



The last TSC Newsletter

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KEY DATES

Wed 10 DEC: Stage 4 and 5 Semester 2 Awards

Tue 16 DEC: Last day of classes

Wed 17 DEC: College Interviews

Thurs 18/Fri 19 DEC: Staff Learning Days

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.

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

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FROM THE PRINCIPALS – MR JIM FANNING & MR PHIL SMITH



End of the Year and End of an Era - Once again we have had a very exciting, challenging and rewarding school year, showing what a great community we have at Terra Sancta.

As we all know, this will be the last ever Terra Sancta College newsletter. The announcement that Terra Sancta College will be renamed St John Paul II Catholic College from the commencement of 2015 caused for some in our community to experience a great deal of pain and grief as it was felt that everything we have built over the past 17 years would possibly be lost. But we have come through that grief and can look forward to a bright future. It is evident that we have a community dedicated to the educational, religious and moral development of the students in our care. That community will still be the same community in 2015 as we journey to the father's house through this land.

We are also pleased to announce that our College Council will be strong and vibrant again in 2015. If you wish to be part of the College Council and/or the represent our College at the Parramatta Diocesan Parent Council, please complete the nomination form found in this newsletter. There are currently 3 vacancies for parent/caregiver representatives on the College Council.

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

It is a fact that our student's are spending a lot of time socialising and web surfing. For some unfortunately this is coming to the detriment of their health as they are not accessing enough sleep. Sleep is food for the brain. Read on to learn more about the facts and effects of lack of sleep for teenagers. Guidelines for using the School Interview Booking System are also included.

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PRAYER

The staff and students at Terra Sancta will be introduced to a theme of redemption during lent 2014. The College Council last week prayed through the lens of Advent to end their year of service to the community. The SRC are leading staff in prayer in weeks 9 and 10 this term starting with our first week of Advent. The first prayer included a reading and reflection on Matthew 8:5-11.

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL OF US AT
TERRA SANCTA COLLEGE!**

News, Updates and Reports

PARENT NOTICES

- [DIOCESAN SCHOOL FEES FOR 2015](#): Letter from Greg Whitby re: Changes to 2015 Diocesan School Fees + link to College School Fees for 2015
- [SATURDAY SCHOOL OF COMMUNITY LANGUAGES](#): 2015 Enrolment Procedures

TEXTBOOKS FOR 2015 CAR BOOT SALE

DATE: SATURDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2014

TIME: 8am TO 10am

Where: Rose Cottage Car Park (Adjacent to the Uniform Shop) Parking Available

Books need to be in good condition (no pages or CD's missing, reasonably presentable, no graffiti) and sorted into year groups.

[CLICK HERE FOR PRICE/SET UP GUIDELINES.](#)

UNIFORM SHOP EXTENDED HOURS

The College Uniform Shop is located in the double garage beside Rose Cottage at Schofields. The shop will be closed from Tuesday 16 December 2014.

EXTENDED HOURS

Thursday 22 January - 9.00am to 3.30pm

Friday 23 January - 9.00am to 3.30pm

Monday 26 January - Closed Public Holiday

Tuesday 27 January - 8.00am—2.30pm

Wednesday 28 January - 8:00am-2:30pm

Thursday 29 January - 9:00am—3:30 pm

Normal Trading Hours as from Tuesday 3 February 2015

Tuesday 3 February - 8.00am to 2.30pm & Thursday 5

February 9:00am - 3:30pm

Closed from 12.45pm - 1.15pm for lunch daily

LATEST NEWS

TSC MOVEMBER TEAM

Our 2014 TSC Movember Team pledged to grow the mo and raised over \$1700 for the Foundation!

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CREATIVE ARTS NIGHT 2014

students, teachers and parents/ caregivers gathered at the Nirimba hall for the 2014 Creative Arts Night!

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CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE & HAMPERS

Generosity is strong at the College, as we work together to raising money and donate to the less fortunate.

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WATCH: NINJA DAY 2014

After weeks of hard work, decorating and preparation, Year 7 and Year 8 participated in the long awaited Ninja Day!

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)



OTHER NEWS

- [Year 9 Maths battle it out in the classroom—building bridges!](#)
- [Year 9 and 10 PASS surf excursion to Long Reef Beach](#)
- [Deborah and Mr Lara at the Bishop's Farewell Youth Mass](#)
- [Dance students with the Sydney Dance Company in the city!](#)

COUNSELLORS CORNER

"Time flies". This year is almost gone. What changes have you seen in your children? What growth? What stumbles and mistakes? What challenges have been met? What remains to be learned in the years to come? It's good to review progress. We know that problems, setbacks and doubts loom larger in our minds than the less noticeable steps taken towards maturity, responsibility and competence.

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NICHOLAS SULTANA—MCS SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR



Year 8 student, Nicholas Sultana, received the Metropolitan Catholic Schools Sportsman of the Year—CONGRATULATIONS FROM TERRA SANCTA COLLEGE!

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MEET OUR STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL!



Meet Year 8 SRC Member:
Kiara Vaclavik

"The only person you should try to be better than is the person you were yesterday"

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CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Mass times and Christmas Carols details are available for:

- St John Parish, Riverstone
- Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill
- Catholic Parish of John 23rd, Stanhope Gardens
- Riverstone Combined Churches Christmas Carols

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DIOCESAN NEWS & EVENTS

- [Call for Pastoral Care Volunteers & Positions Vacant](#)
- [Catholic Institute of Sydney: Ten Australian Catholics Course](#)
- [Ordination to the Diaconate – Your Invitation!](#)
- [St Paul's Advent and Christmas Books, Cards, CDs, DVDs & Gifts Sale](#)
- [Noël! Noël! Christmas Concert](#)

SEEKING MENTORS!

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta's Post School Options Team provides one on one mentoring for secondary students. They are seeking new mentors who would like to give something back to their community and join this valuable and worthwhile program.

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STAGE 6 UPDATES

BEGINNING HSC STUDIES AS YEAR 12 STUDENTS



Year 11 students of 2014 have now become the leaders of the College as they move onto Year 12 and begin their HSC studies!

Rasha Fitzsimons, Leader of Learning Stage 6, provides information about what has occurred in preparation for their HSC so far, what your child can do during the holidays for their HSC as well as helpful hints and tips for 2015 HCS parents/caregivers.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SUMMER reading challenge

Read to win!

Read 10 or more books during the summer holidays to go into the draw to win one of **FOUR iPad MINIS**

Entries close Friday 6 February 2015

Enter online via www.parra.catholic.edu.au

The categories are:
Ages 5-8
Ages 9+

The Summer Reading Challenge is open to all students enrolled in Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta.

Students must record all the books they read on the online application form and have them verified by a parent or guardian prior to submitting the form.

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