



# Newsletter

June 2017—Term 2 Issue 5

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## Key Dates

**June 20:** Year 8 Reflection Day  
8.01,02,03,04

**June 21:** Year 8 Reflection Day  
8.05,06,07

**June 22:** Year 12 Western Sydney  
Careers Expo - 10am to 2pm

**June 26:** Creative Arts Night @  
Nirimba Hall, 6.30pm - 9.30pm

**June 27:** Year 11 2018 Subject  
Selection Evening @ Nirimba Hall,  
7pm - 8.30pm

**June 30:** Year 9 Multicultural Day,  
Year 7-10 Reports distributed, Term 2  
concludes

**July 17:** Term 3 commences (Week A)

**July 24:** Parent/Caregiver/Student/  
Teacher Interviews @ Schofields, 8am  
- 8pm

**July 26:** Stage 4 & 5 Semester 1  
Awards @ Schofields

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## From the Principal - Mr Fanning

As we come towards the end of Term 2 we should take the time to reflect upon the vast number of events that have been happening at St John Paul II. Just some of the events include the Year 7 & 9 NAPLAN Tests, Year 8 Feast of the Ascension Mass, ATSI Reconciliation Day, Student Leaders' Forum with Bishop Vincent, inter school Debating, Mock Trial, MCS and MCCA winter sport and our Athletics Carnival. Recently Year 12 students, teachers and an impressive number of ex-students spent three days at Elanora Heights 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. I am also currently reading the Semester 1 Student Learning Reports and would like to congratulate the many students who achieved 'personal bests', and/or their own learning goals.

Further discussion:

- If you know of any family wishing to enrol for 2018 please ask them to contact Mrs. Fay Lovett on 92087205 to avoid the disappointment of missing out on a place in 2018.
- The Parent/Caregiver/Teacher/Student Interviews are scheduled for the Schofields Campus on Monday 24th July from 8 am to 8 pm in the library and the Co-operative Learning Space.
- During Term 3 Weeks 1-5, I will be taking some long service leave. In my absence Mr Regan will be Acting Principal and Mr Wijesekera will be Acting Assistant Principal.

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## PRAYER

Pentecost marks the birth of the Christian Church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost means fiftieth day and is celebrated fifty days after Easter. Red is the liturgical colour for this time and recalls the tongues of fire in which the Holy Spirit descended on the first Pentecost. Pentecost celebrates the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. It brings the Easter season to its conclusion. Once again we gather together for one reason, only to discover that God has gathered us for another.

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## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS: Ms Refalo, Mr Regan & Ms Roach

Over the past weeks the teachers have been and are completing the student's reports in the school. One thing that stood out was the incredible number of students with outstanding effort in all areas of their learning. This demonstrates the hard work of our students regardless of their ranks, marks and A-E grades. This shows that they are doing their best. There would not be a single family in Australia who, at some stage in the life of their children, hadn't encouraged them to "do their best". When we, as parents, tell our children to do their best, we also need to tell them that their best is never going to be the same from one period of time to the next.

So, how can we support our children to do their best? Well, most children become what adults tell them they can become. Children take words to heart, especially words from the adults they love; they want and need to believe what their parents say about them. Through our speech and behaviour towards our children, we communicate to them the boundaries of their potential.

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## 2018 ENROLMENTS ARE NOW DUE

## NOTICES

### 2017 SCHOOL FEES

Term 2 Fees Were Due And Payable By 29 May 2017. A reminder to those Parents/Caregivers who have not paid Term 2 fees and may require an extension of time please contact either Mrs Webb on 9208-7239 or myself on 9208-7238, urgently to make arrangements and therefore prevent receiving further reminder letters in the mail. Thank you to those Parents/Caregivers who have paid or who have made arrangements with us. Andrew Noney, Business Manager.

### ENROLMENTS & TOURS

Enrolment applications for 2018 are now due. Please contact our Enrolment Secretary, Fay Lovett, on 9208 7205 for any enrolment enquiries or document requests.

The Year 7 2018 Offer of Enrolment letters were posted to families on Monday, 29 May. We ask that you return the letters to our College Office as soon as possible.

## LATEST NEWS

### STUDENTS GRADUATE UNIVERSITY



On 6 June, five very dedicated StJPil students were recognised at a special celebration ceremony for successfully completing university units at Western Sydney University in 2016! StJPil student Brodie Chidgey, was also presented with the TAFE Pathway Award. [READ MORE >](#)

### YEAR 12 SEMESTER ONE AWARDS



Students gathered at Nirimba for the Year 12 Semester 1 Award Ceremony. Here students who have achieved great overall effort or academically in one or more of their subjects were recognised with an award and medallion at the ceremony before sharing an afternoon tea with other awardees and their families. [READ MORE >](#)

### YEAR 7 EGGS PERIMENT WITH SAFETY



Miss Morgan and Mr Morgan's Year 7 classes came together to save the eggs! In groups, students were asked to co-construct a helmet that would minimise the impact of forces on an egg when dropped. It was very entertaining and nerve-wrecking as each group dropped their eggs in 'helmets'. [READ MORE >](#)

### YEAR 11 BECOME UNI STUDENTS



Congratulations to our Year 11 students who have recently become university students! At StJPil, Year 11 students have a unique opportunity to undertake university study with sponsored enrolment at Western Sydney University during their Preliminary Year 11 course. [READ MORE >](#)

### KNITTING FOR TROOPS AT QHNH



During Learning Enrichment, students from Years 9 and 11 have been knitting beanies with residents from Quakers Hill Nursing Home to send over to the troops in Afghanistan! Our students have new skills after learning how to knit from the residents, AND new friendships. [READ MORE >](#)

### YEAR 10 SEE TWIST TO MACBETH



Students watched a performance called "The Rehearsal of Macbeth", where Bell Shakespeare performed a play that revealed how an actor prepares to play characters from Macbeth. Students found the performance extremely insightful and entertaining. [READ MORE >](#)

### WATCH: STJPIL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2017



On Monday, 22 May, over 1200 staff and students gathered at Blacktown Olympic Park for the 2017 Athletics Carnival - a fun day of competition, participation, great sportsmanship, cheering and entertainment with the anticipated Year 12 novelty race! [WATCH>](#)

### WATCH: YEAR 12 RETREAT—THE TREASURE WITHIN



Year 12 students and staff retreated to Elanora Christian Centre for three days of fun, reflection and lessons around "The Treasure Within". Check out this awesome video by Jared Abbott (Year 12), including a wrap up of the adventure and a special message from their Student Learning Liaison, Mr Cowan! [WATCH >](#)



## DEBATING SEASON UPDATE

The debating season 2017 has just wrapped up for St. John Paul II. For the last six weeks one team from each year in 7-10 have competed in the Catholic Schools Debating Association competition against schools from around the Western Sydney area. We would like to congratulate all teams for gaining a win this season. The students would also like to thank the tireless efforts and support of Staff in assisting in preparing and encouraging the teams to strive to excel.

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## CAREERS BLOG

Year 13 is an online resource which provides advice and information on life after high school. The website provides information on a number of topics including apprenticeships, gap year programs, job vacancies and studying - everything around life after school!

Head to <https://year13.com.au> and check it out.

[VIEW OTHER ARTICLES IN OUR CAREERS BLOG](#)

## TEACHING & LEARNING: TEAM GAME TOURNAMENT



TEAM GAME TOURNAMENT KICKED OFF LAST WEEK and many students have been participating and earning merits! This is a new homeroom based competition for Stages 4 and 5 that we will be running each term. Every Monday and Wednesday the students are sent a 3 question quiz. This includes one literacy question, one numeracy question and one general knowledge/trivia question. [READ MORE FOR TOURNAMENT DETAILS >](#)

## COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

By year 11, 80% of young people use their phone after lights out! Fresh Australian research tracked kids for 4 years and found that as a result of night-time phone use they slept badly, which led to poorer mental health, lower self-esteem and increased problem behaviour. These tired teens had less ability to cope, were more depressed, more aggressive and delinquent.

Two-thirds of year eights received or sent texts or calls after bedtime, and the proportion rose each year through the study. The children who were big late-night users were surveyed a year later and had higher levels of depression than their peers, worse behaviour, and lower self-esteem.

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## STAGE 5 NEWS & UPDATES



### YEAR 9

Term Two for the students of Year 9 began with the NAPLAN examinations being just a few weeks away. Students worked through questions on Literacy and Numeracy each day. When Week 3 finally arrived, Year 9 was primed for the examination process which was taken very seriously—well done Year 9!

### YEAR 10

Many students are starting to look at paths they can travel in their career life. A number of students have been taking opportunities in work experience, TAFE courses, senior school courses and also organising meetings with Mr. Evans to discuss career options. All of this while keeping their academic subjects, homework and assessments up to date for their teachers.

[READ MORE FROM STAGE 5 >](#)

## STAGE 6 NEWS & UPDATES



### YEAR 11

Year 11 have been busy this term, they have spent time working hard on their academic commitment and had their first semester reports distributed. We have spent three weeks undertaking a Driver Safety Program during Learning Enrichment.

### YEAR 12

- Year 12 CAFS classes were hosted at the Wayside Chapel in Kings Cross by Rob Holt.

- Year 12 dressed up again this year for the athletics carnival. The annual Year 12 dress up race was once again run in a flurry of colourful organised chaos.

- Students set off to Elanora Heights for their Year 12 retreat. The challenge was to find 'their treasure within'. The retreat was a brilliant opportunity to bond and become even closer as a year group. [READ MORE FROM STAGE 6 >](#)



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# Creative ARTS NIGHT



GOLD COIN DONATION AT THE DOOR  
for more information, visit

[www.facebook.com.au/StJohnPaul2CC](http://www.facebook.com.au/StJohnPaul2CC)

26JUN17 | NIRIMBA HALL | 7PM



## Ignite Food Drive and Mufti Day



20th of June

It's time to help the less fortunate...

### What They Need:

- Nappies
- Baby Formula
- Vegemite
- Peanut Butter
- Jams
- Honey
- Coffee
- Blankets
- Tea
- Milo
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Cooking Oil
- Breakfast Cereal
- Bathroom Products
- Laundry Products

Bring one or some of the above items in order to wear  
mufti and help a great cause!

**No Donations = No Mufti**

**Strict clothing regulations will be enforced**

Coin Donations are also acceptable which will be  
used to purchase items



## EXPLORE YEAR 11-12 SUBJECTS & PATHWAY OPPORTUNITIES AT... St John Paul II Catholic College



### EXPLORE:

- Over 50 subject exhibits
- TAFE & university courses to complete during Year 11 -12
- Opportunities with Western Sydney, Notre Dame & Australian Catholic Universities
- Benefits of belonging to Nirimba Education Precinct



**TUE, 27 JUNE**  
**7PM - 8.30PM**

**NIRIMBA CAMPUS HALL**  
**EASTERN ROAD, QUAKERS HILL**



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