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KEY DATES

JUNE 8: PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**JUNE 9: PUPIL FREE DAY - STJPII
STAFF EVANGELISATION RETREAT**

**JUNE 10: PARENT CHAT GROUP @
SCHOFIELDS CAMPUS, 10AM**

JUNE 12: NIRIMBA WORKING BEE

**JUNE 16: CREATIVE ARTS NIGHT @
NIRIMBA HALL, 6.30PM- 8.30PM**

**JUNE 17: Year 11 2014 UWS
Student Award Ceremony @ UWS
NIRIMBA, 3.45PM-4.45PM**

**JUNE 17: ACU SUIT Information
Evening @ Cathedral Hall, St
Patrick's Cathedral, Victoria Road,
Parramatta. 6.00PM- 8.00PM**

**JUNE 17: World Youth Day Pilgrims
Information Night Rouse Hill,
7:00PM - 8:30PM**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS**](#)

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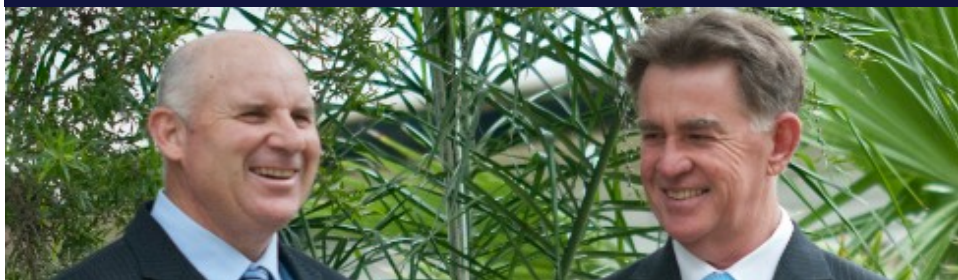
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FROM THE PRINCIPALS – MR JIM FANNING & MR PHIL SMITH



As we rapidly progress through Term 2 we should take the time to reflect upon the vast number of events that have been happening at St John Paul II. There have been the inter school Debating, Mock Trial and Chess Competitions, MCS and MCCS winter sport and our first St John Paul II Athletics Carnival. Recently Year 12 students, a number of teachers and an impressive number of ex-students spent three days at Collaroy on the annual Year 12 Retreat. This Retreat is always a highlight of school life for our students beyond the classroom and it allowed them to take time out of their daily routine to refresh themselves for what lies ahead this year and beyond.

We have also seen our Year 7 and 9 students engaged in NAPLAN tests which we conducted and we have held the Year 7, 2016 enrolment interviews for the students from the non-feeder primary schools. Both events were successfully held in the new Co-operative Learning Space. We have a large number of applications for Year 7 next year and enrolment acceptances are currently being posted to families. If you know of any family wishing to enrol for 2016 please ask them to contact Mrs Fay Lovett on 92087205 in order to avoid the disappointment of missing out on a place at the college in 2016.

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Our Assistant Principals provide insight into the mindset of our Year 12 students after catch up interviews and remind students that IT'S NOT TOO LATE to begin a study plan and take advantage of the help and opportunities that are being offered! Parents/caregivers can also assist HSC students with encouragement and facilitating study at home. ALSO, staff and students have been continuing to work on our unique acronym. This article includes a matrix that shows what RISE UP may look like in various aspects of students daily life at StJPII.

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PRAYER

Mr Feeney returned from the Holy Land and told Mrs Leslie a story she shared during staff prayer. He remembered about gazing up to a window at midday wondering what words of wisdom he was about to encounter. Not long after, Pope Francis spoke about how the canonization of Pope John Paul II gave a new impulse to your work at the service of the Church and of evangelization. It is through the gift of World Youth Day 2016, that our young people are dreaming. Many students are considering putting themselves forward as intention disciples to make this life-changing journey. Let us pray.

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[ENROLMENTS STILL BEING ACCEPTED FOR 2016!](#)

News, Updates and Reports

PARENT NOTICES

- [SPORTS INFORMATION LINE:](#) Call 9208 7265 from Thursday mornings for information
- [Reminder for Term 2 Fees and options](#)
- [JOIN THE UPCOMING WORKING BEE:](#) Mulching, cleaning and pizza at Nirimba, 3pm on 12 June
- [Procedures for students to follow when they become ill at school](#)

'AIRWATCH' DEVICE ENROLMENT PROGRAM LETTER

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) Device Enrolment Program ensures users and their devices have safe secure access to the educational network.

The new Device Enrolment Program system is called AirWatch which replaces Casper.

AirWatch works with the original device manufacturers' support framework to securely enroll devices in an educational environment.

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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!

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SRC REPORT - DIOCESE STUDENT LEADER FORUM



On Tuesday, 5 May, the College Year 12 SRC attended a Student Leaders Forum at St Patricks Cathedral, Parramatta, and had the opportunity to meet other College Leaders within the Parramatta Diocese. Rev Fr Chris De Sousa and others agreed that whatever was said in the room, stayed in the room, therefore the students had the opportunity to speak out about a range of topics!

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LATEST NEWS

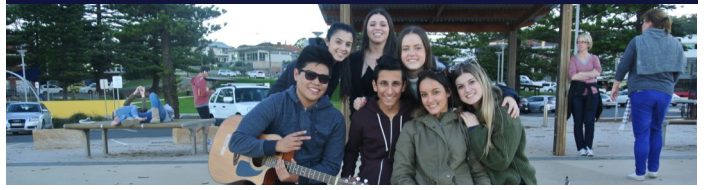
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2015



On Tuesday, 26 May, St John Paul II Catholic College appeared through the morning fog at Blacktown International Sportspark excited and prepared for their annual Athletics Carnival! Year 12 attended in crazy costumes to fundraise and the teachers defended their relay title!

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WATCH: YEAR 12 RETREAT



On May 11 to May 13, Year 12 embarked on a spiritual journey to find the treasure that lies within themselves. Throughout the three day experience at Collaroy they were led through games, prayer and song. The students had an amazing time and came back with many great memories!

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SISTER ROSIE AT YFC



StJP II received a special visit at the Youth For Christ Program from Sister Rosie Drum (Missionaries of God's Love) who is the Assistant Director of Youth in the Diocese of Parramatta. [READ MORE >](#)

MERIT MORNING TEA



60 students from Years 7-12 were recognised for their achievements and effort at the first College Merit Morning Tea for 2015. Congratulations to those students at the Ceremony! [READ MORE >](#)

3 HIGH YIELD STRATEGY @ STJP II

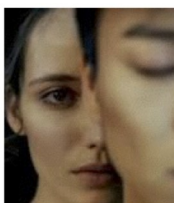


As the Diocese has acknowledged the great implementation of the "3 High Yield Strategies" at the College, other principals were given the opportunity to observe, interact and learn on the day. [READ MORE >](#)

STJP II @ SHARP SHORT THEATRE THIS MONDAY!



SHARP SHORT THEATRE



St John Paul II @ Riverside Theatre

**COME AND SUPPORT STJP II AT THE "SHARP
SHORT" SHORT PLAY COMPETITION ON
MONDAY!**

Two groups of Year 10 Drama students have been selected to represent the College in this exciting short play competition for writers, directors and performers under 18 years.

MONDAY—JUNE 1—7.15PM

RIVERSIDE THEATRE, PARRAMATTA

TICKETS AT DOOR OR [CLICK HERE](#)

ADULT \$18, STUDENT/CONSESSION \$12

COUNSELLORS CORNER

Free or reasonably priced help is out there! In this Corner we'll look at three services parents/carers can take advantage of, two of them at Bella Vista and one online.

Wesley Family Centre, The Hills

Interrelate, Bella Vista

Black Dog Institute—online courses for parents/carers

[READ MORE](#) about these fantastic services available .

CAREERS REPORT

Careers Advisor, Mr Joe Evans, advises Year 12 students as they take back their half yearly results and focus on the upcoming challenges. Evan's advice is for students is to reflect and 'take stock'. Set about cutting back on paid work, social and sporting commitments and allow sufficient study time to do the best in your HSC.

Mr Evan's also gives some insight to the questions Year 10 students may be asking themselves regarding decisions for next year. Do I stay or do I go? Year 10 have been doing some Vocational assessment work, getting a "taste of Nirimba" and looking at the options available for next year.

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DIOCESAN NOTICES & EVENTS

Catch up on all notices and events from the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta including CAPTIVATE performance dates and opportunities!

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STAGE 5 UPDATES



— **YEAR 9 NAPLAN:** Last week Year 9 students completed their NAPLAN examinations. Over the three days the students completed both literacy and numeracy exams. It was great to see that the Year 9 students were well prepared for their exam and that the process ran very smoothly. We look forward to celebrating the student success when NAPLAN results are released later in the year.

— **YEAR 10 TASTE OF NIRIMBA:** For Learning Enrichment this term, Year 10 have been experiencing a program called 'Tastes of Nirimba'. Each week Year 10 students have been attending two workshops. Students have been highly engaged in this process and they understand the benefits the workshops offer.

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HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY MASS & MORNING TEA

*Holy Family Primary School,
Luddenham*

25th Anniversary

Mass & Morning Tea



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