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KEY DATES

23 June: Year 11 2016 Subject Selection Evening—Nirimba

26 June: Yr 9 Multicultural Day, Yrs 7-10 Reports distributed, Term 2 concludes

13 July: Term 3 commences

14-15 July: Yr 8 Reflection Day

20 July: Parent/Caregiver/Student/Teacher Interviews

22 July: Semester 1 Awards—Schofields (Stage 5 at 10.20am, Stage 4 at 12.35pm)

27 July: Year 12 HSC Trial Examinations begin

[DOWNLOAD TERM 3, 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS](#)

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FROM THE PRINCIPALS – MR JIM FANNING & MR PHIL SMITH



Our Staff Evangelisation and Retreat Day, held recently at the Benedict XVI Centre at Grose Vale, centered around forming intentional disciples with sessions focusing on personal faith journeys and the importance of St John Paul II in our lives and the lives of all members of our school community. It was an opportunity to reflect on our lives and how we can help others by living our lives as Jesus modelled for us.

The results of this year's QCS survey have been returned to the Principals of the diocese and we have attended the Understanding the Quality School Survey data training afternoon to understand the findings on the data from the surveys completed by staff, students and parents/caregivers earlier this year.

Year 11 & 12 Semester 1 reports were issued earlier this term and Year 7 – 10 Reports will be issued on Friday 26 June. Parent/Caregiver/Teacher/Student Interviews are scheduled for the Schofields Campus on Monday 20 July from 8 am to 8 pm in the library and the Stage 4 Co-operative Learning Space. We would like to congratulate the many students who achieved 'personal bests', and/or their own goals in the semester one reports.

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

On Tuesday June 23 from 6.30 pm in the Nirimba Hall the Subject Selection Market for Year 11 2016 students and their families will take place. All Year 10 students should have received a Subject Selection Booklet detailing this event. The other event is the Parent/Caregiver/Teacher/Student interviews on Monday July 20 at Schofields. This is for all students in Years 7-12. Letters have been sent home with details including instructions for how to book online. The code for this event is K6M5F and there is a link to the booking site on the College website.

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PRAYER

A morning walk around Lake Galilee in the town of Tiberias, where we stayed in a hotel overlooking the waters of Lake Galilee reminded me of these words from Jesus, "I am with you always" (the last words of Matthew's Gospel). Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." Let's pray that we will "not be afraid" to trust in God when we face our next "storm". Wake Jesus through your prayer and know that Jesus is "with you always". Another story you might remember comes from Mark's Gospel...

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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
- [Procedures for students to follow when they become ill at school](#)
- [Working Bee Update: Thank you!](#)
- [Download Term 3 Calendar of Events](#)

NOTIFICATION FOR MEASLES AND CHICKENPOX

As a student in our school is currently receiving treatment which results in a lowered immune system, which means the student is more prone to getting ill from infection, a major concern is that if the student develops measles, chickenpox or influenza, he/she could become seriously ill. The College received a letter for parents from The Children's Hospital at Westmead, seeking cooperation in preventing the above situation. They ask to not send your child to school and notify the principal ASAP if your child may have measles/chickenpox.

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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.

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BOOKING INTERVIEWS ONLINE

Year 7—12 Parent/Caregiver/Student Teacher Interviews will be held on Monday, 20 July, from 8am to 8pm.

Students have received their Parent/Caregiver/Student/Teacher Online interview information booking sheet for the interviews. You can now book interviews for the times that suit your family.

[CLICK HERE](#) to book your interviews

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LATEST NEWS

StJPil @ CAPTIVATE 2015



On Thursday, 11 June, Year 8 and Year 9 Dance students from StJPil performed in the annual "Captive" Dance Showcase with combined schools in the Parramatta Diocese.

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YEAR 11 2014 UWS AWARDS



On 17 June, five students from StJPil received awards and scholarship offers at the UWS Awards Ceremony after successfully completing university courses in 2014.

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StJPil @ SHARP SHORT THEATRE



On Monday, 1 June, Year 10 Drama students from StJPil represented the College in the annual "Sharp Short Theatre" Short Play Competition at Riverside Theatre, Parramatta.

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FIRST EVER VIRTUAL EXHIBITION



The online Virtual Art displayed of all the best visual art works produced by our students. Viewers had the option to choose their favourite artwork for the People's Choice Award in 2015!

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STAFF EVANGELISATION DAY



On Tuesday, 9 June, the staff of St John Paul II Catholic College travelled to the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre at Grose Vale for a Staff Evangelisation and Retreat Day.

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FROM OUR GYMNAST—ADRIAN



Read about Year 7 student, Adrian Borazio's experience in the National Gymnastics Championships in Melbourne back in May. Written by the gymnastics star himself! Congratulations Adrian from all at StJPil!

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STJPII PUBLIC SPEAKING/DEBATING SEASON

Throughout Term 1 and 2 many students from Yr 7 to Yr 12 were engaged in the Voice of Youth and the CSDA Public Speaking and Debating Competitions. StJPiI has a proud tradition of achievement in these competitions and this continues to be the case. Debating commenced at the end of Term 1 and carried on through the first 5 weeks of Term 2. Overall the teams performed very well and it was pleasing to see our newest team members get stronger and more confident as the rounds went on, with our Year 12 team making it to the playoffs!

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WATCH: CHICK HATCHING IN AGRICULTURE



Watch a chick hatch from Year 9-10 Agriculture!

STAGE 6 UPDATES



YEAR 11: Year 11 recently completed a three week driver safety program during Learning Enrichment. The program was enjoyable yet challenging for all and those involved walked away with not only a new set of skills but a lot to think about. Year 11 also had the opportunity to participate in a study and time management lecture run by Elevate Education. On Thursday, 11 June the Year 11 Preliminary Mid-Course Awards ceremony celebrated the achievements of the students.

YEAR 12: Term 2 is an extremely busy time for Year 12. Early in the term it was off to Collaroy for the Year 12 retreat, which is always a fantastic experience. A couple of weeks later it was the Athletics Carnival during which our Year 12s followed the tradition of dressing up. However crunch time is here. Students are on the home stretch for the Trials and many students are completing major works...

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COUNSELLORS CORNER

When hearts are closed, communication is impossible. When we think we know what the other person feels or believes without actually checking, communication is limited, and the seeds of discord can grow. When we are so full of our own agenda, there's no room for another perspective. Do you want to make peace? Are you ready?

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TECHNOLOGY REPORT

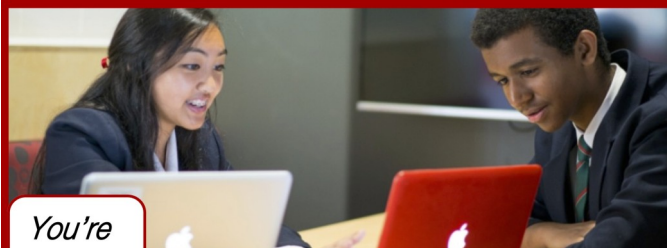
This Term's technology report provides an overview of all new and existing exciting education through the use of technology and available applications. Learn about the use of Classm8 and educational applications, understand the newly introduced application used to connect to the College network, discover the ICT support available at the College, get an update on the laptop implementation program and save the date and details for the 2016 iPad and laptop information events to take place on Tuesday, 1 September. [READ MORE >](#)

DIOCESAN NOTICES & EVENTS

Catch up on all notices and events from the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta including CAPTIVATE performance dates and opportunities! [READ MORE >](#)

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*You're
invited!*

Year 11 2016 Subject Selection Evening

TUE, 23 JUNE NIRIMBA EDUCATION PRECINCT
EASTERN ROAD, QUAKERS HILL

Tours: 4pm, 5pm, 6pm Exhibition: 6.30pm - 8pm

A broad curriculum - over 50 subject exhibits to visit on the night!

Modern, well equipped facilities and latest technology

Unique opportunities through the University of Western Sydney, TAFE & Australian Catholic University

A strong tradition of academic, sporting & performance excellence

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*No student will be refused enrolment because of financial hardship and genuine inability to pay fees.

