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KEY DATES

Oct 7: Schofields Office Closed
Oct 10: Pupil Free Day (Staff Learning Day)
Oct 11: Term 4 Commences
Oct 13: HSC Examinations Commence at Nirimba
Oct 18—19: Year 10 Reflection Days
Oct 19: Sports Presentation BBQ at Schofields

TERM 4 CALENDAR OF EVENTS WILL
SOON BE AVAILABLE TO
DOWNLOAD

SCHOFIELDS OFFICE OPEN DURING
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS (EXCEPT FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 7)

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FROM THE PRINCIPALS – MR JIM FANNING & MR PHIL SMITH



Last Friday we celebrated who we are at St John Paul II/Terra Sancta Day and said farewell to these fine young men and women as a whole school through the beauty and spiritual richness of the Mass. It was an opportune time to turn our attention to the college motto “the way passes through this land” as it’s during such ceremonies when our Year 12 students are coming to the end of their journey with us that we can celebrate their time with us. As befits the dual nature of our one school, the Mass was once again celebrated at the Schofields Campus with the senior students returning to the place where they commenced their journey six years ago.

While we look back at the past six years of schooling for the Year 12 students we also look forward to rejoicing in their lives beyond St John Paul II as valued members of a wider community. We trust that they will take with them core values of respect, honesty, integrity and above all, faith into their lives from now onwards.

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

By this time of the year each class has developed their own unique rhythm. Teachers know their students and students have by now adjusted to their teachers. how can you tell if your son or daughter is on track with their studies at the moment? Well, you could always ask them, but often a question that begins with, “How is school going?” ends with something like, “ok.” You will have a few clues to work with. To be successful a student does not have to be an Albert Einstein, organisation and working consistently are the real keys to success at school (and life in general) so the following may assist...

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PRAYER

Last week we celebrated the Eucharist with our Year 12 for the last time together. The gospel reading was around the parable of The Lost Sheep. So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’...”

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STILL ACCEPTING 2017 ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS!

News, Updates and Reports

- **Leave Reminder:** With the exception of illness or misadventure, the College Office must be notified in writing **prior** to any planned leave/absence from school (e.g. appointments, funeral, holidays and family commitments). All leave information and procedures can be viewed on our College website. Please [click here](#) for more information.
- **School Fees Reminder:** Just a reminder that Term 3 school fees were due and payable by 22 August, 2016. All outstanding fees must be paid immediately to avoid your account being taken over by the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta and legal action commencing. If you have an arrangement for this year, we ask that all fees are finalised by December 5. However, if you are experiencing financial difficulty and require more time, please contact our Business Manager Mr Andrew Noney on 9208-7238 or Mrs Jean Webb on 9208-7239 immediately to discuss a more suitable arrangement.

LATEST NEWS

STJP11/TERRA SANCTA DAY



On 16 September, the StJP11 community gathered for our biggest day of the year - St John Paul II/Terra Sancta Day! The day is a College tradition that has continued for many years, celebrating the Year 12 students who have made their way to the end of their high school life as well as celebrating the amazing community of StJP11. [READ MORE >](#)

YEAR 12 GRADUATION



On Tuesday, 20 September, hundreds of family and friends of our Year 12 Graduating Class of 2016 gathered at the Nirimba Hall to celebrate all of their achievements over the last 6 years at the College! Video coming soon.

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JERSEY DAY 2016



On Friday, September 2, students and staff at StJP11 were invited to wear a jersey during school to begin the conversation around organ donation in memory of Nathan Gremmo and to raise money for the Nathan Gremmo Community Fund. [READ MORE >](#)

RUOK? DAY 2016



Each year StJP11 celebrates RUOK? Day to inspire and empower everyone to meaningfully connect with people around them and support anyone struggling with life. Here is a fantastic video by some Year 10 students about RUOK? Day! [WATCH HERE >](#)

NURSING GRADUATES AT STJP11



Three StJP11 Human Services (Nursing) students graduated from Nepean Hospital with their Certificate III in Health Services Assistance! We would like to congratulate Francinne Buenaagua, Christine Gutierrez and Angelica Dalisay for all their hard work!

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YEAR 7 SOCK IT TO POVERTY



On September 6, our Year 7 students pulled up their crazy socks to raise money for "Sock it to Poverty"! This 'Socktober' fundraiser is a Catholic Mission initiative to raise funds for the poor in Cambodia. Not only was it a fun day for the students, but it was for a great cause!

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YEAR 8 REFLECTION DAYS



Last week, Year 8 students took part in a special Reflection Day around the theme, 'Mercy Through Love'. 'Endless Praise' were the fantastic group of presenters who took the students through the theme with a variety of activities, reflections, testimonies and music. [READ MORE >](#)

MEDIEVAL MADNESS



On Thursday, 1 September, our Year 7 students gathered in their "realms" and took part in a fun day of games and activities based on their study, "Medieval Madness"! Check out all of their adventures and fun in the Medieval Madness video! [WATCH HERE >](#)

VINNIES DOORKNOCK 2016



On August 20-21, students joined others to help the less fortunate in our local community by door-knocking for donations in the Quakers Hill area at this year's Vinnies Doorknock Appeal. Well done to the StJP11 students who helped raise over \$6000! [READ MORE >](#)

YEAR 9 PHOTOGRAPHY EXPLORE



Year 9 Photography students explored the environment of Sydney CBD as part of their current unit of work, Urban Environments. Students were asked to photograph examples of urban space, architecture and urban decay while enjoying the scenery of the city on the day.

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VISUAL DESIGN REVERSE GARBAGE



On Tuesday the 13th of September year 11 Visual Design went on an excursion to Reverse Garbage at Marrickville. Students were excited to visit a warehouse full of random yet quirky items that were often forgotten or thrown out, learning about recycling and reusing items.

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EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR OLIVIA



30 August, Year 12 student Olivia Cochrane was awarded a Certificate of Excellence from our Schools Industry Partnership! This was as a result of achieving outstanding outcomes during her Hospitality work placements. Well Done!

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INTRODUCING THE 2016/2017 SRC



Last week at the Year 12 Graduation Mass the College community and its guests inducted the St John Paul II SRC members for 2017. The SRC aims to serve students at St John Paul II Catholic College in the provision of quality Catholic leadership, through a range of positive relationships based on Gospel values.

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COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Young people with mental health problems are absent from school more, are performing more poorly, and like school less compared to their peers who do not have mental health issues. One Australian child in 7 had a mental health problem in the past 12 months. In our school of over 1100 students that's more than 150 young people on average each year. While that rate has stayed constant since the first national survey in 1998, the good news is that the use of health and education services for support has increased substantially.

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SPORT: BASKETBALL CHAMPS!



We all salute the Senior Girls Basketball Team, winning the MCCS Title for an unprecedented fourth consecutive year, two titles under the Terra Sancta College banner and two in St JP II colours.

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SPORTS: GIRLS SOCCER STARS



Last week both the St John Paul II Intermediate and Junior Girls soccer teams ventured out to Everely Park to compete in the semi-finals. Our Junior Team made it to the Grand Final where both teams were named joint MCCS Junior Girls Soccer Champions.

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TEACHING & LEARNING: Blended Learning in English



Year 11 English classes in Term 3 are focusing on articulating and representing ideas about belonging in and through imaginative texts. Miss Sultana's class have been working on developing their own imaginative compositions demonstrating an effective understanding of belonging through using a stimulus as a significant element.

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Stage 6 Updates



As we near the end of the term it is with mixed feelings that we farewell Year 12. There are a lot of 'last times' occurring for the students, their last lessons, their last Mass, their last time in homeroom. On Friday we celebrated Mass together at Terra Sancta Day and it was such a proud moment for the students and their families.

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