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KEY DATES

It's always a good idea to save or print a calendar to keep track of all the important and exciting events happening at the College. Downloadable calendars will now be available for each Term!

**THE TERM 4, 2014
CALENDAR OF EVENTS CAN
BE DOWNLOADED [HERE](#)**

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FROM THE PRINCIPALS – MR JIM FANNING & MR PHIL SMITH



As this newsletter sees us at the end of Term 3, we look back at what has been a very busy, successful and celebratory term for the College, including progress with our building projects and completed major works by our Year 12 students as well as celebrating Terra Sancta Day and the significant College traditions just last week.

This message signifies how important, special and symbolic the Year 12 Graduation Mass is to our Year 12 students and the Terra Sancta community as a whole. As these students returned to where their journey first began at the Schofields Campus, we not only gave them a well deserved farewell, but symbolically handed over the student leadership and welcomed the 2014/2015 Student Representative Council.

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Terra Sancta has been using principles of Restorative Justice for many years now, embracing a blend of discipline with clear expectations and consequences with high levels of support. As members of the TSC community, students have both expectations and responsibilities for how they treat others. We believe that building and maintaining good relationships is an essential part of what we do, and to do so there needs to be a restorative process, acknowledgement of responsibilities and commitment to set things right.

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PRAYER

A beautiful prayer to St John Paul II: "Oh, St. John Paul, from the window of heaven, grant us your blessing! Bless the church that you loved and served and guided, courageously leading it along the paths of the world in order to bring Jesus to everyone and everyone to Jesus. Bless the young, who were your great passion. Help them dream again, help them look up high..."

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**ROAD SAFETY FACT SHEETS FROM
BLACKTOWN CITY COUNCIL
PENALTIES FROM 1 JULY 2014**

[Click here to view the fact sheets](#)

CLASS OF 2005—10 YEAR REUNION

Calling all of those you graduated or would have graduated in 2005

[Click here for contact information](#)

News, Updates and Reports

PARENT NOTICES

- [IMPORTANT SCHOOL FEES REMINDER:](#) Term 3 fees were due by 19 August, 2014. All outstanding fees must be paid immediately.
- [PARENT CHAT GROUP:](#) The next parent chat group will be on Monday, 27 Sept, 2014 - one off time and location change.
- [STUDENT DROP OFF/PICK UP ZONE:](#) Students are to be dropped off/picked up from Rose Cottage, next door to Schofields Campus
- [WORKING BEE UPDATE:](#) great work and generous donations helped prepare for Terra Sancta DAY!

OLIVIA BECOMES AN EMPLOYEE AT ZUMBO!



Year 10 student, Olivia Cochrane, has recently completed work experience with the famous Adriano Zumbo and his crew and has been offered a job with his patisserie!

Although Olivia's work experience involved extremely long days and making thousands of macarons and desserts in a fast-paced work environment, her hard work in the patisserie has definitely paid off!

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LATEST NEWS

TSC WELCOMES BAMBINA THE LAMB

Bambina the lamb is introduced to the agriculture students and other TSC animals for the first time.

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YEAR 12 VISUAL ARTS HSC MAJORS

After 12 months of hard work, Year 12 Visual Arts students have handed over their amazing HSC major works!

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YEAR 10 WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL

During Learning Enrichment on Thursday, 28 August, Year 10 learnt to play wheelchair basketball.

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CAREERS

Many Year 12 students have been attending open days and are finding these days very beneficial. Mr Evans reminds students that ON TIME APPLICATIONS TO UAC close on September 30.

Year 10 are reminded to research their subject choices for Year's 11 and 12 and select subjects they are interested in and can cope with academically. Also, take a look at the VET offerings and opportunities.

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OTHER NEWS

- [Girls Basketball team wins 5th straight MCCS Championship](#)
- [Mathematics focused assembly has never been so tasty!](#)
- [60 students recognised for their hard work at the Merit Morning Tea \(26 August, 2014\)](#)
- [BRAINSTORM PRODUCTIONS send very important messages to Year 9 and 10](#)
- [Year 7 take part in a VERY creative and exciting mock trial!](#)

COUNSELLORS CORNER

Who asks for help? Who doesn't? Mr. Graham looks into the common patterns, actions and coping mechanisms of boys and girls when feeling down.

Although girls are feeling down twice as often as boys, the girls talk about it a lot more! It appears boys are "asking for help" through their behaviour instead.

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TERM 3 TECHNOLOGY REPORT

This report includes information:

- for those who didn't attend the 2015 iPad Information Evening
- for those with students in Year 9 who have not yet return the new school network contract
- for those with students in Year 8 regarding purchase options and compulsory programs for 2015
- general information on Classm8 and Stage sites accessible for both students and parents/caregivers

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TERM 3 INSTRUMENT PROGRAM REPORT

Well done to all the students involved in their instrument program for their continued dedication to their lessons! The Term 3 Instrument Program Report includes information on bass guitar lesson opportunities, fees, missed lessons, the new communication system and an update for guitar students and upcoming Instrument Program Concert.

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A MESSAGE FROM VINNIES!



Thank you for all your staff and students' support during Doorknock 2014! As you may already know, the Terra Sancta College team of students collected \$6259.20 from the generous residents of Schofields and surrounds. An excellent result!

Overall, throughout the Parramatta Diocese, more that \$75,000 was collected. So thanks and congratulations on the important part you and your school community played in achieving this great result!

Because of your staff and students' selfless efforts, the Society's volunteers can continue to help the poor, lonely, disadvantaged and the homeless people in our own Diocese.

Of course, the Doorknock is only partly about money. As volunteers, your staff and students put faith (and courage) into action by taking the Lord's message of compassion, justice and hope for the disadvantaged to our local community. Well done!

Thank you again for your dedicated support. We look forward to working with you in 2015 to continue the fight against poverty and injustice.

Alison Bryett—Doorknock Appeal Coordinator

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

This article provides an overview of what is planned for the upcoming Staff Professional Learning Day on Tuesday, 7 October. A range of workshops have been planned for the different key learning areas (KLAs).

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STAGE 6 UPDATES

IMPORTANT TIMES FOR YEARS 11 AND 12

Year 11 students have now completed their yearly exams! It's now important that they look at their feedback and understand where they have development and where/how to make improvements as well as decide whether they will be making changes to their study patterns.



As Year 12 students approach a very busy time of the year, they are still reminded of the importance the HSC exams starting Monday, October 13. This article includes tips on how Year 12 should be preparing! It is crucial that they are focused during this time... prioritise and balance all things including physical activity, sleep and work.

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DIOCESE NEWS AND EVENTS

- Towards a Better Future National Conference - 1-3 Oct, 2014
- Permanent Diaconate Information Afternoon - 5 October, 2014
- Vocation Ministry for the New Evangelisation - 9-10 Oct, 2014
- Prayer and Reflection Day - 12 October, 2014
- Annulment Information Night - 14 October, 2014
- Post Separation Recovery Program -7 weeks starting 22 Oct, 2014
- Vocation Discernment Afternoon - 28 September, 2014
- 13th Annual Diocesan Shopping Trip - 15 Nov, 2014
- Young Catholic Women's Interfaith Fellowship - Feb-Nov, 2015

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TERRA SANCTA DAY 2014



MORE TERRA SANCTA DAY PHOTOS AND VIDEOS COMING TO THE WEBSITE SOON!