey. As parent and caregivers you will have seen the effort put into the completion of assessment tasks over the last two terms.

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## HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITIES

### HOLY FAMILY HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2015



The Sydney Royal Easter Show is Australia's largest annual event, attracting close to 900,000 people each year. It is a celebration of Australian culture, from our rural traditions to our modern day lifestyles, providing unique experiences for everyone. Each year the country and city join together to enjoy agricultural competitions, animal experiences, entertainment, carnival fun, shopping and much more.

SO JOIN US, AND BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR A DAY OUT OF FUN-FILLED EXPERIENCES. BE SURE TO GET IN QUICK AS TICKETS WILL SELL QUICKLY.

Cost: (Admission and bus only. BYO food/drink).

Adults (16 years +): **\$20.00**

Children: (4-15 years + school students aged 16-18; they must have their student ID cards): **\$15.00**

Child (3 and under): **FREE**

Pick-up: 8.00am | Depart Holy Family: 8.30am

Leave Homebush: 4.00pm | Arrive Holy Family: 4.50pm (approx.)

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

\*No reservations, refunds & cancellations \*Payment to be made in CASH ONLY

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### HOLY FAMILY HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2015

Sydney Olympic Park   
Aquatic Centre

### WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OF APRIL

Ever wondered what you can do when it's a miserable day or just so hot you can't go outside? Look no further Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre is indoor, heated to a comfortable 26 degrees all year round and can cater for all your needs. Their water play features are a great attraction for everyone including mum and dad. Swim, splash and slide at Sydney's best indoor water park. The water park features the great Splasher's Water Playground, Water Slide, and the Rapid River Ride. So grab your swimmers and bring the family out for a day of fun.

Cost: (Admission + bus only. BYO food/drink)

Adults (16 years +): **\$10.00**

Children (4-15 years +): **\$8.00**

Child (3 and under): **FREE**

Pick-up: 8.30am | Depart Holy Family: 9.00am

Leave: 3.30pm | Arrive Holy Family: 4.15pm (approx.)

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